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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

The principal event this month is the departure of H.M.S. Renown for Australia with their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of York.

At the request of the officers of the Corps, two silver memorial bugles from each Division and the Depot are being embarked in H.M.S. Renown for the cruise. This is the first time that these bugles have been used afloat.

About 190 Royal Marines and Royal Marine Bandsmen are lucky enough to be participating in this historical cruise.

We hope to be able to publish interesting accounts of this cruise and are expecting special successes in the sporting world from this detachment.

It has been very difficult to keep many of the arrangements secret, and the London Press has unearthed the fact that a "barber" is going in this detachment but up to the time of writing they have not discovered that there are *three* butchers in the detachment, nor have we yet seen a "close-up" of the ship's cat.

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By the retirement of Lieut.-General Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., the Corps has lost a splendid officer and sportsman, and on behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* and its readers we wish him the best of good luck and good health.

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Lieut.-Col. W. P. Drury, C.B.E., to whom the *Globe and Laurel* owes a deep debt of gratitude for his untiring work when Editor, has published his memoirs in a very interesting book entitled "In Many Parts," published by T. Fisher Unwin.

In this book, in the words of the reviewer in *Punch*, "Colonel Drury tells his life story straightforwardly and without false modesty, and there is a pleasant vein of humour running through every page."

These interesting memoirs, in addition to telling of Colonel Drury's experiences in the service, tell us of his work in the fields of literature, art, politics, the stage, etc., and the book is undoubtedly written by a man of many parts.

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General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., has been kind enough to contribute an article on "life in the Corps forty years ago," which we publish in this issue. His book, Volume III. of Britain's Sea Soldiers, is now in print and will be ready for issue this month. Our readers are asked to let "Old Comrades" who served in the War, know that this volume is now "out."

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On page 8 we publish an account, taken from the *Times*, of the presentation to the R.M. Cadet Corps of the Depot of the Robert's Trophy and King's Shield.

On behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* we offer our heartiest congratulations to the Depot Cadets on their splendid achievement, and to their Commandant and Instructors, also to the Chatham Cadet Corps on being runners-up in the King's Shield.

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In the historical section this month it will be noticed that there were probably Roman Marines. The designs of the buttons of the two regiments mentioned depict respectively a "goat" and a "boar." It

seems almost certain that the first regiment was recruited mainly from Malta, and that the buttons were worn on the coat.

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We are beginning another year and may we remind our readers that the policy of the *Globe and Laurel* is that it should be "a journal written *by* Marines *of* Marines *for* Marines," and as such should be as far as possible a record of the doings of the Corps wherever its integral parts, however small, may be serving.

We cannot adequately carry out this policy unless you help us by sending all matter of interest for publication.

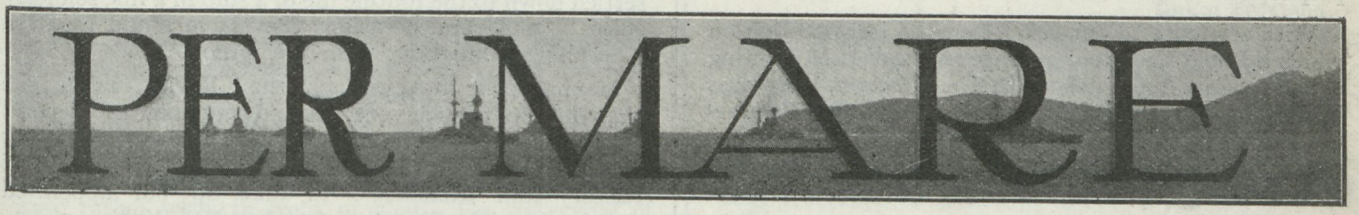
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ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge"

Just at present we are able to tell you very little, that recent Small Arms Course (submerged) at Portland, has left us all complete "washouts," both in spirits and in score-books. During our stay at Portland, the Detachment Billiards fraternity put up some very good shows against the Weymouth local talent, and are open to receive challenges from any R.M. Detachments afloat. By the time this article appears in print we shall be at Portland once more, assembling for the Spring Cruise, which commences about the middle of January. Soon after our arrival at Portsmouth in December we had to send a couple of teams ashore to show the longshoremen how to win Marathon Races with sea-legs, which was a simple affair, observing that we just previously had similar experience at Portland in showing the *Hood's* how to win "The Bronze Man." No doubt the ex-Lion's cutter is vastly superior to most others carried in the R.N., but all pussers' gym. shoes are equal, and the *Revenge's* always put up a good show in level-peg stunts.

Marine Hamilton has been playing regularly in the Ship's Soccer Team all this season, usually at centre-half.

The Admiralty have recently published a Fleet Order concerning the Atlantic Fleet time of Royal Marines, and in connection with this we have "heard a buzz" that we shall shortly be losing all our stalwarts, and will receive Recruits in lieu thereof, however, we shall have one hand in each Mess with "his number dry," and we have eleven Messes.

Just at present we cannot state whether the 15-inch and 6-inch Competitive Firing will take place in the Spring Cruise, as is the usual procedure, but we shall have to get down to it if we are going to pull our pound for the *Revenge* in this competition successfully, with a host of raw material.

There are several competitions to be held during the Spring Cruise, whilst at Gib., but the reduced strength of the 2nd B.S. as compared with last Spring, will remove a lot of the interest from them, we shall have more to say about them in March.

"Renown."

Since our last letter we have had no movements to report, for we have spent the intervening period at Portsmouth, either in dry dock or alongside the South Railway Jetty, continuing our preparations for the Royal Tour. In this work the Royal Marines are playing no small part, for in addition to our ceremonial duties, we are responsible for the appearance of all flats and spaces abaft the Royal Marines' mess deck, including those which surround the Royal quarters. The work of the sweepers is carried out under difficulties, owing to the continued presence of large numbers of dockyard workmen.

One-third of the detachment went on 14 days' leave on the 29th November, and the remainder proceed on 14 days' leave on the 14th December. As a result there is not much to report in the nature of sports and pastimes. We can however record that the two Royal Marine teams are left in the final to contest the temporary ownership of the Inter-part Football Challenge Cup. This contest will be determined before we leave England, provided sufficient respite can be obtained during the last five days before we sail. Our R.M. team defeated the Association Football team of H.M.S. *Weymouth* by 8 goals to 1, after a very enjoyable game.

We certainly hope to do our share—if not more than our share—in the athletic engagements of H.M.S. *Renown* during the tour. We have on board no less than five of the tug-of-war team which won the Inter-Services Cup at Olympia last year, so we hope to be ready for H.M.S. *Revenge* when we return to England next year. We are going to be an enthusiastic rifle shooting ship, and here again the Royal Marines, under the guidance of Clr.-Sergt. T. F. Barrett, intend to make their weight felt.

A considerable increase to the complement of *Renown's*

detachment has been authorised, and when we leave England our detachment will consist of 1 Major, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Commissioned R.M. Gunner, 1 Clr.-Sergt., 4 Sergeants, 11 Corporals, and 117 Marines. These numbers do not include the 35 Band and 16 Buglers referred to in our last letter. This additional personnel is being provided by Plymouth, and this contingent, like the existing detachment, will be composed mainly of recruits.

We are very grateful to B.M. Allen and his Band of 14, who were lent to us while our Band was under special training at the R.N. School of Music. Their music has helped to keep us cheerful during the trying time of preparation.

With reference to our last letter, the last occasion on which a Royal Lady took passage in one of H.M. fighting ships was in 1905, when H.M.S. *Renown*, 1st class battleship, conveyed T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to India. The same battleship had in 1902 conveyed T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to India.

The staff and retinue of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York on this occasion will comprise the following :—

The Countess of Cavan
The Hon. Mrs. John Gilmour } Ladies in Waiting.
General, the Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Chief of Staff.
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Two maids for H.R.H., and one each for Lady Cavan and Mrs. Gilmour.
One valet for H.R.H. and one for Lord Cavan.

The Programme of the Tour is as follows :—

Date	*Time of Sailing*	*From*	*To*	*Distance*	*Speed*	*Days Pass'e*
6th Jan.	1345	Portsmouth	Las Palmas	1530	16 kts.	4
10th Jan.	1200	Las Palmas	Kingston, Jamaica	3460	16 kts.	9
23rd Jan.	1700	Kingston	Colon	554	15 kts.	1½
25th Jan.	0600	Arrive Colon (Panama Canal) proceed through		44		
26th Jan.		Panama	Nukuhiva (Marquesas)	3825	12 kts.	13
9th Feb.		Nukuhiva	Suva, Fiji	2486	15 kts.	8
19th Feb.	1000	Suva, Fiji	Auckland	1140	16 kts.	3
23rd Feb.	2300	Auckland	Russell (Bay of Islands)	140	15 kts.	10 hrs
25th Feb.	2300	Russell	Auckland	140	15 kts.	10 hrs
26th Feb.						
3rd Mar.	p.m.	Auckland	Wellington	560		1½
9th Mar.	1000	Wellington	Picton	65	15 kts.	4 hrs
19th Mar.	p.m.	Picton	Patterson Inlet	500		1½
22nd Mar.		Patterson Inlet	Sydney	1105		3½
14th April	1500	Sydney	Hobart	635	15 kts.	2
20th April		Hobart	Melbourne	470	18 kts.	1
12th May		Melbourne	Fremantle	1680		6
23rd May		Fremantle	Mauritius	3200	15 kts.	9½
4th June	0600	Mauritius	Gt. Hanish Is.	2505	15 kts.	7
11th June	2200	Gt. Hanish I.	Suez	1131	15 kts.	3½
15th June	0600	Suez	Port Said			
16th June	1800	Port Said	Malta	936	20 kts.	2
20th June	1200	Malta	Gibraltar	985	15 kts.	3
23rd June	2300	Gibraltar	Portsmouth	1145	15 kts.	3½
27th June	1200	Arrive Portsmouth				

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Malaya."

Since commissioning with a west country ship's company on September 13th, we have had the usual scraping, scrubbing and polishing necessary after a ship has been in the hands of the " Yardies " for a lengthy period. With a reduced complement, the majority of which are " young blood," this has been no light task. All things having been considered, the " Jollies " have settled down to the routine life of a ship in a fine soldierly spirit. On several occasions they have found that the " Scrubber is mightier than the Rifle."

Having spent three weeks at the " Rock " making the acquaintance of such venerable old gentlemen as "General Quarters," " General Drill," and many such other miscellaneous exercises, we proceeded to the " Land of History and Romance " to take up our appointed position in " The Fleet " on October 25th, 1926.

Opportunities were soon taken to renew acquaintances with " old ships " on the " Val.", ". Reso." and a good many of the lighter craft.

We were not long in finding our way to the " Happy Hunting Grounds " of Marsa, at which place " Greek meets Greek " once again.

On Monday, 15th November, we had the glorious sensation of cheering the " *Reso.*" on her homeward journey to " Merry England," on which occasion we wished them " happy days and a safe return."

In the Inter-part Soccer League we were unfortunate in losing to the fore-top division by 3 goals to 1. The " Royals " are well represented in the ship's team by A/Cpl. Smith and Marine Powell, Marine Jolly being a good reserve. In the Fleet swimming contests the last mentioned Marine represented the detachment, with satisfactory results.

The detachment received the November issue of the " G. & L." on the 20th instant, and enjoyed a quiet hour, giving their faces a holiday devouring its contents.

On December 7th we proceeded to that delightful health resort " Marsa Scirroco," and it was really a pleasure to get beyond the hearing of that never ending clanging of " bells," also to get a breath of pure fresh air.

We carried out " gunnery exercises " (not forgetting Night Action), but were unable to carry out the main item, namely, 15-in. full calibre firing. This took place on the 13th and 16th respectively, and we obtained good results, and are more than satisfied with this our first " big shoot." Having completed our firings, we returned to the Grand Harbour on the 17th, whereby some of the " Jollies " relieved the strain by going ashore and hearing the " Belles," other than the persistent " clanging."

In the ship's rifle team, Marine Hill is still retaining the Bisley spirit, with excellent results.

The ship's billiard team comprises such cueists as A/Cpl. Smith and Marine Pennington, with Mr. Clarke, Cd.R.M.G., as an able secretary.

We have recently supplied temporary markers to our "old ships" of the *Eagle* detachment, for their annual course at Ghain Tuffeiha, and have now returned to resume their duties on board.

We all join in wishing the "G. & L.", with all its numerous readers, a prosperous New Year for 1927.

"Cardiff"

Football holds unrivalled sway "aboard us," our ship's team having played 5, won 3, drawn 1, lost 1, in the Cruisers League. Three of our detachment have played for the ship and put up "good shows." Mne. Penny, left-half, Mne. F. W. Bailey, right-half and Mne. Kite, outside-left. It wouldn't surprise me to see a couple more R.M.'s in the ship's eleven before long. The inter-part league football cup is moving from the "Communications" Mess Deck to the "Barracks" this year, our detachment having won it, and holds an unbeaten record in this competition.

Our usual bad luck was with us when we played the *Concord's* detachment in the R.M. Cruiser Cup competition, our team played a fine game in midfield, but were rather weak in front of goal. The only goal of the match was from a penalty which allowed the *Concord* to enter the next round, and may they have the best of luck is the wish of our team. I have heard it suggested that so much H.A. Control was the cause of our forwards having the idea that their opponents goal was suspended from an aeroplane.

"Delhi."

Since our last letter the detachment have retired to the "Simple Life" at Ghain Tuffieha, and it was a relief to note the absence of goat-bells, etc., to remind us of Malta, and quite a few of our detachment went in for strict training at weight-lifting, the weight being "Simmonds." Our football team have encompassed a good record by playing four, winning three, and drawing one, goals being 7 for and 2 against. The team on two occasions was:—Goal, Newton; Backs, Rampton and Weaver; Halves, Norris, Dorman and Hunter; Forwards, Allen, McKendrick, Hartwill, Towner and Winterbottom. Dungey deputised for Newton on one occasion and put up a good performance.

The musketry results were very gratifying, resulting in 13 marksmen, 9 firsts, 8 seconds; also we put up the highest percentage of any detachment of the Fleet who have done the new Table "R," the percentage was 99.6%. We fancy that Corpl. Tugwell has read of his esteemed brother's successes in China, to whom we offer our congratulations on winning the trophies he did, as he startled us all by demonstrating his "blindness" and securing a marksmen's points! We wonder if he received any tips from China by letter on "How to Shoot." Mne. Newton again displayed his superiority with a rifle by securing the top score of 129; this is the second time he has won this honour. Mne. Dungey won the open tile competition in a tie shoot, by disposing of his tile with the first shot and securing 32 points on the target. The "girl" of our detachment, who seldom "moves" unless catastrophe follows in her wake, surprised us all by "moving" during the "Fire with Movement" practice, and secured 39 out of 40 possible points—this individual is Mne. Evans, christened "Mary" by his messmates. Another sensation was caused when Mne. Wooders scored 44 out of 45 with 15 rounds rapid at 300 yards.

A Concert was held in the canteen on Thursday, 25th November, when Corpl. Corry and Mne. Newton gave a duet, with cornet and trombone, and Mne. Allen kept the troops amused with monologues.

One great disappointment we had during our sojourn, and that was the stopping of football on account of some injuries sustained during some of the matches, and consequently the men were somewhat at a loss as to how to spend their time during the light hours, but Ma Jongh and Bridge helped to solve this problem for some of them.

Ghain Tuffieha.

The 1st Beds. and Herts. Small Arm Meeting was held in September, at the Pembroke Ranges, and the undermentioned N.C.O.'s obtained places as follows:—

MATCH 6, All Comers.—9th, Sergt. P. W. Ford, 2/6.

MATCH 7a, 300 yards Sweep.—Sergt. W. R. Cherriman, 10/6 (poss. 20); Sergt. F. T. Crosby, 19/6 (3 19's); Sergt. P. W. Ford, 6/6 (19).

MATCH 7b, 600 yards Sweep.—Q.M.S.I. T. Sloman, 12/- (poss. 20); Sergt. P. W. Ford, 12/- (poss. 20).

The Malta Command Small Arm Meeting was held in October. R.M. results were:—

ALL COMERS' RIFLE SNAP, 300 yards, Slow 600 yards.—4th Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman, £1.

REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to Command).—2nd, Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman, 15/- and bronze medal).

REVOLVER POOL.—1st, Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman, £1.

Ships who have completed Small Arm Course to date:

	Rifle.						Revolver.					
	Nos.	Ex. Av.	M.	1.	2.	3.	Nos.	Ex. Av.	M.	1.	2.	Fd.
Barham	93	92.5	25	30	28	10	14	101.4	—	2	9	3
Cardiff ..	38	88.6	9	12	12	5	4	99.9	—	1	1	2
Ceres ..	33	94.4	9	9	15	—	5	119.6	—	3	3	1
Concord	30	93.7	7	11	11	1	6	124.4	1	3	2	—
Caradoc	29	95.3	10	10	6	3	8	104.2	1	2	2	3
Calypso	28	94.8	9	6	11	2	3	109.2	—	2	—	1
Dragon ..	28	98.1	12	7	8	1	6	114.2	—	2	4	—
Danae ..	25	97.9	9	7	9	—	9	107	—	2	6	1
Delhi ..	30	99.8	3	9	8	—	5	95.4	—		4	—
Sandhurst	14	99.1	5	4	5	—	3	105.7	—	—	3	—

Weather conditions generally have been rather unsettled and firing during classification has suffered. Also the new course has proved more difficult than was anticipated, more especially the kneeling and snap-shooting practices, which if shot under adverse conditions are bound to result in low averages.

EAST INDIES.

"Effingham."

On the 7th October we left Colombo for Trincomali to carry out our half-yearly exercises. On the 13th the Royal Marines of the squadron landed together for the first time since the arrival of *Effingham* on the station. The majority of our time was taken up with G. and T. exercises, and whilst there we took the opportunity to get off the competition for the Committee Cup. This cup was presented to the Royal Marines of the Squadron by the Tournament Committee at Madras last year, and this was the first time it had been competed for.

The competition was carried out on a multiple scheme—three different competitions counting towards the final award of the cup. They took the following form: Association Football, Rifle Shooting, and a Whalers' Race. The football was played on the American

Tournament principle. The rifle shoot was carried out on the lines of Practice 13, Table " I," with the exception that the dress was musketry order in place of marching order, and the bull was 18 inches, with Bisley scoring. Teams of four and a leader from each ship, leader not to fire. The whalers race was a mile race under A.F. Regatta rules.

The following are the results :—

FOOTBALL :
Effingham v. Emerald. *Effingham* won 4—1.
Effingham v. Enterprise. *Effingham* won 5—1.
Emerald v. Enterprise. Draw 1—1.
Points towards Cup—*Effingham* 4, *Emerald* 1, *Enterprise* 1.

SHOOTING (H.P.S. 200) :
Effingham 160 ; *Emerald* 145 ; *Enterprise* 120.
Points towards Cup—*Effingham* 4, *Emerald* 2, *Enterprise* 0.

WHALERS RACE :
Effingham 1, *Enterprise* 2, *Emerald* 3.
Points towards Cup—*Effingham* 4, *Enterprise* 2, *Emerald* 0.

TOTAL POINTS : *Effingham* .. 12 points (Winners)
Emerald .. 3 points
Enterprise .. 3 points

During our football match with *Enterprise*, Mne. Goodchild had the misfortune to break his leg, and will unfortunately be a loss to the team for the remainder of the commission.

The Cup was presented on Sunday the 31st by the Commander-in-Chief, who congratulated the teams on their success.

We left Trincomali on the 5th November, docking at Colombo on the 8th. The Royal Marines were represented by the R.M. Detachment of *Emerald* and the Band of *Effingham* at the Armistice Day parade which was held at Colombo.

We left Colombo on the 19th and arrived here on the 22nd. At the moment we are busy with preparations for the landing of all Royal Marines of the Squadron to take part in combined operations. We first go into camp at Santa Cruz for four days, and then go down the coast to Janjira, the scene of the proposed operations.

NEW ZEALAND.

Philomel.

With the return of the N.Z. Squadron to Auckland, things have once again got busy. *Diomede* returned at the latter end of last month, August, after an extensive South Sea islands cruise, while *Dunedin*, who has been down to Wellington for a month, returned with the new Commodore, G. T. P. C. Swabey, D.S.O., successor to Commodore A. Beale, C.B., C.M.G. The latter, who left for home last week, will be greatly missed by all personnel of the N.Z. division.

The outstanding sporting event was the defeat of the Auckland Representative team by the R.N. eleven here last Saturday (11th Sept.). Two marines were included, one from *Dunedin* and *Diomede*. The former, Mne. Bird, captained the Navy side, whilst the latter, Corpl. Bradley, played quite an outstanding game. The score of three goals to two hardly justified the Navy side's superiority.

Our detachment played *Diomede's* marines in a return game last week, but lost by four goals to two. A further game against *Dunedin's* signalmen ended with honours even. The soccer season is now all but finished, and we are all once more looking forward to the cricket season.

N.A. & W.I.

" Calcutta."

We are back " home " again at Bermuda, having completed our Northern Cruise on the 19th October. After leaving Quebec we spent a few days cooling down at Forteau Bay, while the Torpedo party entertained us with their work of demolishing the *Raleigh*.

From Forteau Bay we proceeded to Halifax, and although we had already visited this City during the cruise, we were glad to be back in civilisation again. At Halifax we had two shooting matches, which took place on a very fine range at Bedford, 10 miles outside Halifax. The first match was a triangular shoot between Royal Canadian Naval Barracks, R.M. Detachment *Capetown*, and our own "C" team. The R.C.N. Barracks were the winners, we came second with a score of 740, and *Capetown's* detachment third with 731. The highest score of the afternoon was made by Sergt. Pughe, of *Capetown*, with 90, out of a possible 105. The second match was another triangular shoot between Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, R.C.N. Barracks, and a team from our detachment. The R.C.A.S.C. were the winners of the shoot.

We left Halifax on the 8th October for Philadelphia, where in company with *Capetown* we took part in the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition proceedings. Sports were organised, and we were able to add another cup to our collection of ship's trophies. The British section of the Exposition generously offered a silver cup, standing 16 inches high, for a tug-of-war competition between the two ships. It was arranged to have a triangular pull between seamen, stokers and marines. The first pull between the stokers resulted in a win for the *Capetown*, the second pull between the seamen resulted in a win for the *Calcutta*. It was thus one pull each, and it was left to the Marines to decide which ship should be the winners of the cup. In the final pull our team defeated the *Capetown*, and the detachment had the honour of bringing the cup to the flagship. During our stay at Philadelphia we were entertained very freely and were sorry when the day for our departure arrived.

On November 3rd and 4th, the Annual Regatta of the 8th Cruiser Squadron was held in Port Royal Bay. The weather was ideal for boat pulling, and two days of good sport were witnessed. The only individuals who worked during these two days were the Band. They put in a considerable amount of overtime, entertaining the ship's company with selections between the races. However, they made us very homesick by playing the " Pompey Chimes " every time we won a race. By the time the last race was pulled we knew the tune of Pompey Chimes, as we won 15 races out of the 23. Although we have only been in commission for six months, the *Calcutta* was an easy winner of a Silver Cock, to be presented by the past and present Officers of the Squadron. The total number of points for the squadron were as follows :—*Calcutta* 221½, *Capetown* 177½, *Curlew* 155, *Colombo* 97, *Wisteria* 24. Our detachment did their share by winning the Marine Cutter Race (2 miles). For the greater part of the race it proved an exciting duel between us and the *Curlew's* crew, but nearing the finishing line the superior training of our crew told, and they were able to draw away from the *Curlew*, to win the race comfortably.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

" It is with deep regret that the Colonel Commandant is giving up Command of the Division on promotion, and on doing so, he wishes to thank most heartily all the Officers, N.C.Os. and Men for their unswerving loyalty and support during his period of command. He also takes this opportunity to say goodbye to all ranks, and to wish them the best of luck in the future."

The above is the text of the farewell message of Colonel Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B., on giving up command on his promotion to Major-General. We print it, as many officers and other ranks who served under his command are now serving at sea, and we feel sure that he would like his message to reach all members of the First Division.

It is with very great regret that the Division says goodbye to General and Mrs. Morgan, and they leave with the good wishes of all ranks.

We understand that General Morgan intends spending the near future in Majorca, and is proceeding there immediately.

The joint members of the R.M. Wives' Sewing Class and the Mothers' Union have presented Mrs. Morgan with an attaché case, as a small token of the great interest she has taken in the social work of the Division. The presentation was made by Mrs. Arbuthnot, who in a few well-chosen words expressed the feelings of a large number of wives of all ranks who were present.

On Friday the 4th December the General dined as the guest of the Officers, afterwards being carried home in the historic sedan chair, which has been used for this purpose for over a century and a half.

The Division is suffering a great loss in the going to pension of our First Drill Q.M.S.I. Franks. His work with the Cadet Corps will be long remembered and will leave its mark for some time. He is being relieved by Clr.-Sergt. E. Lamacraft, of the Portsmouth Division, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

We congratulate Mne. Uden on being once more selected as Court Barber in *Renown* for the approaching Royal Tour. As the Division is, in addition, providing a printer, four buglers, and the Bugle Major, Chatham will be well represented.

PORTSMOUTH.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE OFFICERS' MESS.

On the 26th November a very successful Ball was given at Eastney by the Officers of the Division. The attendance was upwards of 300.

The excellent rendering of the dance programme by the Band of the Portsmouth Division, under the leadership of Band Sergt. Graziani, was only rivalled by the playing of the jazz band of the officers, who were good enough to perform during the supper dances; this band consisted of Lieuts. Clanchy, F. B. and J. L. Pym and Ross, and these well-known jazz experts were at the top of their form.

Major Tripp, who was responsible for the supper arrangements, deserves special praise. His menu was so attractive that many of the guests went into supper twice, and a selected few are known to have been in three times.

The humorous element was supplied by the antics of the exponents of the " Charleston."

PLYMOUTH.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

The decorations and medals of Colonel James Anderson Morice Bey, formerly Major, R.M.L.I., and Egyptian Army, have been added to the Collection. They comprise the Egyptian medal with clasp " Tel-el-Kebir," the Order of the Osmanieh, 4th Class; the Khedive's Bronze Star and the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society.

The Osmanieh is the first to be received into the Collection. The following extract is from records compiled by the late Captain Portlock-Dadson: " Major J. A. Morice was appointed in 1876 Inspector-General of the Coast Guard in Egypt. He was Acting Consul in Alexandria after the riots of 11th June, 1882, rendering most valuable assistance, and being highly commended by Lord Wolseley; on the 23rd July he executed a most useful reconnaissance near Alexandria and took soundings in the Lakes. He was with the R.M. Battalion which repelled the attacks at Kassassin, 9th September, capturing an Egyptian officer. At the battle of Tel-el-Kebir he acted as an interpreter on the staff of Sir Garnet Wolseley. He escorted Arabi Pasha on the latter's banishment from Cairo to Ceylon, and on his return was appointed a member of the Court-Martial on prisoners implicated in the massacres of June and July, 1882. As a volunteer he organised and directed the removal of the sewage of Alexandria to the sea.

When Baker Pasha's force was being collected at Suakin, his services were gladly accepted as Paymaster, He was killed in the disastrous fight of 4th February. 1884, between Trinkitat and Tokar. The following notice appeared in the catalogue published by Messrs. Glendining in November last:—

Colonel J. A. Morice was one of the English officers attached to Baker Pasha's Army. Killed 4th February, 1884.

Writing under date, 9th Jan., Morice, like O'Donovan, seemed to have a prescience of disaster, but he says, " I have eaten the salt of Egypt for seven years, and I cannot desert her in her hour of need." How he fought and fell with his face to the foe is told by the correspondent of the *Daily News*, an eye-witness of the conflict, who saw Morice Bey and Surgeon Leslie standing together, and who says, " Morice Bey, after he had received a spear-thrust through the side, killed three of his assailants." He and Dr. Leslie fell almost at the same moment. Captain Forestier Walker and Lieut. Smith in like

manner, stood at their posts until they were speared.—(vide *Illustrated London News*, March 1st, 1884.)

Colonel J. A. Morice Bey, when Lieut., R.M.L.I., was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal for having jumped from H.M.S. *Lion*, fully dressed, into the Clyde, off Greenock, on the 17th May, 1867, and rescued Henry Beck, O.S., who had fallen overboard.

A vivid description of the action and the gallant efforts made by a handful of British officers to relieve disaster may be found in "Egyptian Campaigns of 1882-99," by Charles Royle.

A very handsome addition has also been made in the decorations and medals of the late Major-General A. E. Marchant, C.B., bequeathed by his widow the late Mrs. Marchant, whose death occurred on the 8th July last. They comprise the Order of the Bath, Military Division (3rd Class or Companionship), and the following medals: Egypt, with two clasps, "Tofrek" and "Suakin, 1885"; South Africa, with seven clasps—"Belmont," "Modder River," "Paardeberg," "Driefontein," "Johannesburg," "Diamond Hill," and "Belfast"; the 1914 Star, General Service 1914-18, Victory Medal, and that for the Coronation (King George V.) 1911, and the Khedive's Bronze Star.

As a subaltern, he first saw active service in the Soudan, with the R.M. Battalion defending Suakin; and engaged in the operations in the Eastern Soudan, 1884-85; present at the actions of Hasheen, 20th March, 1885; attack on McNeil's zariba, Tofrek, 22nd March, and at the attack on the square of Guards and Royal Marines, 24th March, on which occasion he received a bullet wound in the leg, and eventually reached Suakin and the hospital ship *Ganges*, with other sick and wounded.

A very interesting account of the part played in this campaign, and written by Major-General Marchant himself, will be found in the *Globe and Laurel*, Vol. XVI., 1909.

He was in command of the detachment R.M. of H.M.S. *Calliope*, when that ship weathered "the terrible hurricane of 16th and 17th March, 1889, which caused disaster unprecedented since the introduction of steam." In the South African war, Captain Marchant landed with the R.N. Brigade, which accompanied Lord Methuen's column for the relief of Kimberley. After Graspan Captain Marchant was specially promoted and appointed to the command of the Naval Brigade, pending the arrival of a senior officer. He commanded at Modder River, mentioned by Flag Captain Prothero and Lord Methuen, the latter's report reading: "Led the remnant of the Naval Brigade up the kopje with great coolness and ability." He took part in Lord Roberts' advance on Bloemfontein, being present at Cronje's surrender at Paardeberg; commanded the Marines at action of Poplar Grove. His several mentions in despatches eventually earned for him the award of the C.B. He was appointed an A.D.C. to the King in 1910, and served with the R.M. Brigade at Antwerp in 1914, and retired on expiration of his command as Colonel Commandant, Chatham Division.

EGYPT.

Major J. J. Bramble, Royal Marines (retired) has been appointed District Commissioner of Omdurman.

(G. & L. Sp. Correspondent, Sudan.)

DEPOT.

P. & R.T. STAFF FAMILY GATHERING.

The members of the P. & R.T. Staff held a social family gathering in the Gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15th.

Colonel-Comdt. and Mrs. Temple, Capt. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Major and Mrs. Brooks, Lieut. and Mrs. Shackleton, a large number of old P.T.I's, the wives and families of old and serving P.T.I.'s were present.

The Staff entered right into the spirit of the thing and the various amusements rigged up for the benefit of the children (under the age of 90) kept the guests in shrieks of laughter. Tea was served in the Annex, and full justice was done to it. The Sergt.-Major of the P.R.T. then welcomed the guests on behalf of the Club, mentioning how very pleased the Staff were to see old faces in the Gymnasium again.

Songs, dances, and games were indulged in after tea. In addition to other enjoyable items, the Staff rendered their famous Sea Chanties and Folk Songs.

Drum-Major Gouge, although one of the guests, very unselfishly worked hard with his jazz instruments, assisted by several members of the band. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

A lucky draw was held as a result of which, Mrs. Temple kindly presented the following with gifts:—

Ladies—Mrs. Miller; *Gents*—Capt. Wilkinson; *Girls*—Miss Ford; *Boys*:—C. Marshall.

Old P.T.I's as guests, included Lieut. (George) Cutcher; Mr. (Billy) Wills; Mr. (Tubby) Marshall, and Banjo; Mr. (Cock) Russell, and Banjo; Mr. (Blinder) Stokes; Mr. (Tiger) Ford; Drum-Major (Nutty) Gouge; Mr. (Charlie Braddock).

We were very pleased indeed to have the members of the Re-Qualifying Class with us and wish them the best of luck on rejoining their divisions.

The guests dispersed about 7.30 p.m., very tired, but very happy.

The members of the P. & R.T. Club very much appreciated the Commandant's kind thought in accepting their invitation.

N.B.—If any old P.T.I.'s living in the district did not receive an invitation, it is sincerely regretted. Unfortunately our record of addresses is not complete.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CARNIVAL DANCE.

The Boy's are entertaining their relatives and friends on Friday, 17th December, to a Carnival Dance, before they proceed on Xmas Leave. These dances are greatly appreciated by the parents of the local boys.

THE BAND OF H.M.S. RENOWN.

The R.M. Band detailed to embark in H.M.S. Renown for the Royal Tour attended the annual football match between the A.F.A. and the Royal Navy, which was played on the United Services Ground. A good programme of music was rendered before the kick-off, and during the interval an exhibition of marching and countermarching was given which drew great applause from the spectators.

The Jazz Band of H.M.S. Renown have volunteered their services at a Grand Charity Ball to be held on the South Parade Pier in aid of the blind. The band will

be under the able leadership of Bandmaster J. E. Burnett.

The following is an extract from the *Portsmouth Evening News* with regard to the performance of the *Renown's* Band at this Ball :—" The music was supplied by the Royal Naval School of Music, Royal Tour Jazz Band (under Bandmaster J. E. Burnett), who gave their services free, and who were making their first and last public appearance as a band before embarking on H.M.S. Renown for the Duke and Duchess of York's visit to Australia. They delighted everyone with their dance music, and proved that they have nothing to learn from civilian bands about jazz. The power of their tunes was shown by the fact that hardly anyone could resist them."

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ROYAL MARINES CADET CORPS.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe, the president of the National Rifle Association, presented recently the Roberts trophy to the boys of the Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. The trophy is awarded each year to the winners of the Mother Country section in the Empire shooting match for the King's Prize. Lady Roberts, who gave the trophy in memory of her husband, was to have made the presentation, but she was unable to be present.

The King's Shield, for the best recognised cadet unit in Great Britain, was also won by the Royal Marines boys, for the eighth time. The presentation of this trophy was made by General Sir George Milne, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who said that 1,500 cadets competed in 1926, as compared with 1,076 in 1924 and 1,400 in 1925. For the third year in succession the shield had been won by the Depot Royal Marines Corps, Deal, with a " record " figure of merit of 93.72 out of a possible 100. Of the 27 cadets comprising the unit's firing strength, 15 were under 15 years of age. The total score was five points per cadet higher than the unit's score last year. The " runners-up " were the Chatham Company of the Royal Marine Cadet Corps, with a figure of merit of 79.55. The total strength of the Cadet Force was 2,658 officers and 47,382 other ranks, of whom about 15,450 all ranks were in school units and 34,590 in non-school units.

Silver badges were also presented to the eight best shots of the Depot Royal Marine Corps, Deal, and bronze badges to the eight best shots of the Chatham Company. The bronze medal of honour of the Association was presented to Sergt.-Instructor Walker, Royal Marines, in recognition of his sterling work on behalf of the boys.

Lord Jellicoe, in presenting the Roberts Trophy, referred to the history of the competitions, and said that the original competition, known as the Imperial Challenge Shield, was founded in 1910 by Colonel Raymond Ffennell, of South Africa, to whose patriotic generosity and energy the National Rifle Association had been yearly indebted for continual improvements, as well as for all the funds which were required both for its prizes and conduct. The principal object of the National Rifle Association was the promotion and encouragement of rifle shooting throughout the King's Dominions. There was no better way of fulfilling this duty than by endeavouring to ensure that the youth of the British Empire, who in the next generation might be called on to be its defenders, should be prepared in one direction, at any rate, to assume that task. These competitions had a wide Imperial nature, and were firmly established in the Dominions oversea. The element of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry brought about by this vast annual " test match " between the Motherland and each of the Dominions, could not fail to assist to draw closer those ties of Empire which united us with our kith and kin oversea. Next year representative teams of 3,000 British boys would strive to secure the King's Trophy for their own country.

The total number of boys competing this year was some 30,000. The performance of the Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps was not only a remarkably fine one, but it was unique, because in the history of these competitions no single unit had ever before come so near to winning all the trophies open to it. He was not surprised at the success of those boys, for no one knew better than himself the fine spirit of the corps from which they sprang, and of which he hoped many of them might one day be members ; the encouragement and assistance they received from all ranks at the depot, the traditions and *esprit de corps* they inherited, and the excellence of the instruction they received were factors which could not fail to go far to ensure success, but he must not forget the credit due to them for their own keenness and hard work.

The past record of this corps was one of which it might justly feel proud. Once it had won the Senior Imperial Shield, and twice the Junior, in competition with boys from the whole Empire ; and this year, so far as could be stated at present, for all returns from overseas had not yet been received, those boys were again second for the Junior Imperial Shield, and it was quite possible they might prove to be the second best unit in the Empire. On eight occasions the corps had won the King's shield for the best cadet unit at home ; and the Sir Charles Warren Shield so often that he understood a permanent frame was kept outside the depot guard-room for its reception. He congratulated Captain Craig, commandant of the corps, and Sergt.-Instructor Walker on the splendid results of their efforts.

The Sir Charles Warren Shield was re-presented, in the absence through illness of the donor, by Major-General Sir Lionel Stopford.

Among those who accepted invitations, or were present, were :—Lord Onslow (Under-Secretary for War), Field-Marshal Lord Allenby and Lady Allenby, Brig.-General Sir W. Bromley-Davenport (Council, N.R.A.), General Sir Walter Braithwaite (G.O.C. - in - Chief, Eastern Command) and Lady Braithwaite, Colonel Lord Cottesloe (Council N.R.A.), Colonel Lord Deerhurst (Council N.R.A.), Major C. E. Etches (secretary N.R.A.) and Mrs. Etches, Colonel and Mrs. Ffennell, Sir Lionel Fletcher, Colonel R. E. Golightly (secretary, Council of County Territorial Associations), Air-Commodore F.C. Halahan, Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, (Adjutant-General, Royal Marines), Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Jeudwine (Director General, Territorial Army) and Lady Jeudwine, Lady Jellicoe, General Sir Henry Mackinnon (Council, N.R.A.), Mr. J. S. Smit (High Commissioner for South Africa), Lieutenant-General Sir W. Thwaites (Commanding 47th Division), and Lieutenant-General Sir R. Whigham (Adjutant-General of the Forces). *The Times.*

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

LODGE HILL.

A good muster attended a voluntary parade, under the Chief Inspector, to observe the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day.

SHOOTING MATCH AND SMOKING CONCERT.

A shooting match, followed by a Smoker, took place on Tuesday, November 16th, the Kent County Constabulary (Chatham Div.) being the guests of the evening. The shooting match (12 a side) was won by the " Policemen of Kent " by 10 points (scores below), The chair was taken at 7.30 p.m. by P. S. Fox (R.M. Police), the company present numbering about 50. The following contributed to the programme :—P.C. Goodgame (K.C.C.), P.S. Thorburn, P.C.'s Cooper. Sharpe and Parnell (R.M.P.), and Messrs. Wood and Bristow. The programme appears short, but it may be mentioned that Mr. Bristow (he is serving on board H.M. Submarine, L. 26) occupied " the boards " nearly an hour, therefore we had to " cut " our programme. The Mayor of Portsmouth very aptly termed this comedian the " Human Talking Machine," and his performance well merits this, his " dry " patter (he was a T.T.), keeping the " house " in laughter the whole time. Mrs. Govier was at the piano. The arrangements were in the hands of the Entertainment Committee, under P.S. Flowers.

Scores :—

K.C.C.		R.M.P.	
Sgt. Worsley ..	94	P.C. Gage	87
P.C. Lazenby	96	,, Hall	92
,, Spells	93	,, Westwood	88
,, Hill	92	Sgt. Bacon	96
,, Moore	90	P.C. Arthur	82
Sgt. Eves	87	,, Higgins	89
,, Tickner	87	,, Roe	89
P.C. Goodgame	95	,, Parker	85
,, Dennis	77	,, Moon	89
,, Bubbles	90	Sgt. Thorburn	88
,, Moss	84	P.C. Colan	93
,, Arnott	78	,, Parnell	75
	1063		1053

WHIST.

The attendances at the whist drives were well maintained during the month. The following were the winners :—

GENTLEMEN—P.C.'s Child, Napper, Arthur, Nixon, Gibbs, Westwood, Parnell, Hall and Williams.

LADIES—Mesdames Cooper, Rowan, Roe, Porter, Steer, Walsh, Page, Sharpe and Miss Hall.

SHOOTING.

The monthly prizes for shooting were won as follows :—

October : 1st, Sergt. Bacon, 96 ; 2nd, P.C. Colan, 93 ; 3rd, P.C. H. Hall, 92 ; November : 1st, P.C. Westwood, 95 ; 2nd, P.C. Higgins, 95 ; 3rd, P.C. H. Hall, 94.

The shoot for the " Pickford " Cup was won by No. 1 Watch (Sergt. Bacon). Scores :—

1st, No. 1 Watch.

P.C. Hall	95	P.C. Page	90
,, Westwood	94	Sgt. Flowers	88
,, Higgins	92	P.C. Arthur	87
Sgt. Bacon	92	,, Parnell	83
		Total ..	721

2nd, Upnor, 657 ; 3rd, No. 3 Watch, 635 ; 4th, No. 2 Watch, 557.

This Cup was kindly presented to the Royal Marine Police (Chatham Area) by Messrs. Pickford, to be shot for annually by watches, and carries with it a prize of £5.

ROYAL MARINE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The third annual supper of the Greenwich branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association was held at the " King William IV. Hotel," Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, on Saturday, and attracted a genial company of old comrades and friends. Mr. A. Presland presided.

A capital supper (supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Haycock), was followed by a much appreciated concert and dance in which nearly everyone present joined. A lively programme of dance music was rendered by the band under the direction of Mr. Sidney Dacombe, D.C.M. Mr. Dacombe also sang several pleasing songs. Miss Elizabeth Dixon likewise was encored for her contributions to the programme.

Mr. Presland, proposing the Association, gave all present on behalf of the Association a hearty welcome. After paying a tribute to the battle honours of the Corps, he went on to praise that spirit of comradeship that existed in the branch. They were always willing to do their best to help others. Since last year he was pleased to be able to say the Benevolent Fund had been started.

Applause greeted his allusion to the founders of the branch, Mr. Pink for one, who was over 80 years of age. and there, of course, were others. It was a pleasure to see them among them to-night just as it had been last year. They were much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Haycock and Mr. and Mrs. Clark for the excellent way they had been entertained. He wished them all a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Mr. J. Mallard (secretary), after paying a compliment to the chairman and committee of the Association, said at present they had 82 members on their books, 15 of whom had joined this year. But he was sorry to have to add that when the books were overhauled some of them, on account of non-attendance and non-payment, would have to come off. He paid a tribute to the work of their president, Major Sinclair, also to Miss Sinclair, who had done such good work for the Benevolent Fund. This fund, as Major Sinclair himself had said, he hoped would be the means of assisting their comrades in distress. He sincerely trusted that next year might be a bigger success than this one.

Mr. F. Reynolds voiced the thanks of the London Association for the kind way they had been received. He knew they would be pleased to hear that at their dinner this year they had the company of the Duke of York. This was an honour not only for the London branch, but for others as well. (Hear, hear).

Vice-President Grant said it was extremely gratifying to him to hear such things said. It was eighteen years ago that the idea came to him to form an Old Comrades' Association. They had been to a Cavalry dinner and he thought if the Cavalry could do it why not the Marines ? They started their Association with seven men and 7s. All of them knew what had grown out of this seven membership. To-day they had branches at Greenwich, Gosport, Liverpool, Deal, Plymouth,

and a semi-branch at Bristol. They also had representatives at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Canada and Australia. It was his great hope to see it grow more and more still. (Hear, hear).

An enthusiastic allusion to their "dear old band" concluded the speeches.

A word of praise is due to Mr. Mallard, the secretary, and his assistants for the capable way the arrangements were made and carried out.

CHINA.

Capt. R. G. Sturges, of the Royal Marines, is leaving Hong-kong for home shortly. As a token of the high esteem in which he is held by ex-Marines in Hong-kong Capt. Sturges was recently presented with a parting gift from members of the Hong-kong Branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, of which Capt. Sturges has been the Chairman, at a farewell dinner given by the Branch at the Cafe Parisien. The gift consisted of a silver travelling clock in a silver folding case, which was inscribed "Presented to Capt. R. G. Sturges by the members of the R.M.O.C.A. (Hong-kong Unit and South China), October, 1926." Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., R.M., who recently arrived in Hong-kong, was among the guests present. Major Bamford is the new Chairman of the Association referred to.

ROYAL MARINES AND THE CHINA CRISIS.

The crisis in China should have the effect of bringing home to those who are demanding cuts in our fighting services the danger of further reductions, notwithstanding all the conferences that have been held since the war ended. It will have been observed that in the "S.O.S." message addressed to the Foreign Office, the British residents of Hankow asked for "the immediate despatch of at least 500 marines to protect the British concession." Probably no British subjects know better than the residents in Hankow the need for a strong Navy and Army to protect not only the people domiciled in our own Empire, but those living in countries in which extra-territoriality exists; but apparently they are not in possession of official information as to the strength of our forces in that part of the world.

The Sea Regiment, like the other services, has been "pared to the bone" during the last few years, and although actual figures are not at present available, it is unlikely that there are in all the seagoing ships on the China Station the 500 marines for whom the Hankow British residents asked. The Royal Marines have passed through many vicissitudes, and officers and men of that fine regiment will appreciate the significance of the fact that when faced with exceptional danger, British subjects in Hankow appealed for the protection of "at least 500 Marines."

Naval & Military Record—of 8/12/20.

Customer (to Grocer): "That bacon you sent me yesterday was bad!"

The Grocer (indignantly): Impossible, madam! Why, it was only cured last week!"

Customer: "Well, then, it has had a relapse!"—*London Mail.*

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' CENTRAL FUND.

A Balance Sheet of the above is published elsewhere in this number. It is considered that the institution of this Fund has been a great success. It is now unnecessary for officers to have several small bankers' orders authorising payment to the various funds, and incidentally the scheme relieves the honorary treasurers of four funds from the work of collecting officers' subscriptions, and at the same time provides them with a more or less certain income.

It is however pointed out that there are still many officers who do not subscribe. It is realised that in many cases the Fund has been forgotten, but officers who originally did not wish to subscribe, are asked to reconsider their opinion, as the scheme undoubtedly saves trouble to officers themselves and work to those who manage the various funds. A banker's order is being, or has been, sent to all non-subscribers, but the subscription of one guinea can be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, R.M. Officers' Central Fund, Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, if any officer prefers that method of payment.

BALANCE SHEET OF R.M. OFFICERS' CENTRAL FUND.
UP TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1926.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Subs. for year 1925-6	210	8	9
Subs. for year 1926-7	235	8	0
	£445	16	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
1925—			
Cheque Book ..	0	4	2
Postage	1	2	8
Printing	2	9	0
Sports Fund ..	46	0	0
"Globe & Laurel" ..	44	12	0
1926—			
R.M.R.A.	86	18	0
R.M.C.A.	89	0	0
"Globe & Laurel" ..	43	14	6
Sports Fund ..	43	11	6
Refund of Subscrip'n	1	1	0
Printing	1	0	0
Account Books ..	0	8	0
Balance in hand, due to various funds and including Reserve Fund ..	85	15	11
	£445	16	9

Audited and found correct—
(Signed) F. V. TEMPLE,
Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel.
H. A. H. JONES, Lt.-Col.,
Hon. Treasurer.

The following incident occurred at a lunatic asylum in Australia.

The chaplain of the asylum was stopped by a lunatic after the daily service, and the following conversation took place:—

L.—Do you like mutton?

C.—Oh, yes!

L.—Do you like mutton on Sunday?

C.—Yes, I think roast mutton is a very nice for dinner.

L.—Would you like mutton on Monday?

C.—Well, cold mutton is alright for Monday's lunch.

L. Now, would you like mutton on Tuesday?

C.—Well, I think I should be rather tired of mutton on Tuesday.

L.—Well, we are tired of you, so send your curate next time!



CHATHAM.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

The following are the result of matches fired this month :—

R.M. Depot, 750 ; R.M. Chatham " A," 569.
H.M.S. Pembroke, 759 ; R.M. Chatham, 768.
R.M. Chatham, 554 ; R.M. Plymouth, 540.

ROCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Lodge Hill, 553 ; R.M. Chatham " A," 569.
R.M. Chatham, " B," 544 ; H.M.S. Pembroke, 574.
R.M. Chatham " A," 557 ; British Legion, 527.
Rochester, 572 ; R.M. Chatham " B," 517.
Postals, 549 ; R.M. Chatham " A," 547.

COMPANY ATHLETIC SHIELD.

The Athletic Shield has been won this year by " C " Company, to whom we offer our congratulations. The summary of results is as follows :—

	"A" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"E" Coy.	"G" Coy.
Tug-of-War	3	1½	1	1½
Bayonet Fencing	1	3	2	1
Swimming Relay	1	3	2	0
Cutter Race	2	3	1	1
Cross Country Race ..	1	2	3	1
Miniature Shoot	2	1	3	1
Football	1	3	1	2
Total ..	11	16½	13	7½

It will be seen that " C " Company maintained a high standard, with four wins, two seconds and one unplaced, closely followed by " E " Company, with two firsts, two seconds and three unplaced.

The interest in the event is increasing, as the events held and the results show, this being only the second year this competition has been held. Next year we hope to add one or two more events to the competition.

It was decided at a meeting of the Sports Club to purchase a Challenge Cup for each event, and a prize for the winning company of the year. " A " Company, the winners last year will also be presented with a prize.

PORTSMOUTH.

RUGBY.

v. H.M.S. FISGARD II., w. 16—3, 24th November, at Eastney.

Fisgard turned out a very young side, who played a very clean game. Mne. Newcombe cut his thumb very badly in the first half, and left the Marines with only twelve men. Tries were scored by Mnes. Merckel and Boobyer, 2/Lieuts. Fellowes and Martyn. Lieuts. Hayter and Martyn converted one each.

v. R.N. BARRACKS. Lost 16 pts. to 0. 1st December, at Eastney.

A good hard game, in which our opponents showed to slight advantage in all departments. Our forwards failed to heel the ball, with the result we were mainly on the defensive. Corpl. Walker and Mne. A. H Merckel played well. The team must remember to tackle *low* and go hard the whole time.

v. R.A.F., FLOWERDOWN 2ND XV. Wednesday, 8th December, at Eastney. Won 20 pts. to nil.

A very pleasant game in which our team combined very well indeed Our forwards were slightly heavier than the opposing eight, with the result we saw more of the ball in the scrums. A noticeable feature of the game was the strong running of A. H. Merckel, who scored four tries, the remainder being obtained by Corpl. J. Harris and Mne Stockton. The following played well : Mnes. Rumary, A. F. Merckel and Squires. Before closing, a word of praise to our opponents' full back, whose *low* collaring was an object lesson to our outsides.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We have had plenty of football since the season opened, and have gained some notable successes in various Cup competitions. In the English Cup we defeated Ryde and Portland and only lost to a professional team (Poole) after a drawn game at home. In the Amateur Cup we defeated Newport, the A. & S. Highlanders, and are engaged with H.M.S. Excellent in the Divisional Final. The 2nd eleven are coming along very well just now, and are being strengthened. The 3rd team are a really fine side, and are doing well in both U.S. and P.N.E. Leagues, being undefeated in the latter. Corpl. Lyon and Mne. Odey are appearing regularly in the Hants County Representative side and Mne. Davidson in the Navy eleven. Corpl. Harris is now keeping goal for the 1st team, and is displaying good form.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Portsmouth autumn Cross-Country Race took place under good conditions on the 7th December. The course, which was a difficult one of six miles, started and finished at Fort Widley. Teams consisted of 12—9 to count. H.M.S. *Revenge* were placed first, out of roughly 14 teams. Royal Marines teams came in 4th and 10th.

This is very creditable considering the fact that this is the first year for some time that we have entered teams that have trained.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

We have now settled down to Miniature Shooting, after a fairly successful season with the full bore. Owing to the P.U.S. Rifle Meeting being held rather late in the season, we had very little time to practice miniature shooting, with the result that we did not achieve much success in our early matches in the Portsmouth and District League.

As regards our position in the league we have been unfortunate in the counts, losing the majority of matches by the narrow margin of one or two points, having only four points to our credit for the first half of the season.

The new S.M.R.C. Target calls for very close shooting, as can be seen by the smallness of the ten ring in comparison with the size of the aiming mark, and although our scores are considerably lower than in previous years the standard of shooting is very good.

The Division has entered teams for the " Woolgar " Challenge Shield, " Lee " Cup and *Portsmouth Times*. In the former we were knocked out in the third round in a good run of 24 secs., whilst the remaining competitions

will be fired in the New Year, when it is hoped to make a better report of our progress.

PLYMOUTH.

Nov. 6th.—Royal Marines *v.* Green Waves.

In the 1st round Devon County Cup Competition, we were drawn away to the Green Waves Club, and after a very hard struggle, managed to defeat them by the only goal scored. The game was witnessed by a large crowd, and was fought out in splendid sporting spirit, and the game was nearly over, when Burton got the all important goal, heading in a perfect centre from Easter.

Nov. 13th.—Royal Marines *v.* Plymouth St. Thomas.

Played at the Longroom in very wet weather, a fine game ended in a draw, each side scoring 3 goals each.

Nov. 18th.—Royal Marines *v.* Royal Artillery.

In the 2nd round of the Devon County Cup, we were again drawn to play away, our opponents being the " Gunners " of the Garrison. The match was played on Plymouth Argyle's Ground (Home Park), and being on a Thursday, the routine was changed at Headquarters to allow our supporters to witness the match, nearly 500 Royal Marines taking this splendid opportunity. The game opened up sensationally, the Artillery breaking away and scoring with a simple looking shot. Stung by this reverse (and the vocal support from the " Allah-Mongah " Party), the Marines attacked, and Shewbrook got the equaliser. At the interval the score was 1—1. On resumption, the soldiers were outclassed, Horn scoring a goal from fully 30 yards range, Skipper added the third, and fourth, Shewbrook the fifth and sixth, and Skipper the seventh from a penalty kick. Near the end the Artillery broke away, and King scored their second, the game ending, Royal Marines 7 ; Royal Artillery 2.

Nov. 20th.—Royal Marines *v.* Torquay United.

Torquay were our visitors in a P. & D. League encounter, and gave us a very hard game, and thoroughly deserved their one goal lead, until nearing the end, Wheeldon scored the equaliser after a brilliant individual run, the game ending R.M. 1 ; Torquay 1.

Nov. 24th.—Royal Marines *v.* R.N. Depot.

Played at the Longroom in the 1st round Navy Cup. The R.N. Depot ran out winners after an exciting game by 2 goals to 1.

Nov. 27th.—Royal Marines *v.* Dockyard United.

Played at Torpoint. An hard game ended in a victory for the Marines by 3 goals to 2. Hogg, Shewbrook and Horn being our scorers.

Dec. 4th.—Royal Marines *v.* Royal Naval Barracks.

Played at the Longroom before a record " gate " in the 3rd round Devon Senior Cup Competition. The Royal Naval Barracks ran out victors by the odd goal in five. The game was undoubtedly one of the best games seen on the ground, and up to 10 minutes from time the Marines were leading by 2 goals to 1, Shewbrook bagging both. A remarkable rally by the sailors, completely baffled our defence, and Scantlebury got the equaliser, and Demmelwick the decider, with a long range shot, which completely deceived Davidson.

Result : Royal Marines 2 goals, Royal Naval Barracks 3 goals.

INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

Result : "A" Co., 1 goal. "G" Co., 7 goals.

In the Devon Wednesday League Competition, the Reserves met and defeated the Plymouth Police by 7 goals to 2, on the 1st December.

Through the R.A.M.C. withdrawing from the Cup Competition, the R.M. Reserve XI. are now in the Semi-final of this Cup, which will be played on March 9th, 1927.

RUGBY.

Nov. 17th.—R.M. *v.* R.N.E. College.

Played on the College Ground. As always a bright sporting game our opponents making us go all out, but we managed to reverse last season's result and ran out winners by 15 points to 10. This was no mean achievement as the College are a splendid side, and under the coaching of our old international, Gardner, who is now their groundsman, they generally managed to win.

Nov. 20th.—*v.* Falmouth, at Falmouth.

A tale of missed opportunities which should have been won comfortably, but was lost by 8 points to 3. Our centre-threequarters having an off day.

Nov. 25th.— *v.* 1st South Wales Borderers.

Once again we met the Army Cup winners, this time on their own ground. It was really remarkable the way they played, on a rain-soaked field, with a greasy ball they handled with confidence and precision and fairly overwhelmed our side in the last 20 minutes, and we had to retire beaten by 22 points to 3 pionts.

Nov. 27th.—*v.* Kingsteignton on the Longroom.

A bright open game with our outs giving a greatly improved display. Kingsteignton played hard and well, but we ran out winners by 14 points to 3.

Dec. 11th.—*v.* Torquay Athletic Reserves.

Another splendid open game, both teams showing fine rugby and the issue in doubt until the final whistle. We took the lead in the first half with a penalty goal. It was only fine tackling by both sides which prevented heavy scoring, some nice threequarter movements taking place. Then we scored a try in the second half which was converted with the last kick of the match. leaving us winners by 8 points to nil.

Lieut. P. H. O. L. Penfold has been playing for the Devonport Services in most of their matches this season. His inclusion in the County team when Devon met the Royal Navy was a well-merited recognition of his worth as a hard working and capable forward. We offer our hearty congratulations to Lieut. Penfold on having represented the County which, by the way, has this year an unusually fine team.

DEPOT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

FOLKESTONE & DISTRICT LEAGUE :

Dec. 1st—Royal Inniskillings. Away, lost 6—2.
Dec. 4th—Royal Warwicks. Away, lost 3—1.
Dec. 11th—Deal Town. Home, won 3—2.
Nov. 27th—3rd round Kent Amateur Cup : St. Luke's Athletic, Ramsgate. Away, won 4—2.

Nov. 24th—Port Final Navy Cup. Played at Chatham. Won 1—0.

On Nov. 24th we journeyed to Chatham to play the R.N. Barracks on their own ground in the Port Final of the Navy Cup. The Depot lost the toss and were set to face the sun. In the first few minutes theyshewed a marked aggressiveness which was rewarded after seven minutes' play by a goal from Edmunds, the Depot inside-left. The latter player followed up a shot from Cornelius and deflected the ball past the Navy goalkeeper Relf ; this proved to be the only goal of the match. Three minutes later Edmunds was forced to leave the field having sustained an injury when tackling the Navy right-back and the Depot played the game out with one man short. The remainder of the first half play was fairly even, both goals were visited without result. On resuming the R.N. Barracks settled down to win and it was only the grim determination of the Depot players who played a magnificent defensive game that prevented any more scoring. The final whistle came with the R.M. Depot winners by 1—0.

The following players represented the Depot :—Mnes. Power ; Allen, Rouse ; Corpl. Peters, Rec. Sunter, Corpl. Pollitt ; Mne. Hansford, Corpl. Breckon, 2nd Lieut. Cornelius, Rec. Edmunds, Mne. Price.

By winning the above match we qualified to meet H.M.S. *Revenge* in the semi-final of this Competition, and we are hoping that we shall again be successful.

On December 18th we meet Cray Wanderers in the Kent Amateur Cup and as we are drawn at home we are looking forward to a good game.

On Thursday, 9th December, a Charity Match took place on the Depot Ground in aid of the wife and family of the late Mne. J. W. Smith who died of pneumonia a short while ago. The opposition was furnished by the Chatham Division, R.M.

A fine day enabled a good attendance to witness a

good game. The Depot band furnished music prior to the commencement. This was much appreciated.

The Depot won the toss and set Chatham to face the sun. Tracks were soon made for the visiting goal but nothing came of it. Even play for the first ten minutes was ended by the Depot opening the score by Lovick converting a pass from the right. This was soon neutralised by Clarke of Chatham, scoring by a hard low drive. Midfield play followed, the back divisions of both sides playing a spoiling game. A second goal by Lovick enabled the Depot to take the lead again after about 25 minutes' play. A hot attack was then set up by Chatham and an equaliser was only frustrated by the Depot goalie, who, throughout played a rattling game. Persistency, however, was rewarded in the end, and Clarke again equalised for Chatham. This score remained unaltered at half-time.

Chatham, in the second half, played much the better football and soon took the lead through Williams. Good football was seen all along, the Depot being frequently dangerous. Clarke put Chatham further ahead by completing his "hat-trick." The Depot, towards the end had hard lines, the visiting goalie fumbling a shot by Pollitt and turning the ball round the post. It was thought by many that the ball had crossed the line for a goal, but the referee, Q.M.S. Pawley, who handled the game well, ruled otherwise, giving a corner, from which Chatham secured the ball to score their fifth goal through Clarke, just on time.

The thanks of the Depot authorities are tendered to the members of the Chatham Division for their sporting assistance in making this effort such a success, the sum of over £52 being raised.

SQUAD FINAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

This match took place on the 25th November between the 132nd and the 136th Squads. Unfortunately fog prevented the spectators from witnessing much of this match.

Result: 132nd Squad 2 goals; 136th Squad 1 goal.

Colonel-Commandant R. C. Temple presented the Football Challenge Cup to the winners.

BOXING.

The semi-finals of the Squad Team Boxing Competition took place in the Gymnasium on the 20th November. Result as follows:—133rd Squad beat 135th Squad; 138th Squad beat 146th Squad.

The 146th Squad put up a very good display considering its time at the Depot. The finals took place in the Drill Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Unfortunately this proved a bad day as a very large number of seats were left unfilled.

Results:—

SQUAD TEAM BOXING COMPETITION FINAL.

Bantam:	Rec. Tate (138)	beat	Rec. Drewery (133)	
Feather:	,, Norman (138)	,,	,, Magee (133)	
Light:	,, Hale (138)	,,	,, Eason (133)	
Welter:	,, French (133)	,,	,, Yates (138)	
Middle:	,, Simm (133)	,,	,, Jetton (138)	
L. Heavy:	,, Clark (133)	,,	,, Welton (138)	
Leaders:	,, Waugh (133)	,,	,, Taylor (138)	

133rd Squad thus won by the odd fight.

The Recruit Boxing in this competition was not so good as at the last meeting, no doubt owing to the fact that as it was a Team Event the best recruit did not get in to the final unless his team carried him there.

The following Special Six Round Contests were also staged:—

Mne. Bates, Deal *v.* Mne. Fraser, Chatham.

Bates won on points. Fraser had the advantage in reach, but although he put up a very good fight he lacked ringcraft which gave Bates the verdict.

Mne. Marston, Deal *v.* Ldg. Seaman A. C. Williamson (Return Contest).

These two are very evenly matched. In their last contest, Marston won on points by a narrow margin. Marston on this occasion proved a little disappointing. He certainly fought hard and scored frequently, but he made the common mistake of jockeying too much for a knock-out, making openings which gave his opponent opportunities for scoring. Williamson boxed clean and hard and deserved his victory.

Reg. P. O. Downton (late Corpl. R.M.) *v.* Corpl. Duncan, R.M.

This proved a very interesting fight as they are old opponents and Downton for some years before leaving the Corps was the leading light-weight and finally welter-weight. Duncan has come along in leaps and bounds as a hard vigorous fighter, but lacks a good deal in the use of his head. From the start the latter attacked vigorously and caused Downton to fight on the retreat. In the second round Duncan delivered a double lead landing on the jaw with his right and all but knocked his opponent out. Downton's clever ringcraft saved him and he continued to the sixth round in no sense groggy, but hard put to it to keep his vital parts covered.

Downton gave excellent display of ringcraft and generalship against a much stronger and fitter man.

I like Duncan's method of fighting in spite of lack of science, it should win him many fights. He won on points and deserved his victory.

Novices 4-Round Contest.

*Rec. Roy *v.* Rec. Carter.

Both lads fought hard in the first round landing freely, but Roy showed superior skill and found the mark and point of jaw frequently.

In the second round Roy gave his opponent little chance and delivered a neat knock-out to the jaw.

At the conclusion of the meeting Colonel-Commandant R. C. Temple congratulated the competitors, especially the spirited and plucky fighting of the recruits, also the 146th Squad on the manner in which it fought its way into the semi-final, considering it was the last formed Squad.

The Commandant then presented the prizes and was accorded three hearty cheers.

* Rec. Roy belongs to Chatham Division.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOWLING LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost
P. & R.T. Staff	2	2
2nd Q.M.'s	5	—
Barrack Department	4	—
Band	3	1
S.A. Staff	1	3
Parade Staff	—	2
Staff Office	—	4
1st Q.M.'s	—	4

This league is still going with a swing and great interest is shown. The 2nd Q.M.'s have a slight advantage in having a player round about seven feet several inches. This player can assume the Front Support position and nearly reach the Pins without bowling. He is an assistant groundsman by trade, and Old Tom Harding finds him very useful for whitewashing goal-posts and the top of rugby posts without ladders.

We congratulate the 2nd Q.M.'s on winning all their matches to date and having two players in one.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School are doing fairly well in U.S. League, Div. I., having secured several points in the last few games, and we hope to further strengthen our position in the New Year. The various Boy's teams are also keeping their name up in their respective leagues.

BILLIARDS.

The School was represented by entering two teams for the Company Championship, "A" team reached the final and were beaten by a narrow margin of points. The following represented the School, B.M. II. E. J. Hills, A. C. Black, Band-Corpl. C. F. Cambridge, R. O. Mullis, Musns. L. L. Day, A. T. Still.

LIFE IN THE ROYAL MARINES FORTY YEARS AGO.

By General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B.

In looking back on life in the Corps at the time that I joined, it seems to me that the greatest difference between the Marine of the present day and his predecessor lies in the manner in which he spends his leisure time. When I say that there were no motor cars and that even the humble push-bike was practically unknown, one sometimes wonders how we used to get out to our sports and games. Our leisure time too was pretty extensive, so that it may be of some interest to recall how it was spent.

In the summer, the principal game was cricket, this was the fetish to which everything had to give way ; to belong to the regimental team meant unlimited leave for all ranks, and it was an unwritten law that those who did not play cricket performed the duties of those who did without much prospect of any repayment in kind. The teams were good and we had many first-class players in the Corps, so that the Corps matches were able to be played against first-class teams. Golf was practically unknown, at least, I never remember any links at the Divisions, and lawn tennis was looked on as a " poodle-faking " game played with the feminine gender and therefore to be avoided by all self-respecting subalterns.

For the non-cricketers fishing, rowing and sailing were the principal amusements ; many are the yarns that could be spun of the adventures in the *Idalia* at Chatham, another old crock at Forton, whilst at Plymouth several owned racing yachts.

In the winter there was a little desultory football, sometimes Association and sometimes Rugby ; in both codes the teams consisted principally of officers with a few N.C.O.'s and Men to make up. Rugby has its periods of excellence and many officers played for the local teams and sometimes for the counties. At Portsmouth the U.S. ground ran a team, but it was a very pale shadow of their present greatness.

The great winter sport was hunting, on a horse if one could get one or on foot if not ; some officers by cutting down their expenses in every direction contrived to maintain a hunter. Another unwritten law was that leave for hunting was granted without question, and I remember that one of the greatest martine s that ever sat in the Commandant's chair, was known to " tell-off " defaulters in his hunting kit covered by his uniform great coat.

At Plymouth we were very proud of our four-oar rowing, and besides entering for the local regattas, we managed to explore thoroughly all the rivers. Rowing under the aegis of " Archie " was rather strenuous, he always occupied the stroke thwart, and his idea of a day's outing was to row to the Weir Head a distance of 21 miles, with easies only at Cargreen and Calstock, and it was no use the crew crying for mercy ; also we were generally out to beat the record time from the Hard to the Weir Head which I believe was about 2 hours and 50 minutes, of course with the tide. The great trip at Eastney was across the Solent to Seaview and back.

Fishing had its devotees, both sea and river, and many tales were told of a celebrated Adjutant at Deal who used to spend his nights out with the local boatmen and yet be on parade for the 6 a.m. drill. Some of our fishermen had a world-wide renown and many was the basket of trout that eked out the subaltern's breakfast, or was offered to senior officers in the hopes that the offering might lead to more leave.

There were no organised games for the N.C.O.'s and Men, and in fact very little was done except for those who were exceptionally good and became members of the Regimental teams. When going through my recruit drills, our instructor was the Divisional bowler (the poor fellow died afterwards of heat apoplexy in the Red Sea) and many was the hot afternoon (when we had concealed ourselves from the eagle eye of the Adjutant up on the Longroom), on which we inveigled him into tales of cricket whilst we rested peacefully on the grass ; needless to say on the days that he was playing cricket the other instructors made us pay dearly by weary marching and counter-marching, and we were lucky if they did not produce the backboards.

But the bulk of the men used to sleep all the afternoon until about 6 p.m., when after many careful preparations they used to sally out to meet the girls ! A well set up Marine with his tight fitting scarlet Kersey, his glengarry poised at an impossible angle over his right ear with a well-oiled curl just over the edge and the tails of his cap reaching to his waist (if he had managed to dodge the Company's Sergeant, who carried a pair of scissors for the express purpose of cutting them off) and probably his trousers cut wide over the boots was some sight, and fair game for the first " Red Cap " that spotted him.

The three Home Ports provided very little in the way of evening amusement save the hotel bars and public houses. At Chatham there was a music hall known as the " Tin Can," where an old chairman regulated the performances (and consumed oceans of beer). At Portsmouth was the " Bell " a disreputable place, where Curtis's Warehouse now stands, and which was chiefly celebrated for the rows and free fights that used to take place there ; at Plymouth there was the Theatre Royal where occasionally good companies used to play, and also a low-class music hall in Union Street.

The principal amusements of this sort in the barracks were Penny Readings in addition to the old time Canteen Song Evenings. At Plymouth the Penny Readings took place in the Lecture Room, now the Church, and were rather deadly dull affairs. There were theatres in all the barracks and at Plymouth it was principally run by the Pay Office Staff who used to produce the thrilling dramas " Black-Eyed Susan," " The Octaroon " etc. Eastney had a good company, but in the winter that I was there, some hitch occurred about the license ; however, the Commandant (Colonel Crease) was not going to be done and he directed two well-known officers to organise " Variety Entertainments," which they did much to the delight of us youngsters and the men ; unfortunately, after they had been going some time the Commandant attended one evening when a particularly spicy show was being given and the theatre was closed " By Order " the next morning.

I had nearly forgotten to say that one of the great games was racquets and all Divisions had their courts which were in constant use. Billiards also was greatly played and there were many fine players, Col. Kay at Plymouth and Majors Wheeler and Orford at Eastney being outstanding. Card playing was only indulged in at one or two of the Messes, of which Plymouth fortunately was not one, because one of the Messes had the reputation for a considerable amount of gambling. Anent this the story goes that one well-known officer after sitting up all night playing cards went on parade to early morning drill, and when the turn of his double company came to a march past he is reported to have ordered "Leading Grand Division Play or Take Miss."

In those days we were all perforce good walkers as it was the only means of getting about. When I say that the nearest tram to Eastney, and a horse-tram at that, only came as far as the South Parade Pier, and at Plymouth only ran along Union Street to the Dockyard, whilst I believe there was none at Chatham, one can realise that if one went out at all it was necessary to walk. I can remember the daring officer who first ventured to bring a safety bicycle into the barracks, he was promptly dubbed "the Cad on Castors" and the "hated" machine itself disappeared for many days, it is interesting to recall that the same officer was also one of the first to bring the "detested" motor-car into barracks and a weird contraption it was. In spite of this it was not many years before we had a very smart cycle corps who used to drill on parade and go out for field days.

Though then, as now, the social life centred round the messes, yet they were regarded with a certain amount of awe and were not much used, whilst we youngsters were not allowed to forget that Mess Dinner was a parade. This was due to several reasons, chief of which was the question of expense. In my first years dinner, for which all had to pay, was 2/4 a day, but it was impossible for a subaltern to have his other meals regularly in the Mess, as the cost of messing was about 7/- a day towards which the subaltern's pay of 5/3 a day was pitifully inadequate. It was only some years later that the general messing charges of 3/6 a day was instituted, commencing with the Plymouth Division. Subalterns therefore breakfasted in their rooms on porridge and marmalade and generally gave lunch a miss except for some biscuits and cheese, whilst dinner was a heavy meal of the old-fashioned order with six courses every night; for Sunday night I remember we always had hot plum-pudding and cream followed by marrow bones, winter and summer! It was thought that the world was coming to an end when the cold supper was timidly introduced on Sunday nights in the summer! Guest nights were a long infliction and dinner lasted several hours besides being very expensive. Dinner *à la Russe* had only just been introduced and dreadful must have been the feelings of the unlucky subaltern who found himself set down to carve the joint under the critical and caustic remarks of his seniors.

The fashion of afternoon tea was only just coming in and it made a great impression on me on the day I went over to Deal prior to joining my Division to inquire about uniform, etc., when, having accepted an offer of tea, a well-known Admiral came into the room and seeing how I was occupied at once exclaimed, "Tea! Tea! What's the service coming to! Waiter! Give me a brandy and Soda."

At Mess the unfortunate Orderly Officer had to wear his shell jacket, which then formed the Mess Dress, hooked up all the way down, a purpose for which the tailor had never intended it; luckily after a year or two a more humane Commandant allowed the wearing of the sash under the jacket which was a great relief. In the event of one's Mess Jacket being under repair, a not uncommon occurence in those days of practical jokes, the correct dress was Tunic Sash and Waistbelt, a dress which was generally worn at dances and I think Inspection Dinners, the mess jacket being only worn for small informal affairs.

Sing-songs never took place in the Mess; at Plymouth, night was made hideous in the subalterns' quarters in the North Wing which, however, had the drawback of being close to the Commandant's House and also those of the two senior Lieut.-Colonels with the painful result that the subalterns generally visited the Colonel's Mat on Saturday morning. This had the further drawback of curtailing one's morning rest as Saturday was a *dies non*, the only duty, which it required some ingenuity to shift on to the other subaltern of the company, was the issue of "Slops"; it was a bit unfortunate when neither subaltern was forthcoming and the Captain of the Company had to go down; it added another terror to Monday morning.

Matinées Musicales took place then as now, and, except perhaps to the music lovers, were the same dreary entertainments, with the trifling exception that no subaltern or Captain dared to absent himself from the performance.

Our comings and goings were very much regulated by a stern code which was administered by the Senior Subaltern, and when this personage took the form of six feet of brawn and muscle it was advisable for newly-joined Second Lieutenants and even their seniors to conform quickly.

Most of the messes have been considerably altered and added to since those days, and made infinitely more comfortable; for instance the large hall at Plymouth was formerly the courtyard outside the Mess and Officers' Quarters (I wonder how many have been up into the garrets over the Mess which were once the quarters), whilst the library at Chatham has been made into the present fine room by raising the ceiling and taking in the rooms above and at the side. The Eastney mess room used to be the coldest and most uncomfortable room in the kingdom; in the winter the senior officers used to dine in their great coats, whilst the rest of us sat and shivered, but the building of the Conservatory has made all the difference.

I have dilated on the Messing of Officers, but what of that of the Men. The Sergeants' Messes were run very much on the lines of the present day, except that money was not so plentiful, nor the rooms so well arranged and comfortable; all were in the same buildings as now, except that the mess at Forton at the time of the break-up of the Division was in that formerly occupied by the Divisional Schools whilst the mess was where the Shoemakers Shop and two Q.M. Offices were afterwards established.

But the greatest change of all has taken place in the messing of the men. It must be remembered that the

pay of a Private was only 1/2 a day with 1d. Beer money ; from this sum 7d. a day was deducted to pay for his rations (4½ for bread and meat and 2½ for groceries). It was only in 1904 that a free bread and meat ration was introduced and 2½ mess money paid by the Government. Afloat rations were free but the beer money was stopped, therefore men were better off financially when embarked, but the rations were by no means generous and required a lot of supplementing. On shore there were no married rations, but men married on the strength were not stopped the 7d. a day and received 6d. a day lodging money. There is no doubt the men were much underfed ; of the 2½, 1d. was taken for tea, milk and sugar, and the remaining 1½d. was expended for potatoes and vegetables, etc., as far as it would go ; needless to say out of the remaining 7d. a day there was no great margin for buying extra food, baccy and beer, especially when it is remembered that the issues of clothing were on a very meagre scale and men had constantly to put their hands in their pockets to replace their kit.

Breakfast consisted of Coffee and " Slingers " (dry bread). Dinner, which was practically the only meal, comprised all the ¾lb. of meat, potatoes and vegetables and was issued either stewed in a pot mess, or baked, if it was the turn of the mess, but the old soldiers preferred to cook it in the barrack rooms in the winter. Tea was at 4.30 p.m. consisting of tea and dry bread ; there was no supper and nothing was issued before early morning drill and it was no unusual sight to see both officers and men falling out faint at drill. There is no doubt that the improvements in messing are one of the outstanding features of recent years, but looking back it is strange to realise what a hard fight it was with the Admiralty and Treasury to get them introduced.

The Barrack Rooms were much as they are now, but the abolition of the " bunce " was a great Godsend. The people who have gained most are the Company Sergeants with their pleasant little cottages, for they used to live in the ground floor barrack rooms which at Plymouth were divided into two rooms, but they were no places for women and children, though a great advance on what older officers told me of the time when the married women had to live in the barrack-rooms, the bed at the end of the room being screened off by a blanket.

The luxury of hot baths was rare, though I believe some were fitted, but certainly not in the officers' quarters ; each of us had our own wooden tub which travelled about with us and incidentally carried a good part of our kit whilst the top made a table. The tub was filled every morning by our servants who had to boil the water in the kitchens.

I have referred above to the men's uniform, so that perhaps a description of our kit of those days may be of interest. N.C.O.'s and men were issued with a scarlet tunic (R.M.A., blue) once every two years ; the blue serge and rough duck tunics were practically only worn afloat and were also only issued biennially ; the annual issue consisted of a scarlet Kersey (R.M.A., blue), a pair of tweed trousers, a flannel shirt and a pair of boots with a glengarry cap (R.M.A., pill-box) ; Sergeants for some obscure reason also received a pair of socks. The scarlet Kersey was worn for all drills, parades and walking out, except in review order. The free kit on joining was not very large but one item used to amuse me, *viz.*, a pair of tartan trousers. I suppose the theory was that they lasted twenty-one years because they were never replaced, and I have seen old soldiers showing up at kit inspection the moth-eaten pair that I am sure originally formed part of their free kit and which they can never have worn. Two suits of white clothing with an extra pair of trousers were issued on *repayment* when ordered to a foreign station, and the blue helmet was exchanged for a white one of a terrible and awful shape which afforded very little protection from the sun, the boards of survey on which were a perfect curse. Puggarees were sometimes worn and sometimes not, and a great controversy raged round this article.

The valise equipment was also very uncomfortable to wear ; the valise was much of the same shape as the present one but made of a black material like American cloth ; the buff straps over the shoulders was thick and hard and cut into the flesh with the weight and the whole equipment was badly balanced. The water bottle was a pretty toy made of wood with highly polished steel bands and the wood was whitened with some poisonous stuff (Oxalic acid I believe, strictly of course against the regulations). There was a very neat device of a brass lion and crown worn on a strap in the centre of the valise.

The officers kit was simple but expensive ; a tunic, a blue braided patrol jacket for undress and a mess jacket. In undress, a blue upright forage cap was worn and very few outfitters seemed capable of making these, and there were many awful specimens to be seen on parade. A glengarry was allowed to be worn afloat or on the range. There was a slovenly affair called a blue serge much like the men's which was allowed to be worn afloat off duty. The blue patrol jacket was a very smart garment but as it was worn with a pipeclayed swordbelt and also white pipeclayed gloves, the appearance of an officer after he had taken in papers to the Commandant was not a sight that pleased the Adjutant.

The tunic was worn not only on parade in review order, but at manoeuvres, drills, route marches and guards, so as to be like the men's scarlet frocks, and it was only in 1896 that a scarlet serge was introduced for wear at manoeuvres—a cheap and useful garment—that was afterwards altered and improved and took the place of the patrol jacket.

A long and dusty route march or twenty-four hours on guard in tight tunic and belts was not a pleasant experience. At levees and balls the red sash and white sword-belt were replaced by a crimson and gold sash with a similar belt and the trouser stripes were also red and gold. The mess jacket was the older shell jacket that had preceded the patrol jacket and was worn open.

Wellington boots were by no means general and the majority of officers wore " Jemimas " *i.e.*, plain-fronted boots with elastic sides. In my first year the Deputy Adjutant General had ordered that all officers in marching order were to wear the same boots and black leather leggings, as the men ; the Captain of my Company, a very noted officer who bore the nickname of the " Bandit " with a daredevil reputation, promptly took the opportunity of the annual inspection to appear in a pair of " Jemimas " and leggings ; I am sure the D.A.G. saw them but knowing his man said nothing. The " Bandit " lived a century or so too late, the 19th

century was too cramping for his energies. He had rendered splendid service in the Soudan and there was nothing he could not do from tent-pegging to painting in watercolours, but to be his subaltern required more powers of foresight and invention than most of us possessed, *e.g.*, after elaborate excuses to the F.O. of the week to account for his absence from parade he would suddenly appear and call you every variety of fool for having ventured to interfere.

It may be said " Did they never do any work ?" and I will try and answer that question and give a picture of our training, which of its kind and as far as it went was very thorough. Men and officers were much more numerous at Headquarters, and I have often seen a brigade of three battalions march out of Plymouth Barracks for drill on the Brickfields, and no garrison drill or field day was complete without its one or two battalions of Marines, in fact, we took a large share in the duties and training of each station.

On joining the R.M.L.I. young officers were sent direct to their Divisions after the Sandhurst Examination, and such was the prestige of the Corps after the Egyptian Campaigns that high places had to be taken in the competitive examinations in order to gain a commission in the Corps. They were then put through a course of recruit infantry drill which lasted for six months and sometimes longer, during which time they were attached to Companies and picked up the general routine ; except for the drill no one taught us anything, but we got cursed or punished with extra drill when we did wrong, so that we soon acquired a working knowledge of routine, papers, etc. P.T. was unknown, but there were five extension motions and an invention of the devil called Pole Drill which was calculated to give you a straight back and a weak heart. After being dismissed recruit drill the undisciplined subalterns did ordinary duty until their batch was collected at Eastney to undergo a course of theoretical military subjects. The " Class," as it was called, was anything but popular at Eastney, and their presence there was much resented ; however, our instructor was Major E. Noble of the R.M.A., who was the finest instructor I have ever met, and a very gallant and able officer and gentleman, whose methods were far ahead of the schoolboy methods that took their place at Greenwich later on. He taught us to be officers first and developed our initiative, although perhaps nowadays the subjects might be considered very elementary.

The R.M.A. subalterns, who were volunteers from the Woolwich Lists, were sent to Greenwich where they spent two years ; the first year was spent mostly in mathematics and science and the second in Military Subjects, after which they went to Eastney and underwent courses lasting six months of Gunnery and Torpedo in the *Excellent and Vernon* ; then they underwent their recruit Infantry and Land Service Drills at Eastney lasting for another 12 months, so that their contemporaries in the infantry were usually returning from their first commission at sea before they embarked.

After the Eastney course, the R.M.L.I. subalterns returned to their own headquarters for a course of Naval Gunnery which was loathed and detested, and the great inducement held out to those officers who did volunteer for the Instructor's Course in the *Excellent* was that should they obtain a first-class instructor's certificate they need never attend the battery again ! Strange in the present year of grace. After passing musketry we were considered "disciplined and ready for sea."

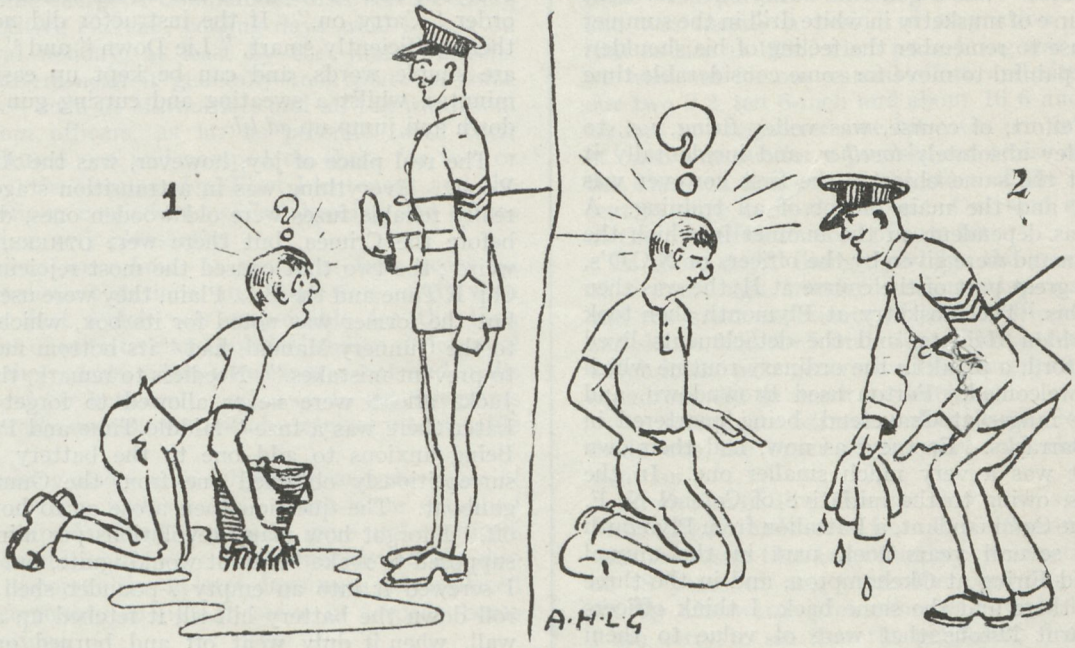
At Plymouth I had the honour to belong to the first course of Military Training (now Field Training), which was then a great innovation, and a very happy six weeks we spent. I and another subaltern retired to Fort Stamford to train the Company (save the mark) ! Our Captain, in the absence of a Field Officer, had been told off to " supervise Field Training " which he did by visiting us for a few minutes about three times a week. However, with the aid of Bannatyne's Questions and Answers on Military Training and an old Wolseley's Pocket Book (that belonged to my father) we started in, equipped with a vast ignorance. Be it remembered that no Sergeant or man had ever seen anything. We therefore started with the drill to pitch tents and copied the designs for Field kitchens out of the books, but needless to say our dinners took a long time in materialising. We were quite irresponsible, trespassed on any land we liked and fought each other in weird battles ; among other items having to be very careful that the bayonets were not actually used by our heroes. However, all ended well and the D.A.G.'s Inspection we successfully defeated the battalion from Headquarters, and were rewarded by both being given good ships in the Mediterranean. It is strange to look back and think how utterly untrained for war we were then and for many years afterwards.

The drill season commenced on 1st April and lasted to 30th September, and during this period the theory was that no leave could be granted except for Derby Day and disembarkation leave. This festive season commenced with Annual Spring Drills in April which every one, from Major downwards, including all office and Departmental staffs had to attend until passed out. Squads were formed and the drill book gone solemnly through from cover to cover commencing with squad drill with intervals. Every one had to pass out before the F.O. of the week in each part, officers giving detail and the men being judged.

Battalion drill took place once or twice a week unless there was a brigade day ; colours were nearly always carried and the band attended. Besides the ordinary movements the three great *pièces de resistance* were the " Manual Exercise " (now called the Handling of Arms—its hard to break the customs of centuries), " Bayonet Exercise " and the " Advance in Line." The first was executed by word of command generally by one of the Captains and it was marvellous how few could get through without some mistake, but the finest spectacle was the bayonet exercise, first by word of command and then in quick time after the word " On Guard." The points and guards were spectacular and to see a well drilled battalion of 600 or 700 men going through this very difficult performance without a mistake was a very fine sight and one on which the Royal Marines prided themselves very much.

Later our Physical Drill cranks introduced Physical Drill to Music, but to see our old four-badgers swinging their rifles and singing at the top of their voices " Sweet Violets," or some other soul stirring ditty was a sight for the gods.

The Advance in Line concluded every drill, and took place across the brickfields, commencing at the top end ; the point of direction being the tower of St. George's Church. The band played and the bayonets glinted,



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but it was a nerve-racking experience for the luckless subaltern who was the centre guide, the Sergt.-Major just behind him trying to keep him straight, and the Adjutant a little further back superintending the direction and murmuring curses and promises of extra drill all the way across the brickfields.

In those days the subalterns were the guides of the companies, and though many and intricate were the manoeuvres, one always heard the soft murmur of the correct command or move from the marker (the Sergeant), and the old right hand man of the company generally saw to it that one did not go far astray.

Garrison Guard was a regular routine, and many weary hours were spent lashed up in a tunic and swordbelt, waiting for something to turn up. At Plymouth this guard was mounted at Mount Wise on the Admiral's and General's houses, but at Chatham and Portsmouth the guard was more of a convict picquet, to watch the convicts who were working in the Dockyards. At Plymouth one acted as host to all the thirsty souls on their way from the Dockyard to Plymouth, and again on their return in the wee small hours back to their ships. There was rarely any excitement, but during the summer one was able to watch the cricket matches from the verandah of the guard house. The artists amused themselves by adorning the walls, and there were some first-class pictures to be seen on the walls in the old officers' room.

I remember during my first summer as a duty officer, that it required some skill on the part of the office Adjutant (now the Brigade Major) to so adjust the duties that there should be an officer available, as there was only my batch of four for the following duties :—

On Monday I was Sub of the Day, relieved at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, and at once fell in for Dockyard party fatigue, when we marched to Keyham yard, at one time a party of a Captain and Subaltern and 100 men, and later a Subaltern and 50, who were employed in arranging stores in the various store houses, under the Yard Officers —the officers spending most of the time in the old *Indus* guardship, making the acquaintance of the quaint brand of Naval Lieutenant then extant, ranging in seniority from 17 to 24 years as lieutenants, without any hope of promotion, and whose principal occupation seemed to be the "bottle," and visiting their parties at regular intervals ; the duty, however, had the compensation of carrying with it half-a-crown extra pay per day. Wednesday one mounted garrison guard at 10 a.m. and dismounted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, and then made oneself scarce for the rest of the day, in case the Adjutant might take a fancy to put one on some job, for Sub. of the Day came round again on Friday.

Musketry Courses were much the same as now, except that firing was at iron targets with bulls' eyes ; the greater number of the practices were fired standing or kneeling. The rifle was the Martini-Henry. The rank and file had a long triangular bayonet and the sergeants a sword bayonet ; the R.M.A. also had a sword bayonet. I remember that there was some myth that they and the sergeants had a shorter rifle, but I never noticed much difference.

Well do I remember the wails of our old bulls-eye marksmen when the Lee-Metford was introduced, which they declared was inaccurate, and with which it was impossible to repeat their wonderful scores. But in one respect the change was much appreciated ; the

absence of " kick " was a godsend. Any one who went through a course of musketry in white drill in the summer had good cause to remember the feeling of his shoulder, which it was painful to move for some considerable time afterwards.

The great effort, of course, was volley firing, *i.e.*, to deliver a volley absolutely *together*, and incidentally it was hoped at the same object ; the first however was the essential, and the main object of all training. A great deal was dependent on the manner in which the words of command were given by the officers or N.C.O's, and in fact a great part of the course at Hythe was then devoted to this. The musketry at Plymouth then took place at Staddon Heights, and the detachments lived at Fort Stamford, a break in the ordinary routine which was always welcomed. Forton used Browndown, and Chatham the ranges at Gravesend, being quartered in the Milton Barracks. Eastney, as now, had their own range, but it was a very much smaller one. In the early nineties, owing to the initiative of Colonel N. F. Way, C.B., the Commandant, a Battalion from Plymouth Division for several years took part in the annual Garrison Field Firing at Okehampton, and in the three days' march there and the same back, I think officers and men learnt lessons that were of value to them throughout their service. The shooting was nothing to write home about, and it was doubtful whether the Artillery (3 Field Batteries) or the Infantry were the worst, in fact rumour said that most of the hits were put on by the officers' swords and the men's bayonets in the final charge. However, one year we nearly bagged the General Commanding and his Staff Officer, and it was always a marvel that they were not casualties.

And now we come to the Naval Gun Battery, and few things have changed more than the attitude with which this place of torture was regarded. In common with the rest of the Navy, Gunnery was looked on as somewhat derogatory, and a thing to be got through as quickly as possible and not mentioned in polite society. The Batteries themselves were mostly armed with muzzle-loading guns ; there were some weird B.L. guns more or less in an experimental stage. The six-inch, with Elswick Cup Obturator, which used to let nearly as much flame out of the breach as out of the muzzle for instance, and some 5 and 4-inch guns on Vavasour broadside mountings. I have been out in the gunboat with these 5-inch guns, running in and out on their own, from the motion of the ship, and we fired between rolls ! There was a weird and awful collection of machine-guns, which, however, all had one thing in common—that they generally went out of gear just as they were wanted. Two and four barrelled 1-inch Nordenfeldts, .45 inch five barrelled Nordenfeldts, two and five barrelled Gardners ; Hotchkiss and Nordenfeldt 3 and 6-pounders were just coming in. Each had a different action and method of loading, which had to be learnt.

Drill at the muzzle-loading guns was hard work. It was early and painfully impressed on the recruit that if he was not nippy, he got hurt ! There were lots of ways of getting amusement in quiet ways, but the man who was a bit inattentive when elevating a 7-inch gun with capstan head elevating gear, soon found himself plastered against the beams overhead. The instructors could always get their own back on an inattentive class by means of the evolution known as " Prepare to Ram," on which all the guns were trained right forward, and everyone had to lie down flat on his stomach until the order " Carry on." If the instructor did not consider them sufficiently smart, " Lie Down " and " Carry on " are simple words, and can be kept up easily for ten minutes, whilst a sweating and cursing gun's crew fall down and jump up *ad lib.*

The real place of joy, however, was the Ammunition Room. Everything was in a transition stage, the only really reliable fuzes were old wooden ones, dating back before the Crimea, but there were OTHERS, many and weird ; the two that caused the most rejoicing were the Cap E Time and the B.L. Plain, they were used together, but the former was noted for its box, which according to the Gunnery Manual, had " its bottom marked *Top*, to prevent mistakes." Needless to remark, the Gunnery Jacks afloat were never allowed to forget this gem. Later there was a fuze " Middle Time and Percussion." Being anxious to add one to the battery I one day surreptitiously obtained one from the Gunner of the gunboat. The question then arose as to how to let it off. I forgot how many revolutions per minute it was supposed to make before it would ignite, but personally I screwed it into an empty 7-pounder shell and let it roll down the battery hill till it fetched up against the wall, when it duly went off and burned quite nicely. There was a bit of a flutter in the gunnery ship when I mentioned it casually to one of the Gunnery Lieutenants.

Shooting took place at a barrel with a flag on it. Anything up to about 100 yards over was a hit, if the line was more or less right, anything shorter was a miss ; but woe betide the unlucky " wight " who managed to hit the barrel. This delayed the firing, and in case of a ship's quarterly firing, might have the disastrous result of delaying the ship's company from their return to the paint pots and polishing cloths. If anyone showed any sign of getting too close the sights were at once raised.

When at last we were fully trained we embarked for service afloat. We found ourselves in a very different sphere to what is now the lot of the Corps. Certainly we had our Gun and Fire Quarters, whilst the n.c.o.s and men had certain stations in the ship's drills, but in these the R.M. officers had no part, and their duties were confined to guard and picquet duty. The routine of the ships themselves was very different from the strenuous decade that commenced about 1902. The " Tin Gods " were Paint and Polish ; masts and yards were fast disappearing, and nothing much had arisen to take their place. The ships steamed and steered very badly ; the average cruising speed of the Mediterranean Fleet was about 4 to 6 knots, and once when we were ordered to proceed as fast as possible to Alexandria in an emergency, we actually raised 8 knots, and left our only cruiser, the *Landrail*, hull down on the horizon. Gunnery was considered a nuisance, because it made a mess of the paint, and it was generally arranged to fire the quarterly firing on the last day of one quarter and that for the next on the first day of the following quarter, so that we were free for the following six months.

I well remember the unholy joy of the Fleet on the first day out from Malta for the summer cruise, when the signal was made for Fire Quarters, and the whole crew of the flagship *Victoria* were observed to be vainly endeavouring to close the gun ports, which were stuck with paint !

Before some energetic Commander discovered Coaling as a competitive exercise, coaling days were looked on as a general holiday, at least by the junior officers. In the Mediterranean it generally took place in some pleasant bay, such as Marmarice, and all the wardroom and gunroom officers, as far as possible, with their servants, cleared out and camped on shore for two or three days ; the Commander, First Lieutenant and the Engineer officers carried on, whilst shooting and games filled our time very pleasantly.

Commissions were long, as much as four years on some of the distant stations, and ships were rarely with the flag, a fact which was responsible for the high development of initiative and political ability of the naval officers of those days, when wireless was not and mails were few and far between ; and even to get telegrams it was generally necessary to send a cruiser into a cable station.

Slave cruising also was in full swing, and the chase of dhows by cutters and whalers, which were detached from their ships for lengthy periods, gave junior officers many opportunities to vary the monotony of big ship life, which opportunities in later days were only replaced for those fortunate enough to serve in torpedo boats and submarines.

Life in the squadrons at sea was varied and interesting, but the lot of a good many lay in the " Gobby " (Coast Guard) ships stationed round the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. These ships were much appreciated by the " bundle men," but were pretty poisonous for the ordinary individual, because, except for the fact that the society in the neighbourhood were generally most hospitable, there was very little to do, and they were responsible for the downfall of a good many officers and men. The period of service in this class was two years, and was mostly a period of stagnation. I remember that as late as 1898, when prize-firing was in force, that we went out for our annual effort, and after discharging our two 9.2, ten 6-inch and about 16 6 and 3-pounders, we had not registered one hit. On our return we were at once sent out for a punishment cruise of ten days in the Channel, and one of the stars of the *Excellent* was sent to show us how to do it. Our next effort resulted in the magnificent score of ONE hit.

In those days, though perhaps the gunnery was not of a very high standard, seamanship was wonderful, and the great experience of junior officers in gunboats and sloops, laid the foundations of initiative and resource which in the next generation the concentration into large squadrons did so much to destroy.

On return to barracks after leave, revision of all drills was the order of the day and the old routine went on.

Promotion of all ranks was very slow, and most of the Field Officers had served from 17 to 18 years as subaltern, with the result that large numbers were retired as Majors at 48 years of age. But the pendulum swings, and shortly afterwards promotion was quick, but nowadays I am sorry to see that the pendulum is swinging back again.

Though it is pleasant to look back on old days, and perhaps to become a *laudator temporis acti*, yet when one reads the accounts of sport, games and work in the *Globe and Laurel*, both ashore and afloat, one cannot but recognise how far and how favourably the Corps has developed and gained in efficiency, comfort and standing.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR (HON. LIEUT.-COL.) ANTHONY MALONE.

We deeply regret to report the death of Lieut.-Colonel Anthony Malone on the 13th November, 1926.

He joined the Plymouth Division in January, 1854 as a 2nd Lieutenant, and received his second star in 1855. As a subaltern he served in H.M. Ships *Impregnable, Havannah* and *Hawke*, disembarking from the latter ship to Plymouth in 1861. He was promoted Captain in September, 1864 and appointed to the Portsmouth Division. As a Captain he served in H.M. Ships *Asia, Valiant, Donegal* and *Hector*, and was attached to the School of Military Engineering at Chatham for six months in 1873. Promoted to Major in 1877, Major Malone served in H.M.S. *Undaunted* for eight months, and was invalided from the Portsmouth Division in May, 1879, with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

DEATH.

ARMSTRONG.—On 1st December, at 51 St. George's Square, S.W.1, Augusta Annie, widow of Colonel W. G. Armstrong, Royal Marine Light Infantry, and daughter of the late Augustus Bewes. The burial took place on 4th December at Putney Vale, and a memorial service was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on 6th December.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 30th November, 1926.

Name	*Pen. No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
AUSTIN, W. J. ..	4753	Mne.	Chat.	1191	16-11-26
BROCKWELL, E. ..	16921	Mne.	Ports.	5279	23-11-26
BEACHAM, T. ..	17149	Mne.	Ports.	1051	3-11-26
BUTLER, T. H. ..	22670	Sergt.	Chat.	6878	19-11-26
CATTLE, S. ..	16390	Mne.	Chat.	29 Coy	3-11-26
CLARKE W. ..	13573	Mne.	Ply.	884	17-11-26
CHAPPLE, G. ..	11991	Corpl.	Ply.	24 Coy.	2-4-25
COLLINS, W. ..	14715	Mne.	Ports.	15772	23-11-26
DAVIS, H. ..	6546	Mne.	Ply.	13926	26-11-26
DIMOND, T. ..	6297	Mne.	Ply.	13057	24-11-26
GROSSE, J. ..	6561	Mne.	Ports.	212	3-11-26
HATSWELL, A. ..	11868	Sergt.	Ply.	52	6-10-26
HAMMOND, H. ..	17572	Musn.	R.M.B.	294	25-11-26
HEWETT, M. ..	11005	Sgt.-Inst.	R.M.A.	5 Coy.	2-11-26
HIGGINS, J. P. ..	17092	Mne.	Chat.	6106	14-11-26
HILLIER, D. ..	11210	Sergt.	Ply.	12982	19-11-26
LAMPERT, J. ..	5643	Mne.	Ply.	10387	1-11-26
OSMAN, H. A. J.	3264	Mne.	Ports.	7333	10-11-26
PITT, G. H. ..	10032	Mne.	Ply.	3493	6-11-26
RIMMINGTON, A.	6906	Mne.	R.M.A.		6-11-26
REDWOOD, F.	11116	Mne.	R.M.A.	8576	20-11-26
TANNER, A. ..	9084	Mne.	Ply	8906	10-11-26
TAYLOR, W. J. ..	9303	Mne.	Ports.	10535	13-11-26
WALPOLE, G. H.	19475	Mne.	Chat.	5289	22-10-26
WHITFIELD, W. C.	18276	Mne.	R.M.A.	1201	23-11-26
WIGHTMAN, A. ..	11472	Bk.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	555	11-11-26
WOODLAND, J. ..	10424	Mne.	Ply.	12604	7-11-26



CORPS GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, Ch., to Brigade-Major vice Sandilands.

Lieut. C. A. Power 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. Date of joining.

Lieut. R. Garrett is attached School of Land Artillery (Coast Wing) for a period of six months commencing 1st Jan., '27.

PROMOTIONS.

Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O., Ch., to Lieut.-Colonel, vice Griffiths. Dated 3-12-26.

Capt. E. T. N. Farmer, Ch., to Major, vice Sandilands. Dated 3-12-26.

Capt. R. W. Spraggett, M.C., Ply., absd., vice Farmer. Dated 3-12-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major C. B. Mullins to *Hawkins* (and as F.R.M.O.), vice Cantrell.
Date of embarkation.

Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., to *Hood* (and as S.O.R.M.), vice Sinclair.

Major H. E. Ravenshaw, from *Royal Oak* to *Royal Sovereign*.

Major E. T. N. Farmer to *Cardiff*, vice Bird.

Lieut. R. H. S. Teek, *Eagle* to *Victory*, addl. for R.A.F. Base, Gosport. Date 7-10-26.

Lieut. F. H. Coucher to *Frobisher*, vice Edmondson, who is a candidate for the Fleet Air Arm.

Lieut. D. J. Grey, Po.,A.I. of G., vice Paine. Date of taking over duties.

Lieut. C. F. Phillips from *Royal Sovereign* to *Royal Oak*.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., has been selected to attend the Junior Division of the Course at the Staff College, Camberley, commencing 21-1-27.

Capt. A. Whitworth has been selected to attend the Army School of Hygiene, commencing 1st Jan., 27.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. J. W. Chown (*Hermes*).
To be Sergt.—Corpl. H. E. Mills.

APPOINTMENTS.

Drafting Office Training.—Mne. H. C. Hollards.
Shoemaker.—Mne. J. Nixon.
Barber.—Mne. C. F. Gilbert.
Recruiter.—Sergt. H. W. Beal.
Divisional Gardener.—Mne. H. Willatts.
Asst. Gardener.—Mne. H. Bridger.
Motor Driver.—Mne. H. W. Palmer.
Asst. Instr. of Signalling.—Corpl E. C. White.

EMBARKATIONS.

Royal Sovereign—Mnes. S. J. Ball, A. Gammon, M. F. Graham, E. N. Howlitt, W. E. Ranson, E. Felton, A. W. Rice. **Vulcan**—Bglr. Mann, L. A. **Repulse**—Corpl. T. C. Fletcher, Mne. T. E. Cogger, P. L. Mussitt. **Pembroke**—Sergt. C. L. Williamson, Corpl. C. Putman, Mnes. W. R. Uden, J. Orchard, S. L. Kenny, R. J. Condon, K. Hills, Corpls. A. A. Quinn, H. W. Solly, S. H. Thorpe, H. C. Smith, H. V. Hesketh, J. .H Dunn. **Marlborough**—Corpl. C. J. Jarrard. **Furious**—Mne. A. Newberry. **Danae**—Corpl. H. Carter. **Dragon**—Cropl. H. Norris, Bglr. H. W. Chitty. **Royal Oak**—Bglr. H. H. Janes. **Ceres**—Bglr. G. W. Dabson.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Cleopatra—Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Owens, Sergt. S. E. Gill, Corpl. M. H. Lyons, Mnes. M. Cooper, A. W. Bramley, E. Stinson, W. E. Cooke, C. Stolberg, V. J. Lush, W. F. Thomas, G. E. Haley, W. A. Turner, D. Campbell, A. Holland, E. Tombleson, F. L. Jennings, H. Leaming, L. F. Buckingham, E. G. Hambridge, H. D. C. Humphries, Mnes. W. J. Bassett, P. S. Nicholls, W. Callis, W. Cuthbertson, J. J. Dervaux, Mnes. W. J. Purcell, F. W. Hunt, W. Cole. **Canterbury**—Sergt. J. C. Gee, Corpl. R. Gayen, Mnes. W. G. Miller, W. Dabill, R. S. Chilton, A. E. Lack, L. A. Sandy, C. R. Naish, P. J. Howard, W. J. Hall, G. J. Steadman, W. Holmes, H. C. Worne, W. A. Edward, H. F. Pilcher, F. W. Curris. **Cairo**—Mne. J. Stevens. **Endeavour**—Sergt. W. J. Betts, Mnes. R. S. Clark, E. James, W. G. King, A. Morris.

Repulse—Mnes. R. W. T. Barker, S. A. Weller, G. McQuillam. **Pembroke**—Mnes. T. A. Hunt, R. A. Chivers, A. R. Buson, F. Plunkett, P. A. Bundock, J. A. Hansford, P. L. Mussett, J. Finney, W. Wise, E. P. Delaney, A. Heal, R. Grear, W. J. Probert, W. F. Lyall, P. L. Dixon. **Furious**—Mnes. W. A. Bainbridge, W. Banting, B. Marshall, A. Newberry. **Royal Sovereign**—Mnes. K. E. Limb, H. Gay, J. Fawcett, J. A. Cushney. **Eribus**—Mne. C. F. Buby. **Resolution**—Mne. T. McG. Batin.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. J. W. Avery, H. Purkins.

2nd Period.—Mne. D. C. Brown.

Invalided.—Corpl. E. J. Riddiford, Mnes. H. T. Everett, B. Barton, F. Bradshaw, W. G. King.

Discharged transferred to R.N. as R.P.O.—Corpl. H. Graham, Corpl. C. Knight.

To Stoker.—Mne. M. Killerby.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.—Clr.-Sergt. B. E. Fox.

To Clr.-Sgt. Sergt. W. J. Mustoo, Sgt. G. W. Snook.

To Sergt.—Corpls. E. H. Aylward, E. S. Week, F. W. B. Grimer, W. A. Fowler.

To Corpl.—Mnes. Henry Turner, F. J. S. Gibson, C. E. Rappe, F. L. Jago, C. R. Cowdy, G. H. Longhurst, Chas. Symes, Frank Langley.

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, A. J. Dawkins, W. A. Clements.

Corporals qualified for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. L. Hockin, A. W. Brinkman, A. G. Crowther, A. P. Lang, H. R. G. Jackson.

Marines qualified for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, H. Phipp, *J. R. Thompson, F. H. Jones, W. S. Hill, *A. H. Brannon, *W. G. A. Hardy.

* Passed for the rank of Corporal, but do not hold the rating of Q.M

APPOINTMENTS.

Small Arms Dept.—Mne. Chas. Laker.

Q.M.S. 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.—Clr.-Sgt. B. E. Fox.

Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Corpl. R. R. Last.

Engineman, R.M. Infirmary.—Mne. W. McIvor.

M.O.A., Lieut. G. H. Morris,—Mne. R. J. Jurd.

Signalling Instr., extended for 6 months.—Corpl. D.E. Prescott.

NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT.

Clr.-Sgt. W. Lamacraft, nominated for Q.M.S.I. Infantry, Chatham

EMBARKATIONS.

Revenge—Mnes. F. A. Bransom, A. McThomas. **Dolphin**—Clr.-Sgt. R. G. Warwick, Mnes. A. C. Milne, A. J. J. Messer, F. Harding. **Victory**—Sgt. Thomas Tatton, for *Nelson*, Corpls. H. Campbell, Mnes. Alfred Street, H. L. Wakeling. **Fisgard**—Mnes. H. G. Bartlett, Herbert Thornton. **Royal Sovereign**—Mne. W. J. Tizzard. **Argus**—Corpl. J. H. Ripley, Mnes. L. T. Cousins, T. A. Culley, Frank Hagan, C. W. Sizer, C. Taylor, W. J. Smith, G. T. Robert, H. J. Brown, W. J. Symes, George Stenning, Horace Ambrose. **Greenwich**—Mnes. A. E. Thompson, Jack Grayer. **Conquest**—Corpl. J. F. Hawkesworth. **Dryad**—Mnes. W. C. Key, John Scotter, Albert Kemp. **Weymouth**—Corpl. F. A. Kenyon, **Furious**—Mne. A. M. Gee. **Iron Duke**—Mne. F. A. Samways. **Renown**—Mne. G. H. Harvey. **Warspite**—Mne. T. G. White. **Egmont**—Mne. W. E. Ballard. **Tiger**—Sergt. N. V. J. Jago, Corpls. Fredk. Horsfall, Mnes. S. V. Kirby, S. V. Todd, A. Russell, H. W. Hansell, A. J. Hughes, J. H. Weller, L. A. Brown, F. W. Pothecary, B. M. Chinnery, W. J. Jefferies, J. W. Pinnock, J. W. Cunnah, William Phelps, A. R. D. Salkeld, J. S. Trimble, W. A. Nicholson, H. L. J. Green, R. J. Owen, H. Disley, B. Micklewright, C. R. Edwards, A. J. Batch, J. M. Gough, J. H. Day, R. W. Leonard, Henry Cook, Thomas Rushton, F. W. J. Dacher, Thomas Varndell, R. Radford, George Horam, Edward Bradford, S. E. Storr, Matthew Wardley, A. R. J. Buckingham.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Tiger.—Sergt. Bailey, Corpl. A. A. Grindley, Mnes. Lewis May, L. E. Wall, A. C. Denyer, George Hamp, A. W. Julnes, Herbert Sutton, Dick Fenn, J. M. Currie, H. J. Brinkman, H. T. Perason, Patrick McKinley, J. W. Marshall, C. W. Haycock, L. T. Caldicott, C. A. Biddlecombe, J. J. Dyer, F. C. Sergeant, W. H. Vile, A. R. Fydon, C. G. Williams, W. T. Warren, R. J. Jurd, E. E. Bacon, Harry Cracknell, Alfred Harris, A. H. Hansell, George Gallop, A. E. Hutchings, Walter Mellor, W. F. Snewen, J. N. Marrow, Fredk. Hewer, W. C. Moss, L. G. Moore, W. E. Morris. **Fisgard**—Mnes. A. M. G. Gee, W. N. Cox. **Furior**—Mne. Herbert Outen. **Dolphin**—Mne. G. H. Harvey, Clr.-Sgt. A. P. Wright. **Dauntless**—Corpl. J. W. Bedford. **Dryad**—Mnes. G. F. Puryer, A. E. Partridge. **Cardiff**—Corpl. K. C. R. Bishop, Mne. W. C. Cooper. **Victory**—Corpl. W. Hedges, Mnes. C. Farr, W. F. C. Hyde, Fredk. Wheeler, Walter Gee, R. D. C. Barnes. **Lowestoft**—Sergt. J. A. Barnett, R. S. V. Lock, Corpls. Fredk. Ormrod, O. R. Dyeth, W. M. East, Mnes. F. J. Wigmore, H. L. Wallace, A. W. Faulkner, W. R. Smith, W. H. Wilkins, E. V. Johnson, Albert Lee, Serve, F. A. Meadows, Frank Maidment, F. H. P. Tuson, M. J. Gannon, Harry Gomer, J. W. Howe, Archibald Brown, S. A. Blackmore, J. E. Castle, Wm. Atkinson, J. W. Buckeridge, Bglr. C. W. Budd. **Victoria and Albert**—Mnes. C. H. Cummington, C. J. Aslett. **Barham**—Sergt. A. G. C. Laker, Mne. A. G. Smith. **Weymouth**—Corpl. E. R. Cowdy, Reg. Turner. **Lucia**—Sergt. H. J. Churchman, Corpls. J. W. Kent, Stanley Shortman, F. G. Blanchard, Mnes. Thomas Barnett, S. J. Russell, Jos. Martin, W. H. Scorey, W. J. Cowdry, Sidney Webb, F. A. Smith, J. L. Metcalfe, S. J. W. Peddlesden. **Warspite**—F. A. Jeapes, Mne. **Tiger**—Mne. Richard Radford. **Iron Duke**—Mne. J. H. Brooks.

TRANSFERS.

Mne. C. Head, *Calypso* from Plymouth.

Mne. Henry Whaler, Deal from Army.

Mne. E. F. Tarran, *Calypso* from Chatham.

Mne. O. H. G. Griffiths, Portsmouth to Plymouth.

Mne. W. J. Moore, Portsmouth from Plymouth.

Mne. F. J. Phillips, from Portsmouth to Chatham.

Mne. W. E. Meadows from Plymouth to Portsmouth.

Mne. F. V. Woodfield, from Plymouth to Portsmouth.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Clr.-Sgt. W. H. J. Darters, Sergt. V. Lush, Mne. C. Jory, Musn. T. J. Moody, Mne. F. R. Smith.

DISCHARGES.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mnes. L. A. Young, Arthur Todd, Henry Richmond.

Invalided.—Mnes. W. H. Taylor, H. Maynard, E. Lawes, S. E. Forsey, W. J. Charlton, W. G. McNeale, Peter Reynolds.

Not finally approved.—E. J. Whitaker.

Termination of 1st Period.—Mne. Harry Waldron.

Termination 2nd Period of Engagement.—Q.M.S. W. H. Harman, Corpl. H. R. Dredge, Mnes. J. Doughty, J. T. Thorneley, E. W. Churchill, R. T. Russell, Frank Crook, Harry Trout, W. H. Barrett, C. C. Gibbs, Clr.-Sgt. William Dorey.

Discharged " Run "—Corpl. E. E. Davey.

Discharge by Purchase.—Mnes. J. H. A. Walker, Alex Armitt.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, C. O'Farrell, F. A. J. Thorne, H. Staughton.

Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, H. J. Leese, F. C. Hill, A. J. Hooper, F.J. Pritchard, E. G. Barber.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgts.—Sergts. H. Gane (Hd. Qrs.), J. Plowman (*Cairo*).

To Sergt.—Corpl. G. Oliver (Hd. Qrs.).

To Corpl.—Mne. W. J. Surgeoner (Hd. Qrs.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Divisional Carpenter.—Mne. E. F. Busby.

Attendt. to Lieut. Penfold.—Mne. E. G. Tolfree.

Typecutter.—Mne. W. G. Purdy.

Boatman, Boats Crew.—Mne. R. J. Salley.

Tailor.—Mne. S. Henry.

Divisional Barber.—Mne. F. Soulsby.

EMBARKATIONS.

Adventure—Sergt. C. J. Standlick, Corpl. A. E. Dunn, Mnes. A. Preece, G. W. B. Chown, S. F. Durrant, W. Siddons, F. Sutherland, S. J. Parsons, W. Black, A. Hanson, W. A. Tyler, W. Allott, J. L. Payne, J. Sowden, G. M. Berwick, C. W. Jakes, A. V. Palmer, I. J. Davies. **Columbine**—Mne. B. C. Gage. **Comus**—Mnes. T. R. Packer, W. S. Houghton. **Colossus**—Mnes. J. H. Burton, A. F. Boon. **Durban**—Sergts. W. J. Kelly, E. J. Lane, Corpls. H. J. Leese, A. H. Long, J. Buck, Bglr. J. D. K. Wall, Mnes. L. G. Comer, W. T. Naylor, E. G. Pope, R. E. Tutton, R. Moore, E. J. Ward, J. Hannant, A. Ellis, F. G. Tozer, J. Barber, G. G. Price, W. E. Hellyer, W. R. Birkett, R. S. Ashley, H. D. Wilson, E. J. Sully, H. V. Seal, G. A. Bryant, R. J. Jay, P. C. Gore, J. F. Bishton, T. R. McCrudden, S. C. Hockley. W. Cusson, R. N. Procter, W. F. Forster, W. E. Tucker, C. D. Crossland,

J. Porter, F. Aspinall, A. F. Bellis. **Defiance**—Mnes. J. Cowlin, Powell, J. W. Wilson, F. W. Chivers, J. T. Gardiner, C. A. Bellamy. **Erebus**—Mnes. F. R. Thomas, F. Williams, W. C. Blackmore, C. W. Ford, F. C. Russell, J. Williams. **Hood**—Mnes. F. Keener, M. McNally, D. Girling, F. M. Vincent, R. Vallance, R. A. G. Nichols. **Impregnable**—Corpl. W. S. Sykes, Mnes. A. G. Weeks, J. McCartney, G. H. Holland, G. French, J. H. Hand, W. C. Tuggey, J. Wild, T. E. Hunt, R. H. Morrow, F. W. Cresswell. **Lowestoft**—Sergts. J. Warren, W. T. Dempsey, Corpls. J. Keery, W. E. Prodger, Mnes. R. Bowcock, J. Penwarne, T. H. Watson, P. Cotter, J. H. Lowe, J. J. Williams, A. E. Prince, O. O. Drewitt, T. Lovell, J. E. Hill, J. R. Price, S. Welsh, A. Cobley, F. H. Page, H. Garland, A. Astle, W. E. Whittington, A. L. Maddock, A. Johnson, A. G. Britton, W. Mason, H. A. Talbot, E. McIlgrew, H. Haynes, Bglr. A. C. T. Preece. **Osprey**—Mne. W. Wolstenholmes. **Pegasus**—Mnes. J. W. Burton, W. Salter. **Ramilles**—Mnes. L. G. Stone, W. G. Forshaw, H. Sheen, **Victory**—Mne. G. Williams. **Vivid**—Sergt. E. Abbott, Mne. M. Killerby. **Command, Deal**—Sergt. C. R. Walsh, Mnes. A. E. Dougal, C. Reed. **Command, Portsmouth.**—Mne. A. E. Hicks.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Durban—Clr.-Sgt. E. E. Tizard, Sergt. J. Reilly, Corpls. S. Trott, H. Brown, A. Heath. Mnes. C. R. Mannell, J. Gallagher, A. E. Ainsworth, T. P. Oreening, J. Uppington, W. J. Craig, H. Kendrick, G. E. Ewings, C. James, A. Stewart, J. Fitsall, P. Allen, E. Borrer, F. Barrington, G. Horne, H. Hoskins, P. J. Heather, J. Irving, F. H. Johns, F. G. Millward, C. McAllister, J. E. Prowse, E. Sams, F. T. Swatton, W. G. Smith, W. G. Samson, F. White, S. Watson, A. G. Weeks, Bglr. G. I. Dowdell, Mnes. J. Lucas, V. J. Jay, G. Starling. **Fisgard**—Mnes. R. J. Hunt, E. Rogers. **Maidstone**—Clr.-Sgt. F. Shill, Sergt. E. J. Burbridge, Corpls. A. H. Tull, G. H. C. Greenham, R. J. Swallow, W. A. Jeffery, F. H. King, Bglr. A. J. Elliott, Mnes. G. W. Cottam, J. Warren, R. Seaman, G. Busby, V. A. Taylor, W. C. Foxworthy, F. Coombes, J. T. Peploe, T. Bould, G. S. W. Robins, A. Cross, L. R. Rowe, H. J. Harris, W. Dorrall, R. H. Morrow, C. H. Walker, H. Roper, W. Nelmes, A. J. Burman, W. L. Stronge, J. King. **Defiance**—Mnes. W. Hall, A. Hopkins, C. B. Partridge, H. W. C. Short, J. A. Jones, F. S. Smith, A. S. Chambers. **Depot, R.M.**—Mnes. S. Evans, L. E. C. Elliott, Bglrs. W. A. Thomas, A. C. Chapman. **Erebus**—Mnes. P. S. Bowden, V. F. Lashbrook, A. V. Porter, C. F. Beeby, A. A. Jones, W. E. Maynard, V. A. Radford. **Impregnable**—Mnes. D. James, S. M. Robson, F. French, W. G. Burrows, S. A. Gilbert, F. E. Coram, J. Macey, J. Gray, Corpl. C. H. Hyne. **Colossus**—Mnes. W. Burt, H. H. Smith, W. T. Wilkinson. **Pegasus**—Mnes. N. Turver, E. F. Glenman. **Osprey**—Mne. H. D. McDowell. **Adventure**—Sergt. C. J. Standlick, Corpl. A. E. Dunn, Mnes. W. Siddons, W. A. Tyler, T. S. Sutherland, S. J. Parsons, W. Black, G. M. Berwick, C. W. Jakes, G. W. B. Chown, A. Hanson, J. L. Payne, A. Preece, S. F. Durrant, W. Allott, A. V. Palmer, I. J. Davies. **Ramillies**—Mne. P. J. Jacobs. **Vivid**—Mnes. C. V. Rainey, A. E. Dougal, B. J. Fitzowen, **King George V.**—Mnes. V. Bray, C. J. Revell. **Frobisher**—Corpl. A. E. Smoker, Mne. C. D. Herring.

TRANSFERS.

To R.N. (Writer Branch).—Mne. M. Killerby.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Clr.-Sgt. R. S. Bray, Sergt. W. G. Williams, Mne. J. Adams.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mne. W. J. Brown.

1st period of Engagement.—Mnes. J. Irvine, L. Wiley.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

To Band Corporal.—Musn. J. H. Williams.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Bandmaster Second Class (for Bandmaster 1st Class).—Sidney Dennis, S. A. Howse, E. W. Donne, Walter Pryce, M. H. Lane, G. C. Holloway.

Band Corporal (to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—T. A. Webb, W. A. Firminger, W. F. Overbury, G. H. Lightfoot, C. R. M. Robinson, A. A. Davies.

Musician (to Band Corporal).—A. J. Stedman, H. G. Rule, W. H. W. Ruel, A. H. Sturmy, Wm. Lang, H. W. Powell.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musn.—Band Boys C. E. Garrett, E. J. Aldred, M. F. Budd, S. J. Swift.

EXAMINATION.

The undermentioned qualified as stated for the rank of Band Corpl. :

No.	*Rank*	*Name*	*Certificate Awarded.*
RMB/2816	Musn.	W. H. W. Ruel	Pass Certificate
RMB/2826	,,	M. H. E. Herod	,, ,,
RMB/1593	,,	I. F. Marcussohn	,, ,,
RMB/2408	Bd.-Cpl.	Frank Penrose	,, ,,
RMB/2873	Musn.	J. H. Parsons	,, ,,
RMB/2451	,,	H. W. Powell	,, ,,
RMB/2842	,,	Jack Woodcock	,, ,,

EMBARKATIONS.

Renown—Musns. Reginald Smith, Jack Stimpson. **Royal Sovereign**—Band Corpl. F. A. Cook, Musns. A. V. Knights, J. H. Bell, M. F. Budd, S. J. Swift. **Warspite**—Bandmaster (W.O.) C. J. L. Hamilton, L.R.A.M.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Warspite—Bandmaster (W.O.) Charles Marks. **Renown**—Musns. George Cockroft, W. J. Wilson. **Furious**—Musn. David Hope. **Tiger**—Musn. J. H. Bell.

DIS CHARGES.

Invalided—Musn. John Costigan.

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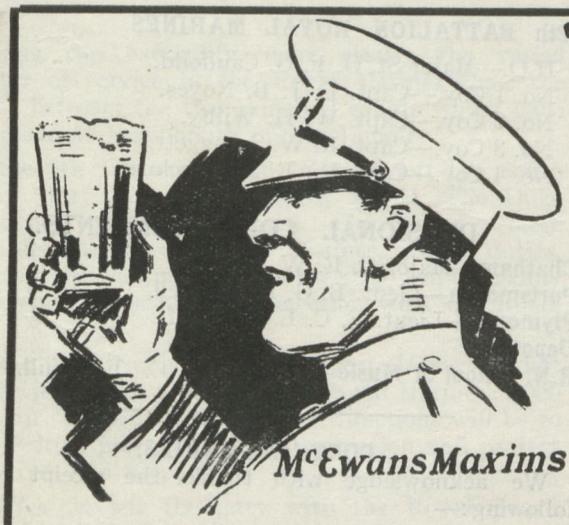


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THE WRONG CUE.—Tommy, very sleepy, was saying his prayers: " Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep—keep—
" If," his mother prompted.
" If he hollers, let him go, eeny, meeny, miney mo!"

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Nothing can exemplify more clearly the varied character of service in the Royal Marines than the contrast between the two principal events which have taken place at Portsmouth during January.

On the 6th January H.M.S. *Renown* left the South Railway Jetty for Australia with T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of York on board. She carried a large picked detachment of Royal Marines, whose duties, apart from their normal work in the ship, will be mainly of a ceremonial nature in connection with the Royal Tour.

On the 26th January the transport *Minnesota* left the same jetty with a battalion of Royal Marines, 1,000 strong, for service in China. Their functions will be to defend British property against aggression and protect British lives and property.

The *Renown* left the jetty with the Royal Guard paraded in full dress on the spotless quarter deck.

The *Minnesota* left with her rigging and boats festooned with enthusiastic khaki-clad Marines cheering lustily.

The Royal Marines shared with distinction in the fighting in China in the first China War, 1840-42, the second China War 1856-60, and in the fighting in China which took place in 1900, and included the historic defence of the legations at Pekin. On these occasions a state of war existed, so the conditions were very different to those pertaining at the present time. Latterly the Royal Marines have performed valuable protective service at Canton and up the Yangtze, and we have all read with pride the recent press reports of their admirable behaviour under very trying conditions at Hankow.

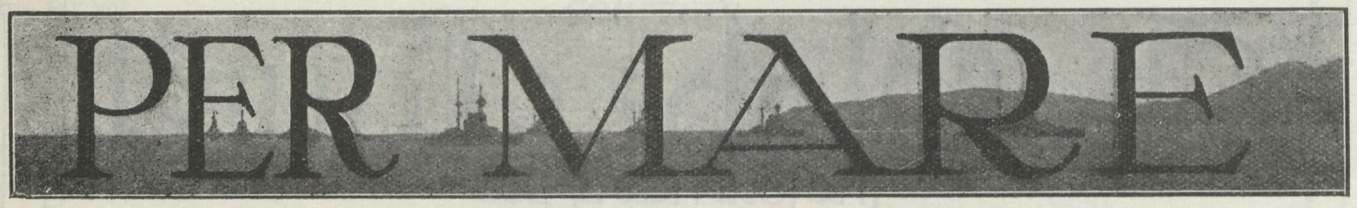
By a coincidence our historical section this month consists of the first instalment of an interesting account of the occupation by the Royal Marines of Port Hamilton off the south coast of Korea. Colonel H. W. L. Holman, late R.M.L.I., very kindly furnished us with this account.

Portsmouth gave Lieut.-Colonel Carpenter and the 12th Battalion R.M. a magnificent send-off, of which we give an account in this issue, and we hope with the help of the Battalion to be able to chronicle their doings fully.

The departure of the Battalion has of necessity depleted football and Royal Tournament teams, but our motto should be "business as usual," as far as sport is concerned, and a splendid opportunity is offered for training new blood.

We deeply regret to have to record the death on the 6th January at Eastney of our oldest Crimean Veteran, Mr. Thomas Pitt, at the age of 94. An obituary notice of this gallant old soldier appears on p. 38.

We wish to thank most warmly the *Daily Chronicle*, the Portsmouth *Evening News*, and the *Hampshire Telegraph and Post* for their courtesy in allowing us the use of their photographic blocks for reproduction; also Mr. S. Cribb, for so kindly sending us photographs of interest for reproduction.



ROYAL TOUR.

"Renown"

The second leave expired at noon 29th December, when the work of preparation for the Royal Tour re-commenced in earnest.

The next few days saw many new arrivals to the ship. It is not proposed to give these in detail, but to some it is felt that reference should be made.

Our band, consisting of Mr. Pragnell, the Musical Director, 3 Bandmasters, 3 Band-Corpls. and 30 Musicians joined on the 1st January. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Boosey & Co., who exchanged our brass instruments, and have thus enabled our Band to be completely fitted with silvered instruments. Eleven of the Band have been specially selected to form the Jazz Band of H.M.S. Renown. Jazz Band instruments not being articles of store, these men are providing their own, with the exception of a Sousaphone which is being provided by the Officers and of a E flat Baritone Saxophone lent by " Albert."

It was felt that it was unreasonable to expect a jazz band to perform their special functions while garbed in tunics and so arrangements have been made for our jazz band to operate in dinner jackets, and this without any call on public funds.

On New Years Eve, the Ward Room had a Ladies' night. Our full band played during the dinner and our jazz band performed after dinner, while the officers and their wives and friends danced on the Quarter-deck. On Monday the 3rd, the Ship's Company gave a Farewell Ball at the Portsmouth Assembly Rooms, our jazz band providing the necessary music. Both of these entertainments were unqualified successes.

Bandmaster Martyr, one of the 3 B.M.'s referred to above is the Drum-major of the R.M. Detachment.

Other arrivals on the 1st January included Sergt. Douglas of the Chatham Division, who has been appointed Bugle Major to the Detachment and 14 buglers, bringing our total number of buglers up to 16. It may interest our readers to know how these buglers are to be employed while in the *Renown*. Normally they will be in four watches, four buglers being on watch at a time: one forward, two amidships and one on the Q.D. Certain bugle calls will be sounded by the twelve buglers not on watch, such calls as Divisions, Evening Quarters and Sunset. These calls will be sounded from a platform half-way up the after funnel, where the buglers will be in a very conspicuous position in the ship and whence their calls can be heard not only all over the ship, but also over the surrounding country when the ship is alongside, which she will be in most of the ports we visit.

As often as possible in harbour, the drum and fife band will beat Retreat on the Q.D. and for this purpose it is hoped to reinforce them from members of the detachment. Whether we are historically correct in performing this function is open to question, but more will be written on this subject later in these notes. Suffice it to say that demonstrations of beating Retreat have been given by the drum and fife band, and the practice, rightly or wrongly, has come to stay.

Another custom we propose to demonstrate is that of firing blank at sunset. Space prevents me from describing the origin of this custom, which doubtless everybody knows, but between beating Retreat, firing of blank by a squad of Marines and the sounding of the Sunset Call with massed buglers with ruffles of drums, we hope to entertain the crowds of spectators who we anticipate will assemble on the jetties, spectators who seldom have the chance of seeing the Royal Marines.

While on the subject of noises in general, reference should be made to our pipers. Three sailors have been speclally embarked for this duty. They brought with them two sets of bagpipes and a third set has been purchased by the Wardroom. We are very grateful for a fourth set which was brought on board the night before we sailed by the Drum-Major of the Portsmouth Division. This 4th set will give an ardent Scotchman in the detachment a chance to show what he can do. Our drummers are being trained to function with the Pipers for those occasions when a drum accompaniment is considered necessary.

The other embarkations to which I propose to make reference are Mne. Uden, specially embarked as Royal Barber, Mne. Bell the ship's printer, an Irish Guardsman as batman to Major Nugent, and two W.R.A.'s as attendants to Press Representatives.

The Irish Guardsman is accomodated in the Marine Barracks and we hope that he will be very comfortable and enjoy his stay with us.

We have four Press Correspondents on board, two of whom represent the combined New Zealand and Australian Press, one Reuters, while one is the official photographer.

Our detachment may seem a very large one but we have to furnish seven sentry posts both at sea and in harbour and in addition to our considerable responsibilities in flats to supply several special parties including a party of six under Corpl. Hunt for duties as Royal Orderlies, Royal Baggage party, etc., orderlies for Lord Cavan, the Royal Staff Office, Barber, Printer, and so on, and yet to be prepared to provide a Royal Guard of 100 whenever it is required.

The eight Silver Bugles were collected by p.m. 1st January, and are now installed in a glass cabinet on the Aft Deck, where they will be on view when not required for duties in connection with State occasions. It is felt that our readers will be interested to know which of our 32 silver bugles have been sent.

CHATHAM.—One in memory of Capt. W. H. P. Richards, Captain R.M.L.I., and Adjutant of

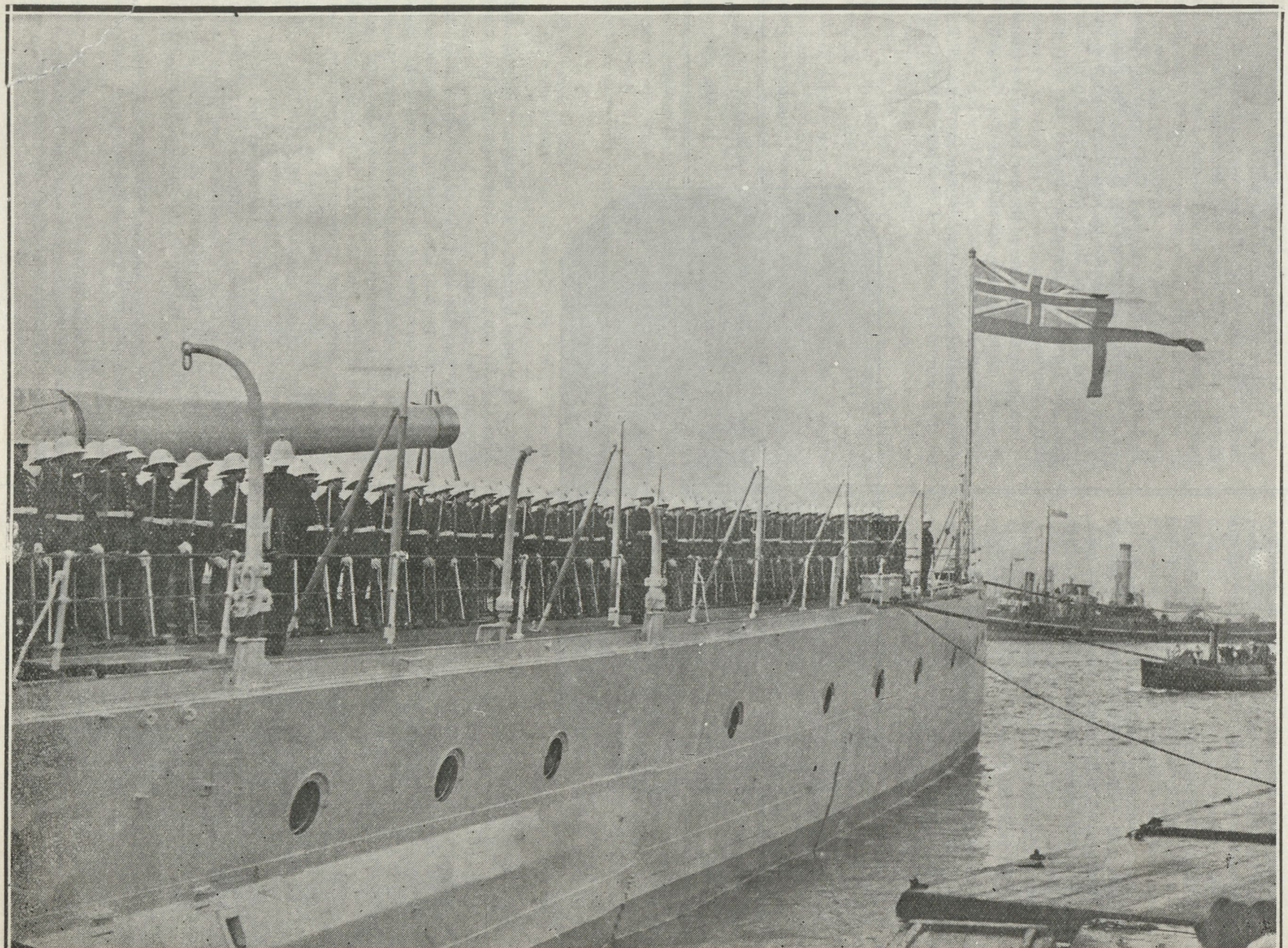


Photo by] THE R.M. ROYAL GUARD PARADING ON THE QUARTER DECK OF H.M.S. RENOWN ON 6th JANUARY, 1927. *[Stephen Cribb, Southsea*

the Chatham Battalion, who fell in Gallipoli, 3rd May, 1915. Presented by Mrs. Richards.

One purchased from the General Silver Bugle Fund.

PORTSMOUTH.—One presented by Lieut.-Col. Langford "To the memory of Officers, R.M., who fell at Zeebrugge, St. George's Day, 1918.

One presented by Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. Wilson and Officers H.M.S. Exmouth, 1904-07, in memory of a gallant shipmate Col. 2nd Comdt. F. W. Luard killed in action 13th July, 1915, Gallipoli.

PLYMOUTH.—Two from the General Silver Bugle Fund.

DEAL.—Two from the General Silver Bugle Fund.

These bugles have been insured against all risks with the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, and the policy left at Eastney for safe custody.

Prior to the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses, all R.M. Buglers were relieved off watch, and while eight buglers with the Silver Bugles were attached to the Royal Guard of Honour, the remainder from their position abaft the after funnel sounded all other calls in connection with the ceremony. T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of York were received by the Guard of Honour with a Royal Salute. The Guard of Honour was subsequently inspected by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, H.R.H. The Duke of York accompanying him. H.R.H The Prince of Wales received a Royal Salute from the Guard of Honour as he left the ship some thirty minutes later.

Judging by the opinions of those on board, the wearing of white gloves added considerably to the general appearance of the Guard.

The heads of departments were presented to T.R.H. on their arrival on board, but at 3 p.m. T.R.H. stated

H.M.S. RENOWN
LEAVING



PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR
JAN. 6TH, 1927

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A short history of the Silver Bugles has been written, and Eastney very kindly had this printed for us. Copies of this document will be placed in the glass cabinet and on the mess decks and given to such correspondents, who may visit us at the various ports.

It is not proposed to deal with the departure ceremony in detail, as it is felt that those standing on the jetty are in a much better position to describe this than those on board.

An interesting point arose in connection with manning ship. Originally it was intended that the Marines not required for the Royal Guard should man a section of the ship's side, and the question arose as to whether the marines should cross their wrists in a like manner to the sailors or alternatively stand to attention. The origin of the custom lies in manning yards, an evolution not as a rule carried out by marines, though it is understood that marines were on occasions called upon as a drill to man the fore yard. Is it therefore historically correct for the Royal Marines to cross their hands ? The situation did not arise as the number of R.M.'s available for manning ship were not sufficient to justify their employment in this manner, but the point is an interesting one for those interested in the historically correct and perhaps someone would like to clear our minds with chapter and verse.

that they wished to meet all the officers of the ship, and later H.R.H. came into the Ante Room and thus made everyone feel at home.

That evening the band played both for T.R.H. and the Ward Room, but the following day weather conditions were such that no bands were required. Some of the more recently joined Royals were observed in a pensive mood, wondering perhaps why they had joined the Royal Marines, but the great thing is that although some may have been temporarily absent from their posts, no one asked to be relieved of their duties and when the weather moderated on Saturday evening, everyone felt that as the experience was one which had to be met sooner or later, the sooner the better. In any case, there were few absentees, if any, for the usual Saturday at sea toast of sweethearts and wives ; while our band played the customary air of "The lass that loves a sailor." We believe this musical accompaniment to be correct.

In the final of the interpart football competition, the Port Watch of R.M.'s defeated the Starboard Watch by 6 goals to nil.

We reach Las Palmas to-morrow, and with the statement that our tug-of-war team has commenced its training in earnest, we conclude our notes for the mail from Las Palmas.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge"

Just at present we have very little of interest for G. & L. readers, but we hope to have plenty of news before the spring cruise is over.

At the moment we are at Portland assembling for the cruise, and just previous to leaving Portsmouth we shipped 6 N.C.O.'s and 63 Marines, mainly recriuts joining their first ship, our worthy Sergt.-Major is on a diet of Damaroids and "Bombay Oysters," but it is rumoured that he has "nearly caught it up," and just now he is in engaged in making out liberty-tickets for the Easter Leave, and filling in Football Coupons.

However, as a body, all these young soldiers are keeping their end well up to now, thanks to somebody we presume, and we hope to maintain the same standard as in previous cruises.

Marines Hamilton and Gosling, and Musn. Frost played for the 2nd B.S. against the B.S.C. in the Group Final of the Navy Cup, at Portland, the Battle Cruisers winning 1—0 after a battle royal.

With great regret, we heard of the death of one of our senior N.C.O.'s, Sergt. Laurence Hacker, at Haslar early in January; he was taken ill on leave at his mother's home near Romsey, Hants, and removed to Haslar.

By the time this article appears in print, we shall have commenced activities at Gib., and next month we shall describe our prospects, and on account of what we have told you, we shall feel extremely hurt if the Mediterranean Detachments treat us as juveniles, and therefore we throw down the gauntlet to the biggest and ugliest of you, in any old side-line you wish to mention, from bayonet-fighting down to Charlestoning

"Repulse"

After ten weeks stay alongside the "wall," we are again about to leave to take our place in the fleet. The majority of them left us on the 6th, but we are remaining until the 17th. when we hope to meet them en route for Gib. Many things may happen to us when we arrive there, including Senior Officer's inspection. By reports we hear we were very lucky to skip the course of musketry at Portland during the last cruise, as, we believe, it was necessary to swim to the firing point and back. The cartoon in your December issue left us no doubt about it.

As this is our first appearance for the New Year, we wish all your readers the best of luck during 1927. We have suffered several losses of men from the cutter's and whaler's crews. These have gone to try barrack life for an indefinite period. Included among them was our tame comedian. After securely lashing him in "Regulation M.O." with gas mask (belt under everything), we gave him his "popgun" and he departed smilingly over the side, much to our regret.

We are trying in their places some of the "100% Marines" who, we hope, will show some of the old blood what they can do. We have got our eyes on the Atlantic Fleet regatta and as soon as we leave here we shall begin training in earnest. We have not had much of a chance for sport as we have been on our own for some considerable time refitting.

The ship's team beat the *Hood* at soccer in the B.C.S. round of the "King's Cup." No marines played in this match, but Moss and Wotton were reserves. Since then Moss played inside-right against the *Revenge* in the same cup. Both of these played for the ship during the time we were at Scotland. This of course may be stale news, but as soon as we left the fleet and returned to "Pompey" all thoughts were turned towards leave, including the correspondent's.

All leave is now finished and "paint ship" is the order of the day, hard graft for a week or two, and then we shall have time to think of sport.

We will "close down" now until next month, when we hope we shall be able to give you some real sporting information.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Frobisher."

On Thursday, December 2nd, 1926, the detachment proceeded by march route to Ghain Tuffieha for the annual musketry course. For the greater part of the first week the weather was very bad, rain and strong cold winds blowing from the sea, making it impossible to carry out instructions in the open. Eventually the weather cleared up and practice on the range was started. After firing one practice, fearing the good weather would not last, it was decided to carry on with classification immediately. Thus by Saturday, December 11th the course was completed, except for the battle practice, which was carried out on the following Tuesday.

On Sunday, December 12th, a match was arranged between the Staff, *Eagle*, *Coventry* and *Frobisher*, which resulted in a win for the Staff by 13 points. We returned to the ship with the fine average of 103.3—21 marksmen, 19 1st class shots and 8 2nd class. Mne. Rand won the 1st prize for revolver shooting with a score of 146; he also took the 2nd prize for rifle with 131, being beaten by Mne. Camp (*Eagle*), who made a score of 136. Mne. Kirk won 2nd prize for revolver with a score of 136. The detachment average for revolver was 107.7. On Sunday, Dec. 26th, after Divisions, the "Close" was sounded, and before all hands Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, R.N., read the range officer's report, in which he stated that the *Frobisher's* detachment had obtained the highest average for the year 1926 in the Cruiser Squadrons, and stood a very fine chance of topping the detachments in the entire Mediterranean Fleet. The Admiral congratulated Major Hamer and the detachment, saying, that he was very pleased to see that it was the Marines of the 1st C.S. that had set this standard. But he was also very proud to know that the standard had been set by the Marines of his own flagship. He went on to say that the Royal Marines were the backbone of all landing operations, and that in the history of the Navy, there had never a year passed but what a landing had been made from H.M. ships in some part of the world or other. The Marines were the first to land, because they were the trained men, and therefore formed the spearhead. He hoped that the ship's company would follow the example of the Marines, and take an interest in their rifle and bayonet as their best pal.

In football we have not been so successful. After beating *Dragon* 4—1 in the second round of the Cruiser Cup, we lost to *Danae* 2—0 in the semi-final. I think

our team was suffering from the after effects of Xmas gaiety.

" **Malaya** "

Having got well over the usual festivities and customs of the Xmas period with orderliness and sobriety, we look forward with great expectations to the future.

With very much regret throughout the whole detachment, our O.C. was confined to his bed with sickness. Nothing daunted, however, a great many proceeded *en masse* to his cabin to give vent to their feelings of " Goodwill " in the " old-time melody," the same being led by the bugler who performed the duty of a " burly Sergt.-Major."

The inter-part marathon was run on the 24th December, the Royals taking 2nd place ; Mnes. Tough and Jolly running 2nd and 3rd respectively. The former being selected for the Ship's Team, the latter unfortunately being " crocked." The Ship's Marathon took place on the 5th January, *Malaya* running 5th.

On the 5th and 16th, respectively, the *Barham* and *Malaya* had a " battle royal " for the Football League Championship, the result of which proved a draw on both occasions. The Detachment being well represented by A/L/Cpl. Smith, Mnes. Powell and Liddington, the latter scoring in the last encounter. A final decision has yet to be fought for on the 5th February, on our return with the Fleet to Malta.

On the 30th December, the Detachment's Machine and Lewis Gunners fired their annual course at Ghain Tuffieha, the results of which although not yet received we believe to be excellent.

We are at present anchored in Phalerum Bay, Greece, in which we are to remain until the 20th, having arrived here on the 13th instant. A great many of the "Jollies " are taking every advantage to go sight seeing, visiting the historical town of Athens which lies five miles inland.

On leaving here we proceed to Dragomesti, at which place we are to spend a very enjoyable week recuperating.

To-day the Detachment received the January issue of the *Globe and Laurel*, many favourable comments being passed upon the reinstated cover design.

" **Delhi.**"

Once more a fortunate few of the detachment has returned to the " simple life " at Ghain Tuffieha camp ; these were the Lewis Gunners and Machine Gunners, consisting of the following : Corpl. Connell, Mnes. Baker, Rampton, Dellar, Evans, Hunter and Allen, and also Mne. Pope, who put his eagle eye to good use on the rangefinder ; as markers Mnes. McKendrick and Osborne rendered valuable services. Everyone anticipated spending a rather quiet Xmas, but due to the hard work of Corpl. Lang, of *Warspite*, who was general mess caterer, and also the generous grant from the canteen at the camp, we had an excellent time. Sports were held on Xmas morning, and here *Delhi* had her share of successes : McKendrick and Allen won the three-legged race in fine style, Osborne got second place in the potato race, and also we had representatives among the prize-winners o other team events. The sports were followed by a football match, Markers *v.* Camp, and Allen again represented us at centre-forward, and succeeded in notching the opening goal of the match, which ended in a 3—0 win for the " camp."

During the stay at Ghain Tuffieha, Mne. Allen fought and won his weights in the boxing competition held at Corradina Canteen, by two k.o.'s and two other contests on points. After returning to the ship, time passed slowly until the day when the fleet sailed for Athens in Greece. En route the usual sham battles and exercises were carried out, much to the displeasure of our " pessimists," who having nothing else to grumble about, had to voice their opinion on " life in the navy," punctuated by many words of that selected language known to every man of H.M. Navy. Arriving at Phalerum Bay at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 13th January, we settled down to a week's stay. Here, riding at anchor, we found the ex U.S. battleship " Mississippi," also two ex British destroyers, which ready informants said were of the " Nymph " class. Anyhow, their exterior looked remarkably clean from where we lay. Prior to sailing from Malta, our Captain cleared lower deck and complimented the detachment on the record they had then set up, and also congratulated Mne. Newton individually on his great performance, which we mentioned in our last contribution. Mne. Desmond was presented with a pair of foils, being the winner of Inter-part Foils and second in the Sabre competition. We should like to congratulate *Frobisher's* detachment on eclipsing the record for Small Arms Training at Ghain Tuffieha, which we formerly held, but we hope to again hold it when next we do the course. The married men, and those contemplating a trip on the sea of matrimony, are seriously engaged in counting the days which have to pass before we sail for England, because rumour has it that we sail on 16th March. Of course, we cannot say where this originated, but we hope it is true this time, as we were disappointed on our return from Australia last year. We see by the list of movements of *Renown* that she calls at some of the ports we called at during our stay in Australian waters, and they will undoubtedly be made the recipients of the generous hospitality of the " Aussies," and also will meet innumerable " Sheilas," who were enamoured of many of our detachment.

In conclusion, I would like to enquire, that in the event of some of our readers becoming yearly subscribers, if their copies would be posted to them on receipt of their address, because we as a detachment are soon nearing the end of our commission on *Delhi*, and undoubtedly they won't be sorry to spend a few days " up the line " on our return.

[Ed.—Certainly send along the addresses and the copies of annual subscribers will be forwarded.]

" **Cardiff.**"

Christmas was celebrated in true Naval spirit aboard " us," and the mess deck looked very gay when our Captain came the rounds. I noticed he was quite amused when he was wished a Merry Xmas by " Past, Present and Future Marines," represented by Bugler Wilmer in an old pattern tunic, Mne. Fisher in the new tunic, and Mne. Lush made a very becoming school boy.

Since the finish of the inter-part league, football has been very tame, but two very nice friendlies have been played against *Eagle*, resulting in a win for us 5—2, and a win for them 4—2 in the second match. We hope to play the deciding game in the near future.

During Christmas week we held our annual detach-

ment dinner, and the committee are to be congratulated on making such splendid arrangements. Major Bird, our O.C. Detachment, very kindly attended, and in reply to the toast "Our Officers," congratulated the detachment on their achievements in sport, and mentioned how sorry he was to leave, his time on the station being in. Vocal items were rendered by Mnes. Ham Lush, Harris and Kite, Corpl. Dutton, *Danae*, kindly presiding at the piano.

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

There is very little news of interest to record this month. The usual routine of the station has been carried out with due precision, and there is very little excitement except for an occasional "invasion" of Ireland Island, which involves the united efforts of all the detachments of the squadron to repel.

We offer our congratulations to the *Colombo* on winning the C.-in-C.'s shoot, but hope next year to emulate their feat.

In the inter-part football league the detachment and band have entered two teams, Port and Starboard watches. The Port watch have played only one game and lost, and the Starboard watch have played two, having drawn one and lost one. We hope to improve on this record in the remaining games to be played.

A friendly water-polo match was played between a team from the detachment and band and the Engine Room ratings. The result was a draw of one goal each. Musn. Bennett scored the goal for the Marines.

The Annual Boxing Championships of the Squadron was held in the Sail Loft, H.M. Dockyard. The detachment and band had two entries. Musn. McNab entered for both the heavy and light-heavy weights, but was knocked out in the first round of each competition. He was, however, awarded a good losers prize. Mne. T. B. Fordham entered for the welter-weight and was only just beaten on points in the final for the championship. His fight in the final round proved to be the best of the evening, and he lost the decision on an extra round being ordered. He fought exceedingly well and thoroughly deserved the good losers prize which was awarded him. He also won the "runners up" prize. The *Calcutta* won the boxing trophy of the squadron from the *Colombo* by a narrow margin of one point.

In Association football the ship's team is in the semi-final of the B.A.A. Cup, but were knocked out in the first round of the Governor's Cup by the *Malabar*.

In the handling code the *Calcutta* have advanced to the second round of the Nicholl's Shield, having beaten the *Colombo* in the first round by 14 points to nil. We meet the Sloops in the second round.

"Calcutta"—1/1/27

This month we have two outstanding successes to record. We have won the Erskine Bowl for shooting, and the Nicholl Rugby Shield.

The Erskine Bowl is a very fine trophy presented by Vice-Admiral Erskine and Officers of the North America and West Indies Squadron in 1897. It is an annual competition to be shot for by teams entered by ships of the Squadron and the Commissioners House. (*Malabar*). The competition consists of 10 rounds snap shooting at 200 yards, 10 rounds rapid at 300 yards, and 10 rounds slow at 600 yards. *Capetown* were holders of the bowl.

The result of this year's competition was as follows :—

Calcutta	.. ..	448 points
Curlew	.. ..	431 ,,
Capetown	.. ..	429 ,,
Malabar	.. ..	347 ,,
Colombo	.. ..	343 ,,

The *Calcutta* team consisted of Major P. Owen, Lieut. Russell, R.N., Sergt. Couzens, Mnes. Bovingdon and Funnell, and A.B. Oakes.

In addition to the trophy a gold medal is awarded for the highest aggregate score. Mne. Sonnen (*Colombo*) and Sergt. Couzens (*Calcutta*) tied with a score of 88 points each, and after a re-shoot, Sergt. Couzens proved the winner by 17 points.

Another trophy that we have captured is the Nicholl Rugby Shield. This shield was presented by Lieut. A. E. Nicholl (R.N.R.) to the Bermuda Athletic Association for annual rugby competition. This competition is open to civilian and service rugby clubs at Bermuda. Each ship of the squadron entered a team, as well as teams from the Green Howards Regt., stationed at Bermuda, and other civilian clubs, including the Bermuda Athletic Association. The final of the competition was between the Green Howard's Regt. and *Calcutta*. Unfortunately owing to heavy rains, the state of the ground spoilt some stages of the game. However, under the leadership of Lieut. Comdr. Halloran (the well-known Irish international), the *Calcutta* won by 11 points to nil. The ship's rugby XV. have had a very successful season, and have not been beaten at Bermuda. The total points scored are 72 for and 3 against. A regular member of the team is Mne. Lauder, who has played many games at Eastney.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Diomede."

On our return to Auckland after the island cruise, the ship went into dry dock to refit. During this period the usual type of dockyard routine was carried out, but an event of outstanding significance took place in the wedding of Sergeant Breckon, at which the detachment was well represented. On the 20th of September we went into the Hauraki Gulf for a week's gunnery and exercises, after which we again returned to Auckland for the leave period. It was on the 20th October that we arrived at Wellington, and whilst here the detachment went into camp at Trentham—the Bisley of New Zealand—for two periods of a fortnight each. Table "R" was fired, also an R.M.R.A. competition, in which Sergt. A. R. J. Howard won the silver medal, but passed it on to Marine W. S. Mansell, and Marine C. F. Dale won the bronze medal. We left Wellington on the 25th November, and went to Picton for a week. Picton is situated on the north of South Island, and has an excellent natural harbour ; gold mining is carried on in the district, otherwise its chief importance is its harbour. The Navy League were most generous to us whilst we were there, and gave several dances for the ship ; on board we gave a dance, an "at home" and two concerts, at which the detachment were well to the fore. From Picton we went to Napier, a small town in Hawkes Bay, on the east coast of North Island, where we stayed for seven days, and then went to Gisborne for four days. We arrived at Auckland on the 14th December, where we shall remain for five weeks for the Christmas leave period.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

The Chatham Company of the Royal Marine Cadets have been congratulated by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Director General, Territorial Army, on their winning the Imperial Challenge Shield for 1926. The Chatham Cadets have further added to their laurels by winning for the fifth year in succession the Shield for the Junior Section of the National Roll of Marksmen.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel A. S. Cantrell, now serving in *Hawkins*, has been appointed Brigade Major vice Major P. Sandilands, who has been promoted. It is hoped that Colonel Cantrell will be home in time to start the cricket season.

PORTSMOUTH.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Three hundred children took part in a party given by the Officers on the 11th January, the Theatre and Gymnasium being tastefully decorated for this purpose. Among the many side-shows, a splendid slide, built by Lieut. Salter, proved the most popular, with the "Cat Ladder" coming a good second. At the "Aunt Sally," Lieut. Masters and Clr.-Sergt. Jones, as volunteer targets, were in their element, and the latter, although twice wounded in the right eye by a tennis ball, gallantly defended the fort to the end, and in spite of his wounds, has now proceeded on service to China. At the electric "Dip" for pennies, the record haul of 1/11 was made by the offspring of a well-known officer—he was suspended after this! There was dancing in the gym., a jazz band, consisting of Lieuts. Clanchy, the Brothers Pym and Ross, providing the music, with Lieut. Lordon providing the comic side as conductor.

In the miniature rifle range, Capt. Jameson had rigged up a most ingenious target for the children to shoot at.

More ice-cream was consumed than at any time in the history of Eastney, and it is hoped that none of the guests had any ill effects the next day. A great deal of the success was due to Q.M.S.I. Peasnall and the P. & R.T. Staff, who assisted so well to keep the ball rolling, and we must not forget the artistic way in which the decorations and awnings had been set up by Clr.-Sgt. L. G. Gordon and the Boat's Crew, nor the very up-to-date lighting effects provided by Mr. Weaver.

PLYMOUTH.

Mr. F. R. Timewell, who for 26 years was Foreman of the Works Department, and a well-known figure in the Barracks, and also in Stonehouse, has recently been appointed Clerk of the Works to the Medway Union Hospital Extension at Chatham. We feel sure that this news will be read with pleasure and interest by all his many friends, both past and present, of the Plymouth Division.

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY.

The Annual Xmas Tree and Party was held in the Drill Shed on the 23rd December, 1926, approximately 650 children attended, whose ages ranged from one year to fourteen; also 150 parents accompanied the younger ones. The drill shed was decorated to suit the occasion, a large Xmas Tree, tastefully decorated, stood in the centre—this was kindly presented by Colonel Craven Hoyle, T.D. There were many forms of entertainment, the most popular being the round-abouts, chute, and several decorated trolleys, the latter always besieged by the smaller children. Tea was served in the canteen lounge, the children being visited by the Colonel Commandant and Mrs. Paterson, also many officers and their ladies. Presents were distributed to children between the ages of nine and fourteen by Mrs. Paterson in the Divisional Theatre, where Father Xmas paid a visit later, and gave the younger children their gifts. Apples, oranges and sweets were distributed amongst the children before finalling departing. All arrangements were under the supervision of the President —Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Bennett—most ably supported by the committee, of which Corpl. Dodge was Hon. Secretary.

DEPOT

OUTSIZE IN RECRUITS.

A recruit, one Charles Wood from Somerset, has given the 1st Quartermaster cause for much brain fag and Insomnia. He takes 13's in boots and shoes. Every effort was made to fit him. All the existing stocks of boots and shoes were tried and the cases in which they arrived; the latter fitted all right, but they are on charge and returnable.

The Master Shoemaker eventually fitted him by using the normal amount of leather required for two pairs to make one.

The next problem is—what about Gym shoes? At present he is wearing boots for P.R.T. Instruction, but the Staff are experimenting with soled and heeled "Pussers Socks."

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CARNIVAL DANCE.

The Carnival Dance held in the Concert Hall by the Boys of the School prior to proceeding on Xmas leave, was a huge success. A large gathering of relatives and friends were present; the usual carnival novelties were distributed.

Fair Maid: "Oh, sir, what kind of an officer are you?"

Officer: "I'm a naval surgeon!"

Fair Maid: "Goodness! How you men do specialize!"

THE 12th BATTALION ROYAL MARINES.

In the evening of the 14th January telegraphic instructions were received at all R.M. Divisions to form a battalion, 1,000 strong, to be ready to proceed in a transport from Portsmouth on the 19th January. The orders were secret, but anybody who had read his daily paper of late could only be allowed one guess as to the destination. The ban of secrecy was shortly reduced, and the world and his wife knew that they had guessed right, and the destination was Shanghai, the object being the legitimate defence of British life property and interests from the inroads of the Bolshevik inspired Cantonese armies and their leaders, of whose methods at Hankow the world is fully aware.

Tremendous enthusiasm prevailed, and all preparations were pushed forward at the utmost speed. Lieut.-Colonel Carpenter and Major Caulfeild arrived on the 17th January, the Chatham and Plymouth contingents during the afternoon of the 19th, and it was hoped that the embarkation would take place on the 21st.

The accommodation at Eastney was taxed to the utmost, but the troops made light of all discomforts, and the general atmosphere was most cheery, in spite of a bad raw spell of weather.

The battalion held its first parade as a battalion on Thursday the 20th January, in the afternoon, and presented a fine spectacle.

The transport selected was the *Minnesota*, of 11,000 tons and 15 knots, and she is commanded by Captain W. S. Pollard. The ship has been laid up for some time at Antwerp, and consequently had much to be done to her. The fog in the Scheldt caused further delay, and the ship did not arrive at Portsmouth Harbour till 8 a.m. on the 25th.

On Sunday the 23rd January there was a memorable Church Parade and Service for the Battalion, which is ably described by the correspondent of the Portsmouth *Evening News* of the 24th January as follows :—

" Eastney was en fete yesterday when the battalion attended church parade under Lieut.-Colonel Carpenter. Leave had been granted to those whose homes were in the neighbourhood, but the muster on parade was 600, and the men looked spruce and workmanlike in their foreign service khaki. Before the parade fell in the sun's rays burst through the clouds and dispersed the sea mist that had hung over the barracks, and while the service was being held a large crowd of relatives friends and general public lined the sides of the parade ground to watch the battalion march from church for dismissal. Headed by the Divisional Band, smart in their blue uniforms and white helmets, and led by the tall Drum-Major, the battalion passed in front of the officers' mess, where had congregated Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., with his staff and many other officers, accompanied by their wives, families and friends. It was an imposing spectacle as the Commandant took the salute. Marching with clockwork precision the battalion formed up on the parade ground, the band played for their own spectacular slow march, followed by the ever popular " Life on the Ocean Wave," and then with the battalion at attention, with officers at the salute, and the crowd of civilians bareheaded, the National Anthem was played and the parade dismissed after the officers had fallen out.

The sermon at the church was preached by the Senior Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Maundrell, whose final and impressive words were ' Good luck, in the name of the Lord.' "

The *Minnesota* was reported to be arriving at 8 a.m. on Monday, and all gear was packed and orders given for the final parade to take place at 2 p.m., but about 11.30 a.m. it was known that the ship was fogbound, and the departure was to be put off for twenty-four hours.

On the 25th all was in readiness in good time, and the drill shed at Eastney presented a most animated and interesting scene, with the band playing popular airs, to which the men sang and danced whilst waiting for dinner time. The outstanding feature was the splendid cheery frame of mind of the troops. Naturally a few were a bit sad at having to leave their families for a somewhat indefinite period, but the saddest of all were probably some of the keen men, who for various reasons could not be included in the battalion. At 1 p.m. the battalion paraded for marching off, and the correspondent of *The Times* gives the following account of the march to the Harbour and embarkation :—

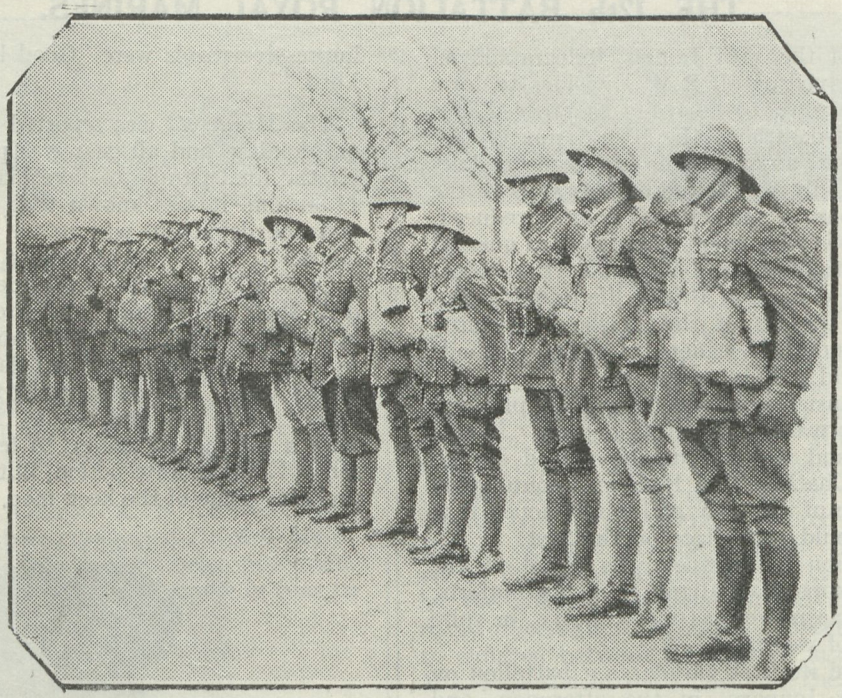


LIEUT.-COL. G. CARPENTER, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M.,
(Commanding 12th Battalion R.M.)

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" Portsmouth took a cheerful farewell of the Marines to-day. The battalion, an exceptionally fine body of men, paraded at Eastney Barracks at 1 o'clock. Twenty minutes later, with bands playing, and Lieutenant-Colonel Carpenter at the head, the force marched by, a huge Union Jack flying tautly before a fresh south-westerly wind, where Lieutenant-General A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines, stood to take the salute. The battalion then proceeded by way of Southsea sea front and the terraces to the dockyard.

Crowds lined the three-mile route, and there were many bursts of cheering. It was observed that the hearty send-off given to officers and men had no militant or aggressive note. Jests and laughter alternated with the cheers and fluttering of women's handkerchiefs, and from groups of sailors and soldiers who shouted greetings wishes were expressed that they too were under orders



OFFICERS OF THE 12TH BATTALION R.M. WAITING TO "FALL IN" AT EASTNEY.

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for the Far East. The Marines themselves, with whom 'Chinese Moon' and 'Shanghai' have been popular tunes since they assembled at Eastney last week, look upon their voyage as a pleasant adventure, and the chief concern of some of them to-day seemed to be that the battalion might be recalled before they reached Chinese waters.

As the battalion approached the dockyard the crowds became dense. From the top of the High-street the naval band of H.M.S. Victory fell in at the head and played the men to the harbour. From the window of the Garrison School children cheered with shrill enthusiasm and clamoured for souvenirs to be brought back for them. Outside the Gunwharf a guard had been mounted by H.M.S. Vernon, and this presented arms as the Marines swung by. Portsea Hard the last stage to the dockyard, was thronged with well-wishers, and cheering was general as the men marched through the gates at the end of the old highway. Comparatively few civilians had been allowed to gather on the South railway jetty, at which the *Minnesota* was berthed, as the embarkation of a large number of men is a busy and involved operation. Two hours were taken up in getting the battalion on board.

Among those who watched the embarkation were the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, the Vice-Admiral commanding the Reserve Fleet, Vice-Admiral H. D. R. Watson, the Admiral Superintendent, Rear-Admiral B. S. Thesiger, Lieutenant-General Hutchison, Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, Colonel-Commandant, Portsmouth Divisional Royal Marines, and Air Commodore E. A. D. Masterman, commanding No. 10 Group, Royal Air Force.

File by file the Marines scrambled up the steep gangways to the deck of the *Minnesota* and were directed to their quarters in the transport. When they had disposed of their packs and equipment the men—who had exchanged helmets, in which they had marched, for Service Caps—gathered on the poop or lined the ship's rails to look on the animated scene below them. Lorry after lorry arrived with stores, kit-bags, and officers' baggage, which, it was noted, included golf clubs and tennis rackets. Working parties of Marines carried these on board and were still fully occupied when the *personnel* of three flights of the R.A.F. came to the jetty for embarkation.

At 5 o'clock the dockyard was closed to the public. Before going on board Colonel Carpenter expressed his appreciation of the splendid send-off which the people of Portsmouth had given to the Marines and his pride, in commanding so fine a battalion."

The first night on board was, under the circumstances, not too comfortable, but everybody had recovered their spirits in the morning.

The following vivid description of the departure of the *Minnesota* from the South Railway Jetty at 8.40 a.m. on the 26th January is taken from the Portsmouth *Evening News* of that date :—

"There is nothing impossible to a Marine—so Eastney folk aver, and it is quite likely that they will teach the 'Heathen Chinee' the official anthem of the Ancient Order of Frothblowers in the same way that Tommy Atkins taught the French and Belgian peasants 'Tipperary.'

The 12th Royal Marine Battalion that left Portsmouth this morning en voyage for China has adopted the anthem, which goes with such a merry swing, and the words of which are—

The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together, the merrier we will be.
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends,
The more we are together the merrier we will be.

The South Railway Jetty at H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, was crowded with relatives, friends, and well-wishers of the Marines, who are accompanied overseas by Naval ratings and Royal Air Force details, the whole party making up about 1,500, including the crew of the *Minnesota*.

The Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock), with members of his staff; the Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines (Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Hutchison), Col.-Commandant J. B. Finlaison (Commanding Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines), and other senior officers from Eastney barracks, the Admiral Superintendent (Rear-Admiral B. S. Thesiger), and Commodore G. O. Stephenson, of the Royal Naval Barracks, attended in their official capacities, and joined the relatives of the officers and men in giving the battalion an enthusiastic send-off, the like of which has never been seen since the days when trooping from Portsmouth last had the full light of Press publicity given to it.

The *Minnesota* towered above the jetty. On her foremast she flew the 'blue Peter,' a flag rarely seen in a naval port, but one which is hoisted by all mercantile ships on sailing day. The troops crowded the decks on the jetty side of the ship, climbed into the lifeboats that swung on the davits, hung on to the rigging, and climbed the masts, the top man of all, of course, being a bluejacket, who amused the crowd by attempting to Charleston to all sorts of inappropriate ditties. The scene was a striking one, for the drab khaki of the Marines was relieved here and there by the powder blue of the Royal Air Force and the navy blue of the senior service.

Standing on the promenade deck just abaft the bridge was Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.O., the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, with his Second-in-Command (Major St. G. F. G. Caulfeild), his Adjutant (Capt. H. T. Tollemache), his Assistant Adjutant (Lieut. G. V. Walton) and his Sergt.-Major (R.S.M. W.O. (I.) A. A. Attwood).

There were three bands in attendance on the jetty—that of the Portsmouth Division Royal Marines, the drums and fifes of the Division, and the Bluejackets' Band of H.M.S. Victory. There was hearty community singing by the men on board as preparations for departure proceeded, the bands in turn playing lively tunes. The 'Frothblowers' Anthem' was the more popular, though a great rendering of Elgar's 'Land of Hope and Glory' stirred the senses of the listeners as it was taken up by the choir of well over 1,000 voices.

If there is anything a bluejacket takes an unholy delight in doing it is to metaphorically 'pull the leg' of a 'Joey,' and in the circumstances it may not have been mere chance that one of their chorus tunes was 'Wait till to-morrow night,' for the transport will doubtless be ploughing its way through the tempestuous Bay of Biscay some time to-morrow. The Marines may see the joke then, but this morning they gleefully chanted the refrain.

The first real general cheer went up when the gangways were lowered. This was also the signal for wives, sweethearts and children to surreptitiously search for handkerchiefs that were used for another purpose as well as to wave farewell. There was, however, very little grief ostentatiously displayed.

As the last hawser was cast off and hauled in the Divisional Band played 'Auld Lang Syne,' and then the Royal Marines' march past, 'A Life on the Ocean Wave,' but as the vessel swung out into the harbour and was borne out towards the Solent everyone on board, from Lieut.-Col. Carpenter to the youngest bugler, roared out 'The more we are together,' and kept it up until the hooters and whistles from the shore and sirens of the ships in the harbour drowned the sound of singing by the volume of their stentorian message of farewell.



(*By kind permission of The Daily Chronicle*) PLYMOUTH COY. SALUTING LIEUT.-GEN. SIR A. R. H. HUTCHISON, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., ADJUTANT-GENERAL, ROYAL MARINES, ON LEAVING THE PARADE AT EASTNEY.

On the Gosport side of the harbour, as well as on Portsea Hard, at Point, along the Hot Walls, Clarence Pier, and the Southsea Front, sightseers gathered to see the ship steam out to Spithead.

The Royal Air Force gave a little demonstration of their own. From the time the *Minnesota* left the harbour until she was heading for the open sea, two machines manoeuvred over her, dipping and banking in daring style, and the airmen's adieu was acknowledged by the officers and men on the transport waving caps and handkerchiefs.

By the time the *Minnesota* had got into the deep water channel off the South Parade Pier, dense volumes of



THE 12th BATTALION R.M. PASSING HAMPSHIRE TERRACE EN ROUTE FOR H.M. DOCKYARD.

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smoke were pouring out of her red and black funnels, and she disappeared on the first stage of her five weeks' voyage into the mist and drizzling rain."

The composition of the Battalion is as follows :—

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

C.O.—Lieut.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C.
2nd in Command—Major St. G. F. G. Caulfeild.
Adjutant—Capt. H. T. Tollemache.
Quartermaster—Lieut. E. C. Green.
Sergt.-Major—Sergt.-Major A. A. Attwood.

HEADQUARTERS WING.

No. 1 Group.
Signalling Officer—Lieut. R. D. Hale, D.S.M.
Personnel from all Divisions.

No. 2 Group (M.G. Platoon)
Platoon H.Q. .. Capt. E. T. Harden
M.G. Sections .. Lieut. E. C. Hoar
Lieut. P. W. O'H. Phibbs
Personnel : 1 Section from Plymouth.
1 Sub-sect. each from Chatham & Ports.

No. 3 Group.
Asst. Adjutant . Lieut. C. V. Walton
Personnel from Portsmouth.

Attached.
Medical Officers . Surg.-Comdr. C. E. Greeson, M.D.
Surg.-Lieut. H. H. Fisher

Company Officers.

No. 1 Company (Chatham)
In Command . Capt. R. C. A. Glunicke
2nd ,, .. Capt. E. J. B. Noyes
Platoon Cdrs.. Lieut. A. E. Wescott
Lieut. C. R. L. Scott
Lieut. H. McC. Slater
Lieut. G. P. Carless

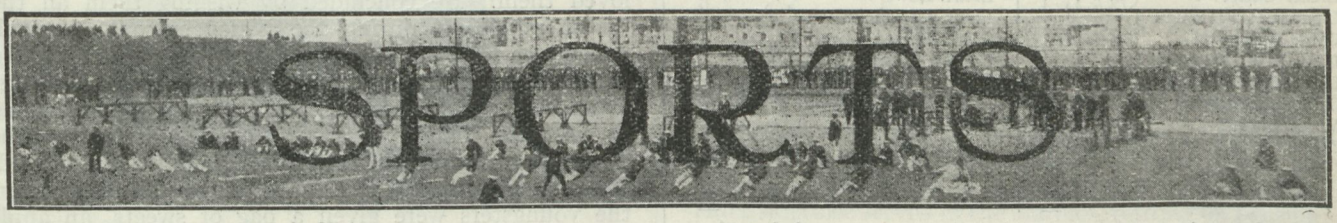
No. 2 Company (Portsmouth).
In Command . Capt. C. A. C. Lucas
2nd ,, .. Capt. W. H. Wilby
Platoon Cdrs. . Lieut. S. G. P. Paine
Lieut. F. B. Pym
Lieut. D. R. L. Pym
Lieut. C. H. C. Masters

No. 3 Company (Plymouth)
In Command . Major C. E. S. Wright, O.B.E.
2nd ,, .. Capt. R. W. Spraggett, M.C.
Platoon Cdrs. . Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmore
Lieut. H. C. G. Blandford
Lieut. A. H. R. Buckley
Lieut. J. F. M. Moulton

No. 4 Company (Composite).
In Command . Major P. W. Malcolm, O.B.E.
2nd ,, .. Capt. W. F. S. Fawckner
Platoon Cdrs. . Lieut. A. J. Wright
Lieut. S. G. Cutler
Lieut. P. Phillipps
Lieut. V. H. Deane

Personnel :
Headquarters and 2 platoons from Portsmouth.
1 Platoon each from Chatham and Plymouth.

There was I, waiting near the ship,
Waiting near the ship,
Waiting near the ship ;
When I found he'd given me the slip.
I tried to board the liner.
Then they handed me a note—
Here's the very note—
This is what he wrote :
Can't get away to marry you to-day,
I'm off to China !



PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Divisional team has been holding its own in both Cups and Leagues since the last publication of this Journal. During Christmas our programme was heavy : on Boxing Day we went to Salisbury—the present leaders in the Hants League—and lost by 3—1, after a very good game. Had we not been without the services of Corporal Lyons and Sergt. Arnold the result would probably have been reversed. The next day, with a strengthened team, we went to Cowes and drew 2—2. On the Saturday following we went to Andover with a very depleted team, owing to several of our best players being away, and won 3—1. Our return fixture with Cowes finished all square, 3—3. Our next match in the Hants League was against Basingstoke, which resulted in a handsome victory by 6—1, Marine Davidson helping himself to four more to his already big bag.

Since the New Year our U.S. League games have been very few. The first team beat H.M.S. *Vernon* 2—1, and until the forming of the Battalion held a very good position in Division I. Our third team have performed very well in both U.S. and P.N.E. Leagues, and would probably have won one, if not both, had they not been depleted by the embarkation of several promising recruits.

Marine Davidson, Corporals Lyons and Odey are regularly picked to represent the Navy or County, the first named being still our top scorer and playing as well as ever.

Through the formation of the 12th R.M. Battalion our team has been sadly depleted, and it is feared that several of our fixtures will have to be cancelled.

Marine Elsey, who was in such wonderful form before being injured, is about to make another start, which will be welcomed by all our supporters.

The suspension of Marine Derrick was a great blow to us, as the left-half position is such a hard place to fill, but with all the difficulty, we shall do our best to keep football alive in the division.

RUGBY.

12th Jan. *v.* Casuals "A" Lost 9 pts. to 6 pts.

A good hard game, unfortunately only 13 a-side, our opponents arriving two short. The forwards packed well but failed to heel with the result our three-quarters were often on the defensive.

Tries were scored for us by Lieut. Buckley from a neat breakaway by our halves on the blind side in our own "25," and Corpl. Walker,

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

We started the second half of the season with a depleted team owing to leave, but since settling down, we have improved our position in the District Rifle League. The following matches have been fired with results as under :—

RIFLE LEAGUE.

R.M. 753 pts. ; Raiiway R.C. 762 pts
R.M. 761 pts. ; Fareham R.C.759 pts.
R.M. 756 pts. ; 6th Hants 756 pts.

"LEE" CUP.

R.M. 757 pts. ; City R.C. 741 pts.

In the next round of the "Lee" Cup, we meet H.M.S. Excellent our old rivals. The Division has also entered teams for the *Portsmouth Times* Challenge Shield which is being fired about the middle of February.

DEPOT.

GOLF.

The return golf match between Depot Royal Marines and Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, was played at Cobham on Sunday, January 9th, and resulted in a win for R.N.B. by 8 matches to 2 with 2 games halved.

SINGLES.

Depot R.M.		R.N. Barracks.	
Lieut. Cutler (2 & 1)	1	Lieut. Lowe	0
Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell	0	Lieut.-Cdr. Nicholson (5 & 3)	1
Capt. Wilkinson (halved)	½	Capt. Leveson-Gower (halved)	½
Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell	0	Comdr. Cornabé (3 & 1)	1
Lieut.-Cdr. Hopson	0	Comdr. Ingham (2 & 1)	1
Capt. Morford	0	Adml. Goodenough (1 up)	1
Major Bourne	0	Lieut. Hujonin (2 holes)	1
2/Lieut. Fisher (halved)	½	Lieut. Simpson (halved)	½
	2		6

FOURSOMES.

Lieut. Cutler Lieut.R.P.O'Donnell	(3 & 1)	1	Lieut. Lowe Lieut.-Cdr.Nicholson	0
Capt. Wilkinson Lieut.B.W.O'Donnell		0	Capt.Leveson-Gower Comdr. Cornabé	(4 &3) 1
Lieut.-Cdr. Hopson Capt. Morford		0	Comdr. Ingham Adml. Goodenough	(3 & 2) 1
Major Bourne 2/Lieut. Fisher		0	Lieut. Hujonin Lieut. Simpson	(3 & 2) 1
		3		9

The following programme has been arranged for the next few months :—

1. Inter-Squad Bayonet League. For which a cup has been presented. Teams of 8 and a Leader. Squads to compete 143—148 inclusive.
2. Inter-Company Football League.
3. Cross-Country Running. This will take place on Wednesday afternoons. 3 Recruits per Squad each Wednesday.

Practice for Bayonet Team is in full swing, but we sigh for the help of some Trained Soldiers.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School's team have not played a match since their return from Xmas leave, and several of the members have unfortunately been drafted, but it is hoped to call on some of these players who are in R.N. Establishments in the port.

The boys are doing very well in the various leagues, especially the Junior Boy's who trounced St. Jude's Old Boys in the 3rd round of the Lad's Cup Competition by the large margin of 16 goals to nil.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

LODGE HILL.

Our annual Christmas Party took place on Thursday, 23rd December. The recreation hut was very tastefully and seasonably decorated for the occasion. Tea was at 4.30 p.m., at which about 200 sat down. A variety entertainment followed, to which the parents and friends were invited. The Company now mustered over 300. Promptly at 6.30 the concert commenced, the artistes being P.C.'s Colan and Sharp, Masters Colan and Monks, Mrs. Colan, and Miss Sharp, who kept the audience highly amused for an hour, P.C.'s Sharp and Colan excelling themselves by their comic songs and patter. At the conclusion of the concert, P.S. Flowers introduced Mrs. Bucknall, and said she had kindly consented to present the gifts to the children, which consisted of boxes of chocolates to the elder children and toys to the younger ones. After the distribution of gifts, P.S. Flowers called for three cheers for Mrs. Bucknall, which were lustily given by the youngsters. Capt. Bucknall then spoke a few words, saying he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves—in fact, he knew they had—and he thought they all ought to thank the committee, also the willing helpers, not forgetting the Concert Party, for the success of the evening, and he called for three cheers for them. Mr. A. W. Burton (S.A.S.D.) then spoke, saying how pleased he was to see them all enjoying themselves, and that he was sorry he could not be with them the whole evening, but he would like to mention that he had been connected with the Royal Marines for a quarter of a century, and there were only two things a person could do—love him or hate him—and he did not want to hide the fact that he loved them. He concluded by wishing them all the "best possible" during the Xmas season. A small dance was then given for the younger children during which refreshments were handed round to the adults. When the youngsters took the floor, it was surprising to see how many young children had mastered the Terpsichorean art, the latest dances being well executed. On the conclusion of the dance, which lasted an hour, the youngsters were given a bag of sweets, an apple and an orange. A dance, lasting till midnight, then took place for the adults, which was much appreciated by all ; P.C. Colan was the M.C. The Lodge Hill Jazz Band provided the music.

Among others who looked in during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Boutwood and Mrs. Gallon. The Committee were composed of P.S. Flowers, P.C.'s Govier, Steer, Bloomfield and Salter.

Teacher : "Concrete is that which can be seen ; abstract is that which cannot be seen. Now give me an example of concrete !"

Willie : "My knickers !"

Teacher : "Good ! Now give me an example of the abstract."

Willie : "Yours."—*Base Weekly.*

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Battered Motorist (waking up) : "Where am I ? Where am I ?"

Nurse : "This is number 116."

Motorist : "Room or cell ?"—*Life.*

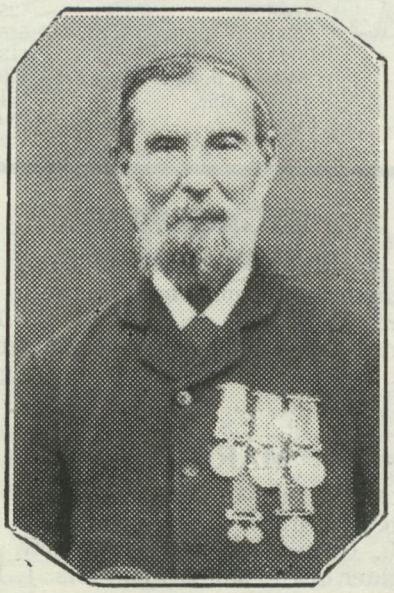
Mr. THOMAS PITT, Late R.M.A.

The fast dwindling band of Crimean veterans has sustained a further loss by the death, which took place in the early hours of the 6th Jan. of Mr. Thomas Pitt, at the great age of 94 years.

The deceased gentleman, who lived with his son, Mr. Charles Pitt, at 289 Highland Road, Eastney, joined the Royal Marine Artillery, Woolwich Division, in December 1852, and was discharged and pensioned in December, 1873.

He served in the Crimea on H.M.S. Dauntless, 1854-7, and was awarded the Crimea medal with clasps for Sebastopol, where he was wounded in the thigh, and Azoff, the Turkish and Baltic medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct medals.

Whilst fighting in the trenches he saw Florence Nightingale attending the sick and wounded.



By kind permission of the Evening News. MR. THOMAS PITT.

He was present at the bombardment and capture of Bomarsund, Sebastopol, and Kinburn, and was also engaged in the hostilities in the Sea of Azoff.

During his service in the Crimea he was paid the princely sum of 5s. per week, which was given him in three instalments !

" Old Tom," as he was affectionately known all over Eastney, was a very nimble man for his great age, and right up to the time of his death he could read without the aid of spectacles.

As recently as August last he attended the Royal Marine Veterans' church parade at Eastney Barracks at an inspection by Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, with another old Crimean veteran, Mr. Joseph Hetheridge aged 88 years, who is now the last surviving Crimean veteran of the Royal Marines.

Mr. Pitt daily took his walks in the Highland and Albert Roads, marching along at a brisk pace reminiscent of his soldiering days.

His death followed a fall in his room at Eastney early in December, when he fractured his hip.

" My worst experience," said Mr. Pitt, when interviewed by an *Evening News* representative two years ago, " was fighting in the Crimea for two years in trenches which were always full of water. We had no clothes but those we could pick up, and there was very little food to be had. The average weekly amount of provisions they had, he added, was about equal to what we now had for three days. He was somewhat fortunate in the matter of injuries, but while at Sebastopol he was wounded in the thigh. Mr. Pitt served on three ships—the *Hercules*, *Amphion* and *Dauntless*, and his period of life afloat was, in all, nine years and 205 days.

Commenting on the modern methods in the Royal Marine barracks, Mr. Pitt expressed the opinion that the " electric " movements of to-day would not have suited in '52, when the work was all gunnery with plenty of handspike and tackle drill to remove the stiffness caused during the off-duty time between Saturdays and Mondays !

When discharged on pension, Mr. Pitt entered Portsmouth Dockyard, where he remained until he was 60 years of age. He started with the weekly pay of 15s., and had to work from six o'clock in the morning to six in the evening.

Mr. Pitt lost his wife in 1916 as the result of a bicycle accident, and since that time he has been living with one of his sons. The family is essentially a Service one, and the members have mostly been long-lived. Mr. Pitt's parents both lived beyond the 70 mark, and he has sons of 61, 59, and 50 years. Each of these has served with the Royal Marine Artillery, and has retired on pension. There are four generations living in Oberon House at the present time.

THE FUNERAL.

All Eastney turned out on Tuesday afternoon to witness the funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Pitt.

Mr. Pitt, who was affectionately known in the Corps and throughout the city as " Old Tom," joined the Marines in 1852, and saw considerable active service. Three sons also served in the Marines, retiring on pension, and altogether his has been a great Marine family.

The Corps paid a splendid tribute to his memory, which was probably unique so far as an old gunner is concerned inasmuch as the Commanding Officer at Eastney Barracks personally attended, and the coffin bearers consisted of volunteers from the staff sergeants at the Barracks.

The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, and bearing a cushion on which were pinned the old Marine's decorations, was drawn on a gun carriage, and a detachment of Marines were in charge of Col. Second-Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark, C.B., C.M.G., Major Tripp, D.S.O., Capt. A. N. Williams (Adjutant), Lieut. Paine, and Lieut. Wills.

Preceding the family mourners—Mr. Thomas Pitt (son), Mrs. Pitt (daughter-in-law), Mr. C. Pitt and Mr. F. Pitt (sons) and Mrs. Doughty (daughter), with other members of the family—were Portsmouth's two surviving Crimea veterans, Mr. Joseph Hetheridge, late R.M.A., and Mr. J. Stares, late R.N., who are aged 88 and 89 years respectively, and lining the entrance to

the Highland Road Cemetery were a number of other Marine veterans.

The short memorial service in the cemetery church, and also at the graveside was conducted by the Marine Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Maundrell, who paid a fine tribute to the departed veteran.

He said they had gathered there to lay to rest the earthly remains of a great man who lived a great many years—longer than the allotted span—and who had enjoyed his full faculties to the end. He had been great, not only because of his years, but because of what he had been personally and, further, because of the experiences and scenes he had lived through. The gallant band of Crimea veterans was rapidly diminishing, and the late Thomas Pitt, who served through the Crimea from 1854 to 1857, being wounded in action, had been rightly known as the father of the regiment, in which he had not only served gallantly himself, but had given three sons, who still survived him.

The Marine officers saluted while a bugler sounded the "Last Post," and the falling of a handful of clay soil upon the coffin of a grand old man echoed beyond the rope barrier, which pressed back a sympathetic crowd of onlookers, and resounded through the otherwise silent burial ground with a significance that was instinctively felt but could not be described.

(*Evening News*)

AUBREY MORGAN.

Fireman Morgan, who lived at Harlesden, N.W., and had been five years at the Euston fire station, died from anaemia at the early age of 26. Thirteen of those 26 years were crammed with adventures as a Royal Marine, a policeman, and a fireman. He was the youngest soldier at the renowned defence of Antwerp, in which the Royal Marines took a part in 1914.

He was then only 14, but he displayed great bravery and was wounded. When his colleagues were ordered to Dunkirk in August 1914, Bugler Morgan was told that he was too young to go, but his entreaties to his commanding officer were so persistent that at last he was allowed to accompany the Royal Marines. An account of his conduct at Antwerp, issued in November 1914, read:

> "His bravery was marvellous. He ran all over the firing zone, taking every manner of risk, and not a whit perturbed by the shells bursting around him. At last a fragment hit him in the leg."

He was nursed in Antwerp by the Belgian Countess Gonsloser, who wrote to the boy's mother, "God bless your dear, brave, boy."

At the immortal attack on Zeebrugge, Morgan, then only 18, again covered himself with glory. When the King inspected the men before they left for their great adventure he remarked that Morgan looked very young "But I am 19 and old enough to go," proudly replied the youth. He was brought back the next day, gassed.

One of the most prized possessions was his certificate of service, which contained the following inscription: "Participated in ballot for award of Victoria Cross granted for operations against Zeebrugge and Ostend on the night of 22nd to 23rd April, 1918."

He left the Royal Marines in 1919 and became a policeman for two years.

(*Daily Mail.*)

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 31st December, 1926.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
AIRS, J. S. ..	4946	Mne.	Chat.	511	26-12-26
AIRD, L. ..	3668	Sergt.	Chat.	45 Coy.	17-12-26
BRIDGES, J. ..	19134	Mne.	Ports.	3166	30-11-26
BUTCHER, C. A.	22704	,,	Chat.	9482	1-12-26
CARPENTER, H.	19602	,,	Ply.	7767	12-12-26
CHILCOTT, E.	14413	,,	Ply.	1455	13-12-26
COLLINS, E. J.	20094	,,	Chat.	16381	8-12-26
DAINES, T. ..	7647	,,	,,	1052	6-12-26
FLYNN, E. ..	7105	,,	,,	2218	4-12-26
GENT, W. H. ..	7206	,,	Ports.	641	2-12-26
GARLAND, G...	8467	,,	Ply.	3345	14-12-26
HODGE, W. ..	14422	,,	,,	1828	3-12-26
HAWORTH, J.	13369	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	603	9-12-26
HUDSON, W. ..	14169	Mne.	Chat.	6339	19-12-26
HEATON, S. ..	18639	,,	Ply.	55 Coy.	1-12-26
KALLEND, H. W.	3301	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	490	17-12-26
LLOYD, W. J...	9342	Mne.	Ports.	9154	30-11-26
LUKE, J. ..	6028	,,	Ports.	253	1-12-26
LONGMAN, W.	7584	,,	Ports.	5462	25-12-26
MOORE, W. J...	13717	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	1181	11-12-26
PRICE, J. ..	6802	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	8782	7-12-26
RENDALL, W.	8098	Mne.	Ply.	1940	7-12-26
SALTER, H. ..	13193	,,	Ports.	10 Coy.	3-12-26
SMITH, A. ..	14574	Sergt.	Ports.	1122	27-11-26

ENGAGEMENT.

DARWALL - WILLIAMS.

The engagement is announced between Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., Royal Marines, and Jessie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Maxwell Williams, of North Lodge, Windsor Forest.

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MARRIAGE.

BEARCROFT - REES.—On 21st December, at St. Augustine's Church, Bournemouth, by Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, M.A., R.N., between E. C. L. Bearcroft, R.M., and Enid, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Rees, of Pontardawe, Glam.

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DEATH.

BROWN.—On the 26th December, at "Maristow," Denville, Havant, Hants, Sarah Jane, wife of Major Valentine Brown, Royal Marines (retired), who in 1925 celebrated their diamond wedding. A notable coincidence is that three medals for China Campaign went to members of the family. Her father served in the first China war in 1841, her husband in the second (1857-61), and her second son in the third China war, 1900. Both Major and Mrs. Brown, children of the Corps, were on the Divisional books when the Portsmouth Division crossed over to Forton in 1848.

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NOTICE.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

EX QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT, many years clerical and store experience, seeks civil employment. Highest references. Please communicate direct with H. J. Eastaway, 12 Garden Village, Billacombe, near Plymouth Devon.



CORPS GAZETTE

AWARDS.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath :—To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the 2nd Class, or Knights Commanders, of the Most Honourable Order : Lieut.-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.

PROMOTIONS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E. (Ports.) to Lieut.-Colonel, vice Trotman. Their Lordships have approved of this Officer receiving accelerated promotion. Dated 11-1-27.

Capt. W. R. P. Boultbee to Major, vice Ormsby, dated 11-1-27.

Capt. W. G. H. Miles, Supy. List R.M. (W/T) to Major, dated 3-12-26.

Lieuts. A. B. Woodhall (Ply.), L. H. Wrangham, M.C. (Seconded), W. A. M. Hanson, M.C. (Ply.) to Captains (Supy.), dated 20-12-26.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) H. M. Watkiss (Deal) to Cd. Suptg. Clerk, dated 11-1-27.

R.M.B./1343, C.S.M. G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., to Bandmaster (W.O.) vice Lodge, dated 24-1-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Colonel 2nd Comdt. J. A. M. A. Clark, C.B., C.M.G. (Ports.) to Supy. Half-pay List, at own request, dated 9-2-27.

Lieut.-Col. N. F. Trotman (Ports.) to Supy. Half-pay List, at own request, for period of six months, dated 11-1-27.

Major E. G. Cheesman, Supy. List (W/T) to *Victory*, addl. for Signal School, and *Pembroke*, addl. as Port W/T Officer, and for instruction of W/T Ratings awaiting draft, dated 10-12-26.

Major P. W. Malcolm and Capt. R. W. Spraggett, M.C., to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, dated 1-1-27.

Major A. G. B. Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O., to Seconded List, on appt. to Plans Div., Admiralty, dated 1-5-27.

Capt. R. G. Sturges, to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, on expiration of Foreign Service leave.

Capt. E. M. C. Parker (Ply.), at Deal, I. of S.A., vice Jones, dated 1-2-27.

Capt. A. H. E. Reading (Ply.) to be Adjutant, vice Jolly, dated 22-1-27.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C. (Ply.), absbd., vice Boultree, dated 11-1-27.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller, *Columbine*, to *Victory*, addl., to be lent to Armament and Gunnery School, R.A.F., Eastchurch, dated 13-12-26.

Lieuts. S. G. Cutler, to join Ply. Division, and Lieuts. A. J. Wright and R. D. Sims, Portsmouth Division, dated 16-1-27.

Bandmaster (W.O.) Henry Lodge, S. of M., to Retired List, at own request, dated 24-1-27.

Bandmaster (W.O.) G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., S. of M., for Instructional duties, dated 24-1-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major J. T. de S. Washington to *Weymouth*, vice Sinclair, date of joining.

Capt. H. R. Haines, to *Emperor of India*, vice Haddon, after Spring cruise.

Capt. A. Whitworth to *Tamar*, vice Spicer.

Capt. W. A. M. Hanson, M.C., to *Cairo*, on re-commissioning.

Lieut. R. S. Lansdale to *Argus*, on commissioning.

Lieut. J. O. G. Hayter, to *Frobisher*, vice Edmondson.

Lieut. G. B. O. Farrington to *Ceres*, vice Cawley-Way.

Lieut. F. A. Milliken to *Comus*, vice Dean.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., R.M., has been selected to attend the first course at the Imperial Defence College, commencing 17-1-27.

Capt. S. J. Bassett passed Subject (C) for promotion to Major at an examination held abroad during November 1926.

Lieut. F. R. Richardson has been selected to attend Regimental Instructors' Course, Chemical Warfare School, South Porton, from 24th January to 19th February, 1927.

Lieut. J. Robinson has been selected to attend Long Qualifying Course at S.A. School (Hythe Wing) from 24th January to 1st April, 1927.

Lieuts. A. E. Westcott and J. M. Phillips are detached to Depot, R.M., Deal, for a further course of P. & R.T., commencing 24th Jan., 1927.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. J. Butler (*Royal Oak*).

APPOINTMENTS.

Steward Sergt.'s Mess.—Sergt. A. Wilson.
Pay Office.—Mnes. F. J. Phillips, E. W. Jones.
M.T.I. 2nd Class.—Corpl. E. C. Fessey.
Games Storeman.—Mne. S. C. Venables.

EMBARKATIONS.

Castor—Sergt. F. Douglas, Mnes. W. Dabell, W. Cardwell, F. Pinkney, H. P. Richardson. **Benbow**—Mne. C. F. Buby, Corpl. A. E. Hitchcock, Mnes. W. H. Carter, J. Lister, W. T. Bingham, J. C. Armstrong, D. P. Delaney, W. Mansen, W. G. Smith. **Hermes**—Mne. W. J. Franklin. **Flora**—Mne. W. Grigsby. **Marlborough**—Sergt. C. P. Rayner, Corpl. F. Ferrell, Mnes. G. D. Lincoln, R. Chigwin, A. E. Kent, L. C. Lovatt, T. P. French, G. Garbett, C. E. Harber, L. G. Miller, C. F. Jones, J. W. Tyrrell, W. Langley, W. F. Lyall, S. C. Divers, F. Sidebottom, D. McGarry, F. Rolls, Corpl. V. G. Radford, Mnes. G. P. Hill, R. Cray. **Repulse**—Corpls. W. T. Cooper, S. Stewart, Mnes. W. M. Bryant, A. McD. Newell, C. W. Earthy, D. McA. Fitzpatrick, H. Middleton, W. S. Caswell, E. C. Perridge, H. Burke, A. J. Richards, H. F. Rumsey, G. R. Waters.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

President—Corpl. J. A. Kemp, Mnes. H. Donopby, A. A. Wood, E. J. Cannon, R. C. Sage, C. Kneller, G. Abbott. **Castor**—Clr.-Sgt. C. J. Buddell, Sergt. G. W. Metham, Corpls. F. J. Curney, G. L. Flory, R. H. Keir, F. D. Sheen, Bglr. A. E. Townsend. Mnes. C. J. Burfoot, W. F. Smail, J. Holcroft, J. W. Royals, W. A. Massey, A. C. Hawkins, G. Massee, A. W. Smith, H. J. Vince, A. E. Sullivan, H. Warburton, E. Wilkinson, S. J. Woodcock, C. Gale, L. H. R. Taylor, S. Floyd, T. Scott, A. A. Fox, E. Firth, G. B. Silver, A. F. Key. **Pembroke**—Mnes. S. W. Barrett, C. Higginson, H. J. Tims, J. Wright, T. A. Hancock, W. Croome. **Benbow**—Mne. J. Barrows. **Carysfort**—Mne. A. T. Hopkins, E. A. Freemantle. **Resolution**—Mne. H. S. S. Doughty. **Danae**—Mne. S. W. Staby. **Benbow**—Corpl. F. E. Honeyball, Mnes. H. F. Jackson, E. Catterall, F. T. Hyland, R. E. Sharpe, E. A. Smith, N. Priest, H. Hutchinson. **Repulse**—Mne. A. E. Plant.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. W. H. Taylor, T. Cross, G. Attridge, J. Fawcett, G. A. Elmer.
2nd Period.—Mne. G. Barker.
Invalided.—Mne. D. Coker.
By Purchase.—Mne. R. Havercroft.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Sergts. to Clr.-Sergts.—S. T. Vaughan.
Corpls. to Sergts.—F. Cleave, A. G. Crowther, A. P. Lang.
Mnes. to Corpls.—H. Phipp, J. R. Thompson, F. H. Jones, A. H. Brannon, W. G. A. Hardy, A. Odey, E. Ayling.

To Bandmaster (W.O.).—C.S.M. G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
Nominated for C.S.M.—Bandmaster 1st Class C. T. Ship (serving in *Effingham*).
To Band master 2nd Class.—Band-Corpl. T. A. Webb.
To Band-Corpl.—Musns. W. H. W. Ruel, A. H. Sturmey.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class)—Sidney Dennis, S. A. Howse, E. W. Donne, Walter Pryce, M. H. Lane, G. C. Holloway.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—W. A. Firminger, W. F. Overbury, G. H. Lightfoot, C. R. M. Robinson, A. A. Davies, R. O. Mullis.

Musician (for promotion to Band Corporal)—A. J. Stedman, Wm. Lang, H. W. Powell, B. W. Marsh, M. H. E. Herod, I. F. Marcusshon.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musician.—Band Boys L. R. Brown, A. E. J. Stagg, A. G. F. Rowson, P. W. Burnett, L. E. O'Neill, C. J. H. Chidgey, S. H. Raby.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts. H. F. Kinch, J. H. Perkins, Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd.

Sergts. W. A. B. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, A. J. Dawkins, W. A. Clements, W. J. Emery.

Corpls. passed for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. L. Hockin, A. W. Brinkman, H. R. G. Jackson, R. G. Kraemar, H. H. L. Knibbs. (*Note.*—Corpl. Knibbs has to qualify in Naval Gunnery only.)

Mnes. passed for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, W. S. Hill, J. E. Livesay, P. D. F. Torrington, R. G. Ashby, C. J. Avey.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Sergt. T. McArdle, Corpl. F. G. Blanchard, Mne. J. R. Perkins.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mess Attendant, Officers' Mess.—Mne. W. H. Hawkins.
Librarian, Officers' Mess.—Sergt. S. G. Challis.
Asst. Sculleryman, Officers' Mess.—Mne. P. C. Dobson.
Storeman, 2nd Q.M. (Ordnance).—Mne. W. G. Marrett.
M.O.A. to Lieut. L. Priestley.—Mne. E. W. L. Sparshott.
Groom to Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B.—Mne. F. T. Simpson.
Clerk, Barrackmaster's Dept.—Mne. E. J. Longhurst.
Divisional Gardener.—Mne. P. F. H. Cooper.
Shoemaker.—Mne. W. G. Cooper.
Cook, Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. T. C. Horner.
Temporary Attendant, Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. W. J. Wayland.

EMBARKATIONS.

Philomel—Sergts. G. H. Odey, Corpls. C. E. Jaggard, S. E. Rappe, E. Parsons. **Despatch**—Mne. H. W. Hawkins. **Dolphin**—Mnes. W. Cordell, J. Hammond, F. R. Drage, Bugr. W. F. White. **Conquest**—Sergts. A. J. Dawkins, F. A. Taylor, Bugr. H. C. Windsor, Mnes. J. W. Sedgwick, H. J. Nash, H. Richards, E. G. North, C. E. Davis, J. D. Tallent, W. Tinkler, G. B. W. Lucas, T. Cathie, R. C. Vile, C. F. Footitt, H. V. Gallaway, M. J. Henchy, B. Smith, R. C. Jones, W. H. Norton. **Renown**—Mnes. C. E. Hurley, H. C. Goodall, R. W. Chapman, S. S. Burgess, T. Green, R. Radford, A. H. Petter, A. S. Wood, S. Hickman, A. F. Bate, A. S. Turner, W. J. August, R. W. Norris, C. F. Thompson, H. E. Mendhan, H. W. Collins, C. R. Parker. **Dryad**—Mne. H. Penny. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. W. J. Betteridge. **Centaur**—Mnes. W. F. Evans, R. A. S. Perrett, J. Edwards, G. Allott, R. A. Pitney, H. Laylock, W. H. Green, H. Platt, J. H. Barlow, E. J. Fishlock. **Fisgard**—Corpls. H. E. Norris, F. W. Hall, Mnes. A. V. Gregory, F. Pointer. **Victory**—Mnes. R. Mullineux, L. W. Mountford, H. L. Cooper, H. Torrens, J. Leddlie, W. Johnson, A. E. Freeman, R. E. H. Bethell, H. E. Kelly. **Furious**—Corpls. E. Bacon, H. Peplow, W. E. Lewington, Mnes. C. Usher, H. A. Kent, B. O. Brinkman, W. C. Moulds, W. H. James, A. W. Aymes, J. Ford, F. Ash, S. Huband, J. A. Baker, J. G. Frame, R. J. Mackay, H. E. Perks, R. J. Collins, A. G. Knight, J. A. Lloyd, G. W. Kent, C. W. Stanfield, W. H. Sloane, E. R. Sansom, E. E. Peutrell, F. H. Morgan, T. N. Jenkins, R. T. Switzer, R. C. Jones, L. E. Bollam, J. McMurdie, R. H. Fellows. **Tiger**—Mne. W. F. B. Rowlatt. **Iron Duke**—Corpl. L. T. L. Tunnicliff, Bugr. L. G. Davis. **Dolphin**—Mnes. J. Hammond, F. R. Drage, Bugr. F. W. White. **Curacoa**—Sergt. Albert Chapman, Mnes. E. George, V. G. Mauger, J. E. Wilcox, F. J. Hillier, J. Brooke, W. E. Harper, C. Priestley, E. Aubrey, L. B. Akroyd, W. C. Eastwood, C. Jory, E. Witham, G. L. Hogsflesh. **Revenge**—Sergts. J. R. Anders, A. McTurk, Corpls. H. R. G. Jackson, A. G. Harrison, H. Newton, W. H. Edwards, Mnes. W. Scarrott, W. H. Evans, R. McCurrach, G. W. C. Pearce, R. J. Poar, R. S. Neale, B. Richards, W. H. L. Burfield, F. A. Young, A. W. Hall, W. F. Baker, A. C. Jones, H. H. Read, E. G. Lance, L. A. Taylor, G. Chinnery, H. Gosling, J. Halliwell, R. H. Livesay, A. A. McDowall, F. O. Smith, A. Kew, T. W. J. Waller, E. Briggs, J. Lyons, S. G. Crocker, A. S. Head, W. J. Clarke, A. L. J. Steer, M. L. W. Jolliffe, A. Wilson, A. J. King, W. Scott, F. Bell, N. J. Lucas, H. Buckland, E. V. G. Darley, J. Hendry, T. Travers, E. Kinsey, W. L. Chaldicott, C. Rutter, C. Painter, J. P. Broom, A. J. Haycox, G. S. Priestnall, E. V. Clarke, T. E. Terry, A. E. Bush, J. Meneely, R. R. Ford, F. G. Earle, F. Walton, G. E. Gough, L. J. B. Johnson, H. Clarke, M. McDonald, C. L. Wells, T. C. Knight, H. A. Wall, M. J. Fisher, Bugr. G. W. Kenny.

Renown—Lieut. Arthur Pragnell, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., R.M., Temp. Musical Director, Bandmaster 1st Clsas J. E. Burnett, William Martyr, Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce, **Band** Corpls. A. A. Mansfield, B. A. Stevens, A. E. Collier, Musns. Frank Greenwood, A. E. Hinsley, H. W. Powell, J. H. Sholl, A. T. Cooper, Norman Mead, A. H. J. Browne, C. E. Brand, W. J. Branchflower, W. A. J. Perry, S. A. Bushell, H. H. Smith, A. H. George, A. E. Ridout, James Williams, J. L. Freeman, Robert Moncur, R. M. Law, Vernon Furneaux, W. D. Read, Roland Page, F. H. Stoner, James Jenkinson, R. E. Burk, George Cockcroft, W. J. Wilson, L. R. Brown, A. E. J. Stagg, A. G. F. Rowson, H. V. Villis. **Hood**—Musn. Christopher Ralph. **Repulse**—Musn. George Jackson. **Marlborough**—Musn. P. W. Burnett, J. H. Parsons. **Excellent**—Musns. James Kemp, William Croft, **Vivid**—(**R.N.B.**) C. H. Collar, L. E. O'Neill. **Furious**—Musn. C. J. H. Chidgey.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, Chas. O'Farrell, F. A. J. Thorne, H. Staughton.

Corporals.—N. V. Bishop, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, A. H. Tull, A. J. Evans.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.—Corpl. F. J. Pritchard.

To be Corporal.—Mnes. Cecil Taylor, H. F. Bainton, L. J. Powlesland.

APPOINTMENTS.

Attdt. to Lieut. J. F. M. Moulton.—Mne. J. Evans.
Asst. Instructor of Signalling.—Corpl. W. E. Biggs.
Bugle-Major (Nominated for Appt.).—Corpl. F. G. Greenway.
Pioneer.—Mne. A. J. Broad.
Clerk, Commdt's Office.—Corpl. V. E. Clark.
Infirmary Cook.—Mne. W. G. Burrows.
Cook, Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. D. Hindle.
Divisional Cook.—Mne. S. Foden.
Addt. to Capt. E. T. Harden.—Mne. W. Hollaway.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Malabar—Mnes. F. R. Butt, W. E. Toyne, R. J. Carson. **Defiance**—Mnes. J. Cowling, E. Cook. **Pegasus**—Mnes. C. Kingdon, B. C. Parsons, W. B. Moreton. **Hood**—Mnes. L. Holsworth, J. Fearon, H. B. Duddman, A. A. Perry, F. Moran, A. Gingell. **Impregnable**—Mnes. L. Wiley, G. C. Trippeck, D. Hindle. **Lucia**—Mne. D. Campbell. **Ramillies**—Mnes. S. Foden, A. Bullock. **Renown**—Mne. P. G. E. Back. **Carysfort**—Mnes. C. Nelmes, W. T. Oxborrow. **Ambrose**—Sergt. A. V. Phillips, Clr./Sgt. H. V. Thorne, Corpls. J. Green, A. J. Perry, T. E. Spencer. **Dartmouth**—Sergt. L. H. Norgrove, Corpl. C. H. Mayes, Mnes. T. W. Dominey, W. Roberts, H. Barron, T. H. Molloy, W. J. Lawry, W. T. Westlake, W. J. Morgan, E. J. Dabner, T. Bentham, R. Brown, P. Hosegood, D. H. Watts, R. McKeown, C. Wallbridge, C. J. Cook, T. H. Perry, F. Pugh, E. G. Bankan, Bugler W. G. Kendal. **Tamar**—Corpl. W. Lester. **Cairo**—Clr.-Sgt. J. Plowman, Corpl. P. F. Lynch, Mnes. J. Gresty, G. Wilkenson, E. W. Clifton, E. J. Boulton, H. G. Clarke, A. A. Gould, W. J. Cowley, T. W. Capes, J. Macdonald, P. Winter, R. Payne. **Comus**—Mnes. R. Allen, C. J. Collins, A. Edmonds, C. W. Wathen, F. Vicarey, H. Hooper, E. Light. **Castor**—Mne. T. Blair. **Resolution**—Clr.-Sgt. J. Bowling, Sergt. W. Bittles, P. Stapleton, R. Brock, C. Williams, Corpls. R. Kemp, E. Glue, S. Tredgett, C. Braven, C. Kerr, E. Carey, A. Docker, Mnes. W. Thorne, T. Agan, J. Evans, H. Hall, F. May, T. Mallett, A. Walker, A. Pidgeon, G. Ford, G. Dean, J. McIntyre, E. Attwood, G. Lewis, V. Bees, H. Limb, A. Ponting, W. Osborne, W. Calvert, J. Jones, H. Nunn, H. Read, J. Easterbrook, W. Lee, A. Jackson, G. Venn, E. Thorne, R. Horler, G. Tolley, W. Snoddy, F. Hunt, H. Yates, W. Gagg, E. Williams, A. Pitt, A. Monk, H. Allen, N. Jones, J. Wilkenson, F. Chidgey, F. Tilbury, D. Gray, B. Barnett, J. Alston, W. Kirkwood, C. Mappledoram, H. Fergurson, W. Barton, E. Stonehouse, F. Ball, W. Hobbs, W. Roberts, W. Skinner, T. Richards, T. Myers, A. Ruthven, L. Warden, R. Hibberd, W. Babb, T. Challiner, F. Shallcross, J. Peace, H. Paull, C. Richards, J. Woods, A. Thompson, R. Criddle, W. Satchell, W. Holloway, A. Rickards, J. Challoner, C. Hill, M. Bridgen, A. Groves, S. Snow, F. Starkey, G. Dale, A. Williams, T. Armstrong, F. Ruse, Buglers H. Davey, R. Fisher.

EMBARKATIONS.

Comus—Mnes. A. Sandle, R. Seaman, A. Cross, F. W. Douie, L. R. Rowe, D. G. Woodbridge, H. J. Harris. **Champion**—Mnes. N. Hawken, H. Dyer. **Delhi**—Sergt. H. Henkel. **Defiance**—Mne. F. Millard. **Emperor of India**—Mne. V. A. Taylor. **Flora**—Corpls. F. C. Gill, J. A. Gillanders, Mnes. A. R. Hammond, R. V. Wilson, J. L. Mitchell, R. Cameron. **Hood**—Mnes. F. G. Webb, T. E. Williams, H. W. Kitchener, C. R. Smart, A. V. Symes, J. Kelly. **Impregnable**—Mnes. C. P. R. Elliot, J. King, F. E. Snow, H. G. Stacey. **New Zealand Div.**—Corpls. H. Stapleton, R. E. Gilmour, W. J. Sturgeoner, Bugler S. J. L. Chapman. **Osprey**—Mne. Bullock. **Ramillies**—Mne. W. Whitehead. **Renown**—Buglers. G. N. Bremmer, J. T. Vince, P. L. Muldowney, A. J. Elliott, F. G. Robbins, Corpls. W. D. Bryant, A. Jeffery, Mnes. R. H. W. Myers, H. C. Head, W. T. Cole, H. C. Willis, J. E. Maker, A. E. Sanders, J. W. Ratley, F. C. Chidgey, W. Gloyn, P. McAllinden, W. Harbron, F. Lord, J. Burton, G. F. Lyon, A. W. Jones, C. Karkeek, H. Cleaver, F. Field, R. V. Hurd, D. Neal, F. C. Willoughby, T. Addison, T. J. Morgan, W. H. Davies, R. Davidson, W. Cooper, F. Ambrose, A. C. Febrey, E. Staniland. **St. Helena**—Mne. H. E. Bayford. **Valiant**—Corpl. H. C. Pyke. **Warspite**—Clr.-Sgt. C. Green.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Mnes. James Baines, S. S. Smith, Peter Harrison.
1st Period.—Mnes. John McCollam, William Davidson, T. H. Robins.
By Purchase.—Mnes. Samuel Lyness, Arthur Snape.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C.—Clr.-Sergt. H. Gane.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Lucia—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. J. Brockwell, Corpls. W. J. W. Hughes, G. T. Burgess, L. T. L. Tunnicliffe, Mnes. W. A. Archer, P. Richards, G. Gagie, W. Stagg, E. G. Moore, F. W. Kind, C. F. Craner, R. C. Hickman, G. H. Spokes, Bugr. T. H. Bungay. **Conquest**—Sergt. W. L. Helbert, Mnes. H. Duncan, R. J. Howse, W. R. Bath, A. C. K. Leftley, A. B. Roberts, T. W. Hodges, F. E. Gates, J. H. Davey, S. A. Northover. **Dryad**—Mnes. C. E. Rooke, W. J. August. **Dolphin**—Mne. W. F. Evans, Bugr. J. Coker. **Victory**—Corpls. T. H. Keats, Mne. C. G. Marsh. **Effingham**—Mne. F. C. Clarke, **Resolution**—Mne. H. Ball. **Furious**—Mne. S. Norris. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. Wilcox. **Agamemnon**—Sergt. E. L. Weeks, Mnes. F. C. Wilcox, G. H. Pitt, G. Watt, J. Dorrington, G. Jones, S. A. Bamford, H. J. Ruttle, F. W. L. Morgan, R. R. Cox. **Renown**—Mnes. G. L. Eastway, T. H. Edgill, A. Walsh, D. Chesterman, J. T. Andrews, F. Greenwood, W. Rose, F. G. Chandler, D. Dalzell, G. W. Hunter. **Cyclops**—Mne. E. F. Tarrant. **Fisgard**—Corpl. H. E. Gibbs, Mnes. A. E. Cox. **Iron Duke**—Bugr. W. J. Mayne. **Champion**—Mne. F. C. Shearing. **Curacoa**—Mnes. W. Harding, B. H. Webb, O. H. Sweetman, H. F. Allen, R. C. James, A. C. Smith, D. H. Simpson, W. E. Partridge, C. H. Williams, A. S. Kenchington, A. G. Chalmers, L. J. Mew, J. W. Dunkley. **Vivid**—Mne. W. T. Herbert. **Columbine**—Sergt. F. J. H. Hunt. **Revenge**—Sergt. W. H. Hancock, Corpls. C. T. Skeats, J. G. O. Cole, Mnes. C. J. Osgood, A. E. Fletcher, E. J. Scott, J. F. Almonde, R. L. Clifford, J. F. Halley, W. Ward, A. L. Holloway, G. J. Davey, E. G. Holdway, C. W. Searle, F. E. Mitchell, L. C. Savage, A. W. V. Chinnock, W. C. Marett, P. Tilbury, R. P. Simcox, E. F. Haines, L. S. Whiting, W. J. Bishop, W. H. Robinson, W. H. Ellis, E. C. Burman, R. W. L. Sparshott, F. T. Simpson, A. E. W. Golbourn, R. Hudson, E. C. A. Thorn, A. W. Pegler, F. W. J. Clarke, G. H. Wakeham, J. A. Hedges, C. F. Axtell, D. T. Pizzie, A. J. Godkin, R. B. Spencer, W. J. McIlwain, J. W. Chellingsworth, B. Wintle, A. Marshall, E. Kelleway, C. A. Perryman, C. Holmes, A. L. Fay, W. D. Webb, A. W. Parsons, T. W. Ryan, W. J. Skinner, A. R. Rolfe, R. H. Brown, F. C. Adams, R. J. Roper, C. L. Kyle, S. Allaway, S. T. Powell, G. R. Stevens, L. T. Ballard, J. J. Stockley, C. P. Taylor, F. Maynard, J. C. Mullins. **Hood**—Mne. E. T. Harriman.

Royal Sovereign—Band Corpl. Arthur Winepress, Musns. E. W. Millard, W. J. Mogridge. **Resolution**—Bandmaster 1st Class E. P. Snook, Bandmaster 2nd Class A. E. McCormick, Band Corpls. J. H. Williams, Robert Morton, Musns. A. E. Bark, G. B. Raeburn, N. C. Widdicombe, H. C. Johnson, F. J. Ayress, W. H. Heyes, W. A. Hennessey, T. E. R. Reeve, Edward Balcon, Frederick Summers, L. M. Summers, Jasper Gilbert. **Renown**—Bandmaster 2nd Class Job Allen, Band Corpl. E. W. Thomas, Musns. C. A. Hastings, Frank Wilkinson, F. C. Harding, A. G. Draper, W. A. Carter, R. H. W. Hales, William Sturtivant, T. E. Pittard, James Beacham, P. G. Renn, Jack Stimpson, Reginald Smith, H. T. C. Goddard. **Hood**—Musn. A. J. Curd. **Vivid**—Musns. Arthur Sullivan, Alfred Turner. **Marlborough**—Musn. W. G. Walker. **Excellent**—Musns. J. W. Miles, C. F. Reed.

TRANSFERS.

From Plymouth to Portsmouth—Mne. Dennis O'Connor.
From Portsmouth to Plymouth—Mne. Leslie Killer.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **Lucia** to **Caradoc**—Mnes. A. J. Brett, G. C. Lovell.
From **Warspite** to **Carysfort**—Mne. J. A. Buckwell.
From **Effingham** to **Dartmouth**—Mne. C. A. Peters.
From **Birmingham** to **Flores**—Mne. J. C. Whitecross.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd Period—Sergt. H. P. Everett, Mnes. W. A. Gooch, G. H. Cunnington, C. S. Aslett, J. C. Hobbs, W. H. Shearwood, R. E. Atkins, E. J. Ealey.
Purchase.—Mne. T. J. Pettman.
Termination of 1st Period.—Mne. F. C. Shearing.
Invalided.—Mne. R. G. S. Buggalry.
Discharged Dead.—Sergt. L. R. Hacker.

DEPOT.

MOVES.

To Chatham—Cpl. F. A. Thompson, Sgt. H. Marsh, Cpl. H. E. Weale.
To Portsmouth—Sgt. W. Oakley, Cpl. F. Chadwick, Sgt. S. G. Tilley,

Cpl. A. T. Sampson, Cpl. J. Short, Mne. A. S. Green, Mne. G. Simpson, Cpl. W. J. Goater, Cpl. F. C. Eames.
To Plymouth—Sgt. S. H. Johnson, Mne. T. J. Rorke, Cpl. E. T. Lethbridge, Mne. C. Tucker, Mne. G. H. Marston.

L.S. & G.C. MEDALS.

Sgt. F. H. Jordan, Mne. H. Cooksey.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cpl. R. J. Walker, Dispenser.
Mne. A. C. Taylor, Assistant Printer.

DISCHARGES.

By Purchase—Mne. T. J. Pettman.
N.L.B.E.—Mnes. H. S. Porter and E. H. Kelly.
Invalided—Mnes. D. Coker and W. J. Rowland.
Pension—Mne. W. H. Taylor.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Termination of their second period of engagement.—Band Corpl. A. D. Scott, Bandmaster 2nd Class S. A. Jones, Musn. J. A. Cook.
Invalided.—Musn. Patrick Costello.
Termination of his first period of engagement.—Musn. Arthur Sullivan.

RETIREMENT.

Bandmaster (W.O.) Henry Lodge to Retired List at own request.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET, 1926.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1925	84	2	0½
5 Entrance Fees at 15s.	3	15	0
60 Dinner Fees at 15s.	45	0	0
109 Subscriptions by Bankers Order (5s.)	27	5	0
64 Subscriptions by Cash	16	0	0
For Cigarettes unused	0	10	0
Interest on Investments	28	14	8
	£205	6	8½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Income Tax (1925 and 1926)	6	1	0
Hotel Victoria (Dinner 1926)	67	10	0
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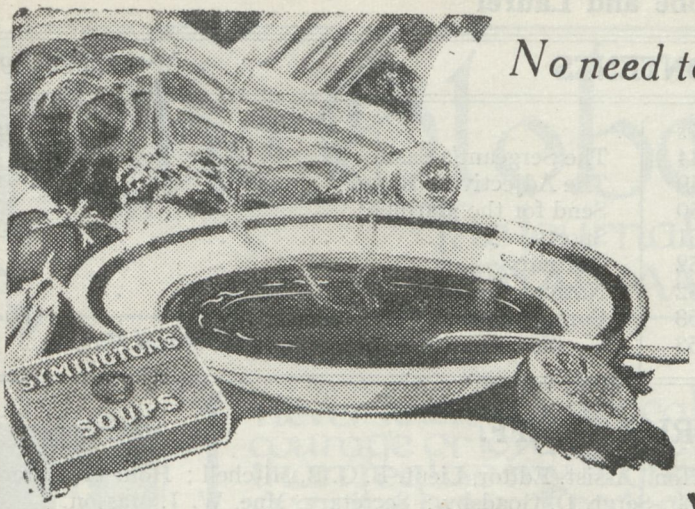
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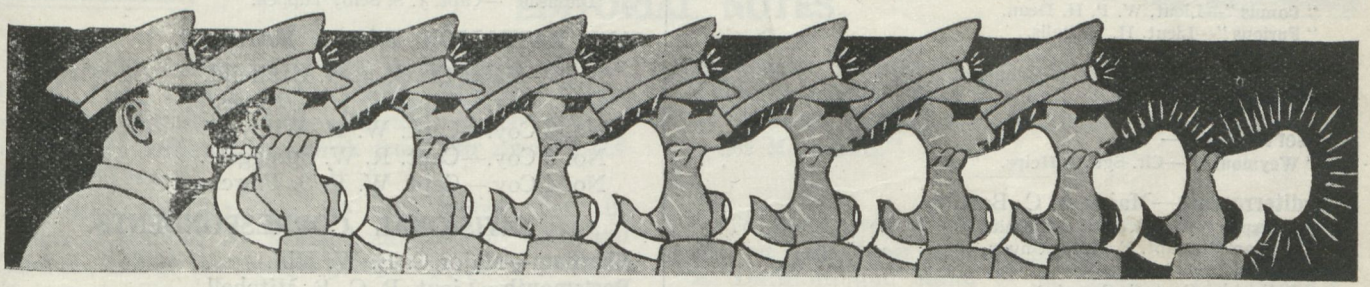
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We are all interested in the Royal Tour and the doings of the 12th Battalion, R.M. The Press keeps us all well informed of the *Renown's* doings and we publish two letters this month from our own correspondent on board.

Of the 12th Battalion we only know that the *Minnesota* stopped for a few hours at Port Said and Colombo, and at the time of going to press we presume she is in the China Seas.

By the courtesy of the *Daily Chronicle* and *Hampshire Post*, we are able to publish this month more photographs of the departure of the battalion, and the photograph of the *Minnesota* leaving the South Railway Jetty, Portsmouth, is in striking contrast to that of the Royal Guard on the quarter-deck of the *Renown*, which we published last month.

On arrival at Shanghai, the 12th Battalion will no doubt see much of the Marines of other countries, notably their American cousins of whom, it is stated, upwards of 1,200 have been sent to Shanghai. In the French concession will be found their Gallic counterparts in the "Fusiliers Marins," who made such a magnificent name for themselves at Dixmude during the recent difference of opinion with Germany.

The rating of "Fusilier" held by a French seaman, is a non-substantive rating such as "S.G." or S.T." and denotes a man qualified in infantry work. The "Fusiliers" are the first men to be landed from French men-of-war.

Strictly speaking the troops of the "Infanterie Coloniale" were the original French Marines, but they now work entirely "Per Terram," doing most of France's military work abroad. They wear an anchor as a collar badge and are affectionately known as "Les Marsouins."

We deeply regret to have to report the deaths of two of the oldest officers of the Corps—Lieut.-Col. E. Durnford and Major C. F. Coppin. The *Renown* has suffered a great loss in the untimely death of Bandmaster 1st Class J. E. Burnett, and at the time of going to press we have just had news of the death of Captain W. H. Jones, late of the R.M.A., which will be deeply felt by all ex-R.M.A. His familiar figure and great personality will be much missed at Eastney.

We are very grateful to Mr. Darbyshire, one of the press representatives with the *Renown*, for his article "Send for the Marines," also to our Poet Laureate who, after hibernating for a considerable period, has burst into song once more, no doubt as a result of the proximity of spring.

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THE ROYAL TOUR.

"Renown"

Renown arrived at Las Palmas at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 10th January. It would not be possible for us to give a description of Las Palmas, as the ship lay some two miles from the beach in a nasty swell, and there was no leave.

The only members of the detachment to land at Las Palmas were Sergt. Watts and Mnes. Lam and Burton who were relieved of their duties in the Royal Guard to play football in the ship's team against the Victoria Club, a match in which the local team were the victors by 3 goals to nil.

The Royal Marines were called upon to provide two Guards of Honour at Las Palmas, one of 25 files for H.E. the Spanish Governor, and a Royal Guard of 50 files for Their Royal Highnesses. The Royal Guard was inspected by H.R.H. The Duke of York. The Silver Bugles were not used at Las Palmas.

It may interest our readers to know something of the organisations of our Guards. They are of three types:

A Royal Guard of 1 Major, 2 Lieuts., 1 Colour-Sergt. 1 Sergt., and 100 Other Ranks.

A Full Guard of 1 Major, 1 Lieut., 2 Sergts. and 50 Other Ranks.

The normal Ship's Guard of 1 Lieut., 1 Sergt., 2 Corpls. and 18 Marines.

The main difficulty lies in having an organisation, which will enable these Guards to be expanded or reduced in the minimum of time, for the intervals between the different Guards will in many places be one of minutes.

Their Royal Highnesses after calling on the Spanish Governor paid a visit to the Queen Victoria Hospital. Later they had tea at the British Club, receiving the British Community and inspecting ex-officers and men.

In the meantime, in the ship difficulties were being experienced in securing our oiler, the R.F.A. Prestol. There was too much swell to make it safe for her to lie alongside, and so she had to be made fast astern, for it is essential that we should keep up to our programme. As there were a large number of sailors working on the Quarter Deck, our ceremony of beating "Retreat" was carried out on the forecastle. The Drum and Fife band played for ten minutes before "Sunset": massed bugles then sounded the "Alert"; a relief of sentries (6 men) then fired a salvo of blank; massed buglers then sounded the "Sunset" call with drum accompaniment, followed by the "Carry On." The ceremony was much appreciated by the Ship's company.

It is interesting to note that with the Royal Standard flying, the Ensign and Jack also remain flying, both by day and night. The ceremony therefore has to include the rehoisting of the Ensign.

In the evening Their Royal Highnesses gave a dinner party on board. The programme of music was arranged so that the music would cease while the massed buglers played the "First" and "Last" Posts. This is quite effective, and at any rate will be a novelty to many of our guests, who seldom have the chance of hearing Royal Marine Bugling.

Renown left Las Palmas at noon on Tuesday, 11th January. On the 11th January, the weather conditions were favourable, but for the next few days, we had a fairly heavy following sea. Scuttles had to be closed, and the quarterdeck was frequently awash. The rig of the day was half whites on the 13th, and full whites on the 16th.

A very successful whist drive of 16 tables was held in the barracks in the "Dog Watches" on Tuesday 11th. This whist drive had been organised by the R.M. Detachment Sports Club.

Although the R.M.'s play with and for the Ship's Company teams, they run a sports club of their own. Membership is voluntary and the subscription at present is one shilling per month. Up to the present nearly everyone has joined the Club, the object of which is to provide indoor and outdoor sports for 90% of the detachment.

We have before us many very long sea voyages, and the provision of recreations and healthy exercise for all on board is a matter of great importance. After evening quarters nearly all the officers off duty may be observed in flannels, some playing deck hockey; others squash in the squash court which has been built on board; others an excellent deck tennis game called Five-Ten, and others "Tennicoit," while those who prefer a more sedentary occupation indulge in clay pigeon shooting and Morris Tube with rifle and revolver. Many of the officers also compete in a series of P. and R.T. games organised nightly for the Ship's Company

Members of the detachment are availing themselves of these opportunities for exercise and to give some idea of the forms of recreation the following is our average for the last few evenings:—

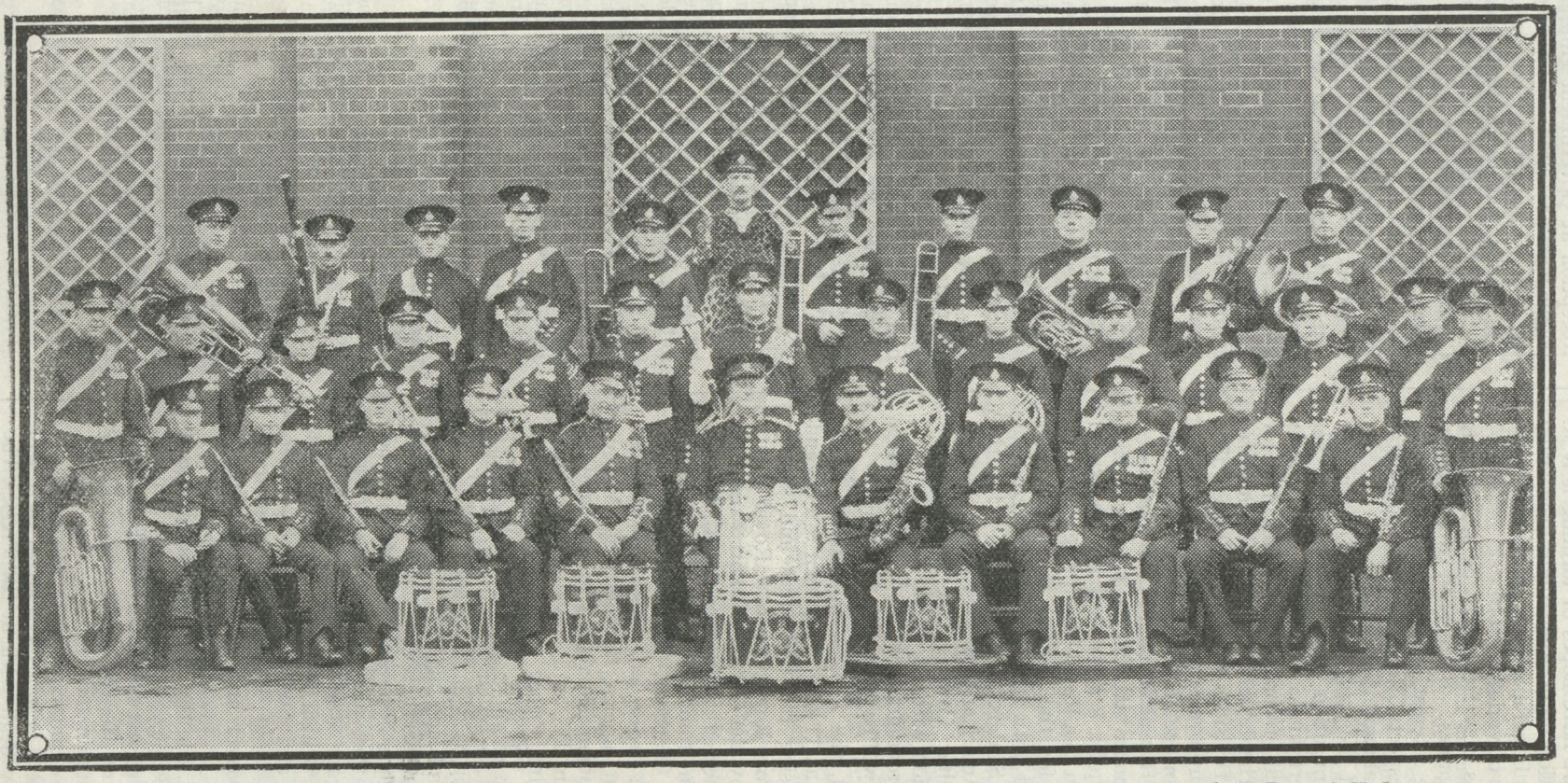
Rifle Shooting	16
Pistol Shooting	10
Tug-of-War	36
Interpart Games	16
Bayonet Combat	22
Boxing	4

Yet the Marines form but one-sixth of the ship's company, which fact should give an indication of the state of activity which prevails on the forecastle in the "Dog Watches."

There is an excllent cinema on board and some nights the films are shown to the Royal Party and to Officers, and on others to the ship's company. There is a ship's

THE ROYAL TOUR.

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concert party, while we have hopes of forming a R.M. concert party in addition. On other nights, the Drum and Fife band or the Bag Pipes play on the forecastle and so there is plenty of variety.

His Royal Highness may frequently be seen taking part in the various games. Both Their Royal Highnesses take an active interest in the life of the ships company. In other respects, life on board approximates to the life of the normal man-of-war.

For the purposes of the tour, the R.M. Detachment have been given a gratuitous issue of two suits per man of the new pattern khaki drill, making with their annual clothing a total of three suits of this drill for Guards of Honour. The detachment wore this uniform for the first time at Divisions on Sunday 16th. This material is a great improvement on the former type, having the great advantage of being uniform in colour. On this Sunday, H.R.H. walked round the Divisions.

Renown arrived Jamaica at 1100 on Thursday, 20th January. This was quite a busy day for the Royal Marines, for in addition to a Royal Guard when T.R.H.'s landed at 2.20 p.m. for the Official Reception, Full Guards were furnished both for H.E. The Governor of Jamaica, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., and for the C.-in-C. of the North American and West Indies Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Walter Cowan. The Silver Bugles were used in conjunction with the Royal Guard.

The details of the programme carried out in Jamaica and detachment notes will be forwarded from Fiji.

As already reported, the *Renown* was due to arrive at Kingston Harbour at 11 a.m. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. she was passing the Palisadoes and shortly reached the historic Port Royal, where a Royal Salute of 21 guns was fired by the Garrison. Port Royal has been intimately connected with the growth of the British Navy. Nelson commanded at Port Royal; and into Port Royal Harbour, Rodney brought the captured vessels of De Grasse, after his victory at The Saints, at a time when Jamaica, Barbados and Antigua were the only West Indian islands left in the hands of Great Britain. William IV. as a Naval Officer, twice visited Jamaica, the first Prince of the blood royal to set foot on her shores. H.R.H. The Duke of York is paying his second visit to Jamaica, as in 1913 the ship in which he was serving as a Cadet called there.

Port Royal was also a headquarters of the Buccaneers, and according to the natives their evil spirits or Duppies as they are called locally still haunt the neighbourhood.

Under perfect weather conditions, the *Renown* proceeded to her anchorage close to the town of Kingston, the largest ship of the British Navy to attempt such a feat. The *Calcutta* and *Colombo*, the two cruisers representing the N.A. and West Indies Squadron, manned ship as we passed and subsequently fired a Royal Salute.

The arrival of T.R.H.'s in the *Renown* created a great stir amongst the local peoples who were given a holiday, and who garbed in the gayest colours crowded the jetty and other view points on the sea shore. At night the town was brilliantly illuminated.

It is not proposed to enumerate the various Official Functions at which T.R.H.'s were present, as these will have already been fully dealt with in the Press. The officers of the *Renown* attended such functions as their duties and circumstances permitted, such as the Evening Reception at Government House, at which some 1,600 people were presented, an afternoon Garden Party given by The Honourable The Colonel-Commandant and Mrs. Mudge, and the Reception on board *Renown* given by T.R.H.'s. Added to these there were a number of Club Dances and private parties.

In the meantime, outings had been arranged for the Lower Deck. One of the most popular of these was a visit to Bog Walk, some 20 to 30 miles distant, in the neighbourhood of which a sugar factory was inspected. The party travelled out to Bog Walk by train and returned by motor car being thus able to obtain a good idea of the country immediately surrounding Kingston, which is flat and tropical, and of the mountainous country further inland from points in which excellent views were obtained. The route lay through Spanish Town, the ancient Capital of the Island.

The popularity of this outing may be judged by the fact that 180 of the Detachment took advantage of it.

Kingston itself had spared no expense to make our visit an enjoyable one. A canteen called the " Renown" Club for the Lower Deck was provided on premises, kindly lent by Messrs. Atlantic Fruit Co., situated near the landing stage. Here tea, coffee and sandwiches, etc., were provided free to men in uniform; while cigarettes, cigars, beer, aerated waters were sold at cost price. A number of dances and entertainments had been organised by the committee of the Victoria League. We are also much indebted to Mr. E. B. Hallett, the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for hospitality offered to all ratings.

Excellent bathing was provided at reduced prices at the Bournemouth Bath, where on Saturday aquatic sports, including a water polo match took place. In the latter the *Renown* defeated the Jamaica Sea Rovers by 5 to 1. Mnes. Maker and Radford were prominent in this game. Other sports included two soccer matches, one of which the *Renown* lost to Jamaica by 2 to nil, the other the Navy won by 4 to 2. In cricket the Navy was not so successful. Of the two matches played, one against the Garrison was drawn, the other against Jamaica was lost. The R.M. Tug-of-War team (lightweight) from *Renown* beat the Army by 3 pulls to 1.

On the Friday, the *Calcutta* and *Colombo* illuminated ship, a spectacle very popular with the local inhabitants. On the Saturday morning, T.R.H.'s paid a visit to both these ships. The programme of H.R.H. on that day included a visit to Port Royal and later H.R.H. laid a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph erected to the memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War, irrespective of colour. Jamaica sent over 10,000 of her people, everyone a volunteer, and out of these one-tenth never returned.

Renown left Jamaica at 7.45 a.m. on Sunday, 23rd January, Royal Salutes being fired by *Calcutta*, *Colombo* and Port Royal. As we left the harbour the strains of " Old Lang Syne " were heard from *Calcutta's* Q.D.

We had all enjoyed ourselves very much at Kingston, our one regret being the shortness of our stay.

Motorist: " I'm sorry I ran over your hen. Would a dollar make it right ? "

Farmer: " Wall, better make it two. I have a rooster that was mighty fond of that hen and the shock might kill him too ! "—*Military Magazine.*

ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge."

On the 17th of January we commenced the Spring Cruise. A couple of days before sailing our Bandmaster, Mr. Radcliffe, R.M.B., was stricken down with a nursery complaint, and placed in exile at the R.N.H. Portland, and Mr. Marks, R.M.B., enjoying the life of a long-shoreman at Eastney, was given a "pier-head jump," which he managed successfully, only leaving a tooth-brush and two handkerchiefs behind.

The Bay was fairly kind ; we saw a few pallid countenances, and one or two other things. However, after bearing up cheerfully for a few days, we put into Vigo, a little Spanish town which the Atlantic Fleet occasionally visits during spring cruises.

This halt enabled some of the detachment's "young blood" to enjoy (?) its first taste of foreign travel. Perhaps you would like us to explain things more fully, but we will drag the anchor inboard (not too far) and get on to Gibraltar ; we were there by the 29th January. Since then we have been alongside the South Mole, carrying out the ordinary routine, except for three days at sea, in order to carry out our firing programme, which is fairly light this cruise.

We have been flogging up for the Tournament events fairly hard, and just before the 1st Battalion of The Buffs sailed for Bareilly, India, we fought their "A" Company (battalion champions) at bayonet combat, and we won by 8 fights to 2. The 1st East Surreys have relieved them at the South Barracks, and at present the Buena Vista barracks are empty.

The Fleet Royal Marine Officer (Major Briscoe, R.M.) will probably send on collective results of the Fleet Tournament, as far as Royal Marines are concerned, which may be in time for publication.

It was our original intention to wish those sixty odd ex-*Revengers* a long stretch of "Per Terram," but we heard someone talking about a certain 12th Battalion. However, we trust the Drafting Officer was not so cruel as to drop on such sea-dogs as those, but in case he did, we will not voice the wish, and in lieu we ask "Would any of you like to come back to the *Revenge* ?" (steady there with those pens !)

EAST INDIES. "Effingham"

On the 19th of November, having finished our G. and T. practices at Trincomali, we left for Bombay, where we arrived on the 22nd. The *Emerald* and *Enterprise* arriving a few days later.

The majority of our time at Bombay was taken up with the Combined Operations which were carried out there with the Army. A detailed account of the operations would take up too much space, but a brief summary of our time ashore may be of interest.

To make certain that the defending force, *i.e.*, the Royal Marines should hear nothing of the attackers plans, the entire detachments of the three ships were landed on the 27th and sent into Camp at Santa Cruz, just north of Bombay. By the kind permission of the Bombay Light Horse we were allowed to use their camp during our stay at Santa Cruz. During the short time we were there the Company underwent a course of intensive training for the particular nature of operation we were to undertake.

On the 2nd of December we left Santa Cruz for Bombay where we embarked in R.I.M.S. *Cornwallis* for Janjira, a peninsula about forty miles south of Bombay, where the operations were to take place.

For the purpose of the operation we represented a battalion of "Janjirs" who were stationed in the peninsula. News had been received that a punitive expedition was about to be undertaken by northland forces supported by the 4th C.S. against the Janjirs, and that a landing might be expected on the night of the 7th-8th somewhere on the peninsula.

Unfortunately on the night of the 4th-5th the *Enterprise* arrived in the middle of the night and embarked her detachment before departing to China. This left us with a weak company to represent a battalion.

Our chief object on arrival on the peninsula was to discover which of the numerous available landing places the attacking forces would decide to use. In this we were fairly successful.

After the landing had been effected at 0015 on the 8th on a falling tide the operation developed into a rearguard action fought through thick jungle with the object of delaying the enemy until our reinforcements could arrive on the night of the 9th-10th.

Our chief difficulty throughout the operation was communication between units. With a weak company to represent a battalion this seems to be inevitable, especially when operating in very thick country.

The operations came to an end at 0900 on the 9th, and we re-embarked and sailed for Bombay that day.

On the 11th December we left Bombay for Karachi where we spent a week before returning to Bombay. It was very pleasant to get some cool weather, and a matter of some regret that in view of the departure of the *Emerald* and *Enterprise* for China, we shall miss a spell of cool weather up the Persian Gulf.

On the 20th we left for Bombay for Christmas. Christmas Day passed off very well, the barracks being very gaily decorated.

On the 26th His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay, came on board and walked round at Divisions. Before leaving the ship he paid a visit to the R.M. Mess deck and inspected the different cups won by the Detachment.

In accordance with the new programme we left Bombay on the 31st for Colombo, where we stayed for a few days. Leaving Colombo on the 10th of January we called in at Trincomali for twenty-four hours en route for Madras where we arrived on the 14th. We leave here for Rangoon on the 21st.

A. (interested in Pelmanism) : "I'm off to Pau for a fortnight !"

B. : "Look up my old pal Hummack there. He is a capital fellow, and will look after you !"

A. : "Thanks awfully, I must memorise that name. Ah, I have it—it rhymes with stomach—I'm certain to remember now !"

On his return from Pau, *A.* met *B.*, and said : "I had a capital time, old chap, but I never met your pal Kelly !"

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

On January 4th we left Bermuda for our Southern Cruise. The first port of call on the programme was Nassau (Bahamas). The journey from Bermuda to Nassau will be remembered by a good many of the ship's company, including officers. Apparently during our sojourn alongside the northern arm in the Dockyard at Bermuda we lost our "sea legs" with the result that our first couple of days at sea *mal-de-mer* was prevalent. We were at Nassau only for two days, but managed to get in a game of rugby and a game of soccer with the locals. At rugby we had a hard fight to maintain our run of successes. We were up against a very fast team, but after a hard game, won by a penalty goal to nil. At soccer the ship's team won by 3—1.

From Nassau we proceeded to Port Antonio (Jamaica). It was not very long after our arrival at this place that we were regaling ourselves with fruit. We were berthed alongside a jetty belonging to a fruit company, who arranged for parties to visit their plantations. We had an enjoyable ride in motor lorries through the very picturesque scenery of Jamaica, and on the return journey we were at liberty to help ourselves to what fruit we required. Needless to say the motor lorries were considerably heavier on the homeward journey than on the outward one.

Our next port to visit was Kingston. The first day or two we were painting ship and generally polishing up in preparation for the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York on the *Renown*. The details of the *Renown's* visit to Kingston will be probably found on another page. Our Detachment, together with that of the *Colombo*, lined the streets when the Duke and Duchess of York drove through the town. The day before the *Renown* left Kingston, we were honoured by the Duke and Duchess inspecting the Ship's company. The detachment furnished a royal guard, and subsequently marched past to conclude the inspection. During our stay at Kingston several soccer matches were arranged, which included representative matches between the three ships, *Renown*, *Colombo* and *Calcutta* and the Army. The following were the results :—

Navy 2 *v.* Army 0.
Navy 2 *v.* Army 1 (return match).
Green Howards Regt. 2 *v. Calcutta* 2.
Jamaica 3 *v.* Combined Ships 4.
Jamaica 1 *v.* Combined Ships 2 (return match)

On the whole we had a very enjoyable time at Kingston, and our thanks are due to a certain association known as the Victoria League, which is organised by a few ladies of Kingston who entertained us every night by dances and concerts.

From Kingston we proceeded to St. Lucia where we spent a couple of days surf bathing. We were able to arrange a shooting match with the local police in which we proved easy winners by 96 points. Total points : *Calcutta* 261 ; Local Police 165. Major Owen, R.M., made the highest score of the shoot.

After leaving St. Lucia our next port was Georgetown (British Guiana). Here we found it rather warm, but managed to muster enough energy to carry out our quarterly M.O. inspection. Despite the weather, soccer matches were arranged and two games were played against the Colony. The Colony possess a very good team and it is very seldom that any of the ships that visit the port can claim to have beaten them. In our first match against them they trounced us to the tune of 4—1, but in the return game we managed to reverse the result, winning by 1—0. A consistent member of the ship's team is Mne. "Pincher" Martin, who is showing excellent form at left-half. Another shooting match was arranged, this time with the Local Defence Corps. The teams consisted of eight-a-side and after a keenly contested match we again proved winners by 11 points. The shoot was composed of 7 rounds at 200 yards, 300 yards and 500 yards. The highest score was made by a Sergeant of the local team with 77 points. Mne. Newton obtained the highest score in our team with 73, while four more were in the seventies. The local team had not been beaten by any team for four years.

We are due to return to Bermuda on March 4th for docking on March 7th, and particulars of the remainder of our cruise will be forwarded in next month's report.

"Capetown"

Our detachment football team reached the final of the inter-part competition, but were soundly beaten in the all-important game to the tune of 7—1.

Everyone was delighted when it was officially announced that we had won the South American cruise. and were very pleased to leave for Pernambuco on the 4th January. Although the first seven days were dirty it was pleasing to know that it calmed down for "crossing the line" ceremony.

"King Neptune" and his Court was received on board on the night of the 12th with full honours, and the next day some 330 "landlubbers" were initiated into the ancient order. On the Staff were Lieut. L. O. Jones, Sergts. Pughe and Willingale in the roles of "Chief of the Police," "Herald" and "Usher" respectively.

On the 14th we arrived Pernambuco and berthed alongside. The English population, although small, was very hearty in its welcome and did all in their power to make our short stay enjoyable.

On the 17th we left for Rio de Janeiro, arriving on the 21st. We must congratulate *Calcutta's* detachment on their several successes on this station bearing in mind the shortness of their commission, their achievements are very noteworthy.

MARRIAGE.

HEWLETT - BOURCHIER.—On Thursday, 27th January, at Bath, Mabel Jessie, only daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Bourchier, R.M. (retired) and Mrs. Bourchier, late S. Brent, South Devon, to S. J. Hewlett, Esq., only son of the late Samuel Hewlett, Esq., of London.

NOTICE.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner has been arranged for Friday, May 27th, at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at 7-45 p.m.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

The main item of interest has been the forming and departure of the 12th R.M. Battalion.

The Chatham commitments were detailed and reported ready under 48 hours from the word "Go," a record which we fancy could not be beaten by any other regiment in the world.

The Chatham details had a most enthusiastic send off, after being inspected and addressed by the Colonel Commandant.

There have been several changes in the staff of the Division: Lieut.-Colonel H. A. H. Jones has been promoted Colonel 2nd Commandant at the Portsmouth Division, and Lieut.-Colonel G. A. S. Hickson has been appointed Director of Naval Recruiting. Colonels Jones and Hickson go to their new spheres with every good wish to them and their families.

PORTSMOUTH.

Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., retired on account of age on the 10th February, 1927, with the rank of Major-General, and Colonel-Commandant A. G. Little, C.M.G., took over the command of the Division on that date.

The Division has had another loss in the departure of Colonel-2nd-Commandant J. A. M. A. Clarke, C.B., C.M.G., who has been succeeded by Colonel-2nd Commandant H. A. H. Jones.

We wish General and Mrs. Finlaison and Colonel Clarke all good luck for the future.

Interest is now concentrated in teams for the Royal Tournament, and Fort Cumberland is a very sporting centre now-a-days, as the Corps Field Gun's Crew and the Divisional Tug-of-War teams are training there, and the Brickwood Field Gun's Crew are starting shortly. The Fort resounds to the raucous spring-time roars of the trainers accompanied by a minor obligato of grunts or groans from the trainees.

PLYMOUTH.

An amusing variety entertainment was given in the Globe Theatre on the evenings of 31st January and 1st February. The first part of the programme consisted of a number of entertaining turns, amongst which L/Cpl. Woods—who gave several of his baritone songs—and Sergt. Stapleton, with many new magical tricks, must be specially mentioned.

The second part of the programme consisted of a sketch, in which various officers took part, depicting a C.-in-C.'s inspection of a R.M. Camp from afloat detachments. In the absence (on leave) of both R.M. officers, Mne. Willie Avapint—a W.R.A., and a "three-badge Marine" devised a scheme to hoodwink the C.-in-C., and the execution of his ingenious though unfortunate scheme kept the audience in roars of laughter throughout.

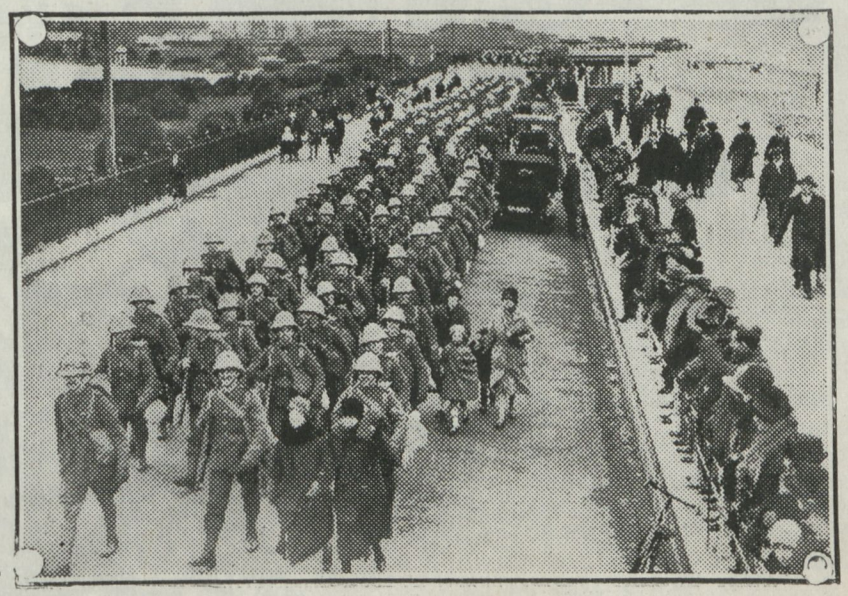
R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

On the occasion of the departure of the 12th Royal Marine Battalion from Portsmouth for service in China, a band from the School under the Bandmastership of J. W. Relph assisted the Divisional Band and marched in the centre of the Battalion from the Barracks to the Dockyard.

A band from the School under the conductorship of Bandmaster Herbert Kenward, L.R.A.M. will provide the musical items of the programme on the occasion of the inter-service Rugby match Navy *v.* Army at Twickenham on the 5th March.

THE ROAD TO CHINA.

26-1-27.



THE PORTSMOUTH COMPANY MARCHING DOWN THE FRONT AT SOUTHSEA.

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OFF TO CHINA.



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S.S. MINNESOTA LEAVING THE SOUTH RAILWAY JETTY, PORTSMOUTH
with the 12th Battalion Royal Marines — on the 26th January, 1927.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE. CHATHAM AREA.

The forethought of the Entertainment Committee again proved the worth of their existence during the past month, Jan. 7th and 13th being allocated for Convivial Evenings. On the 7th Mr. Walker (Gravesend) brought a party of six for a shooting match and three games of billiards (2 a-side). The shooting match was won decisively by the R.M. Police by 105 points, the Police also winning two of the three games of billiards. The remainder of the evening was spent at cards, etc.

On the 13th the Rochester City Police were the guests of the evening, being a slight acknowledgment of their kindness for inviting 12 members of the R.M.P. to their annual outing to Brighton last summer. A miniature shooting match (8 a-side) took place at 5 p.m., being won by the R.M. Police by 73 points.

While the shooting match was in progress, the remainder of the company, which numbered about 40, amused themselves at cards and billiards, a "two-minute run" competition being held instead of a billiard match. This consists of each man being given two minutes at the table, spotting his own balls, etc., which caused much amusement among the company, some actually finishing "in debt." At 8.30 p.m. a "Smoker" was held, the chair being taken by P. S. Fox (R.M.P.). Among others who contributed to the programme were P.S. Flowers (monologue), P.C.'s Sharp and Hales (comic), P.C.'s Cooper, Kirby, Baker, Finnis and Mr. Bowner (sentimental). Mr. Surgisson was at the piano. Refreshments were served during the evening. Speech-making was at a minimum, and the evening concluded at 11 p.m. with "The King."

These convivial evenings, coupled with the whist drives, certainly tends to break the monotony of duty at places like Armament Depots, which are usually in isolated spots; also, they bring us into closer contact with the Civil Police of the district, thus creating a better understanding and good fellowship with the two, much to the benefit of the R.M. Police.

MONTHLY SHOOT.—Owing to the Christmas festivities the monthly mess shoot for December was postponed to January.

LECTURE.—On February 2nd, an interesting and instructive lantern lecture was given in the Police Recreation Buildings by Mr. J. Gallon, B.Sc. (Laboratory Manager, Lodge Hill), his subject being "Coal in relation to explosives." Chief Inspector S. W. Bucknall presided.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

LONDON BRANCH.

CHILDRENS ANNUAL XMAS PARTY.

The Children's Annual Xmas Tree and Party took place on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at the Headquarters of the Artist's Rifles, Dukes Road, Euston Road, lent by kind permission of the Officer Commanding, Lieut.-Col. S. W. Neighbour, C.M.G., T.D. A very large party of Comrades assembled with their wives and children numbering some 250. Tea was the first item on the programme and the children did themselves well. On their way down to the Drill Hall they were presented with oranges and apples, and in the hall stood a giant Xmas Tree which was splendidly decorated. Clowns were there and caused roars of laughter by their antics. A short entertainment followed provided by a conjurer, a ventriloquist, and a young guest, Miss Doris Hancock, who sang and danced, each item being loudly applauded.

Father Christmas (Comrade A. E. Elworthy) next appeared, and the Tree was stripped and the presents distributed, everybody got something, even poor Papa, who usually gets nothing at all, came in for a good cigar. A dance followed, the music being provided by the Rosonian Orchestra, a very fine combination, and a further large party of dancers arrived to swell our numbers, dancing being kept up to a very late hour.

We were honoured by the presence of the Adjutant-General and Lady Hutchison, Major-Gen. H. S. N. White, and Capt. H. A. C. Webber, who remained for a considerable time, and entered fully into the spirit of the party.

The Committee desires to thank very sincerely those patrons and Comrades whose generous donations enabled them to carry out so successful a function, and to all those who assisted in the preparations.

The arrangements were carried out by the Hon. Sec. and his Entertainment Committee, Comrades Weller, Wakefield, Doss, Hardy and Gregg, to whose efforts the success of the function was largely due.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A very successful Dance was held on board H.M.S. *Eaglet* by the R.M.O.C.A., Liverpool Banch, on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1927. The party numbered about 350. An enjoyable programme commenced at 3 bells in the last Dog Watch, and continued until 7 bells of the First Watch.

Among those present were Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M. (President) and Captain J. Pearson, M.C., R.M. (who conjointly entertained a large party), together with several officers, Royal Navy and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. The Committee, under the guidance of Comrade Martin (Chairman) are to be congratulated on the great success of the evening. The dancing deck was in the capable hands of Comrade Edgar Smith (Hon. Secretary), and who performed the duties of M.C. in his usual exemplary manner.

In view of the huge success of the dance a further one has been arranged for the 9th March, 1927.

The Annual Dinner and Re-union has been arranged to take place on board H.M.S. *Eaglet* on Saturday, 23rd April, 1927.

The Annual Commemoration Service (Anniversary of the Attack on Zeebrugge, St. George's Day) is to be held on board the S.S. *Royal Iris* on Sunday, 24th April, 1927, when we hope to have the attendance of two representatives (one N.C.O. and one other rank) from each of the R.M. Divisions and Depot R.M., to whom invitations will be sent in due course, and it is considered most desirable that Active Service representation should be present on such a historic occasion.

Our very grateful thanks are due to Captain William Maples, V.D., R.N.V.R., for the loan of H.M.S. *Eaglet* for our social events.

A TOPICAL GROAN.

By V.W.D.

The Director of Torments was gloomy and sad
And cursed all his staff for their follies,
As for over twelve months they'd created no stunts
To torment His Majesty's " Jollies."

He cursed and he swore, then suddenly stopped
His wicked old face all a-beaming,
For he'd found how to close the blissful repose
We'd enjoyed since his previous scheming.

Our bayonets and scabbards had flashed through his mind
And he thereupon grimly ordained,
That the bayonet bolt spring, the pummell and ring,
And all steelwork no longer be stained.

Ten thousand " Royals " once merry and bright,
To please this delightful old dud
The stain must demolish and strive hard to polish
The weapons intended for blood.

Most wonderful man may we bring to your mind
An item you've doubtless forgotten,
We've cause for complaint for smothered in paint
The hooks in our collars look rotten.

And further again your attention we claim
For the buttons we fix to our braces,
If burnished and bright they would make a grand sight
As we bend to our " Front Support Places."

And though an order to burnish " Tin Hats "
May cause eruptions like active volcanoes,
'Twould be striking, methinks, the effect on the "Chinks,"
If the Twelfth R.M. landed with haloes.

But, avaunt, you old rascal, continue your schemes,
Cease not your cantankerous capers,
For we'll lessen our cares by purchasing shares
From the makers of emery papers.

" SOLDIER AND SAILOR (AND POET) TOO ! "

By J. McL.

As a result of study and deep research on the part of different Officers at various times, past and present members of the Corps are able to learn of its history from the earliest times. Though this form of Record is probably of greatest direct importance, it is interesting to know in what other ways members of the Royal Marines have figured in other branches of literature.

In the realm of fiction we have one of the foremost writers of the day. In his novels and short stories Colonel Drury has given us the inimitable " Private Pagett." A lesser known work is "My Lady of the Chimney Corner," written by Alexander Irvine, who for some years served in the ranks. This is a study of love and poverty in Irish peasant life, and has been declared by many eminent critics to be excelled only by Barrie's " Margaret Ogilvie."

That verse has not been neglected by members of the Corps is shewn by the following, taken from an old record :—

' Captain Charles Gray served in the Royal Marines for 36 years, several of which were passed on the Mediterranean station. He appears to have written during his service, as many of his works are dated from foreign ports. Retiring on full pay, he settled at Edinburgh, where he found congenial society and continued to write, many of his poems being set to music. His lyrics, " The Lonely Dwelling " and " I will think of thee, my love," entitle him to a place in the foremost rank amongst poets.'

As the following lines (from his poem " A' Wear the Masks ") show, Captain Gray was not deficient in humour :

Will Shakespeare, in his witty page,
Declares that " all the world's a stage,"
And we as players a' engage,
To—whistle owre the lave o't.

The Doctor wi' his drap and pill,
May, as it happens, cure or kill ;
If he contrive his punch to fill,
He'll whistle o'er the lave o't.

The Landlord, wi' his beer sae sma',
Nae final reckoning fears ava ;
Instead o' ane he'll score you twa,
Then—whistle owre the lave o't.

The soldier though he drills a' day,
And right and left maun face away,
At night makes merry wi' his pay,
And—whistles owre the lave o't.

This gifted Officer died on the 13th April, 1851, at the age of 69.

——— J. McL.

32 Neale Street,
Roker, Sunderland.
6th February, 1927.

To the Hon. Editor,
The " Globe & Laurel."

Sir,

I would like to correct the statement from *Renown* in January's issue, re the last occasion in which a Royal lady took passage in one of His Majesty's fighting ships. I, with about 50 R.M.L.I. from Chatham, and the same number of R.M.A. from Eastney, commissioned H.M.S. *Renown*, commanded by Capt. The Marquis of Bristol, R.N., on the 15th October, 1907.

We left Portsmouth for Cherbourg, where the King and Queen of Spain, with the Infant Prince of the Asturias, embarked for Portsmouth. After they concluded their visit in England, we left with them for a Spanish Port, but weather conditions were so bad, we put into Brest, where they disembarked. We then returned to Portsmouth and paid off on the 16th December, 1907, thus concluding a very short commission.

Wishing the " Globe & Laurel " every success,
I am, yours respectfully,
F. M. Thompson,
Late C/Sgt., R.M.L.I.

Customer (on telephone) : " Please send up one bale of hay and a bushel of oats ! "

Man at feed store : " Who is it for ? "

Customer ; " The horse ! "—*Bulletin*.

THE SERGEANT'S SASH.

We have received a query from a reader as to the origin of the Sergeants' Sash, and Colonel Field has very kindly sent us the following information :—

I don't think the Sergeant's Sash has any different origin to the Officer's. Colonel Clifford Walton in his "History of the British Standing Army, 1660-1700" writes :—

"The Sash was worn by all Officers from General down to Sergeant, whether of Horse, Foot, or Dragoons. The material was generally similar to that now in vogue, the fringes, however, in the case of Commissioned Officers, of Gold or Silver. The Private Troopers of Horse also wore sashes, the only exception to the general colour (crimson) being the 4th Dragoon Guards whose sashes were white. Pikemen in foot regiments were also distinguished by sashes, but of white worsted with a coloured fringe."

James' "Military Dictionary" 1802, (but I think this is a later edition of an earlier work) says :—

"SASH.—A mark of distinction, which in the British service is generally made of crimson silk for the Officers and of crimson mixed with white cotton for the Sergeants."

N.B.—I do not think this is correct. At some period, I imagine in the latter half of the 18th century, the Sergeants wore worsted sashes of crimson with one or two stripes of the colour of the regimental facing. I believe this lasted till about the time of the Crimean War. There is a picture in Windsor Castle by Dubois Draconnel of a Sergeant of Royal Marines about 1830-40 whose sash is striped crimson, blue, crimson, blue, crimson, with a sort of oval cocade or rosette at the tie of the same colours.

In the Dictionary above quoted it continues :—

"Sashes were originally invented for the convenience and ease of wounded officers. By means of which, in case any of them were so badly wounded as to render them incapable of remaining at their posts, they might be carried off with the assistance of two men. They are now reduced to a very small size and of course unfit for the original purpose."

I don't think sashes were *invented* for the purpose mentioned but may have been frequently used for that purpose. I think they date back to the time of Elizabeth, and were worn over armour to distinguish officers from mounted men-at-arms in armour.

Sergeants were always considered "Officers" though not Commissioned ones. The term "Non-Commissioned Officer" is to be found in a Royal Warrant of 28th May, 1886."

Mother (to proud daddy, who is paying the doctor on the instalment plan) : "Just think, Henry ! Only the three more payments and baby is really and truly ours ! "

—*Legation News.*

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"Brudder, does you all know what deceit am ? "

"I suttinly does."

"Den what is it ? "

"Well, when I leans over and hears somethin' rip I knows dat's de seat."—*Leatherneck.*

The following correspondence on a subject of interest to the Corps appeared in successive issues of the "Sunday Times."

THE ADJECTIVE "ROYAL."

Sir,—The adjective "Royal" was simply applied to the Navy to distinguish it from the merchant service, and to the Marines to distinguish that portion of the Marine forces under the control of the Admiralty from the Marine Artillery and Light Infantry. With regard to the Air Forces, it is also used only to separate the military aircraft from the civil air services.

Oddly enough, however, Murray's Dictionary says that Bailey in 1731 made use of this rendering of the word "Royal" :—

> A Royal Army is an army marching with heavy cannon capable of besieging a strong and well-fortified city.

A LOVER OF QUOTATIONS.

Hyde Park, W.

THE ROYAL MARINES.

Sir,—In your last issue "A Lover of Quotations" (who, in this instance, I fear, has omitted to verify them), states that :—

> The adjective "Royal" was simply applied to the Marines to distinguish that portion of the Marine forces under the control of the Admiralty from the Marine Artillery and Light Infantry.

May I, as one of that much misunderstood corps, be permitted to correct him ?

From the October morning in 1664, when Charles II. affixed his seal to the Order in Council, which was in effect the birth certificate of the Sea Regiment, and until the present day, the Marines have been entirely—not a "portion" only—under the supreme control of the Admiralty. (Mr. Pepys, Secretary to that august body, was, as appears from his Diary, an admirable dry-nurse to us in our infancy). The mid-nineteenth century division of the corps into Artillery and Light Infantry in no way affected that control. The title "Royal" was conferred on the Marines by George III. in appreciation of their loyalty during the Mutiny at the Nore, and for their gallantry in the Napoleonic wars. To-day, we are doubly "Royal," for our Colonel-in-Chief is His Majesty the King.

St Germans. W. P. DRURY (Lieut.-Col.)

(Replies have also been received from Col. J. Markham Rose (Newark), T. Mallam Harrison (Westbourne Park Road, W.), A Lover of Accuracy (Guildford), Sea Lawyer (Wiltshire), A Lover of Accuracy (Southsea), Col. C. Field (Liverpool), R. M. (Finborough Road, S.W.), and An Officer of a Royal Corps (Brighton).

First Barber : "Nasty cut you've given the old gent, Bill ! "

Second Barber : "Yes, I'm courtin' his 'ousemaid—that's to let 'er know I can see'er Tuesday night ! "—

Ballast.

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A MONOPOLIST.—A little fellow left in charge of his tiny brother called out, "Mother, won't you please speak to baby ? He's sitting on the flypaper, and there's a lot of flies waiting to get on ! "—*The Open Road.*



By kind permission of the THE 12TH BATTALION R.M. PASSING ALONG THE SOUTH PARADE. *"Daily Chronicle."*



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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE 12th BATTALION ROYAL MARINES

"SEND FOR THE MARINES."

by Mr. Darbyshire, Combined Australian and New Zealand Press.

"For there isn't a job on the top of the earth, the beggar don't know, nor do"—RUDYARD KIPLING.

I was not many hours on the *Renown* before I realised the truth of Kipling's poem "Soldier and Sailor too," and the first illumination I had was on the occasion of a cinema show staged for the benefit of their Royal Highnesses. Something went wrong temporarily with the machine, and an irreverent voice from the back seats whispered audibly, very audibly "Send for the Marines." Thereafter from day to day I met him all over the ship doing all kinds of things. In full regimental kit, looking as smart as a company of guardsmen, with white helmets and white gloves, they paraded for all sorts of ceremonial guards on the quarter-deck, and half an hour after "Dismiss," you found your marine servant, whom you had just admired in the ranks, quietly setting out your evening clothes in your cabin. In fact he seemed to haunt you, for the hand which put your dress studs in was the hand which came over your shoulder with the soup at dinner a few minutes afterwards. As a matter of fact the Marine broods over you and your wants like a good angel in khaki. By-the-bye, why will the Admiralty insist on khaki being the only wear in the tropics when the rest of the ship's company are in white duck. From your uprising to your downsetting the marine has something to do with your comfort or your necessities. He pumps the water for your bath after he has brought you your early morning tea, and indeed he has on this ship the responsibility of seeing that the baths in the Royal Apartments are sufficiently supplied. He cuts up the meat for your meals as a butcher, washes your clothes in the laundry, polishes the silver for your dinner-table, delivers your letters as a postman, mends your clothes and presses them, shaves you and cuts your hair—the exploits of Marine Uden who took an intensive course of hair shingling and bobbing in Bond Street for the exigencies of this voyage are still remembered by the British public. On this ship too, as another of his multifarious functions, he is acting as Royal Orderlies, and two of them fulfil the duties of hospital orderlies carrying Lord Cavan, still with his injured foot, from cabin to deck and back again. A marine even prints all the Royal "orders of the day," and another acts as assistant schoolmaster to the boys whose education which on this most educative of voyages is not forgotten.

The liner, and to greater extent the battleship, has been likened to a village or small town, and this ship with its twelve hundred or so inhabitants conforms to that even more than usual. Taking that viewpoint then the marines are evidently pre-destined by custom to fulfil all the amenities and conduct all the organisation of such a village. The functions outlined above practically complete the whole of the shops to be found in any one of five hundred villages in England, and as though that were not enough, the marines could supply also a bookstall and "notion" shop, and a very efficient sanitary corps of sweepers and dustmen; and it is safe to prophesy that the whole of the work would be more efficiently performed and the whole of the trading conducted more commercially than the average District Urban Council and the Shopkeepers Association combined.

In conning over the ship's duties and tasks performed by the "Jolly," one is apt to forget that he and his comrades are on board for a very definite and particular purpose. His part in ship ceremonial has already been mentioned, he has also a very important share in the most important function the warship is designed for—he fights many of the guns. On this ship the upper forward turret of 15-in. guns is officered and manned entirely by a marine crew, and they have also in their "battery" two high-angle guns and one "nest" of three four-inch guns. Even in the foretop where the ship in action is practically fought from, the Marine does his part, and an officer, one corporal and twelve privates are entrusted with the control of the High Angle Guns. I confess I have not yet discovered him in the navigators bridge or in the engine room, though I quite expect to some day, and of this I am convinced that if every naval rating on board and every officer were by some mischance put out of action and only the Marines left to work the ship, there would be enough talent immediately discoverable among them to bring her safely to an anchorage after first wiping out the entire enemy fleet.



PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The departure of the Battalion has severely depleted our playing strength, consequently it is found necessary to ask permission to withdraw from several of the leagues. The fact we are able to continue with the Hants County League is due to the kind assistance of the R.N. S. of M. who have given us permission to sign their players in that league. Although not strongly represented, we have beaten Aldershot Albion in the fourth round of Hants Senior and Portsmouth Trams in both Senior and Victory Cups.

RUGBY.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* E.R.A.'s (2nd XV.)

Played at Eastney on January 29th, and resulted in a win for the Marines by 3 goals and 1 try (18) to 1 try (3). A heavy wind was blowing down the field, and the Marines played into the wind the first half, and with good forward work the half-time result was 3 all. Mne. Merckel scored a good try after an excellent dribble from the half-way line. The E.R.A.'s scored in the same manner, their left wing three-quarter dribbling well.

After half-time the Marines settled down and some

good football was seen. Lieut. Archdale played a very sound game at forward, and Lieut. Burnett played well at centre three-quarter. Tries were scored by Mnes. A. H. and A. F. Merckel and Lieut. Barrett, and all were converted by Lieut. Martyn.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* R.N. BARRACKS.

Played on Wednesday, 9th February ; lost 26 points to 6. Not so one-sided as the score suggests. The forwards packed well and heeled, but our outsides could do nothing right. In the loose the team will not keep the ball close, with the result our opponents are given several openings. A feature of the game was the play of our opponents left three-quarter wing and the goal-kicking of Lieut.-Comdr. Dawson, whilst for us Mne. Rumary, Squires, Boobyer and Perryman played well. Our team must learn to tackle " low."

CASUALS *v.* ROYAL MARINES.

Played at Eastney on the 12th February. The early play was largely confined to the forwards in the Marines' territory. The Casuals' halves were endeavouring to open up the game, and a possible chance of scoring was spoilt by Fulljames trying to cut through instead of passing out to his wing man. The Marines gained ground by a series of forward rushes. Merckel, receiving near the half-way line, put in a good run, passing to Lieut. Hardy, who crossed over near the corner for the home side, the goal-kick failing. The Casuals pressed the Marines back chiefly by forward play, and a number of lines out in the home " 25 " looked dangerous, but the finishing was weak. The visitors were unfortunate to lose Douglas with an injured knee, following which a long touch-finder by Newcombe brought temporary relief. Half-time :

Royal Marines 1 try (3 pts.) ; Casuals Nil.

The Marines pressed at the opening of the second half, until R. Fulljames, with a long kick and keen follow-up, took the play to the other end. Keeping up the pressure, the Casuals equalised, G. Fulljames getting an unconverted try. The home side retaliated, Merckel getting over, for Lieut. Martyn to convert. Following even play, Merckel intercepted a wild pass and ran over for Lieut. Martyn again to convert. The Casuals replied with an unconverted try by G. Fulljames. Final : Royal Marines, 2 goals, 1 try (13 pts.) ; Casuals, 2 tries. (6 pts.).

" COLOURS " have been awarded to Corpl. Walker, Mnes. T. Rumary, A. H. Merckel, Boobyer ; 2/Lieuts. Hardy, Fellowes and Martyn.

HOCKEY.

The Divisional Hockey team has turned out for a match only six times since the end of Christmas leave, and as many matches have had to be cancelled owing to the " exigencies of the Service," weather, and influenza.

However, there is no doubt that talent has improved, the team are playing together far more than earlier in the season, and the reuslts have pointed to distinct progress.

On Friday, the 18th February, the fourth round of the Army Cup was played on our ground between the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Welch Regiment. The result was a win for the Welch Regiment by 5 goals to 1, after a very fast and keenly contested game.

Results of matches since Christmas :—

Jan. 13th *v.* Navigation School. Draw 1—1.
Jan. 15th *v.* Fareham H.C. Lost 2—5.
Feb. 1st. *v.* Navigation School. Won 1—0.
Feb. 12th *v.* Gosport H.C. Won 5—1.
Feb. 15th *v.* Royal Artillery. Won 7—0.
Feb. 19th *v.* Southampton H.C. Won 5—0.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

Since our last report we have settled down in earnest to make an improvement on our previous matches in the Portsmouth and District Rifle League, fortunately the formation of the 12th Battalion did not interfere greatly with our shooting members.

The results obtained show an improvement, as we have fired four matches and only lost one. The teams and scores are as follows :—

R.M. 761 ; Fareham R.C., 759 pts.
R.M., 756 ; 6th Hants, 756 pts.
R.M., 749 ; H.M.S. Excellent, 762 pts.
R.M., 765 ; City R.C., 746 pts.

We were less fortunate in the " Lee " Cup, being knocked out in the second round by H.M.S. Excellent, our team was somewhat depleted by the " flu " epidemic, and the score on both sides was very low (751—745).

The Division has entered two teams for the *Portsmouth Times*, where we hope to fare better than in previous results.

In a " Postal " Match with the Depot, R.M., we made our highest score of the season (767), but unfortunately for us the Depot registered (775), this being one of the highest heard of in this district.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Royal Marines *v.* Wadebridge.

Early in the game Wadebridge scored, and held their lead until the interval. On resumption Wadebridge went further ahead, but a rally by us saw Peploe reduce the deficit, and Wheeldon equalised. Tulip (2) and Shewbrook added further goals, and just on time Wadebridge scored again. Result : Royal Marines 5 ; Wadebridge 3.

Royal Marines *v.* Green Waves.

Played at the Longroom on 1st January, after a thrilling game which was witnessed by a good " gate," the Marines ran out winners by 2 goals to 1.

Royal Marines *v.* Naval Store Dept.

At Longroom on 8th January. The Marines quite outclassed their opponents and scored 10 goals. Wheeldon 3, Horn 3, Kille 2, Skipper and Potts being our scorers.

Royal Marines *v.* Woodland Villa.

At Longroom for P. & D. league points, and 2nd round P. & D. Charity Cup. The Marines defeated a weak Woodland Villa team by 6 goals to nil.

Royal Marines *v.* Oreston Rovers.

At Longroom on 22nd January. We strengthened our position on the league table by a great victory over Oreston by 5 goals to 1.

Royal Marines *v.* Newquay United.

Played at Newquay in boisterous weather, and after a very hard fight the Marines defeated Newquay by 3 goals to 2. This victory placed us (for the second time this season) at the " top " of the league table.

The Reserves continue to climb the District Wednesday League by defeating the following teams :—

Plymouth St. Thomas Res., won 4—2. Away.
Co-Op. Athletic, won 4—1. Away.
D.M.T.'s, won 7—4. Away.
Co-Op. United, won 5—2. Home.

INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE.

By defeating "C" Compnay, "G" Company went to the head of the Company League table, the result 4—1 being rather flattering on the run of the game.

"A" Company sprang a surprise on the "Barracks" by forcing "C" Company to share points, each side scoring 2 goals each.

In the local R.N. and R.M. match versus Cornwall, the following have been selected to play:—Corpl. Stratton (captain), Mnes. Potts, Horn, and Wheeldon.

RUGBY.

Drafting and other causes have necessitated a great many changes in the rugby team, whilst the weather has been responsible for the cancelling of several matches. However, very creditable performances have been achieved and the team is now settling down and playing well together.

Results 1st XV.:—

Jan. 8th—Torquay Res. at Torquay. Lost 3 pts. to 6.
Jan. 22nd—Kingsteignton at Kingsteignton. Won 3 pts. to nil.
Feb. 5th—Buckfastleigh at Buckfastleigh. Drawn, 3 pts. to 3.
Feb. 10th—H.M.S. Defiance at Home. Won 12 pts. to 5.
Feb. 12th—Plymouth Corinthians at Home. Won 29 pts. to nil.

Results 2nd XV.:—

Jan. 22nd—Devonport Y.M.C.A., away. Won 11 pts. to 3.
Jan. 29th—1st Wiltshire Regt., away. Lost 3 pts. to 5.

TUCKEY CUP.

The points to date are: "A" Company, 1; "C" Company, 7; "E" Company, 6; "G" Company, 4.

The result of the Inter-Company Bowling was "G" Company, 1st; "C" Company, 2nd.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

Since the last publication the School's 1st eleven have not experienced the best of luck in the various competitions, being knocked out of the U.S. Challenge Cup by the R.A.O.C., and in the League we were defeated by the "Excellent's" and the Royal Scots Fusiliers, but we managed to secure a victory over the R.E.'s at Haslar in the 2nd round of the U.S. Charity Cup, we have now to meet the R.A.O.C.'s again in this competition, and we hope to be more successful on this occasion, unfortunately we have been without the services of our captain and centre-forward, Corpl. C. R. M. Robinson, and our inside-left Musn. Kemp, the former has been in Haslar since the 5th Jan. with an eye injury, and the latter has been drafted to H.M.S. "Excellent," for which club he is now playing. The loss of two such players as these has a serious effect on the team, it being impossible to replace them in such a small establishment as ours.

The Boy's are still doing very well in the various leagues, and the Boy's Own League in which every boy has to take part is a very keen and open competition.

OBITUARY.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DURNFORD.

Lieut.-Colonel Edward Durnford, Royal Marine Artillery, retired, who died at Harpenden on January 30th, in his 95th year, was probably the oldest surviving officer of the Marine Corps, in which he became a second lieutenant on December 30th, 1851. Promoted lieutenant in February, 1854, he served with the R.M. Battalion at the operations against, and the surrender of the forts of, Bomarsund six months later. Part of the time he performed the duty of Assistant Engineer with the Sappers and Miners. His ship was the *James Watt*, of 91 guns, one of the last wooden ships fitted with a screw. In 1855 he saw service with the Baltic expedition, and was in one of the mortars in the flotilla at the bombardment of Sveaborg, being mentioned in despatches and awarded the Baltic medal. Promoted to captain in March, 1862, and major in September, 1875, he retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel on May 8th, 1877, and had thus been nearly half a century on the retired list. For all that time he had lived at Harpenden and had taken a great interest in the village schools. He was the second son of General Durnford, C.B., R.E.

CAPTAIN (HON. MAJOR) C. F. COPPIN, R.M.L.I.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Major Charles Francis Coppin, late R.M.L.I.

He joined the Chatham Division in December, 1853, and joined the *Royal George* the following year In this ship he was promoted to Lieutenant and saw service in the Baltic during 1854-55, during the blockade of Cronstadt. After one year at Chatham he proceeded to China in 1857 with the 1st Battalion, R.M., and took part in the capture of Canton, and the attack on the Peiko Forts on the 25th June, 1859, in which he was slightly wounded. He returned from China to Chatham in March, 1860, and joined the *Cumberland* at Sheerness in 1861. In August, 1862 he transferred to the Plymouth Division and was gazetted Captain there in 1864. From 1866 to 1869, Captain Coppin served in the *Topaze* on the Pacific Station returning thence to Plymouth, where he retired as an Hon. Major on the 4th May, 1877.

In December, 1872, Captain Coppin received the following special commendation from the Admiralty, 19-12-72—"My Lords express much satisfaction at his praiseworthy conduct at wreck of Brigatine Eliza in Mount Batten Bay on 8th December, 1872."

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st January, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
ANDERSON, G. ..	4538	Mne.	Ports.	8892	24-1-27
BALL, H. ..	15494	Mne.	Ply.	681	15-1-27
BUDGE, J. ..	19117	Mne.	Ply.	1094	16-12-26
BLOXSOM, A. ..	14540	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	F Coy.	20-1-27
EDWARDS, W. ..	3638	Mne.	Chat.	3420	9-1-27
GURNETT, T. C.	6776	Sgt.-Inst.	R.M.A.	359	7-1-27
HAYNES, J. ..	15490	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	2870	3-1-27
HOWMAN, C. T...	19379	Mne.	Ports.	8825	31-12-26
HOLDEN, N. ..	12851	Mne.	Chat.	411	8-1-27
KING, H. ..	2980	Mne.	Ply.	39 Coy.	30-12-26
LANKSHEAR, T.	5559	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	42 Coy.	4-1-27
LAMING, T. ..	6785	Mne.	Ply.	1962	30-12-26
PETTIT, D. ..	8375	Mne.	Ports.	D Coy.	27-1-27
PRYER, W. ..	8176	Sgt.	R.M.A.	467	11-1-27
PINNEY, W. H...	7903	Gnr.	R.M.A.	—	22-1-27
PITT, T. ..	6336	Gnr.	R.M.A.	12 Coy.	6-1-27
RICHARDSON, W.	1184	Sgt.	Chat.	25 Coy.	6-1-27
SPURRIER, H. ..	10794	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	20999	16-1-27
WILLIAMS, D. J.	13668	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	2631	31-12-26
WOOD, E. ..	9195	Gnr.	Ports.	12 Coy.	4-1-27
WINDLE, J. A. ..	18523	Mne.	Ply.	12063	14-12-26

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 1925 :—						
War Loan (value 1917)	83	0	0			
Deposit Account	63	2	5			
Running Account	51	4	6			
Cash	1	0	11½	198	7	10½
Annual Subscription (£50 each Divn & Depot)				200	0	0
Voluntary Subscriptions and Donations—						
Individual				21	4	6
R.M. Officers Central Fund (1925 and 1926)				103	18	0
Collective—Chatham Division ..	1	14	0			
Portsmouth ,, ...	42	1	0			
Plymouth ,, ...	10	11	0			
Depot	38	12	10	92	18	10
Towards cost of " Tile Cup "—						
Chatham Division Shooting Club ..	2	10	0			
Portsmouth ,, ,, ,, ..	2	10	0			
Plymouth ,, ,, ,, ..	2	10	0			
Depot ,, ,, ,, ..	5	0	0	12	10	0
R.M. Detachments,						
H.M. Ships *Ajax*	0	10	0			
Birmingham ..	5	12	0			
Cleopatra	1	17	0			
Curacoa	2	16	0			
Curlew	3	0	0			
Dauntless	2	11	0			
Despatch	1	13	1			
Diomede	4	0	0			
Dragon	1	10	0			
Malaya	4	8	6			
Valiant	1	14	0			
Vindictive	2	17	0	32	8	7
Bisley—Subsistence and Challenges ..				28	15	1
Entrance Fees—Teams and Individuals (incl. Aldershot Cup)				18	14	0
Grant from R.N. & R.M. Sports Control Board				15	0	0
Miscellaneous				2	9	3
Dividend on War Loan				4	0	0
Interest on Deposit				2	19	9
				£733	5	10½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Travelling expenses of Committee	7	11	3
Stationery, Printing, etc.	26	4	10
Medals, Cups and Badges (including Tile Cup, Aldershot-Cup Medals, XX. Badges) ..	253	19	5
Cash Prizes	26	0	0
Insurance and transport of Cups and Trophies ..	9	5	0
Non-Central Meetings	4	6	11
Bisley—Annual Subscriptions, Hire of Range, Huts, Tents, etc., Central Meeting ..	129	6	8½
Payment of Clerk annually	6	0	0
Miscellaneous	3	12	6
Postage	4	10	11½

Balance—War Loan (value 1917) ..				83	0	0
Deposit Account				160	2	2
Cash Running Account				17	2	1
in hand				2	4	0½
				262	8	3½
VALUE OF FUND.						
Investments	83	0	0			
Cash—Bank	177	4	3			
In hand ..	2	4	0½			
Stock (medals, etc) ..	27	11	9			
	£290	0	0½			
				£733	5	10½

Audited and found correct this 29th day of January, 1927.
H. C. BENNETT, Major, R.M.

I certify that the above is a true statement, up to and including 31st December, 1926, and that there are no outstanding liabilities.
F. R. JONES, Captain, R.M.,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.M.R.A.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

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

£2583 18s. 10d., previously acknowledged ; £4 11s. 6d., Lieut. K. Cooper ; £2 10s., Lt.-Col. E. Y. Daniell ; £2, Messrs. Edwards ; 10s., 2nd/Lt. C. Palmer ; 5s., 2nd/Lts. T. P. Honor, E. A. Browne, F. G. Fisher, F. C. Horton, R. G. Lang, F. F. Clark, J. R. Brown, W. G. Cornelius, M. R. Skene. Total £2595 15s. 4d.

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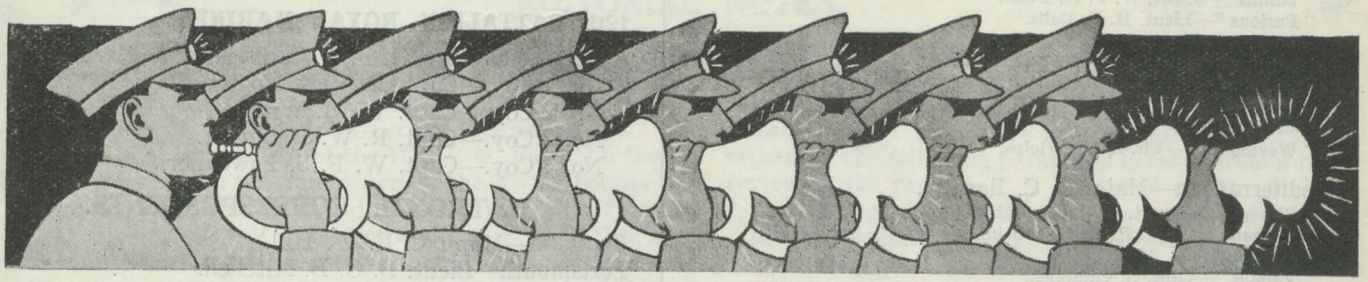


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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Inter-Command Tournaments have been held this month, and as a result there will be representation at Olympia from each R.M. establishment, to decide who is to compete in the Inter-Service Championships.

In spite of the absence of the 12th R.M. Battalion the Corps is playing a prominent part in the Royal Tournament this year, furnishing a drill squad of recruits from Deal, a contingent of rope-climbers, and a Field Gun's crew, in addition to the normal competitors. Numbers did not permit of two field guns' crews being trained this year, consequently the Royal Marines are not competing in the Inter-Port Cup, but are in for the Cup for the fastest individual run and the aggregate time Cup.

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We are delighted to see a new departure in the Rugby world in the inter-divisional match between Portsmouth and Plymouth fifteens, which was played on the 21st March at Plymouth, when a good hard game took place, which Plymouth deservedly won. It is hoped that this annual meeting has come to stay, and that next year will see Plymouth visiting Portsmouth.

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We should very much like to see Rugby taken up at Chatham and the Depot. The handling code is becoming more popular yearly, and everybody cannot play soccer.

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We are still without any news from the 12th R.M. Battalion, but judging from the newspapers they must be having a very interesting and exciting time. An account of their doings would be welcomed by the Editor.

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All members of the Corps, past and present, should be grateful to General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., for his work in placing on record so ably and completely the share of the Royal Marines in the Great War in Volume III. of "Britain's Sea Soldiers," which is now on sale. The following paragraph is taken from a recent review in the press :—

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Amongst the early publications of 1927 is a little book entitled "The Navy of To-day," by that well-known writer General Sir George Aston, K.C.B. This book is in two parts, and in the author's own words, "the object of the first part has been to depict our sea-going Navy as a living force. The second part has been added to emphasise what that living force means to us and the world in general." Part I. is essentially of interest to civilians ; Part II., on the other hand, is of interest to every Britisher. Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe, at the conclusion of his preface to the book, commends it warmly to the public, in the hope that perusal of this book will convince its readers of the supreme importance of a proper understanding of our Sea Services.

PER MARE

THE ROYAL TOUR.

H.M.S. "Renown" arrived Colon at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th January. For the last few miles we had as an escort the United States battleship "Arkansas." Salutes of 21 guns were fired first by the "Arkansas" and later by Fort de Lesseps. At 6.30 a.m. H.M. Minister came on board, accompanied by Captain Stopford, R.N., the Naval Attache from Washington. He was received by a R.M. Guard of Honour of 25 files. As soon as the official call had been paid, H.M.S. "Renown" headed into the long stretch leading towards the Gatun Locks, having now as an escort a number of American planes, which carried out some wonderful stunt flying. There are three locks at Gatun, which raise the ship from sea level to the level of the Gatun Lake, an artificial lake formed by the construction of the Gatun dam. When the ship reached high level of the first of these locks, the Governor of the Canal Zone, accompanied by other important personages, came on board to welcome T.R.H's. A battalion of American troops, with a large band in attendance, had been drawn up alongside this lock as a Guard of Honour to T.R.Hs. As soon as the Governor of the Canal Zone had proceeded on shore, T.R.Hs. landed, and H.R.H. inspected the American Guard of Honour. In the meantime the ship was passing through the remaining two locks to the level of the Gatun Lake, where T.R.Hs. returned on board. It had all been very spectacular and very interesting, and the R.M. Guard had been in a position to see everything, for with the exception of 30 minutes for breakfast the Guard and Band had been continuously on the quarter-deck from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Having crossed the Gatun Lake, the ship passed through the Culebra Cut, being lowered to sea level again through the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores locks, arriving at Balboa, the Pacific terminal of the Panama Canal about 5 p.m. The crowds of Americans and Panamanians who had assembled round the locks and at various view points along the banks of the Canal gave the ship an enthusiastic welcome as she passed through. As soon as the ship had secured alongside the wharf at Balboa, the President of the State of Panama, with members of his Cabinet, paid their official visit, a Guard of Honour being furnished by the R.Ms. A large crowd collected on the jetty appeared to be very interested in this ceremonial, and even more so with the drum and fife band beating the Retreat. After a heavy day of guards there was considerable competition for the shore, and for automobiles to cover the distance to the right side of the prohibition line. Balboa is a large American military centre, a division being stationed within the area. It is therefore a far more modern town, with a much larger society than had been anticipated. The two towns of Balboa and Panama run into each other, and together make a large cosmopolitan centre, for though the canal runs through the State of Panama, the Americans control a zone for five miles on either side of the canal. We were disappointed in missing a battalion of American Marines, who normally are stationed here, but who had been detached temporarily for service in Nicaragua.

The following day we furnished four Royal Guards during the forenoon, the ship leaving at 4 p.m. for the Island of Nukuhiva in the Marquesas Group, a sea journey of eleven days under good weather conditions, but in great heat. The outstanding incident of this passage was the ceremony of Crossing the Line on the 1st February. King Neptune's Herald announced by a fanfare of trumpets, and accompanied by his bears, had arrived on board the previous night to welcome T.R.Hs., and to warn all novices that His Majesty would arrive on board the following morning for the customary initiation ceremonies. We were fortunate in having a fine day, and with four baths in use, over 1,000 novices had been initiated by mid-day. Many of the detachment witnessed for the first time the ceremony of splicing the main brace.

During the voyage to Nukuhiva tropical routine was adopted, and an issue of tropical clothing was made to the ship's company.

Life on board was much the same as described in previous letters. The inter-part Football Cup was presented by T.R.Hs. to Sergt. Watts, captain of the port watch of R.M.'s football team, while all members of this the winning team, and of the runners-up—the R.M.'s starboard watch team—received medals at the same time. Medals for rifle shooting were also presented Mne. McLaverty representing the Royal Marines.

We have to thank Mr. Darbyshire, the Australian Press Representative, for a very interesting lecture to the detachment on Emigration to Australia.

Everyone enjoyed the two days spent in Nukuhiva, our first experience of the South Sea Islands. Nukuhiva is one of the islands known as the Marquesas, a group taken over by the French in 1842. As one approaches the island of Nukuhiva offers a wonderful spectacle, with its high cliffs and mountainous hinterland. While the peaks are bare and show their volcanic origin, the valleys are thick with tropical vegetation, bananas, bread fruit, mangoes, limes, oranges, and cocoanuts, etc., growing in profusion. The island has less than 1,000 inhabitants. The natives are of Polynesian type, and appear very sturdy, but in spite of their great muscular development, many die in middle age from tuberculosis. As late as 1880 human sacrifices were performed to appease their stone gods, these sacrifices being followed by cannibal feasts. The sites of these ceremonies remain standing to this day. Nowadays

the natives are clothed in European style, but still retain head-dresses made of flowers, and one or two are heavily tattoed by pigments. This progress of civilization is largely due to two French missionaries, who founded a station here 41 years ago.

The natives gave several exhibitions of dancing, which were carried out by different tribes with great skill and wonderful rythm.

On the second day the R.M. band landed and played to the natives, who obviously seemed rather dazed although apparently very pleased with the performance. Everybody availed themselves of the opportunity of going ashore and collecting fruit in its natural state. The natives live on fruit and fish, the latter being caught by spearing. Some of these fish are beautifully coloured, but many of them are deadly poisonous. A certain amount of sport can be obtained by shooting wild goats, pigs and wild fowl, although these animals are very difficult to approach, owing to the thick undergrowth. In addition to the two missionaries mentioned above, there are only three regular white residents—a French doctor, a French police officer, and an Englishman, who has kept a store here for some 16 years. It is interesting to note that the *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* anchored at Nukuhiva during their journey across the Pacific prior to the battle of Coronel.

H.M.S. Renown left Nukuhiva for Fiji at 5 p.m., 9th February.

We very much regret to have to record the death at sea of Bandmaster 1st Class J. E. Burnett. Bandmaster Burnett was a leading violinist and the leader of our Jazz Band, while he was 1st Clarinet in the Military Band. Taken ill on the 29th January with pneumonia, complications ensued, and he died and was buried at sea on the 13th February. He was very popular and his death is deeply felt.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Our month at the " Rock " has been a very enjoyable one, though strenuous at times. We were pleased to see the arrival of our friends the 1st East Surreys, in relief of The Buffs, and they have shown us much hospitality.

On the 23rd February the Royal Marines of the Fleet were reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Henry Oliver, who expressed his approval of their marching and appearance.

Appended are the results of the Fleet Tournament, and it will be seen that the Corps swept the board all round. *Revenge's* tug-of-war teams—(Inverness Police kindly note)—very ably coached by Sergt. Culley, have yet to be pulled over.

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The above results reflect the greatest credit on all concerned, and are the outcome of much hard training during the hours which have not been spent in performing the duties enumerated in page 56 of your March issue. By the way, Mr. Darbyshire, we do all this in the A.F. too !

" **Revenge.**"

By the time our contribution appears in print we hope to have our first watch on Easter leave, wolfing hot cross buns, etc., in various parts of England, but Easter is a fair distance away just at the time of writing, and having read about " a glittering half-mile of Royal Marines' bayonets in Shanghai," we keep our khaki drill suits in a state of readiness, also our civvy suits, so you see, with our usual *Revenge* readiness, we are prepared for either emergency—but we prefer hot cross buns to rice !

We sent our usual annual Butt Party to the North Front Ranges to mark for the seamen, and despite the exceedingly damp weather, the latter obtained several straddles, and some of them even won prize-money, but up to now we have not heard a case of a marker being challenged with the remark " Could you go one, Royal ? " Perhaps they are waiting to say it with " Brickwoods " ; we said—*perhaps* !

We do not want to tell you too much about work, because mere mention of the word brings a violent fit of trembling on some folks we wot of, so will turn to sport.

The Fleet Royal Marine Officer is sending on a nominal list of winners in the Atlantic Fleet Tournaments. We are rather pleased about that, because our troops are inclined to be very modest, but that list is useful to anyone not quite sure how to spell Revenge—surprising how many of our Fleet start it with a " B."

The results are the outcome of many an evening spent by our tug-of-war teams on a piece of waste ground under the lee of the Dockyard clock tower, and by the others in a spare corner of No. 4 coal-shed, South Mole. We had many wet nights and Service duties interfering with our training, but we just stuck it, with intentions to end the commission as we started it, *i.e.*, never far from the top of the list.

Very few of the older hands were displaced by the young blood we shipped in January, but several of them are picking up the ropes fairly well in different side-lines ; most of them will have to devour a good many general mess eggs before they will be possessed of the necessary stamina to compete against our flannel-footed friend Jack, whom we have found to our cost many a time, is no dud to be up against.

Marine Sefton shows great promise of becoming an Inter-Services Champion one day in the Bayonet Fighting world, and some of the Corps experts will have to watch him closely.

It is very likely that the Summer Cruise will be our last, and we may not even complete that with the Fleet, as our ship is likely to fall a victim to the clutches of the dockyard maties somewhere not far removed from July,

but no official news has been promulgated yet. However, if we go on the cruise, there are several things we have we want to keep, and also several things we haven't we want to have, so "*Hoods*," pull your socks up, because you're for it !

"**Hood**"

I must commence with an apology for the absence of any news from us for the last three months. I ought to prefix it "delayed pressure of work but honesty, forbids it. However, change of correspondents entails delay and the intervening time has been taken up in screwing up my courage to commence a task in which I am a veritable tyro. At the time of writing we are half-way through the Spring cruise, which has differed only in minor details from all other spring cruises. After leaving Devonport we visited Villagarcia, from where the illness of Vice-Admiral Fuller caused our hurried (but not lamented) departure. We were relieved to hear on arrival at Gibraltar that he was out of danger.

Sport of all descriptions has been in the forefront for the past month. At the time of writing the Inter-Part regatta has just been concluded. Our "A" cutter's crew has justified the confidence we felt in them by winning the cutter's shield. They were never fully extended, but that is a testimony to their excellence, not to the weakness of the opposition. They defeated in turn the three seamen crews, and had the unique experience of finishing one race by searchlight.

It is whispered that we covet other trophies to act as flanking pieces to the "Rodman Cup." What about it, Revenge ? May we also say, in answer to "Revenge" remarks in January *G. & L.* that all things being equal or otherwise, we shall be the first to congratulate them in the (we hope) unlikely event of them recovering it.

The *Barham* has challenged us, and we pull on the 15th March. They are the champions of the Mediterranean fleet, and we expect a good race. We are confident of upholding the honour of the "Sea Soldiers,"and hope the best crew wins.

Boxing.—We have two budding "white hopes" in the detachment in the persons of Lieut. Baker and Mne. Fox, who won the squadron "Officers' Light-Heavy" and "Men's Heavyweight" cups respectively. One of them was counter-balanced by an eye, which would have put "Joseph's coat" to shame. I will not say more, lest I be guilty of *lése majesté*. In this case also discretion is the better part of valour.

Football.—Both our teams are doing well, and several new players of promise have been discovered in the last draft. We have sprung several surprises on some of the leading teams, and are now comfortably placed in the league.

Squadron Assault-at-Arms.—We met with varying success in this, owing to lack of time and facilities for training. In the 110 stone tug-of-war we met the *Revenge*, the ultimate winners, and lost after a good fight to a better trained team.

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—In the Officers' competition Warrant Bandmaster Green took first place in both the B.C.S. and A.F. competitions. In the competition for other ranks, Mne. Brown took second in the preliminary and third in the final pools.

Sabre v. Sabre.—In the B.C.S. tournament Corpl. Barker took first place, and was again successful in the A.F. tournament. He and Mr. Green will represent the ship at Olympia.

Training.—One naturally puts this last, because it comes under the category of "Work." However, it has not been neglected, and we have taken advantage of several opportunities to prove that "the sword is mightier than the scrubber." Adverse weather conditions marred our first landing, and the most biassed critic will admit that a ground sheet worn over the shoulders is not conducive to good drill. On the second occasion "Jupiter Pluvius" relented, and the brilliance of the sun was only rivalled by the polish of our bayonets and the glitter which accompanies the pomp and pageantry of peace. The occasion was a march past of all R.M. detachments, and the C.-in-C. took the salute.

We are now looking forward to returning for our Spring leave, and hope to have more to communicate when we have overcome the rigours of being in dockyard hands.

"**Repulse.**"

At time of writing both fleets are lying at anchor in Gibraltar Bay, and have just settled down from combined manoeuvres. To us these are just a succession of "cruising stations" and "action," and we are thankful they are over. Now they have finished, the A.F. are looking ahead to leave ; of course, they are always doing that, but we have now come to the "beginning of the end." The next important item on our programme, before we leave Gib., is the regatta with the Mediterranean Fleet. This comes off on the 14th March, and we regret we are unable to give you any results, as the Magazine will have gone to press.

Talking of "manoeuvres," the detachment has just successfully manoeuvred through S.O. R.M.'s inspection, as the ship was inspected by the A.C.Q., and the panic has only just subsided. Three days' warning was given, and such things as "make and mend" were forgotten (not by the lower deck), and the detachment worked "part o' ship" during the day and "equipment" at night. The inspection was a success, so nobody is any the worse off. One of our lads had a button off his great-coat for kit inspection, and cheerfully volunteered the excuse that he was "run over by a motor car in this coat."

The usual fleet competitions have been decided, and our successes are very few, we are sorry to say. It seems that the *Revenge* proved our Waterloo. Mne. Torry won the Fleet Championship for "Foils," and goes to Olympia ; this Marine belongs to Plymouth Division.

The results of the Bayonet teams competition were as follows :—

	Furious	Bye
	Repulse versus *Revenge* ..	*Revenge* won
	Revenge versus *Furious* ..	*Revenge* won

Result : *Revenge*, 1st ; *Furious*, 2nd ; *Repulse*, 3d.
The *Hood* did not send a team.

Tug-o'-war was the next item, and three teams were entered from the "Battle Cruisers." The *Furious* did not enter as she was out at sea. The results were as follows :—

"Lights"	*Revenge* versus *Repulse* ..	*Revenge* 2—0
	Revenge versus *Hood* ..	*Revenge* 2—0
Heavys	*Revenge* versus *Repulse* ..	*Revenge* 2—0

Hood did not enter.

The *Revenge* entered two very good teams and well

deserved their wins, and we congratulate them, and wish them every success in the future.

There were no entrants from the detachment for Boxing, as Mne. Overy sprained his wrist at the last moment.

The officers made up for our losses at sport by proving themselves very versatile in a show given by the officers of the *Repulse*. Our Capt R.M. portrayed "Boy Scranbag" with no mean talent. Our senior Lieut. R.M., in conjunction with a Lieut. R.N., gave what seemed the best item on the programme.

The 12th Battalion have by this time arrived, and landed in China, and by the reports of the press have created a good impression on the "Chinks." We wish them good luck and a speedy and safe return.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Warspite."

After having been through a very strenuous time getting the ship clean after her long stay in the Dockyard, we are now able to turn our minds to other things. The ship, on the whole, did not do very well in sports this winter, but we are not without talent, and hope to do well next winter when we have had more practice. Our football team were not very successful, but we did very well in the Fleet Marathon and the Novices' Boxing Competition.

The Detachment had quite a good football team, and should do well next year, if they are able to get more practice and more chances of playing together. They were unfortunate this year in losing the Inter-part Cup to the forecastlemen after a very exciting replay. Two of the detachment plau for the ship's football team; three out of a team of 10 ran for the ship's marathon team. The detachment was very well represented in the Novices' Boxing, having twice as many entries as any other part of the ship.

We are all very sorry to lose the 1st Bn. Beds. & Herts Regiment, with whom we were very great friends. Before this regiment left for China they accommodated three platoons from this detachment for three weeks (one each week) in their barracks at Malta. I can safely say that each week was most enjoyable and instructive. On several other occasions most enjoyable afternoons were spent playing football against their companies. During the winter cruise, one officer and thirty other ranks were accommodated on board this ship, but unfortunately they had to be sent back to Malta in an Oiler, in order that they might join their battalion to proceed to China. The detachment has presented the Battalion with a cup, in remembrance of their close friendship.

We have now started the Spring Cruise, and at present are at Gibraltar, striving to beat the Atlantic Fleet at everything.

Lady (to little boy crying): "My little boy, what are you crying for?"

Little Boy: "Father beat me!"

Lady: "What for?"

L.B.: "I was doing a cross-word puzzle, and the clue was 'Drunk in the afternoon,' and I put 'Dad,' and it was 'Tea.'"

"Conquest."

We regret that we have not given you any news for some time, but there has really been very little of interest to tell you. On December 16th, 1926, *Conquest* recommissioned at Portsmouth for service with the Mediterranean Fleet, and the strength of her detachment was increased from 19 to 29.

Cyclops recommissioned at Chatham about the same time, but to the great regret of everyone on board the whole of her detachment was withdrawn, the officers of the submarines particularly missing the service of their attendants.

On January 5th, 1927, *Conquest* was inspected by Rear-Admiral (S); he was not received by a guard of honour, but inspected the Royal Marine detachment, remarking on their smart appearance.

On 11th January, 1927, the Flotilla assembled at Portsmouth and went on a cruise to Torquay and Dartmouth, returning on 14th January. On the 24th the Flotilla sailed for Gibraltar and arrived there on the 28th, finding there the majority of the Atlantic Fleet.

Various fleet tournaments were in progress, but as we did not belong to the Atlantic Fleet, we were unable to take part, but devoted our energies to the usual routine after recommissioning, chiefly paint and gunnery. We have, however, managed to land for drill occasionally, and on Wednesday, 2nd March, we marched up to the East Surrey's parade ground, to watch a guard of honour, under the command of Captain Congdon, at drill. We were greatly impressed by their performance.

In the world of sport we have had to confine our activities to a few friendly football matches, which have resultee as follows:—

v. 23rd Company of The Buffs (2—1), Mnes. R. C. Jones and Calloway.
v. H.M.S/m. "K. 26" (1—1).
v. H.M.S/m. "L.23" (5—0), Mnes. B. Smith (3), and R. C. Jones (2).
v. H.M.S/m. "L.26" (0—3).

Of these, undoubtedly, the best game was against H.M.S/m. "K.26," the match being a very even one.

Now that we have joined up with the Mediterranean Fleet we hope to have further to report later.

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The results obtained during January and February are as follows:—

		Rifle.				Revolver.			
	M.	1st	2nd	3rd	Avge.	M.	1st	2nd	Fd.	Avge.
Dauntless ..	16	9	3	—	105.3	2	3	4		94.4
Royal Sovereign	25	32	20	6	95.4	4	13	—		114.5
Egmont (Perm. Staff, G. T.)	11	3	2	—	118.5					

Best Scores, Rifle.

Dauntless ..	Po/22144	Mne. F. G. Bowidge ..	Score 129
R. Sovereign	Ch/23188	Mne. A. W. Rice ..	,, 134
Egmont ..	Po/15949	Sergt. F. T. Crosby ..	,, 147

Sergt. Crosby is to be congratulated on a very fine performance, having only lost 13 points from the h.p.s., 6 of these points being in practice 8 (kneeling). Other scores obtained by the instructional staff were: Sergt. P. A. Ford, 141., Sergt. J. J. Manfield, 139., Q.M.S.I. Solman, 138. Sgt. A. Monnery, 134. Sgt. W. J. Lawrence, 122. Sgt. W. R. T. W. Cherriman, 122., Capt. E. L. N. Bishop, 120. The average worked out at 132.8. Mne. E. W. Warwick also made the fine score of 138.

The Staff held their Annual Shoot on the 22nd Feb., when the Hungerford Cup, Donegal Badge, and R.M.R.A. Medal were competed for. The conditions were 2 sighters and 10 rounds, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, N.R.A. conditions, service rifle.

The Donegal Badge was given for the best score at 200 yards, and won by Sergt. J. J. Manfield, with the very fine score of 49.

The R.M.R.A. Medal was given for the best aggregate amongst the markers, and won by Mne. H. Spearing, score 115.

The Hungerford Cup was given to the best aggregate for the whole of the Staff. This produced an exciting shoot, as on totalling up the scores, it was found that Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman and Sergt. J. J. Manfield had tied with an aggregate of 136, obtained as follows :—

	200	500	600	Total
Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman	45	46	45	136
Sergt. J. J. Manfield	49	42	45	136

Three tie shots were fired at 600 yards, the same total again being obtained. Shot for shot was then taken, Sergt. Manfield getting an inner with his eighth shot, and Q.M.S.I. Sloman dropping to a magpie. Sergt. Manfield thus winning a good sporting effort. Weather conditions for the shoot were fairly good, there being a mild N.W. wind, with an occasional change of light.

CHINA.

"**Vindictive.**"

Although some weeks have elapsed since our last effort, things in general, although moving rather rapidly from day to day, have been chiefly to do with the situation prevailing in China.

During our stay in Hong Kong we managed to get a match or two for the Rifle Club, shooting the Dockyard twice, and winning each by the small margin of 1 point, five of the team of eight coming from the detachment. Captain Leech-Porter has taken over the Secretaryship of the Ship's Club, with Corporal Day as Asst. Secretary.

Our own club had a match with the Hong Kong Police, winning by 26 points, the outstanding scores being : Sergt. Wooley 99 and Corporal Flack 98, and the latter has since won the Aggregate Miniature Cup, which is won by a total of four spoon shoots on the miniature range, but owing to our movements this cup has not so far again been competed for.

During the Christmas Day celebrations the Cups, etc., which have been won by us since our arrival on the station were exhibited for Rounds, and numbered twenty-three pieces all told, quite a good show for twelve months, but we feel sure we can improve on this during 1927.

From Hong Kong we got rather a quick move to Nanking, owing to the situation at Hankow, but did not proceed further up river, much to our disappointment. Here we again saw a repetition of the issue of winter clothing, so great a boon to those who are tropically built, but that is about as much as the majority saw of this city, leave being very restricted, owing to martial law being in force.

From Nanking we got a welcome move to Shanghai, and tied up alongside the wharf of the Blue Funnel Line, Messrs. Holt & Co. have since shown us every consideration, providing a ferry service night and day for liberty-men, also a beautiful field for drill purposes, opinions of which differ, especially in this cold weather ; but there is now doubt with the assistance of this field, we are truly keeping fit and on the top line, which has been our slogan now for some weeks. We actually trooped the colour, Sergt. Wooley representing the colour !

Our football is still going strong, and since our arrival here we have had three of the detachment chosen for the Navy against Shanghai ; Corporal Holt did us the honour of bringing one of the Navy's goals to the detachment. In Inter-part affairs our chances look particularly rosy, and to date we have played nine, won eight, drawn one ; goals for 33, against 3, with one game to go, which we consider as good as won.

A look at our detachment's football record makes one feel proud of our team, as to date in China we have played 60 matches, won 58, lost 1, drawn 1 ; goals for 260, against 30, and I can still hear Corporal French saying, "Send 'em along, regiments as well," and it appears they are all the same to us.

The new Commander-in-Chief paid the ship a visit last Sunday to present the Hawkins Cup to the winning gig's crew at the last regatta, and it was pleasing to see four Royals amongst them, these being Mnes. Staunton, Beard, Robinson and Kelly.

The arrangements for disembarking and transporting the Punjabis on arrival at Shanghai were carried out by O.C. Detachment and one section, but the job is not wanted if there is a little war. The advance platoon were guided to the racecourse by Mne. Rouse marching at the head.

"**Delhi.**"

Many and varied have been the alterations in our daily life since our last contribution to the Corps' Monthly, and here at Hong Kong lies the reason. While in company with the Fleet at Phalerum Bay, Greece, the 1st C.S. received orders to raise steam for two hours' notice for China. Our Rear-Admiral asked permission to proceed to Malta to dock *Delhi* and *Dragon*, and on Saturday, 15th January, at 11 p.m., we sailed for Malta, arriving on Monday the 17th at 7 a.m. Immediately on securing lighters came alongside with stores, etc., and after hard work by all hands, we finished at 4 p.m. the same day. On Tuesday we entered dock and commenced scraping ship's side at 0915, and at 1113 the side was finished, but we did not leave dock until the next morning at 7 a.m. Our Rear-Admiral sent a signal to us while coming out, "Well done, *Delhi* ! " At that time we had comparatively small space on the upper deck, because field kitchens took up all the room, and the N.S.O. gave the Marine working party who loaded the lighters a recommendation on the way they worked. At 9 a.m. Wednesday the 1st C.S. sailed from Malta, being given a very hearty send-off by the ships' company of *Eagle* and 3rd C.S., who cheered and played appropriate airs as we sailed by. On clearing the breakwater speed was increased to 22 knots, and here trouble commenced, because on account of the sudden burst to this speed our condenser tubes gave out, and we had to fall behind. After eight hours we succeeded in getting going once more, and we managed to be only two hours behind

the Squadron at Port Said. Although we experienced some very rough weather we succeeded in doing 25 knots in endeavouring to catch the squadron. After a few hours stay at Port Said we sailed up the Suez Canal, and here on passing a Union Castle boat ; we were heartily cheered and recognised by some " Aussies " on board, who asked how we had liked Brisbane. Just as the cheers of these people had subsided a still small voice was heard to enjoin us to give the " Dragon's tail a good twist "—whether they meant H.M.S. *Dragon* or the sacred dragon of China we cannot say. Arriving at Port Suez at 8.30 next morning, *Frobisher* and *Danae* remained to take in hand grenades, and *Delhi* and *Dragon* proceeded, and it soon became apparent that *Delhi* did not need the towing pendant, which some humorist had suggested coming up the Canal, but that *Dragon* required it far more, having also contracted condenser trouble. While at sea high speed targets were towed, and Lewis guns and machine guns exercised, the Marines having to have two new L.Gs. on account of the defects of their original ones, and, of course, as we had anticipated landing at Shanghai, we had to have the best arms. Arriving at Aden, we only stayed long enough to oil, and here *Dragon* succeeded in catching up, and then off we sped at 22 knots to Colombo. Here we stayed long enough to oil, and then continued our mad rush east to Singapore. It was suggested by one of the Detachment, that as we had called at these ports so many times this commission, a quartermaster was absolutely unnecessary, because the ship knew these waters so well. Arriving in the tropics, baths and wind-scoops were rigged, and everything done to try and keep the ship cool, but the Marine barracks suffered, as they usually do when at sea, as ports had to be closed, and insufficient ventilation made it impossible to remain below decks for any length of time. After four or five days under these conditions a wind-scoop was rigged, but we did not get very much alteration in the atmosphere even then. Arriving at Singapore on Wednesday, 2nd February, *Frobisher* went alongside the wharf to oil, *Delhi* and *Dragon* oiling in midstream from *R.F.A. Fortol.* When we had completed *Danae* also oiled. Here we heard that *Danae* and *Frobisher* had " King Flu " on board. At Singapore we received orders from C.-in-C., China, to proceed to Hong Kong instead of Shanghai at economical speed, so off we steamed at a steady twelve, carrying out various evolutions and tactics *en route.* In 14 days the Squadron had sailed from Malta to Singapore, a distance of 6,000 miles, thus establishing a record. Up to the present *Delhi* has steamed 52,000 miles in two years which I think also establishes a record for a single ship. We read that *Concord* had thought she had steamed most miles, but I think we can eclipse her record, because we steamed over 40,000 miles in nine months during our trip to and stay in Australian waters, and by the time we return to Malta we shall have done close on 60,000 miles, if not more. We imagine that we shall be held in readiness here, and I suppose we shall have to wait some time for February G. & L.

Old Lady (to boy playing in puddle of water) : " My child, get out of that puddle at once ! "

Little Fellow : " Aw, go find a puddle for yourself, I saw this one first."—*Recruit.*

N.A. & W.I.

" Calcutta."

Since our last notes we have completed our Southern Cruise, and are now back again at Bermuda, preparing for our annual refit.

During our visit to Georgetown (Demerara) we were able to arrange a shooting match with the local forces. It was a close shoot, but we managed to win by 11 points. Mne. H. Newton was top scorer with 74 points out of a possible of 84, which was very good shooting. The ranges were 200, 300 and 500 yards. This team had not been beaten for four years.

At Port of Spain (Trinidad) we had another shooting match, but this time we were beaten by 118 points. This big defeat may be accounted for by the fact that the Trinidad team used B.S.A. sights. It may also be mentioned that five of this team have been chosen to attend Bisley this year. Mne. H. Newton again obtained the highest score in our team.

We spent an enjoyable time at Trinidad. A party was organised to visit the Pitch Lakes at a place called Brighton. This proved an interesting day's outing, perhaps the chief feature being the train journey, in which we were able to enjoy the beauties of the Trinidad scenery.

We visited the Island of Grenada, and the only item of interest to record was a shooting match against the Grenada Police. This we won rather easily by 68 points, our highest scorer on this occasion being Mne. Funnell. The ranges were 200, 300 and 500 yards. The bathing at Grenada was ideal ; the sandy beach and warm temperature of the water made the conditions perfect.

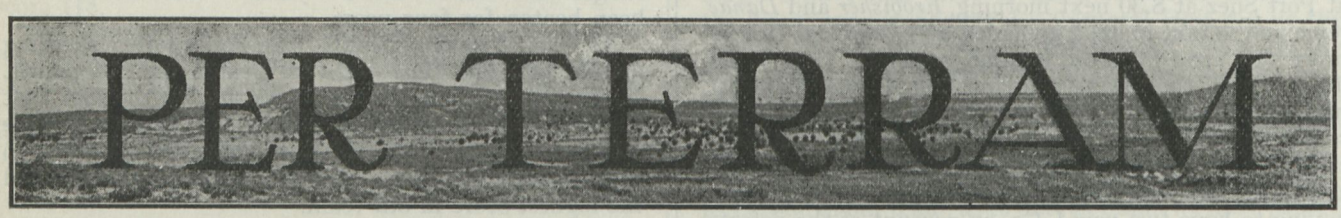
At Barbados we found our stay far too short. We left with very pleasant memories of the Island and the welcome that we received. Even our drummer, who is a staunch adherent to the " pig in " brigade, went ashore, much to the financial detriment of his " firm." This was a case, however, of the football being mightier than the needle and thread, as he was chosen to play in the detachment's team at soccer. The Barbados' Volunteers asked us for a game, and the following team did duty : Musn. Martin, Mne. Hall and Mne. Fulbrook ; Musn. Warrington, Corpl. Preston and Mne. Martin ; Corpl. Harris, Musn. McNab, Musn. Bennett, Mne. Martindale and Bugler R. Newman. It proved to be a good fast game, in which we emerged winners by the odd goal in three. The Volunteers scored first ; they were quick to snap up an opening to score. After settling down, we equalised through Musn. Bennett. Just before half-time Bugler Newman fastened on the ball near the half-way line, and by means of a brilliant run down the wing, which culminated in a perfect centre, the winning goal was scored. There was no further scoring, and in the second half we were hard put to to keep our lead.

On Monday, February 21st, in company with the *Colombo*, we took part in the Tercentenary celebrations, which commemorates the establishment of Barbados as a British settlement 300 years ago. Three companies were landed from the ships, the combined detachments forming one company, the remaining two consisting of sailors. We attended a parade held on the local race course, together with other contingents from the local forces and police. His Excellency the Governor took

the salute, and after marching past in companies, close companies, and advancing in review order, we formed square for His Excellency to read an address and a message from H.M. the King. After the proceedings we marched back to the Volunteer barracks, where we had refreshments, after which we returned to the ship.

Two more shooting matches were arranged during the remainder of the cruise. At Barbados against the Police and Volunteers, we were winners by 46 points, Sergt. Couzens being top scorer ; ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards. At Antigua, against the Antigua Defence Force, we were again winners by 35 points. On this occasion Major Owen was top scorer. The ranges were 200 yards (slow), 200 yards (snap) and 300 yards (rapid).

Next week we proceed to Warwick Camp for our annual Small Arms training, and as the ship is going into dock, we are thankful to be out of the way of the " dockyard maties," and the many personal discomforts that docking entail. We hope the weather will be kind to us, so that we can return with a detachment full of marksmen.



CHATHAM.

The Division is still feeling the effects of the formation of the 12th Battalion, and there is a very great shortage of men in barracks. To make matters worse we have had to take over the *Ramillies* from Plymouth. With great efforts we have managed to keep the tug-of-war teams going. They are putting in some real good work, and we have great hopes for Olympia.

Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Horne has joined the Division from the Depot on promotion, and has taken on the job of Chief Instructor.

Major H. R. Haines has left Chatham on promotion and has gone to the Depot.

Our First Drill, Q.M.S.I. G. R. Franks, has gone to pension, but he is not lost to the Division, as he has joined the staff of the Canteen.

The Divisional Billiard Championship is in full swing. A full list of the games will be given next month.

The Ancient Order of Froth Blowers is making great headway in barracks. The Sergeants have inaugurated the first Royal Marine Vat, an account of which will be found elsewhere. The outside local Vat is held at the Mitre Hotel in the High Street, to which Vat many Royals belong. It is hoped that other Vats will be opened in barracks, to assist a most excellent charity, and which provides plenty of clean healthy fun. It is impossible to imagine a Froth Blower being a Bolshie.

A.O.F.B.

An interesting and instructive evening was spent in the Sergeants' Mess of the Chatham Division, Royal Marines, on Monday, 7th inst., on the occasion of the inaugural supper of the Royal Marine Vat. No. 1.

Blaster F. A. Freeman was in the chair, and duly invested with the regalia of that office by Blower French. Blower Baker was appointed Chief Gargler and Purveyor of Provisions ; Blower Wilson as Scribe, and Blower Douglas made an excellent Vat Scrounger.

Links having been duly inspected by the Vat Scrounger and only one offender being discovered, it was promptly decided to inspect the rituals. Much consternation ensued, and practically the whole Vat was fined for neglect of duty in not producing that document.

The loyal toast was duly proposed by the Blaster, after which the company proceeded to enjoy one of the merriest evenings ever spent in the Mess. Quite late in the evening it was discovered that one member was actually wearing the left link in the right shirt sleeve, and vice versa, for which serious offence a heavy fine was inflicted, in spite of his excuse that he was not in the habit of wearing a shirt.

The proceedings terminated with the two Anthems, the Oast Box not being able to carry another coin.

PORTSMOUTH.

Two Guards of Honour have been mounted during the last month, the first one being under the command of the Adjutant, with Lieut. B. G. B. Mitchell carrying the Regimental Colour, on the occasion of the visit of the Commander-in-Chief to the Colonel Commandant ; and the second one under the command of Lieut. R. P. Deane, on the occasion of the visit of the Commodore R.N. Barracks.

An amusing incident took place at Browndown a few days ago. A certain Field Training Platoon was " standing easy " one forenoon, when the officer in charge, who was lighting his pipe, looked up to see, to his astonishment, a perfectly good Marine running full speed, with bayonet fixed, across the road, finishing up by making a " long point advancing " at the bank. He immediately went over to find out the reason for this sudden burst of energy, and discovered on the end of the man's bayonet a young and juicy rabbit !

R.M. CADET CORPS (PORTSMOUTH DIVISION)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1927.

The Portsmouth Cadet Corps held their Annual Tea and Prize Distribution on Friday, February 27th, twenty cadets from H.M.S. Vernon and H.M.S. Excellent and twenty Eastney Girl Guides attending as guests.

After tea in the gymnasium the prize distribution took place in the Theatre, and was well attended by the parents and friends of the cadets. Colonel 2nd Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark took the chair.

The O.C. (Capt. and Adjutant A. N. Williams) in opening the proceedings, pointed out that the strength of the Cadet Corps was 110, of which 50% were the sons of serving or ex Royal Marines, and 25% were the sons of serving or ex Naval ratings. He took the opportunity of thanking personally the Adjutant, Hon. Secretary, and all the Instructional Staff for the time and pains

they devoted to the boys, and thanked all concerned for the way in which they responded to the appeal for funds to put the Cadet Corps in blue uniform, on similar lines to the parent Corps.

The Adjutant (Q.M.S.I. B. W. Hatcher, D.S.M.) was then called on to give a report on the year's progress. After giving a detail of the various functions attended by the Corps during the last twelve months, including the Portsmouth Welfare Sports, where they won the *Evening News* challenge shield for the ninth year in succession, and the tenth out of eleven years of its existence.

He reported that the shooting of the Corps according to the results of the Imperial Challenge Shield had improved by over 50%, and gave some amusing details of the camp held at the end of last summer. He was well supported by the boys when he said it was hoped to hold a longer camp next year. It was pointed out to the parents that militarism or the " Iron Hand " had no part in the organisation, but that the corps was simply doing its bit toward turning out decent men and keeping the boys from lounging around the streets.

Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark gave some interesting details of how the funds were subscribed, and thanked the Canteen Committee, Junior N.C.O.s' Club and Sergeants' Mess for their generous response, in fact, owing to the Sergeants' Mess bringing their donation up to £50, the sum was over-subscribed, and the officers didn't have a chance to subscribe. However, there was no doubt that the Officess' Mess would respond generously on the next call.

The O.C. then called on Mrs. Huntingford to present the prizes. The " plums " were distributed as follows :

Zeebrugge Cup and £5 War Savings, presented by Col. Langford to Cr.-Sergt. Bellgrove.
Lady Fanshawe Medal .. Cr.-Sergt. W. Bird.
Col. Comdt.'s Medal .. Sergt.-Major Harrington, presented by Colonel-Commandant.
O.C.'s Medal .. .. Cr.-Sergt. Leale, presented by F. Capt. A. N. Williams.

On conclusion a vote of thanks for Mrs. Huntingford, proposed by Q.M.S.I. McKnight and seconded by Cr.-Sgt. Jackson, was carried as only Cadet boys can.

A Cinema entertainment was then provided by Mr. Weaver, the films being kindly lent by Mr. C. Pitt, who also received three hearty cheers on the conclusion of the programme.

DEPOT.

DEPOT COAL.

To the delight of all concerned " Nobs " are being issued with the Coal Ration, after an absence of many months.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

The Second Annual Prize Day will take place on the 12th April next. The Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, has kindly consented to present the prizes, an account of which will be inserted in our next issue.

A couple of flappers pooled their spending money to buy a book advertised in the newspaper as " What a Young Lady Should Know Before Marriage."

The book arrived—" 100 cooking recipes."—

Fliegende Blaetter.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

PEMBROKE DOCKYARD.

On the whole things have been quite pleasant and fairly interesting since we took over the Dockyard in September last.

With plenty of open country round about, the guns have invariably returned with a full mixed bag. We were rather too late for the fishing—but who believes fishing yarns, however true they may be ?

In November last we had our 105 h.p. Motor Fire Engine taken from us, and received in lieu a small hand pump about 14 inches long. This exchange was almost attended with serious consequences, as about the same time the R.M.P. Library was formed. The librarian had purchased some novels, which, to say the least, were decidedly warm. The R.M.P. regulations regarding the safe stowage of such works were overlooked, and when they were placed on the wooden bookshelves, burst into flames, doing quite a fair amount of damage before the fire was extinguished with the hand pump.

On Boxing Day the R.M.P. Motor Club held a series of races on the Pendine Sands, the eliminating tests having been previously run off in the Dockyard during " silent hours." Capt. Campbell, who happened to be at Pendine Sands with his 450 h.p. Napier " Blue Bird," was so surprised at the speed obtained by P.C. OXO on his Mor-Cow, that he decided to carry out considerable alterations to his " Blue Bird " before attacking the world's record. P.C. OXO's Mor-Cow was used for pacing the " Blue Bird," and as everyone knows, Capt. Campbell was able to beat the then existing record by over four miles per hour. The Mor-Cow is being tuned up to assist in reaching the 200 miles per hour mark.

The R.M.P. Yacht Club are busy overhauling their yachts for the coming season. R.M.P.Y. " Pembroke I." has been fitted with an entirely new set of sails, hence Sir Thomas Lipton's decision to build a new Shamrock.

Owing to the almost entire absence of frosts in these parts, the R.M.P. gardens are in a very advanced state of cultivation. The first crop of " Pembroke Earlies " are expected to be lifted during the next week. Slugs have become rather a nuisance, and one constable, finding all his radishes being eaten by them, decided to sprinkle the ground with common table salt. A considerable noise was heard next morning, and on going to investigate cause of same, he found the slugs were pulling up the radishes, dipping them in the salt, and eating them.

The R.M.P. Poultry Club has had very good results considering the short time at their disposal. They have succeeded in crossing a swan and a hen, with the result that their eggs are the envy of all poultry keepers in Wales.

Milford Haven is at present full of trawlers, waiting for their supplies of ice, all stocks of ice in the local ice factory having been commandeered by the R.M.P., who are studying for their proficiency exam.

P.S.—Would R.M.P. at other stations kindly note that applications for sittings of our Swan-Hen eggs are only dealt with in strict rotation.

A parent received the following wire from his son at Oxford University : " No mon, no fun, your son." The parent replied by wire : " How sad, too bad, your Dad."

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN (TEMP.) WILLIAM HENRY JONES.

An interesting Service figure in Capt. W. H. Jones, R.M., of 59 Hunter Road, Southsea, passed away at Haslar Hospital on Sunday last, after a short illness.

A native of Swansea, Capt. Jones joined the Royal Marine Artillery as a boy of 17 in 1878. Promotion came steadily, as the following record shows :—Corporal 1884, sergeant 1885, instructor in gunnery 1891, colour-sergeant 1891, quartermaster-sergeant 1895, sergeant-major 1898.

He reached the age of retirement on 13th October, 1914, but re-enlisted in February, 1915, being granted a commission as Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the R.N. Division, and with which he served at the Crystal Palace Depot till 1st May, 1919, on which date he retired. He received the rank of Temporary Captain in May, 1917.



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He saw service in the Egyptian campaign of '82, for which he received the Egyptian medal and bronze star, and he was also in possession of the Coronation Medal, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the British War Medal.

"Squib" Jones was a well-known figure at Eastney Barracks, where his loss will be greatly felt. He was an outstanding Parade Sergt.-Major, and a successful trainer of tug-of-war teams for the Royal Tournament and other events. Only last summer he was at his best on parade with a company of veterans, at the memorable parade service held after the annual re-union of the Sergeants' Mess at Portsmouth.

Capt. Jones, who leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters, was throughout his lifetime actively interested in the Conservative cause, but he would never consent to hold any office in the party. Of late he had been very zealous in the Facisti Movement.

MRS. ALLEN (*née* ADAIR).

The death has taken place in London of Mrs. Allen, widow of Mr. Samuel Allen, D.L., Lisconnan, Dervock, County Antrim. She was the daughter of the late General Sir Charles W. Adair, R.M., and is survived by her daughter, who served during the war as a hospital nurse, and later as a "Wren," and by three sons, two in the Army and one in the Navy. Her own work during the war will be long remembered in the Dervock district, being tireless in her efforts on behalf of the sailors and soldiers and their dependants. She was the leading spirit on the Pensions Committee, and largely by her influence and help Dervock now possesses a war memorial in the form of a beautiful hall.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 28th February, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
ALLEN, J. H.	4914	Mne.	Ply.	3823	15-2-27
ANDREWS, W.	4284	,,	R.M.A.	584	19-2-27
ANDREWS, H.	4555	,,	R.M.A.	588	2-2-27
BROWN, H.	21998	,,	R.M.A.	5 Coy.	21-1-27
BURGESS, S.	25922	,,	Ports.	1132	24-1-27
BENNETTS, G.	14641	,,	Ports.	138	23-2-27
BAILEY, S.	19585	,,	Chat.	4413	9-2-27
BEATTIE, J. M.	21583	,,	Chat.	7793	23-2-27
CANT, J.	16096	,,	Chat.	3260	4-2-27
CARTER, J. H.	14210	Musn.	Chat.	693	16-2-27
DIGHTON, G. M.	6707	Sgt.	R.M.A.	55	16-2-27
DAVEY, J.	8158	Sgt.	Ply.	2178	12-2-27
GRILLS, F. J.	6723	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	F Coy.	21-1-27
GUBB, W. C.	10572	Mne.	Ply.	9071	3-2-27
HEWITT, G. W.	21195	Mne.	Ports.	13017	13-1-27
HARRIS, T.	12515	,,	R.M.A.	819	17-2-27
HALL, J. B.	15830	,,	Ports.	3415	32-2-27
HUNT, E.	19124	,,	Ports.	8485	7-2-27
HELSBY, W. J.	19806	,,	R.M.A.	7911	19-2-27
JARROD, E.	5035	,,	Chat.	715	14-2-27
INGLIS, W.	4949	,,	Ply.	826	8-2-27
LONG, G.	6078	Cr.-Sgt.	Ply.	B Coy.	17-2-27
MASTERS, W.	13973	Mne.	Ports.	722	21-1-27
MORLEY, T.	15996	Corpl.	Chat.	26 Coy.	23-1-27
MOORE, W. R.	14833	Mne.	R.M.A.	813	9-1-27
NORMAN, E.	3362	Cr.-Sgt.	Ply.	13386	25-1-27
NORTHMORE, J.	2483	Mne.	Ply.	35 Coy.	25-1-27
PAWLEY, J. W.	9700	,,	Chat.	504	12-2-27
PENDLE, E.	12427	,,	Ports.	8620	10-2-27
RANSLEY, J.	8481	,,	Ply.	2598	6-2-27
RICHARDS, J.	7517	,,	Ply.	931	3-2-27
ROBERTS, S.	11947	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	16273	24-1-27
RAWLINGS, W. J.	8224	Sgt.	Chat.	1934	3-2-27
REED, G.	7844	Mne.	Ports.	1687	30-1-27
RICHMOND, E. W.	11109	,,	Chat.	11221	21-2-27
SINGLETON, W.	17598	,,	Ply.	4601	24-1-27
STAPLETON, G.	18567	Sgt.	Ports.	6207	12-2-27
SIMISTER, W.	14836	Mne.	R.M.A.	1982	13-2-27
SNOW, F.	12986	,,	Chat.	148	4-9-26
TURNER, H.	6289	Sgt.	Ply.	1024	12-2-27
TYERS, S.	5707	Sgt.	Chat.	365	20-2-27
WATSON, J.	12646	Sgt.	Ports.	1847	27-2-27
WHITE, W. C.	15537	Corpl.	R.M.A.	4444	29-1-27
WALLBRIDGE, L.	10961	Mne.	Ply.	E Coy.	19-1-27
WILLIAMS, G.	11178	Mne.	Chat.	F Coy.	18-1-27

BIRTH.

WEBBER.—On 2nd December, 1926, at 1 Linden Gardens, W.2, to Rosalind (nee Pearce), wife of Capt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., a son.



COMING CORPS EVENTS.

CORPS HOCKEY.

Between 14th and 18th April at Deal. (Mead Cup).

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

18th May to 4th June.

CORPS CRICKET.

June 27 - July 2 " Mead " Cup Week, at Deal.
July 11-12 .. R.M. *v.* Harlequins, at Deal.
July 22-23 .. R.M. *v.* Harrow Wand., at Eastney.
July 25-26 .. R.M. *v.* Hampshire Hogs, at Eastney.
Aug. 15-16 .. R.M. *v.* R.E., at Chatham.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

The Chatham and Deal Command Tournament was held at Chatham on 1st March. There was some very excellent fencing, and we had the pleasure of seeing Major W. K. Garnier, ex C.P.O. Cassford and Mr. Flanagan, who very kindly came down to assist in refereeing and judging. Results were as follows :—

FOIL *v.* FOIL (O.R.).—1st, Corpl. Clarke, Chatham ; 2nd, Sergt. Jerred, Chatham.

SABRE *v.* SABRE (O.R.).—1st, Sergt. Jerred, Chatham ; 2nd, Sergt. Spanton, Deal.

EPEE *v.* EPEE (O.R.).—1st, Sergt. Jerred, Chatham ; 2nd, Corpl. Clarke, Chatham.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (Officers).—1st, Lieut. J. M. Phillips, Deal ; 2nd, Capt. Morford, Deal.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (O.R.).—1st, Sergt. Spanton, Deal ; 2nd, Mne. Perry, Deal.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (Young Soldiers).—1st, Mne. Boots, Deal ; 2nd, Mne. Fullford, Chatham.

BAYONET TEAM COMBAT.—Deal beat Chatham with 11 wins to 7 wins.

TUG-OF-WAR.—130-Stone and 110-Stone. Chatham " walked over."

The Portsmouth and Plymouth Divisions Command Tournament was held at Plymouth on the 22nd March, with the following results :—

110-stone Tug-of-war.—Winners PORTSMOUTH, 2 pulls to 1. (Times of pulls, 6¼, 6¼ and 5½ minutes.)
130-stone Tug-of-war.—Winners, PORTSMOUTH, 2 pulls to nil.
Bayonet Team Combat.—Winners, PLYMOUTH, 14 fights to 4.
Open Bayonets.—1st, Mne. Duncan (Po.) ; 2nd, Mne. Woodfield (Pl.)
Young Soldiers' Bayonets.—1st, Mne. Dear (Po.) ; 2nd, Mne. Woodfield (Pl.).
FOILS (O.R.).—1st, Q.M.S.I. Mills (Pl.) ; 2nd, Sergt. Coker (Pl.).
Sabres. (O.R.).—1st, Q.M.S.I. Mills (Pl.) ; 2nd, Corpl. Lyon (Po).
Epée (O.R.).—1st, Q.M.S.I. Mills (Pl.) ; 2nd, Mne. Duncan (Po.).
Bayonet (Officers).—1st, Col. Raikes (Pl.) ; 2nd, Capt. Bagot (Po.).
Sabres (Officers).—1st, Capt. Bagot (Po.) ; 2nd, Col. Raikes (Pl.).
Epée (Officers).—1st, Lieut. Milliken (Pl.) ; 2nd, Col. Raikes (Pl.).
Foils (Officers).—Capt. Bagot (Po.), w.o.

The Methodist minister's daughter returned at three o'clock from a dance. Her father greeted her sternly : " Good morning, child of the devil ! "

Respectfully and demurely, she replied : " Good morning, father ! "—*Ballast.*

CHATHAM.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Soccer has been found very difficult to keep going since the formation of the 12th R.M., which in fact took five of the Division I. team and nine of the Division II. ; since then, including *Ramillies*, we have lost nine more, so that we are smiling through with almost entirely new blood. We are losing most games, but the spirit to go through with it is in those who are now playing, and they are giving the other Kent League sides a good game, that's all—" Enough Said."

Mne. Robotton was selected for Kent County, and played against Essex last week.

ATHLETIC SHIELD.

The Divisional Sports Club decided last year that the winning company for each year should, in addition to holding the Athletic Shield for one year, be presented with some permanent trophy. It was suggested that this should be a miniature replica of the Shield, but owing to expense this idea was abandoned, and a plain round silver shield, suitably engraved, was decided upon. Two of these have now been purchased and presented to "A" and "C" Companies for the years 1925 and 1926 respectively ; both companies now have their shield permanently fixed in a prominent position in the company. Meanwhile steps are being taken to build a fixture over the outside of each company passage, in order that the Athletic Shield may be mounted over the main entrance of the company holding the Shield for that year.

The points gained to date for the 1927 competition are as follows :—

	Bayonet Fencing	Tug-of-war	Total
"A" Company	1	2½	3½
"C" "	1	1	2
"E" "	3	1½	4½
"G" "	2	2	4

PORT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 12th Bn. R.M. took away so many of our boxers that we had but three entries in the Port Championships. In the Light-heavy weight Mne. W. Smith secured a " walk over." Middle-weight, Mne. Baker was k.o. in the first round by A.B. Willoughby, the well-known Navy boxer. Welter-weight : Mne. Venables was very unlucky to lose in the semi-finals to A.B. Davies after an extra round. Venables was unfortunate to injure his right hand in the first round, and though Davies did most of the leading, Venables' countering was very effective and he appeared an easy winner on points.

A lady phoned the water office relative to hours for watering the lawn.

" What is the proper time to put on my hose ? " she asked.

" Really, madam, I believe immediately after your B.V.D.'s," came the ready response.

PORTSMOUTH.

PHASE I. OF THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT was held in the Gymnasium on the 15th March, and some very interesting fencing was seen. In most of the events there were ties for the 1st place, which were not fought off, as three representatives in each weapon were required to compete at Plymouth. Mention must be made of Mne. Duncan, one of the old Bayonet fighters of the Division, who has also taken up the Epée, a very difficult weapon, with which he did very well. Results :

Foil *v.* Foil.—1st, Sergts. Rogers, Cawthraw ; 3rd, Corpl. Lyon.
Epée *v.* Epée.—1st, Mne. Duncan, Sergt. Rogers ; 3rd, Corpl. Lyon.
Sabre *v.* Sabre.—1st, Corpl. Smith, Sergt. Rogers ; 3rd, Corpl. Lyon.
Bayonet *v.* Bayonet. (Open).—1st, Mne. Duncan, Sergt. Richardson. 3rd, Sergt. Bishop.
Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Novices).—1st, Mne. McCulloch ; 2nd, Mne. Dear ; 3rd, Mne. Budd.

PHASE II.

was held at Plymouth on the 22nd March, and produced some very keen and interesting competition. The Tug-of-war team, 130-stone, won fairly easy, but the 110-stone team had three very hard pulls, each lasting over five minutes, and just managed to win by the odd pull. The Bayonet Combat team was well beaten by Plymouth Division, whom we congratulate heartily on their success, and wish them the best of luck in the Inter-Services Tourney at the Olympia. It is interesting to note that this is the first time that the bayonet team from Eastney Barracks has been beaten for about 20 years in a Command Tournament.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Although badly handicapped by lack of players since the departure of the 12th R.M. Battalion, we have yet been able to make a good show in the various competitions. We can really say that the luck of the game truly deserted us in the Hants Senior Cup Semi-final against Cowes. We had more than our share of injuries, but only went down by the odd goal in five. Unfortunately we find it impossible to complete the very heavy programme set out, therefore are very reluctantly withdrawing from the U.S. Division I. The 2nd and 3rd teams are practically new players, and there is promise of good talent amongst them, which is a healthy sign for the future. The 3rd team having recovered from a bad patch, will probably carry off runners-up honours in the North End League, a very creditable season's work.

RUGBY.

v. DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S, March 2nd. Lost 22 pts. to 3

At Eastney. A good hard game against a much better side. Our forwards, playing against a more scientific pack, were beaten for possession. Our only try was scored by A. H. Merckel after a fine individual run. The following were noticeable : Lieut. Garrett, Mnes. Newcombe, Boobyer, Squires and Corpl. Walker.

v. NAVIGATION SCHOOL, March 8th. Lost 9 pts. to 8.

At Eastney. A very fast and clean game. With the wind in our favour, our forwards opened up the game ; Lieut. Dun scored from a scrum close to the line. Surg.-Lieut. Phillips scored from a miss-kick after a good run, 2/Lieut. Martyn converting.

In the second half our forwards did not gain possession so frequently, and our outsides were less effective, with the result that our opponents scored three times.

Congratulations to Sergt. Barnett, Mnes. Bunce and Rumary and 2/Lieut. Hardy for good work. The game was well handled by Sergt. S. L. Jones.

v. H.M.S. DOLPHIN, 16th March. Won 20 pts. to 8.

At Eastney. Our opponents arrived two short ; Lieut. Ross and Mne. Bunce played for them. A very scrappy game, neither side settling down to their usual game. Our forwards must try to push together as a pack and the three-quarters must *go low*.

v. H.M.S. FISGARD 2nd XV., 19th March. Won 30 pts.-0.

At Eastney. A very one-sided game, and our opponents must be congratulated on their plucky fight. Only two of our tries were converted. We hope next season that our place-kicking will improve, as many matches have been lost this year through that alone.

v. ROYAL MARINES, PLYMOUTH, 21st March. Lost, 22 points to 3.

At Plymouth. A good hard, sporting game, an account of which will be found under the Plymouth notes. We hope that this will become an annual event.

" Colours " have been awarded to 2/Lieut. Harvey-Moulton, Mnes. Squires, Bunce, Newcombe and Lieut. Garrett.

HOCKEY.

RESULTS OF MATCHES :

Feb. 22	H.M.S. Excellent	Won	2—0
Mar. 2	R.A.O.C.	Won	3—2
Mar. 10	Navigation School	Lost	2—5
Mar. 12	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders..	Lost	2—3
Mar. 15	H.M.S. Excellent	Won	6—0
Mar. 19	Southsea H.C.	Won	12—0

When we are able to turn out our full strength side, we are now as strong as any side in the port.

One match against the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (who have just been knocked out of the Army Cup by the 1st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.) was very fast, the score being 3—0 against us at half-time. We were unlucky to lose.

SHOOTING.

We have completed our fixtures in Division I. of the Rifle League, and are now looking forward to outdoor shooting, hoping to commence strict training after the Easter vacation.

Our position in the league is rather lower than in previous years, but this is accounted for by the fact that our members found the " bull " too small in comparison with the aiming mark, and the unsettled state of the shooting fraternity.

The Miniature season will be drawn to a close at the end of the month, when the annual competition for the Company (Miniature) Cup will be held.

Other competitions fired during the month, in which the Division took part, includes the *Portsmouth Times* Challenge Shield, a knock-out Tile competition. In this competition we registered the best runs, but were unfortunate in being knocked out in the semi-final, in that one of our member's rifle jambed, when we lost by a matter of seconds.

A good programme of matches, both rifle and revolver, have been arranged for the coming season, and includes the North London R.C. (Bisley) Sussex County VIII. and the various Naval and Civilian clubs in the district,

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Mistress : " Jane, have you been touching the barometer ? "

Jane : " Yes, ma'am. It's my night out, so I set it to ' fine.' "—*The Humorist.*

PLYMOUTH.

INTER-DIVISIONAL RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH DIV. R.M., 21 pts. *v.* PORTSMOUTH DIV., 3 pts.

This match, the first Inter-Divisional Rugby match ever played in the Royal Marines, was played at the Longroom, Plymouth, on Monday, 21st March.

The weather was fine and dry. Portsmouth kicked off with the wind behind them, and kept up a continuous pressure on the Plymouth line, their backs taking advantage of the wind and finding touch well. Several movements looked dangerous, but broke down owing to bad handling by the Portsmouth backs. Soon, however, the Plymouth forwards settled down together, and took the ball into the opposing half, Lieut. Westall running through to score. The Plymouth forwards had now found their form, and from now on dominated the game, Pickston scoring again for the home side.

After half-time Plymouth pressed continually, their forwards playing a very fine game, and Pickston again added to the score. Shortly afterwards Lieut. Milliken scored a further fine try, running the blind side of the scrum.

Portsmouth, however, rallied, and carried the ball into the opposing half in a fine forward rush, from which Lieut. Wills made an opening, which resulted in a try by 2/Lieut. Hardy. The kick failed. Just before the whistle Fowle crossed the line again for Plymouth, Sergt. South converting by a fine kick.

A very even and fast game, with the Plymouth forwards outstanding. Lieut. Phillips, as the visitors' back, played a good game, tackling well and saving several certain tries.

We entertain great hopes that this match will now become an annual fixture.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

v. TORQUAY.

At Torquay. With a weakened team the Royal Marines gained a meritorious victory at Torquay in a P. & D. League match by 2 goals to 1. Shewbrook was the star raider for the Marines, who maintained their recent consistent form. The Reserves, Hogg, Slocombe, Pennell, and Sherliker deputised for Stratton, Horn, Wheeldon and Potts (who were playing for the R.N. & R.M. *v.* Cornwall) gave of their best.

v. PLYMPTON.

At Longroom. With a full team out the Marines easily defeated Plympton by 4 goals to 1.

v. WADEBRIDGE.

At Longroom. A brilliant game ended in a victory for the Marines by 2 goals to nil, Shewbrook bagging both goals.

v. SALTASH.

At Longroom. A very one-sided game resulted in a win for the Marines by 9 goals to nil, thus strengthening our position as League leaders with 3 clear points over Looe.

The Reserves met and defeated Plymouth Wednesday by 3 goals to nil.

Against the *Defiance* in a League encounter a draw 1—1 was a fair reflex of the game.

The Reserve XI. have now qualified for the final of the Devon Wednesday Cup, after a very close victory over the smart Plymouth St. Thomas second string, by 4 goals to 3, Sherliker (2), Hogg and Allen being the marksmen.

DEPOT.

DEPOT UNIT TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

FOIL.—Sergt. Spanton, Sergt. Ashworth, Sergt. Dean.
SABRE.—Sergt. Spanton, Sergt. Dean, Sergt. McEwen.
EPEE.—Corpl. Trinder, Sergt. McEwan, Corpl. Pollitt.
BAYONET.—Sergt. Spanton, Mne. Perry, Corpl. Trinder.
BAYONET (NOVICES).—Recruit Roy, Recruit Maidment, Recruit Boots.

STAFF INSTRUCTORS' TOURNAMENT.

FOIL.—Cr.-Sergt. Watts, Sergt. Preston.
SABRE.—Sergt. Preston, Cr.-Sergt. Miller.
EPEE.—Sergt. Howard, Cr.-Sergt. Watts.
BAYONET.—Cr.-Sergt. Miller, Sergt. Howard.

BOXING.

The Charity Boxing Meeting, in aid of the widow of the late Mne. Smith, was a success financially and otherwise. We suffered the disappointment, in that Corpl. Trinder's original opponent, Corpl. Titmus, failed us, and the substitute provided, A.B. Willoughby, was declared unfit. An exhibition bout was staged, but this class of bout is always tame compared with serious boxing. Results :—

4-ROUND CONTEST : Recruit Draper *v.* Recruit Kilbridge.

Draper won after 4 rounds of rugged fighting, both working hard.

SPECIAL 6-ROUND CONTEST : Air Craftsman Hogg *v.* Mne. Bates.

Bates won after 6 rounds of good boxing. Hogg fought very pluckily, but was worn down by the superior strength and experience of his opponent.

4-ROUND CONTEST : Recruit Coleman *v.* Recruit Stewart.

Stewart won by a k.o. at the end of a very close first round.

4-ROUND CONTEST : Recruit Rogers *v.* Recruit Carter.

Won by Carter. Rogers is the recruit previously reported on as being a slogging type of fighter, but on this occasion Carter, using his head and feet to advantage, completely out-boxed him, making him miss continually, and finally delivering a beautifully-timed k.o. in the second round.

SPECIAL 6-ROUND CONTEST : Ldg. Air Craftsman Boteler (Air Force Feather-weight Champion) *v.* Fusilier Gordon, Lancs. Fusiliers.

This proved the best fight of the evening. Boteler had the advantage in weight, but Gordon boxed very cleverly. Boteler's strength and weight told in the first three rounds, but Gordon's clever boxing and footwork made him very elusive. In the last three rounds Boteler tired a little, giving Gordon opportunities for scoring, but although the fight finished very close, the verdict went to Boteler.

4-ROUND CONTEST : Recruit Roy *v.* Recruit Nicholson.

This proved somewhat disappointing, as Roy, who boxes so well in practice, appeared to be somewhat nervous and did not box up to form. Nicholson won on points, after a fair contest, but did not use his weight and reach to advantage.

SPECIAL 6-ROUND CONTEST : L/Corpl. Watts, Lancs Fusiliers *v.* R.P.O. Downton, R.M. (I.S.B.A. Welter-weight Champion, 1926.)

Won by Watts on points. Watts was somewhat taller and heavier than Downton. The latter was evidently weak from a recent attack of the Flu., but he fought with his customary pluck. This would make an interesting contest when Downton is fit.

SPECIAL 6-ROUND CONTEST : L/Corpl. Grace, Lancs Fusiliers *v.* L/Corpl. Davis, R.M.

This bout was very clean and keenly contested. Both attacked freely Davis scored frequently with his left, but was rather wild with his right. Grace favoured in-fighting, in which he was very successful. Davis received the verdict after a very close fight.

The Colonel Commandant presented the prizes and congratulated the boxers on their display. He also thanked the audience for supporting such a good cause. He was then accorded three hearty cheers. A profit of £46 14s. 3d. was made at this meeting.

HOCKEY.

Our season did not start until after Xmas, as the majority of our players were required for the Rugger team. We lacked good material for the start, and that, coupled with no practice, gave us some very bad losses. Later Major Brooks led the side with much better results. We lost both our matches with Chatham, but enjoyed the games very much. We feel that with our present side we could beat them quite comfortably.

BOWLS.

Result of Inter-Departmental Bowling League :—

1st Barrack Master's Dept.	.. ..	No losses
2nd Second Qr. Mr.'s Dept.	.. ..	One loss
Highest Score	..	Mne. Evans, 2nd Q.M. Dept.

The Challenge Cup and Sticks will be presented by the Colonel Commandant. An Individual Knock-out Competition is now in full swing.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

Since last month's issue our senior team have been doing exceptionally well, Bandmaster Robinson has returned to the attack and has been doing very well in his new position of right wing. The loss of Musician Booker, who has been drafted to H.M.S. *Warspite*, has been very creditably filled by Musician Walters. In U.S. League, Div. I., we have secured a few more points by defeating the R.A., R.N. Barracks, and forcing a draw with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. The defeat of the R.N. Barracks by the School was by far the best performance of the season, as the Barracks team, which included several Royal Naval "caps," were aspirants to the League Championship. In the U.S. Charity Cup we were defeated by the R.A.O.C., who are certainly going strong this season. Two friendly matches have been played against Hambledon and the City Police ; the School managed to prove victorious by 5—1 and 4—1 respectively, the latter match being very interesting, more perhaps owing to the disparity in the size of the teams than the quality of the football displayed.

The Boys' teams are doing very well in their various competitions. The senior boys have reached the final of the Lads' Wednesday Cup.

BOXING.

At the Novices and Boys' Boxing Meeting recently held at the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, Band Boys Bell, Hughes and Griffiths were successful in obtaining various prizes. The Annual Boxing Competitions for the Boys of the School are in full swing, and some very keen and interesting sport is to be witnessed.

BILLIARDS.

The Boys' Billiard Championship has reached the final stage, in which Band Boys Lane and Emery are to play for this honour at some later date.

The following amusing verse, published in *Horse and Hound*, and evidently written by an American, has been sent us by a well-known correspondent.

EFFECTS OF NO ALCOHOL.

The horse and mule live thirty years :
They never drink light wine and beers.
Sheep and goats are dead at twenty :
They drink no liquor—water plenty.
The dog at fifteen's mostly dead :
He looks not on the wine that's red.
At ten the cat's lost its nine lives :
On milk and water no beast thrives.
Most birds at five years pass away :
Far, far from alcohol they stay.
The bugs but few days stay on earth :
They never know the cocktail's worth.
But evil, wicked, rum-soaked men
Survive for three-score years and ten.

WHEN I GET MY PENSION.

By D.A.B.

As most of us joined the Corps before the ink was barely dry on our birth certificates, and therefore had very little experience of civilian life, a few hints about settling down will, I venture to think, help one to "live happy ever after."

Having secured a pension at an age when most of us feel fit for anything, and generally full of optimism regarding the high salary we shall get "outside," the first thing to do is to secure the job which will bring in the high salary.

Naturally the first thing a prospective employer wants to know is "What can you do ?" The usual reply given is, "Oh, I can do anything," with the result that you are *not* taken on. An employer does not want a man who can do anything, but one who can do something.

If you have a trade and mention it, the next query will be "What experience have you had ?" You mention the fact that you have just left the Service, and should you add "on pension," you may be taken on trial, providing you agree to work at a wage generally somewhat lower than the standard wage, on account of your pension.

Assuming that one has been fortunate enough to secure a job at a fair wage, and there is every prospect of it becoming a permanent one, the next thing to do is to secure a house. With the present shortage of houses, and the almost impossibility of finding a house "To Let," many are compelled to purchase one.

If one has just sufficient money to buy a house, it is not wise to put all one's capital into bricks and mortar. One finds many calls on that capital in settling down into civilian life, which were not thought of whilst serving, so that it is always advisable to keep something in hand.

Many of us have not sufficient money to purchase a house, so require a mortgage to make up the deficiency. First of all try to arrange an advance from the Bank ; if unable to do so, try a reliable Building Society, who are generally willing to advance two-thirds of *their* estimated value of the house—that does not mean the price asked for it !

When dealing with Building Societies, avoid those who issue policies for a period, say 30 years. You may want to clear off the mortgage long before that time, and will then find that you still have to keep the policy going, or lose a considerable proportion on surrendering it. By purchasing through a building society you have a surveyor's valuation at a nominal fee, and may be saved from taking on a dud.

Also the Local Council are now empowered to advance money on house property up to 90%.

Having seen the house you want, a few points should be looked out for when inspecting same. If furnished, don't be misled by the furniture—you are buying the house, not the furniture. If it has been recently papered, look out for dampness. It is better to see a house at its worst and do your own renovations. Pay particular attention to the top floor ceilings, any patches show that the roof is leaky. Any bulging walls show that dampness is causing the plaster to leave the walls.

If empty, and lino has been left on the floors, look out for dry rot.

Make a few local enquiries as to cause of the house being empty, and before finally deciding to purchase, have a second look over it, and don't forget to look at the roof from the outside. Whenever possible, avoid leasehold property.

Having satisfied yourself that it is suitable, try and get into touch with the owner. By avoiding agents you will possibly obtain a better price. Supposing the owner quotes a "rock bottom" price of £650, offer him £600, if you think it is worth that sum, and he will probably split the difference, so you get it at £625—this is called Business! Don't pay any deposit or enter into an agreement except through your solicitor. Don't employ the same solicitor as the vendor. Instruct your solicitor to obtain a certificate from the local surveyor to the effect that there are no defects with the drainage, or outstanding charges for drainage or roads. Settle on the date of possession, and the money should only be paid over in return for the key.

If one decides to build a house, make sure of the restrictions regarding same before purchasing the land.

To those who decide on a business career, a few points may be worth considering. Those who have decided to be, in future, their own masters, had better avoid business of any kind. Every customer or client becomes your master until his account is settled.

The goods days of the Licensed Victuallers have gone, and although the hours are not so long, they are spread over the day, and it is seldom possible for a man and his wife to go out together.

Apartment houses may pay well during the summer months, but usually it is only for the season, the length of which varies according to the weather and the state of trade.

Avoid the luxury trades—they are the first to feel any slump!

Food and clothing form the chief necessities of life, but one must remember that the large company concerns dealing in these commodities make the struggle a very severe one for the man with little capital. Still, quite a number of pensioners have succeeded in these trades.

Building and household repairing and renovating offer quite a good return in the right locality, but one comes up against the "rings."

Taking on a farm of 150 acres requires a considerable amount of capital, and it is very difficult for an ex-Service man to convince a landlord that he can farm, not having any previous experience to prove it.

Boot, Clock, and Watch repairing businesses generally bring in a steady return, providing the position of the shop is fairly good, and that one can turn out good repairs.

In any business where labour is employed, there are many occasions when the skilled labourer or mechanic is your boss, because if you upset him he is liable to leave you just when you require his services most. If you obtain good hands—and they are to be got—reward them accordingly.

Businesses may, at times, prove very successful, but a steady job at a regular wage is far better than the uncertain returns of a business.

During the last few years of one's service, one should decide on one's future career.

There are a number of good schools which offer postal tuition, if this cannot be obtained from local Vocational Training Schools, and it is always a pleasure to come across old Marines who have done well in civilian life, in spite of the many handicaps that one runs up against on leaving the Corps.

SIR MAURICE HANKEY.

In his quiet way, Sir Maurice Pascal Alers Hankey, C.B., K.C.B., G.C.B., is one of the most remarkable men of the time. His capacity for work is extraordinary. During the war his labours were often such as would have prostrated an ordinary man; but no one has ever seen him fatigued. The post he now holds is very much a full-time job, yet he combines it with others less prominent, and he could easily take a few more in his stride.

Of medium height, trim and dapper, quick-moving, and unobtrusive, with a charming smile and brisk manner, a wide candid eye and a tooth-brush moustache, he looks much like any one of those thousand staff officers who frequented "The Rag." But, looking closer, you may perceive the exceptional forehead, and when you talk to him you get a hint of his amazing knowledge of men and manners. He knows as much about world affairs as any other living man, and rather more than any other about the inner history of latter-day events in this country.

His career has been swift. Not yet 50, he looks younger. Sixteen years ago he was an obscure Intelligence Officer in the Mediterranean. He was quite junior—he had been only four years in the Intelligence Branch, and was but 30. He had entered the Royal Marine Artillery, from Rugby, and seen most of his service in the Mediterranean.

Then Lord Fisher, busy on great schemes for preparing the Navy against the war which he foresaw was coming, came South met Hankey—and Hankey's career began. The young intelligence officer rendered the tyrannous old genius certain unofficial services, and Fisher brought him home and made him his mouthpiece on the Committee of Imperial Defence.

From Hankey, Fisher had knowledge not only of what transpired at Committee meetings but also of strings that were being pulled, to what effect they were being pulled, and who was doing the pulling—everything, in short, that was going on behind the scenes. Procuring information of that sort is one of Hankey's uncanny gifts. He is never unprepared for events, because he always sees them in the making.

Superhuman energy, impenetrable discretion, and a penetrating knowledge of men are three other of his valuable gifts. The fifth, and greatest, is his unbounded capacity for "getting along" with big men of diverse but always dominating character. He has pursued his career along a path strewn by fallen chiefs, but he himself has never been thrust aside.

When war broke out, Asquith used him as an encyclopaedia of sure knowledge on naval and military affairs and personalities. Asquith, like Fisher, gave him absolute confidence. When Asquith fell, Lloyd George

inherited Hankey, and was shrewd enough not to discard him.

Made Secretary to the all-powerful War Cabinet, Hankey was Lloyd George's intimate personal adviser and human work of reference. At Versailles and at Genoa he was to the ex-Premier what Colonel House was to President Wilson—a trusty second self.

As head of the Cabinet Secretariat, he surrounded himself with an expert staff of his own choosing. That Secretariat, which Lloyd George used as an instrument for exerting his personal dictatorship, was one of the main causes of the downfall of his Government.

Bonar Law dissolved the Secretariat—but retained Hankey as Secretary of the Cabinet. In that capacity Hankey had access to all State secrets. To-day he stands where the literary Sir Almeric Fitzroy, his Privy Council predecessor, stood, and, with the Council entering on a new—and strenuous—period of activity, no one doubts he will acquit himself as admirably as always.

He keeps himself fit by all-the-year-round tennis, with a penchant for cricket, and he is no diner-out or man-about-town. It is doubtful if he tells one good story ; his mind is too icily analytical for humour.

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ROYAL NAVAL FUND.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund, founded in connection with the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891, was held on the 23rd March, 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 of the Fleet Sir Henry Jackson, and the attendance included Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Paymaster Rear-Admiral B. C. Allen, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Joseph Chambers, Engineer Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Dixon, Mr. R. A. Haydon, Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Hutchison, R.M., Mr. C. J. Naef, C.B., C.B.E., Rear-Admiral J. R. Segrave, C.B. Sir Charles Walker, and Mr. J. F. Phillips, Secretary.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in presenting the Annual Report, expressed the sincere thanks of the Committee to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to the General Council of King George's Fund for Sailors, and to other contributors, who, by generously supplementing the income derived from capital investments, had enabled the Fund to deal with the demands made upon it during the past year without incurring an overdraft of any consequence. During the year 1926, grants amounting to £2,778 were made to 233 widows, 372 children and 21 other dependent relatives of Seamen and Marines who had died while in the service of the Crown, or within seven years after discharge from the Service, and in respect of whose loss Service Dependent's pension was not awardable—a total of 626 beneficiaries. With the exception of the year 1921, when, owing to the War, there was an accumulation of income to draw upon, this was the largest amount yet distributed by the Fund in any one year, and brought the total amount of the grants made since commencing operations in 1893 to £47,609—rather more than the original capital. The number of persons assisted during 1926 was 176 fewer than during the preceding year. This reduction resulted from the " seven years after discharge " limitation imposed by the Trust, and was anticipated. The period of seven years following upon the demobilization entailed a great strain upon the resources of the Fund, and led to the grants in individual cases being very small ; but with the reduced numbers now within the zone of eligibility, it was hoped that it might be found possible so to increase the scale of grants as to ensure that the latter should be of substantial benefit to the recipients—indeed the decrease in the number of cases last year had enabled the Committee already to make the long-desired start in this direction. The grants, however, still fell far short of the needs of the very sad cases which continued, and were likely to continue, to be represented to the Fund. The Report was unanimously adopted.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner has been arranged for Friday, 27th May, 1927, at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at 7.45 p.m. Major-General H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., will preside. Price of dinner (including wines other than champagne, after dinner wine, cigars and cigarettes) 15/-, the balance of the cost 7/6 being paid from the funds of the Club.

Members intending to dine are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E. (55 Whitehall, S.W.1) as early as possible, and not later than 14th May. Officers who wish to reserve seats can do so by informing the Hon. Secretary before 25th May. Orders, miniature medals and decorations will be worn.

In accordance with rule 10, a general meeting of the members of the Club will be held on 27th May, at 3 p.m. at 55 Whitehall.

(*a*) To receive the Balance Sheet for 1926.
(*b*) To consider any proposals for new rules, etc., which may be received by the Hon. Secretary (Rule 11.).

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' CENTRAL FUND.

Subscribers to the above fund are reminded that their annual subscription of one guinea is due on 1st April, 1927, and those who do not subscribe by banker's orders are requested, if not serving at Headquarters or the Depot, to send their subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Royal Marines Officers' Central Fund, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth. Officers serving at Headquarters or at the Depot can have their subscriptions collected through their Mess Bills.

NOTICE.

If any Chatham Marine is desirous of exchanging to Plymouth Division, will be communicate with—

(Ply. 20766) Mne. D. O'Connor,
C Coy., R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.

If any marine " Butcher " of Portsmouth Division wishes to change to Chatham Division, will he communicate with Mne. G. T. Overy, 42 Mess, H.M.S. Repulse, c/o G.P.O., London.

Teacher (to boy sitting idly in school during writing time) : " Henry, why are you not writing ? "

Henry : " I ain't got no pen."

Teacher : " Where is your grammar ? "

Henry : " She's dead."—*Hurty Peck.*

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1*st Hebrew* : " Ikey, I see that you have a new blind to your shop window. How did you raise the money ? "

2*nd Hebrew* : " Vell, I put a box on the counter, marked ' For the Blind ' ! "



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Lieut. B. R. Reiss-Smith to Captain, vice Collet, dated 30-3-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. M. H. Collet, M.C., to Seconded List, for employment under the Sudan Government, dated 30-3-27.

Lieut. J. M. Phillips, Po. (at Deal), Asst. Supt. P.R.T. School, Depot R.M., Deal, vice Shackleton, dated 25-3-27.

Capt. J. W. Carroll (ret.) will relinquish his appt. as R.S.O., R.N. & R.M., Southampton, on relief by a retired Naval Officer, on 12-3-27.

Capt. H. T. Newman to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty.

Lieut. R. P. Deane, to Depot R.M., Deal, for duty, vice Bullock, dated 3-4-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major C. Williams to **Warspite** (and as F.R.M.O.) vice Barnby, date of embarkation.

Capt. N. K. Jolley to **Benbow,** vice Hungerford, date of joining.

Capt. E. Bowring to **Dunedin,** for service under New Zealand Govt., vice Bath, on recommissioning.

Capt W. B. F. Lukis to **Warspite,** vice Thomas, date of embarkation.

Capt. F. C. G. Stock to remain in **Marlborough** on recommissioning.

Lieut. R. W. Gordon to **Furious,** and for full flying duties in 421 Flight dated 17-1-27.

Lieut. P. J. Burgess to **Hawkins,** vice de Berry, date of embarkation.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller to **Victory,** addl. for R.A.F. Base, Gosport, and for full flying duties in "D" Base Training Flight, dated 11-2-27.

Lieut. E. B. Dun to **Adventure** on commissioning.

Lieut. C. E. C. Ransome to **Carlisle,** vice Smythe, date of embarkation

Lieut. J. Robinson to **Cambrian,** vice Hume, date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., having graduated at the Staff College, Camberley, is eligible for the notation " p.s.c. (m) " against his name in the Navy List.

Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler passed Subject (a) for promotion to Captain on 21st February, j9927, obtaining .8 of marks allotted for this subject. The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

Lieut. R. C. Bullock has been selected to attend the course of Control Mining, commencing in " Vernox " 4th April, and terminating 3rd May.

Lieuts. J. G. Hume and J. H. Moxham have been selected to attend the Advanced Naval Signal Course at R.N. Signal School, Portsmouth, from 25th April to 4th June.

Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper has been selected to attend the Course at School of Army Co-operation, R.A.F., Old Sarum, on 5th April, 1927.

Lieut. H. S. Rider, S.R. of O., R.M., qualified in Subject (a) for promotion at an examination held at Shorncliffe on 24th February, 1927

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Training Clerk, 2nd Qr.-Mr.'s Dept.—Mne. H. Devine.

Storeman, School of Signalling.—Mne. A. F. Poulter.

Clerk, School of Signalling.—Mne. E. T. Smith.

Asst. Instructor of Signalling (Temp.).—Corpl. W. W. Brockwell.

Boatman, Boat's Crew, Bk. Mr.'s Dept.—Mne. A. Prout.

Printer.—Mne. W. H. Holland.

Corporal " Cook."—Corpl. H. F. Clyesdale.

Storeman, Bk. Mr.'s Dept.—Mne. S. J. R. Baker.

Attendant W.O.'s Mess.—Mne. W. A. Massey.

Confirmed Divl. Gardener.—Mne. P. G. Howard.

Dispenser.—Sergt. H. Saint.

EMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke.—Mnes. G. Barnes, R. J. Campion, R. W. Barker, L. A. Hunt, G. A. Walker. **Calypso**—Bugler A. G. Bumpus, Mne. H. J. Calver. **Hawkins**—Corpl. F. C. Howse. **Marlborough**—Mne. C. H. Rissen, Corpl. N. Foster, Corpl. A. Kellard, Mne. E. W. Hembling. **Vulcan**—Corpl. C. E. E. Wildey. **Curacoa**—Mne. H. A. G. Diment. **Ceres**—Mnes. J. Brown, C. Kiddle, A. C. Pickers. **Ramillies**—Cr.-Sergt. Dawson, Sergt. D. S. Hope, Corpls. G. E. L. Long, E. L. Cracknell,

Bugler J. E. Cain, Mnes. J. R. Norris, H. C. Everitt, L. L. Jennings, E. W. Bayne, E. A. Bravery, C. J. Butcher, R. A. Boggis, A. P. T. Elliott, A. H. Pennie, H. E. Lunsby, J. A. Gill, W. H. Corbett, J. Finney, J. A. Hampton, H. J. Trigg, G. J. S. Rickwood, L. V. G. Dunn, T. A. Hancock, R. F. Richards, D. H. Male, G. McKay-Wood, C. L. Saunders, A. J. Willis, E. Thompson, Wm. Sedgwick, L. Plumb, C. J. Buxton, G. Maxwell, F. C. B. Daniels, O. J. Bugg, J. E. Fearnby, G. L. Hancock, A. C. Stevens, G. E. Haley, H. E. Shilston, E. C. Dobinson, W. J. Ludgate, A. R. Ward, G. W. Dunn, F. H. Overton, Sergts. P. Curtis, W. G. Jones, T. Barwell Corpls. G. R. White, W. J. Stokes, H. A. Pordage, W. H. Sanderson, Bugler F. G. Burrows, Mnes. G. H. Dunnett, A. W. Hickson, G. Hinch, S. W. Barrett, R. W. Dridge, C. G. Edwards, G. B. Silver, S. R. Bennett, W. H. Austin, W. F. Smail, E. P. Carvell, W. J. Bassett, T. M. E. McManus, M. A. Ravan, C. Harris, H. Strudwick, J. Sutton, G. Johns, A. Coveney, J. W. Smith, H. Hetherington, W. G. Ward, D. A. O'Connell, A. Butler, W. J. Greenland, W. A. Rogers, A. E. Hatton, W. E. Story, W. H. Rees, J. H. Carter, W. Cuthbertson, C. A. Chickley, F. Fry, A. C. Hayes, T. Sutcliffe, W. Whitelegge, L. Lyons. J. L. Reynolds, A. Yeardley, C. O. Naylor, R. D. Sharrock, E. J. F. Johnson, H. Blake, F. Cooper, E. R. Wilson, F. Davies, E. F. Chalkley, A. R. E. Arrell, L. C. Clifford, J. Burrows, S. W. Staley, A. A. Harms, W. J. Stephenson, C. Nunn, L. J. Sheppard, S. McKee. **Calliope**—Sergt. G. T. K. Thompson, Mnes. A. H. Bailey, H. W. Cheeseman, F. W. Hunt, A. E. Sullivan, P. H. Hart, L. H. R. Taylor, C. Gale. **R.S.O., London**—Mne. B. N. Kentish.

New Zealand Division—Corpl. P. D. Langley, Mnes. C. Kneller, E. E. Miles, A. A. H. Chittel.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke—Cr.-Sergt. W. Clark, Mne. S. Harris, Mne. W. Smith, J. H. Savage, Corpl. A. C. R. Humphrey. **Royal Sovereign**—Mne. J. Foster. **Marlborough**—Corpl. F. Ferrell, Mne. T. Scott. **Victory II.**—Mnes. G. Osborne, P. E. Sargent, J. H. Warner. **Dragon**—Sergt. F. A. Geater. **Flora**—Mnes. J. L. Garrard, A. J. Macklen. **R.S.O., London**—Mne. R. P. Hawes.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period of Engagement.—Corpl. J. A. Kemp, Mne. A. J. Hopkins.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Q.M.S.I. G. R. Franks, Hospital Staff Sergt A. E. Thompson.

Invalided.—Mne. H. Lewis, Serving Depot R.M.

By Purchase.—Mne. T. Scott.

Discharged (" Run ").—Mne. J. Shun, Serving Depot R.M.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Sergt. to Cr.-Sergt.—H. C. Barker, S. H. Day.

Corpl. to Sergt.—H. H. D. Knibbs, F. E. Hanham.

Mne. to Corpl.—H. Wiltshire, P. D. F. Torrington.

SENIORITY LIST.

Cr.-Sergts.—J. H. Perkins, F. Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, H. Smith, F. A. Albury, A. J. Dawkins, W. A. Clements.

Corpls. qualified for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. L. Hockin, A. W. Brinkman, E. Wright, D. E. Prescott, F. V. Borrett.

Mnes. qualified for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, R. G. Ashby, C. J. Avey, G. V. Cornelious, G. A. Travers, A. C. E. Milne.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rangeman, S.A.S., Browndown.—Mne. H. Hill.

Camp Cook, S.A.S., Browndown.—Mne. R. Harding.

M/T Driver, S.A.S., Browndown.—Mne. A. F. Bunker.

Cook, Div. Cookhouse.—Mne. G. J. Day.

Supt. Canteen, Fort Cumberland.—Corpl. B. Chaffey.

Company Q.M.S. "I" Coy.—Cr.-Sergt. A. P. Wright.

Boatmen, Div. Boat's Crew.—Mnes. C. A. Perryman, F. Woodhouse.

Groom to Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O.—Mne. H. W. North.

Groom to Lieut.-Col. G. Mathew.—Mne. A. G. Whatley.

EMBARKATIONS.

Tiger—Corpl. F. W. Miller. **Greenwich**—Mne. C. A. Peters. **Dolphin**—Corpl. H. E. Hazeldine, Mnes. G. Gallop, W. E. Morris, R. P. J. Leal. **Weymouth**—Mne. C. V. Archer. **Dryad**—Mne. H. Reeves. **Fisgard**—Corpl. W. J. Betteridge, Mnes. F. R. Smith, W. H. Bellchambers. **Curacoa**—Mne. H. A. G. Diment. **Victory**—Mne. A. H. Steele. **Ramillies**—Mne. H. S. Buerdsell. **Pembroke**—Mnes. H. Cumming, A. B. Lawrence, F. J. Heath, G. W. Combes. **Champion**—Corpl. G. T. Burgess. **Effingham**—Cr.-Sergt. W. H. J. Brockwell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Tiger—Corpl. L. G. Upson. Mnes. G. Horam, B. W. Chinnery. **Despatch**—Mne. F. Weston. **Weymouth**—Mnes. A. A. Allison, A. E. Thompson. **Dolphin**—Mnes. G. Davies, E. F. Matthews, C. A. Tawney, H. J. Edwards. **Cormorant**—Cr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, Corpl. J. Bell, Mnes. J. Palmer, A. J. Phippard, A. L. Lovegrove, A. Telford. **Revenge**—Mne. H. H. Skelton. **Egmont**—Corpl. K. G. Gunter, Mnes. C. E. G. Major, T. J. Stanton, A. V. Foster, A. A. V. Lawrence. **Warspite**—Mnes. S. G. Wilson, H. Thompson, E. J. Ranger, C. H. M. Abrahams. **Fisgard**—Corpl. H. E. Norris, Mnes. A. V. Gregory, H. K. Collis, T. Unstead. **Marlborough**—Corpl. D E Sprackling, Mnes. A. J. Swatton. **Victory**—Mnes. H. E. Kelly, R. Mullineaux, H. L. Cooper, H. Torrens, J. Leddlie, W. Johnson, A. E. Freeman, R. E. H. Bethell, H. Dickens. **Flora**—Mne. H. Elwood. **Ceres**—Mne. F. Windebank. **Champion**—Corpl. W. T. Hanham. **Effingham**—Mne. W. A. Goodchild.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Egmont to **Cardiff**—Mne. L. J. Backler.
Cardiff to **Egmont**—Corpl. S. T. Coleman.
Conquest to **Yarmouth**—Mne. W. A. Dacher.
Yarmouth to **Conquest**—Mne. A. G. Wilson.
Hermes to **Despatch**—Mne. F. Weston.
Curlew to **Malabar**—Mne. W. E. Barnes.
Fisgard to **Revenge**—Mne. A. E. Finch.
Revenge to **Fisgard**—Mne. F. R. Taylor.
Furious to **Columbine**—Mne. C. F. Rock.
Centaur to **Victoria & Albert**—Mne. A. Kemish.
Dolphin to **Revenge**—Mne. W. Smith.
Curacoa to **Centaur**—Sergt. A. J. Regan.
Columbine to **Tamar**—Mne. C. F. Rock.

L.S. & G.C. MEDAL.

Sergeants.—A. S. G. Dolman, R. Bailey.

Corporal.—J. A. Pipe.

Marine.—A. C. Churn.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 1st Period.—Mnes. J. J. Stockley, W. H. M. Bowhay.

Termination of 2nd Period.—Cr.-Sergt. Bob Morris ; Mnes. A. Fife, W. Harding, F. H. Fisher ; Musn. A. E. Hill.

Invalided.—Corpl. K. C. E. Bishop ; Mnes. W. N. Cox, F. E. Mitchell, E. J. Ranger, A. W. V. Chinnock.

Discharged Dead.—Mne. A. R. Wheeldon.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Colour-Sergeant.—Sergt. Chas. O'Farrell.

To Sergeant.—Corpl. N. V. Bishop.

To Corporal.—Mne. C. L. H. Martin.

SENIORITY LIST.

Colour-Sergeants.—F. Baker, H. V. Thorne, E. W. Gould, H. Wright, W. D. Kimber, R. S. Bray.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, F. A. J. Thorne H. Staughton, C. J. Peach.

Corporals.—H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. F. Hooper, E. G. Barber, A. H. Tull, A. J. Evans.

APPOINTMENTS.

Divisional Barber.—Mne. J. Rawsthorne.

Recreation Room Attdt.—Mne. G. W. S. Robins.

Clerk, Pay Office (Nom. for Appt.).—Sergt. J. Jarvis.

Pioneer.—Mne. S. Williams.

EMBARKATIONS.

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APRIL is over, and with its passing we regretfully say *au revoir* to football of both codes and hockey, and look forward to the season of cricket, tennis and rifle shooting.

The departure of the 12th Battalion half way through the season no doubt depleted divisional teams sadly, but provided an excellent opportunity for the blooding of a new entry and the finding of new talent, the benefit of which will no doubt be felt in future seasons.

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We are glad to be able to publish this month our first direct news from the 12th Battalion at Shanghai. The battalion went first into billets at the "China Soap and Candle Factory" at Yangtsepoo. It is understood that the battalion has moved to Pootung.

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Colonel Field has contributed a very interesting article on "Lexington and Concord" for the historical section. We have, unfortunately, to hold over part of the text till June, owing to limitations of space.

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The Royal Tournament, which begins on the 19th May, is very near, and we wish all R.M. teams and individuals who are competing at Olympia the best of good luck. We hope to see good strong parties of "Royals" at the Tournament, to give the teams vocal support on the vital days.

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The prospective visit of a French Squadron to Portsmouth from 30th May to 4th June will no doubt cause the R.Ms. at that Port to polish up any knowledge of the French language they may have acquired, either at school, "per mare per terram," or elsewhere. The French officers are dining at the Officers' Mess at Eastney on the 30th May, and the Portsmouth Division is entertaining some 400 French P.Os. and men to supper on the 3rd June.

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Very hearty congratulations to the Portsmouth Division team on their handsome win in the *Portsmouth Times* Shield Competition (see p. 99); also to the R.M. Afloat team, who came in a close third—a very creditable performance, considering the difficulties that have to be overcome in training and range practice.

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During the afternoon many of us were fortunate enough to witness a series of Fijian ceremonies performed in honour of T.R.Hs. The first, known as " Qaloqalovi," was performed by Ratu Popi e Seniloli, the grandson of the late King Cakobau. The ceremony consisted of the presentation to H.R.H. of a Tabua, the tooth of the sperm whale. In this ceremony the Tabua is the symbol of homage and affection. This was followed by the Qalowaqa, the ceremonial welcoming of H.R.H. The Duchess of York by the native women of Fiji. This ceremony is performed only to the wife of a Chief of the highest rank, and used to take place as the canoe conveying the Chieftainess grounded on the beach. In this instance H.R.H.'s arrival was represented by a model of a large double canoe, known to the Fijians as a " Drua," being carried in and placed in front of the Royal Pavilion. This canoe was subsequently presented to T.R.Hs. This ceremony was especially interesting as it is many years since it was performed, owing to the absence of a lady of sufficient rank to justify the honour.

Other interesting ceremonies followed, the programme concluding with the Yaqona ceremony, which may be described as the culminating ceremony in the acts of honour rendered to the Chief, in which he is brought nearer to his people by drinking the sacred Yaqona with them.

The Yaqona is made in a large wooden bowl, known as the Tanoa. The Tanoa used on this occasion was over 100 years old. During the ceremony of mixing, the people clustered behind the bowl in an irregular circle, keeping up an ancient chant, the first strophe in each verse being sung by the old men, who are the leaders. The ceremony ends by the drinking of the Yaqona by the Chief.

Aquatic sports and a cricket match had been arranged for the ship's company, and a hockey match for the officers. Owing to torrential rain, both the cricket and hockey ended in aquatic sports.

It was a great disappointment to the inhabitants of Fiji that the *Renown* should have arrived during the rainy season, but this was inevitable, as our programme had to be timed by the Canberra ceremony.

In the evening a very successful ball, given by the Government of Fiji, was held in the Grand Pacific Hotel, *Renown's* jazz band providing the music. The motor car conveying T.R.Hs. was escorted by a number of Fijians carrying flaming torches, who ran ahead of and alongside the car, a very spectacular sight on a dark night. The entrance was guarded by four Chiefs of enormous stature, armed with spears, who subsequently took up positions at the four corners of the dais, and who remained immobile during the official presentations.

The following night a dance of about 500 people, including 200 of the ship's company, was given in the Town Hall. This was a very enjoyable evening. Buglers Elliot and Vince gave a demonstration of the Charleston, which was very much appreciated, and which they were called upon to repeat on the entry of the Mayor of Suva and his party.

The R.M. Detachment are very much indebted to the members of the C.Y.M.S., who placed their club room at the disposal of the men, and who offered all ranks lavish hospitality. It is interesting to note that this club room was the Crypt of the Cathedral of St. John de Cluny.

The *Renown* left Suva for Auckland at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 19th February, arriving at Auckland at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 22nd February. Approaching the harbour she was met by *Diomede*, who fired a Royal salute and then took station astern. All the small craft in the harbour seemed to be out, and dozens of them escorted us during the later stages of the approach. It was a very fine sight, but it would have been an even finer sight had the weather conditions been better. As it was we had three or four very heavy thunder storms, which soaked the spectators and several of the Royal Guard of Honour, who are now back in blues. Sir Charles Fergusson, the Governor General of New Zealand, came on board and inspected the Royal Guard of Honour The only other Guard required was the Royal Guard for T.R.H.'s when they left the ship.

Perhaps the most spectacular sight during the crowded 48 hours at Auckland was a demonstration of 12,000 school children over the cricket oval of the Domain The assembly of spectators was unprecedented in magnitude. It is estimated that 80,000 people crowded the slopes of the Domain, this number representing the largest gathering ever recorded in New Zealand. The entertainment took the form of a march past with war dances by boys and poi dances by Maori girls, while a leading feature was a gigantic living picture representino a white rectangle, with the word " Haeremai " outlined in red letters.

The *Renown* left Auckland for Russell, in the Bay of Islands, at 10.45 p.m. on Thursday, 24th February, arriving at 8 a.m. the following morning. The *raison d'etre* of our visit to the Bay of Islands was 48 hours deep sea fishing, said to be the finest in the world, and well-known through the writings of Zane Grey. A number of fishing motor launches had been placed at our disposal, and on the first day at any rate most of the officers had thrilling experiences, the catches including a swordfish

of 211 lbs., two sharks, and two kingfish, besides a number of smaller fish weighing from five to six pounds. On the second day, unfortunately, weather conditions prevented deep sea fishing, but many officers went away and a large number of the smaller fish were caught.

Apart from the fishing, Russell is a place of great historic interest, for there was a whaling station here in the early days of British settlement, and the vicinity saw much fighting between the British and King Hone Heke of the Maoris. A party from the detachment who had landed for a tug-of-war training were interested to find a memorial in the Anglican churchyard erected to officers and men of H.M.S. *Hazard*, who lost their lives in the fighting in 1845 and 1846. On the memorial the names of Col.-Sergt. J. M. Carthy and Private Alexander May, both R.M.L.I., are recorded.

On the first evening the inhabitants of Russell gave a dance for the ship's company, which was much appreciated. Here again *Renown's* jazz band provided the music.

The *Renown* returned to Auckland early on Satduray morning, 26th February and at 9.30 a.m. T.R.Hs. left Auckland for Rotorua to commence their inland tour of the Northern Island. Twelve officers were the guests of the Government, while on Sunday the 27th a party of R.Ms. consisting of 36 N.C.Os. and Marines, with 7 buglers and the R.M. band left Auckland by special train for Rotorua at about midnight. Arriving at about 7 a.m. on the 28th, an excellent breakfast was provided at the King George V. Hospital, which was much appreciated after a none too comfortable night on the train. After this meal the R.Ms. fell in with 300 of the ship's company of the *Renown* and, with the band playing, marched through the main street of Rotorua to the Arawa racecourse, where the main reception to T.R.Hs. was to be held. The R.Ms. were given seats just underneath the royal box, and so obtained an excellent view of what was to the majority a unique spectacle. Opening with a war dance on the arrival of T.R.Hs., executed with considerable skill and fervour, we were next entertained by Poi dances, performed by the Maori womenfolk, which must be seen to be really appreciated. These dances, the essential of which is perfect rhythm, are performed en masse, the dancers forming up in rows, each one manipulating small balls about the size of the orange, made of coarse fibre. These Pois, as they are termed, give a fascinating effect to the dance, rather resembling the performance of a tenor drummer, but with accelerated motion.

The reception opened with an address by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, to which H.R.H. The Duke of York replied, the ceremonies closing with a Haka, which is a combined welcome, performed by all the different tribes of Maoris present.

After this reception the R.Ms. were left to visit the town and view the sulphur baths and springs.

In the meantime the R.M. band marched the Maori ex-soldiers to the site of their War Memorial, which was to be unveiled by H.R.H. Our massed buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille" at this ceremony. Subsequently our band marched the Maori ex-soldiers to their headquarters, where all sat down to lunch together.

After an excellent lunch at the Hospital, we proceeded in buses to Whakarewarewa. This is really a wonderful geyser valley, through which run narrow paths, to which the visitor is compelled to keep ; the curious who would stray from these paths are liable to go through the soft crust and receive terrible burns. The largest geysers which can be seen sometimes throw boiling water to a height of 100 feet. Maori dwellings abound in most precarious spots, and their food is all cooked in the clear boiling pools. Beautiful ferns and foliage cluster around these hot springs and churning mud pools, seemingly unaffected by the gas thrown off. After viewing typical native Maori dwelling-places the return by bus was made to Rotorua.

After supper we were all entertained at a delightful Maori concert, where native melodies and dances were presented in very attractive styles, the finale being enhanced by the presentation of a feather of the sacred Kawi bird to the captain, officers and ship's company of the *Renown*. This feather carries with it the emblem of luck, the wearer apparently being entirely immune from the ghastly misfortunes which daily encounter us.

The return was made to Auckland by night train of the 28th, and everyone returned on board having had a most enjoyable and interesting experience.

We left Auckland at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd March. The ship had thoroughly enjoyed their stay in the old capital of New Zealand. The Navy League had spared neither time nor trouble to make the visit a pleasant one. Every night dances were held in the sheds on the jetty alongside which *Renown* lay. Facilities for free travel on railways, trams, etc., were offered, and a large programme of athletic sports had been arranged, including a football match for the ship's company, at which our band played, water polo, field sports, and so on. Our Band gave a very successful concert in the Town Hall on the Saturday night.

The ship was open to visitors on several afternoons, and from records taken nearly 21,000 persons were shown over the ship.

The Officers gave an "At Home" for 500 of Auckland's citizens on the 1st March. Our musical department gave a varied entertainment, which included orchestral music by the full band before tea, followed by pieces given by the drum and fife band marching up and down the jetty. After the drum and fife band the pipers gave a demonstration, and this was followed by the jazz band playing for dancing on the quarter deck. Amongst the callers was Major Colley whom many officers will remember. He is farming close to Auckland.

On our way south to Wellington we called in at Gisborne and Napier to give the local inhabitants a chance of seeing over the ship. Gisborne is interesting, being the first place in New Zealand visited by Captain Cook. He found the natives hostile, and owing to the apparent poverty of the country, moved on, but the name he gave to the Bay, viz., Poverty Bay, remains to this day.

Man crossing street was almost run down by a passing car. He yelled : "Hey, why don't you toot your horn ?"

Reply : "Can't you read the sign on my car—DODGE BROTHER ?"—*Exchange.*

The following interesting facts about the fighting in the Bay of Islands in 1844-46 *have been gathered from a souvenir pamphlet published by the New Zealand Goverment and presented to the Officers and Men of H.M.S. Renown.*

On the 8th July, 1844, Hone Heke, a New Zealand Maori chief, raided the British station at Kororareka and cut down the flagstaff there. He repeated this feat in January, 1845. Then in March, 1845, he attacked the station seriously.

The regular garrison of Kororareka consisted of about fifty rank and file of the 96th regiment from Auckland (whither they had been sent from Sydney), assisted by bluejackets and marines from H.M.S. *Hazard*, and citizens who had been organised and drilled by Lieut. Philpotts of the *Hazard*.

After various misfortunes the evacuation of the town was ordered by Lieut. Philpotts after consultation with the local magistrate.

The Maoris looted and burned the town, and the refugees were sent to Auckland by ship.

On the 27th April an expedition of 470 officers and men (mainly from the 58th and 96th regiments), under Lieut.-Col. Hulme and Major Cyprian Bridge, left Auckland for Kororareka. Hulme worked inland by a very awkward route and attacked Hone Heke on the 8th May, inflicting severe losses on the defenders of the Maori stronghold, but failing to dislodge them. Supplies running short, a withdrawal was decided upon.

Early in June reinforcements, including a draft of the 99th Regiment, arrived in Auckland from Sydney, and a new expedition was organised under Colonel Despard, who felt confident that he would quickly smash the power of Heke.

With a force of 600 men and a" scrap-iron battery " Despard advanced to Ohaeawai, where Heke was well sheltered in a very strong fort, which resisted artillery as well as musketry.

On the 1st July, Colonel Despard ordered a storming of the fort. Parties of brave men rushed to the stout palisades and twice they were repulsed—shot down at point blank range by their invisible foes. In five minutes nearly forty of the attackers were killed and seventy wounded. Then Colonel Despard saw the hopelessness of the situation and ordered a retreat.

Gallant fighters themselves, the Maoris respected a gallant foe. The impulsive Lieut. Philpotts of H.M.S. *Hazard* was warmly liked by the natives. When his offer to mine the palisade of Ohaeawai had been rejected he left camp one day at noon, unarmed. Carrying only a light switch, wearing a blue shirt and white " bell-topper " and gazing through a monocle, he walked to within a few yards of the stockade, where he was recognised by the defenders to whom he was known as " Topi " (the Maori version of his name " Toby "). " Go away, Topi, or you'll be shot," a Native shouted. Not a shot was fired at him, but he was among those who were killed at point-blank range when the fort was stormed.

A new siege was opened on Hone Heke on 31st Dec., 1845, by a large British force, and the fort of Rua-Pekapeka fell on Sunday, 11th January, 1846.

Hone Heke, however, would never consent to the re-erection of the flagstaff at Kororareka. He died in 1850, and in 1853 a new signal station was built as a token of friendship between the two races.

In the attack on Kororareka in March, '45, Colour-Sergeant J. M. Carthy and Pte. Alex May, R.M.L.I.' were killed. They were buried on the site of the battle and their memorial bears the following inscription :—

The warlike of the Isles,
The men of field and wave,
Are not the rocks their funeral pile
The seas and shore their grave !

Go, strangers, track the deep,
Free, free, the white sail spread !
Wave may not foam nor wild wind sweep
Where rest not England's dead.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Our entente with " Med." terminated on March 17th, when the A.F. left for Home Ports for the Easter leave.

On March 14th, the Fleet and Squadron R.M. Officers dined together at the Bristol Hotel, Gibraltar, which is now the only " rendezvous " on the Rock, as the Mediterranean Club has been wound up. The party comprised Majors Briscoe, H. L. Jones, Barnby, Chancellor, Welch, E. T. N. Farmer, and Boultbee. Major Ravenshaw was unfortunately absent owing to his ship being in quarantine.

After five days of rain and wind at Arosa Bay the Fleet " rolled home" (literally) and we were not sorry to tie up in our several ports.

The Fleet will sail for the Summer Cruise on May 3rd.

" **Revenge** "

The fact that May is the month following a Leave Period must be our excuse for lack of news. We have one item for inclusion that was too late for the last issue. Just before leaving Gib. we held a 12-a-side Bayonet Combat with the *Barham's* R.M.'s, and lost by 7 fights to 5. (N.B.—Lesson learnt—never underestimate the strength of your opponents, even though they only be Med. Fleet representatives.)

Whilst talking about the *Barham*, we wish heartily to congratulate the *Hood's* R.M. Racing Cutters Crew, on the remarkable " caning " they administered to the *Barham's* seamen, but we do not understand why so little of the *Barham's* sidestakes were covered.

From a Social and Sport point of view, as far as R.M.'s are concerned, the meeting of the Combined Fleets at Gibraltar in preference to any other anchorage, was a great improvement. However, Strategical Exercises are the main consideration, but if Gibraltar is the chosen spot again next year, undoubtedly the best procedure is to arrange matches and contests by post beforehand, Regarding grounds, we have always found the Army authorities very obliging if requested. The actual stay of the Fleets is so short, that it is impossible almost to arrange things at the last moment.

The members of this Detachment were surprised to hear of the astounding defeat of the Portsmouth Division Bayonet Team, by the Plymouth Division Team. Apparently the bayonet has superseded the mangold-wurzel as primary weapon of defence down Devon way.

We are having a few changes in the Detachment. We believe the Drafting Officer at Eastney is looking for Marines for the *Nelson*, she is said to contain many modern "gadgets," but some of our Marines were saying that they wish to make sure that she has a good old-fashioned main-derrick before they volunteer for her, as they would feel sort of down-hearted in a ship with no main-derrick guys to work, however, by the time this appears in print we hope to have had a look over her.

"Hood"

We are now at the end of the Spring cruise, and there are many and varied signs of "leave fever" in evidence in the barracks and all over the ship. Even the most confirmed pessimists are smiling. We bade "au revoir" to Gib. on the 17th of March, and at the time of writing are wiling away the time at that "Jewel of Castile" Villagarcia,

All our sporting events have been completed for this cruise, and with quite gratifying success.

The greatest sporting event was undoubtedly the cutter race between the *Barham's* seamen, champions of the Mediterranean Fleet, and winners of the "Illustrious Cup," and our detachment cutter, champions of the Atlantic Fleet and winners of the Rodman Cup, etc. The race took place under ideal conditions on the 14th March. *Barham's* started favourites in all ships except *Hood* and several ships which had "inside" information. A brief description of the race may not be out of place.

At the start, which was an excellent one, *Barham* gained a slight lead, but only held it for a few minutes. At the half-mile *Hood* commenced to draw ahead, and slowly but perceptibly gained. Passing the *Hood*, the halfway mark, our boat was leading by six lengths, but gradually increased their lead to win by thirty strokes.

This event was most noticeable for the splendid sporting spirit displayed by all concerned. After all, the true test of sportsmanship is the ability to accept defeat in the right spirit, and the *Barham* proved their sportsmanship to the hilt. May we also thank *Curlew*, *Comus*, and various other ships for the rousing "chuck up" given our crew when passing them.

On the night of the race, both crews were entertained to dinner ashore by the *Barham*, and medals were presented to the winning crew. We do not feel like letting the occasion pass without the *Barham's* crew having some little memento of the event, and by the time this appears in print they will have received it. Our crew have purchased these suitably engraved mementoes themselves as a slight token of their appreciation of a memorable sporting event.

On the following night both crews were guests of honour at a concert given on board *Hood*, and were also entertained to supper. That practically concluded the event, and both crews are now fully recovered. Whether from the effects of the race or the subsequent celebrations I leave you to guesss.

Julian: "Has a man ever kissed you while he was driving?"

Juliette: "I should say not. If a man doesn't wreck his car while he's kissing me, he isn't giving the kiss the attention it deserves."—*Hurty-Peck.*

FOOTBALL.

We have completed the whole programme and our team's records read as follows':—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
"B" Team	13	5	3	5	26	16	15	(5th)
"A" Team	10	5	4	1	24	22	11	(10th)

Sixteen teams competed.

In addition, Mne. Vincent has been selected for the B.C.S. team in every match of importance, including the final of the Navy Cup, B.C.S. *v.* R.N.B., Devonport, at Home Park on 6th April.

SHOOTING.

Opportunities for practice are almost nil, and unfortunately the R.M. Afloat Meeting coincides with our first leave, so a good many of us are unable to compete. We hope to make a better show on some future occasion.

With regard to indoor sports, several members of the detachment must be unlucky in love if their luck at whist drives is inversely proportionate. Quite a number of prizes have come their way.

Several successful concerts have been held, and in addition to our inimitable comedian, whose name is too well-known to need any mention, we have discovered some new talent, notably a most engaging person known on the boards as "Yvette," and another member whose droll patter proved highly entertaining. Rumour has it that "Yvette" may not be asked to appear again as "her," terpsichorean endeavours endangered the superstructure. Six feet of Royal Marine is not always so light as Anna Pavlova.

One is inclined to think of all these events as merely the prologue to the best event of all, known to the sailor as "leaf." This commences on the 30th April and continues until the 29th May. In two parties of course.

Summing up, the whole cruise has been most successful and *Hood* has added more laurels to her name, assisted in no small degree by the R.M. detachment, and we go on leave conscious that we have kept our end up in every respect.

MEDITERRANEAN.

Ghain Tuffeiha

An interesting shooting match took place at Ghain Tuffieha, on Sunday, March 20th, 1927.

The Staff's opponents were the Malta Dockyard Rifle Club, the teams consisting of 12-a-side, the best 8 scorers to count. The conditions were 7 rounds at 200, 500, 600 yards, Bisley targets and marking, Service Rifle.

The Staff won by 19 points the scores obtained being :

STAFF.		M.D.R.C.	
Capt. Bishop	86	Mr. Hammacott	92
Q.M.S.I. Sloman	91	,, W. Neal	84
Sgt. Cherriman	87	,, Johnson	82
,, Crosby	84	,, Hill	81
,, Ford	83	,, Herbert	80
,, Monnery	82	,, Stacey	80
,, Manfield	76	,, Cory	74
Mne. Spearing	76	,, Shonk	73
Total	665	Total	646

The return match was shot on the following Saturday, at the Ricasoli Rifle Range, 300 yards being substituted for 200 yards, otherwise the conditions were the same.

The shooting was a little keener this time, as on totalling up, both teams had the same number of points.

STAFF		M.D.R.C.	
Q.M.S.I. Sloman	91	Mr. Hammacott	93
Sgt. Manfield	76	,, Bunyard	79
,, Crosby	83	,, Cory	81
,, Ford	98	,, Stacey	86
,, Lawrence	78	,, Neal	84
Mne. Warwick	83	,, Gillispie	79
,, Thorne	74	,, Herbert	82
,, Spearing	86	,, Loulton	85
Total	669	Total	669

SMALL ARM WEAPON TRAINING—SEASON 1926-27.

Best Scores—

Rifle: Sergt. F. T. Crosby, 147 (Staff Instr.)
Corpl. S. Burgess, 140 (Royal/S.)

Revolver: Sergt. F. T. Crosby, 153 (Staff)
Mne. T. G. Simpson, 149 (*Concord*)

Light Automatic:
Mne. N. Grimshaw, 181 (*Warspite*)

Numbers exercised Table "R", Part IV., 662—
Marks: 227, 1st 214, 2nd, 185, 3rd 36.
,, ,, Table "L" Part II, 74—
1st 54, 2nd 17, Unqualified 3.
,, ,, Revolver, Part II., 130—
Marks 6, 1st 34, 2nd 68, Fd. 22

61 Machine Gunners also carried out a short M.G. Course.

CHINA.

"Delhi."

On Wednesday, 8th February, the 1st Cruiser Squadron sailed into Hong Kong at 0730 and the first thing we heard was that the Royal Marines were to march through Hong Kong at some future date. A day was eventually agreed upon, but owing to the very bad weather conditions, this was postponed, and we went to sea for gunnery exercises. One afternoon, after our return to harbour, a signal was received which read "Land all Marines for Active Service immediately." This caused pandemonium for a time, and after we had all made the mess deck look like a crockery shop after a visit by a bull, everyone thought that this was a genuine stunt, but we found it was only an evolution. The whole squadron took 1 hour 3 minutes to land; this long period was due to *Danae's* Marines being landed at the wrong place. *Dragon*, who lay alongside the wall, was first with 45 minutes, *Frobisher* 46, *Delhi* 47, *Danae* 63 minutes; but it was rumoured that *Delhi's* detachment were the only ones absolutely ready as an emergency landing party should be. On the following day, Tuesday 22nd February, all the Royal Marines landed for a march through the City of Hong Kong. This was a very impressive affair, and especially at the conclusion, when Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle took the salute at the Cenotaph as we marched past to the air of our regimental march-past, which was excellently rendered by the combined bands of *Frobisher* and *Hermes*. A few afternoons later the S.S. *Minnesota* arrived with the 12th R.M. Battalion but after a few days' stay she sailed again for Shanghai.

Practically everyone of the detachment witnessed a crash of a seaplane which fell near *Delhi* one afternoon, but we are glad to learn that the pilot only suffered minor injuries. The Hong Kong Derby was held recently, and many of our detachment went to see if the "Godess of Fortune" would smile on them, but with very little success.

On Thursday, March 3rd, all the Marines landed at Mur Bay for a field day. Falling in at 4.50, ammunition was served out, and the landing postponed on account of the heavy swell, but at 0630 away we went to the attack. Only one section of Delhi "took the can back," that was No. 1, who had to scale a miniature mountain, wrongly called a small hill, to drive back an imaginary enemy. It was rumoured later that some of these unfortunates have decided to transfer to the French or Italian Mountaineer Corps, because on completion of their climb they considered themselves fully qualified. Much amusement was caused witnessing "Jack" landing as our "main body" many of whom came to grief in the sea ,and also falling down the sides of these hills which dot this country. After the sailors had left the Marine Battalion continued their advance, and although we had to fight our way through undergrowth of very clinging nature, we eventually won our objective, after which we received the appalling news that we had to fight a rear-guard action back to the beach!! Of course, this was received with the usual comments by various members of the battalion, but after crawling up and sliding down a few large hills, whose nature must have specially picked out for this country, we eventually arrived at the beach, where we regaled ourselves on pasties, sandwiches of all kinds and hot tea. We are glad to report that no teeth need medical attention due to the hardness of some of the pastry! After this gorgeous repast we sat round the fire and heard many humorous occurrences of the day told by those who saw them, after which we had a few games to keep ourselves warm, returning on board at 1600 properly tired out. On the whole everyone enjoyed the change in routine, except a few, but I suppose we shall always find bad eggs in every farmyard.

In conclusion, everyone hopes that the various towns in England will not have changed too much by the time we return, and also that those concerned will not forget that there is a *Delhi* serving overseas.

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

On March 8th the Detachment proceeded to Camp for Annual Small Arms Training. The Camp is situated at Warwick, a distance of 11 miles by road from the Dockyard. Fortune favoured us and we experienced good weather. On the completion of the training the statistics showed that we had kept up to our standard of shooting, the average being 94.2. Unfortunately, our stay in camp was curtailed owing to the Army authorities requiring the range. We were due to remain in camp for 28 days, but did only 14 days. The change of life was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and it was a great disappointment when we received orders to rejoin the ship before the original date. During the period we were in camp, the 27th Fortress Battery, Royal Engineers were also undergoing their annual training. The canteen of an evening was the scene of great jollity when our detachment were fraternising with the R.E.'s. The evening prior to the departure of the R.E.'s a very

successful impromptu smoking concert was held in the Canteen. The proceedings were in the hands of an able Chairman, Sergt. P. C. Couzens, who kept the programme going throughout the evening. The concert was the means of discovering talent in the Detachment. Two items worthy of mention were Mne. Hammond's rendering of Kipling's " Gentleman Ranker," and Mne. Britton's exhibition of the Charleston, both receiving great applause. To complete our training we returned to the ship by road in full marching order. It happened to be a hot day which made the conditions for marching very trying, but we arrived back to the ship doing the last quarter of a mile with a good swing. The ship is not due to leave dock until approximately 18th April, so we are now enjoying the pleasures of refitting routine, chipping and painting being the greatest pastime.

On Saturday, March 26th, the ship's XV. completed their rugby fixtures. The last match of the season played on the Bermuda Athletic Association's ground at Hamilton is between the winners of the Nichol Shield and The Rest of Bermuda. As the *Calcutta* were winners of the Shield we figured in this match. Unfortunately the Rest were not quite at full strength, but our team, playing well, proved worthy winners by 29 points to nil. Members of the detachment who played were Mne. R. W Lauder and Corpl. R. G. Harris, who both possess the ship's colours.

Since returning from camp we played the R.M. Detachment of the *Malabar* at soccer, but bowed before a superior team and had to acknowledge our defeat by 4 goals to 1. However, we are anticipating a return game when we shall take the opportunity of avenging our recent defeat.

We thank our comrades on the *Capetown* for their good wishes recorded in March issue of the " G. & L." and would like to express our appreciation for the sporting spirit in which the R.M. Detachment of the *Capetown* has always received us.



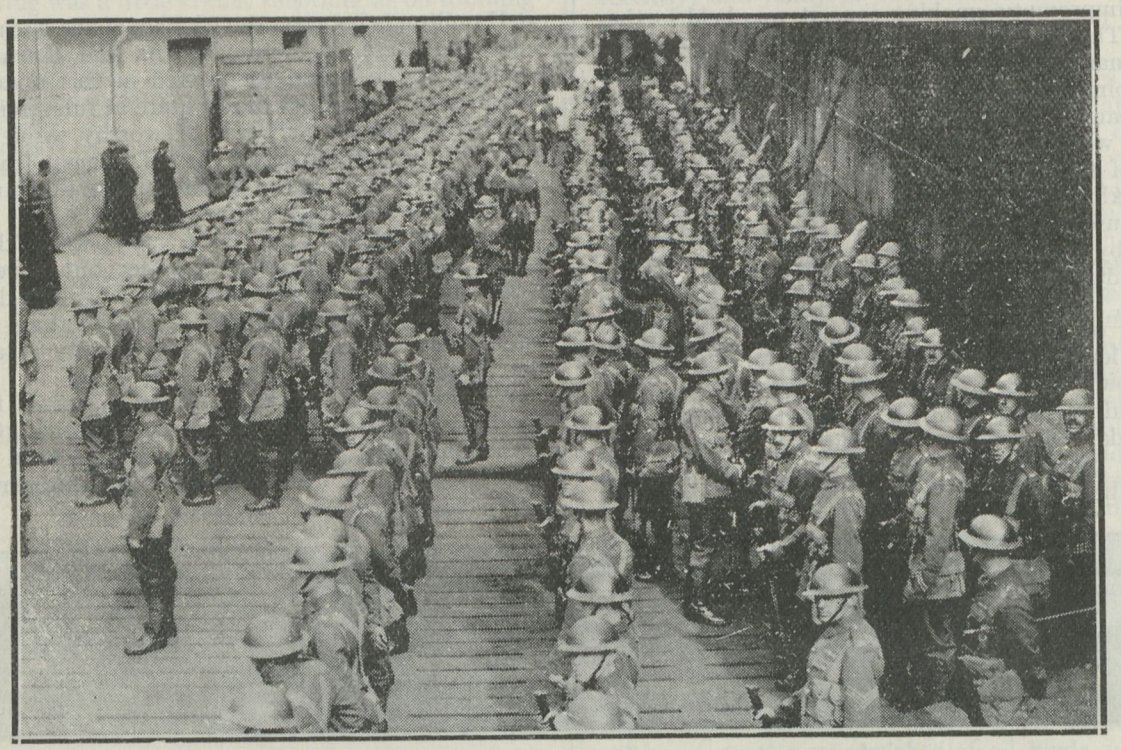
12th ROYAL MARINE BATTALION.

Shanghai. 9/3/27

Many apologies for not having sent you any news ere this, but we have all been very busy, and our ports of call have been few, so that Father Opportunity has somewhat robbed us. The ship ran into a heavy swell between Portsmouth and " The Bay," causing a certain amount of discomfort to some of us. (Oh ! we did feel bad.) The *Minnesota*—so-called a Palais de Luxe (we didn't notice it !)—a cork-like construction, which incidentally ought to been have pensioned off many years ago, did not provide the sea-going comforts to which a large majority of us have hitherto been accustomed. Father Neptune was graciously pleased to give us an amazingly calm sea while crossing " The Bay " and for the remainder of the voyage, as a result of which the *Minnesota* is considered to be an excellent sea boat !

Having run into calm weather, it was not long before training commenced in earnest. This was a matter of no mean difficulty,, for we had on board units of the Royal Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, Army, and these, together with the Battalion, totalled some 1,300. The space problem was indeed acute. However, we managed to get in a good amount of section and platoon training, which was daily preceded by P.T. & B.F. In addition to this all the machine guns and Lewis guns were fired. All the revolver members were put through a course of firing ; this was successfully accomplished without a single casualty to either passengers or ship's company ! Having on board a quantity of stores for H.M.S. *Egmont*, our first port of call was Port Said, where we arrived on 3rd February. Everyone landed here—we don't think—and after a stop of some ten hours the ship proceeded through the canal. On approaching Ismailia the Air turned out in force and gave us a hearty welcome. Many messages were accurately dropped into the Canal, but then message dropping is rendered most difficult with 'planes not fitted with bomb sights ! However, we all appreciated the succession of aerial salutes and stunts provided for our amusement. The ship having been persuaded, much against her will, to leave the Salt Lakes, entered the Red Sea on 5th February, narrowly missing a minor collision. Our gallant craft now really and literally started to warm up to her work. The naval transport ration, so famous for being conspicuous by its meagreness, now, owing to the hot weather, seemed almost sufficient. Training still continued with undiminishing intensity, and the ship was a veritable condensation of military frightfulness, such as has never before been seen even on Salisbury Plain, The Brickfields, Browndown, The Ladies' Mile, or even The Borstal Institute !

Perim was passed on the early morning of 8th February and now started the seemingly endless ploughing of the Indian Ocean. Water, water everywhere—that's all we had to drink ! Most of us had now come to the end of our finances, so that a free issue of cigarettes and " pop " was made daily—we don't think ! As we took our last glimpse of Africa we saw on the most easterly point of Italian Somilaland a lighthouse. The Captain told us the story of how it had been pulled down three times in succession and the keepers eaten by cannibals—this yarn we swallowed with our three-eighths of an ounce of cheese ! Numerous coveys of flying fish were skillfully avoided, both by the ship and certain brutal naval officers who tried to shoot them. Despite the Scotch mist and the haze formed by decayed haggis and carrots in the hold, the ship was safely buttoned on to a buoy in Colombo Harbour on 14th February, where we again all landed—we don't think. The strike,



THE 12th R.M. BATTALION LANDING AT SHANGHAI.

ot which we had heard so much, fortunately only affected the size of the hoses through which we took in our water supply, and at 11 p.m. (10 hours adrift of the schedule) we sailed briskly through the gap in the breakwater—speed one knot, which was undoubtedly due to the weight of 10/- notes, one of which had been issued to each man requiring it—total 1,000 ! (Home Base Ledger should not take this as being official.) There was little of interest to relate between Colombo and Singapore, where we arrived on 19th February. Here we regret to say two cases of pneumonia were landed, having previously put one case ashore at Colombo.

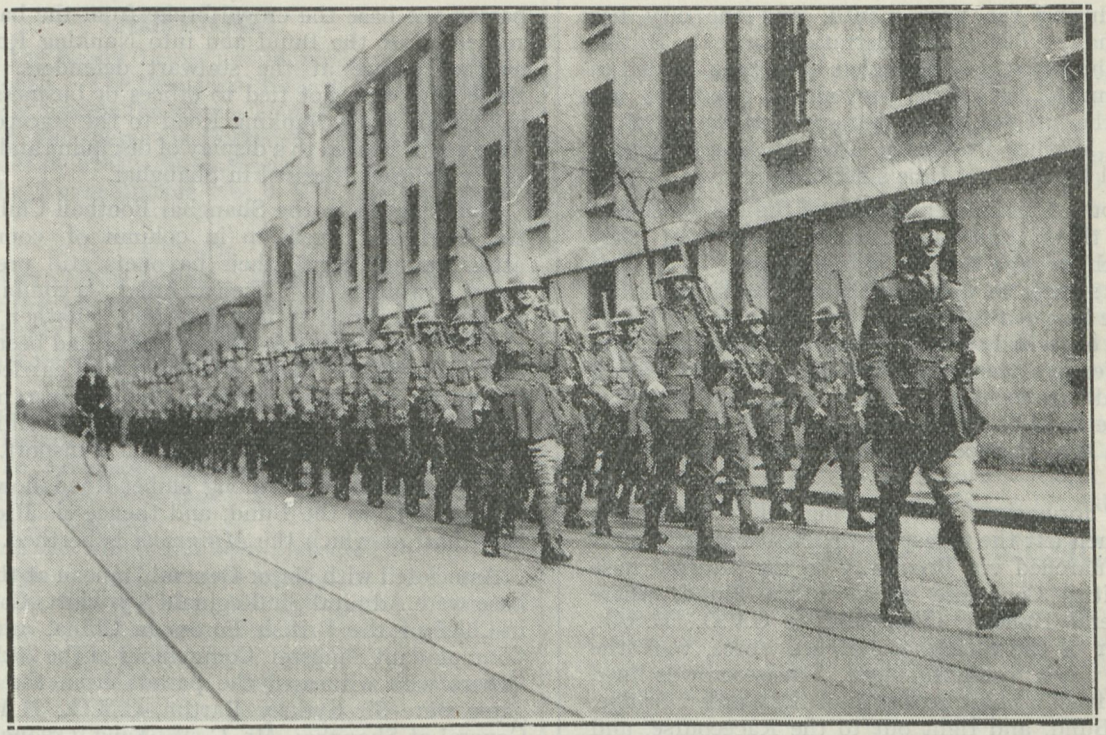
On leaving Singapore we narrowly escaped crossing the line, thereby cheating Father Neptune and his bears of a large and creditable enrolment ; not wishing to cheat the old gentleman absolutely, we all heroically ducked each other in the two enormous canvas baths which had been rigged on deck.

The China Sea, as its name implies, is situated off the coast of China, and we had not long been in it before a quick change was made from khaki drill, shorts, and white naval bowlers, to khaki service dress, the temperature dropping some 45 degrees during the next four days. We arrived at Hong Kong where we all went ashore again (we don't think). H.M.S. *Hermes* gave us a first-class aerial display as we came to our buoy. The captain of the ship's appreciation of the demonstration where low-flying planes narrowly missed the bridge and fos'cle on several occasions is unprintable. However, it was a really fine display, many of the planes that performed hair-raising stunts were flown by Royal Marine officers. During our stay of two days several of the naval personnel and stores left the ship, and owing to the length of this stay the *Megantic*, which had been closely following us some twenty-four hours astern, forged ahead, so that we became second in the great race for Shanghai. Several old acquaintances were renewed, among them being the First Cruiser Squadron.

A certain amount of ship's visiting was allowed. We left Hong Kong on 25th February, escorted by planes from H.M.S. *Hermes*, and were now on the last lap for our ultimate destination, Shanghai, where we arrived on the 28th February, steaming gracefully up the crystal clear waters of the Wangpoo. We were greeted here by some of H.M. ships in somewhat varying styles, some playing " A Life on the Ocean Wave " and shouting " Go on the Royals," while others exclaimed " Go back, you're too late ! " The latter we certainly did not believe, for it is obvious that we are in time. The *Megantic* was now occupying the only billet available for disembarking troops and stores, so that we remained on board until 3rd March, when the Battalion landed for a route march through the International Settlement, returning to the ship late in the afternoon.

On 4th March the hutments which we were to occupy were nearing completion, were taken over from the 2nd Bn. The Border Regiment by an advanced billeting party, and the Battalion marched in the following day. We are now settling down in comparative comfort, and the camp is a veritable beehive. At present there is a complete lack of ground for training and recreational purposes, but this will undoubtedly improve later on.

All ranks from the Plymouth Division wish to thank those at Plymouth Division Headquarters for all that was done for them before leaving and for the rousing send-off they were given. The Plymouth Division details are distributed within the Battalion as follows : "C" Company, No. 13 Platoon "D" Company, No. 1 Section M.G. Platoon.



C COMPANY (PLYMOUTH) ON THE MARCH THROUGH SHANGHAI.

The following extracts are taken from another letter from Shanghai, dated 14/3/27.

The trip from Portsmouth to Shanghai was a very pleasant one as far as the weather conditions were concerned. The *Minnesota* was not particularly suitable for a troopship, as there was very little space for training or recreation, and the messing was not very good; however, the Battalion made the best of it, and arrived at Shanghai in the best of spirits. Everyone was thankful when the order came for a route march through the town, as there had been no leave ashore since leaving England. The march was a great success, and impressed the Chinese with the appropriate amount of awe, and the Europeans with a full quota of confidence. The opinion of the local press was unanimous that the march was the best Shanghai had ever seen. We "paid off" *Minnesota* on March 5th, and marched to our camp at Yangtsze Poo, four miles away from the ship. The camp is built on Paddy fields, which is a stronger description than mud, and, as it has rained incessantly for six weeks we were not certain whether it was "Per Mare or Per Terram" we had got to. We were not long making the camp something like a camp should be, and laid down hundreds of tons of cinders, innumerable drains and paths. General Duncan made an inspection of the camp a few days after our arrival. He said "It was the cleanest camp in Shanghai." We have produced a huge flagstaff from which we fly the Ensign and Corps flags, the latter being the property of Capt. Spraggett. We have not a proper parade ground yet, but are using a new road near the camp. The chief trouble is the incessant rain, which is spoiling everything, and the locals say it will last till the end of March. In matters of sport we have had not opportunity of doing anything yet, but several rugger and soccer matches have been arranged, and we have tug-of-war and running teams practicing. We sent a rifle team to shoot against H.M.S. *Carlisle* this afternoon and beat them. "A" Company (Chatham) are away on detached duty, and we are expecting to send another company in a few days time. We rather thought that if we made our camp too clean and smart we should be moved to some less congenial place, and as an item of Stop Press news, this has happened, and we have moved across the river to Pootung.

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The following account of the first march of the Battalion was published in the *Shanghai Times*:—

British Marines, a thousand strong, marched through the Foreign Settlement yesterday in spectacular array, being "on parade" for Shanghai residents for the first time since their arrival on the *Minnesota*. They marched past the British Consulate, where Major-General John Duncan, General Officer Commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, took the salute.

Accustomed as Shanghai is becoming to the movements of troops in and around the Settlement; as ordinary as a parade of British troops through the main streets appears nowadays, the spectacular route march of the British Marines, numbering a thousand strong, through the city yesterday afternoon, could not have failed to awaken in the most indifferent resident a feeling of enthusiasm, and quicken the heart beats of every British citizen who watched with pride the long line of khaki-clad figures swinging along the road to the strains of well-known marches.

There have been parades of troops on numerous

occasions during the past month, and the city has witnessed many military demonstrations since the British forces for the defence of Shanghai have been landed in the Settlement, but none proved as effective, nor awakened the interest which characterized the march of the Royal Marines yesterday after they set foot on Chinese soil for the first time since their arrival.

Their reputations as a crack unit of the British Forces preceeded them, and the announcement that they would march through the city was the signal for crowds to line the streets to welcome them. The sight is one that will be long remembered in Shanghai, and it is safe to say that everybody who watched that long column of British defenders tramping with measured beat along streets lined with local residents, helmeted, and carrying at the slope their bayonetted rifles, which gleamed and glittered in the afternoon sunshine, felt better for their presence.

In route formation, and carrying full war kit, the thousand men left the transport *Minnesota* shortly after 2.30, and marched via Broadway to the saluting base at the British Consulate gates on the Bund, where Major-General Duncan, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., Commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, took the salute. It was a wonderful sight. Dense crowds lined the streets from a point far north of the Garden Bridge, along the Bund, and right out to the Racecourse, and though there was no great outward display or demonstration on the part of these, occasional bursts of cheering from patriotic and enthusiastic British residents testified to the high pitch to which their feelings had been raised.

British troops picketed the footpaths from the Garden Bridge to a point south of the Consulate, and behind these men, who stood with fixed bayonets, the crowd jostled and scrambled for the best positions to see the parade. Barriers were erected at the junction of Soochow Road and the Bund, and soldiers also guarded these, in order that the crowd might not encroach upon the space reserved for the officers and officials at the saluting base.

At last they came. In the distance the first sound of their approach could be heard as the Royal Navy Marine band played "Life on the Ocean Wave" to which the men were marching. Topping the rise which hides Broadway from the Bund, and headed by four Sikh troopers under Trooper Sergeant Watson, the band in blue and scarlet came into view, and immediately in the rear followed the thousand marines. Swinging down the slight slope in faultless formation they advanced to the saluting base. Crisp orders from the officers commanding the various companies, and eyes were turned smartly in the direction of Major-General Duncan and held there until the base had been passed. Not a word in the ranks; not a man out of step; every eye fixed straight ahead; rifles at the correct slope and arms swinging in unison, the Royal Marines passed their commander, and then on into the city's main thoroughfare.

Still they came, company after company, a seemingly never-ending stream of khaki and steel; a thousand British Marines, on whom the populace gazed with mixed feelings of admiration and wonder. As the last man passed the base the crowd broke from the barriers and rushed along the Bund and into Nanking Road to get another glance at the stalwart defenders. Many of those who were not tied to offices or business followed the troops along Nanking Road to the Racecourse, and were again treated to a display of discipline and efficiency rarely before witnessed in Shanghai.

Marching on to the Shanghai Football Club's ground the Marines formed up in column of companies at attention and rigid, their bayonets still presenting a forest of white steel. Then an order: a combined movement of the arms to the shoulder; another order and the steel had vanished—the bayonets had been returned to their holsters. The movement was carried out like clockwork and with a precision that was inspiring. After this the men piled arms and fell out for a brief rest before continuing their march back to the transport.

This was carried out along Thibet Road, down Avenue Edward VII. to the Bund, and thence via Broadway to the wharf at which the *Minnesota* is berthed.

Associated with Major-General Duncan at the saluting base were Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in China, and Colonel-Commandant Sangster, Commander of the 20th Brigade. Others who witnessed the parade from the Consulate gates were Sir Sydney Barton, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General at Shanghai, Mr. G. W. King, Colonel W. F. L. Gordon, and Captain R. M. J. Martin.

The Royal Marines were commanded by Lieut.-Colonel George Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M.

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The Royal Marine Battalion in Shanghai, which includes in its ranks half-a-dozen or more players who were playing for the Royal Marines, Eastney, at the start of the present season, appear to be worthily upholding the soccer traditions of the Corps in the Far East. In their first game the battalion met the Durham Light Infantry, who had not been beaten since 1924, and were successful by 4—3, after a desparate and exciting finish. The Durhams had the wind in the first half, but Williams, of Portsmouth, opened the scoring for the Marines. Press (Portsmouth) kept a good goal, but was eventually beaten by Parslow. Forrester (Chatham) again put the Marines ahead, but Parslow equalized. James (Portsmouth) showed himself to be the outstanding defender on the field during dour and desperate attacks by the Durhams, who seemed to have the game well in hand when Parslow completed his hat trick. However, Corporal Odey (Portsmouth), a strong and capable centre-half, rallied his men, and Forrester brought the scores to 3—3. Just before the end Clark (Chatham) got in a surprise shot that found the net and gave the Marines victory. The Marines' right wing was composed of Hannaford and Stockton, both of Portsmouth.—*Portsmouth Evening News.*

"Where is the electrical department?" asked the flapper.

"Just walk this way, miss," said the hardware clerk, who was bow-legged."

"You fresh young thing," said the girl, "I'd die first."—*Catapult.*

CHATHAM.

Owing to the Easter Leave period we have very little news this month. The Divisional Billiard Championship proved a great success the winner being Colonel Mayhew. A result of the game is included elsewhere. The Ancient Order of Froth Blowers seems to have come to stay and the Royal Marine No. 1 Vat has had more "doings."

A.O.F.B.

ROYAL MARINE No. 1. VAT. MONTHLY DINNER.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in the Sergeants' Mess on Monday evening, 11th April, the occasion being the first monthly dinner of the Royal Marine No. 1 Vat.

The visitors included representatives from the Mitre, Hare and Hounds and Half Way House Vats. Senior Blaster F. A. Freeman occupied the chair, supported by Grand Typhoon Bert Hales, Tornado J. H. Cotton and Tornado F. Clowell.

The Vat regalia which had been presented to the Vat by Chief Gargler G. French were handed to the various Officers of the Vat by the Grand Typhoon, Blower Hartree being, by unanimous consent, the recipient of a special Order "The Order of the Bride."

The Dinner was interspersed with speeches, toasts and musical and vocal items, the latter being by Blowers Carn, Timbrell and Craddock.

A pleasant evening concluded with the singing of the Frothblowers' Anthem, "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King."

PORTSMOUTH.

R.M. SERGEANTS' MESS.

ANNUAL ZEEBRUGGE BALL.

The Annual Zeebrugge Ball of the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, was held in the Gymnasium on Friday, 22nd April, 1927, commencing at 8 p.m. and terminating at 2 a.m.

There is no question that to change the name of the Ball to "Zeebrugge" in commemoration of the gallant action of our comrades on the same date in 1918, was a good omen, inasmuch that the whole affair was a great success, everything went of without a hitch. The dancing was continuous, the band under the able conductorship of L/Cpl. John Dacombe, R.M., working very hard, no doubt helped the committee to keep things merry.

The Colonel-Commandant and other officers honoured the Mess by attending in large numbers, and it would appear that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

The decorations and lighting arrangements were excellent, and Mr. Weaver, the electrician, has very much to be thanked for.

The Committee presided over by Drum-Major Wilson, consisted of the following: Band-Master Clayton, Clr.-Sgt. Gordon, Sergts. Paget, Lee, Wickens, Ackrill, Moores and Richardson, the latter two being in charge of the refreshment buffet, which was supplied with the necessary foodstuffs, etc., by Goodies, the able catering firm of Southsea. There is no question that the arrangements for seating and feeding such a large number of people in such a short time created a record for the Sergeants' Mess Ball.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BALL.

The Annual Ball in aid of funds for the above association was held in the Gymnasium, Eastney Barracks, on Friday, 25th March. Owing to the inclement weather prevailing the numbers who attended were fewer than on the last occasion, but over 300 danced to the strains of the Divisional dance band for six hours, including Col.-Comdt. A. G. Little, C.M.G., Lt.-Cols. H. N. H. Houghton and R. H. Darwell, C.B.E., D.S.O., Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., and the principal officers of the Division. The decorations and arrangements were carried out by the members of the Small Arms Staff, assisted by others interested in the association (The President, Q.M.S.I. Foster, and a committee comprised of Q.M.S. King, Q.M.S.I. Collins, Clr.-Sgt. Coppin, Darters and Emery, Sergts. Gasson (M.C.), Paget, Akrill, Adams, Bird and Gooden and Corpl. Borrett). The amount realised this year was £22 17s. 0d.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

Tuesday was a great day for the Royal Naval School of Music at Eastney, for this Kneller Hall of the Senior Service held its second annual prize-giving, the presentations being made by Lieutenant-General Sir A. R. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines.

The ceremony took place in the concert hall, and was followed by tea. Colonel-Commandant A. G. Little, C.M.G., and Mrs. Little, Major W. A. Jolly (the Superintendent of the School) and Mrs. Jolly were among those present, and a matter of interest was the comparison presented by Major H. E. Lidiard, who joined the Corps fifty years ago and the youngest recruit, a boy of about 14, who joined up three months ago.

Lieutenant C. E. Maton supervised the arrangements, and Lieutenant Fairfield, M.V.O., R.M., and Band Master (First Class) W. J. Papworth conducted a talented orchestra and choir in musical selections during the ceremony.

Major Jolly said the last year had been featured by an increased number of boys at the School. The average number was 199, and the greatest 224. During the year 115 boys had entered the School, and 57 had advanced 39 of them reaching their advancement before the age of 18 years, owing to their embarkation in ships.

The progress of the boys was increasing owing to the number of ships requiring bands having been increased from 34 to 42. Discipline had been very good, there had been no epidemic and very little illness. Distinctions gained during the year included one L.R.A.M., making a total of nine such diplomas now held by band ranks, and one A.R.C.M.

A new military instrument had been introduced—the saxophone—which would gradually supersede the baritone. It was a matter of gratification to them that the band for the Royal tour in H.M.S. Renown include six of their boys. A set of silver wind instruments was being procured making a better appearance in the future and the bass drums were being emblazoned. The musical salutes were also being standardized, and during the winter months there would be lectures on matters musical. Educationally the boys had done quite well

GENERAL DUNCAN TAKING THE SALUTE OF THE 12th R.M. BATTALION
during their march through Shanghai on 3rd March, 1927.



Front Row, reading from left to right—Col. Comdt. P. Sangster (Commanding 20th Indian Infantry Bde.), Vice-Admiral Sir R. Tyrwhitt (C.-in-C. China), Commodore Braithwaite (H.M.S. Hawkins).

2nd Row—Lieut.-Comdr. Leeds (S.O.O.), Pay.-Lt. Cdr. Morrisy, Col. Viscount Cort, V.C. (G.S.O.I.), Capt. Moore (H.M.S. Enterprise), Col. Gordon (Comdt. Shanghai Volunteer Corps), Pay Comdr. Badcock (Secty. to C.-in-C.), Commander Grey, Commander Muirhead Gould (Naval Liason Officer), Major Mullins (F.R.M.O.).

3rd Row—Capt. Johnstone, R.M. (S.O.I. Shanghai), Lieut. Sangster (Orderly Officer).

during the past year, obtaining six first-class certificates for education, 32 second class, and 96 third class.

Recreationally, the School had not done quite so well as before. At cricket 14 matches were played, seven being won and the Inter-room Cup was won by 60 room. At football, school teams finished second in the United Services League Fourth Division, second in the Portsmouth Lads' Wednesday League and third in the Portsmouth Lads' JuniorLeague, and they won thePortsmouth Lads' Wednesday League Cup.

The Inter-room Shield was won by No. 2 team, made up alphabetically. In the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, Third Division, the School tied for first place, but lost on goal average. They also won the Portsmouth Divisional Company Cup. In athletic sports the cup for rooms was won by 56 room, and at the boxing championships recently held 208 boysentered out of 220. The School was represented by 20 boys in the Royal Naval and Marine Port Novices' Championship, and two were successful.

Concluding, Major Jolly said that sight was not being lost of the educational side of their training. They had not only to learn to play their instruments,but they had got to understand their history. If boys wanted to go on to warrant rank they would also have to qualify on the piano, and he urged them to take up this instrument.

The prizes were then distributed by General Hutchison, who said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of hearing of the School's accomplishment in matters of music, education and sports. He congratulated the winners, and to the others his advice was not to be disheartened, but to try again. It was only by examinations and trials such as they had undergone that they could find out their weak spots and then strengthen them. The report of the School was very satisfactory and encouraging. The School had now been in existence for about 24 years, and during that time it had been through some very difficult periods, but thanks to the loyalty and co-operation of all ranks they had made an assured name throughout the Service. Members of the general public outside the home ports were not very well conversant with the School, but this difficulty was being overcome. Bands from the School had played in London, Wembley, and Twickenham, and had done credit to the School. A band from their establishment was accompanying the Royal Prince, and he hoped on their return they would hear that the band had acquitted itself with distinction. General Hutchison threw out the suggestion that a school band might broadcast, and said he was sure that had any of the B.B.C. directors been present that afternoon they would have had no difficulty in obtaining an engagement. On every visit to the School he was particularly struck with the *esprit de corps*, both as regards work and sport. He urged that when the boys left the School, they should not lose sight of this fine spirit, and finally thanked the Superintendent, officers and instructors upon the excellnet results obtained during the year.



CORPS HOCKEY.

THE MEAD CUP.

The above cup was competed for between Chatham and Portsmouth Divisions at Deal on Wednesday, 13th April, under ideal weather conditions, Portsmouth winning the cup by 2 goals to 1. It was unfortunate that Plymouth Division, and the Depot R.M., Deal were unable to raise teams.

The following players comprised the elevens of the opposing sides :—

Chatham—Lieut.-Col. Hickson, goal ; Capt. Mercer and Surg. Lt.-Comdr. D'Arcy, backs ; Lieut. Beasley, Capt. Mackenzie and Musn. Hayward, halves ; Lieut. Nonweiler, 2nd/Lt. Brown, 2nd/Lt. Horton, Lieut. Ryder Richardson and 2nd/Lt. Simonds, forwards.

Portsmouth—Lieut. O'Donnell, goal ; Capts. Simpson and Jameson, backs ; Lieuts. Barcroft, Wills and Capt. Bagot, halves ; Lieuts. Mitchell, C. F. Phillips, Sillitoe, Corpl. Maughan and Lt. Cawley-Way, forwards.

Portsmouth won the toss, and elected to play uphill and against the wind. During the first half, the ball was for the majority of the time in the Chatham half of the field, Ten minutes before half-time, Portsmouth were awarded four corners in quick succession, and the resultant shots at goal, each of which were going hard, were magnificently saved by D'Arcy. There was no score at half-time.

Shortly after the commencement of the second half, Phillips and Sillitoe ran through with some nice short passing and the former scored the first goal. Chatham then pressed hard, but missed an open goal. They then decided to reorganise their team by putting D'Arcy centre-forward and while this reshuffle was taking place, Phillips ran through and scored the second goal for Portsmouth. D'Arcy shortly afterwards scored Chatham's only goal.

The game was a keen even struggle throughout.

CORPS HOCKEY.

This year, the Trial Match, which had been fixed for Thursday, 14th April, was cancelled, owing to an insufficient number of players being available, after the Mead Cup, which had been held the day before.

Three fixtures, as in former years, were arranged in the Folkestone Hockey Festival, which is held over the Easter week-end.

For the first match, which was played against "Leipsiger," the following team was chosen :—Goal, Lt.-Col. G. R. Hickson ; Backs, Capt. A. C. Morford and Capt. H. W. Simpson ; Halves, Capt. R. C. G. Mackenzie, Lieuts. Sillitoe and C. N. S. Smith ; Forwards

2nd/Lt. C. Horton, 2nd/Lt. Cornelius, Major R. A. D. Brooks, Surg. Lt.-Comdr. D'Arcy and 2nd/Lieut. R. W. B. Simonds.

This is the first year since the war that the Germans have sent over representatives to the festival, and the team we played proved to be a fast and keen side. The game was played on the East Ground on the morning of Saturday, 17th April, and resulted in a win for our opponents by 5—2. The score indicates that the game was very much in favour of our opponents, but this was not the case, as our side, which had never before played together, missed several opportunities of scoring. Major Brooks scored both our goals from good hard shots, while our opponents were somewhat lucky in scoring at least two of their goals from the throw-in.

For the game against "Alderly Edge" on Easter Monday, several changes were made in the side. Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell came in as goal-keeper, Capt. Simpson went to inside-right, Lt.-Comdr. D'Arcy took his place at left back, and Lieut. Cornelius charged over to inside-left. These changes made a considerable difference to the balance of the team. The forwards combined better, while the defence was good. Capt. Morford at right back, and Lieut. Sillitoe at centre-half, both played excellent games. "Alderly Edge," who were reputed to be a good side, failed to get through our defence. In the first half, Major Brooks scored for us, following up a shot from Lieut. Cornelius, which rebounded off the goal-keeper's pad. In the second half, after some good combination by the forwards, Capt. Simpson added another goal, the Corps winning 2—0.

Against the "Ghosts" on Tuesday, 19th April, we had the same team, which did well against a side unbeaten throughout the Festival. Our opponent's two goals were the result of good passing and hard shots, which Lieut. O'Donnell had no possible chance of stopping. Our one goal was scored by Lieut. Cornelius who followed up a shot from Major Brooks, which their goalkeeper stopped. For us, Lieut. Sillitoe at centre-half was again conspicuous. Capt. Simpson was unfortunately hurt during the second half.

One of the features of the last two games was the excellent goalkeeping of Lieut. O'Donnell, who showed great skill and judgement in coming out to clear. In the game on Saturday our side was somewhat disconcerted by the excessive enthusiasm of the foreigners. Of the three games, that against "Alderly Edge" was probably the best, as it was an open game with plenty of passing.

Results:

April 16th—R.M. *v.* Leipsiger. Lost 5—2.
,, 13th—R.M. *v.* Alderly Edge. Won 2—0.
,, 19th—R.M. *v.* The Ghosts. Lost 2—1.

CHATHAM.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

We have finished our matches in the local league, and, although we were not so successful as last year, the results obtained were very creditable. "A" Team being 4th and "B" Team being 6th in the Rochester and District Miniature Rifle League. In the later stages of the competitions, great difficulty was experienced in maintaining two teams owing to so many men being away with the 12th R.M. Battalion.

Marine Hanna put up a very creditable performance in the league individual scores, he obtained third place with an average of 95 for all matches.

We have entered a team for the Naitonal Challenge Shield Section (C.), and at the time of writing, the team have successfully negotiated three rounds and are now drawn against the Metropolitan Railway in the 4th round.

RESULTS OF DIVISIONAL BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st Round—200 up.

Colonel Mayhew	200	beat	Sergt. Turner ..	..	107
Mne. Winter	200	,,	Lt.-Col. Sandilands ..		124
Major Gillespie ..	200	,,	Mne. Basten		192
Mne. Botting	200	,,	Corpl. Brockwell ..		197
Sergt. Booth	200	,,	Musn. Chappell ..		145
Suptg. Clerk Parfitt .. (43 unfinished)	200	,,	Sergt-Major Stratton		98
Q.M.S. Scott (break 33)	200	,,	Corpl. Godfrey ..		81
Corpl. White	200	,,	Corpl. Collins ..		109

2nd Round—200 up.

Suptg. Clerk Parfitt ..	200	beat	Corpl. White		170
Mne. Botting	200	,,	Mne. Winter ..		138
Colonel Mayhew ..	200	,,	Q.M.S. Scott (break 32)		187
Major Gillespie ..	200	,,	Sergt. Booth		171

Semi-Finals—250 up.

Mne. Botting (break 48)	250	beat	Suptg. Clerk Parfitt ..		169
Colonel Mayhew ..	250	,,	Major Gillespie ..		226

Final—400 up.

Colonel Mayhew (break 40)	400	beat	Mne: Botting .. .. (breaks 34, 35, 36)		377

PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

As was to be expected, since so many of our regular team have been called away for sea, etc., the results of our matches have not formed one trail of victories. However, with all the drawbacks, we have managed to hold our own and establish a safe position in the County League for at least another season.

We very much regretted having to withdraw from U.S. League I., but we could not possibly have done ourselves or the League justice if we had remained and had so many mid-week fixtures to fulfil.

We have to thank several School of Music players for the assistance they have given us in our County League and cup games, especially Corporal Penrose and Musician Marcussohn. Corporal Lawrence also has been a great asset to our North End League team.

Since the last issue we have had some real hard tussels, the most important of which, to our mind, was our meeting with the R.A.O.C. in the semi-final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup. At the end of extra time they just managed to beat us by 2—1—no disgrace considering the great team they are this season. This match was the result of the protest raised against us when we won by 5—2.

Another good game, which resulted in our winning by 5—4, after being 1—4 down at half-time, was against Thornycrofts at Basingstoke. We also drew with the very strong Salisbury City team, the present leaders of the County League, 2—2.

Other games and results are as follows: Gosport Albion, home, won 3—0; away, lost 2—3. Winchester City, home, lost 0—2. Andover, home, won 5—1.

In the Gosport Hospital Cup we had to take a very weak side to play against Gosport Albions, and lost 2—3.

Easter saw us with a very heavy programme. On Good Friday we went to Winchester and lost 2—3 ; on Saturday to Salisbury, to play the Corinthians, and lost 0—5 ; on Easter Monday, Portsmouth Gas Company beat us by 1—5, having also beaten us at Eastney the previous week by 0—2. The results could hardly have been unexpected with such stalwarts as Elsey, Davidson, Osborne and Renouf absent from the team on leave, etc, but credit must be given to the substitutes, who played very well.

Another item of interest was the six-a-side tournament held at Eastney, when something like forty teams entered. A team from Barracks won their way to the semi-final, and to medals which are to follow, and our old friend McGregor will tell us they were hard earned.

We are living in hopes of, next season, starting with a stronger team, consequent on the return of H.M.S. *Effingham*, when several old players will be available.

Congratulations to Davidson on his clever feat of scoring four out of the six goals by which the Navy beat the Army at Fratton Park. We often wish he could repeat the performance for us sometimes.

When the next issue of this Journal is printed we shall be in the midst of Cricket, so we must pack away football gear for another season and make way for the men with bat and ball.

PORTSMOUTH TIMES " CHALLENGE SHIELD.

This competition took place on Saturday, 9th April, 1927, at Tipnor, and under conditions very similar to those obtaining in 1924, which was the last occasion the Shield was shot for.

The conditions were as follows :—the team, consisting of a leader and two sections (Rifle and Lewis Gun) march 10 miles, which is to be completed under 3 hours, and then carry out an attack practice down the range firing at 600, 500 and 200 yards in limited times, the Lewis Gun opening fire at the longer ranges only.

Six teams were entered from Units in the district and though the weather was wet, the conditions were not unfavourable to the competitors. The results, as shown below, show that we have made an encouraging start for the shooting season and the score obtained compared favourably with that of the other teams. Our Lewis Gun failed to function at a critical moment and scored few hits in consequence, but the rifle shooting more than made up for this accident. It is interesting to note that, though the Royal Marines Afloat team had poor light for their shoot (having drawn last place), they were well placed only a few points astern of the H.M.S. *Victory*.

Result :—

1st	Royal Marines (Eastney)	..	378 pts.
2nd	H.M.S. "Victory"	.. ..	311 ,,
3rd	Royal Marines (Afloat)	..	303 ,,
4th	H.M.S. " Excellent "	.. ..	277 ,,
5th	1st Duke of Wellington's Regt.		244 ,,
6th	Royal Scots Fusiliers	..	221 ,,

Team—Lieut Priestley (Leader) ; Sergt. Adams (Plat. Sergt.) ; Rifle S. Sec. Corpl. Woodland, Mnes. Bethell, Chinnery, Macaulay, Fenn, Merckel and Griffin ; L.G. Sec. Corpl. Borrett, Mnes. Smith, Paris, Box, Bull, Nountford and Simmonds.

GOLF.

At the Easter Meeting of the Hayling Golf Club.

The Houldsworth Shield (Open) was won by Major W. L. Huntingford, who with a handicap of 18, returned a net score of 71.

In the Easter Cup, the Rev. W. Maundrell (handicap 7) of Eastney Barracks, was second, with a net score for two rounds of 146 (72 and 74).

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Royal Marines *v.* Plympton.

Four goals off the hundred, the Marines' great objective in their match with Plympton at Plympton, was to reach the century. This ambition was gratified, Plympton losing by four goals to one. Plympton started in fine style, Davidson saving smartly. The Marines soon gained the advantage, however, for Wheeldon headed in from close range. Skipper was much too elusive for Plympton, and Horn headed a second from one of his many centres. Wheeldon headed a third, and the coveted honour of scoring the 100th goal fell to Shewbrook.

Royal Marines *v.* Green Waves.

At " The Beacon." The Marines were again in winning vein when they continued their long sequence of victories by one over Green Waves, to the extent of 4 goals to 2.

As was to be expected, the high wind prevailing had its effect on the play, and the side with this element behind them did the bulk of the attaking. This fell to the Marines in the first half, and they made such good use of their opportunities that they scored three goals through Skipper (2), and Shewbrook, their opponents replying with one. In the second half, a hard struggle took place, the Waves reduced their deficit, but nearing the end, Skipper made the result secure with another brilliant goal, incidentally performing the " hat trick."

Royal Marines *v.* Newquay United.

At the Longroom. A very hard and fast game resulted in another victory for the Marines by 2 goals to nil. Shewbrook bagging both.

Royal Marines *v.* Truro City.

Played at Truro. The Marines were considerably strengthened by the inclusion of Lieut. Cornelius at centre-forward, who played a big part in a smart victory over Truro by 2 goals to 1. Skipper opened the scoring, and Lieut. Cornelius added a second. Near the end, Truro replied strongly and scored, a good game ending in a close victory for the Marines.

Devon Wednesday Cup—Final.

Royal Marines Res. *v.* H.M.S. " Defiance."

The popularity of the " soccer code " was clearly shown in this match when before 3,000 spectators, the Marines Reserves ran out winners by 3 goals to 2. Allen opened the scoring, and Sherlicker added the second. The Defiance rallied and succeeded in equalising by scoring two clever goals. In a very exciting game, Hogg cleverly scored what proved to be the winning goal in the last five minutes. The Defiance tried hard to equalise but was met with a sterling defence. Result : RM.Reserves 3 goals ; H.M.S. " Defiance " 2 goals

Royal Marine Res. *v.* Co-operative United.

The Reserves strengthened their positions as leaders of the Devon Wednesday League by bringing away a point from the Co-op. United, a draw 0—0 being a fair reflex of the run of the play.

Inter-Company League.

" G " Company made sure of winning the Inter-Company League Shield by defeating " A " Company by 1 goal to 0.

Slater (returning from a recent hunting trip, stopped in a butcher shop) : " Got any rabbits or squirrels ?" he asked.

" Just sold out this morning," said the butcher, " but we have some nice sausages."

Slater : " Sausages ! How can I tell my wife I shot sausages ?"—*Ad Club News.*

DEPOT

FOOTBALL.

We have just finished another Squad Competition on the " Knock-Out " system, which ended with the 147th Squad beating the 139th (King's) Squad by 2 goals to 0.

BOWLS.

Another bowling competition is just starting. This time, instead of a full " knock-out " competition, it is on the K.O. principle until 8 are left in. These eight will then play off on the League System.

CRICKET.

Everything is in full swing for the coming season, and we hope to have a Depot 2nd XI.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION

THE " PAST MEMBERS " COMPETITION.

The above Competition is open to all ranks of retired members of the Royal Marines.

Prizes.—First Prize : A Silver R.M.R.A. Medal.
Second Prize : A Bronze R.M.R.A. Medal.
Targets.—N.R.A., 1927.
Distance.—200, 500 and 600 yards.
Number of Shots.—Seven at each distance. Deliberate. Two Sighting Shots at each distance.
Ties.—Ties will be decided by " counting out."

Past Members will shoot at the nearest R.M. Division or Depot, under arrangements made by the Instructor of Small Arms, to whom they should apply. Match to be completed so that cards can be forwarded to reach the Hon. Secretary R.M.R.A. by 13th June.

ROYAL MARINE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.

The eighth branch of the R.M.O.C.A. was inaugurated at Birmingham on Saturday, 9th April, through the instrumentality of Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M. (retd.), President of the Liverpool Branch, and Vice-President of the London Branch.

In response to an appeal by Major Evans, an enthusiastic party of some eighty ex-Royal Marines gathered at The Clements Inn, Coventry Road, Bordesley, Birmingham.

Major Evans, who presided at the commencement of the meeting was supported by Mr. C. E. Marshall (Hon. Sec. London) and Messrs. E. Smith (Hon. Sec.), R. Wealthy and H. P. Cooke (Liverpool Branch).

Letters of congratulation and good wishes were read from the Adjutant-General, R.M., and the R.M.O.C.A's at Liverpool, Gosport, Greenwich and Deal.

The toast of H.M. The King, our Colonel-in-Chief, having been given and enthusiastically honoured, Major Evans read a gracious reply from H.M. The King to a telegram which had been sent earlier in the day, expressing the humble duty, loyalty and devotion of this new branch to His Majesty's Throne and Person.

Major Evans, in his inaugural address to the meeting dwelt on the objects of, and benefits, which were forthcoming from the instrumentality of the R.M.O.C.A.s and urged that all the Royal Marines should become members of some branch of the R.M.O.C.A.'s.

In conclusion he invited opinions from the assembly, which were readily forthcoming from Messrs. Alford, Smith, Casey, Hudson, Spencer, and many others, and the result was the formation of the Birmingham Branch, R.M.O.C.A.

Mr. Marshall (London) next gave some very interesting data relative to employment, etc., and he was immediately followed by Mr. Smith (Liverpool) who after a few words on the question of finance, presented a set of books already prepared for the use of the new branch. That some eighty old Comrades were present at the inception of this branch, is a happy augury for its future success.

Mr. J. A. Nottage was elected Chairman of the Branch, and Mr. F. Smith (5 Suffolk Street, Birmingham), was elected Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG.

A Rifle Meeting was held at the Stonecutter's Rifle Range on Sunday last, between members of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association and a team from H.M.S. *Tamar*. The teams were 12 a side, with the best eight scores to count. The match resulted in a win for the local Old Comrades by 35 points, and some good scores were made by the contestants, Mr. Gossett making the highest with an aggregate of 125. Details follow :—

R.M.O.C.A.		H.M.S. TAMAR.	
Mr. Gossett	125	Corpl. Jenkins	119
,, O'Niell	122	Sergt. Quantance	109
,, Frith	112	Mne. McCracken	109
,, Grimmitt	111	,, Milham	107
,, Williams	109	,, Clarke	100
,, West	99	Sergt. Walbutton	98
,, Collins	96	Corpl. Bulwell	95
,, Young	86	Bglr. Sullivan	88
Total	860	Total	825
Counted out.		*Counted out.*	
Major Bamford	51	Sergt. Riddler	63
Mr. Kent	53	Mne. Fulcher	84
,, McFall	43	,, Rolfe	84
,, Rooney	75	Sergt. Bulley	78

" Have your fiancée's people accepted you as one of the family ?"

" Rather, I got badly ticked off last night for using the guest-towel."

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Mrs. McSnorter (paying unexpected call at the office) : " John Henry, you told me that your stenographer was an old maid !"

Mr. McSnorter : " That's right, dear, she's ill to-day and sent her granddaughter instead."—*Fixit.*

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Mother : " Now, Willie, I want you to go in and get acquainted with the new nurse and kiss her nice."

Willie : " Yeah, and get my face slapped like Pa did."

—*Exchange.*

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A newly-wed ordered some coal and when she was asked what kind she replied : " Any nice dark shade of black will do."—*Hurty-Peck.*

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COL. FITZROY TUFTON HOLT SCOTT, ROYAL MARINES.

We deeply regret to have to record the death at Chatham, on the 20th December, 1926, of Lieut.-Col. F. T. H. Scott, R.M., who joined the Chatham Division in September, 1880.

As a subaltern his first service afloat was in H.M.S. *Defence* from '83 to '85, and after periods of service at Chatham and the Depot, he served in H.M.S. *Curacoa*, on the West Coast of Africa and Australia Stations from '88 to '91, being promoted to Captain in 1889. On disembarking from the *Curacoa* he joined the Plymouth Division until 1892, when he went on recruiting service in Edinburgh from '92 to '94.

In '94 he joined the *Active* in the Training Squadron for a few months whence he proceeded to the *Glory* on the China Station. He returned to Plymouth in '95, and from '96 to '98 was Instructor of Signalling at that Division. In October, '98, he attained Field Rank and joined H.M.S. *Magnificent* in the Channel Squadron whence, after two year's service, he disembarked to the Chatham Division where he held the post of Instructor of Musketry till September, 1901. After two years in China in H.M.S. *Glory*, he was appointed Barrackmaster at Plymouth Division in August, 1904. He was promoted H.M. Lieut.-Colonel in August, 1909, and retired on account of age on the 15th December, 1916.

Lieut.-Colonel Scott married Miss Margaret Leah in January, 1897. He was in possession of the British War Medal.

COLONEL R. H. J. MEISTER.

Colonel Richard Henry Julius Meister, R.M.L.I., died on Tuesday at a nursing home in London at the age of 57. He was born on May 11th, 1869, the eldest son of Mr. R. H. Meister, of Liverpool, and entered the Royal Marine Light Infantry on February, 1st, 1889, as second lieutenant, being promoted to lieutenant a year later. He first served afloat in the second-class battleship *Audacious*, Coast-guard ship at Hull, but in 1893 was appointed to the *Imperieuse*, flagship in China, for disposal on that station. Early in 1895 he was landed at Chefoo in charge of a Royal Marine guard to assist in protecting the settlement from a threatened attack by Chinese fugitive soldiers driven out of Wei-hai-Wei.

In the following October, Lieut. Meister was in charge of the Marine guard at Seoul, sent up from Chemulpo to protect the British Consulate on the occasion of the disturbances following the murder of the Queen of Corea, and was there three months. In February, 1896, he was again sent to Seoul with Marines, as fresh disturbances had occurred when the King of Corea took refuge in the Russian Legation. Promoted to captain in October, 1897, he served on the Mediterranean station in the battleships *Ramillies*, *Revenge* and *Victorious*, and in July, 1902, was seconded for service in the Naval Intelligence Department. He became a major in January, 1907, and a year later was appointed to the battleship *Prince of Wales*, which flew the flag of Prince Louis of Battenberg. He was Drafting Officer at Chatham Division from June 1911 to May, 1913. In May, 1913, he joined the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, and served there throughout the late war until March, 1919, being promoted to lieutenant-colonel in August, 1917. He retired with the rank of colonel in May, 1919. He was in possession of the British War Medal.

LIEUT. JAMES HERVEY-PRICE, R.M.

The death is reported of Lieut. J. H. Price who joined the Royal Marines as a Second-Lieutenant at Chatham in December, 1864, being promoted to Lieutenant in 1867. He served on the North American Station in H.M.S. *Phoebe* from '67 to '70. He served for a short time in the West Coast of Africa during the Ashantee War in 1873. In 1873, Lieut. Price joined H.M.S. *Duncan* and disembarked from her to Chatham Division in September, 1874. He was placed on Retired Half-Pay at his own request in the 20th April, 1875.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st March, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
BAMFORD, J...	11943	Cr.-Sgt.	Ports.	4875	15-3-27
BURT, S. ..	19635	Mne.	,,	4208	3-12-25
BULLEN, A. ..	21213	Mne.	,,	15268	23-3-27
BUXTON, C. ..	14256	Cr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	26	6-3-27
BOOBIER, W. H.	25089	Musn.	R.M.B.	28	17-10-26
BOURNER, S. J.	18710	Mne.	R.M.A.	2157	7-3-27
BROWN, J. ..	22832	Mne.	Ply.	8246	23-3-27
BRADSHAW, J.	13396	Mne.	R.M.A.	6474	27-11-26
COOK, J. A. ..	22195	Musn.	R.M.B. Po.	642	27-2-27
CUTTING, J. ..	11475	Cr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	11th Co.	28-3-27
DREW, J. C. ..	7016	Mne.	Chat.	1555	17-3-27
GELDER, F. ..	10299	Mne.	Ply.	7433	22-2-27
GERKIN, G. ..	6472	Mne.	Ply.	136	13-3-27
GILES, J. ..	6610	Mne.	R.M.A.	79	30-3-27
HOOKER, W. T.	16494	Corpl.	Ports.	4593	15-3-27
McINTOSH, P. ..	19333	Cr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	6655	28-11-26
METYARD, E. ..	20543	Mne.	Ports.	6th Co.	3-3-27
MYATT, G. ..	12821	Mne.	Ports.	691	17-3-27
POWER, E. ..	9378	Mne.	Ply.	2181	8-3-27
PAYNE, J. ..	8588	Mne.	Ply.	1119	29-3-27
RUDWICK, F.S.J.	7603	Sgt.-Inst.	Chat.	32nd Co.	5-1-27
ROBINSON, J. ..	7560	Mne.	Ports.	845	2-2-27
REID, J. ..	11369	Sgt.	Ports.	12776	17-2-27
STEWART, J. ..	17475	Corpl.	Ports.	1780	16-3-27
UPTON, J. ..	1207	Mne.	Ports.	1843	15-2-27
WOOD, G. ..	12693	Mne.	R.M.A.	1243	13-3-27
WARWICK, W.	12479	Mne.	Ply.	1113	30-1-27

ENGAGEMENT.

An engagement is announced between Doreen, elder daughter of Major R. C. S. Waller, R.M.L.I. (retired) and Mrs. Waller, 6a Merton Road, Southsea, and Sub-Lieut. Malcolm H. Le Mare, R.N., H.M. Submarine L. 56, only son of Captain W. R. Le Mare, Eastwell, Melton Mowbray.

NOTICE.

Any of our readers who are contemplating a trip to Canada and the U.S.A. should apply to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., 62-65 Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1, for their booklets giving full details of the various tours and their cost, especially those booklets giving details of the Tourist Third Cabin Trips.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Qr.-Mr.) F. W. Mattison, O.B.E., to be Lieut.-Col. (Qr.-Mr.) 8-4-27.

Lieut. B. R. Reiss-Smith to Capt., 30-3-27.

Lieuts. E. C. L. Bearcroft (Ply.), H. E. F. Shackleton (Ch.), G. H. Morris (Po.), E. C. Hoar (Ch.), K. E. Previte, E. J. Woodington (Ch.), to be Capts., dated 27-4-27.

Prob. Lieuts. B. C. Ralfs and C. F. Phillips, confirmed as Lieuts., 1-9-26.

Prob. 2/Lt. W. F. Edds to Prob. Lieut., 1-4-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G. (Secd.) to Plans Division, Admiralty, 1-5-27.

Capt. H. T. Newman to A.M. Instr., Depot R.M., Deal, vice St. Clair-Morford, 11-5-27.

Major C. H. Coode to Mil. Instr., Depot R.M., Deal, 16-4-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieut. J. Robinson to *Cambrian*, vice Lieut. Hume.

Lieut. P. J. Burgess to *Hawkins*, vice Capt. H. A. P. de Berry.

Capt. W. G. Quinlan to transfer from *Marshal Soult* to *Castor*, on ships exchanging.

Major J. T. de S. Washington to transfer from *Weymouth* to *Dartmouth*, on ships exchanging.

Lieut.-Col. P. Sandilands, D.S.O., to Depot for duty, 1-5-27.

Lieut. C. F. Phillips to *Hermes*, vice Lieut. G. Hill, invalided from China Station.

Capt. F. M. Bramall to Commission *St. Vincent*.

Capt. R. S. Burgess and R.M. Gnr. W. E. Shaw to remain in *Royal Oak* on re-commissioning.

Capt. G. H. Morris to *Delhi*, vice Capt. A. M. Robertson, date of taking over.

Capt. B. R. Reiss-Smith to *Curlew*, date of taking over.

Major H. R. Brewer to *Birmingham* (and as Fleet R.M. Officer), vice Major M. R. Yeo, O.B.E., date of taking over.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major H. Blount, D.S.O., to 24th Course at S.O.S., Sheerness, 3-5-27.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, M.V.O., F.R.A.M. (Director of Music, Deal) to Suppy. half-pay list at own request.

Special Reserve, Capt. H. V. S. Wilcox, M.C., to be Capt. Special Reserve, 31-3-27.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clerk, Pay Office.—Sergt. G. E. Gerald.
Asst. Instr. Signals.—Corpl. L. E. Gardner.
Assistant Gardener.—Mne. J. Stevens.
Recreation Room.—Mne. M. Storer.

EMBARKATIONS.

Victory—Corpl. H. E. Neale, Mne. A. V. Perry. **Vindictive**—Mnes. A. C. Hawkins, S. E. Keay. **Hawkins**—Mne. C. A. Abbott. **Vulcan**—Corpl. M. H. Lyon, Mne. F. W. G. Hall. **Diomede**—Mne. W. J. Purcell. **Pembroke**—Corpls. A. Cox, J. C. Clark, F. N. Palmer. **E. of India**—Mne. G. W. H. Jarvis. **Repulse**—Mnes. H. Schrimshaw, L. G. Priestley. **Benbow**—Mne. E. F. T. Hodges. **Royal Oak**—Cr.-Sgt. G. A. Gray, Sgt. L. J. Pond, Corpls. D. S. Johnson, A. W. R. White, Mnes. K. E. Limb, C. Higginson, P. G. Ling, A. S. Richards, R. B. Curry, F.W.Sears, A. W. Balneavis, J. Smith, L. McG. Batin, H. Jenion, J. A. Pearce, W. L. Clark, L. F. Bick, A. McCarron, A. Hacker, J. W. Roberts, A. A. Fox, H. G. Bridger, H. Knapton, F. H. Fishlock, J. H. Stokes, W. R. L. Harvey, H. Williams, A. Clegg, J. W. Crowe, A. Lee, R. McMahon, W. E. Cooke, S. H. Newell, F. Reader, C. E. Monkman, D. J. McVeigh, N. St. S. Turner, F. V. Park, A. E. Mackenzie, H. S. Hall, R. W. Evans, M. Ingram.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke—Mnes. A. W. Kidd, A. Farewell, A. Kiddle, C. Gabriel, K. E. Limb, S. Willett, R. Watts, H. V. Southey, J. Jennings. **Vulcan**—Corpl. W. D. Ives, Mne. A. Hills. **Castor**—Sergt. F. Douglas, Mnes. H. H. Giles, F. Pinkney, Wm. Cardwell, H. P. Richardson. **Britannia**—Sergts. A. H. Hunting, B. J. Luling. **Royal Oak**—Cr.-Sergt. A. E. W. Hampton, Sergts. J. Ashton, J. Butler, Corpls. J. T. Collins, A. C. Mead,

F. W. Stevenson, L. B. Band, Mnes. A. J. Bettell, D. Panter, A. Potts, C. A. Moore, J. Austin, J. E. Thaxter, W. H. Coleman, G. A. Brackley, A. C. Youldon, C. Lapworth, H. C. Dalwood, E. E. Wade, H. Eldridge, W. Vuvers, N. V. Madden, C. Beason, T. J. Horsnell, E. F. Druce, A. W. Hammond, C. Rose, W. Harper, F. W. Stevenson, W. Ellis, G. V. Coulson, T. Lowell, J. W. Smith, H. Howes, J. Harvey, A. R. Green, G. E. Sitton, A. Harding, A. Constable, C. Davies, C. Swinn, C. M. W. Craig, Wm. Loon, E. Goodwin, H. C. Jones, H. E. Rawlins, J. E. McMaster, P. C. C. Kramer, J. T. Saunders, H. W. Bartlett, W. Anderson, W. H. Martin, L. W. Evans, G. H. Barwell, F. W. Hayes, W. Carmichael, T. S. Alexander, R. B. Lovern, S. A. Stringer, C. A. Cudmore, A. T. Allridge, J. W. Holbrow, F. Cook, W. Roberts, W. Cumberbatch, C. Paynter, F. J. Gray, J. E. Workman, E. O. Biffin, H. J. Howe, J. Hill, E. R. Allingham, W. R. Hurst, J. W. Nicholson, J. Harris, A. Witham, P. Morrison, W. J. Rogers, F. Wickens, C. Chittenden, F. C. Maynard.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. W. E. Elliott.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. G. Abbot and W. Terry.

2nd Period.—Mnes. S. V. Homewood and A. A. Wood; Q.M.S.I. G. P. Matkin; Cr.-Sergts. L. J. Bignall and J. A. McLean.

Invalided.—Mne. J. C. Hields.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corpl.—Mne. R. G. Ashby.

To A/Corpl., 12th Batt.—Mne. G. E. W. Thorne.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—J. H. Perkins, Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, F. A. Albury, A. J. Dawkins, W. A. Clements.

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Her: Well, I couldn't hear it rattle clear over here.

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In accordance with rule 10, a general meeting of the members of the Club will be held on 27th May, at 3 p.m. at 55 Whitehall.

(*a*) To receive the Balance Sheet for 1926.

(*b*) To consider any proposals for new rules, etc., which may be received by the Hon. Secretary (Rule 11.).

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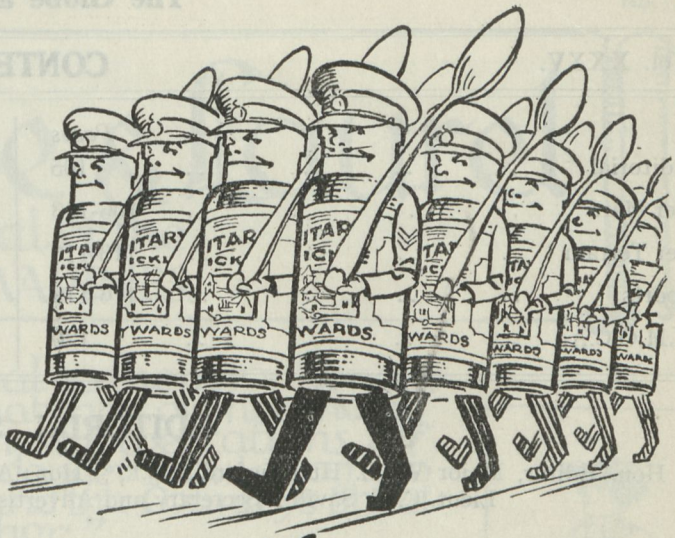
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

At the time of going to press we are in the middle of the Royal Tournament. 1927 is the jubilee year of the Tournament, although this is actually only the 43rd performance, as there was a seven year lapse owing to the war.

The Tournament is now a British institution, and has many valuable functions, the principal of which is to make money for the Service Charities. Since the war it has been responsible for the distribution to these Charities of over £100,000. In 1926 the record of £14,000 was reached, and 1927 is already sure of beating this record.

This year's performance is stated by the old hands in the administration to be "better than ever." It is a splendid show, that has "got" the public, and a large number of people are daily turned away—"house full." The Corps is taking a prominent part this year, and the Drill Display by the Recruits is generally voted to be the best show of the lot. The greatest credit is due to Captain Craig, Sergt.-Major Wilson, and the squad for their splendid display. At the first performance His Majesty the King, after expressing his approval, said to Captain Craig—"*Tell your boys that their King is very proud of them.*" You can imagine how proud the boys were when Captain Craig gave them this message. The only fault found by an officer of another celebrated depot was that their wrists were not sufficiently turned in. It was explained to him that this was to prevent them blowing overboard.

In the Rope-climbing Squad there are some 14 Marines taking part. Some consternation was caused at the beginning of the Tournament by the number of casualties which occurred in what is known as the "swallow dive," a euphemr for a perilous and rapid descent head first. One of the injured on recovering consciousness asked "if he had won the sweep." It appears that there was a "bob" sweep on who got to the bottom first. The sweep was banned and the casualties have ceased.

Lots of people are not going to Scotland this year, as they have seen the pageant and have heard more pipers playing at once than the majority of Scotsmen.

Everybody is sorry for the piper who was rude to the Corporal of Horse, who told him (when he was tuning his pipes near the stables of a celebrated regiment) "that he was interfering with the horses drinking." All Scotsmen know that piping has never interfered with drinking. He had of course to be punished, and was probably sentenced to wear trousers for a month.

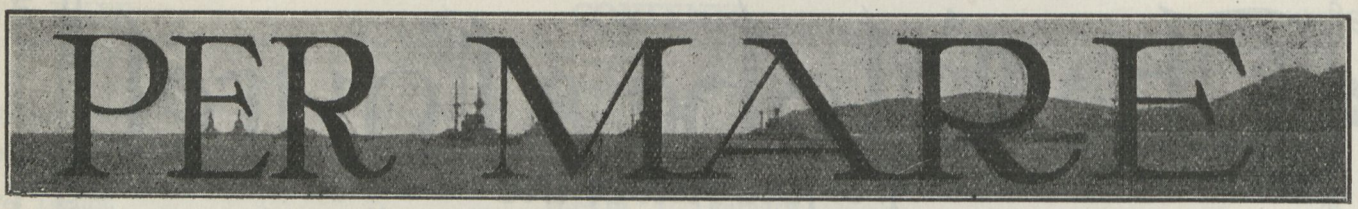
The Field Gun's crew has been dogged by real bad luck. In addition to having had to train as a single crew, they have had a succession of casualties. They have still another week to go, but they are also up against some very good crews, who have given faultless and very fast exhibitions.

We have great hopes of winning the 110-stone and 130-stone Championships on the 4th June.

The Bayonet team from Deal after beating Plymouth Division vanquished the Air Force in the semi-final, but were well beaten in the final by a steady team from the Scots Guards.

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In the historical section this month we continue the interesting account of the Expedition to Lexington and Concord. Readers are reminded that the map was on page 66 in the May issue.



THE ROYAL TOUR.

"Renown."

H.M.S. *Renown* arrived Wellington, N.Z. at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 5th March, proceeding alongside the Pipitea Wharf. T.R.Hs. not being on board, the R.M. detachment had few ceremonial duties to perform, and it was not until T.R.Hs. embarked p.m. 8th March, prior to our departure for Picton that a Royal Guard was required.

Our time, however, was fully occupied in social functions. Dances were held nightly in the Town Hall for the ship's company. These were very popular with the personnel of the R.M. detachment, who attended in considerable numbers. The Band were kept very busy giving musical programmes at Oriental Bay on the Sunday afternoon and at a large children's display held in the grounds of the Parliamentary buildings on the Tuesday.

A number of the detachment took part in the New Zealand N.R.A. Meeting at Trentham Rifle Ranges, both in team and individual competitions. Cr.-Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Mnes. Cornelius and McLaverty were in a team of eight who represented H.M.S. *Renown* in various competitions. Petty Officer Griffiths, of *Renown* won the N.Z. Army Championship, Mne. Cornelius was third in the N.R.A. Service Rifle Championship.

We met two old comrades in Cr.-Sergts. Dollery and Taylor, and are glad to hear that since meeting them they both have obtained appointments on the N.Z. Army Permanent Staff as Staff Instructors. We understand that the daily rate of pay in these appointments is 15s., all found, with good opportunity for promotion to the rank of Sergt.-Major.

It was the intention that the ship should remain some ten days at Picton, to enable minor engineering adjustments to be carried out. The inhabitants of Picton and Blenheim had arranged a large social and sporting programme, and the events were to include rifle shooting, L.A. and M.G. competitions between teams of *Renown's* Marines and the N.Z. units stationed within the area. Owing to the indisposition of Her Royal Highness this programme had to be cancelled, and on the 12th March *Renown* proceeded to Nelson, and leaving Nelson on the 13th, she returned to Wellington p.m. the same day.

Our Band, however, did perform at Blenheim, where their services had been asked for at a sports meeting organised in aid of the local War Memorial Fund. It is interesting to note that a collection made after the band had played "The Death of Nelson" brought in just over £100 in about five minutes.

Picton lies at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound. The last 20 miles of the approach to Picton is very beautiful, resembling in many respects the Norwegian Fjords. Picton is a quiet place, where very good deep sea fishing can be obtained; but though quiet, it is important as the port of export of the sheep country, of which Blenheim, some 17 miles inland, is the capital.

The above amendments to our programme enabled the Trentham Rifle Party to tour quite a considerable portion of the Southern Islands in their endeavour to catch the ship.

The following week in Wellington, free as it was from all official engagements, was one which all ranks will long remember. Space would not permit us to deal with all these events, which were largely of a social nature. The officers gave a dance on board on the 17th and the ship's company a dance on board on the 18th; to the latter some 700 guests were invited.

Mention might also be made of two very good days' racing on the Trentham racecourse. Bookies are not allowed in New Zealand, all gambling being done through the Totalisator. The Government and the Race Club each taking a percentage of the money invested, and the profits, which must be expended on the course, are considerable, and the result is that attendance at race meetings in N.Z. is carried out under very luxurious conditions. The roof of the grand stands, built on the cantilever principle, enable spectators to have an uninterrupted all-round view. It is understood that so far such stands are only to be seen in Buenos Aires and Paris.

Opportunity was taken during the week for two landings of the R.M. detachment. For one of these the town placed Anderson Park at our disposal, where the troops carried out a ceremonial march past subsequently marching through the town of Wellington with both bands playing.

Renown left Wellington p.m. 20th March, and having picked up His Royal Highness and Staff off The Bluff, proceeded across the Tasman Sea to Sydney. Weather conditions off The Bluff were very bad, and great difficulty was experienced in re-embarking the Royal party and baggage, whose only chance of getting alongside the ship lay in a tug. Nor did conditions improve for the next three days, the only interesting feature of the passage being a number of albatrosses who escorted us across the Tasman Sea until the evening before our arrival in Sydney. Conditions did however permit of an interesting cinema, the picture recording the progress of the Royal Tour in New Zealand.

H.M.S. *Renown* arrived off Sydney Heads at 8.50 a.m. on Saturday, 26th March, and at 9.30 a.m. the first anchor was dropped in Neutral Bay.

It is not proposed to write an essay on Sydney, but two points about the harbour strike one at once: one is its immense area, and the other is the size of the town as viewed from the harbour, yet leaving long stretches

of coast line for future development. It is interesting to note that the population of Sydney is over 1¼ millions, out of a total population in Australia of between 6 and 7 millions. In area it ranks fourth in towns within the British Empire. This great area may be accounted for by the fact that the bulk of the inhabitants live in small detached houses, rather than in tenement flats.

The Corps of Royal Marines was intimately associated with the early history of New South Wales, and some of the streets and Tactical Features in and around Sydney are named after certain R.M. Officers who served here in those early days. Colonel Field, in Vol. I. " Britain's Sea Soldiers," gives an interesting account of the part played by the Royal Marines when the formal Proclamation of the Colony was made on the 7th February, 1788, and one of the pictures presented to the Ward Room Mess during this visit portrays Captain Phillips, R.N., accompanied by Captain Collins, R.M. and Lieut. Johnston, R.M., selecting the site of Sydney Harbour under cover of a R.M. escort.

Our day of arrival was a busy one for the detachment, Guards of Honour being furnished for H.E. the Governor General of Australia, H.E. the Governor of New South Wales, and for Their Royal Highnesses, in addition to a number of Guards for important naval and military personages.

An immense social and sporting programme had been arranged both for officers and men. We were all given identification cards, permitting free transport on trams, buses and ferries, and free entry into theatres and other places of entertainment.

The ladies of Sydney had organised a canteen for the ship's company on the landing stage at Circular Quay. Here food, soft drinks, ice creams, etc., could be obtained free of charge, while facilities for writing and dancing were also provided. The cost was borne by voluntary subscription, and all work in connection with it was performed by the ladies of Sydney who had volunteered their services. The establishment was well patronised by the ship's company, and its popularity may be judged by the fact that many liberty men preferred it to the attractions of the town. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the organiser, Mrs. Wilkinson, and those ladies who gave up so much of their time to ensuring its success.

It would be quite impossible to enumerate the various social functions offered to officers and men. A number of ex-marines were met at the various smokers organised for the troops, of which mention might be made of those held at the Marrickville Anzac Club, and a larger one at the Town Hall organised by the Returned Soldiers' Association.

Dances both for officers and men were a prominent feature in the programme. Motor tours to Bulli Pass, the Beaches, National Park and to Canberra were arranged for the troops, while more extended tours into the Blue Mountains and the Jenolan Caves, and for trout fishing at Mount Kosciusko were offered to the officers. Trips by boats were made to many points of interest in the harbour and to the Hawkesbury River. Surf bathing on the Manly and Bondi beaches were very popular with many.

The R.M. Band were kept very busy having many official duties to perform in addition to a number of private engagements. Amongst the former, mention might be made of two performances at Taronga Park Zoo Gardens on Sunday the 27th March and on Sunday the 10th April ; 25,000 persons attended the former and just over 20,000 the latter. The Band was given a very fine reception. The full Band also assisted at a children's display and at a swimming gala held on the Manly Beaches, while the Jazz Band performed at several dances given in aid of local charities. Seven private engagements were arranged for the full band and 19 private engagements for the jazz band, but in spite of this, so far at any rate, there are no deserters from the broadcasters of noises.

It would, it is felt, interest the R.N. School of Music to realise that the military band is little known in Australia, the majority of the bands here being brass. Apparently teachers of the reed instruments are not forthcoming in sufficient numbers. This is a point which is perhaps worth consideration and further enquiry by R.M. bandmasters whose time in the Service is drawing to a close.

The *Renown* was open to the public on most afternoons, and it is estimated that the daily average of visitors was over 7,000. A popular feature of the inspection was the 15-in. turret under pressure, and what the personnel of the R.M. detachment does not know about the 15-in. turret is not worth knowing, either in theory or in practice, in truth or in romance.

The officers of the *Renown* gave an afternoon reception for 1,200 guests, a children's party for 300 of the future citizens of Sydney, and an evening dance for 700 guests, while the ship's company gave an afternoon At Home to 1,200 guests. The officers' afternoon reception was brought to a close by the Drum and Fife Band beating " Retreat " and sounding the Sunset Call. The ceremony so impressed the military officers present that Sergt. Douglas and his Band were called upon to repeat the ceremony on two subsequent occasions at local barracks. Large numbers attended in each case, and an agreeable social programme was arranged for the buglers on the termination of their performance.

Several R.Ms. took part in .303 and in Miniature Rifle Shooting matches on shore. Our team consisted of Cr.-Sergt. T. Barrett, Sergts. Sadler and Rowland, Mnes. Cornelius, McLaverty and Moncar, and they met some of the finest shots in Sydney. In many cases old Bisley friendships were renewed and some we hope to meet again at Bisley this summer. Sports included Polo, Rugby and Association football, Cricket, Hockey, Boxing, Athletics and Swimming.

The *Renown's* Association Team played eight matches in which an average of five Marines took part. The R.M. detachment had three matches on three of these days in spite of the absence of five of their best players. One match took place at Richmond and was won by 4 goals to nil ; in the other two, our opponents were Sydney University and Callen Park F.C. In both of these we were defeated after good games, the former by 3—1, the latter by 2—1.

Mne. Nash did well to win third place in the Mile race at the Inter-Services Sports. At these sports our detachment tug-of-war team won the Challenge Cup defeating two Australian teams by two pulls to nil in each case.

H.M.S. *Renown* left Sydney for Hobart at 1530 on

Thursday 14th April. Torrents of rain damped the enthusiasm of would-be spectators, but did not stop a ferry boat loaded with children, who for 15 minutes gave a programme of farewell songs.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

" Revenge."

We wish to inform readers of the G. & L. that we are back again. All hands in Invergordon are pleased with our return, as we picked up the flagship buoy abreast the Centre Pier, we could see the shopkeepers rubbing their hands together, preparative to a period of profuse palming of coins of the realm, and the flappers rubbing their feet together in anticipation of Charlestoning with Jack and Joe at the Provosts' Friday and Saturday night charity dances at the Town Hall. The charity scheme is ideal, and so are the Invergordon girls, believe you us, but the Town Hall is like the corridor of a " pusser's " detention, and the floor like Fort Cumberland parade after the monsoon season.

Whilst we were at Gib. last cruise, we noticed that the keepers of the " foreign curios from Brummagem " shops displayed notices reading " Special prices for men of the Royal Navy," but no such concession is granted in Invergordon, so we presume we have to pay as much as the locals.

In this age, bristling with tough propositions, it gives us pleasure (?) to inform you that our O.C. detachment is in possession of huge quantities of " tender beef," because the bullocks have started regatta training. We hope to become " hardened " to the state of affairs very soon, because we have heard that it is not the intention of the Admiralty to line boats thwarts with cotton-wool during this financial year, owing to lack of funds. Our prospects are very good ; the crews consist mainly of young soldiers, all in a " *Revenge* "-ful mood about boat-pulling more or less, each oarsman has his own oar ; the Sergt.-Major has got a decent one—he doesn't dip it in the water like the other chaps, he fastens it on to that little board that waggles about on the rear of the boat.

Before leaving Pompey, Eastney " half-inched " three of our tug-o'-war stalwarts, namely Corporal Rideout and Marines Le Gassick and Watkins. We hope that when they get to Olympia they will cause the rope to wriggle in the same direction as they did when they wore the famous light blue singlets of the Fleet Flag. In retaliation we have brought Corporal Lyons, the R.N. and R.M. and Hants County full-back, out of the stuffy atmosphere of the instructors' room at the Divisional Gym, and taken him to sea for a blow-through, also to give him a rub-up in flagship's routine before he joins the *Nelson*. After undressing to turn in first night aboard, he had to dress again, but he is now well acquainted with all the variations between sea and home life.

Talking of footballers, a most peculiar mishap occurred to Marine Bond, the Portsmouth Division player, whilst playing on the F'xle, No. Port pitch for the battery Deck Rangers against Admiral's Retinue Athletic. After making a dramatic run down the touch line, which consisted of the fore screen bulkhead, Bond un-knowingly (of course) threw out his left hand to get his balance to take a pot at goal, and fixed the third finger of his left hand in the wire-cutting jaw of the paravane, which, designed to work on wire, had no difficulty in lopping half of Bond's finger off. The game was stopped, and the ball (somebody's socks) was ditched, and Bond was removed to the " bay," where they squared off the stump touched it up with the old palm and needle, and the victim is now progressing favourably, appetite and temperature normal. Whenever he is playing in future, he will always see a P.V. on the touch-line, calling out " Keep your hands down, Bond."

We have a fairly moderate gunnery programme to carry out, which by the time you read this will be almost completed, and we are expecting Admiral's Inspection this cruise, but we keep our domestic troubles within. Therefore here endeth our contribution.

" Hood."

I commence my task this month with diffidence. A resume of last month's happenings (on board at least) would be of interest only to the officials of Devonport Dockyard. So I propose to invest myself with the mantle of a prophet and forecast future events.

The greatest of these is undoubtedly the Fleet Regatta, which will take place at Weymouth early in July. Great preparations are being made for it, and one cannot walk far in the ship without tripping over an oar, and care is also necessary when walking about the upper deck if one wishes to avoid being hit in an unguarded (and usually tender) portion of one's anatomy by a medicine ball. The detachment is hoping to have at least four good crews ready for all events. Two cutters and two whalers are at present in training. Vows of strict training have been made, and kept up to the present, but whether they will remain unbroken after our rumoured visits to several famous holiday resorts remains to be seen. But whatever happens, we hope to give a good account of ourselves. We know that several ships cast covetous eyes on the Rodman Cup, and that alone is a splendid spur to strict training. In my role of prophet I prophesy a hard race for any crew trying to " lift " it.

Now to cast my robe and deal with more prosaic events. We left Plymouth on Monday, 2nd May, in glorious weather, and after various tactical exercises, several of which were extremely interesting, arrived at Invergordon on Friday the 6th. We have since been visited many times by that distinguished visitor "General Drill," who no doubt is well known to many readers. Fortunately the visits have been of short duration, and have not resulted in any " strafe " up to the present. Everyone has settled down to the routine fairly well, and work generally has gone down as well as it ever does after leave.

Other than boat pulling, sport generally is in abeyance, as football has finished and cricket has not yet commenced. We hope to be able to raise a fairly strong cricket team when opportunities for play present themselves.

Nothing of any consequence has occurred, or appears likely to, and this has only been written because of a sense of duty, and I am painfully conscious that it reads

like it. It is what is commonly known as a " pot boiler," just to keep the pot boiling until next month, when I hope to have something of real interest to communicate.

" **Benbow.**"

With the ships on reduced complement, news and events are rather scarce in the squadron, but with a new O.C. Detachment and a new Sergt.-Major, things are beginning to wake up for us, after a brief period of comparative inactivity.

We left Sheerness on the 3rd May, having been busy previously taking in our supply of fuel (not through hose-pipes, either), and proceeded to Invergordon in company with *Revenge, Hood* and *Repulse*.

As usual, exercises were indulged in, and after various stunts, known only by weird combinations of the alphabet, had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, we arrived on the 6th. Winter sports are still on here and reading about the " heat waves " in the south, one comes to the conclusion that Scotland has been sadly neglected by the " clerk of the weather."

We have started a very promising whalers' crew for the regatta, but our activities are badly cramped by the regatta committee, who only allow us one whaler, when we feel we ought to have at least one cutter and one whaler.

Gunnery will not worry the detachment much this cruise, as we expended our allowance of ammunition in first class style last cruise. (We received much adulation from " Guns " for this startling performance.)

Bar the weekly sports, where we have sole charge of the collision mat, and a working interest in the 5½ and 6-inch wires, this month promises to be fairly quiet for us.

A member of the detachment took second prize in the Charleston competition.—*Tell the World* !

MEDITERRANEAN.

" **Conquest.**"

Herewith our account of ourselves for March and April. March was spent at Gibraltar in carrying out usual routine and putting to sea for exercises. On the 14th the ship's company gave a most successful dance at the Assembly Rooms, Marine Collins being one of the M.C.'s. On the 16th the Officers of the Flotilla dined the Officers of the Submarine Service in other ships of the combined Fleets. The dinner was given in *Cyclops* and was a great success.

Owing to the shortage of grounds we were unable to arrange any more football matches for the detachment ; unfortunately a match arranged against the Band and Drums of the East Surrey Regiment had to be cancelled on the only available day owing to the weather. Mnes. Tinkler and B. Jones played fairly consistently for the ship's team, and Mnes. R. C. Jones and B. Smith have both been tried.

On the 29th the Flotilla sailed for Phillipeville, in Algeria, where a stay was made from the 1st to 5th April. There we were most hospitably entertained. There were no British in the port, but the British Vice-Consul came down from Bona. Dances ashore were arranged for officers and men, two football matches were played, and a sports meeting held. On our last night the officers gave a dance on board *Cyclops* and the ship's companies gave a dance ashore.

On Sunday the 3rd, Captain (S) laid a wreath on the local War Memorial. *Conquest* paraded a Seamen's and a Royal Marines' Guard, and two guards with colours were provided by the French Garrison. On this occasion we wore our full dress, which was much admired by the French officers.

Another small ceremony was arranged on board *Conquest*, the British Vice-Consul and two French naval officers being initiated into the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers ; they rendered the Anthem afterwards with much gusto.

On the 5th we sailed for Malta, leaving Phillipeville somewhat exhausted, but with happy memories, and all thinking of qualifying as French interpreters.

We arrived here on the 7th, and the Flotilla proceeded to their billets in Marsamuscetto Harbour, and settled down to the daily round with a slight wave of " Inspectionitis," and after frequent visits to sea, we are really by now getting quite good at mooring up astern.

On the 17th the detachment opened their cricket season against the Corporals of the R.A.S.C. The team was handicapped by lack of practice on matting, and was well beaten in the first innings but we were saved by time and managed to draw the match. Score : 1st innings, 34—182 ; 2nd innings, 84 for 8. Batting : Corpl. Gerrey 34, Mne. Tinkler 21, Mne. Callaway 12). An excellent tea was provided by the home team.

CHINA.

" **Vindictive** "

It is with great pleasure we inform you, since our last letter, that the Detachment has managed to " lift " the Inter-part Football Shield, which our " worthies " did in a rather solid fashion by going through the competition without the loss of a single game, and only drawing one, the result being :—played 11, won 10, drawn 1, goals for 40, against 3, which leaves no room for doubt. The game R.M.'s *v.* The Rest which followed resulted in a draw, so another was played which we won by the only goal scored.

Two ship matches have since been played against A. Co., 12th Bn., where the Detachment has been represented by our usuals, Hayward, Holt, Frame, Frearson and J. L. Little.

The five-a-side tournament which is in progress between all ships and Shanghai Defence Force may still be ours, the R.M.'s team consisting of Frearson, Frams, Little, Holt and Hayward, being considered " good things " and as they are the Ships' only remaining team, naturally have everybody's support, but we have a long way yet to go before we can claim the trophy.

Under the management of Captain Leech-Porter, with the assistance of Corpl. Day, our Ships Rifle Club has lately made remarkable strides, and our present membership of 80, would do credit to many clubs, divisional or otherwise. We have entered for the Hong Kong Rifle League with great hopes, but our Asst.-Secretary has lost a lot of hair lately over our continued inability to practice, the cause of which is naturally the " War,"

but it will take much more than that to dampen our hopes.

A match was fixed on the S.V.C. Range between *Carlisle, Vindictive* and Reserve Co. S.V.C., which the latter won, *Carlisle* getting second whilst we easily took the " wooden spoon."

In the direction of small bore, our marksmen keep their end up very well, and are often in the prize list, some actually having to refuse their monthly pay, a pattern which many others are trying to copy.

We arranged a match with the 12th Bn., but unfortunately left our wharf before it could be fired, and so wanted to show them how it should be done.

Our trip up river was rather a secret affair (of course this is a secret ship) but even here we found room for " small arm activity," three future " King's Prizers " finding position in the Spotting Top ready to S.R. to the death any Cantonese snipers from the river bank, and it is rumoured that two of them are Rifle Club Officials, whilst the other holds the " Cup " as mentioned in a previous article, but sad to relate, the Cantonese proved beyond doubt, that rain puts the kibosh on their battles.

We nearly did some " Per Terram " the other day having got as far as painting out our quarters in the Kiawo, for our trip to Hankow to relieve *Hawkins*, but at the last moment they decided they would stay there.

At present we are recuperating on the broads of Wusung, balanced on a pinnacle, as it were, waiting for the C.-in-C. to drop us again into the water, and we hope when he does that our bows will be pointed south, as our " underwaters " do really require an overhaul, all the Ship's Company can tell you that, but up to the present we haven't heard Hong Kong mentioned, although our turn must come one of these days.

No doubt the various regiments will miss us from Holt's Wharf (although not half as much as we shall miss the wharf), as we were the Samaritans who helped them get over the feeling that the Government had shanghaid them, by various invitations to movies, etc., and the 12th Battalion will certainly miss our Canteen and Mess Decks and we really wonder how many tins of a certain fish changed hands, and we are positive that all members of the Battalion are masters of all strategical moves.

We have been *Per Terram* for a night, at the A.P.C. Compound, and took our hammocks, and the general opinion being that it was a beautiful night marred somewhat by the bombardment outside the city, then it was discovered that the 12th Bn. would suit better, possibly because there were more of them, so we once more resumed the " Naval half," but " top line " is still our slogan.

In the boxing bouts staged by the Ship at Holts, we were represented by Mnes. Jones, Martin and West, who all put up a good show, Martin alone winning, West and Jones being runnners up.

Corpl. French and Mne. Talbot gave an exhibition of boxing blindfolded, which caused a good deal of sport and was considered all round an excellent item.

Civilian : " Do your rations contain vitamines ? "

Royal : " There are bound to be insects in the best of grub."

" Delhi."

Since my last letter we have been kept busy at landing against phantom forces, and also in one instance under gunfire from the ships, preceded by a display of bombing by seaplanes from *Hermes*. The only thing that damped our ardour for these stunts was the discovery that wading through water is not very pleasant, and also that lying about in wet clothes was not too comfortable, especially when done 675 feet above sea level. One day, during the dinner-hour, out tranquility was shattered by a pipe announcing that all leave was cancelled, and that the ship would probably sail at 1900 that evening. All one could hear on every side was " What's the buzz?" and many views were expressed by those persons by whom every ship is pestered, namely, " The Ante-deluviated Order of Buzz Spinners." Finally we discovered that the reason for all this upheaval was that on the previous night an English steamer had been pirated in the region of Bias Bay, a haunt of the pirates, and that we were going to burn down the houses and all sampans and junks around the village known to harbour these pirates. Three cutters extra were hoisted, and *Danae's* marines came aboard, and at 1900, with *Frobisher* and *Marazion*, we sailed for Bias Bay. Two a.m. found us embarking in the cutters, to be towed by *Marazion* to our rendezvous and on to the attack. Unfortunately the cutter holding *Delhi's* marines sprang a leak, and we had to take refuge on the towing ship, entering the cutter again on nearing the land. Everything ran smoothly for a surprise attack until 300 yards from the beach, when owing to the shallow water, we grounded and finally had to wade ashore with the water up to our chests, and no doubt we all felt thankful to be put reserve platoon. All one could hear was the crackle of the flames as they hungrily consumed the dried wood of the houses, accompanied by the explosion caused by the blowing up of junks, and adding to all this din the squeal of pigs, cats, dogs and chickens, as they scurried along trying to escape the flames. One marine, who lay snatching a few moments repose, was violently awakened by the advent of a young member of the Bacon tribe, who tried to " crack townies," which this said marine somewhat disliked, so now he answers to the nickname of " grunter," although no one hints of any relationship. After completing the reprisals, notices were put up telling why it had been done, and *Delhi's* platoon of marines acted as the rearguard for the general retirement of the force, eventually evacuating by means of the leaky cutter. Although each man had 100 rounds, only a few were fired, to put fear into the Chinese coolies who remained. The pirates had apparently heard of our approach and had flown to the surrounding mountains. Returning on board at 12.30 we did good justice to the dinner we found awaiting us, because we had been 17½ hours before we had eaten. One thing that impressed itself on our minds was the squalidness and filth of the houses we destroyed, and also we found that the live stock lived with the human beings.

On Sunday, 27th March, we heard a rumour that we were sailing that evening. If we had taken any notice of the " buzzes" one heard, they would have to be half way round the world ; Shanghai, Nanking, Amoy, Singapore, and even Plymouth were mentioned, but finally we arrived at Swatow.

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

On 29th April, the annual R.N. and R.M. Athletic Sports Meeting took place on Moresby Plain. The weather was ideal and the P. and R.T. Staff of the Squadron, assisted by working parties had transformed the recreation ground into a first-class sports ground. The courses for the various events were laid out in excellent style, and on the afternoon of the finals the whole Plain presented an animated appearance, a touch of colour being added by the use of bunting which gaily bedecked the various marquees and tents. There was a good attendance of spectators, and the rivalry between the various ships was very keen. The Commander-in-Chief's Band was in attendance and played selections throughout the afternoon.

A challenge shield was presented in 1920, by Vice-Admiral Sir Trevylyan Napier, K.C.B., M.V.O., at that time C.-in-C. of the N.A. and W.I. Station. The winner of this shield was the ship obtaining the highest number of points at the Annual Athletic Sports Meeting. The first year it was presented, *Malabar* was the winner. In 1921, *Calcutta* won it and it has been in our possession ever since. The result of this year's meeting was as follows :—

	Points
Calcutta ..	100
Cairo ..	62
Capetown ..	26
Colombo ..	22
Sloops and *Malabar*	14

On Monday, 24th April, the Sports commenced with a Road Race over a course of 5½ miles. This the *Calcutta's* first team won fairly easy with 79 points, the *Cairo* being second with 141 points. We had one representative of the Detachment in this team. The *Calcutta* had four of the Road Racing Team selected to represent the Navy against the Army in the Inter-Services Meeting.

During the following three days the heats for the various races were run off.

Our Detachment entered a 110 stone Tug-of-War team and reached the final to meet a team from the Detachment of the *Cairo*. We had entertained hopes of winning this competition but were well beaten by 2 pulls to nil. We congratulate the *Cairo's* team on their victory, but we shall look forward to next year's sports to avenge this defeat.

A ship's team was entered for the 130 stone Tug-of-War. Again the finalists were *Calcutta* and *Cairo*, but this time we won by 2 pulls to nil which somewhat atoned for our defeat in the light-weight. Mnes. Newton, Bovingdon and Bishop were in this heavy-weight team.

The *Cairo's* Detachment entered a team for the Field Gun Competition. Their runs were up to the standard of a Royal Marine Field Gun's Crew, but a Seamen's crew from the *Colombo* won this event.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Commander-in-Chief presented the prizes. In his speech the C.-in-C. made special mention of Mne. D. Burge's feat of practically securing all the points for his ship (*Capetown*). Mne. Burge ran 3rd in the Road Race, 3 miles and 1 mile, besides putting up a good show in the Long and High Jumps. Against such experienced runners as Ldg.-Seamen Bloomfield and Lieut. Parish, Mne. Burge had a very difficult task, but he stuck to it gamely, and his placings show that he is the third best long and middle distance runner on the Station. As the *Capetown* is going home to pay off in June, the Squadron will be losing the services of a good all-round athlete in Mne. Burge. We wish him every success when he arrives back home and is taking part in the Port Athletic Meetings. We are assured he will give a good account of himself.

Now that the football season is finished and the sports over, we turn our thoughts to Cricket. We have approximately eight weeks before us in which to complete our Inter-part Cricket Competition before we commence our Northern Cruise. We are hoping to do better in the competition this year.

"Capetown."

Continuing on our South American cruise we arrived at Santos on January 28th. This is a very busy port and from it about 50% of the world's output of coffee is exported. While there the whole ship's company were taken to Sao Paulo in batches of 150. Sao Paulo is about 2,200 feet above sea level, and is reached by mountain railway on a novel cable system.

On 3rd February we arrived Montevideo and stayed six days. On 9th February we arrived Buenos Aires. Our stay here was one continual round of entertainments, and many interesting places were visited. Left on the 17th and arrived at Mar del Plata the following day. This place is the holiday resort of the Argentina, and life seemed to be spent between the casinos and the bathing beaches. After a stay of four days proceeded to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, arriving on the 25th February.

Our object in coming to the Falklands was to represent the Royal Navy at the unveiling of the memorial to commemorate the victory of the squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee over that of Graf von Spee, 8th December, 1914. The unveiling took place on Saturday the 26th, the detachment forming the firing party. The occasion was fortunately attended by fine weather, and a very impressive ceremony was witnessed. The graves of those who made the great sacrifice were visited by several. Their upkeep has been assumed by the local authorities, and they are right up to their job.

We left on the 1st March and arrived Punta Arenas (the most southerly seaport of the world) on the 3rd, and stayed two days. Leaving Punta Arenas we spent three days threading our way through the islands of the Patagonian Archipelago.

We arrived Valaparaiso on March 11th and stayed seven days. In the harbour lay the *Latore* (ex H.M.S. *Canada*) looking quite spruce.

Leaving Valapraiso we called at Coquimbo, Antofagasta, Iquique, Callao and Talara, arriving at the western gate of the Panama on the 7th April.

We arrived Bermuda on 15th April on completion of our South American cruise.

We should like to congratulate *Cairo's* Marines tug-of-war team on their success in winning the Army and Navy Championship in the recent sports held at Bermuda.

"Cairo."

Since commissioning at Devonport in February we have completed the spring cruise around the "Islands," visiting the same places, more or less, as last year. Much of our time has been taken up in removing the traces of the dockyard hands, via paint pots and brushes, and in between times working up evolution and gunnery drills.

We arrived back at Bermuda during the first week in April; our minds were turned towards the forthcoming Squadron Cutters' Cup Race and the annual Squadron Sports. The selected crew for the cutter included three good oarsmen of the detachment in Marines Jays, Webb and England.

Although we have held the Squadron Cup for two years in succession, this time, however, the cup has found a new resting place in the *Capetown*. Our crew trained hard and long for this event, but pulled a good third in the race. *Capetown* must be congratulated on her fine performance, having only returned from her long cruise around South America a few days previous to the race.

The Annual Sports Meeting of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines was held on the 29th April on Moresby Plain, and the detachment acquitted itself right nobly by going in for the "Heavy part of the show"—Field Gun and Tug-of-war. With regard to the Field Gun, Royal Marines were allowed to enter for the competition—an equivalent to the "Brickwood Cup" at home—for the first time.

The landing of 18 Royal Marines at a time for training was rather a strain when watches and general duties still have to be maintained, the non-participants rose to the occasion and looked out for those taking part; the results have justified their efforts. Although we did not win the Field Gun competition, the gun's crew ran a good second to the *Colombo's* ship's team, who were winners of the competition last year. Out of seven entrants, to get second we did well, and with this year's experience we shall bring the cup home next year.

In addition to the Field Gun we raised a heavy and light tug-of-war team. Unfortunately we had to pull three stone under weight in the heavies, and although we got into the final, this proved too much of a handicap against the *Calcutta's* mixed team, which proved the winners two pulls to nil. In the light weights we went through quite easily, with the help of Leading Stoker Long as "anchor," and have yet to lose a pull. By winning the 110-stone at the R.N. and R.M. Meeting, this meant that we should represent the Navy at the Inter-Service Meeting held on the 6th May. This meeting decided the fate of the Inter-Service Cup presented by His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda. Up to this meeting it had been held three times by the Army and once by the Navy. The Army were represented by the Green Howards, Gunners and other departmental units. The tea interval arrived with the scores level—the Navy four events and the Army four events. There remained three events to be decided—putting-the-weight, one mile (relay) teams of four, and the tug-of-war (110 stone) We lost putting-the-weight, but won the relay—level pegging—so it remained to the *Cairo's* Royal Marine tug-of-war team to bring the cup home for the Navy; this they did by two pulls to nil, amidst scenes of wild enthusiasm.

During the tea interval our Royal Marine field guns' crews, together with the *Colombo's* ship's team, gave a display, each team breaking their own time records and the station records—1 minute 11 seconds and 1 minute 10 seconds respectively.

One other outstanding competitor in the R.N. and R.M. Sports was Marine Moore, who got in the finals for putting the weight and won the sack race; he was the winner of the latter event last year.

RESULTS:

First Round:	Semi Final:	Final:	
"Calcutta" R.M. / "Capetown" Seamen	"Calcutta" R.M.	"Calcutta"	"Cairo" R.M.
"Colombo" R.M. / Sloops	"Colombo" R.M.		
"Colombo" Seamen / "Cairo" R.M.	"Cairo" R.M.	"Cairo" R.M.	
"Calcutta" Seamen / "Cairo" Seamen	"Cairo" Seamen		

INTER-SERVICE.

"Cairo" Royal Marines versus Green Howards

Winners—"Cairo" R.M.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Diomede."

An event of outstanding significance which took place recently was the *Diomede* becoming flagship of theNew Zealand Division of the Royal Navy. Commodore G. T. C. P. Swabey, D.S.O., R.N., hoisted his flag in the ship in January, and the *Dunedin* sailed for England at the same time to refit; she is due to return in about August, when we shall be glad to welcome the new arrivals of the Corps on this station, and to assure them of the delightful times that can be spent in New Zealand. Prior to the *Dunedin* sailing, Corporals Bradley and Heaton were transferred to that ship for passage home; we thereby lost two of the best players of our football team. The latter will be a difficult member of our polo team and band also to replace, but our loss, we hope, will be the gain of the Divisional teams. We lost some good friends in the *Dunedin* too, but we wish them the best of luck for the future.

The leave period expired in January, during which time a number of the detachment availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the wonderful thermal regions of Rotorua. Volcanic activity is still witnessed at numerous points in this region, which covers an area of nearly six thousand square miles, the centre of which seems to be near Rotorua itself. Hot springs, sometimes boiling, warm pools and mud volcanoes are to be seen in numbers, whilst the medicinal powers of the sulphurous waters are invaluable.

Towards the end of January the officers and ship's company both gave a dance and a children's party each on board, at Auckland. At the latter the 'Arry and 'Arriet of the cocoanut pitch were most reminiscent of "'Appy 'Ampstead" on bank holiday, to whose untiring patience we are grateful to Sergeant Hallahan and Corporal Harris. On the 25th we sailed for the Hauraki Gulf to do gunnery and exercises. Kawau and Fitzroy were visited, and at the conclusion of the exercises we went north to Russell for a week. Whilst here three of the detachment went out to Cape Brett

sword fishing, and others enjoyed the excellent fishing which is so easily obtainable in the harbour itself.

From Russell we returned to Auckland, and on the 22nd February we escorted the *Renown*, with their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York on board, from the Hauraki Gulf to her anchorage in the Waitemata. Whilst Their Royal Highnesses were at Auckland they lived at Government House, and the honour of furnishing the Royal guard and sentries from the New Zealand Services was accorded to our detachment. No small amount of interest was taken by the local inhabitants, who were duly impressed with that smartness and precision which the Royals in full dress uniform can produce on such occasions, and it was with great satisfaction later that the Commodore informed us of the high opinion that His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand held for the way in which the guard had performed their duties. On the same day as that on which Their Royal Highnesses landed, our detachment and the *Philomel's*, together with about three hundred seamen, lined the streets, but the spectacular effect was somewhat marred by continual showers of rain.

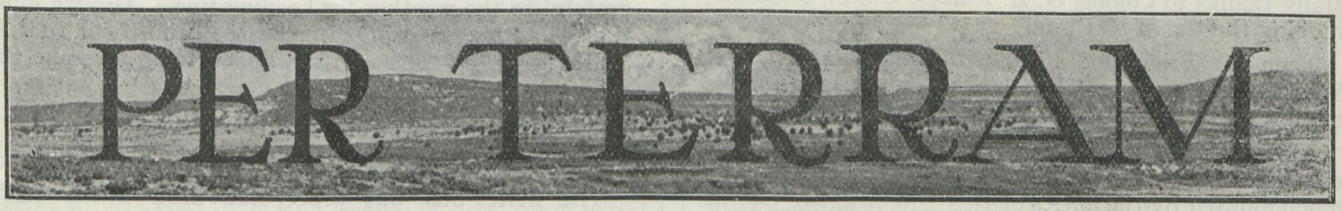
From Auckland we went to Wellington, arriving on the 4th of March, and besides lining the streets there also for Their Royal Highnesses, the only other important event was the annual meeting at Trentham—the Bisley of New Zealand—which eight of the detachment attended We did better at this meeting than has ever been done before by the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, and besides winning various prizes ourselves, we can congratulate Sergeant Howard upon being second to a Petty Officer of the *Renown*, who was the winner of the King's Medal.

We arrived at Chatham Islands on the 12th and stopped there for three days, during which time a general landing from the ship took place. The detachment landed first and performed the duties of a covering force ; various movements were carried out, the most realistic of which was wading ashore a distance of about a hundred yards.

Our next port of call was Timaru, where we stopped for three days, and from there we went to the Bluff, the most southerly point of New Zealand. It was here that His Royal Highness the Duke of York came on board ; he inspected the detachment guard, and left almost immediately to rejoin the *Renown* and to sail for Australia.

Their Royal Highnesses having left New Zealand, we returned to Auckland for five days, and whilst there we managed to get a game of football against the *Philomel's* detachment, which we won 4—3 ; it is very creditable the way in which the *Philomel* can put such powerful teams into the field, as their detachment is less than half the strength of ours.

On the 4th April we arrived at Suva, where the Governor of Fiji and the Administrator of Western Samoa joined the ship. We took them to the New Hebrides, where the Commission was held, and remained there about a fortnight. The islands were re-discovered by Cook in 1768, but in 1887 a joint English and French commission was brought into force, owing to the majority of the inhabitants and trade being French, and there being no real authority ; in 1907 the present British and French Condominion Government was established, but the dual control is chaotic, and the residents, both British and French, condemn it. The islands are exceedingly fertile, and there are several active volcanoes. We visited five of the islands, and they were most interesting to see as regards native life, but unfortunately leave was somewhat restricted owing to the great prevalence of malaria. From the New Hebrides we returned to Suva for two days, and on the 27th April we arrived back at Auckland.



CHATHAM.

Summer sports are in full swing here. A good start has been made with cricket, and practice for Bisley takes a good number of our marksmen to the Borstal ranges.

Cutters crews have been got together, and we hope to shine at the local regattas.

The 23rd April being Zeebrugge Day, a telegram of greeting was received from the Liverpool Old Comrades assembled at their annual dinner, to which an appropriate reply was despatched by the Colonel Commandant.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Parfitt, who has been Superintending Clerk in the Commandant's Office for many years, on his promotion to Commissioned Warrant rank.

A letter has been received from ex Corporal Riddiford, who, through the generosity of all ranks of the Division, is taking the Tuberculosis cure in Switzerland. He states that his cure is proceeding satisfactorily, and that he is happy and comfortable at the sanatorium. It is hoped that should the cure proceed normally, there may be sufficient money left to give him a fresh start in life in some suitable climate.

Liza was on the witness stand. " Are you positive," inquired the prosecutor, " that you know where your husband was on the night that this crime was committed ? "

" Ef Ah didn't," replied the witness firmly, " den Ah busted a good rollin' pin ovah an innocent man's haid. dat's all ! "—*Leatherneck.*

PORTSMOUTH.

OFFICERS' SMALL DANCE.

The Officers gave a small Dance on Friday, 6th May, which went off very well. Seventy couples were present, which made plenty of room for dancing, and many of them came from great distances, such as Durham, London and Brighton. The band of eight, under the able leadership of Band Cr.-Sergt. Brims, played in a manner which would compare favourably with any Jazz Band in the South of England.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT DISPLAY

(Fort Cumberland)

The Division was "At Home" to their friends on Wednesday, 4th May, at Fort Cumberland, on the occasion of the Royal Tournament Display. Excellent grand stands were erected, and all messes had tea tents, where a very good tea was given to their respective guests. The weather gave cause for alarm; luckily it stopped raining at 3 p.m., and was fine for the remainder of the afternoon. The divisional band played in between field gun runs, under the able direction of Band Sergt. Brims. Sergt.-Major Jervis announced the times of runs so clearly that all the 2,000 people assembled could hear.

The programme was as follows:—

3.15—The Olympia Field Gun crew, trainer Cr.-Sergt. Buckingham, gave a run, where everything went wrong. In spite of two wheel numbers falling into the ditch on the way back, and a heavy wet ground, they did the run in 5 minutes 15 seconds.

Then the Light-weight Tug-of-war team, pulling 11 men, trainer Cr.-Sergt. Brooksbank, pulled the heavy weight team, 10 men, trainer Sergt. Bishop. After a good pull, lasting 5 mins. 5 seconds, the heavies won. Both teams looked very smart in a clean white rig. Many thanks to Colonel G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., for kindly judging the tug-of-war pulls.

Then the Brickwood Field Gun crew, trainer Sergt. Weeks, gave a run. They looked smart, and carried out a run in 1 min. 30 secs., including a 2-second penalty.

After this the R.N. School of Music gave a vaulting display, excellently carried out. The audience were much amused by the antics of Box and Cox, two clowns, who proved very good at jumping over vaulting horses—sometimes. We were very pleased to recognise Sergt. Preston as "Box," and thank him very much for coming down from the Naval Barracks to help us.

After this display the R.M. Cadets gave their great display. Heralded in by their excellent band, they smartly marched past, and then began the great battle against the savages of the Gymn desert. These wild savages were safely encamped with their harems the other side of a river, thinking they were quite safe. Little did they know the bridge building capacities of our cadets, who under fire built an excellent bridge, over which the infantry advanced, closely supported by the field artillery. We were very pleased to see the excellent fire discipline in the sections, and many bulls' eyes were recorded from the difficult kneeling position. The Gymn savages had severe casualties inflicted, but kept up a steady fire, and finally the cadets had to retire. This was carried out in the utmost order, with the unfortunate loss of two caps K.S.D. and two marines wounded. The marines were rescued with great daring by a stalwart young corporal, and the caps by a recruit who had just left the depot. Owing to the ground being soft, the bridge so gallantly erected did not fall down, but the rapid fire of the cadets and the slipperyness of the planks prevented the wild aboriginies from crossing the river. The cadets were well trained by Cr.-Sergt. Jackson, who supervised the bridging, Cr.-Sergt. Darters the infantry, Sergt. Lee and Corpl. Johnson the artillery, and Sergt. Foster the signal branch. They are all to be congratulated on the splendid show the cadets produced.

After three-quarters of an hour for tea, Sergt. Weeks' gun's crew put up another run, doing it in 1 min. 31 secs., with another 2-second penalty. Then there was an excellent quarter staff display, under the management of the P. & R.T. staff. This caused great amusement, and some good work was seen. Then we saw two very good tug-of-war pulls, Sergt. Bishop's (heavies) team defeating Cr.-Sergt. Brooksbank's (lights) after a pull of 5 mins. 40 secs., and then they changed round and the lights wore down the heavies and pulled them over in 5 mins. 20 secs.—a very creditable performance.

After that the Brickwood field gun again had a run, followed by the R.M. Cadets field gun run. The R.N. Barracks cadets kindly turned out to give our boys a competition, and did very well, considering they had three new boys in the team. Our boys did the run in 1 min. 47 secs., including a 5-second penalty for failing to fire one round. The *Victory* did well in 2 mins. 32 secs.

Then to finish up the programme the Olympia Field Gun gave us a very good steady run, completing the course in 4 mins. 47 secs.

This completed the programme, and we were all very grateful to the weather for keeping fine. Also we must thank Captain Bagot, Q.M.S. Peasnell and the P. & R.T. Staff for giving their services and helping to make the show go.

The motor-bus was proceeding in a rather jerky manner when a young woman passenger inquired: "What's wrong with the car?"

"The engine misses," replied the conductor.

The young woman smiled. "How did you know I was married?" she asked.—*Experiende Magazine.*

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She: "Do you have licenses on your dog?"

It: "No, he gets a bath every Saturday night."—*Leatherneck.*

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Friend: "I just saw a young man trying to kiss your daughter!"

Modern Mother: "Did he succeed?"

Friend: "No!"

Modern Mother: "Then it wasn't my daughter!—*Recruiter.*"

12th ROYAL MARINE BATTALION.



PORTSMOUTH COMPANY MARCHING THROUGH SHANGHAI.

On Saturday, 5th March, we marched down to our billets in No. 1 Billeting Area. These consisted of wooden huts made rain-proof with tarred paper. We settled down here to a rather monotonous existence, in company with the 3/14th Punjabis, a Medium and a Pack Battery, R.A., details of Indian Army Service Corps and 800 mules.

The weather was cold and wet. There were no facilities at hand for recreation. Football matches were arranged so far as weather conditions permitted on the Hongkew Park and recreation grounds some three miles out. The R.M. team scored a victory over the Durham Light Infantry (4—3), who were regarded as the outstanding team in Shanghai, and who had not lost a match until meeting our team.

We were able to arrange two rifle matches; both were fired at Hongkew Range. The first was against H.M.S. *Carlisle*, team of ten, all to count, 1st stage of King's. We beat them by 7 points, in spite of the moral effect caused by the *Carlisle* having Commissioned Gnr. Chandler in their team. Top score was made by Cr.-Sgt. Burnett and Sergt. Walker, with 90 each. The second match was fired against the Scottish Company Shanghai Volunteer Corps, and we were not so lucky, chiefly owing to lack of practice in rapid fire training. The teams were again ten aside, but the conditions are what we will call, for want of a better name, Shanghai service conditions :—

1.	1 sighter and 7 rounds deliberate	200 yards
2.	1 sighter and 7 rounds deliberate, bayonets fixed ..	300 yards
3.	20 rounds rapid in 1 minute, standing firing over cover bayonets fixed	300 yards
4.	1 sighter and 7 rounds deliberate..	500 yards

Highest possible score 205.

Top score was made by Mne. Russell with 140, closely followed by Sergt. Walker with 138.

Result of match—Scottish Volunteer Corps. 1331. 12th R.M.B., 1274.

The R.M. Battalion was billeted at Yangtszepoo, were under the direct orders of G.H.Q. for internal security duties, and were not attached to any Brigade. On the 11th March "A" Company (Chatham), together with a company of Coldstream Guards, were detailed to form the Guard for the Headquarters of the Shanghai Defence Force. The guard was quartered in the centre of the business quarter of Shanghai at the Palace Hotel Annexe.

The rapid advance of the Cantonese, culminating in the declaration of the General Strike on the 21st March, and in the taking of Shanghai the following day, proved a relief from our normal routine. On the 21st March the Battalion was ordered to take over, as from 22nd March, the protection of British lives and properties on the other side of the Whangpoo River. Heretofore the duty had devolved upon the Royal Navy. Heavy firing had been heard to the southward and westward during the afternoon and evening of 21st March, and had continued intermittently during the night.

The Battalion paraded at 4 a.m. 22nd March, to the accompaniment of the sound of gunfire of the opposing armies, and were distributed amongst the various British owned properties in Pootung. The front occupied extends over nearly five miles of the river bank; the Battalion is therefore entirely dependent for communication between posts on water transport. The declaration of the General Strike deprived us of the services of Chinese crews, who had taken their boats over the Shanghai side and deserted them there. It was obvious that the state of affairs could not be allowed to continue. Royal Marine crews were collected; motor lorry drivers became engineers and officers' grooms became coxswains, and having commandeered some petrol from the Asiatic Petroleum Company, they proceeded in a boat kindly lent by *Vindictive* to collect the boats. The Chinese crews had tampered with the latter before deserting them, so they were therefore towed to Pootung, and got into working order by the Royal Marine crews. It was thus that the Pootung



CHATHAM COMPANY MARCHING PAST AT SHANGHAI.

Navy (which maintained our communications for three days) came into being.

The Higher Command expressed themselves by being officially angry at the piracy of the Royal Marines, but their real sentiments may be gauged by the fact that the Royal Marines have been asked whether in the event of their leaving this side of the river they could leave their boats' crews behind for duty in the next General Strike.

At the time of writing (2nd April) we are distributed as follows :—Battalion Headquarters, Machine-gun platoon (less 1 section), "A" Company (Chatham) and one platoon "B" Company (Portsmouth) are at Holt's Wharf, very comfortably installed. Extensive godowns of reinforced concrete form excellent accommodation of every description. H.M.S. *Vindictive* lies alongside, and is extending full hospitality. A large shed has been fitted by *Vindictive* as a cinema and gymnasium, and has been greatly appreciated by all ranks.

"C" Company (Plymouth), together with two platoons of "B" Company and one section of Machine Guns are protecting various British owned properties opposite to the Bund. They complain that their rations often arrive late. The Nationalist execution compound is in their area, but it is understood that after they have been watching Chinese justice take its course, they don't really mind whether their rations arrive late or not. Rumours have reached the Battalion Headquarters that "C" Company have taken to poultry farming and to the keeping of white rats. They also get free cigarettes, being largely billeted in the British Cigarette Co. buildings. "B" Company (composite), together with a platoon of "B" Company, are stationed at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, with H.M.S. *Durban* alongside.

All ranks owe a debt of gratitude to the British community on this side of the river for their many kindnesses. The Royal Navy, represented by *Hawkins, Carlisle, Vindictive, Durban* and *Enterprise,* are either in the river or alongside British owned wharves, and have extended generous hospitality to all ranks.



PORTSMOUTH.

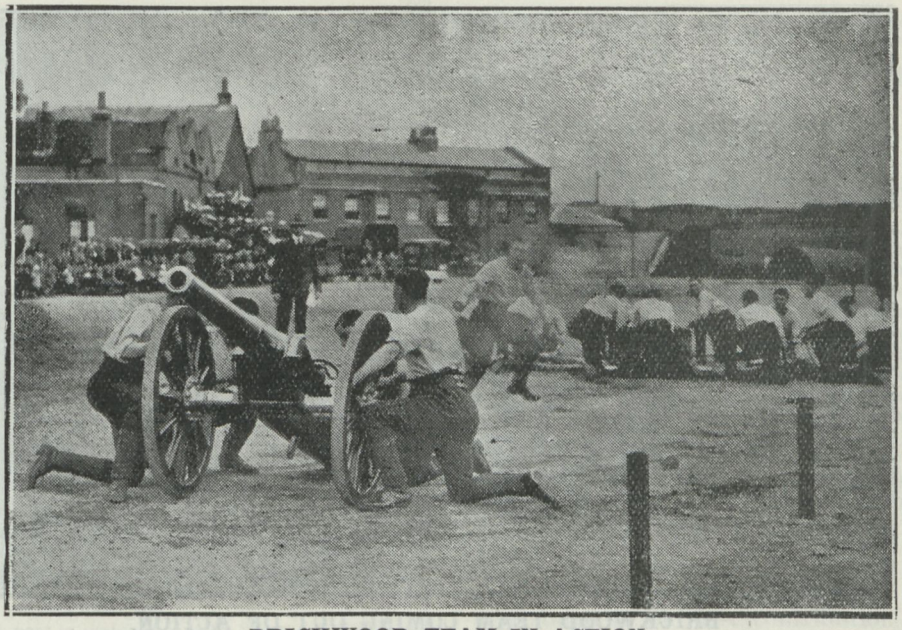
THE FIELD GUN DISPLAY (WHALE ISLAND)

On the occasion of the annual Field Gun display at Whale Island on Friday, 6th May, the " Royals " did very well. There was the old run for the " Brickwood " Trophy and the Sub-Lieutenants' Cup, and also a run for the Albion Cup, a cadets' field gun run. It is the first time it has been competed for since 1912, The R.M.A. Cadets won it outright in 1912, and this year the cadet corps kindly returned it for annual competition, at the same time as the Brickwood Trophy and Sub-Lieutenants' Cup.

The Brickwood Trophy is given to the team with the best individual run, and the Sub-Lieutenants' Cup to the team with the lowest aggregate for three runs.

Our team did not do too well in their first run against the *Vernon,* owing to a lynch-pin being buried in action. The run itself was very quick, but owing to the buried pin, took 1 min. 35 4/5 secs. Our greatest enemies were the *Excellents* Subs, who completed in 1 min. 29 2/5 secs.—a good run.

The second run was brilliant, and was only 4/5 of a second more than the record. The drill was perfect, and our crew are to be congratulated on their very good



BRICKWOOD TEAM IN ACTION.



ROYAL MARINES FIELD GUN'S CREW, 1927. Winners of the Brickwood Trophy & Sub.-Lts. Cup.

Front Row—Mne. Tyndall, Cpl. Norris, Mns. Waters, Davis, Box, Richards, Hillyer.
Back Row—Mne. Digby, Mne. Watts, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Weeks, Mne. Steele, Mnes. Calcott, Lewington, Boobyer, Walton, Johnson, Arthur, Butcher.

Times—1*st Run* : 1 min. 35 4/5 secs. 2*nd Run* : 1 min. 24 4/5 secs. 3*rd Run* : 1 min. 28 secs. *Total* : 4 min. 28 3/5 secs.



BRICKWOOD TEAM COMING OUT OF ACTION.

Excellent Sub-Lieuts. did it in one minute 33 seconds, and thus everything depended on the last run, we having the slightly lower aggregate.

The last run was done in 1 min. 28 secs., the Sub-Lieutenants taking 1 min. 31 1/5 secs. This was good enough, and thus our team won the Brickwood trophy with the run of 1 min. 24 4/5 secs., being 4 3/5 secs. better than any other of the eight crews competing, and the Sub-Lieutenants' Cup on the aggregate. Sergt. Weeks is to be congratulated on the splendid crew he trained, their smart turn-out and good drill.

Our Cadets did well in the Albion Cup—the *Excellent's* cadets were first and ours were second. They had some most unforeseen calamities, overrunning the mark and having to take the gun back into action, and had a large penalty for not putting their washer on after a double shift, and so their wheel came off.

Lady de Brock kindly presented the prizes, after a very good Olympia field gun display by the R.N.Barracks and Whale Island, the latter winning in the excellent time of 4 mins. 17 secs.

SHOOTING.

The Portsmouth United Services Rifle Meeting takes place from May 23rd to May 27th, so that teams have been trained not only for this rifle meeting, but for competitions of the R.M.R.A. Non-central Meeting, which we hope to hold early in June.

It is of interest to note that the score obtained by the Division in their match against the R.N. Barracks, viz., 1,273 points, is identical with that scored by the Royal Navy VIII in the U.S. match at Bisley last year.

MATCHES.

23rd April, at Tipnor—*v.* "Victory" & "Excellent" (U.S. Conditions)
Result: "Excellent" 1135; R.M. 1104; "Victory" 1054.
3rd May, at Eastney—*v.* "Victory" (U.S. Conditions)
Result: R.M. 1273; "Victory" 1073.
7th May, at Tipnor—*v.* "Victory" (1st Stage King's)
Result: R.M. 737; "Victory" 697.
14th May, at Eastney—*v.* "Excellent" (U.S. Conditions)
Result: R.M. 1231; "Excellent" 1196.

WATER POLO.

The season has started in good style for in our first matches we were successful in gaining two decisive victories, namely, Div. I.—R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Vernon, 4 goals to nil; Div. II.—R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Vernon, 5 goals to 2. These matches count for the Portsmouth and District, and also for the United Services Leagues.

Owing to the absence in China of our late Capt., Sergt.-Major A. A. Attwood, whose assistance as a player and adviser is greatly missed. Corpl. C. Wood was elected Captain. The loss of our late captain is not ours individually, as S.M. Attwood was considered an authority on Water Polo and Swimming generally, being on the County Examining Board and Chairman of the Portsmouth and District League.

We have entered for the following:—Hants County Championship, Portsmouth and District League Div. I. and II., and United Services Div. I. and II., and hope to improve on our last years results, which were very good, namely: Winners of U.S. League, Div. I.; Runners-up Hants County, and Portsmouth and District.

We are rather fortunate this year in having the services of Corpls. Heaton and Docherty, whose polo and swimming abilities are well-known.

BILLIARDS.

On Monday, 9th May, Mr. Harry Kenyon, the Manager of the Royal Sailors' Home Club, Queen Street, Portsea, fixed up a match between Claude Falkiner, the famous professional, and Corporal Maughan, who in a game of 800 up received half-way start. The clever amateur made some useful double-figure breaks, which included a 31 and a 38, but could not cope with his formidable opponent, who reeled off breaks of 336, 100, 68, 61, 42, and won by 800 to 678.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

The first match of the season against the Royal Artillery resulted in a win for the Royal Marines, after a most exciting finish. The Marines won the toss, and

elected to bat first on a perfect wicket. The beginning of the season was however too much for them, and as a result of playing back to full pitches and forward to long hops, were dismissed for the small total of 106. Lieut. Smith, 55 not out. The R.A. batting next, lost three wickets for about 35 runs, but reached 80 with only five wickets down. Two more wickets fell before the 100 was reached—the 8th falling at 101. The next batsman played a most determined " agricultural " shot ; this, luckily, was misshit and no score resulted, the next ball proving the last. The eleventh man came in six runs still wanting, but a fast ball on his legs was too much for him ; he retired rapidly well out of his crease in the direction of square leg, and was promptly stumped. This left the Marines victorious by the small margin of five runs. Marine Leach took five wickets for 9 runs.

RUGBY.

Season 1927-28.

Season 1926-27.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.
1st XV.	32	19	12	1	357	270
57 players took part.						
2nd XV.	12	4	8	0	101	131
21 players took part.						

78 players took part in matches of both XVs.

The following were awarded Caps :—Mne. Boylan, Mne. Weaving, Mne. Pixton, Mne. Fowler, Mne. Sandell, Mne. Light, Mne. Ainsworth, Corpl. Healy, Mne. Summerhayes, Sergt. South, Mne. Penny, Corpl. V. Clarke, Mne. Webb, Corpl. Stapleton, Mne. McIlroy, Mne. Thacker.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Season 1926-27 having concluded, it is pleasing to record that both the 1st and 2nd Divisional teams have brought " Soccer " honours to the Division. The 1st team concluded their League engagements after a thrilling neck and neck duel with Looe, last season's champions, by finishing level with points, but losing the championship by by an inferior goal average, thus :

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Looe	38	31	5	2	117	27	64
Royal Marines	38	31	5	2	128	39	64

It is hoped that this will act as a " tonic " for next season.

The Reserves brought off the " double," by winning the Devon Wednesday League and the Cup.

Their League record was as follows :—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts
R.M. Reserves	24	19	3	2	66	36	40
Plymouth Trams ..	24	16	5	2	59	31	35

DEPOT

INTER-SQUAD FOOTBALL.

To fill in a blank space a K.O. Football Competition was organised between Squads. Result as follows :—Semi-final : 147 beat 142 ; 139 beat 146. Final : 147 beat 139 (King's).

CRICKET.

Cricket commenced on Saturday last, when a practice match was played on the Drill Field between two trial sides, with a view to finding any hidden talent which might be useful to the Depot team, and to select an "A" team, a new departure. As a result hopes are entertained of having a fairly successful season. On Wednesday a trial game was played on the South Green between Lieut.-Colonel Shine's XI. and Sergt.-Major Board's XI. The latter took first knock and put up the respectable score of 141. The other side replied with 155, towards which Major Brooks contributed a delightful and characteristic 109.

The Depot commence their fixtures on Wednesday next with an away match. The "A" team commence on Saturday on the Drill Field against Connaught Coachworks, of Dover.

Wednesday's scores are as under :—

Sergt.-Major Board's XI.		Col. Shine's XI.	
Mus. Mallard, b Sillitoe	43	Lt. O'Donnell, b Escott	1
Mne. Harvey, c Maguire, b O'Donnell	1	Major Bird, b Harvey	0
Mne. Rouse, b Williams ..	1	Lt. Sillitoe, c Breckon, b Harvey	8
Mne. Slater, c Hill, b Sillitoe	20	Major Macnair-Smith, c Harvey, b Baker	7
Mne. Escott, c Phillips, b Macdonnell	26	Lt. Phillips, c Escott, b Harvey	12
Sgt. Baker, c Phillips, b O'Donnell	9	Capt. Macdonnell, b Escott ..	3
		Major Brooks, c Escott, b Newall	109
Rect. Newall, b MacDonald	3	Surg.-Lt. Williams, c Baker, b Newall	8
Cpl. Breckon, b Brooks ..	4	Lt. Deane, b Newall	1
Mne. Goodchild, c Sillitoe, b Phillips	3	Surg.-Lt. Hill, not out	4
Cr.-Sgt Gilchrist, b Phillips	10	Surg.-Lt. Maguire, (d.n.b.) ..	
Sgt.-Major Board, not out ..	0		
Extras	21	Extras	2
Total	141	Total	155

As stated in our last contribution, it was hoped to form a Depot 2nd XI. To this end a meeting of those interested was held in the Gymnasium on the 8th March, presided over by Lieut.-Colonel Shine and attended by Major Brooks and Lieut. Phillips. It was unanimously decided that a 2nd XI. be formed, the following forming the committee elected to run same :—

Chairman—Sergt.-Major Board ; *Secretary*—Cr.-Sergt. Dimond ; *Committee*—Sergt. Beard, Corpl. Pollitt, Mnes. Price and Harvey.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Annual Squad Cross-country Running is now taking place. Every Wednesday afternoon five men from each squad compete. Points are scored against the squad according to the position in arriving home. Thus, first man home scores one point, second man two points, and so on. Every man in the squad will run, and at the completion the points finally awarded are based on the number of men in the squad.

Positions to date.—Leading squad 150, then 149, 146, 143, 144, 145, 148, 141, 147, 142. One more run will bring it to a close.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WINNERS OF WINTER REVOLVER COMPETITION, 1926-7.

Unit	*Rank and Name*	*Points*	*Prize*
Chatham ..	Major Gillespie, H. E., O.B.E.	620	Unit Silver Bar
	C.S.M. Carlton, M. ..	537	Unit Bronze Bar
	Q.M.S.I. Bonnett, E. H. ..	423	Tyro Medal
	Sergt. Chinnery, G. A. ..	377	Tyro Medal
Portsmouth	Cr.-Sgt. Ridding, R. ..	666	Unit Silver Medal
	Corpl. Borrett, F. V. ..	590	Unit Bronze Medal
	Capt. Dawson, A. P. ..	562	Tyro Medal
	Mne. Macaulay, R. J. ..	496	Tyro Medal
Plymouth ..	Mne. Purdy, W. ..	548	Unit Silver Bar
	Sergt. Doidge, A. E. ..	532	Unit Bronze Medal
Depot, R.M.	Sergt. Rutland, A. C., D.S.M.	693	Unit Silver Bar
	Sergt. Henwood, H. ..	649	Unit Bronze Medal
	Lieut. Gumm, R. J. ..	488	Tyro Medal
	Capt. Jones, F. R. ..	487	Tyro Medal
	Corpl. Cook, J. F. E. ..	482	Tyro Medal
Ply. (Afloat)	Sergt. Abbott, E. ..	695	Gold Medal and Unit Silver Medal
	Mne. Hill, H. W. ..	581	Unit Bronze Medal
	Capt. Rendell, A. ..	463	Tyro Medal

Highest possible number of points obtainable is 960.

R.M.O.C.A.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1927.

The Seventh Annual Dinner and Reunion was held on board H.M.S. *Eaglet* (by kind permission of Captain W. Maples, V.D., R.N.V.R., Mersey Division) at Liverpool on the 23rd April, 1927, St. George's Day. The main deck of the ship, bright with flags and garlands, made a very appropriate setting. Every member of the company on entering the reception was presented with a red rose in honour of St. George's Day. The tables were decorated with irises and daffodils, out of compliment to the ferry steamers *Royal Iris* and *Royal Daffodil*, who played such a distinguished part in the attack on the Zeebrugge Mole.

Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M. (President of the Liverpool Branch R.M.O.C.A.) presided over a very distinguished company of more than 100, and announced that in response to a message of loyalty and devotion to H.M. The King, the following telegram had been received : " I am commanded to express the best thanks of the King for the message of greetings you have addressed to His Majesty from the Liverpool R.M.O.C.A. In thanking them His Majesty trusts that they will have an enjoyable evening and is glad to know that the spirit and traditions of their old Corps continue to inspire them as civilians."

Among the distinguished company present were Lieut.-General Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M., Adjutant-General Royal Marines, Colonel C. P. Drury, Colonel C. Field, Colonel T. H. Hawkins, Colonel G. V. Robinson, The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Mayor of Wallasey, and many Officers of Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

The toasts were in the hands of the following :—The President, proposed by Mr. Martin (ex Corpl., M.M.), responded to by the President ; The Corps and its R.M.O.C.A.'s, proposed by Mr. H. P. Cooke (ex C.S.M.), responded to by the A.G. R.M. and Colonel Drury ; Our Guests, proposed by Mr. E. Smith (ex Staff Clerk, R.M.), responded to by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Mayor of Wallasey ; Absent Comrades, proposed by Mr. G. Tamberlin (ex R.S.M., M.M.)

A very touching episode followed the last toast, when Mr. R. A. Wealthy (ex Sergt. R.M.), dressed as a Royal Marine of the 1805 period, recited " The Dead Marines," written by Colonel C. P. Drury. Mr. Wealthy was congratulated personally by the author—a higher tribute than this therefore could not be imagined.

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on board the S.S. *Royal Iris* on Sunday, 24th April, 1927. About 60 ex-members of the Corps paraded under Captain H. E. Beere, R.M. (ret.) and marched to the Liverpool Landing Stage, headed by the band from the L. & N. Sea Training Homes (Navy League), where they were inspected by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, after which the party embarked on board the S.S. *Royal Iris*. The weather was extremely inclement, but this did not prevent a large party assembling for the Service, which was conducted by the Rev. Lord Thurlow (Hon. Chaplain to the R.M.O.C.A., Liverpool). The lesson was read by the A.G., R.M. At the conclusion of the Service wreaths were laid at the foot of the tablet on board the S.S. *Royal Iris* by the A.G., R.M., representatives on behalf of the R.M. Divisions at Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth, Branches of the R.M.O.C.A's at Liverpool, London, Greenwich and Birmingham, and also from relatives of many who fell in this historic engagement.

A most impressive service, which will linger long in the memories of those present, was brought to a close by the sounding of the " Last Post " and singing of the National Anthem.

LONDON BRANCH.

On Friday, April 22nd, a Leg of Mutton Supper was held at the Veterans' Club, which was attended by some seventy members and their friends. Although the attendance was small by comparison with other functions, yet everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A very fine supper, well served, was followed by an equally good concert, presented by the " White Rose Concert Party," whose programme is here appended. Every item was loudly applauded, especially " I'm a Froth-Blower " by Harry Woodley, which brought down the house, and brought up more beer.

The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

On Monday the 2nd May a Carnival Dance was held at the same venue which attracted a large number of dancers, who, as usual, enjoyed themselves to the full. There were many fancy dresses, the first prize being awarded to a lady representing the " Ancient Order of Froth Blowers," and the second to a costume representing a Humming-top, a very clever design. The prizes for gentlemen were taken by costumes representing the " Modern Flapper " the second prize going to a " Bashi-Bazouk."

Comrade A. Flaherty carried out the duties of M.C. in a most efficient manner, much of the success of the show being due to his untiring efforts.

Many thanks are due to Comrade " Sam Weller," our Entertainment Secretary, and his Committee, for a splendid evening's enjoyment.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

BULL POINT.

In between the spasms of First Aid, Fire Fighting and Revolver Practice, to say nothing of larceny and its various components, things have been buzzing ; but in between we have managed to sandwich (without mustard) some very interesting billiard matches, which, thanks to the coaching of those who play the game, we have managed to hold our own with the following : Workshops R.N.A. Depot, being the losers by 3 games to 1 ; the other sections A.I.N.O. Main Office being too good for us, but the friendly spirit the games were played in more than made up for the losses. The Post Office Engineers were entertained at Snooker, making good sport (home win 3—2). Return match we won again 5 all. Saltash Working Men's Club gave a very creditable performance, and we saw them off to the tune of 3—2 ; their potting was IT !

There is a rumour about a cricket team and lawn tennis pitch for the kiddies. But we have to wait until we get the rooms on Dumpty Pier Terrace, and then look out for squalls, the Froth Blowers' Anthem won't be in it.

Proceeding further, during April we have had rumours A Derby was run, the results published, and all are settling down again once more.

A Smoker was held to speed the parting guests, and one and all enjoyed the good cheer provided. The programme was an A 1 one, everyone being more than pleased. The following took part: Mr. Whitfield, pianist; Messrs. Harper and Hyland (sentimental); Sergt. Stapleton, Cr.-Sergt. Brooks—both R.M.; P.O. Marsh and Striven; P.C. J. Pope and P.C. W. Bailey. The sentimental items were well rendered, "Larboard Watch" being worthy of a much larger audience. Cr.-Sergt. Brookes as an Airman was It; the conjuring of Sergt. Stapleton and his painless amputations were marvellous. P.O. Marsh and Strivens amused us with items from their collection. P.C. W. Bailey told us "Old Soldiers never Die," and the effort by P.C. J. Pope to illustrate the Vicar's attempt to get up a smoker, and the various noises to be heard on No. 2 beat were well imitated. During the evening's programme Capt. Burton, as President, spoke on the formation, help at the start, continued work to make the club a success, pointing out that the opening was well worth the trouble, and personally thanked one and all. A tribute put forward at this juncture by the chairman, Sergt. W. Arnold, from the club in general, to Sergt. W. G. Wakeham, who with others were leaving for the R.N. Victualling Yard, was read, the same to be recorded in the minutes. Sergt. W. G. Wakeham suitably responded, and hoped we would continue to grow, thanking the members for their promised help to start such a club in their new home.

A Cue, which had been given to the Club, and played for on a handicap knock-out, was then presented to the winner, Sergt. F. Billington, who suitably responded, stating he was not much of a cueist, but seeing the gardening season was in full swing, it would come in handy for a bean-stick. There was also a cue for the runner-up (hand-made). There were lots of chaff, etc., interspersed with more songs. Trains and trams having been ordered, the Smoker was concluded with the Froth Blowers Anthem and "The Best of Friends must part" and the singing of The King.

The toasts during the evening included "Our Colonel-in-Chief," "Adjutant General," "Officers, Past and Present."

FORTON BARRACKS.

The clock in the tower surmounting the gates at Forton Barracks has chimed away several years since the old Royal Marine Light Infantry marched away to merge their fortunes with those of their comrades of the Royal Marine Artillery. And since then the Barracks have worn the disconsolate air of an unoccupied house. The windows have gazed on to the main road with a lifeless stare, and the front of the building has given the impression of advancing decay, haunted by memories, and with little hope of the future.

In point of fact, this impression has been completely illusory, because during the last three years a tremendous work of conversion and adaptation has been in progress behind those walls. The work has been completed, and on Tuesday, 17th May, Forton Barracks entered upon a new phase, for it was then be put into commission, under the style of H.M.S. *St. Vincent*, as a boys' training establishment for the Royal Navy. The ship's company then took possession, and about 400 boys from Shotley will take up their quarters at the beginning of June.

Those who knew the Barracks in the old days would be astonished at the changes which have been effected. The outside fabric has been left practically untouched, but the interiors have been completely modernized. Thus the wooden floors have been replaced with reinforced concrete, and a general system of hot water pipes and radiators has obviated the need for fireplaces, whilst illumination will be by electric light from the Portsmouth Dockyard power station, instead of by gas. These changes alone have done much to minimize the risk of fire, and to render the rooms more sanitary and healthy. This has entailed considerable work, but it represents but a small part of the scheme carried out.

The greatest change has taken place in the drill shed and the offices abutting. About a third of the shed is being screened off with huge sliding doors, and floored with wood, for the purposes of a gymnasium. The old store rooms close by have been transformed into kitchens equipped with every modern device for the saving of labour, and also for keeping food warm after it has been cooked. A battery of coal ranges has been installed, whilst an extension of the heating system operates several huge boilers, warms the hot cupboards and the carving tables. In addition there are potato peelers, milk sterilizers, and one ingenious machine which grinds coffee, cuts bacon, makes sausages and mincemeat, and includes in its make-up a batter and custard mixer.

Close at hand is a laundry, which is the last word in modern appliances. The boys are their own laundrymen and in drying their clothes they will be assisted by an electric hydro, which squeezes out the water by centrifugal action, and a drying chamber (heated from the central system) through which the articles are passed on an endless rack.

The old band room has been converted into a chapel, where the minor services will be held, whilst the Sunpay Parade services will be held either in the gymnasinm or the Barracks Theatre.

Other changes include the transforming of the Marines' canteen into a recreation room, the addition of wings to the Hospital for isolation and dental purposes, and the fitting up of the detention quarters as paymasters' stores. The Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' quarters have also received attention, and they have been made as comfortable as possible with light airy dining rooms and healthy sleeping accommodation. The clothing store, too, has been conveniently arranged for the tailoring staff, and is equipped with up-to-date machinery.

The Royal Marines' School, the windows of which have suffered during the closure, as a result of the attention of the small boy with the inevitable stone, is to be utilised for class rooms, whilst the gunnery school is also being modernized both in the building and the equipment

The chief addition to the buildings is a boiler house with a shaft 120ft. high. Boilers are being installed, which will supply water to the kitchens and will operate the heating apparatus in the main buildings. Owing to the strike last year, the boilers are not yet complete, but for the time being portable boilers have been installed.

The hot water system allows of a plentiful supply to the baths, which are fitted with sprinklers with a neat contrivance for controlling the temperature of the water.

The sports side of the life of the boys will not be neglected. The barracks field on the opposite side of the Forton road will be utilized as a recreation ground whilst the ground near the schools (in Mill Lane), formerly used as an allotment ground, will also be a sports field. The open air swimming bath is being cleansed ready for use, and it is hoped that an indoor bath will be built for teaching swimming. The Clarence Yard boat shed and slip will be used by the establishment, and boating instruction will be carried out in the creek.

So much for the boys' and the ship's company quarters. The Captain of the Establishment is taking up residence in the Colonel-Commandant's House, which is being re-named St. Vincent, and the Surgeon Commander will occupy Cedar Lodge in Forton Road. Quarters have been allotted to the Chaplain and the Instructor Commander. Other officers will occupy what were the reception rooms of the Officers' Block, and will sleep in the Lieut.-Colonel's residence. The Warrant Officers Block, and this portion has been rebuilt.

The ship's company consists of 70 Royal Marines, with band of about 14, and about 20 seamen for boats' crews, with the usual complement of cooks, paymasters, staff, etc.

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BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS, VOL. III.

The following review of "Britain's Sea Soldiers—The History of the Royal Marines 1914-1919," by General Sir H. E. Blumberg, appeared in the Journal of the Royal United Service Institution for May 1927.

"This volume is the third of a series which forms the record of the Royal Marines from their formation in the reign of Charles II. to the end of the Great War. General Blumberg is peculiarly fitted to write this history, as in the early days of the war his position, first as D.A.A.G. and later as A.A.G. Royal Marines, gave him first hand knowledge of the organisation and expansion of the Corps, which, as the war went on, smoothly, and apparently so easily, met every demand that arose.

"Any regimental and corps history is difficult to write, the conflicting demands of detail and matters of personal interest, which latter give vitality to the whole story, are not easy to reconcile. But the scope of the Royal Marine records, covering operations by land and sea in every part of the world, has made General Blumberg's task even more than usually difficult. He has solved it by making his history almost official, and exceedingly laconic, in construction. He lets the story speak for itself.

"The effect on the reviewer was curious. At first it seemed as if he were reading a series of official memoranda, the bare bones of a history, and then the amazing story began to have its full effect. The question is often asked, 'What are the Marines, what do they do—in short, why are the Marines?' It sounds like a riddle, and the answer is given in full in these pages. It is almost: What are they not and what do they not do? Soldier-seamen afloat; soldiers in every theatre of war; infantry, artillery, engineers, coast defence gunners of every kind, submarine miners, and labour corps. Not all the work, of course, was of the full publicity type, even less than the hard-worked, hard fighting regiments of the British infantry of the line could the innumerable detachments of Marines be mentioned in the records of what was happening in the war—but the work went on. Many, very many of them lie in unrecorded graves—in the wastes of Northern Russia, in France and Flanders, in Africa and China, in Mesopotamia, and in the waters of the Seven Seas—they share the last honour with a vast host of their countrymen. Their story is fittingly and simply told in this volume. It is a tale to read and to remember with pride."

OBITUARY.

LT-COL. THOMAS JOLLEY, QR.-MR., R.M. (RET.)

All ranks who served with Lt.-Col. T. Jolley will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at Plymouth on 22nd April. Always a keen disciplinarian, he was greatly respected by all ranks. His hobby in the Service was shooting, at which he was an expert.

As First Drill at the Depot his squads were among the smartest passed out. From there he went to Plymouth as Sergt.-Major.

N.C. officers now serving will read with interest and possibly envy the details of his promotions, as follows: Enlisted February, 1880; Corporal April, 1882; Sergeant July, 1886; Cr.-Sergeant October, 1889; 1st Sergt.-Instr. of Infantry October, 1894; Sergt.-Major July, 1898; Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lieut. October, 1909; Major October, 1914; Lt.-Colonel 9th February, 1917.

He was placed on the Retired List 9th February, 1917, and retained for service, when he performed the duties of Instructor of Musketry and Coy. Commander at Plymouth Division up to the date of reverting to the Retired List, 17th October, 1919.

He saw active service in Egypt, and was in possession of the Egyptian Medal, Tamaai Clasp, Bronze Star, and L.S. & G.C. Medal.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 30th April, 1927.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
ATTFIELD, T. ..	3728	Mne.	Ports.	6th Coy.	21-4-27
BUTLER, T. W. ..	19056	Mne.	Ply.	3736	5-4-27
BENNETT, A. ..	22696	Mne.	Chat.	8737	28-4-27
CHINN, R. ..	9907	Sergt.	Ply.	7th Coy.	2-4-27
COLWILL, D. ..	16100	Corpl.	Ply.	3604	24-2-27
DICKENS, W. ..	7903	Mne.	Chat.	1425	7-4-27
ELLIS, W. ..	3035	Sergt.	Ply.	720	13-4-27
FREEMAN, H. ..	6369	Cr.-Sergt.	Ply.	867	12-4-27
GAITER, H. ..	10341	Musn.	R.M.B.	266	6-4-27
JONES, J. ..	4597	Sergt.	Chat.	119	24-3-27
KERRISON, S. H.	3741	Mne.	Chat.	6195	5-4-27
KNIGHT, G. ..	4395	Mne.	Ports.	5991	27-4-27
LAWTON, D. ..	6031	Mne.	Ply.	—	30-3-27
LARKIN, J. T. ..	7367	Mne.	Ports.	8779	10-4-27
LARKIN, J. W. ..	7735	Mne.	Ports.	3728	11-4-27
MATTHEWS, G. ..	16119	Mne.	R.M.A.	3559	9-4-27
WATTS, C. V. ..	14616	Mne.	Chat.	4211	19-4-27
WHITBREAD, C...	18900	Mne.	Chat.	33 Coy.	10-4-27
YOUNG, W. ..	711	Armr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	573	3-4-27



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., Po., to Lieut.-Col., vice Ozanne. Dated 22-5-27.

Capt. E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., Ply., to Major, vice Bourne. Dated 1-5-27.

Capt. L. S. Wilkinson, Ch. (at Deal), to Major, vice Darwall. Dated 22-5-27.

Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., to Lieut.-Col. (Rted.). Dated 22-5-27.

Capt. E. C. L. Bearcroft, absd., vice Hughes. Dated 1-5-27.

Capt. H. E. F. Shackleton, Ch., absd., vice Wilkinson. Dated 22-5-27.

The following Proby.-Lieuts. are confirmed in rank :—Proby.-Lieuts. M. F. H. Rogers, J. S. Martin, H. R. D. Woods, H. S. Baker. All dated 1-9-26.

Cd. R.M. Gunr. M. Clarke, Ply., to Lieut. for long and zealous service. Dated 6-5-27.

R.M. Gunrs. H. Pearcy, Po., W. F. Weightman, Ply., J. Dean, Ply., G. Wardell, Ch., to Commissioned R.M. Gunners. Dated 28-5-27.

Supt. Clerks (W.O.) C. F. Parfitt, Ch., H. J. Osborne, Rectq. Staff., W. E. Webber, Ch., to Commissioned Supt. Clerks. Dated 16-5-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., Ply., to Supplementary Half-Pay List, at own request. Dated 22-5-27.

Major C. E. S. Wright, to be Acting Interpreter in Spanish and Dutch, whilst serving with 12th R.M. Bn.

Capt. E. C. Weston, Ch., to be Instr. of Gunnery, vice Attwood. Dated 7-6-27.

Capt. R. A. R. Neville to be A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Bombay, and to remain seconded.

The appt. of Capt. S. J. Bassett as S.O. (I.), *Capetown*, is extended one year.

Lieut. R. H. S. Teek, to Corps Duty, from Fleet Air Arm. Dated 11-5-27.

Capt. L. Mercer to Depot R.M., Deal, for duty, vice MacDonnell. Dated 16-5-27.

Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe to Depot R.M., Deal for duty, vice Ransome. Dated 1-5-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. R. S. Burgess, Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper, Proby.-Lieut. W. F. Edds and R.M. Gnr. W. E. Shaw, to *Royal Oak* on recommissioning.

Capt. R. MacDonnell to *Capetown* on recommissioning.

Capt. G. Campbell, Lieuts. S. K. Walker, and J. S. Martin, to remain in *Valiant* on recommissioning.

Capt. E. J. Woodington, *Conquest* to *Barham*, vice Unwin. Date of transfer.

Lieut. R. D. Sims to *Conquest*, vice Woodington. Date of embarkation.

Cd. R.M. Gnr. F. C. Waters to *Malaya*, vice Clarke.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major H. B. Inman, M.C., has been selected to attend the 14th Senior Officers' Course, which commences at Small Arms School, Netheravon Wing, on 26th May, and terminates 28th May, 1927.

Majors C. Attwood and H. R. Haines, O.B.E., have been selected to attend Senior Officers' Course No. 25, at School of L.A., Portsmouth, from 26th May to 2nd June, 1927.

Capt. E. C. Weston has been selected to attend the Searchlight Course in H.M.S. *Vernon* from 16th to 27th May.

Capt. F. M. Bramall attained the Lower Standard (Acting Interpreter) in the Russian Language, at the Civil Service Examn., held in April, 1927.

Lieut. J. H. Cawley-Way has been selected to attend 23rd qualify-Course, at the Small Arms School, Netheravon Wing, from 10th June to 3rd August, 1927.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pioneer.—Mne. W. H. Martin.

Asst.-Inst. of Signalling.—Cpl. W. F. Ings.

Dining Hall Attendent.—Mne. W. Rogers.

Marker, Fort Borstal.—Mne. H. Sandys.

Training as Clerks :—

Allot. Office.—Mne. E. H. Watts.

Comdt. Office.—Corpl. N. G. Smith.

Drafting Office.—Mne. H. A. Hayden.
Pay Office.—Mne. P. H. Harris.
Barrack Office.—Mne. R. C. Hamblin.
Cook Corpl.—Corpl. H. Bailey.
Cook, Sergts. Mess.—Mne. W. Ellis.
Storeman, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. J. Sigston.

EMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Sergt. W. R. Wood, Mnes. F. Hannah, P. F. Willis, Corpl. F. Ferrell. **Canterbury**—Mnes. C. Gabriel, H. S. Axby, H. Dunn. **Repulse**—Mnes. R. W. Cox, A. E. Wilson, W. M. Gregory, F. Sharman, J. A. F. Eayrs, J. W. Armstrong. **Pembroke**—Mnes. L. G. Dennett, W. Askew, J. L. Garrad, G. Fisher, A. J. Staley, N. Roberts, F. Hayter, W. H. Spicer, Wm. Brown. **Royal Oak**—Mne. W. Calder. **Calypso**—Sergt. L. C. S. Hawkes. **Royal Sovereign**—Mnes. R. H. Smith, W. L. Wonfor, S. E. Cracknell. **Marlborough**—Mne. A. E. Booth. **Cambrian**—Mne. J. Erskine. **Victory**—Sergts. E. W. Sheerman, C. E. Spurden, Mne. G. N. Tull, R. D. Roos, J. V. Rich, J. R. Owen. **Birmingham**—Mne. Wm. Taylor.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Canterbury—Mnes. B. Smith, A. C. Wisdom, G. J. Harmer. **Warspite**—Mne. C. C. W. Collins. **Enterprise**—Mne. H. Jarvis. **Benbow**—Corpl. A. E. H. Hitchcock, Mne. W. A. Spicer. **Pembroke**—Mne. W. G. P. Lightfoot. Corpls. J. C. Clark, R. W. T. Barker, Mne. A. W. F. Putnam, J. E. Frewin. **Marlborough**—Mne. J. W. List. **Cambrian**—Mne. F. Harris. **Furious**—Mnes. W. A. Bainbridge, W. R. Panting, B. Marshall, A. Newberry. **Vindictive**—Mnes. W. J. Challencher, W. A. C. Andrews. **Royal Oak**—Bglr. H. A. Adams. **Egmont**—Mne. V. J. Haines.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. L. J. Sudds, R. W. Pippard, W. J. Green, J. A. White, L. A. F. Cushney, T. Hewitt.

2nd period.—Clr.-Sgt. R. A. Ford, Mne. A. Marsh, Mne. A. Hills, Corpl. B. E. Godfrey, Mne. W. T. King.

By Purchase.—Corpl. H. A. Bassett, Mne. C. A. Harvey, Mne. H. Warburton.

Invalided.—Mne. A. J. Macklin.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. W. H. Phillips, A. A. Blandford, E. W. Ayres,

To Sergt.—Corpls. J. W. Kent, F. G. Blanchard, A. L. Hockin, Edward Wright, D. E. Prescott.

To Corpl.—L/Corpl. J. H. Bowie (Band).

APPOINTMENTS.

Coxswain Divisional Boat Crew (appt. extended to complete time for pension).—Clr.-Sgt. E. G. Gordon.

Ledger Clerk.—Sergt. J. R. Anders.

Parade Duties.—Corpl. Fredk. Chadwick.

Divisional Printer.—Corpl. T. H. Keats.

Asst. Printer.—Mne. Walter Skates.

M.O.A. to Lieut. G. A. Viner.—Mne. A. Heapey.

M.O.A. to Cpat. W. B. F. Lukis.—Mne. W. E. Hollingsworth.

Batman to School Master C. P. Airey.—Mne. S. Fawcett.

L/Corpl. (Band).—Musn. L. J. Crabtree.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell. A. E. R. Howard.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, F. A. Albury, A. J. Dawkins, W. A. Clements.

Corpls. qualified for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. W. Brinkman, F. V. Borrett, W. J. Everett, J. M. Masters, Henry Norris. (Corpl. Everett has Naval Gunnery only to pass).

Mnes. qualified for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, C. J. Avey, G. V. Cornelious, P. T. Wiggington, G. A. Travers, F. G. Mills.

EMBARKATIONS.

Barham—Mnes. Joseph Wilson, R. V. Dunbar, W. R. Lewis, Boy. Bglr. R. G. Payne. **Coventry**—Mne. A. E. Viney. **Cardiff**—Mne. A. L. F. Warner, Bglr. F. E. Gosbee. **Curacoa**—Clr.-Sgt. F. C. Jackson, Mnes. H. E. Bone, C. Wallsgrove, C. E. Coombes. **Centaur**—Corpl. Fredk. Woodland, Mnes. A. J. Hibberd, A. W. Fowler, W. J. Wayland, B. H. Blundell, Walter Skates, F. A. Meadows, R. H. Hodges. **Champion.**—Mnes. George Munden, A. S. Green, George Horam, H. K. Collis, C. A. Perryman. **Cambrian**—Mne. C. J. Bartlett. **Carlisle**—Mne. T. N. Norris. **Dartmouth**—Clr.-Sgt. S. H. Day. **Delhi**—Mne. R. J. Jurd. **Egmont**—Corpl. E. C. Gouge, Mnes. C. Walker, C. F. Harris, F. H. G. Hearn, T. E. Rees, H. J. Newell, J. Leonard, T. E. Cowley, J. Morley, T. S. Farmer, S. A. V. Barnett, S. E. Pullen, R. W. Coulson, A. V. H. Ingram, H. J. Morris, E. C. Furnell, A. E. Moody, R. Crawford, E. H. Johnson, G. H. Smith. **Furious**—Mnes. A. w. Doughty, W. S. Tong, G. M. Grayston, W. N. Dewey. **Fisgard**.—Sergt. J. R. Bidwell, Mnes. S. H. Kirk, R. J. Roper, James Palmer, W. H. Roberts. **Hermes**—Mne. R. R. Skinner. **Iron Duke**—Boy Bglr. A. E. Watson. **Nelson**—Sergt. Robt. Bailey, Mnes. H. W. G. Pike, George Warner, Gilbert Davies, A. S. Patmore, John, Kitcher, H. J. Ruttle, T. H. Edgill, H. J. Edwards, A. M. Jee, G. J. Hill, W. W. Power, R. H. Leach, W. E. Howard, R. W. Tooley, G. W. Gurney, Thos. Seldon. **Princess Margaret**—Corpl. James Gardner, Mnes. Wm. Poole, F. T. Dacre. **Revenge**—Sergt. A. G. Taylor, Corpls. F. C. Eames, F. A. Lyons, E. G. Giles, Mnes. P. J. Luce, L. S. Downing, A. J. Swatton, Richard Paris. **Victoria and Albert**—Corpl. R. F. Wort, Mnes. W. J. Cleverley, L. W. Humphreys. **Victory**—Mnes. R. W. Pegg, H. J. Simmonds, R. E. H. Bethell, Richard Mullineux, Henry Torrens. **Warspite**—Clr.-Sgt. F. J. Hambley, Mens. Wilfred Longmate, F. T. G. Rand, A. L. Hallett, W. E. Hollingswroth.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Barham—Corpl. E. A. Marsh, Mne. F. A. Brint. **Centaur**—Sergt. A. J. Regan, Corpl. W. G. A. Hardy, Mnes. R. C. E. Smith, A. J. Richardson, Bertie Millier, G. J. Corbyn, E. G. Elliott. **Comus**—Mne. J. M. Ford. **Cambrian**—Mne. R. W. Pegg. **Champion**—Mnes. George Munden, A. S. Green, George Horam, H. K. Collis, A. T. Lavender. **Curacoa**—Mnes. J. R. Jefferson, A. W. Ward, W. H. Dyer. **Dartmouth**—Clr.-Sgt. Charles Helps, Mne. A. S. Taylor. **Dragon**—Mne. F. C. Riches. **Defiance**—Mnes. H. T. Allen, D. E. A. Renouf, R. H. Merritt. **Effingham**—Clr.-Sgt. S. Sparkes. **Furious**—Mnes. C. W. Norris, A. W. Quinn, A. Tyler, J. R. Jackson, S. Noycea. **Fisgard**—Mne. R. H. Leach. **Hawkins**—Mne. Arthur Heapey. **Iron Duke**—Bglr. L. G. Davis. **N.Z. Government**—Sergt. F. A. Hiscock, Clr.-Sergt. J. A. Thomas, Corpls. C. I. Budd, J. S. Heaton, Mnes. A. P. Dauvin, A. H. C. Foster. **Pembroke**—Mnes. Henry Cumming, A. B. Lawzence, .F. J. Heath, G. W. Combes. **Princess Margaret**—Corpl. G. R. Ealand, Mnes. A. A. Brown, G. H. Titheridge. **Revenge**—Sergts. J. R. Anders, H. J. B. Simmnods, Corpl. W. C. Rideout, Mnes. H. J. Watkins, Albert le Gassick, Sidney Horner. **Vernon**—Mne. V. G. Smeethe. **Victory**—Mnes. Walter Skates, Fredk. Ware. **Victoria and Albert**—Sergt. F. E. Hanham.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Weymouth to Dartmouth—Clr.-Sgt. Charles Helps, Sergt. H. W. Mizen, Corpls. H. T. Ashby, F. A. Kenyon, Mnes. Alfred Waller, W. A. Warren, S. G. Shafford, G. H. S. Pearce, P. H. Smith, C. H. Haines, W. E. Culley, A. G. F. Eatwell, A. E. Gibson, F. T. M. Watts, R. A. Norris, A. L. Cook, C. W. Jordan, H. W. J. Ellis, A. W. Harvey, E. S. SnowJ. W. Mogfod, . H, J. Dear, V. Archer.

Cardiff to Delhi—Mne. L. J. Backler.

Warspite to Dauntless—Mne. H. R. Lewis.

Dauntless to Warspite—Mne. T. B. Wright.

Barham to Dauntless—Corpl. D. J. Treadwell.

Carlisle to Enterprise—Mne. A. L. Sneddon.

Furious to Eagle—Mne. H. V. L. Burridge.

TRANSFERS.

Mne. E. W. Pearce (*Delhi*) transferred to Plymouth.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 1st period of engagement.—Mne. A. G. Smith.

Termination of 2nd period of engagement.—Q.M.S.I., B.W. Hatcher, Clr.-Sgt. J. H. Perkins, Sergt. Arthur Stott, Mnes, A. W. G. Ware, Charles Plumley.

Invalided.—Mnes. G. J. Corbyn, J. A. M. Brown.

Purchase.—Mne. T. D. Bray.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. F. A. J. Thorne (Hd. Qrs.).

To Sergt.—Corpl. O. G. Barber (12th R.M.B.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Canteen Steward, Fort Scraesdon.—Corpl. W. G. Ayling.

Billiard Marker, Recreation Room.—Mne. E. McSweeney.

Boatman, Boats Crew.—Mne. S. R. Isaac.

Attdt. to Capt. F. C. Law, D.S.C.—Mne. A. Culverwell.

Attdt. to Capt. E. Bowring.—Mne. A. H. Bevan.

Attdt. to Lieut. Kitchin.—Mne. J. Fildes.

Attdt. to Capt. A. Rendell.—Mne. E. Gooden.

Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. J. W. Johnson.

Attdt. W.O.'s Mess.—Mne. H. Pinnock.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sgts.—H. V. Thorne, E. W. Gould, H. Wright, W. D. Kimber, R. S. Bray, J. M. Johnson.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, H. Staughton, C. J. Peach, C. R. Walsh.

Corpls.—H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. L. Cooper, A. H. Tull, A. J. Evans, R. McFarlane.

EMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Mne. C. R. Huggins. **Comus**—Sergt. A. W. R. Lyle, Mnes. G. Willis, Beddington. **Defiance**—Sergt. J. E. Reilly, Corpl. T. Ritchie, Mnes, G. White, J. A. Crowe, L. G. Denby, F. T. Williams, A. Copley. **Delhi**—Sergt. J. D. Simes, Corpls. A. H. Tull, J. Baldwin, H. H. Giles, E. J. Carey, Bglr. A. W. Harvey, Mnes. J. Fowlin, E. Dart. A. E. Crawford, A. Tett, C. H. Thyer, S. E. Kille, W. J. Evans, M. Rogers, D. F. Barrett, F. G. Southern, G. S. Bolt, L. G. Hall, A. T. Dennis, W. R. Martin, G. J. Davies, A. G. Tebworth, A. J. Hill, H. Wenman, A. J. Winsor, B. Sheppard, F. J. Cann, G. Bramall, E. Roden, A. J. Greenslade, R. Kimber, G. Trowse, W. H. Stone, V. A. Radford, H. Welsford, T. Jenkins, G. Goddard, J. H. Edwards, W. C. Burridge, G. R. Hobbins. **Emperor of India**—Mne. T. Moran, G. M. Berwick, H. K. Knight. **Erebus**—Mne. A. Culverwell. **Hood**—Mne. F. Bothamley. **Impregnable**—Clr.-Sgt. F. Sill, Corpls. C. Swain, C. Hitchman. **Victory**—Corpls. G. Stratton, W. E. Biggs, Mne. S. Cornelius. **Command, Deal.**—Corpl. C. J. Chislett.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Royal Oak—Mnes. J. Carter, F. G. Pearcey, G. F. Johnston. **Dartmouth**—Corpl. J. H. Lapham, Mnes. W. Price, R. Gibson, E. Willis, T. Kennedy, R. V. Williams, E. W. Newnham, H. Latrielle. **Defiance**—Corpl. J. W. Kimber, Mne. J. W. Henbest, J. J. Hall, F. T. Williams, J. A. Crowe, G. White, L. G. Denby, Sergt. J. E. Reilly, Corpl. T. Ritchie, Mne. E. McSweeney. **Erebus**—Mnes. E. G. Sams, S. C. Underwood. **Tamar**—Mne. D. G. Shewring. **Frobisher**—Mne. W. Thompson. **Flora**—Mne. H. V. Jefferson. **Ramillies**—Mne. F. T. Hogarth. **Dunedin**—Sergt. C. Breckon. **Impregnable**—Clr.-Sgt. W. J. Ralph, Corpls. W. McFarlane, J. Barber. **Comus**—Sergt. E. H. Martin, Mne. S. E. T Cann **Hood**—Mne F M Vincent **Curlew**—Corpl E. A. Winzer, Mnes. G. H. Wells, H. G. Vosper, J. Hallam, H. Brimble, H. Hansford, F. Portlack, W. F. Woodgates. **Emperor of India**—Mne. H. Hodgson. **Depot, R.M.**—M.ne. W. G. Hanscombe, A. S. Clew, C. A. Bennett, J. Fox.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medals.—Sergts. W. T. S. Syms, W. H. Graham, Corpl. G. Bryant, W. H. Rowney.

DISCHARGES.

2nd period of engagement.—Clr.-Sgt. W. H. Squires, Corpl. W. Parsons.

1st period of engagement.—Mnes. W. J. Hyman, G. O. Aggett, S. Underwood.

Invalided.—Cropl. A. Davies.

By Purchase.—Mne. W. Whitehead.

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PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective promotion rosters :—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class)—G. C. Holloway, Arthur Eames, Samuel Ellick, George Winsor, E. C. Aldridge, A. F. Bartlett.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—R. O. Mullis, S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans.

Musician (for promotion to Band Corporal)—R. L. Moncur, H. G. Rule, I. F. Marcussohn, C. J. Kimpton, W. S. Woods, K. A. McLean.

EMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Musn. J. F. P. Cole, L. M. Summers, **Repulse**—Band Boy J. E. M. Lashmar. **Marlborough**—Bandmaster 2nd Class W. H. Tibble, Band-Corpl. W. H. W. Ruel, Musns. L. L. Day, G. J. Lewis, Henry Pendleton, S. H. Taylor, Albert Howden, E. J. Aldred, E. W. Millard, Jack Ayles, R. R. Hunt, H. I. Dine, Frederick Skitmore, Band Boy R. S. Sames. **Emperor of India**—Musn. W. G. Walker, **Impregnable**— **T.E.**— Band-Corpl. Jack Woodcock, Musn. L. J. Lee. **Iron Duke**—Band-Corpl. A. H. Sturmey, Musn. L. S. Bloxham. **Tiger**—Musn. E. M. Vockings. **Barham**—Bandmaster 1st Class Edgar Robertson, Band Bay E. H. Harvey. **Furious**—Bandmaster 2nd Class W. J. Thompson. **Hood**—Musn. G T. Golding. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Bandmaster W. O. Charles Marks, Band Corporal G. J. Swain, Musns. E. W. G. Jackson, Thomas Scott, H. C. Furnell, J. W. M. Neal, W. G. Turner, F. E. Friend, S. J. Rumfitt, C. H. Parker, Frank Phipps, George Webb, W. A. L. Smith.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Effingham—Bandmaster 1st Class C. T. Ship. **Marlborough**—Bandmaster 2nd Class E. C. Aldridge, Band Corpls. G. W. Potter, Musns. Albert Gibbons, E. J. Nicholls, A. A. Power, S. E. McCourt, Thomas Colborne, L. S. Bloxham, A. J. Westaway, A. H. Bennett, A. J. Maynard, S. A. Mansell, H. J. Hawes, P. W. Burnett, **Benbow**—Band-Corpl. A. H. Sturmy, Musn. Leonard Knight. **Iron Duke**—Band-Corpl. V. C. Hardy, Musn. George Jepp. **Impregnable**—Band-Corpl. Robert Morton, Musn. Frederick Summers. **Tiger**—Musn. H. E. Hewett. **Hood**—Musn. A. F. Daniels. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Musn. George Moody. **Repulse**—Musn. L. C. Sparks. **Furious**—Bandmaster 1st Class M. H. Lane.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musicians.—Band Boys J. E. M. Lashmar, E. W. G. Jackson, R. S. James, A. O. White, T. B. Turner.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of his second period of engagement.—Musn. Tom Dawson.

Termination of his first period of engagement.—Musn. H. E. Hewett.

Services no longer required.—Band Boy E. C. Jones.

EXAMINATIONS, CLASSES, &c.

The following N.C. Officers qualified as Musical Instructors, and have been awarded Pass Certificates :—Bandmasters 1st Class E. W. Donne, S. A. Howse, Bandmasters 2nd Class F. P. Harrison, F. T. Bonner.

At the recent examination for the rank of Band Corporal, the following were successful :—Musn. A. J. Curd (Distinguished), Band-Corpls. J. H. Williams, E. N. Williams, Musns. L. J. Lee, C. F. Reed, J. W. Miles, J. E. C. Cox, W. G. Walker (Pass Certificate).

The examination of No. 9 Students Class will take place on the 24th, 25th and 26th May, and No. 10 Class on the 5th, 6th and 7th July.

The following N.C. Officers have been selected to form No. 11 Students Class whihc commences on the 7th June :—Bandmaster 2nd Class A. E. McCormick, Band-Corpls. V. C. Hardy, E G. Upstell, V. H. Alley, George Potter, W. B. Smith, Robert Morton and F. J. H. Sharp.

ESTABLISHMENT.

The following are the new Establishment numbers of N.C. Officers, Musicians and Band Boys for 1927, compared with the 1926 Establishment :—

	S/Sgts.	B.M. I.	B.M. II.	Bd. Cpl.	Musns.	Bd. Boy
1926 Establishment	3	26	41	73	918	110
1927 Establishment	3	26	40	71	796	137

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

£2,603 10s. 1d., previously acknowledged ; £2, Capt. R. W. Bagot ; 10/-, Messrs. Mardon and Colonel W. P. Drury. Total—£2,606 10s 1d.

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For General Sir H. E. Blumberg's "History of the War" :—

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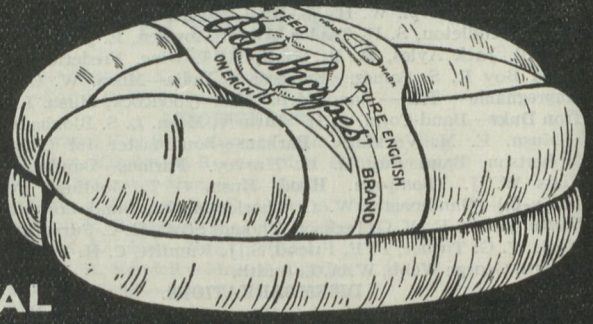
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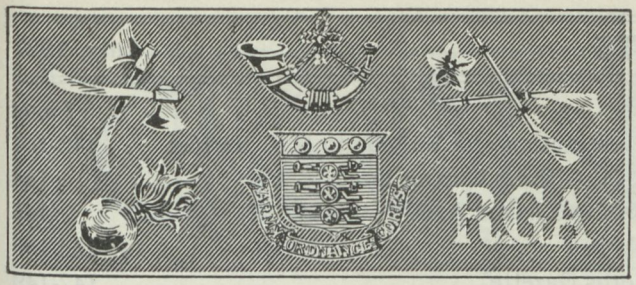
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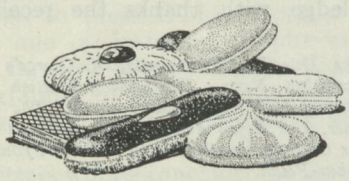


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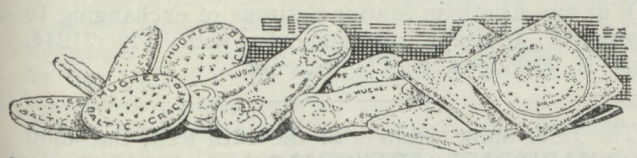
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Modern life consists of "one dam thing after another." We have got through the Royal Tournament with considerable success, and now we are in the throes of Bisley. Bisley is followed by the Corps Cricket Week; the Corps Cricket Week by Goodwood; Goodwood by Cowes. This automatically makes us hark back to Bisley, the home of the Bull, where we hope to see many successes gained by our Corps teams and individual marksmen.

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As we go to press H.M.S. *Renown* is approaching Spithead, and a historical empire-welding Tour is coming to its most successful end. We and our readers are very grateful to Major Hunton for the regular and interesting contributions, chronicling the Royal Tour, which he has sent to the *Globe & Laurel*. This interesting series of letters will be concluded in the August number.

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Colonel W. P. Drury's creation, "Private Pagett," has come to life in the shape of a pedigree bulldog, which is at this moment nearing the U.S.A. on board the S.S. *Leviathan*. He has been presented by the Royal Marines to the United States Marine Corps, to replace their mascot—a bulldog called Sergt.-Major Jiggs—recently DD. "Private Pagett" proceeded from Eastney to Southampton "by road" on the 21st June, accompanied by Captain A. Williams, Clr.-Sergt. Sparkes, and Mne. ———. He was received by the Captain of the S.S. *Leviathan* and a guard consisting of cinema men. It will be interesting to hear news of his reception at New York (see p. 142-144).

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June saw the promotion of Lieut.-Colonel Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., to Colonel 2nd Commandant, and Lieut.-Colonel Lampen has been appointed to command the 12th R.M. Battalion in his place. Lieut.-Colonel Lampen leaves for China in a few days, and here's the best of luck to him on his new venture. He has promised us an interesting series of monographs, which will be entitled "Plymouth to Pootung."

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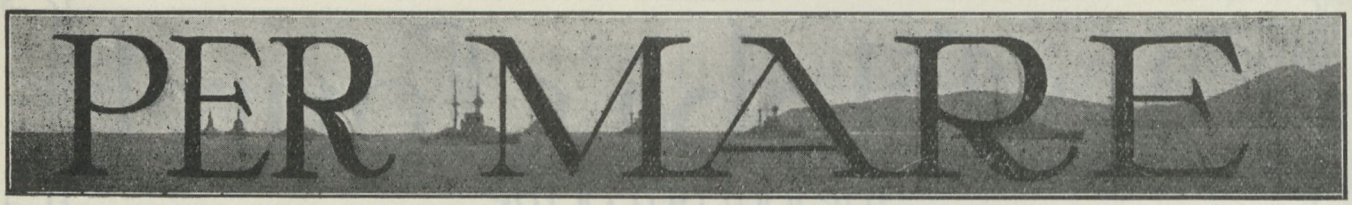
We publish on pp. 146 copies of letters of well-deserved thanks sent by the Adjutant-General, R.M., on behalf of the Corps, past and present, to General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Colonel C. Field, and Colonel A. Tupman, in recognition of the valuable hard work they have done in giving us "Britain's Sea Soldiers," Vols. I., II. and III.

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On p. 141 we publish a letter from Mr. S. Major (late R.M.I.I.), of Montreal, which is of great interest to any intending emigrants to Canada.

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Old inhabitants of Eastney Barracks, who are lovers of nature, will learn with regret that Proe's Pond, by the Sea Service Battery, has ceased to exist. The Pond served many useful purposes. Instructional rafts built by the old R.M.A. repository squads, used to make perilous voyages on it, and it formed a formidable water hazard at the 9th hole of the old R.M.A. golf course. It was also the recognised resting-place of the surplus dogs and cats of the neighbourhood, and many fine eels were caught in it. It has now been filled up with a highly flavoured amalgam of ashes and rubbish from H.M. Dockyard. *Sec Transit Gloria*, etc.



THE ROYAL TOUR.

"Renown"

Renown arrived at Hobart, the Capital of Tasmania at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 16th April, and at once proceeded alongside. Guards of Honour were provided for H.E. The Governor of Tasmania, Sir James O'Grady, and for Their Royal Highnesses proceeding on shore to carry out the official programme.

In the afternoon this programme included the Peoples' Reception held in Franklin Square, and for this occasion *Renown* furnished the Royal Guard and Band. This is the first occasion during the Royal Tour that the R.M. Detachment has been called upon to do duty on shore. The Guard headed by the Band reinforced by Buglers carried out a march through the town, subsequently forming up facing the Royal Dais. The Band played a programme of music during the hour in which the people were filing past Their Royal Highnesses. According to Press Comment, the display was greatly appreciated, the operations of the Royal Guard being watched by a large crowd. The requisite number of buglers being available, items of music on the line of march included the two Band and Bugle marches "Marching through Georgia" and "Sambre et Meuse."

On the night of Monday, the 18th April, our band gave a programme of music at the Wesley Hall in aid of local charities.

Renown left Hobart for Melbourne at 12.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 20th April. A prominent feature of our short, but pleasant visit to Hobart was a series of motor tours in the surrounding districts. Tasmania perhaps resembles England more closely than any other part of Australia. The country round Hobart, which is devoted principally to fruit growing and hops is not unlike that of Kent. The northern part of the island is, on the other hand, devoted largely to pasturage.

It may interest our readers to know that the site of the town of Hobart was selected by Captain Collins, R.M., who was Governor of Tasmania in the year 1804.

Renown escorted by *Sydney* and *Adelaide* arrived off the Heads, Melbourne at 5.30 a.m. on Thursday, 21st April. At 8 a.m. the ships fired a salute in honour of the first birthday of the Princess Elizabeth, and by 11 a.m., *Renown* had been made fast alongside the Station Pier at Port Melbourne.

Guards of Honour varying in strength were furnished for the First Naval Member, Rear Admiral Napier, for Lord Somers, the Governor of Victoria, for the Governor General of Australia, and later for Their Royal Highnesses disembarking. At Sydney, a large number of small craft and aircraft escorted the *Renown* from the Heads to Port Melbourne. Unhappily two of the latter collided later in the day involving a loss of four lives.

It is not possible within the limits of space to give a detailed account of our three weeks stay in Melbourne, and these remarks will therefore only deal with certain outstanding features of a most enjoyable and interesting visit.

None of those who were privileged to take part in the Anzac Day Commemoration March will ever forget the magnificent tribute paid to Australia's war-time dead.

25,600 ex-members of the Australian Imperial Forces, South African and Imperial Troops, who had collected voluntarily in an area South of Princes Bridge marched 10 abreast via Swanston Street, Bourke Street, Exhibition Street, Collins Street, Spring Street and Nicholson Street, a distance of about 2 miles, to Exhibition Buildings where a Memorial Service was held. Some idea of the size of the procession can be gained when it is realised that it took 90 minutes for the column to pass a given point. 43 bands, including pipers, were sandwiched among the A.I.F. Units, and another feature of the procession which made its appeal to the crowd was a squad of 29 Australians, winners of the V.C.

This great procession was led by the full band with buglers of *Renown*. Immediately behind came Lieut.-General Sir John Monash, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D., with his Corps Headquarter Staff, then 100 Naval Ratings of *Renown* in column of route, followed by the R.M. Detachment. Ex-members of the A.I.F. followed behind a contingent of the various ships of H.M.A. Squadron.

A Cenotaph had been erected in front of Federal Parliament House, and as each unit passed the order "Eyes Right" was given, the Salute being taken by H.R.H. The Duke of York.

An immense crowd attended the Memorial Service in the Exhibition Building. This service included addresses by Lieut.-General Sir John Monash and H.R.H. The Duke of York, and was brought to a conclusion with Chopin's Funeral March, one minute silence, the Last Post and the National Anthem.

It is estimated that over half a million people witnessed the procession.

The great response of ex-members of the A.I.F. to the call of Anzac Day, notwithstanding the large distances that many had to travel and the enthusiasm of the crowd testifies to the loyalty of Australia. A loyalty of which there has been abundant evidence throughout the Royal Tour.

Among the many dinner parties given during our stay at Melbourne, two may be of special interest to our readers. In the case of one the Captain and Officers of the *Renown* were the guests of the three Australian Services, the President of the Dinner being Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Monash. In his speech Sir John spoke of his happy associations with the Royal Marines in Gallipolli, with special reference to General Sir Charles Trotman

and Colonel Festing, R.M. In the other case, the Captain of the *Renown* and Royal Marine Officers were the guests of the Officers of the 4th Divisional Artillery. In the course of speeches discussion was evoked on the intimate connection of the Corps of Royal Marines with the early history of the Commonwealth of Australia, a subject which was subsequently taken up by the Press.

In view of this connection, the fact that representatives of the Royal Marines attended the opening of the Federal Government House at Canberra, and that 8 R.M. Buglers played a Fanfare announcing the completion of the ceremony is of considerable historic interest to our Corps ; for the coming into being of the new Federal Capital marks another step forward in the History of the Commonwealth. It was thus considered a fitting occasion for the use of the Silver Bugles. Numbers being limited, the R.M. Personnel to visit Canberra were selected so that all three Royal Marine Divisions should be represented at this great historic event. The following represented the R.M.'s on this occasion.

Major T. L. Hunton, R.M., O.B.E.

Portsmouth	*Chatham*	*Plymouth*
Clr.-Sergt. T. F. Barrett	Sergt. C. A. Douglas	Bugler Robins
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Mne. McLaverty	Bugler Gifford	Bugler Elliott
Mne. Cornelious		Corpl. Bryant
Mne. Beasley		Mne. Brown
Bugler Collins		Mne. Willis
Mne. Minchew		Mne. Cleaver
		Mne. Ambrose

All except the O.C. Detachment proceeded into camp at Canberra on Monday, 2nd May, and the ensuing week was spent in training in company with Naval Units for the part they were to play in the big review held at Canberra in the afternoon of Monday, 9th May. It was not possible to send any personnel from the R.M. Band owing to a heavy list of public and private engagements.

Port Melbourne, where the *Renown* lay alongside is distant some 4 miles from Melbourne City. This was not a great handicap owing to the excellent service of electric trains for which all members of the Ship's Company were given free passes. As at Sydney, free passes were issued for almost all forms of transport and to most places of amusement, and all ranks were received with the utmost hospitality. A large and varied programme had been drawn up in advance and included interesting motor tours, dances, smoking concerts and sporting events.

At the Royal Australian Naval Sports Meeting, our Tug-of-War team won the Challenge Cup, defeating Melbourne " A " in fhe first round, drawing a bye in the semi-final and pulling over the Melbourne Police in the Final.

A number of football matches both for *Renown's* team and R.M. Detachment teams took place during our stay, while shooting matches formed a prominent feature of the programme.

Our full band was called upon to play at the garden party given by H.E. The Governor General in honour of Their Royal Highnesses, while our Jazz Band shared the programme at the State Ball.

The full band also played at the Peoples' Reception in the Exhibition Building, and on another occasion at the Green Mill in aid of local charities. Small bands were also sent to give programmes of music at the Caulfield Hospital and at the Anzac Hostel for patients who were more or less permanently incapacitated during the war.

As regards private engagements, the Full Military Band broadcasted on six occasions and gave one other concert, while the Jazz Band carried out six engagements.

Renown left Melbourne for Fremantle at 6.45 a.m. on Thursday, 12th May.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

" Revenge."

At the time of writing, *Revenge* is in the Northern Mists, and the guy that gave that romantic sounding name to the " Land o' Cakes " was no liar. We do get a little sunshine, but only on Sunday mornings, from the love-light in the eyes of the mess-deck dodgers between 0530 and Divisions.

We have finished our Invergordon time, and are now lying off Kirkwall. For the benefit of those not in possession of a 2nd class H.E.T., Kirkwall is two fields past Scapa Flow, walking towards Eastney, and an old inhabitant stated that this is the first battleship that has moored in Kirkwall Harbour since the days of Lord Charles Beresford. We cannot actually see the Flow, but it is still there, and there is little to report on it, except that some of the High Seas Fleet are still floating on the bottom, bung uppermost, and some dirty dogs have pinched the range-finder mast off Ward Hill, so if another war is started we shall be held up for director tests until we can get some chippy-chaps to put a new one up, because that was the only tree on the island, and they do not run chimneys.

During the cruise the various gunnery trophies have been up for competition, and (mind you, we are not blowing, we have got to tell you this in order to explain things) in the last 15-inch shoot, after two double salvos the B.P. target was demolished, raft buckled up, and lattice-work sawn off at the pockets, so we had to pack up, and as we still have a few reptiles left there may be another shoot. X turret had best loading times for the ship, but in the previous shoot (4 rounds per turret, single gun salvos), " Oh my, Sergeant ! " two out of the four rounds that were before the " Open Fire " still were after the " Cease Fire "—intimate friends desiring further information regarding this should forward a stamped addressed envelope to Miss Fires Limited(un), Vernon Buildings, Gunwharf Alley, Portsmouth, when they will receive per return of post, free, gratis, and for nothing, a thrilling pamphlet entitled " The Haunted Expendible Lead," or " Why L.T.O.'s Leave Home." However, that Turret Shield we hold now has one foot over the rear manhole, and the other on a splash of vas.

The 6-inch is still undecided—we will offer excuses for that next month (if we do not get it).

The Detachment Cricket Team made fairly good progress in the Inter-part Cricket Competition, but faded away in the semi-final, by order of the Fx'le-men.

Marines Tallent (foils) and Sefton (bayonet) had a couple of days at Olympia. They did not manage to get into their final pools, but Sefton has been given incentive by the fact that he won his fight against C.P.O. Dunstan (the 1927 Gold Medallist).

We really ought to tell you a lot about the Regatta

training. We have a full complement of fairly good crews in constant training, and between now and July 4th (Regatta Day at Weymouth) a few races with the seamen will give us an indication of our form.

During May we played the *Ramillies'* Marines at soccer, winning 4—1, but if the *Ramillies* had played their number one goalie the margin would have been very small, they have a good side. It was Corpl. Lyons' first match with us ; he is a very useful merchant to have galloping about between one's goal and the opposing forwards—ask the goalkeeper ! Bond is still unfit ; Hamilton still plays up to standard, and Mus : Frost is fairly reliable at right back.

We must leave some of the " Per Mare " space for other ships, that is, those not too tired to contribute—or should we say too overworked ? Next month we will send on the Regatta results.

Revenge expects to dock and give leave about the middle of July, but our subsequent status and movements depend on those of the *Nelson.*

" Benbow "

Last month I said we were expecting a quiet period but time has proved I was mistaken. What with gunnery and torpedo exercises, a steam trial and a coal ship, our hands have not been in that state where the devil employs them. We have landed for two route marches, the first a mere detail of seven miles during a forenoon, but the second was a slightly different matter. Everyone who has been to Invergordon will remember the hills to the north of the town, we went " over the top " there and those hills are steeper than might be imagined from a ship. We scaled the hill in artillery formation and by the time we reached the top my respect for our forbears who scaled the Rock of Gibraltar and smote the Spaniards hip and thigh, had greatly increased. However, we managed the ascent alright and were rewarded with a wonderful display of wild and rugged scenery. The platoon had all brought an uncooked ration, and an improvised Tommy's cooker, and a very enjoyable hot meal was soon prepared. I noticed some steak and chips which had turned an ebony hue during frying, but everybody knows the proverb concerning colours and cookery. We covered nineteen miles altogether and returned to the ship after a very good day, well tired out. The Regatta Committee have given us another whaler, so we now have two crews in training, our band also have a good crew and fully intend to repeat last year's performance by winning their race. The ship's company is very intrigued by the rumour that they will shortly see the Royal Marine in yet another form of soldiering. We don't know exactly what is coming off, but we anticipate more work for the detachment.

After a short stay at that famous holiday resort Scapa Flow, we have arrived at Portree in company with *Marlborough.* The detachment are eyeing the hills with considerable misgiving as there are some choice slopes in view and we are due for another march. The mess-deck dodger is complaining that " tickler tins " are always negative just before a march while at other times he is overburdened with them. I should have explained that they form the fireplace of our Tommy's cooker.

We have just completed a sixteen mile route march over some of the worst roads in the country. The band accompanied us, and caused quite a commotion in the town and countryside. The inhabitants and the animals being quite unused to such martial array. The question arose " What should a bandmaster do when, marching along with his band in full blast he is suddenly confronted by a large bovine with sharp horns about four feet long, and a cantankerous expression ?" There is nothing in the drill book about it, but luckily the question was solved by a rustic with a club. We have found out that villages marked on an ordnance map are not always what they seem, a small reconnoitring party discovered that five houses and a barn can form three Scotch villages. Next week our regatta comes off at Lamlash, and if any other ship wants the " Cock " more than we do they will have to fight hard for it.

" Repulse "

We are still in the fleet, though we expect by this time you believe us mislaid somewhere. At present we are lying at Stornoway in the Isle of Lewis, and there there is only one thing that is interesting us, that is " the regatta " at Weymouth. This event takes place on the 4th July, and we are all out for the " Cock." The detachment has four boats in the running, two cutters and two whalers. The crews are having their " runs ashore " through a telescope, and it is rather dry at the time. We ought to give the tip to the " money makers " at Weymouth to get good stocks in as the *Repulse* will be ashore in full force. Of course we all know aboard who is going to win the coveted trophy, and if " flannel " has anything to do with it you can put us down as there.

One officer and one marine represented the squadron at Olympia. Mne. Torry was the marine and has the squadron championship for his class in " Foils " to his credit. This is his first appearance in competition, and Olympia was a trifle too far ahead. Better luck next time. Lieut. Whitmarsh, R.M., was squadron champion of the officers, also at " Foils."

CHINA.

" Frobisher "

We are now keeping the flag flying in China. We left Malta for Athens on Jan. 10th, 1927. During our stay there on January 15th we received orders to stand by for China, and left there 11 p.m. the same night for Maltas, teaming 22 knots, arriving at Malta at 7 a.m. on the morning of the 17th. On the ship being made fast, the whole ship's company proceeded to place the ship in a condition for active service (*i.e.*) provision, oil, ammunition, and various extra stores required for war service had to be taken in. This was completed in record time and the 1st C.S. less *Dauntless* left Malta for Shanghai 9 a.m. January 19th, 1927, at 22 knots. On turning the breakwater we encountered a head wind and sea ; these together with the speed of the ship made things very uncomfortable on board, but we arrived at Port Said quite safe at 4.30 p.m., Jan. 21st, stopped there only two hours to oil and water and proceeded through the Suez Canal at 7 p.m. About 9.30 p.m. we passed one of the Castle Line boats which

was drawn up into the side ; after three cheers had been given, both the passengers on the liner and our ship's company joined in singing " Should old acquaintance be forgot." In the early hours of the morning we were held up by an oiler, which had got across the canal, for 2½ hours, arriving at Port Suez 8.30 a.m. Jan. 22nd, and after taking in some 1000 grenades we proceeded through the Red Sea, arrived at Aden 11.30 p.m. Jan. 24th, and made fast alongside an oiler. We oiled during the night, sailing at 7.40 a.m. next morning. We arrived at Columbo at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29th, where leave was given to the Port Watch until 11 p.m. The squadron got under way again at 1.30 a.m., Jan. 30th, and arrived at Singapore 9 a.m. Feb. 2nd. There we tied up alongside the jetty, took in oil and water and proceeded to Hong Kong at 5.45 at economical speed. We had only been steaming about 20 minutes when three Chinese were sighted clinging on to a raft. *Dragon* picked them up and placed them on board a merchant vessel bound for Singapore. The Admiral had notices placed on the notice boards alluding to the fact that the Squadron had created a record in steaming such a long distance at 22 knots without any breakdown.

We arrived at Hong Kong 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8th. Since our arrival here we have had plenty of training in landing operations. Our latest stunt was carried out against pirates at Bias Bay. For the last seven years or more piracies, not only of British ships, but of ships of all nationalities, have been frequent in the vicinity of Hong Kong. The methods employed by the pirates are very subtle and make detection, before the pirates are actually in charge of the ship, very difficult. The Canton authorities had more than once agreed to take action, but nothing much was done. The pirate leaders with a few men hired for the occasion embarked as ordinary passengers and when the ship is near Hong Kong, assail the bridge and engine-room, make the officers prisoners and compel them to take them to Bias Bay, where nests of pirates' villages exist. This method is generally successful. Occasionally, however, the pirates get it in the neck as in the case of the S.S. *Sunning*, where through the resolution and bravery of the ship's officers, the pirates were overcome, and with the assistance of *Bluebell* they were captured and sent to Hong Kong. As a result many of them were hanged to encourage the others.

However, at midnight of the 21st-22nd March, the British S.S. *Hopsang* was pirated outside Hong Kong and taken to Bias Bay and looted, and with the aid of junks and sampans they made their escape. Reprisals were immediately decided upon and at 2.30 p.m. on the 22nd March a conference was held on board *Frobisher*. It was decided to burn and destroy the village of Hoi Chau on the mainland of Bias Bay near Fan Lo Kung, and also the village on Kwai Chau island at the head of Fan Lo Kung harbour. At both these places pirates were known to have their homes and it was practically certain that most of the inhabitants were in some way implicated in recent piracies. The destruction of Hoi Chau was entrusted to the R.M.'s and Seamen of *Frobisher, Delhi, Danae, Hermes* and *Tamar*. A covering force of Royal Marines under the command of S.R.M.O. 1st C.S. Major Hamer, R.M., consisted of two companies, *i.e.*, A Company, R.M.'s—*Frobisher*, Nos. 1 and 2 platoons, *Hermes*, Nos. 3 and 4 platoons ; B Company, R.M.'s—*Danae*, No. 5 platoon, *Delhi*, No. 6 platoon, *Despatch*, No. 7 platoon, *Tamar*, No. 8 platoon ; two platoons of seamen from *Frobisher* and a large demolition party.

The operation at Kwei Chau was entrusted to the seamen of *Delhi* and *Danae*, the Admiral having decided that all the Royal Marines were to go to Hoi Chau as there was more likelihood of opposition being encountered on the mainland. Intelligence reports stated that 700 Cantonese soldiers were in the vicinity, but if they would oppose or make common cause with us was in doubt. Air-craft from *Hermes* were to assist if necessary by machine-gun fire and give timely warning of the approach of any hostile troops. The R.M. Detachment from *Hermes, Despatch* and *Tamar* were embarked in *Frobisher* at 6.30 p.m., and *Danae's* detachment in *Delhi*. At 2000 *Frobisher, Hermes, Delhi Marazion* and *Foxglove* weighed and proceeded to Bias Bay. Anchoring at 0230, the force left the ship at 0245 in cutters, which were taken in tow by *Marazion* as far as possible in shore, proceeding under oars for the last mile. Zero hour for the landing was 0530. Everything went well until the boats grounded about 200 to 70 yards from shore. It was low water, but the question of tides could not be taken into consideration owing to the necessity for immediate action. There was nothing for it but to get out and wade. The bottom was soft mud, and on first jumping out you felt as if you were sinking right down, the water reaching the waist belt. It was very hard work getting ashore fully equipped, and one or two Marines had narrow escapes from drowning when they stepped into " holes " and couldn't extricate themselves from the mud. The result of the grounding was that the Covering Force platoons did not arrive until after some of the Main Body platoons, but as luck would have it the boat containing the O.C. Covering Force put in closer than the others, and he was able to detail platoons to take up position as they arrived. Luckily there was no opposition, all the pirates and villagers legging it as soon as they saw us coming. Even one L.G. on the beach would have made it exceedingly uncomfortable for us while we were landing. As soon as the Covering Force was in position, the main body passed through with B Company R.M.'s in front to clear the village. The village was then fired and the houses were blown up by the demolition party. All the junks and sampans in the vicinity were also destroyed, and representatives of the Hong Kong Police that accompanied up put up notices in Chinese, saying the village was blown up as a punishment for pirating British ships, and that if any more piracies happened several more villages near-by would be treated in a similar manner.

The usual amusing instances occurred during the burning of one farm. The squealing of a pig was heard and on going to have a look we encountered a Marine carrying the pig fondly in his arms to a place of safety. A number of chickens took to flight just like pheasants and quite a lot landed in the sea. The withdrawal was ordered about noon, and the force re-embarked about 1245.

N.A. & W.I.

" Calcutta."

On 25th and 26th May the Annual Naval and Military Rifle Meeting took place on the Warwick Ranges. The outstanding feature of the meeting was the success of *Capetown's* teams. Of seven team competitions they were the winners of four, and in addition Mne. Baker won the individual Lewis Gun competition. Full details of their successes will probably be found under *Capetown's* notes, but we would like to take this opportunity of congratulating them for their consistent shooting throughout the two days of the meeting. Although the teams entered for the various competitions were ships' teams, *Capetown* was represented by their R.M. detachment, with two exceptions.

Our team managed to lift one cup—the " Mid-ocean " Cup—for snap shooting at 300 yards. Our score was 36 points, the next being 28 points.

The meeting proved a great success for the Navy. The only competition that the Army won was the Lewis Gun team competition, all other competitions, including Rifle, Revolver and Lewis Gun, were won by the Navy. The Commander-in-Chief presented the Cups, etc., on the conclusion of the meeting, and in an appropriate speech complimented the Navy teams on their success.

During the month a start was made with the inter-part cricket and water-polo competitions. This year the detachment and band have entered two separate teams. In the first round of the cricket competition the detachment made their exit by being defeated by the stokers, the scores being Stokers 108, Marines 88. The Band made a better show in defeating the Fx'lemen ; scores, Band 45, Fx'lemen 29.

The Band is also going strong in the water-polo competition, having defeated the Fore Top by 3 goals to 1. Up to the time of writing, the Marines have not yet played their first round of the water-polo competition.

At one of the weekly landings for drill, the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Walter Cowan, K.C.B.,D.S.O., M.V.O., inspected the R.M. detachments of the Squadron at ceremonial drill and battle formation. This we carried out to the best of our ability, and on the conclusion of the drill the C.-in-C., in a short speech, expressed his appreciation of our smartness, and complimented us on our efficiency. He mentioned that Marines were essentially soldiers, and it was a matter of regret to him that on board ship the Marines did not have the opportunity of showing what they were capable of doing. He went on to say that for an officer of his age he had had perhaps more to do with Marines than any other officer, and on all occasions the Marines had convinced him of their efficiency. Whenever called upon to perform some duty ashore, the Royal Marines had always done their job well, and the more he had to deal with Marines the more he liked them.

A subscription was made throughout the detachment and band for the R.M.R.A., and sufficient money was forwarded to the Association to qualify us to receive four of their medals. It was decided to form a competitive shoot for the medals. One was allocated to the Band, one for marksmen, one for 1st class shots, and one for 2nd and 3rd class shots.

The competition organised for the Band consisted of 5 rounds at 200 yards, 300 yards and 400 yards, with two sighters at each range. The medal was won by Corpl. A. E. Crossby, with 57 points. Mus. Brand second with 51 points, and Bandmaster Wright third with 49 points. Corpl. Crossby did some excellent shooting, and at 400 yards obtained four consecutive bulls, but the last shot he dropped to a magpie. We have not yet had an opportunity of shooting for the other medals, but hope to do so before we leave on the 28th June for our northern cruise.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

The Division was represented by an N.C.O. and four Buglers at the Memorial Service held at the Brompton Oratory for the late Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Walter Kerr, G.C.B.

An interesting ceremony was observed at Dover when the King's Colour of the Royal Naval Barracks was paraded for the first time by the Naval Guard of Honour mounted on the jetty for the reception of the President of the French Republic on his recent visit to this country.

As we go to press the Division is undergoing its annual inspection by the Adjutant-General. The tactical exercise this year is taking the form of a landing force put ashore to destroy an enemy base. A full company equipped for service, with a M.G. section and signal personnel, will embark in cutters and land at Upnor, to carry out an attack on Lodge Hill. A novel feature will be that the men's dinners will be cooked in hay boxes. On the termination of the attack the force will conduct a rear-guard action and re-embark in their boats.

Bisley is the next excitement, and much keenness is being shown by those whose skill entitles them to compete in this national meeting.

The non-central R.M.R.A. Meeting has been held on the Borstal ranges, with encouraging results.

Many Marines have been also competing in the Nore Rifle Meeting held at Sheerness, with some success.

Another link with the past has been severed. Since the Admiralty decided that they could no longer undertake the education of our Divisional children, there has been little use for the Royal Marine Schools, situated near the Town Hall. These buildings have now been turned over to the Territorial Association in connection with its work. Scholastic instruction for men going in for educational certificates will in future be held in one

of the gymnasiums in Melville barracks, which has been suitably fitted up.

The 31st May was Jutland Day, when the parade of the Silver Bugles recalled to the men of the Chatham Division the gallantry of Major F. Harvey, V.C., who, while mortally wounded, by his prompt action in ordering the magazines to be flooded, saved H.M.S. *Lion*.

PORTSMOUTH.

H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY REVIEW.

A parade was held on Southsea Common on Friday, 3rd June, under the command of Commodore Stephenson, C.M.G., R.N. The parade was made up of battalions from each of the following: H.M.S. Victory, H.M.S. Excellent, Royal Marines, Eastney, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, one company of Royal Engineers, R.A.O.C., R.A.F., and a brigade of 6-inch howitzers, Royal Artillery.

Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Gardiner, C.B., was in command of the Royal Marines. Lieut. W. P. N. Dean carried the King's Colour, Lieut. G. W. Ross the Regimental Colour, with Clr.-Sergts. D. Goadsby, W. H. Budd and R. Ridding completing the Colour Party.

The Naval Commander-in-Chief arrived on parade at 11.40 a.m. and was received with a general salute, after which the Parade stood at ease until noon,when a *feu-de-joie* was fired.

The drill was controlled by a flag in a lorry, the Parade Commander giving the cautionary word of command, the parade executing the order when the flag was dipped.

Battalions were formed in columns of companies for the firing of the *feu-de-joie*, the leading company only firing. Units then marched past the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

Over three hundred officers and men of the French Fleet were spectators. The massed bands were under the command of Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O.

R.M. CADET CORPS.

It is hoped that the issue of blue uniform will be completed by the end of June.

Welfare Association Sports Results :—

SENIORS—
1st R.M. Cadets, 25 points.
2nd H.M.S. Victory, 22 points.

JUNIORS—
1st H.M.S. Victory, 25 points.
2nd R.M. Cadets, 24 points.

The *Evening News* Challenge Shield has been won by the R.M. Cadets Corps for nine years in succession, and for ten out of the eleven years of its existence. In addition to the usual instructors, Corpl. Smith, L/Corpl. Dacombe and Mne. A. H. Merckel helped in the training.

PLYMOUTH.

This month we have the melancholy duty of recording the departure of our P.M.O., Surg.-Comdr. P. D. Ramsay, R.N. Not only did he leave the Royal Marines, but also retired from the Service. On the evening of the 25th he was entertained to a farewell dinner in the officers' mess.

His successor, Surg.-Comdr. Robson, R.N., whom we take the opportunity of welcoming, is already proving a tower of strength on the cricket field.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

The following additions have been made to the Collection in the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division :—

(1) The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of Sergeant G. Rayworth, 20th (Portsmouth) Company, R.M.L.I., who died in 1898. This medal was found at Tunbridge Wells and forwarded to the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, by the Chief of the Police of that Borough. Efforts to trace the next-of-kin of this N.C.O. have been made by the R.M. Office, but without success. The medal has therefore been sent to the Division for safe custody, subject to its surrender when claimed by the next-of-kin of the deceased Sergeant

(2) The decorations and medals of Colour-Sergeant Edward Richards, 19th Company, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines, have recently been purchased by the Fund. They comprise the following: Crimea, with clasps for Balaklava, Inkermann, Sebastopol; Meritorious Service Medal; Badge of the Legion of Honour; Sardinian Medal for Valour (this is really a Military Order of Merit, which was awarded to some fifty officers and other ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines); and the Turkish Medal for the Crimea.

Colour-Sergeant Richards was severely wounded in the trenches before Sebastopol on the 5th November, 1854. He was severely wounded also at Inkermann, and mentioned for his gallantry, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal with an annuity of £10 per annum for his services in the field.

DEPOT.

THE KING'S SQUAD.

The Royal Tournament (King's Squad) Display Party returned to the Depot on Sunday the 5th, arriving at Deal Station at 12.46 p.m. They were met by a large number of recruits from the Depot, as well as by a large number of their friends from Deal and district. The Depot Band was at the station, and accompanied them back to the North Barracks, via Queen Street, High Street, Deal and the Strand, Walmer. Entering the North Barracks by the north-east gate, they were marched to the North Parade, where a large number of officers, n.c. officers and men had assembled to greet them.

On arrival at their position on the parade the Colonel-Commandant (Col.-Comdt. R. C. Temple, C.B., O.B.E., A.D.C.) took the report from the Adjutant (Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., R.M.) and then addressed the squad, congratulating them on their continued success at the Royal Tournament.

Most of the squad proceeded on ten days special leave on Wednesday, whilst the remainder will be granted similar leave in the near future.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The N.C. Officer's Social Culb had a pleasant char-à-banc tour through the Meon Valley on Saturday, 11th June. Tea was served at Swanmore followed by a dance, music being provided by the Club's own Jazz Band.

12th ROYAL MARINE BATTALION.



Major R. C. A. Glunicke. Capt. H. T. Tollemache. Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C.

AT SHANGHAI.

The 12th R.M. Battalion are still distributed amongst various British properties on the Pootung side of the Whangpoo River. Nothing has occurred since our last contribution to mar the serenity of the districts except occasional alarms which, on investigation, have usually proved to be nothing more serious than fireworks to celebrate weddings or other festive occasions.

Accounts of battalion football and sports appear below. An inter-company football league is also in progress, " B " Company (Portsmouth) being, at the present moment, leading. The Sergeants' Mess, too, are going strong, having played the officers of the battalion and the Chiefs and P.O.'s of *Enterprise*, and won both matches. The former proved a very enjoyable game and was cheered throughout by enthusiastic supporters. Col. Carpenter in goal for the officers, gave a remarkable display, saving many goals. Captain Lucas at right back worked hard, but unfortunately received an injury to his eye, necessitating his leaving the field. On the sergeants side, the goalkeeper, C.S.M. Jones, had to do some very quick sidestepping to avoid the bull-like rushes of Lieut. Hoar, who was certainly doing his utmost to score even it it meant the goalkeeper and ball at the back of the net.

" A " Company (Chatham) feel that Chatham R.M.F.C. " fans " will be pleased to known that " Reggie " Watts, " Ben " Forrester, " Nobby " Clarke and one or two more of the Divisional Teams are contributing largely to the success of the battalion team.

" C " Company have reported the finding of three graves of Marines in the Pootung Cemetery, which have now been tidied up. The inscriptions and other details, where decipherable, are as follows :—

(1) " Sacred to the memory of John W. Robinson, Gunner, R.M. Artillery, who was accidentally drowned at Shanghai, July 8th, 1876. Aged 25 years."

(2) " Sacred to the memory of T. Tucker, Sergt., R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. Cadmus, who died suddenly at Shanghai, April 1st. Aged 35 years (Date not decipherable)."

(3) " Sacred to the memory of Edward Stanton, Pte., R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division, serving on board H.M.S. Dwarf. Drowned at Shanghai, 2nd October, 1874. Aged 35 years. R.I.P."

These are the only R.M. graves and are all close together.

FOOTBALL.

Since the match with the 2nd Bn. Durham L.I., on March 17th, the battalion has moved to Pootung, and friendly matches have been played on the football ground at Holt's Wharf, where H.Q.'s and " A " and " B " Companies have been stationed. This ground is very much on the small side, a fact which has rather handicapped our first team players. However, some good matches have been played, the result of which are given below :—

April 3—H.M.S. Vindictive	Drew	0—0
,, 6—S.S. Hector	Won	8—1
,, 10—H.M.S. Vindictive	Won	1—0
,, 17—H.M.S. Argus	Won	5—1
,, 24—H.M.S. Vindictive	Lost	1—4
,, 25—Shanghai Force Headquarters ..	Won	7—1
,, 28—H.M.S. Argus	Won	5—2

The team have been very disappointed at not being able to play in any Cup competitions at Shanghai, especially in view of the following extract from the *Shanghai Times* :—" The Durhams stand out as the pick of the teams, having only once been beaten, and that by the Marines, who arrived here too late to enter for competitions proper, and so have not had the chance to distinguish themselves as perhaps they might."

However, the Battalion has been able to show its prowess, in the match Royal Navy and Royal Marines



Mne. Evans, Cpl. Grubb (Reserve), Mnes. Jones, Rawson, Tolley, Youdle, Griffin.
Cpl. Parker (Coach and Trainer), Lieut. S. G. Cutler, R.M., Sergt. Wilson,
Mnes. Yates, Thompson, Algar, Pitt.

No. 13 PLATOON (PLYMOUTH). LIGHT-WEIGHT TUG-OF-WAR TEAM
With the Shield they won at Shanghai from the Stokers of H.M.S. "Durban."

v. the Army, which took place on the 30th April. In this game, nine players from the Battalion were selected to represent the former side, so that the game was virtually one of the "Pootung Defenders" against the pick of the Army. The result of the match was a win by the Navy by 3 goals to 1, and being an important event, especially in Shanghai sporting circles, the following is an account of the game :—

The teams lined up as follows :—ARMY : Sgt. Pearse (Coldstream Guards) ; Cpl. Heeley (D.L.I.) and Sgt. Palmer (Middlesex) ; Pte. Wales (D.L.I.), L/Cpl. Dixon (D.L.I.) and L/Cpl. Fletcher (Middlesex) ; Bdr. Simpson (R.A.), L/Cpl. Robinson (D.L.I.), C.S.M. Shenton (R.C. of Sigs.), Cpl. Middlesex and Pte. Brooks (D.L.I.).

R. NAVY AND R. MARINES : Mne. Press ; Mnes. James and Rogers ; Sgt. Watts (capt.), Cpl. Odey and Mne. Pettinger ; L/Cpl. Mills, A.B. Voller, Cpl. Forrester, Mne. Clark and A.B. Constable.

To quote the aforementioned local paper : "Football of a class seldom seen in Shanghai marked the inter-services match yesterday, in which the Navy and Marines defeated the Army by theee goals to one.

A strong wind was blowing down the ground, and the Army winning the toss, the Navy had to kick against it, but the ball was soon rushed towards the Army goal. Here one saw several thrills, but fine defence work gave the Army forwards an opportunity, which all but ended in a goal. For some time the Army kept up the pressure, and soon Robinson tricked the defence, sending in a shot which Press had no chance of saving. The Navy were settling down, however, and their forwards now began to control the ball against the wind. First a run by Mills looked dangerous, then a clever piece of work by Odey gave Constable a chance, who dropped a lovely centre, which Voller headed into the net. This was a triumph for the two Naval players included in the Navy side.

It now became obvious that the Navy were holding their own against the wind, and the Army supporters were looking a bit glum. The Army, however,, made several raids, which were effectively dealt with by the admirable defence of the two backs. Press had several hot shots to deal with, and his ability between the sticks was much applauded. Another centre by the Navy outside-left produced a mêlée in front of goal, and Clark slipped the ball into the goal. After this the Army pressed, and several shots by Shenton, who played a brilliant game at centre-forward, just missed the mark. At half time the score stood at Navy 2, Army 1.

On the resumption of play the Army at first appeared to make light of the strong wind against them, Press making another sensational save from Shenton. The game became more even during this half, the Army doing quite their share of attacking, but these attacks were spoilt by the lack of understanding between the forwards. Ten minutes before time Mills obtained the ball and dribbled it towards the centre, his parting pass being intercepted by Palmer, who partially cleared. Forrester swept on the ball, and dodging round Fletcher, shot swiftly from a difficult angle. The goalkeeper was ready for the ball, but Palmer jumped in and headed it into his own goal. The Army made desperate efforts to score, but were unsuccessful, the result being unchanged when the final whistle blew."

It was a thoroughly enjoyable game and reflected great credit on the battalion players. It will be some satisfaction to the harassed selection committees at Portsmouth and Chatham to know that their absent players are worthily upholding the traditions of the respective divisions.

On May 3rd, we played the return match with the 2nd Bn. D.L.I. This match had been eagerly looked forward to by both Battalions and 250 "Royals" invaded the pleasant grounds at Hongkew Park.

The match ended in a draw, but space does not permit of a description of it. It must be admitted that the Durhams were unlucky not to win, and that we did not put up the show as in the Navy *v.* Army match. However, as both teams are still unsatisfied as to which is the better, it is hoped to arrange another match which will take place on our miniature football ground.

SPORTS MEETING.

An impromptu Sports Meeting was held at Holt's Wharf by the 12th R.M. Battalion on Monday, 2nd May, 1927. In spite of the shortage of time and small facilities for training, there was a good number of entries and some very creditable performances were put up by the competitors.

The band of H.M.S. *Despatch* kindly gave their services and helped to complete a very enjoyable afternoon. Prizes consisting of medals and spoons were given by Messrs. Steele & Coulson, Brewers, Shanghai

and presented by Lieut.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., at the conclusion of the programme.

The results and times of the various events were as follows :—

220 *Yards.*—1, Mne. Paice (24 4/5 secs.) ; 2, Mne. Chawner ; 3, Cpl. Fallace.
Throwing Cricket Ball.—1, Mne. Gunner (98 yds.) ; 2, Mne. Attwood ; 3, Cpl. Moyse.
100 *Yards.*—1, Mne. Paice (10 3/5 secs.) ; 2, Mne. Chawner ; 3, Mne. Mabbitt.
Galley Race.—1, "C" Company (Plymouth) ; 2, Sergeants' Mess.
Long Jump.—1, Cpl. Moyse (18ft. 3in.) ; 2, Mne. Lovell ; 3, L/Cpl. Mills
Inter-Company Relay Race.—1, Bn. H.Qrs. (2 min. 13 1/5 secs.) ; 2, "A" Company (Chatham).
Bumping in Sacks.—Bn. Hd. Qrs.
One Mile.—1, Mne. Pavey (5 min. 6 3/5 secs.) ; 2, Mne. Hone ; 3, Mne. Godden.
High Jump.—Mne. T. Press (5ft.) ; 2, Mne. Thurston ; 3, Cpl. Moyse.
Quarter-Mile.—1, Mne. Paice (58 3/8 secs.) ; 2, Mne. Thurston.
Officers' Race (100 *Yards*).—Lt.-Col. Carpenter (11 1/5 secs.) ; 2, Capt. Lucas ; 3, Lt. Paine.
Half-Mile.—1, Mne, Pavey (2 min. 16 4/5 secs.) ; 2, Mne. Stone ; 3, Mne. Fullalove.
Sack Race.—1, Cpl. Moyse ; 2, Mne. Lovell ; 3, Cpl. Duncan.
Veterans' Race.—1, C.S.M. Jones (11 2/5 secs.) ; 2, Clr.-Sgt. Owens ; 3, Maj. Caulfeild.
Putting the Shot.—1, Cpl. Odey (36ft.) ; 2, C.S.M. Jones ; 3, Mne. Lovell.
Three Miles.—1, Mne. S. Press (22 min. 40 secs.) ; 2, Cpl. Duncan ; 3, Mne. Sharp.
Final Tug-of-war.—1, "A" Company (Chatham) (33 1/5 secs.) ; 2, "D" Company (Composite) (1 min. 10 secs.).
Band Race.—1, A.B. Dolan ; 2, A.B. Holloway ; 3, L. Sto. Reed.



THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

The Royal Tournament came to an end on the 4th June, after a most successful run which should be the means of bringing in a record sum for the Service Charities.

From a Corps point of view, considering that the 12th R.M. Battalion is away, we ought to be quite pleased with the results.

The outstanding feature of the Tournament was the Drill Display by the squad from Deal. The squad was formed from the 141st, 142nd, 143rd and 144th Squads, and began their training for Olympia at the end of March. We publish a photograph of the squad "at the Slope," *taken during a performance.* The photograph speaks for itself.

From many flattering comments in the press, we give the following, as probably of interest to members of the Corps serving afloat.

From the *Nottingham Guardian* of the 19th May :—

The Royal Marines contribution in arm drill by a company of youngsters, whose almost miraculous unison and snap, show that his Majesty's Jollies are still the smartest troops of all on the parade ground.

From the *Morning Post* of the 20th May :—

Before leaving the Royal Box at the end of the performance, the King expressed to Major-General Lord Ruthven, the G.O.C. London District, his pleasure at seeing so brilliant a performance. He specially mentioned the remarkable drill of the Royal Marines.

The display of drill by the Royal Marines specially appealed to both the King and the Queen. The Marines handled their arms at the halt, including the difficult motions of "resting on their arms reversed" in the ceremonial funeral exercise, and on the march, including the fixing of bayonets when on the move, with great precision. It was a remarkable display. Good close order drill and precision in handling of arms are the basis of discipline and *esprit de corps* which are the fundamentals of a soldier, and the R.M. showed conclusively that they combine the work of the sailor with that of the soldier in a remarkable degree.

From the *Hampshire Telegraph* of the 20th May :—

It is an accepted fact that good close order drill and precision in handling of arms in the basis of discipline and *esprit de corps* which are the main fundamentals of a soldier. This is a quotation from the official programme of the Tournament. The statement contains the secret of the splendid record of achievement of the Royal Marines, both on land and sea, down the pages of history and the exhibition by the King's Squad shows that the training of the King's Squad of the Corps is not one bit less efficient than of yore. The squad giving the display is composed of men of under eight month's service. Their movements are carried out with perfect timing at the halt, on the march and in extended order.

It is not easy to keep "up to concert pitch" in drill day after day, in an atmosphere such as that of Olympia, but this was done and the display at the evening performance on the 4th June was as good, it not better, than that given before His Majesty the King at the opening performance.

The Heavy and Light Tug-of-War teams from Portsmouth deserve the heartiest congratulations on their victories. It was unfortunate, from the spectators' point of view, that they were in a class apart compared to the other teams who competed at Olympia, consequently they never had a pull to show the completeness of their training.

Since the Tournament, however, the Heavies have had a couple of victories (8 men at 100 stone). They won a cup at Byfleet where their opponents were mostly teams from the police, and where they had plenty of good hard pulls before emerging victors. They also won at the Air Force Sports at Grange.

In the inter-service competitions with the various weapons, the Royal Marines were represented in the Final Pools of every weapon, but the ultimate results were not highly satisfactory, except in the case of Bayonets, where Clr.-Sgt. A. G. Miller tied with C.P.O. Dunstan for 1st place and lost by 3 hits to 1 in the fight-off.

The Bayonet team from Deal performed very creditably, considering the youth and inexperience of several members, for, after defeating the R.M. team from Plymouth 11—7, they beat the R.A.F. champions in the Inter-Services semi-final 12—6. The Scots Guards, Army Champions, were, however, much too good for them in the final and they were beaten 14—4.

RESULTS.

Foil—Corpl. L. V. Clarke, 7th in final pool (Silver Medal).
Epee—Sergt. P. J. Jerrard, 4th in final pool (Silver Medal).
Sabre—Sergt. P. J. Jerred, 6th in final pool (Silver Medal).
Bayonet—Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Miller, 2nd, in final pool (Silver Medal).
Bayonet—Mne. Duncan, 3rd in final pool (Silver Medal).

It therefore follows that the above mentioned N.C.O.'s are Champions R.M. for 1927 in the various weapons.

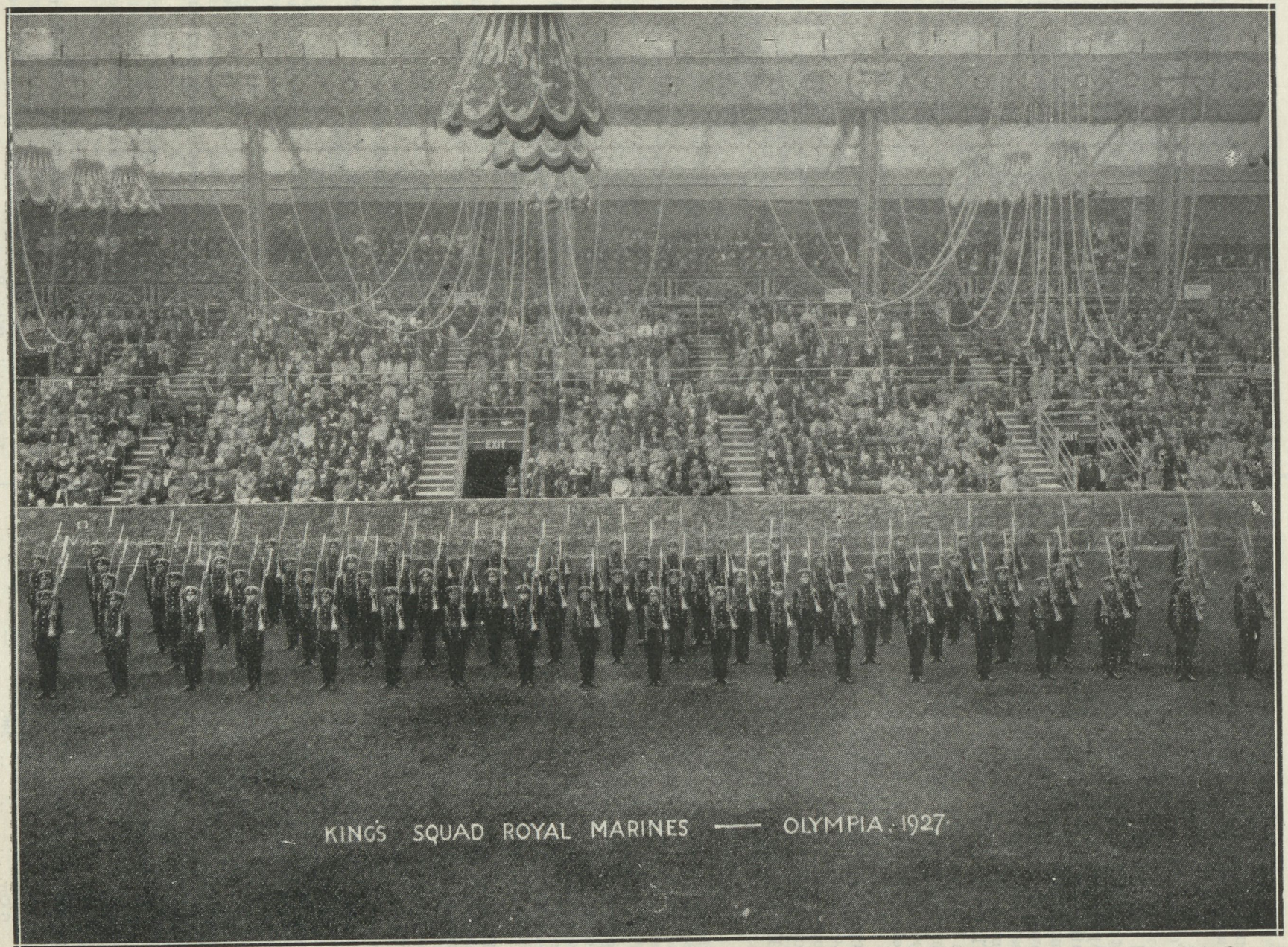


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R.M.R.A.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF CARD SHOOTS IN 1ST STAGE OF "PRINCE OF WALES," R.M. JEWELS, "COLQUHOUN" AND "COLLARD" CUP COMPETITIONS, 1927.

Portsmouth: Clr.-Sergt. R. H. Lee; Chatham: Clr.-Sergt. J. D. McColl; Depot: Sergt. H. Henwood and Sergt. H. Paddon have shot into the 2nd Stage of all the above Competitions.

Apart from nominees, Portsmouth has 14, Depot 12, Chatham 11, Plymouth 6, and Plymouth Afloat 1, Competitors in the second stage of one or more of the above Competitions. The small representation of afloat units was due to neither lack of skill nor lack of keenness, but to the inevitable lack of practice.

The highest score made in the "Prince of Wales" was by Depot (Sergt. J. Kennedy), who made 182 out of h.p.s. 200 in the competition for the R.M. Jewels; Depot (Sergt. H. Henwood), 387 out of h,p.s. 450, in the "Colquhoun"; Depot (Lieut. R. J. Gumm, R.M.), 200 out of 210, and in the "Collard," Plymouth Afloat (Sergt. E. Abbott), 232 out of h.p.s. 300.

Lowest scores admitting to second stage were as follows:—"Prince of Wales," 167; R.M. Jewels, 337; "Colquhoun," 185; "Collard," 209.

RESULTS OF NON-CENTRAL MEETINGS, 1927.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CUP.

Unit	Score	h.p.s.	Winning Score Last Year
Chatham	1,113	1,800	997
Depot, R.M.	1,077	—	—
Plymouth	996	—	—
Portsmouth	980	—	—
Plymouth Afloat	893	—	—

Five Teams entered.

OFFICERS' CUP.

Chatham	86	100	80
Depot, R.M.	85	—	—
Portsmouth	69	—	—
Portsmouth Afloat	66	—	—
Plymouth	60	—	—

Seven Teams entered.

OFFICERS' INTER-DIVISIONAL SHIELD.

Chatham	487	600	401
Portsmouth	445	—	—
Depot, R.M.	401	—	—
Plymouth Afloat	342	—	—
Plymouth	333	—	—

Five Teams entered.

YOUNG OFFICERS RIFLE.

Chatham: 2/Lt. F. F. Clarke	114	150	107
Portsmouth: 2/Lt. J. G. Fisher	108	—	—
Portsmouth: 2/Lt. T. P. Honnor	99	—	—
Portsmouth: 2/Lt. E. C. Palmer	81	—	—
Plymouth Afloat: Lt. H. S. Baker	78	—	—
Plymouth Aft.: Lt. G. A. Haward	49	—	—

Six Young Officers entered.

YOUNG OFFICERS REVOLVER.

Plymouth Aft.: Lt. H. S. Baker	32	60	40
Plymouth: 2/Lt. N. R. Skene	32*	—	—
Chatham: 2/Lt. F. F. Clarke	30	—	—
Plymouth: 2/Lt. R. G. Lang	18	—	—

*Counted out. N.R.A., P. 70, R.M.R.A., P. 50.

Seven Young Officers entered.

AEGEAN CUP (Company and Detachment Match)

Unit	Ship or Coy.	Score	h.p.s.	
Ply.	E Coy.	282	450	Conditions
Ports.	E Coy.	281	—	altered from
Ply.	A Coy. 1st Team	266	—	last year.
Ply.	C Coy.	265	—	
Ports. Afloat	H.M.S. Dolphin	249	—	
Ply.	G Coy.	246	—	

Twenty-one Teams entered.

MERCER CUP (Company and Detachment Match).

Unit	Company	Butts Cleared	Rounds Left	Time Secs	Last Year
Chat.	E Coy. 2nd Team	,,	31	29	Butts C'd.
Ply.	A Coy. 3rd Team	,,	23	29	Rds. left 28
Chat.	C Coy. 1st Team	,,	30	33	Time secs 28
Chat.	E Coy. 1st Team	,,	29	34	
Depot	B Coy.	,,	29	34 4/5	

Forty-six Teams entered.

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER CUP (Company and Detachment Match).

Unit	Company	Tiles down	Rds. Left	Time Secs.	Last Year Tiles	Rds.	Secs.
Chat.	E Coy. 4th Team	12	44	36	12	Nil	34 2/5
Chat.	A Coy.	12	32	40½			
Chat.	C Coy. 4th Team	12	29	44			

Fifteen Teams entered.

VICTORY CUP (Company and Detachment Match).

Unit	Ship or Coy.	Points	h.p.s.	Last Year Winning Score
Chat.	E Coy.	165	216	170
Ports. Aft.	"Dartmouth"	161	—	
Ply. Afloat	"Erebus"	154	—	
Depot	A Coy.	153	—	
Ply. Afloat	"Curlew"	153	—	

Thirty Teams entered.

REVOLVER BOWL.

Unit	Score	h.p.s.	Winning Score Last Year	
Depot	629	960	643	
Ports.	588/576	—		Higher score subject to
Chat.	582	—		Committee decision.
Ply.	541	—		
Ply. Afloat	540	—		

Five Teams entered.

GATLIFF CUP.

Ply. Afloat	270	480	278
Chat.	264	—	
Depot	253	—	
Ports.	231	—	
Ply.	213	—	

Five Teams entered.

1ST RESERVE CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Chat.	520	600	537

Only one team entered.

PAST MEMBERS' MATCH.

Unit	Rank & Name	Score	h.p.s.	Winning Score Last Year
Depot	Ex-C.S.M. E. Smith	87	105	92
Ports.	— P. C. H. Duley	84		
Chat.	P.C. (RMP) C. Higgins	83		
Depot	Ex-Pte. Archer	83		

Twenty-two Past Members entered.

SCORE TO DATE FOR 1ST R.M. MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Unit	D. of E.	Rev. Bowl	Officers' Cup	Officers' Int.-Div. Shield	Gatliff Cup	Total
Chatham	10	3	8	6	3	30
Portsmouth	—	6	2	3	—	11
Plymouth	3	—	—	—	—	3
Depot	6	10	4	1	1	22
Plymouth Afloat	—	—	—	—	6	6

A BIT SWIFT.—Scene: A Marine crossing the parade at —— Division.

Sergt.-Major: "Where are you going to that man?"

Marine: "China, sir!"

S.M.: "Double up, then; you ought to be there by now!"

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"Willie, wasn't the man angry when you hit him with a snowball?"

"No, mother; he just sat down and told God all about it!"—*Whiz Bang.*

CHATHAM.

SHOOTING.

Great keenness shown by the whole Division resulted in a much higher standard of shooting this year, and much greater competition to secure places in the various teams for the R.M.R.A. Practice shooting was only interfered with on two occasions by wet weather, but light was bad as a rule at 600 yards, and was the cause of some rather low scoring amongst the younger shots.

The weather for the Non-Central R.M.R.A. Meeting was gloriously fine—no wind, and an exceptionally good light, so that only the firer could be blamed for bad shooting.

At the local Nore Command and Chatham Area Rifle Meeting, 8th June, 1927, which consisted of team events only, the board was swept by H.M.S. *Pembroke*, the Royal Marines managing to secure places only. No doubt shooting on the naval range, Sheerness, was one factor in their success, and clashing with the Non-central R.M.R.A. Meeting, militated against the Royal Marines having the necessary practice in the particular competitions which took place.

The presence of the Colonel-Commandant and the Chief Instructor at a good many of the practice shoots was very encouraging.

Captain S. A. Field (I. of S.A.) has represented the Kent County Rifle Association in their shoots versus S.A.S., Hythe, during the month.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

During the past season the Division have entered two teams in the Rochester and District Miniature Rifle League, and although under the names of A and B, the teams were of comparatively equal strength, and in their matches versus each other, the A team proved victors by the small margin of two or three points.

Good shooting was witnessed all through the season, A team finishing fourth in the League and B team 6th. The aggregate of points in each was very near the leaders, but owing to the dispatch of the China Battalion, both teams were depleted at a critical time, and lost matches during the commencement of the second half of the season.

The Division entered a team in division C of the National Rifle Competition, and have reached the final stage, the result of which is at the moment eagerly awaited.

PORTSMOUTH.

SHOOTING.

Since our last contribution to the *Globe and Laurel*, several important events have taken place. The Portsmouth United Services Meeting was held at Tipnor late in May, and was run this year by the Royal Navy. In the Individual Competitions, Clr.-Sgt. Lee won the " Open " and 2nd Lieut. Palmer the Class " B "

As regards our doings in the team competitions, we were successful in retaining the " Diamond Jubilee " Challenge Cup and the " St. George's " Challenge Cup, both of which were competed for by a team of young soldiers who shot well, especially at the longer ranges.

Our other success was in the " Excellent " Cup competition under Cheylesmore conditions, when our " B " team won the Cup after an exciting finish with the Royal Scots Fusiliers' Officers' Team.

In one or two of the other competitions, we managed to take a very good second place, notably in the " Nelson," " Pike Spicer " and " Simmonds."

The weather during the meeting was good for shooting on all days but the last, when it rained heavily. Our shooting, taking it as a whole, hardly came up to the form that had been shown in previous practices on our own range.

Two revolver matches have been fired against H.M.S. *Excellent*. In the first match, fired at Eastney on 5th May, our team made 613 against *Excellent's* 599. In the return match fired at Tipnor on 17th June, we were defeated by 50 points. the scores being : *Exeellent's* team 556, Royal Marines 506. Conditions in the latter match were not good, as there was a strong left wind blowing.

THE DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.

This year, the meeting was held from 7th-10th June. The Non-Central team events for the R.M.R.A. were held concurrently with the meeting, and the results of these have not yet been published.

As regards Individual Rifle Shooting four matches were arranged as follows :—

Match I.	Slow, 200 yds. and 500 yds. ..	2 ss. and 7 rounds
Match II.	Slow, 300 yds. and 600 yds. ..	2 ss. and 7 rounds
Match III.	Snap and Rapid, 200 yds. ..	1ss. and 5 rounds
Match IV.	Fire and Movement	600 yds. to 100 yds.

Entries for the above were of three classes, " Open," Class " A " Marksmen and 1st Class Shots, Class " B " all others.

There were prizes awarded in all four matches, and the 10 highest aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 3 and 4, shot for the Divisional Championship at 600 yards.

The final day of the meeting was a great success ; a large number of officers and their friends were present. A feature of the afternoon's programme was the Ladies' Competition which was keenly contested. It was won by Mrs. Jones.

Tea was provided on the Range, and after tea, Mrs. Jones very kindly presented the prizes.

PRIZE LIST.

MATCH I.

	Open	*Class A.*	*Class B.*
1st	Lieut. Teek	Mne. Gregg	Mne. Mitchell
2nd	Clr.-Sergt. Lee	Mne. Budd	
3rd	Sergt. Adams	Mne. Murrell	

MATCH II.

1st	Sergt. Morgan	2/Lieut. Fisher	
2nd	Corpl. Borrett	C.S.M. Pendred	
3rd	Sergt. Adams	Cd. R.M.G. Bothrill	
1st	Corpl. Borrett	Mne. Merckel	Mne. Mitchell
2nd	Lieut. Priestley Clr.-Sergt. Westcott	Mne. McPherson	
3rd		2/Lieut. Palmer	
1st	Capt. Jameson	Surg.-Lieut. Cussack	Mne. Elliot
2nd	Sergt. Morgan Corpl. Borrett	Mne. Dear Mne. Taylor	

INDIVIDUAL REVOLVER.—1st, Clr.-Sergt. Ridding ; 2nd, Clr.-Sergt. Lee.

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Corpl. Borrett ; Chief Instructor's Prize : Mne. McPherson.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' AGGREGATE, MATCH I. AND II.—Mne. Murrell.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' AGGREGATE, MATCH III. AND IV.—Mne. McPherson.

OPEN AGGREGATE, MATCH I. AND II.—Sergt. Morgan.

OPEN AGGREGATE, MATCH III. AND IV.—Corpl. Borrett.

COMPANY CUP,—1st, "E" Company ; 2nd, "N" Company.

MCCAUSLAND CUP.—R.M. Small Arms School.

COMPANY MINIATURE CUP.—1st, "N" Company ; 2nd, "E" Company.

The R.M.R.A. Silver and Bronze medals for the competitions held concurrently with the meeting, were presented to the highest scorers in the competitions.

DIVISION I. WATER POLO.

It is satisfactory to report a further sequence of wins this month :—

26th April, at the City Baths—*v.* Royal Artillery. Result, a win by two goals to one.

7th May, at Pitt Street Baths—*v.* H.M.S. *Vernon.* Result, win by 11 goals to one.

3rd June, at Eastney Baths—*v.* a mixed team of R.N., R.A. and Portsmouth S,C. Result, win by six goals to one.

DIVISION II.

v. H.M.S. *Vernon*, win 5 goals to one.

v. Gosport Athletic, win six goals to nil.

PLYMOUTH.

The Port Athletic Meeting took place at Home Park on 15th June. All R.M. competitors were able to get through the qualifying heats, and the following results may be of interest :—

100 yards	2/Lieut. Cornelius, 3rd.
220-yards	2/Lieut. Cornelius, 2nd.
½-mile	Mne. Lewis, 2nd (tied).
3-miles	Mne. Summers, 2nd.
,, ...	Mne. Dutton, 4th.
Relay Race	R.M. Team, 3rd.
High Jump	Mne. Woodfield, 2nd.
Cadets Relay Race ..	R.M. Teams, 2nd and 3rd.

CRICKET MATCHES.

May 18th—R.M., 178 (Musn. Trask 45) ; R.N.E. College, 250 for 3.

May 23rd—R.M. 138 (Major Lough 51) ; Hants Regiment, 29 (Lieut O'Donnell 6 for 14, Mne. Leech hat-trick).

June 3rd and 4th—R.M., 260 (Musn. Trask 109) ; 8th Infantry Bde., 164 (Lieut. O'Donnell 6 for 48, hat-trick, Capt. Reading 5 for 41). R.M., 191 (Lieut. Smith 63) ; 8th Infantry Bde., 201 for 9.

June 7th—R.M. Officers, 67 ; Kelly College, 78 (Major Lough 5 for 25)

June 14—R.M., 106 (Lieut. Westall 36, Capt. Reading 25) ; Hants Regiment, 82 (Capt. Reading 6 for 22).

R.N. CRICKET LEAGUE.

May 24th—R.M., 89 ; Res. Fleet Destroyers, 40 (Mne. Armstrong 5 for 10).

May 31st—R.M., 80 (Mne. Leach 27 not out) ; St. Budeaux Barracks, 73 (Mne. Penney 3 for 10).

June 9th—R.M., 90 (Capt. Reading 31) ; R.N. Barracks, 70 (Penney 6 for 23).

June 16th—R.M., 100 for 9 (S/Sgt. Cartwright 46) ; R.N. Hospital, 96 (Harris 4 for 16).

SAILING.

Owing to the shortage of helmsmen we have not been able to compete in the Officers' races to any extent.

On 1st June, Royal South Western. The cutter sailed by Lieut. Edmondson came in fifth. Our whaler did not compete.

On 8th June, Royal Plymouth Corinthian. The cutter was again sailed by Lieut. Edmondson, but was not placed. The whaler was not entered.

On 9th June, Race for Ratings, Royal South Western. Colour-Sergt. Norris won first place with the cutter, and Sergt. W. D. Wood came in second with the whaler. A very satisfactory performance for the Division.

We are faced this season with two new helmsmen and many new hands as regards the boat's crew. Colour-Sergt. W. Norris is shortly taking his pension, and will be a great loss in these sailing races. He has well upheld the reputation of the Division in the past three years, and was " runner-up " for the Arbuthnot Cup in 1926. He is succeeded as coxswain of the boat's crew by Colour-Sergt. H. G. Coombes, who has yet to win his laurels. Sergt. W. D. Wood also is new, and has relieved Colour-Sergt. T. C. Soden, who has already gone to pension.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

Very little shooting has been done during the last month. In the 25 yards National Rifle Championships, Section C, we got as far as the final, which we lost to Bradford M.O.G. team.

Result of Final :—

Bradford, M.O.G., 574.6—Silver Medals and £6.
R.M. Chatham, 564.6—Bronze Medals.

The following are the teams we met before reaching the Final round :—

Hilliers B, Reading, Windsor Liberals, Ashford British Legion, Metro Railway, Lyne, Chertsey.

DEPOT

CRICKET.

Results of 1st Team Matches :

May 18th—*v.* Beds and Herts Regt. : Depot 174 (Capt. Mercer 79, Lieut. O'Donnell 61) ; Beds and Herts Regt. 118.

May 21st—*v.* R.A.F. R.A.F. 237 ; Depot 163 for 4 (Capt. Mercer 79 not out).

May 28th—*v.* Duke of York's School. Duke of York's School 185 ; Depot 122 (Lieut. Sillitoe 35, Mus. Mallard 32).

June 3rd and 4th—*v.* Incogniti. Incogniti 256 and 180 ; Depot 281 (Mus. Mallard 69, Major Coode 55) and 109 for 2 (Capt. Mercer 42 not out).

June 8th—*v.* Beds and Herts Regt. Beds and Herts Regt. 181 ; Depot 111 (Col. Shine 35).

TENNIS.

So far the Depot "A" team have played seven matches, and although they have only won two of these, some of the others have been so close that they were not disgraced, and one or two recruits have shown promise of developing into useful men. A local resident has presented a bat for competition, to be awarded to the batsman who has the best average during the season, the committee deciding that a minimum of ten innings must be played to qualify. Results :—

May 14th *v.* Connaught Coachworks, home—Lost. Coachworks 149 for 7 ; Depot 69 (Dimond 52).

May 19th *v.* Walmer, home.—Lost. Walmer 100 ; Depot 87.

May 21st *v.* Margate Taxes, home—Lost. Margare 102 ; Depot 99

In this match we were handicapped by Sergt. Beard splitting his finger in stopping a hot return whilst bowling, and taking no further part in the play.

May 25th *v.* Wingham Division K.C.C., away—Won. Depot 64 ; Wingham Division 34.

We had the assistance of three of the Depot players for this game, and this made a lot of difference to the ultimate result.

May 28th *v.* Old Pharosians, home—Lost. Depot 11 ; Old Pharosians 103 for 7.

In this match we were somewhat weakened by the visit of the men to the Royal Tournament and the strength of the opposing side who would give the Depot team a good game.

May 26 *v.* Walmer, home—Lost. Walmer 74 ; Depot 67.

June 4th *v.* Studdal, away—Won. Depot 55 ; Studdal 46 (For the Depot, Mne. Harvey took 6 for 23).

June 11th *v.* Southern Railway Sports, home—Drawn. S.R. Sports 130 for 6 ; Depot 53 for 4.

We are starting to build two new tennis courts for the officers in one corner of the hockey ground. They are at present only just started, and naturally will not be able to be played on for a year or two.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT—INTER-SERVICE TUG-OF-WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS, 130 Stone.

WINNERS 1927—PORTSMOUTH DIVISION ROYAL MARINES.



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Mne. D. A. Drage. Mne. W. J. Perry. Mne. S. Carter. Mne. J. Rumary. Mne. P. Lovering. Mne. A. G. Ripshire.
Col.-Comdt. A. G. Little, C.M.G. Sergt. A. G. Bishop (Coach). Capt. Bagot.
Mne. A. Thompson. Mne. A. Telford. Corpl. A. H. Docherty. Mne. A. Le Gassick.
Mne. P. Tilbury. Mne. A. Browning.

SHOOTING.

The following Shooting Matches were fired during May and June :—

At Hythe, 18th May. Depot R.M. *v.* Small Arms School.

Conditions "Methuen" Cup, 12 to shoot, 8 to count. Small Arms School, 1279, average 159.8 ; highest score, C.S.M.I. C. Churcher 169, Depot R.M., 1162, average 145.2 ; highest score, Sergt. H. Henwood, 159. Small Arms School won by 117.

At Hythe, 25th May. "Triangular" Match. Depot, R.M., Small Arms School and Kent County.

Conditions S.R. b, 1st stage King's. 12 to shoot, 10 to count. Kent County, 940, average 94 ; Small Arms School, 937, average 93.7 ; Depot R.M., 930, average 93. Highest for Depot, Q.M.S.I. J. Harding 98.

At Kingsdown, 28th May. Depot R.M. *v.* Small Arms School.

Conditions "Methuen" Cup, 12 shoot 8 to count. Small Arms School, 1337, average 167.1, highest score, C.S.M.I. F. Barnes 175 ; Depot R.M., 1247, average 156 ; highest score Lieut. R. J. Gumm 167. Small Arms School won by 90 points. The score obtained by the Small Arms School was 13 points higher than the score obtained by the Army VIII., who won the "United Service" Cup at Bisley last year.

At Kingsdown, 15th June. Depot R.M. *v.* Dover and District R.C.

Conditions S.R. b, 1st stage King's. 12 to shoot 8 to count. Depot R.M. 768, average 96 ; Dover and District, 752, average 94. Highest scores for Depot R.M., Q.M.S.I. J. Harding 101, Sergt. M. McCalpin 100. Depot R.M. won by 16 points.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

TENNIS.

The tennis season is now in full swing and in connection with the "Portsmouth and District Lawn Tennis League" which we are members of. Many enjoyable "home" and "away" matches have been played.

CRICKET.

Cricket is still as popular as ever and league and friendly matches are arranged every Wednesday and Saturday. Band Corpl. Frank Penrose and Musn. F. H. Norman have been selected on various occasions to play for the Division.

The Boys' team have played 8 matches and have won 6 and lost 2.

WATER POLO.

The Water Polo team hold a very promising position in the "Portsmouth and District League," Div. III., having played 6 games and only lost 1 by a narrow margin of 3—2, this being Northsea Club.

Inter-Room Water Polo is also in full swing. 59 Room are leading in this, having won all their matches so far.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT—INTER-SERVICE TUG-OF-WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS, 110 Stone.

WINNERS 1927—ROYAL MARINES, PORTSMOUTH.



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Mne. J. Howard. Mne. H. J. Watkins. Mne. H. E. Hocking. Mne. J. G. Brown. Mne. E. Brooks. Mne. A. E. Parr.
Col.-Comdt. A. G. Little, C.M.G. Col.-Sergt. Brookesbank (Coach). Capt. Bagot.
Mne. W. A. Croker. Mne. S. G. Geldert. Corpl. Ridout. Mne. J. C. Howe.

CANADA.

HINTS TO INTENDING EMIGRANTS,

By Mr. S. Major (late R.M.L.I.)

The ex-member of the Corps of Royal Marines who comes to Canada to live permanently has a slight advantage over the civilian, inasmuch as he has,during his service, come into contact with peoples of various nationalities. He has not, however, actually lived with them to the extent of acquiring any of their habits or customs. On board his ship he is surrounded by people of his own nationality, who think and act just as he does himself.

When he arrives in Canada he finds himself, although still under the Flag, in a new environment, not only as to geographical conditions, but also as to climatic, as well as social conditions. If he is to make a success of his venture across the "ditch," he must be prepared to adapt himself, a process for which his training in the Corps will, in some measure, have prepared him. He will also discover, if he is a single man, that he has lost his nurse, that there is no bugler to let him know what time it is, no sergeant-major to shepherd him, and that he has to find his own paymaster.

He is thus thrown upon his own resources, not only after having been waited upon for a number of years, but amongst people who often appear to him as "foreigners." And it is right here that he is liable to make his first mistake. Too many "old countrymen" coming to Canada bring with them an air of superiority, criticising unfavourably the climate, people and social institutions of the country. Many a man has failed to get on in Canada because of this attitude. It should be remembered that the physical features of the country and its climate are different to those in England, and naturally produce different habits and customs, and furthermore, our friend will find himself coming into contact with all sorts and conditions of men, with men of almost every nationality under the sun. If he works in a city factory or machine shop, he may find himself at a bench between a Jew and a Swede, under a French-Canadian foreman; if he goes on the land as a homesteader, he may find his neighbours to the north, south, east and west, with whom he must be on good terms if he is to get on, to be a Russian, an American, a German and a Finn.

It therefore goes without saying that if he is to get ahead, he must be prepared to give and take, and not to assume a racial superiority, that will only create

dislike, and perhaps open hostility. The French-Canadians especially are adepts in dealing with the supercilious Englishman, much to his discomfiture.

If, however, our adventurer is a good " mixer," he can do a lot worse than come to Canada. If he still wishes to " follow the sea," there are the boats on the Great Lakes, the coastwise boats, and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, which sails the seven seas.

Good mechanics are always in demand, and the Canadian Government Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway can always place a good machinist in their shops, which are scattered from Halifax to Vancouver. The demand for office workers is no too good, the invasion of this branch of industry by the female persuasion being strenuous and persistent. For the strong, active man, able to swing an axe and drive a team (a pair of horses), life in the lumber camps, though full of hard work, and often at 20 degrees below zero, is exhilarating. There are also the gold and silver mining towns and camps of Northern Ontario. Some experience in mining is, however, necessary in this case.

Wages will be found higher than in the Old Country, but this is offset to some extent by a slightly higher cost of living. A careful man, however, can always manage to put a dollar or two under close arrest against a rainy day.

There is, of course, a tremendous amount of farming carried on in Canada. This industry should only be tackled by those thoroughly experienced in farming, and who have sufficient capital to carry them through the first three or four years, to allow for initial expenditure and development delays. It is not always advisable to purchase land, either for farming or speculative purposes, without having seen it. This may seem foolish advice, but the trick has been put over many times, and often a prospective farmer or speculator in " real estate " has found his farm or his " lots " under a foot or so of water, or so full of rocks or stumps, that a couple of years' work has been necessary to clear it or drain it.

Whatever line of life a man may intend to follow in Canada, it will do him no harm to obtain advance information about prospects, and the most reliable source is the Canadian Immigration Office in London. Various other agencies supply information, but it is better to apply to the Immigration Department and be on the safe side.

The plight of some of the men who come over here " on spec," and who are stranded in the cities in the winter, is pitiable. Many of the churches have " social service " connections with churches in the Old Country, which supply information, and arrange to meet any newcomers, " putting them wise " to conditions and helping them to get settled.

There is plenty of opportunity in Canada for able-bodied, able-minded men, who are prepared to take the rough with the smooth ; who are able to realise that they are joining a new ship on a new station, with a new ship's company, and that the new " commission " may last to the end of their lives, so that it is up to themselves to fit in with their new shipmates and make it a " happy ship."

PRESENTATION OF A BULLDOG TO THE UNITED STATES CORPS OF MARINES.

At the end of February the following letter was received by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

255 Berkely Street,
Boston, U.S.A.
Feb. 14th, 1927.

To the Officer Commanding, H.M. Royal Marines,
Admiralty Buildings, London.

Dear Sir,

It occurred to me that the loss recently suffered by the U.S. Marine Corps, in the death of their Regimental pet, an English white pedigree bulldog, known as Sergeant Major Jiggs, would provide our own Royal Marines with an excellent opportunity of presenting to them another bulldog to replace it.

The extreme affection the U.S. Marines had for this dog makes it impossible for it to be replaced in any ordinary manner, but the presentation of an English bulldog by the Royal Marines would, I feel sure, do much towards cementing the growing friendship between the two countries and would make some bulldog happy, and do much to console the U.S. Marines for the loss of their beloved Sergeant Major Jiggs.

I am making this request, as an Englishman, resident in America for some few years, and who realises how such an evidence of comradeship would further stimulate the mutual regard of one country for the other.

I am sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) Allan Cedric Mowbray.

All ranks at Royal Marine Divisions and Depot R.M., Deal, were in favour of carrying out the proposal in the above letter.

The following extract from the *New York Times*, which was forwarded by the Chatham Division, R.M., is illuminating :—

EXTRACT FROM *NEW YORK TIMES*.

" ' Sergeant Major Jiggs ' of the marines, one of the world's most famous dogs, is dead. Jiggs, an English bulldog, known to sport followers throughout the United States as the official mascot of the Marine Corps, died at a local dog hospital, with four doctors and a special nurse at his bedside.

Physicians who had treated Jiggs on other occasions diagnosed his trouble as a gastronomical disorder, resulting from over-eating during his life as pet of the corps.

Major J. C. Fegan, of the Washington Barracks, and Captain A. G. Rome, of Quantico, who are in charge of the funeral, announced that Jiggs would be buried at sunset in the great athletic stadium at Quantico, with the highest military honours.

The entire brigade of marines at Quantico, with an additional 200 or more marines from Washington, will stand at attention as Jiggs is laid to rest. A picked firing squad will sound the last salute, while a bugler blows taps over the grave.

The body of Jiggs will be taken to Bolling Field, Anacostia, where Major E. H. Brainard, in charge of marine aviation, will meet it with a plane and take it



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"PRIVATE PAGETT"
20th June, 1927.

to Quantico. There the body will be placed on a special caisson, and, with full military escort, wheeled to the grave, where Jiggs' collar will be placed in the coffin, which will remain open until all his buddies have passed by for their last look.

A marine flag then will be placed over the coffin and funeral services will be conducted under the direction of Captain Rome.

The canine Sergeant Major was seven years old. He had been in the service five years. He "enlisted" in Philadelphia and had travelled more than 100,000 miles by air, land and water. Major-General Smedley D. Butler commissioned Jiggs a Sergeant Major. Wherever he went his records travelled with him."

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The following letters passed between the Adjutant General, Royal Marines, and the Major General Commandant, United States Corps of Marines:—

Royal Marine Office,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

21st March, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that information has been received of the death of the bulldog mascot of the United States Marine Corps, and to state that the Corps of Royal Marines would feel honoured if the United States Marines would accept a British Pedigree in replacement of "Sergeant Major Jiggs."

In these circumstances I should be glad to know whether such a presentation would be acceptable.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) A. R. H. Hutchison,
Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

The Major General Commandant,
U.S. Marine Corps,
Washington, U.S.A.

5th April, 1927.

My dear General Hutchison,

Your very kind letter dated March 21, 1927, has been received.

It will indeed be a real pleasure for the United States Marines to receive their new mascot from the Royal Marines. Such a presentation would form an additional

entry in the log of friendship that already exists between the two bodies of men.

As commandant of the American Marines permit me to say that we consider your proposal a very friendly act and one showing truly fine spirit.

Assuring you of our appreciation, I am

Very sincerely,

John A. Lejeune,

Major General Commandant.

General A. R. H. Hutchison, R.M.,
Adjutant General,
Royal Marine Office,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

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A white pedigree bulldog named " Pride of Field " was purchased from Mrs. Duncan Brown, " The Nook," Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

It may be of interest that an advertisement inserted in " Our Dogs " produced 17 answers, which were investigated fully, After elimination, the selection was cut down to three dogs.

" Pride of Field " was selected as it was considered that he was most suitable for our requirements on account of Pedigree, Age, Health, etc. The dog was born on 14th February, 1926, and is reputed by Mr. S. H. Deacon, in a recent article in the " Dog World," to be one of the best 20 dogs in England. The following prizes have been won by him :—

LIST OF SHOWS AND AWARDS.

" **PRIVATE PAGETT** "

Kennel Club Registered Number 43092.

(*Formerly " Pride of Field "*).

2nd Dec., 1925.—**Bristol Championship Show** (Judge : Mrs. Clem Wood)
2nd, Open Puppy Dog.
2nd, Open Novice Dog.
1st, Members' Puppy Dog.
1st, Members' Novice.
2nd, Open, any variety, never won a prize.
3rd, Open Grand Challenge, any variety, novice.
Vice-President's Silver Cup.
Silver Spoon.
" Ogbeare " Silver Cup for best dog under 18 months.
Silver Spoon.

5th April, 1926.—**Southsea** (Judge : Mr. Frank Walker).
1st, Novice.
1st, Junior.
1st, Graduate.
1st, Minor Limit.
Medal of the Bulldog Club Incorporated for best Dog in Show.

Bodmin, Cornwall (Judge : Mr. Samuel Crabtree).
1st, Open Dog or Bitch.
2nd, Open, any variety, Bred by Exhibitor.
1st, Open, any variety, Non-sporting novice Dog or Bitch.
1st, Open, any variety Non-sporting Dog.

27th April, 1926.—**Wells, Somerset** (Judge : Mr. R. H. Hayman).
2nd, Open Dog or Bitch.
2nd, Open, any variety, Non-sporting Dog or Bitch.
Silver Spoon.

13th May, 1926.—**Bath Championship Show.**
1st, Graduate Dog (Members).
2nd, Open Dog or Bitch.
3rd, Graduate Dog, Open.
1st in Brace.
Two Cups.
Two Spoons.

17th June, 1926.—**Yeovil** (Judge : Mr. S. Crabtree).
1st, Graduate Dog.
1st, Open Dog or Bitch.
1st, Open Dog or Bitch (Members).
1st, Open, any variety, Bred by Exhibitor.

Taunton
1st, Open Dog or Bitch (Championship Show).

Paignton (Judge : Sam Graham).
2nd, Open Dog or Bitch.
3rd, Open Dog or Bitch. Stakes 3 Judges.

Bournemouth (Judge : A. R. Hughes).
1st, Graduate Dog.
2nd, Limit.
2nd, Open.

Blandford (Judge : W. I. Nicholls).
1st, Graduate.
1st, Limit.
1st Open.
1st, Non-sporting.

29th Sept., 1926.—**Frome** (Judge : Harry Duffy).
2nd, Any variety, Bred by Exhibitor.
1st, Any variety, Bred by a Lady.
1st, Any variety, Non-sporting.
1st, Any variety, Dog or Bitch.
Silver Cup for Best Dog or Bitch in Show, all Breeds (3 judges).

3rd Nov., 1926—**Swindon.**
2nd, Open Bulldog.
2nd, Limit Dog.
2nd, Any variety owned by a Lady. Open Dog or Bitch.

Taunton.—Somerset & Devon Canine Society Members' Show (Judge : J. J. Holgate).
1st, Any variety, Bred by Exhibitor.
1st, Any variety, Non-sporting.
2nd, Any variety, Owned and handled by a Lady.
Two Specials.

1st Dec., 1926.—**Bristol Championship Show.**
1st, Any variety, Non-sporting.
1st, Any variety, over 25 lbs.
1st, Any variety, handled by a Lady.

Also : 1st Brace with his Kennel Mate, " Dandy's Lad," at Bath, Bristol Championship Shows ; also at Bristol and West of England Bulldog Show.

The United States Naval Attaché kindly consented to make transportation arrangements.

" Pride of Field " has been transferred, renamed and re-registered by the Kennel Club as " Private Pagett," in the name of Major General Commandant L. A. Lejeune, on behalf of the United States Marine Corps.

" Private Pagett " arrived at Eastney Barracks on the 20th June, and embarked at Southampton in S.S. " Leviathan " on the 21st June.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' CENTRAL FUND.

RETIRED OFFICERS.

It has been suggested that many retired officers who subscribe to the various Corps institutions would be glad to take advantage of the R.M. Officers' Central Fund. This necessitates the payment of one subscription only, thus relieving officers from sending small ones to various funds.

The subscription is £1 1s. per annum, which sum is normally expended by the payment of five shillings to each of the following :—

R.M. Officers' Sports Fund.
Globe and Laurel.
Royal Marine Corps Association.
Royal Marine Rifle Association.

The remaining shilling is paid to a Reserve Fund.

Should any fund require more money or not require the whole, any necessary re-allocation will be made by a committee consisting of one member from each Divisional Headquarters, one member from the Depot.

For various reasons it has been found that the Royal Marine Dinner Club cannot be included in the Central Fund.

R.M.O.C.A.

BIRMINGHAM.

The second monthly meeting of the above recently formed branch was held on Monday, the 13th June, at our meeting place, The Clements Arms, Coventry Road, Bordesley, Birmingham, which is kept by ex-Q.M.S. A. E. Kay, late R.M.A. The meeting was very successful, as, after intensive efforts, many new members were enrolled. Further progress was made, and we find ourselves in a sound financial position.

We have now formed an entertainment committee, and we hope soon to meet more frequently, in social events, as apart from ordinary meetings.

After a very sound proposition by Comrade Alford, we are also forming a small employment committee, whose duty will be to get and keep in touch with various employment sources with a view to getting employment for any comrade who, unfortunately, is in need of it.

By this means we hope a time will come when, instead of asking an employer if he has a situation for a good man, we shall be asked if we have a man for a good, situation. Out of over one hundred and fifty known ex-Royal Marines in this district, we only know of three unemployed. That is exactly three too many.

The formation of this branch, which is solely due to Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M., provides an important link between our Comrades in the various branches north and south of us, and a movement is on foot, which we hope will materialise, of a re-union of the various branches later in the year at Birmingham.

At the unanimous wish of the Birmingham Branch, Major A. K. Evans has aceepted the Vice-Presidency of the Birmingham Branch, and as he is also the founder he will be known as Founder and Vice-President of the Birmingham Branch, R.M.O.C.A.

Although his hands must be full with the affairs of the Liverpool Branch, of which he is President, he still finds time to offer this branch help and advice, for which we are very grateful.

We are still without a President. Apparently ex-officers Royal Marines do not seek seclusion after their labours, in the vicinity of Brummagem, or, for some reason they are very modest. Still, we are not dismayed, we do not intend to lag behind but to keep in lively step with our older branches, to whom we send our hearty greetings, not forgetting our Comrades still serving.

Our ordinary monthly meetings are on first Monday in month, excepting first month in each quarter, when it is held on the first Saturday. Serving members are invited to become honorary members (subscription 2/6 per annum) by application to Hon. Sec., F. Smith, 5 Suffolk Street, Birmingham.

R.M. POLICE.

LODGE HILL.

An attractive fixture list has been arranged for the Cricket season, thanks to the energy and foresight of the Cricket Committee: P.S. Bacon (Capt.), P.C. Trivett (Vice-Capt.), P.Cs. Gilbey, Arthur and Wedge, and we commenced with a " bang " against the local (Lodge Hill) club. It was a trial run for both teams. We have been greatly strengthened this year by the addition of P.C. Gilbey, who has filled a weak spot behind the stumps, as well as being useful with the bat. When the team turned out for the match with the Kent County Police from Sittingbourne, one of the visitors remarked that they were given to understand they were going to play against a " crowd of old crocks," and they would have an " easy thing on," but on being told we were the " old crocks," he altered his opinion, and remarked that our appearance spoke well for pensioners. and after the match (we won by 60 runs), he said he was afraid they would have to give the " old crocks " best.

In the visitors' team we found the " proverbial ex-marine," whom several knew when he was serving at Eastney.

On Saturday, 7th May, a very enjoyable time was spent by the J.N.C.P. and friends at Lodge Hill, the occasion being a cricket match, J.N.C.O.'s *v.* R.M.P., which ended in a win for the R.M.P. by an innings and 80 runs.

The evening was spent with an impromptu concert in the R.M.P. canteen, while several of the visitors attended the local jazz. " Auld Lang Syne " was sung with much gusto at 10.45 p.m., and a vote of thanks was given to the members of the R.M.P. for their kind invitation and arrangements made. It is hoped that the Juniors will pay another visit to Lodge Hill in the near future.

An angler went to heaven and after being accepted in the fishing club cornered a group of his new found friends and told a fish story. He noticed one man laughing uproariously and he demanded angrily who the fellow was.

" Oh," replied one of the new found friends, " that's only Jonah."—*Hoist.*

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Builder's Foreman : " Excuse me, but are you the lady wot's singing ?"

Lady : " Yes, I was singing. Why ?"

Builder's Foreman : " Well, might I arsk you not to hang out that top note so long. The men have knocked off twice already, mistakin' it for the dinner whistle." —*Recruiter.*

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Dinner was late in being served. " The missus " went into the kitchen and came back weak from laughing.

" Oh, Kathrinka looks so-o-funny, John. The brandy is all gone and she's trying to knit a sweater out of the spaghetti."—*The Street Cleauer.*

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Salty—" When I proposed to my wife I got into all kinds of trouble."

Boots—" How was that ?"

Salty—" She was so hard of hearing and I had to shout so loud that four old maids on the same floor sued me for breach of promise."—*Bulletin.*

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

The following letters of well-merited thanks have been sent by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, on behalf of the Corps, past and present, to General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Colonel C. Field, and Colonel J. A. Tupman, O.B.E., in connection with the compilation, publication, and distribution, etc. of Britain's Sea Soldiers, Vols. I., II., and III.

The replies of the recipients are also given.

Dear General, 22nd March, 1927.

As Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, I am writing to thank you, on behalf of the Corps of Royal Marines for your kindness in compiling Volume III. of Britain's Sea Soldiers.

The Historical Record of the multifarious duties performed by the Corps during the Great War is an interesting study to all of us and bears out the description of the Royal Marines given to the world by Rudyard Kipling in his poem " 'er Majesty's jollies, soldier and sailor too."

I have been approached by several Retired Officers who are desirous of associating themselves with this letter of thanks.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) A. R. H. Hutchison.

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Dear Hutchison, 23rd March, 1927.

It is exceedingly kind of you to send me such a nice letter about the History. I am glad the Corps is pleased with the result of my work, and I hope you will convey to them my grateful thanks.

It has been a labour of love, and I trust that the record is as complete as possible. Will you also thank the Retired Officers.

I have had some nice letters including one from Barnes at Vancouver. I hope you have found the History fairly accurate. With many thanks for your letter which I appreciate very much.

I remain,
Yours ever,
(Sgd.) H. E. Blumberg.

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Dear Colonel Field, 22nd March, 1927.

On behalf of the serving members of the Corps of Royal Marines, I am writing to thank you for your wonderful achievement in writing Volumes I. and II. of Britain's Sea Soldiers, containing the History of the Corps from 1664-1914.

I am afraid few of us appreciate fully the time required in research, in collecting data, etc., before the work reaches the printers hands. Even then the proof reading is a great labour.

By your efforts you have given us and posterity a most interesting study of the life of our predecessors in the Corps, and in this way have ensured that the gallant deeds of those who have passed over are known to those now serving and will be known to those who come after us.

I have been approached by several Retired Officers who are desirous of associating themselves with this expression of our gratitude.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) A. H. H. Hutchison.

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28th March, 1927.

Dear General,

Please excuse delay in replying to your kind letter of 22nd. I was away from home and it had to be sent on to me and all yesterday I was travelling.

It is gratifying to hear from you that my work in producing Volumes I. and II. of " Britain's Sea Soldiers " has been so much appreciated by the Corps in which I had the honour to serve for so many years.

From the time I read " Nicholas " when I joined in 1879, I always felt that something rather different was wanted and from the time I was promoted Captain, I always kept my eyes and ears open and collected notes on the R.M. History and Equipment.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) C. Field.

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22nd March, 1927.

Dear Colonel Tupman,

I feel it would be remiss of me if I failed to write and thank you, on behalf of the Corps of Royal Marines for the kind way in which you accepted the onerous duties of Honorary Treasurer " Britain's Sea Soldiers " and for the magnificent way in which you have effected the publication and distribution of the work and have carried through successfully the difficult financial problems which have arisen.

Without your foresight and self-sacrificing energy, the successful completion of Britain's Sea Soldiers would, I am sure, have been much delayed.

The Retired Officers, R.M., desire to associate themselves with this letter of thanks.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) A. R. H. Hutchison.

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25th March, 1927.

Dear Sir Alexander,

I am very grateful for your kind letter of appreciation of my work, which has been and will continue to be a great pleasure to me.

The financial troubles of Volume III. are not yet over and only can be settled by the sale of this work, as our loans for this are only approximately £100.

The book is selling gradually but we still have over 300 copies to get rid of.

Would you kindly convey my gratitude to the officers and other ranks of the Corps—past and present—for their kind appreciation, and I hope those who have not taken a copy will do so soon.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) J. A. Tupman.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st May, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
AKER, T.	4388	Mne.	Ports.	577	21-5-27
BARTER, W.	20020	Mne.	Ply	5050	5-12-26
BURKE, C.	16717	Sgt.	Ports.	1118	24-4-27
BRIGHT, P.	13506	Sgt.	Chat.	22742	14-5-27
BOOTH, H. F. W.	25840	Mne.	Ports.	21683	18-5-27
DAVIS, T.	6757	Corpl.	Ply.	240	26-4-27
HILLYARD, E. A.	18166	Mne.	Chat. B.	130	16-5-27
MARKWICK, W.	927	Mne.	R.M.A.	1st Coy.	11-5-27
PITTS, C. H.	8521	Mne.	Ports.	1666	10-5-27
PAIN, E.	7619	Mne.	Ports.	273	2-5-27
PUDDICK, F.	8555	Cr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	11053	7-5-27
POPE, S.	12294	Mne.	R.M.A.	5060	14-5-27
RICKETTS, W. J.	9027	Mne.	Ply.	4104	5-5-27
REID, J.	7563	Cr.-Sgt.	Ports.	830	15-5-27
ROBINSON, J.	8663	Mne.	R.M.A.	2243	11-3-27
SHEPPARD, A.	11972	Sgt.	Ports.	17608	7-5-27
SHERRY, J.	11616	Sgt.	Ports.	6214	17-5-27
SHEDDICK, W.	11765	Sgt.	Ports.	17329	20-5-27
STURGESS, A.	13652	Mne.	Ports.	513	22-5-27
STILL, S. H.	17095	Corpl.	Chat.	4071	28-5-27
WOODFORD, J.	19306	Cpl.	Chat.	6786	18-5-27



CORPS GAZETTE

AWARDS.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

To be member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order : Lieut. William Edward Petley, Royal Marines.

PROMOTIONS.

General St. G. B.Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., on account of hon. service, dated 16-6-27.

Lieut.-General Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Adjutant-General, R.M.) to General, vice Armstrong.

Major-General L. T. S. Halliday, V.C., C.B., to Lieut.-General, vice Hutchison.

Colonel-Commandant R. C. Temple, C.B., C.B.E., to Major-General, vice Halliday.

Colonel 2nd Commandant C. L. Mayhew, Deal, to Colonel-Comdt., vice Temple.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., Ch., to Colonel 2nd Comdt., vice Mayhew. All dated 16-6-27.

Major H. C. Benett, C.M.G., Paymaster, Deal, to Lieut.-Colonel (without additional emoluments), dated 27-6-27.

Capt. E. Bowring, borne supy. whilst lent to New Zealand Government, dated 31-5-27.

Proby. Lieuts. H. R. D. Woods, Ch., and H. S. Baker, Ply., confirmed as Lieutenants, dated 1-9-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen to command 12th R.M. Battalion, vice Carpenter. Date of joining.

Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Gardiner, C.B., to Plymouth Division, R.M., for temporary duty, dated 24-6-27.

Major A. C. Barnby, O.B.E., Ports., to be Brigade Major, vice Darwale, dated 22-5-27.

The appointment of Capt. S. J. Bassett, as S.O. (1), Capetown, extended for one year.

Lieut. J. G. Hume to be I. of Sigs., Chat. Division, dated 20-6-27.

Lieut. J. H. Moxham to be I. of Sigs., Ply. Division, dated 20-6-27.

Cd. R. M. G. William Lane, Ports.. to S.S. Battery (Staff), vice Pearcy.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. E. C. L. Bearcroft to *Calypso* on re-commissioning.

Lieut. G. A. Viner to *Champion*, vice Gumm, dated 22-6-27.

Lieut. F. A. Milliken to remain in *Comus* on re-commissioning.

Cd. R.M.G. H. Pearcy to *Nelson* on commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Captains N. I. Eastman and T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., passed Subject (d) for promotion to Major at the examination held in March.

Captains F. R. Jones and L. C. Hollis to *President* for Naval Staff Course 1927-28 at R.N. College, Greenwich, cmg. 27th Sept., 1927.

Lieut. J. C. Westall has been selected to attend the Regimental Signallers' Course at the Army School of Signals from 8th Sept. to 15th December, 1927.

The following Extracts are taken from—

SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE GAZETTE.

13th April, 1927.—TEMPORARY RANK :

The following Officer is granted the temporary rank of Miralai, to date 1-4-27.—El Kaimakam A. R. Chater, Bey, D.S.O., Second-in-Command, Camel Corps.

20th April, 1927.—OFFICERS JOINING :

Captain M. H. Collet, M.C., Royal Marines, having reported his arrival from England, is taken on the strength of the Sudan Defence Force with the rank of Bimbashi, to date 30-3-27. This Officer is posted to the 9th Sudanese.

20th April, 1927.—PROMOTION :

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to confer the following promotion, to date 18-4-27 : El Kaimakam (Temporary Miralai) A. R. Chater Bey, D.S.O., Officer Commanding Camel Corps, to be Miralai.

18th May, 1927.—TRANSFER—

El Bimbashi M. H. Collet, M.C., 9th Sudanese, to Camel Corps, to date 10-5-27.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

Mne. H. G. Davey, to Corporal, for duty as Tailor.

Sergt. H. J. Milton, to be Clr.-Sergeant, serving **Royal Oak.**

MEDALS.

Sergt. H. A. Branson (L.S. & G.C.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sergt. A. S. Carn—attached to Commandant's Office.

Mnes. H. C. Hollands and H. Divine, 1st and 2nd Qr. Mr.'s Dept., training as Clerks.

Mne. C. W. Walker—Coal-meter Man, Bk. Master's Dept.

Mne. A. Colton—Groom to Lt.-Colonel Horne.

Mnes. J. E. McMasters and W. R. Hurst—Attendants Sergts' Mess.

Mne. R. J. Campion—Divisional Cookhouse.

Mne. E. J. Biffen—School Orderly.

Mne. A. E. Tricker—Works Dept.

Mne. J. Harris—Works Dept. as Painter.

Mne. F. Reed—Works Dept. as Caulker.

Corpl. E. C. White—Asst. Instr. of Signalling.

Mne. H. G. Ewer—Pioneer.

Mne. W. Ellis—Cook Sergeants' Mess (appt. confirmed).

EMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Sergt. F. Douglas. **Conquest**—Mne. T. Lewis. **Pembroke**—Sergts. J. Ashton, W. E. Turner, F. A. Geater, Corpl. Bishop, Mus. J. A. Lovell, Sergts. A. V. Quarrington, A. Tandridge. **St. Vincent**—Mne. E. Clark. **Birmingham**—Mne. H. J. Vince. **Calliope**—Mne. J. Harvey. **Furious**—Mnes. W. A. Bainbridge, A. Newberry, B. Marshall, W. R. Panting. **Royal Oak**—Mnes. J. W. List, H. H. Giles, E. Morgan, C. Stolberg, G. Stuart. **Flora**—Corpl. R. J. Ashby. **Ganges**—Mne. J. Small. **Tiger**—Mnes. R. L. Smithies, R. C. Chivers. **Repulse**—Corpl. W. L. Littlewood.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Royal Oak—Mnes. R. B. Mutch, C. Higginson, W. E. Blewitt. **Benbow**—Mne. G. J. Baldry. **Ciris**—Sergt. G. E. Thompson. **Castor**—Mne. A. F. C. Benham. **Pembroke**—Sergt. L. W. A. Draper, Mnes. W. B. Smith, A. T. Shields, Clr.-Sergt. F. Bessant. **Calliope**—Mne. F. W. Hunt. **Royal Sovereign**—Mne. H. H. Edwards. **Victory**—Sergts. C. E. Spurden, E. W. Shurwan, Mne. G. N. Lull. **Ganges**—Mne. C. Jones. **Repulse**—Corpl. W. G. Barnes.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. F. B. Harvey, W. A. Turner, W. A. C. Andrews, F. Hawkes.

2nd Period.—Mnes. R. Lazell, A. W. Waters.

By Purchase.—Mne. A. E. Copeland (£24), Bugler F. J. Durling (£48), Mne. H. H. Edwards (£24).

Invalided.—Corpl. C. H. Wallis, Mnes. A. P. Redgrave, W. A. Palmer, R. R. C. Ryves, F. N. Robinson, W. A. Davis, C. Higginson, A. E. Plant, W. E. Blewitt, F. Nutley.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergeant—Corpl. F. J. Gifford.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cr.-Sergt. A. P. Saunders to Cook Sergeant.

Sergt. W. L. Helbert as N.C.O. Tailor (temporarily).

Sergt. H. J. B. Simmonds as Signalling Instructor.

Sergt. A. E. Boggust as Coxswain Divisional Steamboat.

Corpl. H. Turner, as Clerk to V.T.O. & R.M. Corps Association.

Mnes. C. E. Bloomfield and C. Muggeridge to Lance/Corporals.

Mne. A. H. C. Foster as Rangeman R.M.S.A. School, Browndown.

Mnes. J. J. Dyer and A. J. Phippard, as Pioneers.

Mne. A. E. Thompson as Boatman, Divisional Boats Crew.

Mne. J. R. Jackson, as Temporary Waiter, Sergeants' Mess.

Mne. R. B. Terry, as M.O.A. to Lieut. R. H. S. Teek.

Mne. D. Fenn, as Range Carpenter (Temporarily).

Mne. P. V. Creighton, as Attendant to Surg.-Lieut.-Comdr. R. W. Nesbitt, M.B., B.A., M.R.C.P.I., R.N.

Mne. J. W. S. Wilson, as M.O.A. to Colonel-Commandant A. G. Little C.M.G., R.M.

Mne. F. W. Chapman, as Company Cook

Mne. W. H. Hawkins, as Mess Waiter, Officers' Mess.

Mne. W. Davey, as Asst. Sculleryman, Officers' Mess.

EMBARKATIONS.

Centaur—Mnes. N. Harrison, L. L. Davies. **Champion**—Mne. W. E. F. Allen. **Dolphin**—Mnes. F. G. McKenzie, W. E. Cardy. **Dartmouth**—Mne. C. L. Crewe. **Dryad**—Mne. A. S. Andrews. **Furious**—Mne. Fredk. Saunders, Boy Bugler G. A. Creffield. **Fisgard**—Mne. Wm. Soper. **St. Vincent**—Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Mustoo, Sergts. A. E. Paget, Albert Coombes, R. J. Rogers, Corpls. J. W. Bedford, S. G. January, S. Shortman, K. G. Gunter, G. R. Ealand, G. Gordon, Buglers F. J. Chapman, J. Coker, Boy Bugler G. E. Russell, Mnes. P. S. Rosling, E. J. S. Fahey, A. H. Thorn, John Bull, A. H. Griffen, Fredk. Barton, C. A. Tawney, H. Dickens, M. Smith, G. W. Flinn, E. G. Cooper, B. Miller, W. C. C. Annetts, G. N. Titheridge, G. Horam, H. K. Collis, H. Green, R. N. Merritt, W. G. Dean, J. H. Brooks, E. A. Tourle, W. Mellor, A. A. Brown, S. B. Box, L. W. Mountford, F. C. Clarke, A. R. Rolfe, H. A. F. Payne, H. J. Smith, W. J. Looney, F. G. Garner, Wm. Cooper, P. F. Pepper, T. J. Smith, J. C. Flower, A. A. C. Bristow, D. W. Underdown, J. M. D. Wright, A. E. Windsor, A. C. Churn, H. Piggott, A. J. R. Egan, J. Fairley, W. G. Ong, R. J. Chatfield, W. C. Brown, R. C. E. Smith, A. L. Lovegrove, G. E. Horrocks, L. W. Chalk, I. M. Currie, C. H. G. Fricker, E. Clark, C. Marriott, Corpl. C. I. Budd. **Tiger**—Mnes. R. A. S. Perrett, W. Hill, F. C. E. Hawkins, F. J. Pike, R. L. Smithies, R. C. Chivers. **Victory**—Corpl. J. Gardner, Mne. J. Leddlie.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Curacoa—Clr.-Sergt C. E. Stokes. **Centaur**—Mnes. R. A. S. Perrett, O. R. J. Collins, G. Allott, A. N. Harding. **Cardiff**—Mne. R. Kite. **Champion**—Mne. M. J. Gannon. **Dolphin**—Mnes. J. Waller, H. A. J. Kent. **Dryad**—Mne. E. J. Miller. **Fisgard**—Mnes. E. A. Robson, W. S. Phillips. **Furious**—Mne. J. F. Atkinson, Bugler H. A. Nurse. **Nelson**—Sergt. R. Bailey, Corpl. W. S. Hill, Mnes. A. M. Jee, T. Seldon, W. E. Howard, W. J. Symes, E. F. Matthews, H. J. Sexton, A. J. Patmore, G. J. Hill, G. W. Gurney, J. S. Williams, A. W. Grimble. R. W. Tooley, W. W. Power, H. W. G. Pike, H. J. Ruttle, T. H. Edgill, J. Kitcher, G. Davies, G. Warner, H. J. Edwards, R. H. Leach, **Princess Margaret**—Corpl. J. Gardner, Mnes. F. T. Dacre, S. L. Ruffles, W. J. Oppitz, W. E. Cardy, W. H. Fishlock, Wm. Soper, Wm. Poole, L. Marsh, G. G. Pike, H. Thornton, A. S. Andrews, W. E. F. Allen. **Revenge**—Mne. W. A. Beckett. **Victory**—Sergt. H. J. B. Simmonds, Corpl. B. Smith, Mnes. F. D. South, R. W. Pegg. **Valiant**—Mnes. J. Kilkenny, Harry Allen. **Tiger**—Mne. J. H. Cunnah.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Curacoa to **Dolphin**—Mne. S. A. Plummer.

Dolphin to **Curacoa**—Mne. G. R. Siggins.

Dolphin to **Curacoa**—Mne. C. H. Hemming.

Curacoa to **Dolphin**—Mne. W. P. Inggs.

Philomel to **Diomede**—Corpl. C. E. Rappe.

TRANSFERS.

From Plymouth—Mne. W. G. E. Ashford (**Effingham**), C.S.M. H. W. Caudrey, Mne. Wm. Harnwell.

To Plymouth—Mne. J. H. Corbett (**Effingham**).

L.S. & G.C. MEDALS.

Clr.-Sergt. Stanley Sparkes ; Sergt. W. G. Read.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 1st Period.—Mnes. R. Anderson, J. H. Cunnah, M. J. Gannon.

Termination of 2nd Period.—C.S.M. R. E. Payne, Mnes. F. R. Collis, A. T. Lavender, G. Munden, Wm. Poole, Musn. L. J. Marshall.

Invalided.—Corpl. E. A. Marsh, Mnes. G. T. Harvey, W. A. Goodchild, O. R. J. Collins.

Purchase.—Mne. Leslie Tates.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. C. R. Walsh, V. J. Ledger.

To Corpl.—Mnes. V. G. Mann, V. E. Heath, H. E. Buckley, E. G. Banham.

APPOINTMENTS.

Electrician, Barrack Dept.—Mne. W. Cooper.

Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Sergt. H. L. Saunders.

Gunnery Instructor.—Clr.-Sgt. A. E. Butt.

EMBARKATIONS.

Comus—Mne. C. A. Bennett. **Concord**—Mne. H. Rouse. **Dunedin**—Sergts. A. J. Brace, W. R. Harris, Corpls. D. E. Price, E. C. T. Ware, A. P. Thompson, Bglr. R. L. Fisher, Mnes. R. C. Willcox, W. J. Babbage, W. H. Baker, T. W. Burton, C. Thorne, A. Wrigg, F. T. Saunders, C. W. McAlister, G. F. White, W. O'Keefe, W. Gubb, R. Mashford, A. J. Burman, W. C. Maynard, W. J. Cowley, R. Payne, W. H. J. Jackson, N. Tirver, H. J. A. Summerhayes, J. H. Tomkins, D. O'Flynn, H. J. Weaving, L. Burnett, H. G. Friend, W. J. Colley, E. W. C. Ford, C. V. Partridge, A. R. C. Boyce, H. J. Powell, R. J. Edwards, A. H. Bevan. **Delhi**—Mne. F. Pugh. **Erebus**—Mne. C. Willis. **Eagle**—Mnes. W. Moore,W. E. Crocker. **Deal**—Mnes. J. H. Seals, H. Heywood, G. H. Marston, A. H. Ponting, E. Meat, T. W. Agutter, Sergt. E. H. Martin, Corpl. J. Green. **Impregnable**—Corpls. R. W. McFarlane, J. E. Barber, Sergt. C. G. Hoit, Mnes. C. Wheeldon, T. W. Lightfoot. E. R. V. Gooden, E. Cassidy, E. E. Pearce. **Portsmouth**—Mnes, W. J. C. Glanville. W. Harnwell. **Valiant**—Clr.-Sgt. E. W. Gould. Sergts. R. A. Montgomery, A. T. C. Bunker, P. O'Brien, Corpls. J E, Askew, C. T. Williamson, C. H. Hyne, E. E. Clayton, R. Francis,

F. C. J. Wathen, H. F. Healey, Bglr. G. R. Burden, Mnes. L. Holdsworth, N. H. Hawken, J. E. P. Long, B. Stansfield, J. T. Peploe, W. Black, E. Cook, W. J. Westlake, A. McChesney, J. H. Cave, C. A. Bellamy, F. Conyers, E. Light, F. F. J. Newman, J. W. Heath, H. H. J. Miles, W. C. Penman, A. E. Westcott, W. C. Haggett, R. C. Brook, H. A. Nunn, F. Ball, H. C. Mills, F. Fair, N. V. Watson, V. A. W. Cook, W. H. Boxall, W. N. Franklin, J. Callagher, J. W. Tulip, C. D. Bennett, J. H. Rogers, F. G. Mudd, C. E. Lanchberry, A. Edwards, A. E. Hext, E. J. Barnett, J. A. Barber, E. A. Tait, R. Allen, J. McCamon, F. W. Hucklebridge, F. S. Ayers, A. Bird, P. C. Austin, A. G. Bowden, W. G. Petherbridge, R. M. Turpin, T. A. Cornock, W. J. Strike, H. J. Tucker, E. G. Dart, T. H. Lewis, E. C. Symons, D. H. King, H. E. Street, P. Neenan, F. G. Hack, F. C. Marchment, A. S. Chambers, F. G. Burn, E. A. J. Searle, R. Chown, A. Webb, S. Moore, L. Killer, S. Shuttleworth, T. Andrew, G. R. V. Anstis, S. J. Parkin, R. J. Handford, F. R. Harris, H. Keeler, G. Foxall, H. Roper, R. S. Burridge, C. Kingdom, F. Covey, T. Jones, J. Howe, F. A. Chidgey, W. J. Lawry, W. Damarell, F. W. Wallace, J. Sowden, A. J. J. Wingfield, G. L. Oliver. **Victory**—Corpl. C. H. Mayes, Mnes. R. G. Jones, A. J. Smith, H. J. Woodrow, J. Kelly, P. G. Day, T. L. Jarvis, F. J. Hands, T. M. Beer, C. L. W. Coles. **Adventure**—Sergt. C. J. Standlick, G. Oliver, Corpls. A. E. Dunn, C. W. Bevis, W. M. Hartnell, Bglr. W. A. Thomas, Mnes. S. F. Durrant, A. Preece, W. Allot, W. Siddons, F. S. Sutherland, A. Hanson, W. A. Tyler, W. Goodenough, V. J. C. Baker, H. J. Delaburtouche, F. Frost, A. Stone, S. Evans, P. J. E. Back, F. G. White, W. L. Smith, G. F. H. Blight, H. E. Griffin, A. R. Starland, B. Willmitt, C. H. Freeman, G. Holbrook, S. Whitworth, S. W. Durrans, W. Adams, H. Frost, E. G. Hodges.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Comus—Mne. J. A. S. Lyon. **Curlew**—Mne. G. T. Deville. **Benbow**—Sergt. J. Carn. **Dunedin**—Mne. W. Connor. **Erebus**—Mne. H. E. Shewbrook, **Heather**—Mnes. A. McTighe, J. E. Edlin. **Impregnable**—Sergt. H. L. Saunders. Corpls. C. Swain, C. Hitchman, Mnes. S. E. Elmes I. G. Jones, J. R. Pinnock, A. J. Hall. **Tiger**—Sergt. C. F. Williams, Corpls. W. H. Dutton, Mnes. C. Kerr, G. Bryant, R. S. Swallow. **Victory**—Mne. C. Williams. **Valiant**—Sergt. H. G. Watt, C/Sgts. A. E. Butt, A. E. Shimmings, Corpls. W. C. Gillespie, R. C. L. Luscombe, R. W. Edwards, B. Stubley, F. Burnett, Mnes. F. G. Bradley, F. Campbell, E. J. Paul, C. Wheeldon, G. T. Dumbleton, J. E. Banthorpe, F. Partridge, F. Golding, G. Brazier, L. Carnock, P. M. Henderson, L. S. Collett, L. T. Townsend, H. Walker, Sergt. A. Branton, E. Jervis, G. H. Wenlock, Corpls. E. J. Crane, W. C. Nicholas, H. J. Fagents, Mnes. F. Horwell, A. Kyall, H. H. H. Wellsman, A. E. Baines, E. Tungate, F. C. Laflin, F. E. Brock, L. W. Mallows, H. Butler, E. G. Camp, C. A. Mawson, W. C. Miner, J. L. Stokes, J. Donaldson, W. F. Rudge, H. S. Hamer, L. V. Thomas, C. A. Wellington, H. Mound, M. Pease, R. Attwood, H. F. Richards, S. A. Farrant, D. Gwynne, S. G. Gatehouse, G. H. Harris, W. Baldwin, E. J. Twaites, D. Sheridan, J. Fry, W. Radmore, A. E. Screach, H. E. Woolcock, W. Drew, H. E. Buckley, W. F. Williams, T. C. Pope, J. J. Longwell, M. Leadbitter, W. G. Anning, F. Chilcott, G. W. Riches, M. B. Sawyer, W. R. Moore, A. Brett, W. H. Batten, G. Lang, F. E. Jage, C. A. Fisher, A. C. Churchouse, C. A. Tombs, I. D. Lloyd, G. L. Graves, J. C. Bickel, G. F. Weston, R. McKay, P. Counsell, S. Hulmes, S. A. McMullan, B. Davis, G. E. Lavis, A. Capel, A. T. Wilson, F. Stanbury, S. W. Mitchell, J. Mahoney, W. Pollett, T. R. Baker, H. G. Scott, W. S. Hill, T. B. Osgood, J. R. Robinson, L. R. Taylor, E. J. Smith, A. E. Whiting, P. Martin, S. A. Whitfield, G. Lunt, N. Scott, L. Endacott, G. F. Roberts, H. McDonald, R. Henry, F. Coombs, L. Martin J. Thomas, E. G. Lamb, H. A. Wiltshire, H. C. Smith, J. Swan, A. Lovell, A. J. Stephens, W. Smith, H. J. Cobley, Sergt. J. T. Kilvington, Bglr. H. A. Rogers, Mne. J. W. Ellis. **Warspite**—Mne. J. Finnis. **Portsmouth**—Mnes. F. J. Lewis, W. C. Jones, A. J. Barker, H. J. H. Godbolt, W. Coxen, R. G. Fletcher, G. H. Horwell, W. R. Blythe, J. Steel, Corpls. T. E. Spencer, C. L. Martin. **Deal**—Mne. H. Sanders.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medals.—Sergt. W. R. Harris.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd period of engagement.—Clr.-Sgt. B. W. Dale, R. Emerson, Mne. W. B. Kidd.

Termination of 1st period of engagement.—Mnes. F. M. Vincent, J. Steel.

By Purchase.—Mnes. J. E. Uppington, B. Boffey, J. Fleck.

Invalided.—Musn. W. F. Clucas, Mnes. W. H. Rudge, W. H. Pook, T. Dunne, W. P. Jennings.

DEPOT.

PROMOTION.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. C. R. Walsh.

APPOINTMENTS.

G.M. Policeman.—Mne. F. Wickens.
G.M. Policeman.—Mne. H. E. Rawlins.
Dispenser (temporary).—Sergt. C. Potter.
Coal Meter.—Mne. H. J. Caseley.
Groom to Mil. Instr.—Mne. H. Wilkinson,
Attendant to Surg.-Lieut H. M. Hill.—Mne. P. Urch.
Cook.—Mne. G. H. Marston.
G. M. Policeman.—Mne. H. Heywood.
G.M. Policeman.—Mne. J. H. Seals.
M.O.A. to Major C. H. Coode.—Mne. J. Whaley.
Staff Instr. P.R.T.—Sergt. B. J. Teeling.
M.T.I. (P.).—Sergt. W. E. Fielding.

MOVES.

To Chatham—
Clr.-Sgt. C. R. Walsh, Sergt. E. E. Holloway, Corpls. A. F. Booth, R. J. Chivers.

To Portsmouth—
Mne. W. G. Squire, Mne. W. J. Kearns, Sergt. A. G. Crowther, Corpl. L. G. Upson.

To Plymouth—
Mne. G. S. Stonehouse.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mnes. F. N. Robinson, R. R. C. Ryves, N. Nurding, W. A. Palmer.
S.N.L.R—Mne. Wm. Ogden.
By Purchase.—Mne. L. Yates.
Pension.—Musn. F. H. Kennings.

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)—G. C. Holloway, Arthur Eames, Samuel Ellick, George Winsor, E. C. Aldridge, A. F. Bartlett.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—R. O. Mullis, S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Mathews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans.

Musician (for promotion fo Band Corporal)—R. L. Moncur, H. G. Rule, I. F. Marcussohn, C. J. Kimpton, W. S. Woods, K. A. McLean.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musicians.—Band Boys R. A. Joslin, L. H. Jeffery, A. G. Christmas, Frederick Allen, W. A. R. Kerr, T. A. Vaughan, G. D. Mortimore.

EMBARKATIONS.

Excellent—Band Corpl. Henry Jones, Musns. C. E. Barrett, R. C. Page. **St. Vincent**—Bandmaster 2nd Class E. C. Aldridge, Band Corpl. D. A. Jarman, Musns. F. H. Norman, F. H. E. Curd, C. H. Diprose, Frederick Tidy, A. J. Savins, Henry Russell, O. J. Aldred, H. G. Rule, G. F. Kelly, A. E. Stevens, S. F. Howden, Frederick Ede, J. E. Roberts. **Curacoa**—Bandmaster 2nd Class F. P. Harrison, Band Corpl. E. N. Williams, Musns. W. T. Cooper, F. T. Cottrell, C. G. Knight, Ernest Adams, J. H. Bear, S. E. McCourt, T. B. Turner, J. F. Weller, T. W. Shaw, Band Boy Frederick Allen. **Valiant**—Bandmaster 2nd Class H. W. Ford, Band Corpl. J. H. Williams, Musns. C. W. A. Noel, S. H. Raby, A. J. Curd, J. W. Miles, C. F. Reed, Thomas Badman, R. S. L. Hambling, Albert Gibbons, A. A. Power, H. J. Maynard, H. J. Hawes, Band Boys W. A. R. Kerr, T. A. Vaughan.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Excellent—Band Corpl. E. G. Upstell, Musns. A. E. Bulgin, James Kemp. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Bandmaster (W.O.) T. W. Trimmer, Band Corpl. A. R. J. Passell, Musns. T. R. Wigmore, T. W. Golding, G. A. Alcock, Gerald Woodyer, E. G. McNamara, R. C. Page, Walter Guerin, J. F. Weller, J. E. Roberts, T. W. Shaw, H. H. Heath, **Ganges (T.E.)**—G. H. Collins.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of his second period of engagement.—Musn. J. H. Bradbury.

Termination of their first period of engagement. — Musns. A. F. Daniels, W. V. Vridger.

Invalided—Musns G. J. Young, Joseph Dean.

EXAMINATIONS.

At the recent examination of No. 9 Students' Class for Bandmaster the following N.C. Officers were successful :—"Distinguished Cert."—Bndr. 2nd Class W. F. Overbury (73.2%) ; "Pass Certificates"—Bndrs. W. W. Turner (68.2%), T. A. Webb (68.2%), W. A. Firminger (68.3%), G. H. Lightfoot (70.6%), C. R. M. Robinson (67.5%), A. A. Davies (67.4%).

The Adjutant-General, R.M., noted with satisfaction the high standard attained by Bandmaster W. F. Overbury.

R.M.C.A.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ROYAL MARINE OFFICE ON THE 27TH MAY, 1927.

Chairman :

Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

Present :

General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B.
Colonel H. C. Evans (Hon. Secretary).
Lieut. D. J. Grey (Portsmouth Division).
Staff Clerk W. J. Darlow (R.M. Office).
Clr.-Sergt. J. Bowler (Chatham Division).
Sergt. W. F. Jeavons (Deal).
Mr. C. E. Marshall (Hon. Sec., R.M.O.C.A., London).

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.

3. On the proposition of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Clr.-Sergt. Bowler, the accounts were regarded as very satisfactory, and unanimously passed.

4. The Hon. Secretary read a statement which lead to a discussion with regard to the supply of men for employment with the Cunard Steamship Company.

5, Proposed by Colonel Evans and seconded by General Blumberg that the present Executive Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year, with the substitution of Staff Clerk Darlow in place of Staff Clerk Preston, discharged to pension. Carried unanimously.

HON. SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The numbers remaining on the books have been very much reduced, there being only 15 men left. 43 men registered during the year.

Employment has been found for 17 men from Chatham, 17 from Portsmouth, 3 from Plymouth, and 2 from the Depot ; 39 in all.

The Cunard S.S. Company have thrown open a very good field of employment, and the Association should be prepared to do its utmost to find men to keep up the supply. The Medical Superintendent assures me that those we have sent already are just the type wanted, and are doing the work satisfactorily ; from what has come to my ears the men seem to be satisfied with the employment. I have promised to give a reply to the Company as to the possibility of keeping up the flow of men required (and would be glad of any suggestions on the subject).

H. C. Evans, Lieut.-Colonel,
May 23rd, 1927. Hon. Secretary, R.M.C.A.

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION.

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COWLEY : GRAHAM.—On June 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Broadstairs, between Captain W. G. Cowley, Essex Regiment and Mary Elizabeth Viva (Betty), daughter of Lieut.-General H. M. Graham, C.M.G., and Mrs. Graham of the Beeches, Broadstairs.

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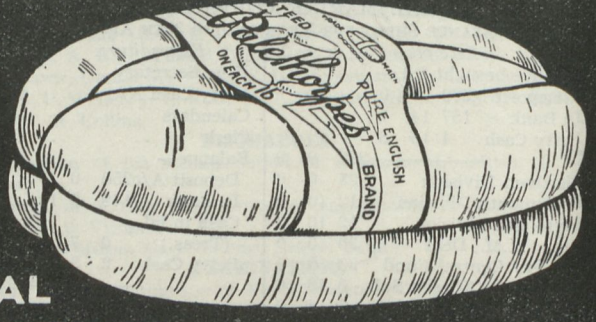
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NUTTALL.—On 12th June, 1927, at 38 Commercial Road, Weymouth, to Rosaline Ina (nee Round) wife of Sergt. T. Nuttall, H.M.S. Hood, a daughter (June).

WILLIAMS.—On 2nd June, 1927, at 4 Coronation Road, Neath, South Wales, to Cecilia (nee Smart) wife of Mne. T. E. Williams, H.M.S. Hood, a son.

A BIT SWIFT.—Scene: A Marine crossing the parade at——Division.

Sergt.-Major: "Where are you going to that man?"

Marine: "China, Sir!

S.M.: "Double up, then; you ought to be there by now!

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, King George V., has graciously accepted a copy of "Britain's Sea Soldiers," Vol. III. (p. 173).

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The Clerk of the Weather has failed to notice that our July issue was called a "*Summer Number.*"

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Bisley is over. The weather was not pleasant, but shooting conditions were not difficult, as there was not much wind. Consequently scoring all round touched a high level. Although the Corps teams did not manage to win any of the inter-service events, they put up very good performances in the U.S. Cup and the Whitehead.

The Depot team is to be warmly congratulated on its wins in the "Bargarve Deane" and the "Gunmakers' Cup," and the Chatham Cadet Corps has added to its laurels by again winning the "Watts' Bowl."

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In the Atlantic Fleet Regatta the *Hood's* R.M. Cutter has won the "Rodman Cup" for the second year in succession—a splendid achievement, on which we tender our heartiest congratulations.

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All ranks will appreciate the graceful act of the Royal Artillery Association, in making those members of R.M.A. who co-operated with them in the Great War, honorary members of the Association (p. 172).

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We publish this month the last instalment of the diary of the Royal Tour, and take this opportunity of thanking Major Hunton very warmly for the trouble he has taken in sending us his interesting letters chronicling the Tour so regularly. We have to thank him and the *Melbourne Herald* for the photograph of the Anzac Memorial March at Melbourne on the 21st April, 1927 (p. 153).

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On page 171 we give a complete table of successes achieved since 1897 by the Corps at what is now known as the Royal Tournament. This table was compiled for us by Captain Shackleton from the records of the Tournament at Olympia, and we are very grateful to him. It is an interesting and inspiring record.

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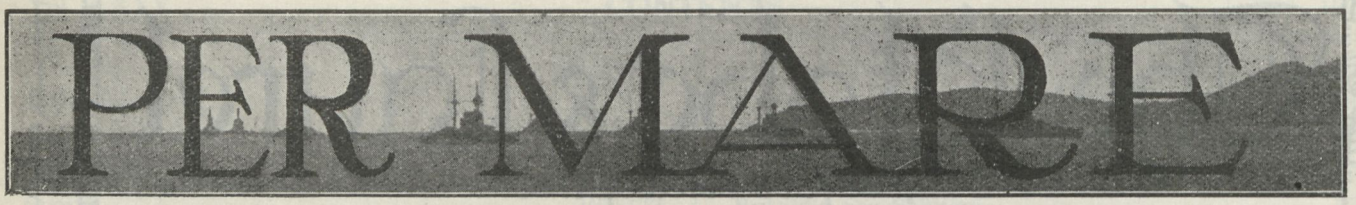
We crave pardon for the error post-dating "Private Pagett's" birth in our July issue, which made his achievements in the Prize Ring somewhat phenomenal. For 1926 read 1925. We also thank the host of kind friends who were quick enough to spot it and write to us about it.

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It has been gradually dawning on our mind that there is room for variety in the style of photographs recording R.M. "doings" which we receive for publication. How about a winning boat's crew being photographed in their boat for a change, or a rifle team actually hitting the bull or making a magpie?

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We notice that very few readers have a copy sent regularly to their home. Consequently a very large number of British subjects (male and female) are only kept informed of the doings of the Corps by the uninteresting letters they receive from their serving relatives. How about rectifying this and brightening up their hum-drum lives. If "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," what won't a *Globe and Laurel* a month do? Try it. Send your subscription and the address of the lady, and our office will do the rest.



THE ROYAL TOUR.

Renown arrived Fremantle at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 18th May, after experiencing very heavy weather in the Great Australian Bight. As soon as the ship had been made fast alongside, H.E. the Governor of Western Australia, Sir William Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., came on board to make his official call, being received by a R.M. Guard of 25 files. The Royal Guard was paraded shortly afterwards when T.R.Hs. landed to carry out the West Australian programme.

Fremantle is the chief port of Western Australia and the western terminus of the Trans-Australian railway. Situated at the mouth of the Swan River, it is a wholly artificial creation, but is capable of meeting the demands of any of the big ocean liners trading with Australia.

The Capital of Western Australia is Perth, situated some 12 miles N.E. of Fremantle on the Swan River. Here most of the entertaining took place. Perth is a very picturesque city, a prominent feature being the King's Park, where there is a preservation of over 1,000 acres of virgin bush. In this park there is a War Memorial consisting of an avenue of trees, each tree bearing a plate commemorating the name, rank and place of death of a West Australian who had given his life in the Great War.

Prominent features in the programme of entertainment of the ship's company were dances and three all-day motor tours, to York Races, to Toodyag and into the hill district surrounding Fremantle, while entertainment for the officers included a kangaroo shoot, hockey, golf and dances, and the race meeting in the country town of York. Before the serious racing began a number of mounted events were open to members of the ship's company, whose antics on horseback provided great amusement to a large country crowd.

The town of York where the racing was held is distant 72 miles from Fremantle, and those who motored there were thus able to see quite a big stretch of West Australian territory. Leaving Perth, the road passes through some 40 miles of densely wooded bush, emerging into open country, devoted to dairying, fruit growing and to sheep. York lies on the western edge of the great wheat belt of West Australia.

One evening a number of officers and men of the *Renown* attended a large trotting meeting, a very popular sport in Australia, and especially so in West Australia. In Perth the meetings are held in the evening, to ensure large crowds, the track being lit up by powerful electric lamps.

As at other places visited on the tour, various recreations were open to the ship's company. Our tug-of-war team defeated the Fremantle team by two pulls to nil, while six marines shot in a rifle match against West Australia N.R.A. and against H.M.A.S. *Sydney*.

Our full Military Band gave a programme of music in the Perth Zoological Gardens. The Zoo authorities have been very generous to H.M.S. *Renown*, whose menagerie now includes parrots of all sizes and colours, kangaroos, wallabies and an oppossum.

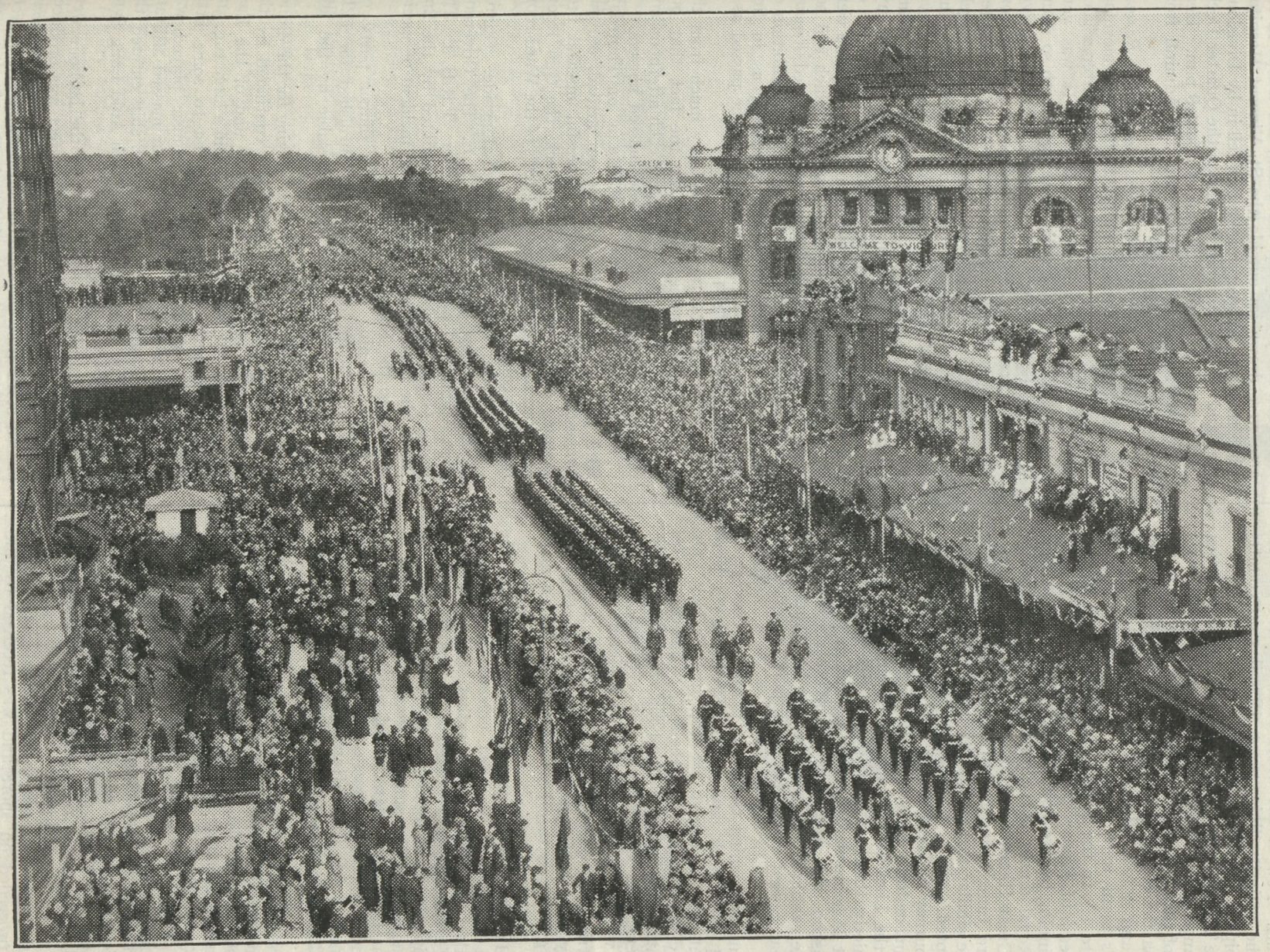
T.R.Hs. rejoined *Renown* at 1 p.m. on Monday, 23rd May, the usual Royal Guard being paraded. The ship sailed for Mauritius immediately afterwards. This passage is the longest on the homeward journey, taking nine days. On Sunday the 30th May the ship's company went into "whites." The visit to Australia being completed, the time has now arrived for the work of preparing for normal routine, and each day of the week except Saturdays and Sundays was devoted to drills of one kind or another.

Thursday, 26th May, being the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, a salute of 21 guns was fired at noon, while a royal salute was given by the Royal Guard and Band drawn up on the quarter-deck.

A very successful sing-song was held in the Royal Marine barracks on Sunday the 29th May. This concert was attended by many men from other parts of the ship.

H.M.S. *Renown* arrived Mauritius at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 1st June. As we approached the harbour a salute of 21 guns was fired by H.M.S. *Effingham*, who lay in quite close to the shore, while we were forced to anchor two miles out. The first important personage to come on board was the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Squadron, who was received by a Guard of Honour of 25 files, with the Band in attendance. The Naval C.-in-C. was followed by H.E. the Governor of Mauritius, Sir H. J. Read, K.C.M.G., C.B. Official calls over T.R.Hs. landed, the Royal Salute being given by the Royal Guard of Honour and Band.

In the afternoon many officers and men attended a race meeting held in the Champs de Mars, Port Louis. Racing is very popular amongst the natives and always attracts a large crowd, but in this instance the Royal visit had drawn in natives from all over the island, and the crowd on the race course was an exceptionally large one. This crowd dressed for the most part in the brightest of colours, on a race course set in an amphitheatre of hills, furnished one of the most memorable sights of the cruise. Betting was by Pari-Mutuel, and French the language spoken. It seems curious that although the Island of Mauritius was captured by the British in 1810, possession being confirmed by the Treaty of Paris in 1814, yet the language spoken in the Island is still French to a great extent, and the law of the country still the Napoleonic code. The natives are for the most part Indians, and the main industry of the Island is sugar. In the evening our string and jazz bands played for the Reception and the subsequent dancing at Government House. Government House is



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The R.M. Band of H.M.S. *Renown* is seen heading the procession. Immediately behind the Band is Gen. Sir J. Monash and his Corps H.Q. Staff, then 100 Naval Ratings from the *Renown*, then the R.M. Detachment. In the distance can be seen the head of the body of 25,600 ex-members of the Australian Imperial Forces and of the South African and Imperial troops. They are marching ten abreast.

at Reduit, a motor drive of about 30 minutes from Port Louis. Few of the white residents live at Port Louis, the majority living some 12 miles up country at Curepipe.

On the Thursday there were two deer shooting parties, one arranged for the Royal Party and the other for officers of the *Effingham* and the *Renown*, while in the afternoon there were golf and tennis matches for the officers and a football match for the men, in which *Renown's* team were defeated by the *Effingham* by 3 goals to 1. In the half-time interval the R.M. tug-of-war team of *Renown* pulled against the *Effingham's* team, winning by two pulls to nil. That evening there was a Royal dinner party on board, *Renown* leaving for the Great Hanish Island immediately afterwards.

The 3rd June, being the birthday of H.M. The King, a routine similar to that carried out on the 26th May was adopted.

The journey to Great Hanish Islands was uneventful, though uncomfortable, owing to the intense heat. We crossed the Line at 6.30 a.m. on Monday, 6th June, more quietly than we had done so five months ago. The next 24 hours were most unpleasant, as we ran into the monsoon, but afterwards the weather moderated, and some ventilation at least could be kept open. The great heat caused considerable mortality amongst the parrots.

On Sunday evening there was a further concert on the R.M. mess deck, and on the Wednesday a very successful ship's concert on the quarter-deck. On Thursday Major Nugent gave the N.C.Os. and candidates a very interesting lecture on the King's birthday parade. The cinema was kept busy in the evenings, but the weather was too hot to admit of much violent exercise

We arrived at Great Hanish Islands at 3 p.m. on Thursday the 9th of June, where we met our Oiler the *Olna*. In addition to oil she carried a month's mails for us.

The Hanish Islands are a group of islands in the southern corner of the Red Sea, volcanic in origin, and apparently uninhabited ; altogether rather a grim place. Opportunity was taken of our stay here to paint ship, the hands working on during the night, to avoid the heat of the sun. A small party landed to shoot Gazelle, a particular type of which is peculiar to the Island, but only one was shot, though others were seen. *Renown* left Great Hanish Island at 1.30 p.m. on the 10th June, glad to get away and to get some fresh air.

Renown arrived Suez at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, 14th June, entering the Suez Canal some two hours later.

It is not proposed to attempt any description of the Suez Canal as so many of H.M. Ships pass through it, and in consequence it is well-known to most of the readers of the *Globe and Laurel*. Reference might perhaps be made to two interesting incidents. Lord Lloyd, The High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan, following us up in a fast motor boat, boarded the ship about 9.30 a.m. remaining for about two hours. A Guard of Honour of 25 files was mounted both on his arrival and on his departure.

A short stay was made in the Timsah Lake, while H.R.H. proceeded on shore and was received by the officers and men of the Somerset Light Infantry, of which Regiment he is Colonel-in-Chief. When *Renown* continued her journey up the Canal, the troops in the area were drawn up outside the St. Vincent Hospital, while the ships company of *Renown* fell in by Divisions, the band playing appropriate airs on the Quarter Deck.

Renown arrived off Port Said at about 9 p.m. Here representatives of King Fuad and the Admiral from *Royal Sovereign* visited the ship.

The *Mooltan* having arrived with our mail, *Renown* left Port Said for Malta at 6 a.m. the following morning, arriving at 2 p.m. on Friday, 17th June, after a good passage under much cooler conditions. It was very pleasant to come into contact once again with so many members of the Corps. It is assumed that the arrival of the *Renown* in Malta and the ceremonies in connection therewith will be fully dealt with in the Mediterranean letters. The first afternoon was largely devoted to Ceremonial, Guards of Honour being furnished for H.E. The Governor of Malta, the Naval Commander-in-Chief and for T.R.H.'s. The same might be said of the morning of our departure on Monday, 20th June. The Manning of Ships, the presence of many R.M. Guards, Gun Salutes and cheering ship were all very impressive, and made a picture which will not easily be forgotten. Eight destroyers escorted *Renown* for 15 miles from the harbour, giving an exhibition of manoeuvre at high speed before passing us in line ahead, each destroyer cheering ship as she passed as a final farewell to T.R.H.'s.

Our life in Malta did not vary very much from the normal Fleet Routine, except for the fact that our Drum and Fife Band beat Retreat each afternoon and certain calls were sounded by our massed buglers.

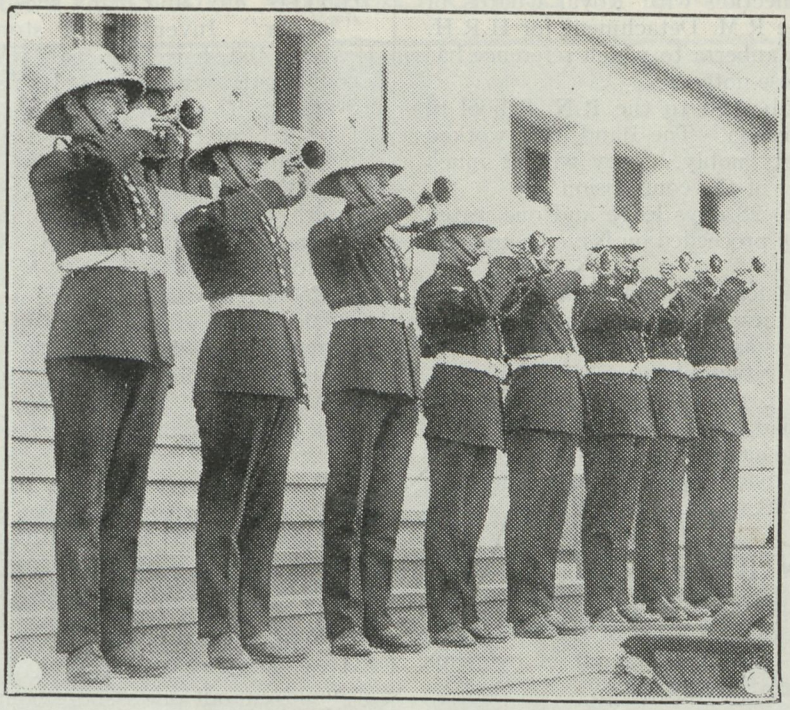
We arrived at Gibraltar at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 23rd June. On the night before our arrival, our full Orchestral Band gave a very successful musical programme on the on the Quarter Deck, the Gun Room and Warrant Officers being the guests of the Ward-room for the evening.

At Gibraltar, *Renown* was berthed alongside. Guards of Honour were furnished for H.E. The Governor, Rear-Admiral Townshend, and for T.R.H.'s. The Royal Guard on the wharf was mounted by the 2nd Bn. of the East Surrey Regiment, an incident of special interest to the Royal Marines.

In the evening T.R.H.'s gave a dinner party on board. A Guard of Honour was furnished for H.E. The Governor, this being made possible by the late hour of sunset, which was at 8.41 p.m.

As soon as our band had ceased playing for the dinner party, the programme of music was continued by the massed bands of the Royal Artillery and of the East Surrey Regiment, who lay off the ship in a large tug, and who subsequently escorted us to sea to some little distance the Mole. Amongst the music played was " Sambre et Meuse," a tune which our massed Military and Bugle Bands had played as the ship entered the harbour. The programme ended with Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

A large number of small craft in the harbour were illuminated and a very spectacular effect was produced by syrens, fireworks and coloured flares as *Renown* passed stern first through the breakwater. A search-light display was given both by the Rock and by the



THE SILVER BUGLES used for the Royal Tour.

ship, the ceremony being brought to a termination by a grand firework display by *Renown*. This gay scene made a fitting departure from the last port of call of the Royal Cruise.

On Friday, 24th June, the Ward Room Officers gave a farewell dinner to T.R.H.'s and Staff. After the dinner H.R.H. presented a very fine silver cup to the Mess as a memento of their tour in *Renown*. A farewell dinner to the Representatives of the Press was given on Saturday, 25th June. Bad weather was encountered on the Sunday, and Divisions were held on the Mess Deck. Later the ship was stopped to enable H.R.H. to make a farewell address to the Ships Company assembled on the Quarter Deck.

Renown anchored off Spithead about 9.30 a.m., remaining there until 11.30 a.m., when she proceeded up Portsmouth Harbour. During this interval H.R.H. The Duke of York held an investiture. The Royal Marine personnel who were honoured were as follows :—

Major T. L. Hunton, M.V.O. (4th Class)
Lieut. A. Pragnell, M.V.O. (5th Class)
Po./215408 Mne. W. A. L. Day, Royal Victorian Medal.
Chat./16802 Mne. T. Bell, Royal Victorian Medal.

Mne Day was one of the Royal Orderlies and Mne. Bell was the Printer.

A destroyer escort consisting of *Wrestler*, *Vanoc*, *Tilbury* and *Toreador* had met *Renown* south of St. Catherines, and as *Renown* moved up the harbour, these destroyers formed single line with two ahead and two astern of the escorted vessel. In spite of the inclement weather, the foreshore was black with people and T.R.H.'s were given a great welcome home.

T.R.H.'s the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and Prince George were waiting on the South Railway Jetty when we arrived, and proceeded on board *Renown* as soon as she was berthed. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales inspected the Royal Guard of Honour.

T.R.H.'s The Duke and Duchess of York landed at at 12.50 p.m., by which time the ship had been manned, and as they stepped ashore three cheers were given by the Ships Company in farewell. The Duke of York before landing inspected his Guard of Honour for the last time.

T.R.H.'s were received on the jetty by His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Southampton, the Mayor of Portsmouth, the C.-in-C. Portsmouth, the G.O.C.-in-C. Southern Command, the V.A. Comdg. Reserve Fleet, the V.A. Comdg. H.M. Yachts, the Admiral-Superintendent, Portsmouth Dockyard, and the Air Officer Comdg. the Coastal Area. An address of welcome by the Mayor followed, to which H.R.H. replied.

After a number of presentations, T.R.H.'s left in a special train for London. As the train passed the Quarter Deck, the Band played the air of "The Maori Farewell," the song sung by the Maoris as T.R.H.'s left the race-course at Rotorua.

The Ceremonial over, officers and men hastened to meet their relations and friends who had assembled on the jetty to welcome them home, and in the afternoon the ship reminded one of those afternoons in Australia, when as many as 3,000 visitors would be on board.

One of the first actions to be taken on reaching England was to return the Silver Bugles to their respective Divisions. These bugles in accordance with the wishes expressed by Officers, R.M., have been used only by R.M. Buglers, and with one exception have

been used only in connection with Royal Guards of Honour furnished by the R.M. Detachment for H.R.H. The one exception was Canberra to which reference has already been made in these notes.

The Band were disembarked to the R.N. School of Music on Thursday afternoon. The Band have worked hard and done their duty nobly. They will be much missed for the remainder of the commission.

Each watch is to have 28 days leave and one watch with the excess personnel proceeded on leave at noon on Wednesday, 29th June.

On completion of the leave period, *Renown* rejoins the Atlantic Fleet and these notes in future will have to be confined to business as usual.

Many changes in the Detachment are to be effected, but no matter to what part of the world we may be sent, those of us who had the honour to take part in this Royal Cruise will have a wonderful record of Empire travel to look back upon. The memory of very many pleasant things will always remain.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

The outstanding features of the last month have been : (a) The hectic places visited by some of the Fleet (*e.g.*, Loch Ewe, Stornoway) ; (b) the amount of overtime put in by J. Pluvius ; (c) the Regatta.

Hood won the Chanticleer by a narrow margin of six points over *Revenge*. Their R.M. cutter repeated their successes of last year and won the R.M. Cutters' and Rodman Cups in a common canter, a very fine effort.

R.M. results in Group I. :—

	Cutters	Whalers	Band Whalers
1st	*Hood*	*Furious*	*Revenge*
2nd	*Revenge*	*Furious*	*Furious*
3rd	*Ramillies*	*Hood*	*Repulse*
4th	*Revenge*	*Repulse*	*Ramillies*
5th	*Repulse*	*Hood*	*Hood*
6th	*Ramillies*	*Revenge*	
7th	*Repulse*	*Repulse*	
8th	*Hood*	*Revenge*	
9th	*Furious*	*Ramillies*	
10th	*Furious*	*Ramillies*	

Points obtained by R.M. for the Chanticleer (h.p.s. 105)

Revenge	.. ..	74
Hood	.. ..	70
Repulse	.. ..	58
Furious	.. ..	54
Ramillies	.. ..	49

In the Rodman Cup—a race for one cutter's crew from each heavy ship—the R.Ms. of *Hood* (Sergt. Dyer) and *Revenge* (Col.-Sergt. Wright) represented their ships, finishing 1st and 4th respectively.

" Revenge."

We have been to Loch Ewe. Oh, yes, the troops expected big things from Loch Ewe, and they got them—mountains with k-nobs on ! They all flocked on deck as we entered, and had that same expression on their faces as for leaving Pompey after " the days," owing to the fact we had tc spend 14 days there ; they also said rude things, that we shall certainly not write. At times the storms ceased, and the waters abated, and we were able to get in a little regatta training, which came in very handy at the time, because owing to fact that they were getting fair weather down South, we were expecting to hold a regatta. Ashore there were a few crofters cabooses, etc., and many sheep (chummy ships), and a " boozer." Inventory of stores of " boozer " :—

Beer, flat, barrels of (part worn), 1 ; glasses, soldiers, common (two cracked), 5 ; tables, topers, metal-lined, 1 ; crates, fish, empty, 3 ; lords, land, Mac Swashplate type, 1. Shortly after our arrival, of course, we had to have amendments as follows :—Line 1, delete " part worn," insert " empty " ; Line 2, delete " two cracked," insert " three cracked, two broken "——and then life became a steady affair. It was arranged to have a tactical exercise ashore, R.M. Platoons *versus* Seamen Platoons ; owing to the Scotch state of the intended battle-ground, the gunnery officer had to make out a demand note on Woolworth's for 400 pairs of mud-pattens, but they only had sufficient for the Marines, so the " stunt " was cancelled, and we stayed aboard and cleaned paintwork in lieu thereof. Since then, however, we caught a matloe with his boots off, and we find that the new 'uns are the same as the old 'uns—web-toed, so we could have held the " stunt " after all.

After Loch Ewe came Milford Haven. Milford is a fishy affair, so after a short time, we washed our hands of it, and pushed off to the " Naples of England." Our arrival there was the signal for the renewal of old acquaintances, etc., which is rather detrimental three days before the regatta. To obtain 100% results one should cut all one's shore connections off during such periods. Finally, Regatta Day came, with West Country weather, and it wasn't fit for a Channel Island boat to be outside Weymouth camber, so we kept the pulling boats inboard and moaned all day (all same as the first day last year at Torquay). On the second day they managed to complete the best part of the regatta, finishing it off the day after, with the usual excitement, and usual two ships " in it," all the whispers about the dark horse *Repulse* were a bake ! We know the Fleet Royal Marine Officer is sending on the results of the R.M. races, so we shall only say a few words about our own crews. We did not expect to beat the *Hoods* in the R.M. cutters, so after giving her 1st place, our two crews finished well, the 2nd crew finishing well behind our 1st crew. With our Marines' Whalers we were very disappointed, because one of *Revenge's* whalers is a good boat, and should always be well placed. It was the opinion of the ship that our Band crew would come in first, which signified they were considered a very good crew. Needless to say, they did come in first, and were greeted on board and chaired round the Q.D., led by a special band of one Slovakian bagpipe and two drums. The Cock—beg pardon, the Chanticleer, went west ; the *Hoods* say that suitable corn cannot be obtained in Pompey.

That Turret Shield, which we said last month was hanging on a split-yarn in our turret, has dipped, owing to the reasons then stated. In the 6-in. Competition to decide best 6-in. Crew in the ship, several crews had clean Salvo records in the shoot, and in a deciding Loader Competition, 20 rounds run, S.5 (Seamen) just pipped P.4 (Marines—Corpl. Baxter), and a special Loader Competition for four crews that were unable to take part in the shoot, was won by P.7 (Marines—Mne. Kent).

We have just arrived at Portsmouth, and after getting our ammunition, the 1st Watch commences leave on the 14th July, and the ship will be placed in the Floating Dock for one month.

R.M. CUTTERS AND WHALERS CREWS OF H.M.S. HOOD.



1*st Row*—Mne. Carter (*R*) ; Corpl. Barker (*BW*) ; Corpl. Archard (*R*) ; J. Blake, Cd. Gnr., R.N. ; Lieut. Baker R.M. ; Major Jones, R.M. ; Sergt. Dyer (Cox *R*) ; Capt. Smith-Hill, R.M. ; W. Weightman, Cd. Gnr., R.M. ; Corpl. Cook (Cox *C*) ; Mne. Sheppard (*R*) ; Corpl. Pyne (Cox *AW*) ; Mne. Hannaford (*R*).

2*nd Row*—Mne. Drouet ; Mne. Davey (*R*) ; Mne. Lamb ; Mne. McLachlan (*R*) ; Mne. Lanceley (*R*) ; Mne. Fox (*R*) ; Mne. O'Brien (*R*) ; Mne. Worthington (*R*) ; Mne. Bowyer (*R*) ; Mne. McNally (*C*) ; Mne. Gibbs (*AW*).

3*rd Row*—Mne. Vallance (*BW*) ; Mne. Merritt (*BW*) ; Mne. Crane (*BW*), ; Mne. Stevens (*C*) ; Corpl. Sutton (*C*) ; Mne. Brown (*C*) ; Mne. Phodon (*C*) ; Mne. Powell (*C*) ; Mne. Wall (*C*) ; Mne. Cotterell (*C*) ; Mne. Guy (*AW*).

4*th Row*—Mne. Gould (*AW*) ; Mne. Pee (*BW*) ; Mne. Wright (*C*) ; Mne. Metcalfe (*C*) ; Mne. Humphries (*AW*) ; Sergt Nuttall (*AW*) Mne. Worgan (*AW*).

R—Rodman Cutters Crew. C—"B" Cutters Crew. BW—"B" Whaler. AW—"A" Whaler.

"Hood"

Owing to my having an attack of "oarsmans' elbow" I was unable to send in an account last month. Nothing of any consequence happened so nothing was missed. The whole of our time has been occupied in training for the regatta and although weather conditions were bad, training was good and continuous, as the regatta results show.

The cruise was not very interesting, and in only one place was any effort made to entertain us. That was at Newcastle (Co. Down) where, despite bad weather, lack of boats, etc., really excellent arrangements were made to receive us. We were made to feel really welcome and hundreds of people took the opportunity to visit the ship.

A sports day for the ship's company and the Northumberland Fusiliers was also arranged and was favoured, strange to relate, by good weather. Our only success was in the high jump where Mne. Guy took first prize with a jump of 4 feet 9 inches. Several others ran creditably but just missed places.

On the 1st July we arrived at Weymouth (but only just). We encountered heavy rain and mist and could not make our anchorage until 8 p.m. The weather did not promise too well for our regatta, and sure enough Monday the 4th, dawned wet and extremely boisterous. This caused a postponement until Tuesday. True to prophecy *Hood* won the first race (C.P.O.'s gig) and we went on from success to success to eventually win the "Cock" by six points.

Immediately after this race, the R.M. whalers and cutter's races took place. Despite the fact that our "A" whaler started over a length behind, and our "B" whaler broke an oar, they did well, while of course,

our " Engine crew " won fairly comfortably. Our " B " cutters' crew was rather a disappointment to us, but as they had shown up fairly well in practise, one can only surmise that they were overcome by the occasion

Points scored—*Hood* Whalers, 29 ; *Revenge* Whalers, 16. *Hood* Cutters, 39 ; *Revenge* Cutters, 48.

Hood's detachment 68 points, *Revenge's* detachment 64.

En passant may we congratulate *Furious* on their success in the whalers race.

To those who decry our success by calling us a " big ship," may we point out that our detachment strength is 109 all told.

Our bandsmen did not do so well as was anticipated but they did their best and did not let us down. *Hood* eventually went on to win the " Cock " by the narrow margin of 6 points, the final scores being :—*Hood* 572, *Revenge* 566, other ships some way behind. We feel that our victory was gained at the cost of a big disappointment to those splendid sportsmen of the *Revenge*, who contrived to give us such a scare. One almost wishes there were two " Cocks," or at least, a " Cock and a Hen." The life of our live cock on the " Poultry Deck " was in jeopardy up to the end. The butcher was standing over him to the end, knife poised for the sacrificial rites in the event of a *Revenge* victory. No doubt ships in company heard his crowing when the cheering party went round the fleet. In addition, the two hens laid an egg each, these being the first for six weeks. They are being suitably inscribed and mounted and presented to our mess deck dodger.

Out of 27 races *Hood* had 14 first, 5 seconds and 5 thirds, winning the Rodman, R.M. Cutters, Seamens' Cutters, Veterans' skiffs, Subordinate Officers' Gigs, Stokers' Cutters and " All Comers " Cups, in addition to the coveted " Cock."

The races for the Rodman and Battenburg Cups took place on Thursday forenoon. Rumour had been very busy with the first event, and although there were many " talkers " we found a remarkable lack of " takers." So we must perforce pay our own railway fares on this leave. The result was never in doubt from the beginning. Our boat pulling 36-40 strokes to the minute, drew right away and was never headed. Second boat was *Marlborough* who pulled à la Maltese, standing to their oars the whole course. 20 strokes divided the two boats. This event fulfilled our main ambition, which was to win this trophy for two years in succession. This is a record, as no ship has previously held it for two consecutive years. In addition, we have done it with the same crew, known to our squadron as " *Hood's* motor boats' crew."

The Battenburg Cup (Mids. gigs) was lost to *Revenge* by two strokes.

Our Rodman crew have received congratulatory messages from the Adjutant-General, Major Sinclair (late S.O.R.M., 1st B.C.S.), *Barham*, our late opponents in Gib., and many other people. These were much appreciated as it served to show that old and valued associations were not forgotten.

The " Cock " does not desire to crow too loudly, but should ANY ship feel capable of trimming his comb, they know his address. Cheques should be made payable to bearer and P.O.'s crossed, as we all have bank accounts now.

The accompanying photograph shows all our detachment crews except the band, who in some unfortunate way were forgotten, and the Rodman crew can be picked out easily. They are the cave-men with the village blacksmith figures and bulging muscles. The writer is concealed behind one of them, which is perhaps beneficial to the photograph.

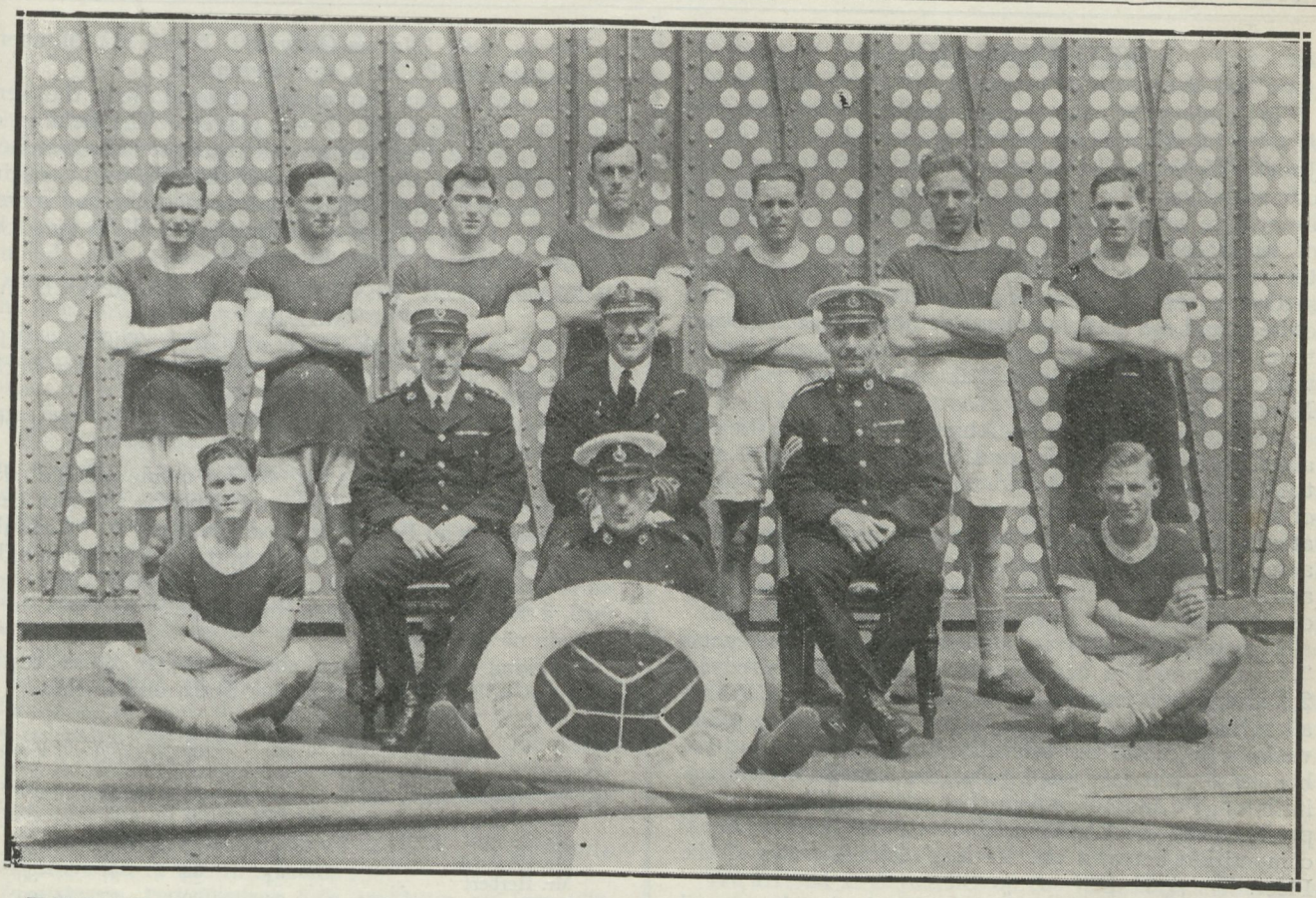
Just at present we are in " Pompey " getting our second wind for our Winter Cruise. Great activity, subdued but incessant, has been noted amongst the gunnery staff. Regattas are things of the past and King Gunnery now appears. That is not until after leave, which is now close on us, so why worry about unborn TO-MORROW and dead YESTERDAY, why fret about them if TO-DAY be sweet ?

" **Benbow** "

In the Regatta, the *Benbow* retained the " Cock " by a margin of 21 points with the *Iron Duke* second, and the *Emperor of India* third. The Marine's Whalers race was pulled in a choppy sea with added benefit of a downpour of rain and was very closely contested. The *E. of I.'s* were first across the line, thereby winning the Miles Cup for the second year in sucession, and they were followed in by the *I.D.'s* and the *Benbow*. I firmly believe that our crews forgot there was a race on as one crew had a rest halfway down the course, and the other had a stand easy ten strokes the wrong side of the finishing line. However, we finished third and seventh doing our little bit towards the winning of the " Rooster " (in addition to cleaning it) the Band finishing third in a very close race.

The Squadron sailed on June 26th for the south, so as to be on the line of total eclipse, but unfortunately the eclipse was very badly blotted out by clouds and the only part of it we saw was the darkness. All the Guard and Steerage party had turned out early armed with smoked glass, but as soon as they saw the clouds they all went and turned in again, declaring the whole thing a swindle. We arrived at Weymouth on July 1st our arrival being considerably delayed by one of the finest rainstorms seen for a long while. The battleships and cruisers had very bad weather for their Regatta, and the weather was not too good for the Rodman Cup Race. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the *Hood's* Marines on their splendid victory, thereby showing the Navy what the Royals can produce in the way of Cutter's Crews. The attractions of Weymouth proved too much for the will power of many after the Regatta training and lots of money intended for leave, has flowed into the coffers of the Brewers and Weymouth landladies, but the beer was not all it was cracked up to be, in fact I have heard it described as " Fleet Special."

The Fleet proceeded to sea on July 7th and bade farewell to the C.-in-C. who steamed down through the lines and we then proceeded to Portsmouth, but had to stop on the way to render medical assistance to one of the crew of a Merchant Ship who had fallen down a hold. We arrived the same night, and went to sea again on Tuesday in company with *Ramillies* and a host of destroyers and submarines, and proceeded to make the ocean look untidy with smoke clouds, it was supposed to be a bombardment of Portsmouth, but the City bore it with equanimity.



H.M.S. " Furious " Marines Whalers Crews who were 1st and 2nd in the Marines Whalers Race at the Atlantic Fleet Regatta, 1927.

" Furious "

After spending a strenuous three weeks training pilots off the Nab, *Furious* left Portsmouth to join the Atlantic Fleet at Invergordon. On arrival, regatta training started, the Marines providing two cutters and two whalers and the band one whaler's crew. Our stay at Invergordon proved to be rather dull, the only event of any consequence being a 16-a-side golf match against the Atlantic Fleet, this was won by the *Furious*, by 3 matches. Capt. Sergeant, R.M. and Lieut. Giles, R.M. played for the ship.

When the Fleet left Invergordon for the summer cruise, *Furious* proceeded independently to Ullapool, on the west coast of Scotland, passing through Scapa Flow en route, in order to give the officers and ship's company an opportunity to see the salving operations on the German ships.

Ullapool, although providing excellent salmon and trout fishing, will be remembered by the detachment for the 18-mile route march which took place one hot June day, however, there were no casualties which, considering the lack of practice in route marching, was quite satisfactory. Another important event was a shooting match against the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (T.). This was won by the soldiers with a score of 487 against our 454. Captain Sergeant, Sergt. Munday and Mne. Perkins shot for the ship.

After leaving Ullapool, the ship sailed for Ardrossan, but owing to bad weather was forced to shelter for two days at Lamlash. Our stay at Ardrossan lasted for exactly two hours, when the Captain asked permission to proceed to Brodick Bay in the Isle of Aran, this was approved with the result that we spent a pleasant five days playing golf, fishing and practising for the regatta.

From Brodick we went to Tenby, where the weather was such as to make the chance of getting ashore rather remote, however, our stay only lasted two days, and then we sailed for Torquay ; here, our main object was to demonstrate the art of flying and deck landing to some 500 naval cadets, but in spite of this, plenty of time was found to practice for the regatta, which by now was unpleasantly close.

With Torquay, the independent cruise finished and we rejoined the flag of Admiral Sir Henry Oliver off Weymouth, the Fleet anchoring in Weymouth Bay in readiness for the regatta.

Although *Furious* did not win, in fact, did not look like winning the regatta, she had no reason to be ashamed of herself. In finishing fourth, beating a battleship, *Ramillies*, and only 23 points behind *Repulse*, she was considered by the C.-in-C. to have done extremely well. The Marines' Whalers in coming in 1st and 2nd in their race, created a record which was achieved by no other ship during the regatta. The band whalers got a second, unfortunately the two Marine cutters, although putting up a good show were never really in the race, being rather outclassed by the giants from *Hood* and *Revenge*.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Barham"

On Sunday, 29th May, we left Malta in company with *Malaya* for Alexandria, where we arrived on the 1st of June. We were all rather busy during the trip, getting our marching order ready and generally prepared for immediate landing on arrival, but after an exchange of views between the British and Egyptian representatives on shore, the political situation was amicably settled, so our presence as a landing force was not required, and we settled down to enjoy the usual distractions that are to be found at suchports, and it was with rather mixed feelings that we left for Malta on Monday, 20th June.

We had our quarterly marching order parade the day after we left Alexandria, and I must draw a veil over the busy scene the night before in the tropical atmosphere of the Mess Deck. After a most pleasant three days at sea, blessed by beautiful weather and enlivened by a few selections from our celebrated Jazz Band, we arrived at Malta on the 23rd of the month and left again on the 27th, on the first part of our Summer Cruise.

The ship's company is rapidly developing the regatta "fever" and the detachment is well represented by 2 Cutters, 2 Whalers and the Band Whaler. We are all rather proud of the way they are "shaping" and we hope to retain the Ramillies Cup, which we had the honour to win last year. For the benefit of the uninitiated, I'd like to explain that the Ramillies Cup was presented by the late Lord Charles Beresford for annual competition between the Marines' cutters crews of the Fleet.

The ship had the good fortune to win for the second year in succession, the Fleet Athletic Aggregate Cup, and the Royals helped considerably in piling up the points.

On the 22nd of May, the Marines Light-weight Tug-of-War team, winners of the Ship's Inter-Part Competition went ashore at Floriana, and met the team from the Royal Engineers whom they defeated by two pulls to nil and thus won a cup that was presented by The Malta Mineral Water Co., and so added another piece of silver to the wonderful collection already won by the ship.

Ghain Tuffieha.

Ghain Tuffieha *v.* Rinella. A match was played at G.T. against Rinella on Saturday, 18th June. Rinella brought a strong team, being assisted by Sto. Crunden, H.M.S. Concord, who bowls for the Fleet, and Corpl. Harris, R.A.F.

Results of matches played :—

18th June. *v.* Rinella (at Ghain Tuffieha).

Ghain Tuffieha, 79 (Mne. Thorne 25 not out) ; Rinella, 134 (Sergt. Ford 3 for 20).

22nd June. *v.* R.A.F. (Ghain Tuffieha batted first).

Ghain Tuffieha 1st innings, 52 ; 2nd innings, 39 ; R.A.F. 141 for 8 (Monnery 4 for 27).

The R.A.F. have some very fine players, and it was no disgrace to be so badly beaten by such a good team. The bowling of Dicken in the first innings was unplayable and their fielding exceedingly smart.

G.T. *v.* Rinella. A return match was played at G.T., on Saturday, 2nd July, Rinella having the assistance of Mne. Odey, H.M.S. Egmont. Rinella batted first.

nd July. *v.* Rinella (at G.T.).

Rinella, 186, (Marine Odey 100, Booth 31) (Monnery 4 for 43) ; G. T,. 61 (Capt. Bishop 21).

This match was thoroughly enjoyed from the very sporting way in which it was played. The fielding of the Staff was a great improvement on previous matches, who, with more practice, should develop into a useful side. Except for a difficult chance when he had scored 10, Mne. Odey's score was faultless and he is to be congratulated on a very fine effort.

REMARKABLE RESULT OF RIFLE MATCH AT MALTA.

A rifle match took place at Ghain Tuffieha Rifle Range on Sunday, 29th May, between the Malta Dockyard Rifle Club and the Range Staff.

Conditions :—2 sighters and 7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards, S.R.A. Rifle.

The complete teams of twelve-a-side scored 952 points, but the remarkable coincidence is the fact that the teams dead-heated at each range. As a result, however, of counting the best eight scores of each side, as is usual in these matches, the Dockyard Team won with a score of 675 against the Range Staff's 663, by a margin of 12 points.

Previous two matches shot between these teams resulted in a win for the Range Staff, and a draw.

MALTA DOCKYARD R.C.

Name	200	500	600	*Total*
Mr. Hammacote	33	32	32	97
Mr. Cory	27	32	30	89
Mr. G. Neal	27	31	30	88
Mr. W. Neal	29	27	26	82
Mr. Herbert	24	25	31	80
Mr. Stacey	24	29	27	80
Mr. Boulton	24	29	27	80
Mr. Lamerton	24	27	28	79
Mr. Johnston	26	26	24	76*
Mr. Hayden	25	26	24	75*
Mr. Tucker	22	29	22	73*
Mr. Wilkinson	16	24	13	53
	301	337	314	675
		952		

GHAIN TUFFIEHA RANGE STAFF.

Name	200	500	600	*Total*
Mne. Spearing	29	32	26	87
Q.M.S.I. Sloman	29	31	26	86
Sergt. Manfield	32	27	27	86
Sergt. Ford	26	29	30	85
Sergt. Monnery ..	27	29	26	82
Sergt. Crosby	24	29	28	81
Capt. Bishop	23	27	30	80
Sergt. Cherriman ..	23	26	27	76
Mne. Bartlett	29	27	20	76*
Mne. Thorne	19	29	25	73*
Sergt. Lawrence	20	25	27	72*
Mne. Warwick	20	26	22	68*
	301	337	314	663
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* *Counted Out.*

Shooting as an Honorary Member of the Malta Dockyard Club, Q.M.S.I. T. W. Sloman headed the season's averages, obtaining an average of 90.6 for eleven shoots, also winning the Silver Skilled Shot Badge, shot for on Saturday, 11th June, with a score of 95.

All shoots were held under the same conditions, *i.e.*, 1 sighter and 7 rounds at 300, 500 and 600 yards with S.R.A. Rifle.

AFRICA.

" Birmingham."

After a few month's alongside the wall at Simonstown, the *Birmingham* and *Lowestoft* commenced their East Coast Cruise, leaving Simonstown on 8th June.

The *Lowestoft* called at Mossel Bay, where they were given a very fine reception, and judging by the numbers, not only of the more youthful members but also the older, though not necessarily more staid members of the Detachment, who were present at the dances, etc., this hospitality was greatly appreciated.

One member kept up the reputation of the Corps for gallantry and chivalry by performing against the ladies at hockey. His efforts to assist the fallen fair ones were very favourably commented on.

The *Birmingham* proceeded to Port Elizabeth, while the *Lowestoft* was at Mossel Bay, and were also given a very hearty welcome. The various entertainments ashore included dancing, football, rifle shooting, charabanc trips and visits to the famous Snake Park.

The Detachment were represented at soccer by Corpl. W. T. Green, Mne. J. Killian and Musn. T. Davis in a match against Fairview at the Oval. Result: draw, two all.

In the Union of South Africa there are numerous rifle clubs all over the country, consequently there is an incentive for H.M. Ships to maintain a rifle club. Many a very pleasant day is spent on the various attractive ranges in beautiful weather and in most cases lunch and tea is provided by our opponents.

The following representatives of R.M. Detachments were included in the rifle teams :—

Birminham v. Port Elizabeth Rifle Association, on June 12th. Teams of ten. Result—match lost by 28 points, P.E.R.A. 864 ; *Birmingham* 836. Corpl. A. J. Lord 83, Mne T. C. Ward 83 Major H. R. Brewer 80, Act./Cpl. F. Startup 78.

Birmingham v. South African Police, Port Elizabeth, on June 13th. Teams of ten, best eight to count. Result—match lost by 43 points, S.A.P. total 718 ; *Birmingham* total 675. Act./Cpl. F. Startup 87, Major H. R. Brewer 83, Corpl. A. J. Lord 81.

Birmingham left Port Elizabeth on June 15th, after a very pleasant stay, being joined by *Lowestoft* at sea, and both ships proceeded to East London and arrived a.m. 16th. The usual hearty reception was accorded the Squadron and rifle matches were arranged, the scores made by Royal Marines being as follows :—

Birmingham v. South African Police and PrisonWarders, June 18th. Teams of ten, best eight to count. *Birmingham* total 743 ; S.A.P. total 679. Result, match won by 64 points. Act./Clp. F. Startup 95, Corpl. A. J. Lord 89, Major H. R. Brewer 86, Mne. W. Larkins 84.

Birmingham v. East London Defence Rifle Association, June 20th. Teams of ten, best eight to count. *Birmingham* total 733 ; East London R.A. total 729. Result, match won by 4 points. Cpl. A. J. Lord 81, Mne. T. C. Ward 79, Mne. W. Larkins 78.

On June 22nd, a triangle match was arranged between *Birmingham, Lowestoft* and South African Police with this result :—

Birmingham, 1st, total 694. Mne. W. Larkins 85, Corpl. A. J. Lord 83, Major H. Brewer 79.

Lowestoft, 2nd, total 613. Mne. Cobley 81, Mne. Talbot 77, Sergt. Warren 69.

South African Police, 3rd, total 604.

Special mention should be made regarding the concert given by the C.-in-C.'s Band in the City Hall, East London, on Sunday evening, 19th June. The items of the programme were very ably rendered by the musicians under the baton of Acting Bandmaster H. P. W. H. Robbins, R.M.B. The public were greatly surprised at so small an orchestra rendering the Slavonic and Hungarian Rhapsody with such success. The band were accorded great praise and applause, and many encores were called.

This concludes our news items for the present, as the Squadron leaves East London on June 23rd, for Durban.

EAST INDIES.

" Effingham "

Our stay at Trincomali for G. and T. Practices passed off very quietly, chiefly due to the fact that there well no other ships there, nor was there an oiler to tow the Battle Practice Target.

We arrived at Colombo about the middle of March to dock before starting our East African Cruise. Whilst there, *Enterprise* returned from China to take over relief crews from *Yarmouth* who was detained at Colombo with engine defects. The day *Enterprise* left for China she went out with the B.P. target in tow to enable us to do our full calibre firings. As there was no chance of doing any more firing in the near future we did all our practices on the same day.

Before leaving Colombo, Clr.-Sergt. Sparkes left us to take up an appointment in barracks, in which we wish him the best of luck.

We left Colombo for Aden on the 26th April and arrived there on the 3rd of May to find it unpleasantly hot. After a short stay at Aden we left for Berbera in British Somaliland where we found it hotter still. On the 14th we left for Seychelles and en route King Neptune with his Queen and Court were received on board with due ceremony.

We arrived at Seychelles on the 19th May. The time there was spent chiefly in games and we left for Mauritius on the 29th. On the 1st June, *Renown* arrived with T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York on board. On the afternoon of the second, H.R.H. The Duke of York came on board before returning to *Renown*. After inspecting the Guard of Honour the Ships Company marched past. H.R.H. then walked round the Ship. *Renown* sailed midnight the 2nd June.

On the 3rd of June we landed a Company of Seamen and R.M. Detachment to take part in the parade held in honour of the King's Birthday. The Salute being taken by H.E. The Governor of Mauritius.

On the 9th June we left for Zanzibar where we are at present. Our time is taken up chiefly with games and inter-part regatta, in which both R.M. Whalers have succeeded in reaching the semi-finals.

CHINA.

" Frobisher "

On the 3rd June, the King's Birthday was celebrated at Hongkong by a naval and military review. About 4,000 men took part—a number greater than had ever been seen before in the history of the colony. A whole brigade of infantry was there in addition to the usual garrison. The units taking part were :—

ROYAL NAVAL BRIGADE (Capt. L. D. Mackinnon, R.N.)
Naval Field Gun Battery (12 pounders)
Naval Battalion, commanded by Comdr. H. M. Spreckley, R.N.
Royal Marine Battalion, commanded by Major F. A Hamer, R.M.

ARMY UNITS—Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, 2nd Bn. Scots Guards, 1st Queen's Royal Regiment,

2nd Bn. Welch Regiment, 1st Bn. Northamptonshire Regiment, 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Bn. Cameronians, 5th/2nd Punjabis, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Hongkong Mule Corps.

The R.M. Battalion was made up from the 1st Cruiser Squadron, the *Hermes* and *Tamar*, and was drawn up on the right of the Royal Artillery, next to the Naval Battalion.

The review was held at Happy Valley by H.E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. After the "Present" and "Royal Salute" H.E. rode down the lines escorted by a Mounted Infantry Section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The 21 gun salute was fired by the Naval 12-pdr. Battery in groups of 7 guns, marked by the firing of a *feu de joie* by the Infantry. After three cheers had been given for His Majesty the King, flights of seaplanes and aeroplanes from *Hermes* and the shore aerodrome at Kai Tak respectively, swooped down upon the parade with a roar dipping their wings in salute. The Naval 12-pdr. Battery then marched past followed by the Naval Battalion headed by its Volunteer Band of about 50 performers—a band of all the talent recruited from every imaginable rank and rating, including one or two R.M.'s. The R.M. Battalion followed, headed by the massed R.M. Bands of *Frobisher* and *Hermes* under Bandmaster 1st Class H. Hoyte playing the regimental march.

The white helmets and buff equipment of the R.M.'s formed a very pleasing contrast to the dullness of khaki drill, and the battalion put up a very good show, keeping their line well and marching with a swing. The various regiments marched past to the massed army bands stationed opposite the saluting base with the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) last in view of their position on the left of the line. There had been some speculation as to the behaviour of the China ponies of the mounted officers during the swoop of the aircraft, but no casualties resulted, although signs of restiveness were manifested. The weather was very fine with a fierce tropical sun, and the day will long be remembered by people of Hongkong who came in crowds to witness the spectacle.

"Dauntless."

In spite of having a very large proportion of "first timers" among the Detachment, in the regatta last year at Volo, we took second place with both the whaler and cutter, in the Squadron Races. The cutter was third in the Fleet Race.

Just before leaving for China, the Deatchment obtained an average of 105·3 at the small arms course at Ghain Tuffieha. At the time of writing, this is the best score put up by any Detachment for the new table, and we were personally congratulated by Rear-Admiral Boyle.

We left Malta on February 12th about three weeks after the remainder of the Squadron, owing to the "dockyard maties" having possession, and enjoyed a fairly smooth trip out, except off Port Said, where we had very bad weather. *Dauntless* rolled to such a degree that many of the sailors rushed on deck to see what had happened. It should be noted that everybody who could be, was there already.

We left Hong Kong shortly after arriving there, and proceeded to Wusung. The Marines were landed for short periods, to protect life and property, but there were no incidents.

We were then ordered to Nanking at short notice, and, I believe, created a record up the Yangtse. A few rifle shots were fired at us as we steamed up. We found *Emerald* there, but did not remain long as we were required to bring down refugees, and the bodies of Dr. Smith, Mr. Huber and Able Seaman Knox, victims of the various outrages, for burial at Shanghai.

We were disappointed at not having a suitable opportunity of using the eighteen Lewis guns and eight machine guns, which we had closed up ready.

At Shanghai, our next port of call, we met some of the 12th Bn. Royal Marines, and played No. 13 platoon at football, the score being 6—6. We were not there long enough to have a return match, or to offer the platoon any real hospitality, much to our regret.

At Shanghai, the Detachment was at short notice to land, and on one occasion we turned out, got fully equipped and fell in on the jetty in three and a half minutes. We took part in two demonstration marches at Shanghai before leaving.

We rejoined the Squadron at Hong Kong on the 19th April, and have had plenty of landings, alarms and excursions since. We missed the expedition against pirates at Bias Bay, close to Hong Kong, a short while ago, as we were at Shanghai, but we were ordered to Whampoa, a few days ago, to receive an apology from the Cantonese General at Whampoa, for firing on a British steamer. The afternoon before the expiration of the time allowance, two Chinese officials came and apologised. They appeared in a great hurry to leave, and seemed to take a Royal Marine Guard of Honour, which came to do the necessary when the apology was given, as a firing party, as they got into their boat and went full speed ahead without waiting for any salute.

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

The chief item of interest to record during the past month is what was termed by the local paper "The Invasion of Bermuda." No war, battle or invasion would be complete without the presence of a Royal Marine Battalion, and in this attack on Bermuda we filled the somewhat unusual role of being the defending forces. In these stunts it is usual for the "Royals" to form the landing party, but on this occasion a Company of the 2nd Bn. Green Howards Regiment formed the landing party, and were embarked in *Cairo*. *Cairo* was assumed to be the hostile enemy cruiser.

The "invasion" was carried out on the night of 10th June. The detachments of the Squadron were landed at a point approximately 5 miles from where it was anticipated a landing from the enemy cruiser would be made. This meant a night march, and it was close on midnight when we took up a defensive position. It was not until about 3 a.m. that any signs of an attack were observed. The *Cairo* could then be vaguely discerned steaming past our position. We were hurriedly withdrawn, and after about half an hour's marching we

took up a fresh position. The Green Howards then forced a landing under heavy rifle fire from the R.M. Battalion, blank ammunition being used. By this time it was daylight, and the operation had been completed. The Commander-in-Chief, and Acting Governor of the Island witnessed the final phase of the scheme, and from what we gathered it appeared to be a success. The R.M.'s were then embarked in *Cairo* and taken back to the Dockyard, in time for us to be on board our respective ships to carry out Saturday's routine.

During the month the Inter-Part Water Polo competition was completed. The Detachment's team reached the final round, but were beaten by the Communication's team by 5—2. We had the satisfaction of being the only team to score any goals against the Communications during the competition. Our goals were scored by Mne. Bones who played a forceful game on the left wing. Both of the goals were the result of following up shots and worrying the goalkeeper, and on each occasion Mne. Bones robbed the opposing goalkeeper of the ball.

A rifle competition was organised to shoot for 3 R.M.R.A. Medals. The competition consisted of 5 rounds and 2 sighters at 200 yards (deliberate), 200 yards (snap) and 500 yards (deliberate), and it was divided into three classes, Marksmen, 1st Class Shots and 2nd Class Shots. The result of the shoot was as follows :—

	200 *Yards* (*delibcrate*)	200 *Yards* (*snap*)	500 *Yards* (*deliberate*)	*Total*
Marksmen :				
Mne. R. W. Gent ..	19	20	20	59
1st Class Shots :				
Mne. C. H. Jones ..	19	13	15	47
2nd Class Shots :				
Mne. B. Garrett ..	12	12	10	34

We left Bermuda on the 28th June, for our Northern Cruise. Our first port of call is Halifax, where it is anticipated we shall take part in the Jubilee Celebrations. Details of this will be forwarded in next month's notes.

" Capetown "

At the recent Naval and Military Rifle Meeting held at Bermuda, *Capetown* again rendered a good account of themselves and made off with five cups, namely :—

Bermuda Team Championship
Bluck Cup (Falling Plate)
Canada Cup (Unlimited Rapid)
Services' Cup (Snap)
Bryan Cup (Individual Lewis Gun)

The teams with only two exceptions were all Marines, and were coached by Corpl. Clowes, to whom the finger of praise should point, as he took great care to ensure the teams were at their best on the great day.

Mne. Baker (with Corpl. Clowes 2nd) winner of the Lewis Gun Individual Cup, deserves special mention, as competitors were many and his result is very praiseworthy.

The Unlimited Rapid Team again shot well and Mne. Burge once again headed this shoot with a score of 73 with 22 rounds.

On the 14th June we left Bermuda for England, completing 2 years 9 months on the station ; it may be interesting for some to note that we covered some 60,000 miles (exclusive of routine trips and gunnery, etc.).

We were favoured by good weather and arrived in Plymouth on the 24th and payed off on Thursday, June 30th.

In conclusion, while we are enjoying the fruits of our labours (if any) with apologies to *Delhi* and *Frobisher*, may we make a courteous bow in wishing our successors a happy and successful commish.



12th R.M. BATTALION.

Since our last contribution, nothing of interest has occurred beyond rumours of the promotion and relief of our Commanding Officer. All ranks hope that Col. Carpenter will take the battalion home at no distant date. It is expected that the battalion will concentrate at Holt's Wharf early in July, when we shall probably be reduced by 8 officers and 200 men. We have made a concrete cricket pitch, but incessant rain during the last few days has put a stop to all outdoor sports.

" B " COMPANY.

" B " Company has at last got a rest. To put it into the words of one of our " Intellectuals," a " basin full of rest." We left the real " Rest " Camp at Holt's Wharf on the 10th May and went to various outlying stations. No. 5 and 6 Platoons with Company Hd. Qrs. relieved 2 platoons from " D " Company at Hongkew and Shanghai Wharf. Here we are close to the *Argus*. We, being " Pompey Division " and the *Argus* being a " Pompey " ship, we have between us found many old shipmates (this of course only alludes to the Sea-Faring Tribe).

The officers of our Company have had a small hut erected for them to serve as their mess, and they have made it look quite homely and " Englishyfied " by planting a few small plants in front of the mess. They have also made a splendid design of the *Globe and Laurel* with the earth dug up, and small white flint stones. I hope this design will remain here for many years as a sort of landmark of our habitation here.

No. 7 Platoon must fancy they are " doing Henley " in fine style, as they are living on a house boat further down the Whangpoo river. No. 8 Platoon are between Hd. Qrs. and No. 7, in a compound owned by the Kailan Mining Administration Company Ltd. At time of writing, everyone is in full training for the forthcoming battalion sports. There is a talk of a trophy

to be won for all sports, so readers may guess of the keen competition among all units for the coveted prize.

On the 5th of the month, Portsmouth Company, assisted by other Portsmouth men from Battalion Hd. Qrs. and Signal Group, played the *Argus* team at football, on a ground very similar to " Baffin's Farm " with goal-posts of rather a primitive design. We emerged victorious by 4 goals to 2. A return match will take place on Friday next, and by all accounts we shall have to steam to beat them this time. The *Argus* state that they have found a few " dark horses " stowed somewhere in their planes' petrol tanks.

All of " B " Company send heartiest congratulations to the Field Gun's Crew on the occasion of their success in the " Brickwood " Trophy and Sub-Lieutenant's Cup Competition.

" D " COMPANY.

After being separated for many weeks, we are once more together again as a Company, our present billet being Holt's Wharf, which is B.H.Q. Here we have splendid opportunities and facilities for all kinds of sports and athletic training and have commenced to get into trim for the next Battalion Sports Meeting when we are hoping to put up a better show than we did last Sports Day.

Our football team has been in action against all the crews of the celebrated " Blue Funnel " Boats that berth here and have also played several of H.M. Ships' teams. The game with " C " Company (Plymouth) resulted in a win for our team who played some very good football.

With the weather becoming warmer each day, our energy is being turned to Water Polo. The river Whampoa is too dangerous for any form of Aquatic Sports and consequently we have been compelled to go further afield to exercise our water polo team. Up to the present, we have managed a couple of try-out games at the " Cercle Sportif Francais " over in the French Concession.

A Rifle Range is under construction here, so we may look forward to some practice of which most of us are in need. A few matches have taken place which have resulted in the sorting out of a good team to shoot " D " Company of the 1st Green Howards, shortly. The R.M. Detachment of *Argus* have put up three teams against us the result being that we were able to win 2 out of the 3 matches.

Cricket will soon be in full swing, but at present the Company Cricket Gear consists of a wicket painted on a soap box, a tennis ball and a mangle board belonging to the " Dhobey Firm " which serves as a bat. Enthusiasm however, runs high, and some real gear is being purchased out of Canteen Funds.

CHATHAM.

Summer this year in Chatham fell on a Thursday. The remainder of the weather that we have been supplied with for the last two months puts all West Country records in the shade. We hear that one or two misguided individuals who transferred from Plymouth in the hopes of seeing the sun have put in to return to their old division and are demanding compensation.

The following changes have taken place in the Divisional Staff :—Lieut. J. G. Hume has relieved Lieut. R. G. Hale (now with the 12th Battalion) as Instructor of Signals ; Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. Cantrell has taken up his duties as Brigade Major. Colonel Cantrell as a bowler is a great acquisition to our cricket team and has been putting in some really good work.

Headmaster W. Trinick has retired with the rank of lieutenant. We understand Mr. Trinick is going to live in Devon. We offer him our best wishes for his future. He has been relieved by Mr. W. A. Grey whom we hope to see on the football field during the forthcoming season.

Captain Mackenzie and Sergt. F. Robinson have been selected to represent the Corps at the unveiling of the Scottish War Memorial at Edinburgh by H.M. the King.

General Sir W. Adair, K.C.B., our late Honorary Colonel-Commandant has generously forwarded a dondonation of £5 (his second gift) to the R.M. Benevolent Fund. His kindness is very much appreciated.

On the 13th July, Q.M.S.I. W. Chalkley took a squad of 30 Cadets to Fundsbury Garden Fete. The boys gave a display of P.T. and Boxing which was a great success and much admired by all present.

Q.M.S. Chalkley is leaving us shortly and will be much missed at the Division. He is being relieved by Po./Clr.-Sergt. W. L. Watts.

PORTSMOUTH.

R.M. CADET CORPS.

The Cadet Corps is at present at full establishment. A Camp will be held at Browndown from July 30th to August 8th, and nearly all the boys will be in camp.

On July 6th the Cadet Corps formed a Guard of Honour of 100 rank and file for H.R.H. Princess Mary at Alexandra Park. The guard was very good indeed. Before the ceremony the cadets had marched three miles through the town. After Princess Mary had gone, a display was given, similar to the one given at Fort Cumberland in May, only this time the bridge collapsed at the correct time, thereby killing all the " Arabs " *pro tem.*

PLYMOUTH.

Plymouth at the moment of writing is celebrating Carnival Week, and the streets are full of a disguised galaxy of people, animals and motor cars. The services put up a " Little Olympia " at Millbay Park at which men of the 141st Squad gave an arm drill display under Sergt. Martin, which was almost perfect.

One of the star turns of the day, the Vaulting Exhibition, could not take place owing to the slipperyness of the ground due to the rain. This was disappointing both to the men, mostly young soldiers, who had worked very hard, and to the G.B.P.

Two former members of the Divisional P. and R.T. Staff, Sergts. Pritchard and Clark, were to be seen assisting the display given by the boys of H.M.S. " Impregnable."

TAVISTOCK HOSPITAL FETE.

The R.M. Fife and Drum band, the R.M. Cadet Corps, and the Girls Ambulance Company, represented the Corps at the Hospital Fete held at Tavistock on June 22nd.

The Cadets' Club Swinging was described by the *Tavistock Gazette* as " a finished performance, their little

khaki clad figures keeping perfect time with their band in the exercises."

The Girls Ambulance Company gave an exhibition of national dances. First, a party in sailor costumes danced the hornpipe. Then Irish Colleens, in green and white frocks and red shawls danced a merry jig or two to the music of the Emerald Isle. Scotland was represented by bonnie kilted lassies in tartan and plaid.

This was followed by vaulting by the Cadets. Straight over the "horse" somersaulting, tableau, and more vaulting, with some comely relief by the smallest member of the company, made the clever performance very enjoyable. And one may remark in passing on the perfect understanding between the young athletes and their instructor.

The last item, a brisk selection by the R.M. Fife and Drum Band brought the proceedings at Pennington Meadow to a close.

A splendid tea was provided to which both girls and boys did ample justice before the return journey.

The fete raised £200 for the Tavistock Hospital.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

The following additions have been made to the Collection :—

(1) The Medal for Trafalgar, known as "Boulton's Medal" and inscribed "Robert Burne, R.M. H.M.S. "Revenge," has very kindly been presented to the Officers, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines, by Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen, prior to his proceeding to China to take over command of the 12th R.M. Battalion, R.M., Shanghai Defence Force.

(2) The New Zealand Medal, 1846-47, which has been purchased by the Fund, is rare ; it was awarded to Pte. J. Evans, R.M., H.M.S. "Calliope."

The New Zealand Medal was authorised for issue to the Army on 1st March, 1869, and to the Navy on the 3rd June of that year, and commemorates the various Military Operations in New Zealand during the years 1845, '46, '47, 1860, '1, '2, '3, '4, '5, '6, it was conferred on the then (in 1869) surviving officers and men who had formed part of the Naval Brigades on shore, or who had been borne on the books of H.M. Ships and vessels and had taken actual part in operations against the enemy.

Of the Detachment R.M. of the *Calliope*, eleven N.C.O.'s and Men received this medal. The colours of the ribbon record the services of the Navy and Army, and the portrait of Her Majesty on the obverse is remarkable for the fact that this is the first medal issued since the death of the Prince Consort depicting the Queen wearing a widow's veil.

DEPOT.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

Everyone at the Depot is preparing for the Tattoo' which is to be held on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th August. All are hoping that it will be a greater success than it was last year, and there is no doubt that it will be.

The programme is laid out to include a pageant depicting the ceremony of "Sending for the Colour" and "Lodging the Colour," also the King's Squad will give a display of arm drill as performed at the Royal Tournament this year.

Rehearsals are now nearing their end and have given great satisfaction to the committee who now have only the weather to fear.



CORPS CRICKET.

MEAD CUP, 1927.

Rain played its usual part for the first match of this competition. Play between Chatham and Portsmouth Divisions commenced at noon on Monday, the latter batting first with Capt. Simpson and Corpl. Maughan, the former claiming 25 of the 30 runs scored at the fall of the first wicket. Wickets fell fairly fast, and the lunch score was 83 for 6. Rain hampered play for the last quarter of an hour, and continuing, stopped play for the remainder of the day. In consequence play re-commenced on Tuesday at 11 a.m., and the score was taken to 141 before the innings closed, Corpl. Wood with 43 not out being highest scorer.

Chatham commenced batting about noon, and when rain stopped play at 1.15 the score stood at 66 for 2, and their chances at this period appeared rosy. Their innings, however, closed for 138, 3 runs behind. Few thought that the second innings would be completed, but Portsmouth could only muster 114, leaving Chatham 118 to get, with 70 minutes' actual play. This was eventually managed for the loss of 4 wickets, with about 5 minutes to spare. Chatham now meet the winners of Plymouth Division or Depot.

Play between these two teams commenced at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the weather being none too good, play being stopped for a time with the score at 11 for 1 for the Depot R.M. After resumption, Captain Mercer and Major Coode took the score to 48, when Capt. Mercer was out lbw. This brought Major Brooks to the wicket, and the spectators prepared themselves for some bright cricket, and were not disappointed. Major Coode meanwhile played a straight bat to everything but scored steadily. They were still together at lunch, when 70 for 2 was on the board. On the re-commencement MajorBrooks reached his 50 first and was 80 when Major Coode reached his half century. Major Coode was out eventually for a well played 83, Major Brooks was still in at the tea interval, but was stumped in the first over afterwards, being 4 short of his 150. Major Bird (30), Lieut. Sillitoe (25), and Lieuts. Phillips and

Williams with 16 each took the total along, the innings closing at 381. About 25 minutes' play was left to Plymouth, who had scored 26 for the loss of two wickets, when stumps were drawn.

Play re-commenced at noon on Thursday, Cartwright being soon caught at the wicket. Major Lough and Capt. Reading scored very slowly, but the score stood at 101 when Capt. Reading left. Rain falling heavily during the interval delayed play until 3.45, when play was resumed on a new pitch. The innings closed about 4.35 for 163, the Depot qualifying to meet Chatham in the final.

After the tea interval Plymouth had another knock, although this would have no bearing on the competition, and at the call of time had scored 166 for 6.

The Depot retained the Mead Cup by a win over Chatham Division. The weather continued as in the previous games, and play was not possible on Friday until 2.35, when the Depot commenced batting. The ground helped the bowlers, and runs came slowly against the Chatham bowling, which was very good. Capt. Mercer was the first to go, at 17, and Major Bird followed at 27. When Major Brooks came in there were hopes of a repetition of his innings of Wednesday, but after being dropped he was out the next ball without scoring. Major Coode, by means of a fine defensive innings assisted Lieut. Sillitoe to carry the score to 81, when the latter was caught. This was after two hours' play, and rain then came on to prevent any further play that day. Play was therefore commenced at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Col. Shine joining Major Coode, who continued to play on the defensive, although taking advantage of any loose balls. The score was carried to 103 before Major Coode left, after a very valuable innings. With Mne. Escott in, the score crept up to 140, when Col. Shine was caught after scoring 32. Lieut. Williams was out without scoring, but Lieut. Phillips helped himself to a quick 28. Escott left at 199, and at 205, Sergt. Baker was run out, Mne. Slater being not out with 16 to his credit.

Chatham commenced disastrously, Sergt. Booth being caught after only a single had been scored. He was soon followed by Capt. Haddon, bowled by Lieut. Phillips; score 1 for 2. Capt. Weir was soon out, and Capt. Hungerford 8 runs later, at 23. Twelve runs had been scored when Col. Hickson left. At this period Col. Cantrell had been the only batsman who seemed at all confident, and three wickets fell when he left at 45. Capt. Quill and Mne. Workman scored 17 and 12 respectively, but the innings closed for 79. For the Depot, Lieut. Sillitoe bowled 13 overs, 5 of which were maidens, taking 3 for 18. Lieut. Williams took 3 for 15, and Major Brooks, having four maidens in his 10 overs, took 2 for 12. On the visitors taking their second knock their first wicket fell at 5, but Col. Cantrell and Capt. Weir took the score to 48 before being parted. Lieut. Hume, 26 and Major Hunton, 12, were the only other batsmen to reach double figures, and play ceased at 6 p.m. with the score 133 for 9, Major Brooks being the most successful bowler with 4 for 42.

Scores :—

DEPOT R.M.

Major Bird lbw b Cantrell	11	Mne. Escott c Booth b Weir	35
Capt. Mercer b Hunton	10	Lt. Williams c and b Weir	0
Major Coode c Weir b Hunton	21	Lt. Phillips b Cantrell	28
Major Brooks b Weir	0	Mne. Slater not out	16
Lt. Sillitoe c Cantrell b Hunton	42	Sergt. Baker run out	4
Col. Shine c Quill b Weir	32	Extras	6
		Total	205

Cantrell took 2 wickets for 59, Hunton 3 for 58 and Weir 4 for 36.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

	1st Innings.		Second Innings.
Capt. Haddon b Phillips	0	b Sillitoe	4
Sgt. Booth c Shine b Sillitoe	1	b Phillips	0
Capt. Hungerford c Slater b Williams	4	c Brooks b Williams	4
Capt. Weir c Mercer b Williams	8	b Brooks	29
Col. Cantrell run out	22	c Mercer b Brooks	32
Col. Hickson c Slater b Sillitoe	2	c Slater b Brooks	0
Major Hunton b Brooks	5	c Shine b Brooks	12
Lt. Hume b Sillitoe	0		
Capt. Quill c Shine b Williams	17	b Williams	26
Mne. Workman b Brooks	12	not out	6
Lt. Brown not out	0	not out	6
Extras	8	Extras	9
Total	79	Total (9 wkts.)	133

Williams took 3 wickets for 15 and 1 for 17. Brooks took 4 wickets for 42 runs, and 2 for 12. Sillitoe took 3 wickets for 18, and 1 for 33. Phillips took 2 wickets for 33 and 1 for 13.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* HARLEQUINS.

This match was played at Deal on the 11th and 12th July. The Corps won by 130 runs.

ROYAL MARINES.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Capt. L. Mercer c and b Newman	44	c Dunglass b McCantis	2
Musn. Mallard st. Horsley b Dunglass	14	b McCanlis	10
Lt. C. N. Smith b Dunglass	10	lbw Stephenson	60
Capt. H. W. Simpson c McCanlis b Newman	6	c Hollins b Butterworth	15
Major R. A. D. Brooks b Dunglass	123	c Crawford b Stephenson	56
Capt. H. D. Weir c Butterworth b Dunglass	8	lbw Butterworth	1
Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell b Newman	3	lbw Campbell	5
Lt. F. Sillitoe c Newman b Butterworth	14	c Crawford b McCantis	0
Major T. L. Hunton b McCanlis	8	c Lyon b Stephenson	7
Lt.-Col. G. R. Hickson b Dunglass	5	st Horsley b Butterworth	19
Lieut. J. M. Phillips not out	1	not out	46
Extras	10	Extras	16
Total	246	Total	237

HARLEQUINS.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
T. H. Hollins b Brooks	24	c and b Cantrell	12
J. A. Nunn b Cantrell	18	lbw Brooks	26
G. C. Newman lbw Cantrell	1	lbw Cantrell	0
I. P. F. Campbell c and b Hunton	21	c Phillips b Cantrell	21
R. E. Butterworth st. Hickson b Brooks	34	c Brooks b Phillips	0
J. S. Stephenson lbw Brooks	15	b Phillips	3
G. W. F. Lyon c Sillitoe b Hunton	44	b Phillips	9
R. Horsley c Brooks b Cantrell	11	c Simpson b Hunton	24
M. A. McCanlis c Brooks b Cantrell	15	c Mallard b Brooks	18
Lord Dunglass lbw Cantrell	19	not out	1
J. F. Crawfurd not out	10	c and b Phillips	15
Extras	11	Extras	1
Total	223	Total	130

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RESULTS OF R.M.R.A. CENTRAL MEETING.

The R.M.R.A. Championship Gold Medal.

Awarded to the Competitor who made the highest score in the following Competitions: The " Prince of Wales' " Cup and the R.M. Jewels (2nd Stages). Winner—Depot Sergt. T. W. Paddon, 570 points.

The 1st R.M. Memorial Trophy.

Awarded to the Unit obtaining the most points in Team Competitions, points being awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Winners—Depot R.M., 41 points; 2nd, Chatham, 34 points; 3rd, Portsmouth, 26 points.

The " Prince of Wales " Cup (2nd Stage).

Open to all Ranks, an aggregate of 300 and 600 yards. Prizes: The Challenge Cup and Replica, and N.R.A. Silver Medal.

			Score	H.P.S.	Last Year
Winner	Chatham	Sergt. W. J. Shaw ..	92	100	89
2nd	Depot R.M.	Corpl. J. Cook ..	92		
3rd	Depot R.M.	Sergt. G. Calverley ..	91		

Standardised Service Conditions.

The Competition for the R.M. Jewels (2nd Stage). Standardised Service Conditions.

			Score	H.P.S.	Last Year
Winner Gold Jewel	Depot	Sgt. T. W. Paddon	488	600	502
2nd, Silver Jewel	Ports.	Cpl. F. V. Borrett	480		
3rd, Bronze Jewel	Chat.	C/Sgt. J. D. McColl	475		
Potters Jewel	Ports.	C/Sgt. R. H. Lee			

The " Colquhoun " Cup (2nd Stage).

An Individual Competition, open to all Ranks.
Prize Challenge Cup and Replica. N.R.A. Bronze Medal.

			Score	H.P.S.	Last Year
Winners	Ports.	Sgt.-Major E. C. Jarvis ..	142	150	141
2nd	Ports.	C/Sgt. R. H. Lee	141		
		(N.R.A. Bronze Medal)			
3rd	Depot	Sgt. J. Kennedy	141		

The Tile Cup.

A knock-out Competition, open to teams of 4 of any rank; one team from each Unit. Same conditions as Cheylesmore. Prize Challenge Cup and Medals.

Winners Depot R.M. (35 seconds).
2nd Portsmouth
3rd Plymouth

The " Collard " Cup (2nd Stage).

Aggregate of 3 Shoots under Whitehead conditions.
Prize Challenge Cup and Replica. N.R.A. Bronze Rev. Medal.

			Score	H.P.S.	Last Year
Winner	Chat.	Major H. E. Gillespie ..	250	300	261
2nd	Ply.	Sgt. C. Tugwell	244		
3rd	Depot	Sgt. H. Henwood	237		

Nominated Team Competition.

In conjunction with the Colquhoun Cup. Teams of 4, one from each Unit. Prize—Active Service Cup.

Winners Portsmouth 559 points (H.P.S. 600).
2nd Chatham
3rd Depot R.M.

The RAPID CUP and GRAHAM CUP were not competed for, owing to the severe weather conditions, which delayed the programme.

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Errata to Non-Central Results published last month:

REVOLVER BOWL.
Portsmouth score of 588 was allowed by the R.M.R.A. Committee.

YOUNG OFFICERS' RIFLE.
2/Lieut. N. R. M. Skene obtained 2nd place with a score of 109.

MERCER CUP.
2nd place for Plymouth "A" Company 3rd team read Plymouth "G" Company 3rd team.

Results of Team Shoots:—

THE METHUEN CUP.

O. of M.	*Team*	*Score*	*h.p.s.*	*Remarks*
1	H.M.S. Pembroke	975	1600	U.S. Conditions, an inter-service special unit competition. R.M. enter 2 teams. Practice II. the run down was omitted this year owing to weather conditions.
2	R.M. Eastern Command	940		
3	Green Jackets	936		
4	H.M.S. Vivid	926		
9	R.M. Southern Command	886		

No. of Entries 17

THE ALDERSHOT CUP.

O. of M.	*Team*	*Score*	*h.p.s.*	*Remarks*
1	H.M.S. Pembroke	1258	1600	U.S. Conditions, competed for by Naval and Marine units only.
2	Depot R.M.	1236		
3	H.M.S. Excellent ..	1229		
5.	Portsmouth Division	1192		
6	Chatham Division ..	1166		
8	Plymouth Division ..	1058		

Number of entries 8.

CORPS MATCH *v.* CIVIL SERVICES.

CONDITIONS 2ND STAGE KING'S.

This was the first time that a separate match had been arranged for the Corps Twenty with an outside team, it was a great assistance in selecting our team, and of great value as a practice before the Inter-Services Match.

The Civil Services had already shot a match under the conditions of 1st Stage King's against the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, all of whom they beat. Although we were beaten, the result was far from disheartening when our opponents included international shots in their team and only won by 22 points in a total of 2755. Our score of 2733 compares well with 2696, the score with which we won the Inter-Services Twenty Match last year.

The outstanding score on our side was made by Q.M.S.I. J. H. Harding of the Depot R.M. with 145 out of a possible 150. Q.M.S.I. Harding is one of the XX. from whom are selected the 8 to represent the Mother Country in the Senior Kolapore.

We hope the match may become a standing event at Bisley at the conclusion of our Central Meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE XX. .. 2755.

CORPS XX. (Captain of Team Capt. F. R. Jones, R.M.; Coach, Lieut.-Col. M. F. Bennett, R.M.)

Depot ..	Q.M.S.I. J. H. Harding	..	145
Depot ..	Clr.-Sgt. M. McCalpin	..	141
Chatham ..	Sergt. W. J. Shaw	..	141
Chatham ..	Sergt. G. Chennery	..	140
Plymouth ..	Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross	..	139
Chatham ..	C.S.M. F. Carlton ..	..	139
Portsmouth ..	Corpl. F. V. Borrett	..	139
Portsmouth ..	Sergt. C. W. Morgan	..	139
Depot ..	Sergt. J. Kennedy	..	138
Portsmouth ..	Serg.t-Major E. C. Jarvis	..	138
Portsmouth ..	Q.M.S.I. C. R. Collins	..	137
Chatham ..	Q.M.S.I. Bonnett, F. H.	..	137
Depot ..	Sergt. T. W. Paddon	..	137
Portsmouth ..	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	..	135
Portsmouth ..	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster	..	135
Portsmouth	Clr.-Sgt. R. H. Lee	..	132
Chatham ..	Clr.-Sgt. J. D. McColl	..	131
Depot ..	Sergt. J. Fitch ..	..	131
Depot ..	Lieut. R. J. Gumm	..	131
Portsmouth ..	Lieut. R. H. Teek	..	128
			2733

Results of Civil Services *v.* Royal Navy. Conditions 1st Stage King's, 12 a side, 10 to count.—Civil Services 985; Royal Navy 964.

Civil Services *v.* Army and Royal Air Force, 10 a side, 8 to count.—Civil Services 791; Army 783; Royal Air Force 778.

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RESULTS OBTIANED BY THE ROYAL MARINES IN THE N.R.A. MEETING.

INTER-SERVICE EVENTS.

UNITED SERVICE CHALLENGE CUP.

Open to teams of 8 serving members from Royal Navy, Regular Army, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force. Conditions: Standardised Service. H.P.S. (Individual) 200.

Regular Army	1320
Royal Marines	1303
Territorial Army	1291
Royal Navy	1275
Royal Air Force	1208

ROYAL MARINES EIGHT.

Individual scores were as follows:—

Chat.	Capt. S. A. Field	154	Depot Sergt. T. W. Paddon	176
Ply.	Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross	152	Depot Sergt. H. Henwood	164
Chat.	C.S.M. F. Carlton	158	Ports. Sergt. P. A. Adams	162
Chat.	C-Sgt. J. D. McColl	170	Ports. Corpl. F. V. Borrett	167

Captain of Team—Capt. A. P. Dawson, R.M.

INTER-SERVICES TWENTY MATCH.

Teams as for U.S. Challenge Cup, but twenty in a team. Conditions: Ten shots at 300, 500 and 600 yards. H.P.S. (Individual) 150.

Territorial Army	2745
Regular Army	2737
Royal Air Force	2709
Royal Marines	2677
Royal Navy	2676
R.N.V.R.	2342

The R.M. team was the same as that which fired against the Civil Service, except that Sergt. F. H. Hiscock was substituted for Sergt. J Fitch.

Capt. F. R. Jones captained the team, and Lt.-Col. M. F. Bennett performed duties of wind coach. The best individual score for the R.M. was made by Ports. Sergt.-Major E. C. Jarvis with 142. The lowest score in the R.M. team was 125. It was perhaps unfortunate that the Corps team could not again attain the standard they reached the previous Saturday when they made 2733 against the Civil Service team.

WHITEHEAD CHALLENGE CUP (Revolver).

Team of 8.

Highest possible individual score 120. The R.M. team won this cup last year with 676.

Royal Navy	677
Royal Marines	663
Regular Army	641
R.A.F.	634

R.M. Team and scores as follows:—Major Gillespie 84; Sergts. Tugwell 87; Ridding 86; Rutland 85; Henwood 85; Abbot 84; Paddon 76; Mne. Purdy 76.

INTER-SERVICE TEAM EVENTS.

THE CHEYLESMORE MEMORIAL.

Team Tile competition, knock-out principle. Conditions as for R.M.R.A. Tile Cup which was won in 35 seconds.

1. Rifle Brigade .. 33 2/5 seconds.
2. Royal Marines, Chatham (Capt. S. A. Field, Q.M.S.I. E. H. Bonnett, C.S.M. F. Carlton, Clr.-Sergt. J. D. McColl.)
3. Royal Marines, Plymouth.

GUNMAKERS' CUP.

First time it has been competed for under present conditions.

Teams of 4 from each unit nominated from competitors in Revolver Medals. Conditions as for Whitehead.

Winners .. Depot R.M. 310 (Lieut. J. Watts, Sergts. Rutland Paddon, Henwood).
2nd .. Pembroke "A"

THE HAMILTON LEIGH.

Snapshotting Competition teams of 4. Conditions: Similar to R.M.R.A Mercer Cup, with the addition of obstacles to be negotiated in the run to the firing point.

1. Small Arms School (Hythe).
2. H.M.S. Pembroke (A).
3. Royal Marines, Plymouth.

Twenty-three entries.

THE ROBERTS CHALLENGE CUP.

Teams of ten. Snapshooting Competition similar to R.M.R.A. Officers' Cup, but with a more extended area in which the target may appear. Fired in two stages, the first six teams in the first stage enterng the second stage, the aggregate obtained in both stages counting for prizes. R.M. Chatham and R.M. Portsmouth qualified for the second stage. R.M. Chatham finally emerging second with 154, and R.M. Portsmouth fifth with 143 out of 200. The winners were H.M.S. Excellent with 155. It is of interest to note that a score of 86 out of 100 won the Officers' Cup for Chatham at the R.M.R.A. Meeting, 3 points higher than the best score obtained by any one team in one run in the Roberts' Competition. In the first stage the winners tied with the Depot R.M. for 6th place and entry into the second stage, both teams having 72 hits to their credit. It clouded over and commenced to rain before the tie could be shot off. Excellent went down first and to their own amazement and everybody else's only put on 41. It was obvious to the onlookers that their shots were missing high. The Depot being forewarned, the captain of the team cautioned his men, but even so the effect of the alteration in the conditions was much under estimated, and they only hit the target 35 times.

THE BARGRAVE DEANE CHALLENGE CUP.

Revolver Tile Competition.

Winners .. Depot R.M. .. (Sergt. A. C. Rutland, Sergt. T. W. Paddon and Sergt. H. Henwood).
2. .. H.M.S. Excellent.

Fifteen teams competed.

LEWIS GUN MATCH.

4. Depot Royal Marines (A) Team.

BRINSMEAD.

A nominated team competition in conjunction with the Imperial Tobacco teams of 4. Conditions: Seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Winners ..	Small Arms School (Hythe)	383	.. h.p.s.	420
Third ..	Royal Marines, Chatham ..	369		
Sixth ..	Royal Marines, Portsmouth	362		

RANELAGH CHALLENGE CUP.

Nominated teams of six in King's 1st Stage. Conditions as in Brinsmead.

Winners ..	H.M.S. Pembroke.
2nd ..	Royal Marines, Portsmouth
3rd ..	Small Arms School (Hythe).

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS ACHIEVEMENTS.

KING'S PRIZE.

Depot R.M. Sergt. M. McCalpin is the only representative of the Corps in the King's 100, having entered the third stage with a score of 142, h.p.s. 150.

H.M. Queen Mary's Prize.

Standardised Service Conditions, as for U.S. Challenge Cup.

Chat. Clr.-Sgt. J. D. McColl, and Ports. Corpl. F. V. Borrett were placed 8th and 12th respectively with scores of 171 and 170. Eighteen R.M.'s were in the prize list, the lowest placed being Chat. C.S.M. F. J. Carlton 114th, with a score of 146. Portsmouth Division obtained third place in the Canada Challenge Shield, a competition for nominated teams of four from units in conjunction with Queen Mary.

Kinnaird.—Seven shots at 500 yards. Chat. Sergt. Ernshaw obtained a possible (35) and tied for the first place, but was defeated in the shoot off.

Southern Railway.—Seven shots at 200. Chat. Corpl. H. G. Akherst tied for 1st place with a score of 34, but on the " count out " finished fifth.

Revolver Spoons.—Have been won by Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., R.M., and Captain F. W. Dewhurst, R.M.

Competition for the Wimbledon Cup.

10 shots at 600 yards.—Class " B " 1st, Lieut. R. H. S. Teek. Scored 48, h.p.s. 50.

CHATHAM.

SPORT.

In spite of the weather, sport continues to flourish, and we offer our congratulations to those members of our cricket and shooting teams who have so ably kept our end up.

CRICKET.

The results of the Inter-Company Cricket for the Athletic Shield up to date are :—" E " Coy. 181 runs ; " C " Coy. 34 runs. " G " Coy. plays " A " Coy. on the 2nd August, and the final will be played off next day.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The following succeses were gained at the Chatham Port Athletic Championship Meeting :—2nd Lieut. F. F. Clark being 2nd in the 220 yards ; Ply./Corpl. L. V. Clarke (H.M.S. Ganges) winning the 440 yards and being 2nd in the 120 yards Hurdles.

At the same meeting, Mne. G. H. Scott (Ganges) won the half-mile and Mne. G. W. Drage was 2nd in the 3-mile race.

SWIMMING.

The Inter-Company Swimming Relay Race will take place on the 18th July. In spite of the inclement weather large numbers are taking advantage of the voluntary hours at the Garrison Bathing Pond.

SHOOTING.

Hearty congratulations are due to the Chatham Cadets who have again won the Watts Challenge Bowl. The team consisted of C.S.M. F. Croft, C.Q.M.S. A. Burgess, Senr. Cadet A. Parfitt and Corpl. C. Aldridge. Their trainer and coach was Sergt. H. Tucker to whom the sucess of the team is largely due.

The Cadets also won the 1st Reserve Challenge Trophy at R.M.R.A. Non-Central meeting.

The First Reserve Challenge Cup, awarded to the Cadet who makes the highest aggregate score in the Trophy Competition, was won by Cadet Corporal A. G. Wimbley, after a tie with Cadet L/Corpl. Monk.

FOOTBALL.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Football Club, the following officials for the 1927-28 season were elected. President, The Colonel-Commandant ; Vice-Presidents, The Colonel 2nd Commandant and Lt.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot ; Committee, Chairman The Rev. T. Crick, M.V.O., M.A., R.N., Vice-Chairman Lieut. J. G. Hume, Hon. Sec. Schoolmaster W. A. Grey, Hon. Treas. Lieut. F. W. Phillips, Members, Clr.-Sergt. Henderson, Sergt. Lynham, Corpl. Baker, Mne. Barker and Mne. Venables.

PORTSMOUTH.

WATER POLO.

Portsmouth and District League.

Division I.	Royal Marines	*v.*	Royal Artillery. Win 5—0.
	,,	*v.*	City Police. Draw 2—2.
	,,	*v.*	H.M.S. Victory. Draw 2—2.
Division II.	Royal Marines	*v.*	Electrical Engineers. Lost 4—3
	,,	*v.*	Northsea S.C. Win 3—0.
	,,	*v.*	H.M.Y. Victoria and Albert. Win 5—0.

A friendly match took place at Pitt Street Baths between the R.N. & R.M. and Civil Service, the former winning by 4 goals to 2.

The Marines were represented by Corpls. Wood, Heaton and Mne. Davidson. Wood scoring the two winning goals by " long shots " from the halfway line.

After the match, the following events were decided :—

One Length Relay Race.—1st, R.N. & R.M. ; 2nd, Civil Service. Mne. Davidson giving the R.N. & R.M. team, a good lead in the first length, just managed to win by 2 seconds.

440 Yards.—1st, Civil Service ; 2nd, Corpl. Heaton.

Inter-Company League.

" I " Coy. beat " A" Coy. ; R.N.S. of M. (A) beat " E " Coy. ; " N " Coy. beat " E " Coy. ; R.N.S. of M. (A) beat R.N.S.M. (B) ; " I " Coy. drew with R.N.S. of M. (A.).

At the present time we are in the enviable position of being at the top of both disvisions in the United Services and Portsmouth District Leagues, our only match being lost by the absence of two players, through Service difficulties.

PLYMOUTH.

SAILING.

The following events have taken place since the last published account of local races.

On 15th June. Officers' Race (Royal South Western). The cutter, entered and sailed by Lieut. Edmondson, was not placed.

On the 23rd June. Ratings Race (R.S.W.) Whaler (Sergt. Wood) and the Cutter (Clr.-Sgt. Norris) were entered but failed to secure a place.

On the 29th June. Officers' Race. No Officers R.M. being available, the King's Harbour Master (Commander Boase) who had asked to be permitted to sail the whaler to compare her sailing qualities with those of his own whaler came in fourth. As this officer is a regular and very successful competitor, the result was of considerable interest and confirmed the general opinion that our boat has to be handled with exceptional skill to win even a place. It should be added that she is on the condemned list already.

On the 6th July, Lieut. Haward brought the cutter in first in fine style in the Officers' Race (R.S.W.) ; this success was just what was required and has had a very stimulating effect.

On the 7th July, in the Ratings Race, the cutter was sailed by Col.-Sgt. Coombes, but was unplaced.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

RESULTS OF 1ST TEAM MATCHES.

11th June. *v.* R.A.F. (Manston) at the Depot. Match drawn.

Depot, 266 for 4 (innings declared closed) (Major Brooks 130, Capt Mercer 51).
R.A.F., 180 for 9 (Sergt. Henwood 7 for 47).

15th June. *v.* Lancashire Fusiliers at Dover. Won by 8 runs.

Lancashire Fusiliers, 126 (Lieut Phillips 5 for 46).
Depot, 134 (Major Brooks 57).

21st June. *v.* Chatham, R.M., at Chatham. Won by 159 runs.

Depot, 224 (Major Brooks 78, Lieut Sillitoe 47).
Chatham, 65 (Lieut. Phillips 4 for 9).

22nd June. *v.* Duke of York's School, at Gaston. Won by 92 runs.

Depot 216 for 5 (innings declared closed) (Lieut. Sillitoe 74, Capt. Mercer 62).
Duke of York's School, 124 (Lieut. Sillitoe 3 for 30).

6th July. *v.* Beds. and Herts. Regiment, at t he Depot. Depot won by 12 runs.

Beds. and Herts. 143 (Lieut. Sillitoe 4 for 40, Major Brooks 3 for 35).
Depot, 156 (Capt. Mercer, 67).

13th July. *v.* Lancashire Fusiliers, at the Depot. Drawn.

Depot, 220 for 3 (Mus. Mallard 106 not out).
Lancashire Fusiliers, 155 for 9.

The "A" Team have played the following games since our last report :—

18th June. *v.* Connaught Coachworks.

Owing to the Depot having no match we were strengthened by the inclusion of Mallard and Escott, and after dismissing the home team for 53 (Rouse 4 for 2, Escott 4 for 27), put together 290, Escott 100, being chief scorer of several good contributions. Won by 237 runs.

22nd June. *v.* St. Barnabas.

Batting first we scored 166 for the loss of 6 wickets, Goodchild being 46 not out, and Harvey 44. When stumps were drawn St. Barnabas had scored 97 for 7. Match drawn.

25th June. *v.* Buckland Paper Mills.

"The "A" team won a very interesting and close game, declaring when they had scored 141 for 6. The visitors seemed to have the game well in hand, requiring only 3 runs with 3 wickets to fall, but Musn. Mallard was chiefly responsible for these falling without addition to the score. Won by 3 runs.

INTER-SQUAD EVENTS.

The Inter-Squad Cricket Competition (K.O.) for the Cricket Trophy was won by 150th Squad who beat the 151st Squad by 48 runs.

The 150th Squad also won the Inter-Squad Cross Country Race, so, having gained two of the trophys we are looking forward to them helping themselves rather freely to a few more from the Cup Case at the forthcoming Depot Sports Meeting on the 25th August. The King's Squad had better look to their laurels for the 150th are out for everything.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The School are still maintaining a very high standard in this sport, and have so far lost very few matches during the season. The Annual Staff match with the Boys was a very keen and exciting game, the Staff just securing the victory by a few runs.

The Boys are also doing exceedingly well this season and there is some very good talent among them, especially Sec. Ldr. Woodcock who should be a great asset in later years to the School as a wicket-keeper.

WATER POLO.

The School are still in the running for the Championship of the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, Division III., and the return match with Northsea should prove a most interesting and exciting game, as this club are slightly in the lead for the Championship.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports are due to take place on Tuesday, the 26th July, and training is now in full swing for the various events, a detailed account of which will be published in our next issue.

The boy was robbing a bird's nest of its young fledglings, when a woman noticed him.

"You wicked boy!" she exclaimed. "How dare you steal the young birds! What will their poor mother think when she knows you have stolen her brood?"

"Better ask her, ma'am!" replied the boy. "I think that's her stuck in your hat!"—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

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"I have never kissed a girl in my life," remarked the painfully proper young man.

"Well don't come buzzing around me," announced the little flapper. "I'm not running a prep school."—Fixit.

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Making love to an old maid is like rubbing hair tonic on a wig.—*Leatherneck.*

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A rich man died leaving his total fortune to three friends—an Englishman, an Irishman, and a Jew—on condition that they each deposit £50 in his coffin. At the funeral the Englishman placed £50 in cash inside the casket, the Irishman put his £50 in notes, while the Jew deposited his cheque for £150, taking out the £100 cash for his change.

The cheque was cashed the next day. The undertaker was a Scotsman!—*Derby Gazette.*

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Mistress: "Did you have a nice honeymoon, Mandy?'

Mandy: "Sure! Rastus helped me with de washin' fo' a week."

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Employer: How is it you are a week late coming back from your holidays?

Clerk: Well, I promised to take a snap-shot of my girl, sir, an' I was waitin' for the sun to come out.

Evening News.

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Algy: "I say, I want a thing beginning with C. It is either a casserole or a camisole."

Shopman: "Is the bird alive or dead?"

A RECORD OF ROYAL MARINE SUCCESSES AT THE TOURNAMENT FOR THIRTY YEARS.

CORPS SUCCESSES.

1897-1927.

Year	Event	1st	2nd
1897	Physical Drill Display ..	R.M.A.	R.M.L.I., Deal
	Bayonet Exercise ..	R.M.A.	R.M.L.I., Deal
1898	Physical Drill Display ..	R.M.A.	——
	Bayonet Exercise ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	——	R.M.A.
1899	Physical Drill Display ..	R.M.A.	R.M.L.I., Deal
	Bayonet Exercise ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
1900	Physical Drill Display ..	R.M.L.I., Deal	R.M.A.
	Bayonet Exercise ..	R.M.L.I., Deal	R.M.A.
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
1901	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
1902	Bayonet Combats ..	R.M.A.	R.M.L.I., Chat.
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
1903	Bayonet Combats ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Regulars and Aux.)	R.M.A.	——
1904	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	R.M.A.	——
	Bayonet Combat ..	R.M.L.I., Chat.	R.M.L.I., Deal
1905	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	——	R.M.A.
1906	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
1907	Bayonet Combats ..	——	R.M.A.
1908	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
1909	Bayonet Teams ..	——	R.M.A.
	Tug-of-war (Catch Wt.)	——	R.M.A.
1910	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
1911	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	——	R.M.A.
1912	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	——	R.M.A.
	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
1913	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.L.I., Forton	——
1914	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
1919	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
	Bayonet Assault ..	R.M.L.I., Forton	——
	Bayonet Combats (Challenge Cup) ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
1920	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	R.M.L.I., Deal
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.L.I., Forton	——
	Bayonet Assault ..	R.M.L.I., Forton	——
	Bayonet Combat ..	R.M.A.	——
1921	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Bayonet Assault ..	——	R.M.L.I. Deal 3rd
	Inter-Port Field Gun C.	R.M.A.	——
1922	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Inter-Port Field Gun C.	R.M.A.	——
1923	Bayonet Team ..	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M.A.	——
1924	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——
1925	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——
	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M., Po.	——
1926	Bayonet Teams ..	R.M., Po.	——
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——
1927	Bayonet Teams ..	——	Depot R.M., Deal
	Tug-of-war (110 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——
	Tug-of-war (130 Stone)	R.M., Po.	——

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES.

Year	Event	Result
1898	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
1899	Sword *v.* Bayoney ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Sword *v.* Sabre ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (4th)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (1st)
1900	Lance *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (1st)
	Sword *v.* Bayonet ..	Cpl. Riddell, R.M.A. (1st) ; Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Foil *v.* Foil ..	Q.M.S. Medlon, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Sabre *v.* Sabre ..	Q.M.S. Medlon, R.M.L.I. (4th)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (1st)
1901	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. Riddell, R.M.A. (2nd)
1902	Lance *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Sword *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. J. Cole, R.M.L.I. (1st)
	Sabre *v.* Sabre ..	Cpl. C. Watts, R.M.L.I. (4th)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. Riddell, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Sergt. Cole (3rd)
1903	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. Riddell, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Cpl. Hickman (3rd)
1904	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. Riddell, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Sergt. Tyler, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Sabre *v.* Sabre ..	Sergt. Tyler, R.M.L.I. (4th)
1905	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Sergt. Dallison, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
1906	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Gnr. Oboy, R.M.A. (1st) ; Cpl. Lalley (3rd)
1907	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Offs.)	Lieut. W.W. Godfrey, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Pte. Morgan (3rd)
1908	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Offs)	Capt. Syson (3rd)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Gnr. Richardson (1st)
1909	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Offs.)	Capt. Syson (2nd)
	Foil *v.* Foil ..	Sergt. Riddell, R.M.A. (2nd)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Gnr. Coleman (1st)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Championship) ..	Gnr. Richardson (1st) ; Cpl. Randall R.M.A. (2nd)
1910	Sabre *v.* Sabre (Offs.)	Capt. Syson (2nd)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Offs.)	Capt. R. E. Kilvert, R.M.A. (1st)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet ..	Gnr. Milne (2nd) ; Pte. Powel (3rd)
	Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Championship) ..	Gnr. Coleman (1st) ; Cpl. Randall, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Gnr. Richardson (3rd)
	Sabre (Officers) ..	Capt. Syson (2nd)
	Foil	Sergt. Cutcher, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Bayonet ..	Gnr. Durham (1st)
	Bayonet (Championship)	Gnr. Coleman (1st) ; Cpl. Randall (2nd) ; Gnr. Durham (3rd)
1911	Sabres (Officers) ..	Capt. Syson (2nd)
	Foil	Sergt. Cutcher, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Bayonet	Gnr. Durham (1st)
	Bayonet (Championship)	Gnr. Coleman (1st) ; Cpl. Randall, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Gnr. Durham (3rd)
1912	Bayonet	Gnr. Milne (1st) ; Gnr. Tosdevine (2nd)
	Bayonet (Champ.) ..	Gnr. Milne (2nd) ; Gnr. Coleman (3rd)
1913	Bayonet (Officers) ..	Lieut. A. L. Forster, R.M.A. (3rd)
	Bayonet	Gnr. Harland (3rd)
	Bayonet (Championship)	L/Sergt. Randall (1st) ; Gnr. Coleman (2nd) ; Gnr. Durham (3rd)
1914	Foil	Sergt. Bailey, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Sabre	Sergt. Watts, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Bayonets	Musn. Smith (1st) ; Q.M.S. Russell, R.M.A. (2nd)
	Bayonet (Championship)	Bdr. Durham (1st) ; Gnr. Richardson (2nd) ; Sergt. Hawes (3rd)
1919	Bayonet (Officers) ..	Bt. Major Harrison, R.M.A. (2nd)
	Foil	Clr.-Sergt. Dash, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Sabre	Clr.-Sergt. Hawes, R.M.L.I. (2nd) ; Clr.-Sergt. Dash (3rd)
	Bayonet	Gnr. Penfold (1st) ; Clr.-Sergt. Hawes (3rd)
	Bayonet (Championship)	Lieut. Durham, R.M.A. (1st) ; Sergt. Randall, R.M.A. (3rd)
1920	Sabre	Clr.-Sergt. Hawes, R.M.L.I. (2nd) ; Sergt. Potter, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Bayonet	Cpl. Tosdevine, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Gnr. Hamilton (3rd)

	Bayonet (Championship)	Sergt. Milne, R.M.A. (2nd) ; Sergt. Richardson, R.M.A. (3rd)
1921	Foils (Officers, Army) ..	Capt. Pinkerton, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Sabre (Offs. Army) ..	Major W. K. Garnier, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Sabre (Army) ..	Sergt. Potter, R.M.L.I. (1st) ; QMS. Hawes (3rd)
	Epee (Army) ..	Sergt. Peasnall, R.M.L.I. (3rd)
	Bayonet (R.N.) ..	Gnr. Duncan (1st) ; Sergt. W. A. Jones (3rd)
	Bayonet (Championship)	Gnr. Duncan (1st)
1922	Sabre *v.* Sabre ..	Sergt. Potter, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
	Bayonet	Gnr. Penfold (2nd)
1923	Sabre *v.* Sabre .. (Championship)	Q.M.S. Hawes, R.M.L.I. (2nd)
1925	Bayonet	Sergt. Spanton, R.M. (1st)
1926	Bayonet	Mne. Duncan (2nd)
1927	Foil Bayonet ..	Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Miller (2nd) ; Mne. Duncan (3rd)

PRIVATE PAGETT.

The Adjutant General R.M. has received the following letter from Major-General Lejeune, announcing " Private Pagett's " safe arrival.

Headquarters,
U.S. Marine Corps, Washington.
2nd July, 1927.

Dear General Hutchison,

Your letter dated 20th June, 1927, is acknowledged.

It gives me great pleasure, both officially and personally, to report the arrival of the bulldog. He certainly is a wonderful specimen and has already won a warm spot in our hearts.

He is serving under the name of Private Pagett, which is not only acceptable but most appropriate.

Private Pagett will be paraded before the entire personnel of the Corps ; therefore, you can see he is destined for further travel both on land and sea.

We shall be happy to receive his registration history and record, which, together with all other accounts of him, will be filed at these headquarters.

In the near future there will be forwarded you certain photographs, clippings and accounts telling of his reception and doings in this country.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the United States Marines express their sincere thanks for the new mascot, and to add that we all consider it a most friendly act.

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,
JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major-General Commandant.

General A. R. H. Hutchison, R.M.,
Adjutant-General,
Royal Marine Office,
54 Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir,

Your readers will no doubt be much interested in " Private Pagett," U.S.M.C.

From the statistics published in your July issue it would appear that this " 100% he-quadruped " got away with no less than ten prizes before he was born—an unparalleled record of " pre-natal influence," and one unsurpassed even by a small-arms expert.

Our " Brutus " wishes me to say that he is willing to take on " Pagett " six rounds catch-weights, if any sportsman will provide a suitable bone, or set of billiard balls.

Yours, etc.,
" Revenge " (L.D.B.).

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSSOCIATION AND THE ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY

Artillery House,
Earls Court, S.W. 5,
29th June, 1927.

The Adjutant General
Royal Marines,
Admiralty, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

In order to commemorate the fact that during the Great War of 1914-1919, batteries manned by Royal Marine Artillerymen fought in the field alongside and in close comradship with the batteries of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and the certain contingents of Royal Marine Artillerymen at one period actually helped to man the guns of the Royal Artillery, the following resolution was proposed and carried with acclamation at a meeting of the Executive Committee of this Association held on the 22nd inst.

" That all ranks formerly belonging to the Royal Marine Artillery who served alongside or with units of the Royal Regiment of Artillery in the Great War of 1914-1919 be made Honorary Members of this Association in all branches."

I enclose a copy of the rules of the Association and refer you to Rule V., para. 4.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) H. C. C. UNIACKE,
Lieut.-General, Col.-Comdt. R.A.
Chairman Executive Committee, R.A.A.

Admiralty,
Royal Marine Office,
54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.
6th July, 1927.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 29th June, informing me of the resolution passed by your Executive Committee regarding the ranks of the Royal Marine Artillery who served alongside or with Units of the Royal Regiment of Artillery in the Great War of 1914-1919.

Your committee's resolution has been duly promulgated to all ranks of the Royal Marine Artillery concerned and on their behalf I would ask you to express to your committee our deep appreciaton of the privilege conferrred, and our hearty reciprociation of the sentiments which prompted their kind action.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) A. R. H. HUTCHISON,
K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.,
Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

Hon Secretary,
Royal Artillery Association,
Artillery House, Earls Court, S.W. 5.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' CENTRAL FUND.

RETIRED OFFICERS.

Bankers' Orders can be obtained on application to " The Hon. Treasurer, R.M. Officers' Central Fund, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth."

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS, VOLUME III.

PRESENTATION COPY TO H.M. THE KING.

The following correspondence regarding the presentation of a copy of "Britain's Sea Soldiers, Vol. III." to H.M. The King, is of interest to all Royal Marines.

Admiralty,
54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.
4th April, 1927

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

In May, 1925, His Majesty The King was graciously pleased to accept the history of the Royal Marines titled "Britain's Sea Soldiers" by Colonel Cyril Field, R.M.

A third volume of this history, recounting the activities of the Corps during the Great War, has now been compiled by General Sir Herbert E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Royal Marines, and I write to ask whether His Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept from all ranks of the Corps a copy of this work, together with a case of maps.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) A. R. H. Hutchison,
Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

Lieut.-Col. Rt. Hon. The Lord Stamfordham,
G.C.B., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., I.S.O., D.C.L.,
Private Secretary, H.M. the King,
Buckingham Palace, London, S.W. 1.

Windsor Castle,
5th April, 1927.

Dear Sir Alexander Hutchison,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, the King will be very glad to receive the third volume of the history of the Royal Marines, compiled by Sir Herbert Blumberg, and if you will send this to me at Windsor Castle I will submit it for His Majesty's acceptance.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) Stamfordham.

Lieut.-General Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.,
Adjutant General, Royal Marines,
Admiralty, 54 Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

Admiralty,
54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.
11th April, 1927.

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

Thank you for your letter of 5th instant notifying His Majesty's acceptance of the third volume of the History of the Royal Marines, compiled by Sir Herbert Blumberg.

The volume with case of maps, is forwarded herewith.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) A. R. H. Hutchison,
Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

Lieut.-Col. Rt. Hon. The Lord Stamfordham,
G.C.B., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., I.S.O., D.C.L.,
Private Secretary, H.M. the King,
Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle,
9th April, 1927.

Dear Sir Alexander Hutchison,

I have received the third volume of the History of the Royal Marines, compiled by Sir Herbert Blumberg, together with a case of maps. These have been laid before the King whose best thanks for the same I am commanded to express to you and to Sir Herbert. The volume will be placed with the other already in His Majesty's possession.

Yours very truly,
Stamfordham.

Lieut.-General Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.,
Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

WINNERS OF THE DERBY.—When the late war broke out the sentry on the lane in rear of the Officers' Mess at Chatham Headquarters was given strict orders not to allow anyone to pass unless he was sure of their identity. Colonel Blank, coming from his quarters to go to the mess one evening, was halted by the sentry with the challenge then existing: "Halt!" "Hands up!" "Who are you?" The Colonel, knowing the sentry had a loaded rifle, promptly put his hands above his head, and tried to explain to the sentry who he was. The sentry, however, was not easily convinced, and asked further questions, still making the unfortunate, and almost exploding, Colonel keep his hands above his head. Finally, after many more questions were asked, the sentry told the Colonel that if he could tell him the winners of the Derby for the past three years, to prove he was an Englishman, he would let him pass. Fortunately the Colonel was able to furnish the required information, and was then allowed to proceed to the Mess.

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Life is just one fool thing after another—and love is just two fool things after each other.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The following amounts have been received for Colonel C. Fields' "History of the Royal Marines":—

£2,611 8s. 10d., previously acknowledged; £6, Messrs. Hugh Rees; £3 6s. 6d., Commodore H. D. King; £2, W. Matthews, Esq. Total £2,622 15s. 4d.

VOLUME III.

For General Sir Herbert Blumberg's "History of the War":—

£1,030 2s. 1d., previously acknowledged; £6, *The Times* Book Club; £3, Messrs. Hugh Rees; £2, Messrs. Simpkin & Co.; £1 4s. 9d., Mrs. E. Mason; £1 2s. 6d., Major E. Jukes Hughes; £1, Lieut. D. J. Grey, Miss M. Pryce-Browne, W. Matthews Esq., Messrs. Truslove and Hanson. 15s. 2d., Captain W. F. Lukis; 7s. 6d., Capt. F. M. Bramall; 4s. 6d., Lieut. K. Hunt; 4s. 3d., Col. Tupman; 3s. 3d., Col. A. G. Vincent; 1s., Lieut. J. S. Martin.

No. of Subscribers—673. Total—£1,049 5s. 1d.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (ret.),
Hon. Treasurer.

"Ingleside,"
Walmer, Kent.
14-7-27.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE "GLOBE AND LAUREL"

From 22nd June to 18th July, 1927.

1/4, H.M.S. Repulse; 2/-, H.M.S. Osprey; 2/8 H.M.S. Calypso (2); 3/4, H.M.S. Cardiff; 4/-, H.M.S. Vulcan, Mr. Wilson; 4/6, Messrs. S. Lewis, Keen, Lamb, E. G. Smith, G. S. Wood, Emmerson and Tomasin, Mrs. Parker, Col. Kitcat, Lieut.-Col. Milne, Col. Gaitskell, Capt. Parvin, Col.-Sgt. F. H. Wood.; 4/8, H.M.S. Dauntless; 5/- Col. Congdon, Capt. J. W. Jones, Capt. Underhill, and Lieut. Petley H.M.S. Capetown; 5/6, Mr. S. J. Barker; 6/-, General Eastman R.M. Camp, Bisley; 6/8, H.M.S. Ganges; 7/-, R.M.O.C.A., Birmingham; 8/8, H.M.S. Durban; 10/-, H.M.S. Benbow, H.M.S. Barham, Mr. G. Sampson; 10/6, H.M.S. Effingham; 10/8, H.M.S. Repulse; 13/-, R.M.O.C.A., Greenwich; 20/-, Lieut.-Col. Dauntesey; 20/6, R.M.O.C.A., London,; 20/9, H.M.S. Durban; 22/6, Chat. Div., R.M.; 22/8, No. 3 Company, 12th R.M. Bn.; 40/-, H.M.S. Revenge and Frobisher; 49/6, Portsmouth Division, R.M.; £5 4s. 2d., H.M.S. Renown.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS, AWARDS.

H.M. The King has been graciously pleased on the occasion of the visit of T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of York, to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order :—

To be Member of the Fouth Class—Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., R.M.

To be Member of the Fifth Class—Cd. Bandmaster (Ty. Musical Director, Lieut. R.M.) Arthur Pragnell, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., R.M.

Col.-Comdt. C. L. Mayhew is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds) per annum, vice Temple. Dated 16-6-27.

PROMOTIONS.

Major W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C., Po., to Bt. Lieut.-Colonel. Dated 30-6-27.

Headmaster W. Trinick (retd.) to Lieut. (retd). Dated 1--7-27.

Schoolmaster (W.O.) C .P. Airey, B.Sc., Po., to Headmaster R.M. Dated 1-7-27

Headmaster J. P. Newcombe, Deal, to Ch. Schoolmaster (Lieut. R.M.). Dated 18-7-27.

Schoolmaster (W.O.) W. A. Grey, Ch., to Headmaster R.M. Dated 18-7-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Col.-Comdt. P. Molloy, Ch., A.D.C. to the King in pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure, vice Temple. Dated 16-6-27.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C., to Seconded List on appointment to Staff, R.N. College, Greenwich, vice Foster. Dated 23-7-27.

Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, M V.O., F.R.A.M., Deal, to retd. list at own request. Dated 28-7-27.

Lieut. R. Garrett to Traction Officer (School of Land Arty.), for a period of one year, vice Salter. Dated 26-7-27.

Appt. of Lieut. S. S. Appleyard as Asst. R.T. Officer, Ord. Com. extended for 2 years.

Ch. Schmr. (Major R.M.) W. S. Rowe to retd. list on account of age. Dated 18-7-27.

F. J. Wilkins, B.Sc. (Po.) and F. E. Cook (Deal) transferred from R.N. as Schmr. R.M., and granted rank of Warrant Officer, R.M. Dated 1-7-27, with seniority 19-3-25.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major L. D. Briscoe to transfer from *Revenge* to *Nelson*, on transfer of Flag of C.-in-C A.F.

Capt. T. G. Hungerford to *Marlborough*, vice Stock.

Capt. H. E. F. Shackleton, Lieuts. C. la R. Salter, G. A. Haward and Cd. R.M. Gnr. H. Pearcy, to *Nelson* on commissioning.

Lieut. G. A. Haward to transfer from *Nelson* to *Revenge*, on transfer of Flag of C.-in-C., A.F.

Capt. A. C. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., to *Vivid* addl. for *Berwick*. Date of joining:

Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.C., to transfer from *Concord* to *Caledon*.

Capt. H. W. Simpson to Seconded List on appt. to *Warspite* as S.O. (I.) Malta, vice McCausland. Date of embarkation.

Capt. E. H. M. Unwin to *Ganges*, vice Quill. Date of joining.

Lieut. R. H. S. Teek to *Ramillies* (tempy.) during period ship is employed as Guardship at Cowes. Dated 30-7-27.

Lieut. C. L. Barcroft to *Renown*, vice Hill. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. A. C. St. Clair Morford, M.C., obtained "distinguished" at S.A. School, Hythe Wing. Dated 4-6-27. The Adjutant-General congratulates this officer on the high standard obtained.

Capt. H. T. Newman has been selected to attend the course commencing at the Staff College, Camberley on 21st January, 28.

Lieut. R. A. K. Hill has been selected to attend the Field Survey Long Course at School of Artillery, Larkhill, from 11th July to 8th October, 1927.

Lieut. A. P. Gumm has been selected to undergo Qualifying Cou rse No. 2 at S.A. School, Hythe, from 6th August to 17th September,

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Attendant Sergts' Mess.—Mne. J. E. McMaster (appt. confirmed).

Armourer, Small Arms.—Mne. W. Bishop.

Clerk, Comdt.'s Office.—C/Sgt. A. S. Carn.

Coalmeter Man.—Mne. C. B. Walker (confirmed).

Groom to Major & Bt. Lt.-Col. Cantrell.—Mne. E. W. Wynn.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. B. F. Hawkins.

Electrician, Bk. Master's Dept.—Mne. A. Gregory; Mne. G. A. Yates.

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DEPOT.

PROMOTION.

Sergt. V. Packer to Clr.-Sgt.

APPOINTMENTS.

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Officers' Mess Attendt.—Mne. W. J. Courage.
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Mne. R. L. Harvey from Portsmouth to Chatham Division.

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Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
ABBOTT, W. ..	5408	Mne.	Ports.	5644	12-6-27
ALLAND, J. ..	5470	Mne.	R.M.A.	4391	16-6-27
ARMSTRONG, H. R.	6349	Corpl.	Chat.	11222	28-5-27
BANCROFT, W. C.	17527	Mne.	Ply.	4329	5-6-27
BRAILEY, W. ..	14517	Mne.	Ply.	270	19-6-27
DAVIES, S. ..	7692	Sergt.	Ply.	1190	9-5-27
DUXBURY, J. ..	7110	Mne.	R.M.A.	320	10-6-27
FLANERY, T. ..	6972	Mne.	Chat.	1795	10-5-27
HEMMINGS, R. ..	10969	Mne.	Chat.	6 Coy.	17-6-27
HATT, A. E. ..	19409	Mne.	Ports.	7750	21-6-27
KESSELL, S. F. ..	4289	Mne.	Chat.	5243	14-5-27
MATTHEWS, M. ..	15028	Mne.	R.M.A.	1748	3-6-27
MONAHAN, T. P.	19114	Mne.	Ports.	7427	16-6-27
ROCK, E. ..	10564	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	6869	5-6-27
STOCK, J. ..	12393	Mne.	Chat.	24144	4-6-27
SHEPHERD, E. ..	20683	Mne.	Chat.	6846	7-6-27
TURTON, A. ..	9552	Mne.	Ports.	11996	5-6-27
TURNER, J. ..	7915	Mne.	Ply.	8 Coy.	4-6-27
WILLEY, T. ..	19050	Mne.	Ports.	210457	7-6-27

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" **Centaur** "—
" **Conquest** "—
" **Canterbury** "—Lieut. C. J. Fell.

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" **Weymouth** "—Clr.-Sergt. J. Day.

Mediterranean—Major C. Williams.
" **Warspite** "—Lieut. N. F. H. Rogers.
" **Barham** "—Mne. Flory.
" **Malaya** "—
" **Valiant** "—Capt. G. Campbell.
" **Resolution** "—Corpl. Townsend.
" **Royal Oak** "—
" **Frobisher** "—Corpl. R. S. Philpott.
" **Delhi** "—Mne. B. C. Allen.
" **Danae** "—Capt. W. E. V. Bashall.
" **Dragon** "—Corpl. G. E. A. Green.
" **Dauntless** "—Corporal C. V. Cripps.
"**Egmont** "—Lieut. J. K. Cordeaux.
" **Cardiff** "—Clr.-Sgt. F. J. Hancock.
" **Calypso** "—
" **Caradoc** "—Sergt. E. O. Lucas
" **Ceres** "—Mne. R. P. Rogers.
" **Coventry** "—
" **Ghain Tuffieha**—Q.M.S. T. W. Sloman.
" **Argus** "—Corporal Gutteridge.

East Indies—Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E.
" **Effingham** "—

Africa—Major H. R. Brewer.
" **Birmingham** "—Corporal H. J. Ford.
" **Lowestoft** "—Capt. A. L. S. Harris.

China—Major C. B. Mullins.
" **Hawkins** "—
" **Vindictive** "—Corporal Flack.
" **Carlisle** "—Lieut. C. E. C. Ransome.
" **Concord** "—Mne. J. H. Richards.
" **Tamar** "—Capt. A. Whitworth.
" **Despatch** "—Capt. C. P. Sparrow.
" **Durban** "—Capt. V. G. Clayton.
Range Staff—Capt. (Bt. Major) E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O.

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" **Calcutta** "—Corpl. R. G. Harris.
" **Capetown** "—
" **Colombo** "—Capt. D. A. C. Shepherd.
" **Cairo** "—Capt. W. A. H. Hanson, M.C.

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" **Dunedin** "—Mne. A. Fleurs.
" **Philomel** "—
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No. 2 Coy.—Capt. W. H. Wilby.
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No. 4 Coy.—

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Plymouth—Lieut. J. H. Moxham.
Depot—Lieut. J. M. Phillips.
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Guide : " Would M'sieu care to see one of the robber strongholds which abound in this neighbourhood ? "

Tourist : " No, thanks. We're fixed up at one of the hotels already."—*Flashlight.*

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Mrs. Burke : " Harry, I've put your shirt on the clothes horse ! "

Burke : " What odds did you get, darling ? "—*Recruiter.*

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Two little urchins were watching a barber singe his customer's hair.

" Gee," said one, " he's hunting 'em with a light."—*Leatherneck.*

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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 deeply regret to have to record the death on the 3rd August of General H. C. Eagles, and on behalf of *The Globe and Laurel* we offer our sincerest sympathy to his family on their great loss. An account of the deceased officer's services will be published in next month's issue.

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"Private Pagett" is evidently much appreciated by our "opposite numbers" across the Atlantic. In its August editorial column the *Leatherneck* has the following paragraph: "The Royal Marines could have thought of no finer or no more acceptable gift than that of Private Pagett. The sentiment of friendship between the Marines of Great Britain and those of America could have found no better means of expression."

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The news from the 12th R.M. Battalion arrived, unfortunately, after we had gone to press, so must be held over till the October issue.

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The attention of all ranks who are serving on, or likely to proceed to, the China Station, is drawn to the following Rules of the Road in force in Japan, which have recently appeared in the British Press:—

They are as follows:—

1.—At the rise of the hand policeman stop rapidly.

2.—Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.

3.—When a passenger of the foot hove insight, tootle the horn. Trumpet at him. Melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage, tootle him with vigour, and express by word of mouth the warning "Hi! Hi!"

4.—Beware the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him by. Do not explode the exhaust box at him as you pass him by. Go soothingly by.

5.—Give big space to the festive dog that shall sport in the roadway.

6.—Go soothingly in the grease mud, as there lurks the skid demon.

7.—Avoid tanglement of dog with your wheel spokes.

8.—Press the brakes of the foot as you roll round the corner to save collapse and tie up.

Re Rules 1 and 2. Foot and mounted policemen should be similarly treated.

Re Rule 3. In view of the training of Royal Marines on the parade, the sequence should be easily recalled. We expect that most Royal Marines will be able to do something better than "Hi, Hi."

Re Rule 4.—This would not be necessary in the case of Admiralty blood stock, which is thoroughly trained.

Re Rule 5. Festive Great Danes require nearly all the road, but Pekingese dogs require comparatively little of it.

Re Rule 7. Particular care is necessary if you have wire wheels and the dog is an old English sheep dog.

Re Rule 8. If the brakes of the foot don't do the necessary, there may be time to pull those of the hand. Provision of suitable rope or wire for tying up is often forgotten.

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge"

At present we are situated well above mean sea-level, in the Floating Dock at Portsmouth, having our annual polish up beneath. This would be a healthy spot, except that we have a concentration of odours, of Flathouse from the East, of Pompey Harbour mud-flats from the West, of Whale Island from the North, of Dockyard dredgers from the South, and of the bodies of millions of Scotch mussels and limpets, etc., from below up, that have been chipped off by the "bottom scraping party." However, on the 24th August we commence to re-embark ammunition, and the 29th will find the Channel breeze whistling through the hawse, and the spume and spray glistening on our sides (how sounds that ye "Stanchions"). It would appear that the Drafting Officer at Eastney is in partnership with Maskelyne and Devants, because every time the *Revenge* pokes her nose around the Nab Tower, he makes a few mysterious passes with the Magic Drafting Flimsy, and "hey presto' a large quota of our trained soldiers are spirited out of the ship, and new and youthful ones are deposited in their place. This time the trick was a failure (from our point of view), because we found ourselves 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 29 Marines minus, the D.O. offered an excuse, he mumbled something about "reduction of complement."

We don't mind, we find it awful fun having to reorganise and train a new outfit of guns crews, etc., three times a year. Most of the youngsters we get can do Platoon Drill and the Charleston very well, but they make an awful pot-mess of, say, working the cable-hangers, or reeving the main-derrick guys, or steering the sharp edge of a deck-cloth around the Mess in the short time available on Sunday mornings, or getting a 15-inch case on the top row in the magazine, and several of the other humdrum jobs in the daily life of a ship Marine, but which count for so much. And then after the Officers and N.C.O.'s have brought them nicely along, and taught them the ropes, etc., as we said before, someone pinches them; but don't think we are moaning; oh no, we are only reasoning.

We in the *Revenge* have been wearing full dress tunics on Sundays and auspicious occasions for the last twelve months, but apparently they are not familiar yet to the public, because a couple of Sundays back, a young lady visitor from London was being shown over the ship by Jack, her sailor lover, when the next place to be seen (after where the Sergt.-Major was buried) was the centre engine room. On arrival at the lift, a young Marine clad in his tunic happened to be standing by, and naturally, in accordance with the usual courtesy and good manners connected with our Corps, he gallantly threw back the trellis gates, on which the sweet young thing exclaimed "I see you have very smart lift attendants on board here, but they are not so nice at those at Selfridges" (Collapse of Jack).

Next month we shall be able to give an opinion on our chances in the Marathon, etc. We doubt whether we shall carry sufficient seasoned "bullocks" to be able to produce the necessary goods to pull against the Inverness Police Force this year; one has to pouch a good many general mess luncheons before one has powerful enough muscles on one's spars to pull 17-stone Scotch policemen on their chests. However, you never know.

Our football affairs are upside down, many of our last year's players are in the "spiriting away" stunt we have just described.

Next time we send our article, we hope to be settled down as a happy family for the last cruise of the Commission.

"Hood"

At present we are in dry dock at Portsmouth, and my fount of inspiration is as dry as the dock. All the excitement of the regatta is over, and instead of one's ears being assailed by a remark about the "stroke oar of the gig" or some kindred subject, one hears only the babble of the "foreign" dockyard maties clashing with the drawl of the remnant of our "Duffo's." The remainder are down where rumour has it that the sun shines on occasions, enjoying the bessings of the land and the fruits of their labours. We who have remained behind are awaiting the day when we can say with a sigh of relief, "to you with failing hands we throw the torch," or in other words, "it is your turn to carry the can."

Owing to it being a leave period there have not been a great many opportunities for much sport. We have, however, taken part in a few cricket matches, with a fair amount of success, and formed a water-polo team which has won all it's matches up to the present. I ought to mention that owing to our English summer being adrift from its moorings, and various other reasons, we have only played one match, so perhaps our record is not so good as the foregoing would lead one to think.

We sail from here on the 29th of August, for one of our usual haunts, Cromarty, calling, so rumour has it, at one of the larger watering places en route. After this, we shall be delivered body and soul to the tender mercies of the gunnery staff. One gathers that we shall have gunnery for our dinner, tea and supper, with plenty of snacks thrown in. All *Table d'hôte* and no *à la Carte*.

In conclusion, we felt rather a thrill when we sailed up "Pompey Harbour" with the "Cock" in a very conspicuous position on one of our turrets. Like Paddy trailing the tail of his coat, no one, not even *Revenge* has trod on the tail of our coat yet. No doubt they plan to make their deeds appropriate to their name.

I will conclude this now, a decision which I have no doubt my readers will applaud. I may, in my next account, be able to give you an eye-witnesses account of the "war." Always providing the "Daily Mirror"

H.M.S. CAMBRIAN. MARINE CUTTERS CREW.



Winners of Cup for R.M. Cutters Crews, Atlantic Fleet Cruisers Regatta, held at Weymouth, 5th July, 1927.

hasn't got there first. Possibly, as reporters are noted for their fickleness, he will have transferred his affections to the *Nelson*. One can only hope if he does, that they feed him on " Jago's." Let the punishment fit the crime.

" **Cambrian.**"

Cambrian's Marines, haven't you heard of 'em ? Well, George, turn the handle. Having now been in commission twelve months, a little account of our doings will without doubt interest our comrades on Foreign Service. Of course, Atlantic Fleet Royals have heard that there are aboard this " waggon " 100% marines. During our recent summer cruise, our Tug-of-War team has held its own. At the Sports Meeting at Plymouth, after putting away the *Iron Duke* in the qualifying round in the Tug-of-War event, we lost to the Met. Police in the semi-final, the " force " of weight being much against us. However, at the Sports held at Torquay we were the victors, defeating the *Comus* in the final. We were rewarded by a miniature and handsome cup to each individual in the team. Whilst at Gibraltar during the Spring Cruise, after qualifying to pull in the semi-final for the Atlantic Fleet, Royal Marine Tug-of-War Trophy, we were " defeated " under aggravating circumstances; however, we hope to have our " revenge " next Spring. In the Atlantic Fleet Cruisers Regatta which took place at Weymouth on the 5th July, we carried off the Cup for Royal Marines' Cutters Crews ; this was a bumping victory, the *Centaur's* boat coming in second, well astern. Aboard, the enthusiasm and cheering that greeted our crew left no doubt that our victory was the most popular of the day. Before concluding, thanks must be given to ou resourceful and energetic coach and trainer, Sergt. C. F. Franks. He is well-known by all for his work in the promotion of Corps Sport, and the Detachment is lucky in having him for their Sergt.-Major.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" **Barham** "

The outstanding event of the month of July as far as we were concerned, was the annual landing practice of the Royal Marines. On the 1st of the month, the Detachment proceeded on board the *Royal Sovereign*, this being a part of the scheme, and of course, it wasn't long before they started " cracking old ships." The most important part of these operations took place in the early morning of the 5th, and barring a few " casualties " among the Machine Gunners, who, on disembarking from the boats, found the water deeper than they expected, everything went off according to plan, but the temperature being what it is at this time of the year, we were all rather glad to get back to the ship that same night. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Detachment of the *R.S.* for the most hospitable way they treated us during our short stay in their ship.

We arrived at Skiathos the 12th July. During our stay here some mild excitement was caused by several bush fires breaking out on shore, and squads of fire-fighters were sent from the Fleet to quell the outbreak. This was successfully accomplished, and the Mayor of Skiathos sent his thanks to the V.A. for saving the town from possible destruction.

After a rather pleasant stay of fourteen days, we left for Suda Bay, where we arrived on the 26th. This is

the first time we have been on our own since we started on this cruise, and as this is a most excellent training ground, we are now hard at it getting ready for the regatta, which takes place at Argostoli in a week's time.

The Detachment's crews are coming along in splendid style, especially our " A " cutter, ably coxswained by our Sergt.-Major, Clr.-Sgt. Burgess, and we hope to be able to send in some interesting regatta news next month.

CHINA.

" Vindictive "

Since our last effort the detachment's activities have been many and various, and our suspected trip to Hong Kong hardly came as quickly as we expected.

We got orders to proceed from Woosung Flats up to Hankow and the journey on the whole was interesting if we found the watches a little tedious, for from first to last we had to keep Cruising Watches owing to the firings which are continually taking place on passing ships from the various forts. In our Company was *Carlisle*, so we didn't worry whether they fired on us or not, I rather think the Ship's Company as a whole hoped for a shot or two, but the same old cry of " Nothing doing."

At Nanking we passed the *Emerald*, who cheered ship as we both passed, and after a few minutes' stop to exchange a couple of ratings, etc., proceeded to Hankow.

Leave here was very restricted, but with the assistance of the local British who got a Canteen going, we made the best of it and had quite a good night or two at the concerts they so kindly arranged.

Our football and rifle clubs could not do much owing to the lack of grounds and ranges, but the latter managed to get a miniature match on with the *Bee*, which we unluckily lost by a couple of points. The Detachment's percentage in the miniature spoon shoots should compare very well with the remainder of the Ship's Company, and in this sport as in football, the big push comes from the Detachment.

Whilst at Hankow we lost our Captain and Commander to say nothing of several other officers, and we are just shaking down to the new routine which invariably follows these changes aft.

On the afternoon of the 15th May, No. 1 Platoon had orders to embark at once in the *Kiawo*, this brought the usual excitement, and after a few minutes for providing hammocks, etc., we left under the command of Lieut. Knox, and on our arrival in our new ship were soon taken down stream to the S.A.D. Pontoon which is abreast the Race Club (lovely golf course here) apparently to protect the Pontoon, anyway, we looked after it night and day as though it were in the family.

After a couple of weary days we got to hear where we were really going to, and a change of command took place, Captain Leech-Porter relieving Lieut. Knox, and we left next day for Ichang, four hundred miles up river from Hankow, in company with *Gnat*. Everybody wanted to go to Ichang apparently, possibly it was because we were the Consuls bodyguard that they were so keen.

On board *Kiawo* were the Consul of Ichang, Mr. Blunt, and representatives of Jardines, B. and S., and A.P.C. The object of the trip was to see how British property fared after the departure of the Reds

Once started we soon realized that the river is really beautiful, and in places one would think they were travelling up the Firth of Forth, and we formed quite a nice fleet with *Gnat*, U.S. *Pigeon* and two Socony's oil tankers.

At certain places en route we went to action stations in case we were " put on," much to the regret of those of us who did not man the Lewis Guns, as our hammocks " took the can " here, all the Lewis Gunners had stowed their's on the bottom of the netting, they get up so early you see. But we bore up under the strain until we got to the renowned Forts of Chenling, and this place soon gave the *Gnat* warning to stop, which she did, and after the usual parley we learned that although they would not give us permission to proceed the *Gnat* had decided to do so and that if they fired at us we would fire back, but nothing happened, and we settled down again.

At Shasi we found the H.Q. of General Yang Sen of Wanshien fame, and we learned that his Army here was about 60,000 strong, anyway there were plenty about, but mostly boys of about 15, and as a Company treated us to a March Past as soon as we arrived, we saw for ourselves what a " crush " they were.

Soon after anchoring, Mr. Blunt went ashore to visit General Yang Sen who seemed very optimistic about his chances of taking Hankow with his wonderful army but we have our doubts.

Leaving Shasi on Sunday at dawn we arrived at Ichang just before dark and anchored abreast the Bund, where we remained until Thursday when we went alongside the A.P.C. Installation, *Kiawo* outside *Gnat*, and here we stayed until we left again for Hankow.

On a general survey of the property being made by the Company's Representative, it was found that no damage had been done since the Reds had taken charge and permission was given for the crews to make any use of the compound they wished, this of course gave the R.M.'s a chance to show the *Gnat* how bayonet fighting really should be done, but apart from the service side of things, we all found it very handy for a little exercise after working hours.

Our particular function here was the safeguarding of the two pontoons, and the Platoon are greatly indebted to Lieut. Barchard of the *Gnat* for the use of material which enabled us to make a shelter from the sun, and which also acted as a smoking room for those off Watch, and for the supply of books and periodicals which were greatly appreciated.

A visit was paid to the local cemetery and here was seen the desecration of several graves of foreigners, but those of the victims of Wanshien were untouched.

On the occasion of the King's Birthday a reception was held on board *Kiawo* in the forenoon, the Consul receiving the guests among whom were General Chu, Chief of Staff to Yang Sen, Captains of other ships in ports and the local Chinese Taipans. In the afternoon, sports were arranged on the local golf course, the R.M.'s *Gnat* and *Kiawo* putting in teams for the team events to make a triangular contest. The Royals excelled here, winning both team events, the Relay and Tug-of-War,

H.M.S. DANAE. R.M. FOOTBALL TEAM.



Winners of Mediterranean Cruisers Football Trophy, 1925-6, 1926-7, and Inter-Part Shield 1926-7.
Left to Right:—Back Row:—Sergt. Berrill, Sergt. Huddart, Mne. Lawrence (Capt.), Mne. Cory, Corpl. Fullbrook.
Sitting;—Mne. Levene, Capt. Bashall, R.M., Mne. Anderson, Capt Mackinnon, R.N., Mne. Oakley.
Front Row:—Mne. Huntley, Mne. Papper, Mne. Gisby, Mne. Booth, Corpl. Barrett.

and in individual events we had several men in the prize list.

During our stay we saw much more of the habits of rural China than can be seen further south, and an interesting sight was the art of fishing with Otters. The latter are put into the water made fast to a lead, and as soon as it is felt to make a spurt under water it is hauled up to the surface and the fish taken from its mouth.

Leaving Ichang on Saturday, the 4th June, we arrived at Hankow on Sunday evening and re-embarked in *Vindictive* at once, and thus ended a very enjoyable and interesting trip up river, and we would like to ask the Editor if we are really the first party of the Corps —(It is common for all River Boats to visit and land at Ichang.—Ed.)—to reach inland so far, a distance of 1,000 miles from Shanghai, although we heard before leaving Hankow that a Royal Marine some years ago had been buried there, but although a diligent search was made in the cemetery no trace of his grave could be found.

On the 8th June we left Hankow for Hong Kong, being relieved by *Durban* and duly arrived after a none too interesting trip down, and disembarked ammunition ready for docking, when possibly the powers that be may see fit to allow us a short sojourn at Stonecutters to " do or die " in the Annual Weapon Training Course.

" **Danae** "

After a lapse of almost 18 months, we once more venture to account for what has happened in the past year or so. In April, 1926, we played *Ceres* in the final for the Mediterranean Cruisers Football Trophy, winning by 2—0 after a very clean and really sporting match.

During part of the Summer Cruise we visited Ancona and Brioni Island. The latter is a very pleasant place indeed from the point of view of climate and perhaps beauty. From our point of view, the cruise was cut short owing to being due for re-fit at Malta during August. To counteract the unpleasant conditions during this period the Detachment spent a very pleasant few days rest and recreation at Ghain Tuffieha.

During the Autumn, we visited Varna, a Bulgarian port in the Black Sea; in more prosperous times this place would resemble Bournemouth, but it has now fallen into ill-repair. The Bulgarians, though our ex-enemies, were most amicable towards us; they explained that they were " hard up," but would do their best to entertain us. One could not help noticing how very different the Bulgar is to his neighbours, above all things he is steady and sincere, there being a complete lack of that excitability so commonly displayed by other Continentals.

The next port of call was Galatz, in Roumania, about 80 miles up the River Danube. French characteristics are very much to the fore here, only more so; not to mention a very strong Russian element as a result of occupation during the War. We passed through the Bosphorous shortly after daybreak on each occasion, with everything looking its best. It was not possible to stop off Constantinople, but lurid descriptions almost sufficed.

The memorial at Cape Helles makes a conspicuous landmark.

The Fleet returned to Malta at the end of October, and carried out the usual winter routine.

At the end of the year, it was decided to play off the various matches for the Cruisers Football Trophy, mainly owing to the fact that future movements would have meant a delay until May. Here again, we are very pleased to record that we retained the trophy after a very close replay with *Concord*. We also won the ship's Inter-Part Football Shield. Replays were frequent in both competitions, thus enthusiasm waxed high.

In January, the Fleet sailed for Phalerum Bay; we

had scarcely been there 48 hours when it was decided that the 1st Cruiser Squadron must prepare for an early departure for China. We returned to Malta, fuelled, stored, and docked in incredibly short times, and sailed on 19th January bound for Shanghai, proceeding at 22 knots. Very brief calls were made at Port Said, Aden, Colombo and Singapore, only long enough to fuel. During the trip, training was in full swing in all departments.

The trip from Singapore to Hong Kong was covered at economical speed, the Squadron reaching there on 8th February. Hong Kong has become our temporary home, from whence a few days in most weeks are spent carrying out instructive practices. About the end of March, we had a little diversion in the nature of a raid on pirate haunts in Bias Bay, units from this ship being embarked in *Delhi*—the results have proved effective so far.

In May, we visited Swatow for a fortnight or so, most of our spare time being spent in recreation ; later, we returned to Hong Kong, and took part in the Review in celebration of H.M. the King's Birthday—there being over 4,000 troops on parade. We arrived here, Shanghai, about the middle of June, and are berthed at Holt's Wharf. As the 12th R.M. Battalion are in occupation we have had sundry shooting and football matches against Platoons and Companies, with mixed results, football being our stronger point. The shooting results have been very close as a rule.

The ship has been allocated a large shed alongside, in which we have Miniature Range, Gym., Boxing Ring, Darts, Stage, Cinema, Soda Fountain (and a Wet Canteen). And, on the wharf, we have organised three tennis courts ; so we are quite enjoying our stay here.

There is leave until 2300 in Shanghai, but the 3 miles trip seems to be a deterrent, especially with so many facilities at hand, not to mention the genial company of our comrades ashore.

Something we should like to know : " What has happened to our Canteen's stock of Web Blanco ?" " Within how many minutes of our arrival was it exhausted ?"

Of the future, it is difficult to say how long the Additional Forces will be required, many of us fancy that the autumn will see a re-shuffle. At present, and on the surface, there is a lull—why, or how long it will last no one knows.

N.A. & W.I. " Calcutta."

Our Northern cruise commenced with a visit to Halifax where in company with *Cairo*, *Wisteria* and *Heliotrope*, we took part in the Jubilee Celebrations. Ships were dressed overall during the three days these celebrations were taking place, but the effect was marred by the fogs and mist which are prevalent at this time of the year round these parts. The *Cairo* and Sloops were anchored in the stream, and for the greater part of the day were obscured from view, owing to the fog. On the second day of the celebrations a procession and parade was held in the City. A company of seamen, including a small platoon of Royal Marines, was landed, the latter distinguishing themselves by the smartness and precision in which they marched.

From Halifax we proceeded to St. George's Bay (Newfoundland), stopping two days en route at White Bear River. There is nothing of interest to record about our visit to these places. It is very apparent that we visit these isolated spots of Newfoundland for the salmon fishing they afford, and also to give us a good rub up in " General Drill " and " G.Q's." However, although salmon fishing provides the officers with good sport, our sport takes the form of " mosquito raids." No sooner have we turned in to our hammocks than a miniature air pageant commences. The mosquitoes attack from all sides, and by the time the sweet music of *reveille* further disturbs us, we have faces more like prize-fighters than the average good looking marine.

During the period of our banishment to the isolated places of Hawke Bay and Hare Bay, as the conditions are ideal, the opportunity is taken to pull off the races in the inter-part whaler competition. This year the detachment entered two crews. "A" crew were drawn against Main Top "B" and were beaten by 2½ boats' lengths. We were not disgraced, however, as the Main Top "B" crew were eventually one of the finalists. The "B" crew went on as far as the third round, and were beaten by the same crew that beat our "A" crew. The winners of the competition were 3rd Division, who beat Main Top "B" in the final.

At St. George's Bay we found excellent sport by fishing from the ship's side, and to liven things up a fishing competition was arranged. It was decided that the winner of this competition should be the one who caught the heaviest fish. At one time we thought that the distinction of winning this competition would fall to a member of the detachment, as the Gunner's Yeoman, enjoying " novice's luck," had hooked a 2¼ lb. plaice, and was proudly displaying his catch, with the same pride as we do on the range when we manage to get a " bull " with our sighter. However, later on a 7-lb. skate was caught, which took the prize.

Further notes of our cruise will be forwarded with the notes next month, when it is hoped to have more interesting news to record.

R.M.O.C.A. (BIRMINGHAM.)

An open concert of the above was held at the " Clements Arms " on Monday, the 11th July last.

In anticipation of a crush, the host, Comrade Kay, had the front seats placed at the back, and, being held on licensed premises, children in arms carrying their parents were not to be admitted. As it happened, the precautions were unnecessary, as in the early evening we were treated to a record thunderstorm which so impeded traffic, besides flooding various areas, that very few attended (mainly artists).

Those who braved the elements spent a very enjoyable evening. Our Monthly General Meeting was held on the 8th July. As there was little business to attend to, it was mainly a social gathering, and we found we had a lot of very good talent among the members of the branch. the outstanding successes being Comrades Cutmore and Kemish.

The subject being raised, it appears that Birmingham is not in love with the prefix " Comrade." This is all right in itself, but having been appropriated by another organisation, we are trying to think out something better by which means to address our members.

What say the other Branches ?

PER TERRAM

PORTSMOUTH.

R.M. CADET CORPS CAMP, 1927.

The queue outside the barrack gates at reveille on Saturday the 29th was not the "dobying" firms returning the weekly washing, but members of the Cadet Corps making sure that their kit bags were in the drill shed by 0945.

By 10 o'clock most of the mothers had come to the conclusion that it would be the death of Willie, aud the transport staff were beginning to look quite haggard (the 2nd Q.M. and Barrack Q.M.S. were free from worry for at least a week) and so with final injunctions to the instructors to see that Johnnie wore his pyjamas. the advance party under Sergt. Crowther moved off to Browndown. The main body under the Hon. Sec. and Sergt. Lee followed shortly afterwards.

That Saturday proved a busy day, what with settling down blankets and bottom boards; still we did manage to get in one meal before anyone lost their knife and fork.

The "evening and the morning were the first day" and as a day is 24 hours we take it it was all right. "Pipe down" was timed for 9.30 p.m. and some resemblance to quiet was obtained about 12.30 a.m., but at 4.30 about 120 bright-eyed lads (126 went to camp) were found cleaning for breakfast.

Thanks to Sergt Crowther's route march and Sergt. Lee's sports in the afternoon, absolute silence reigned at 10 on Sunday night, and talking about rain—it started about 11 o'clock that night and after paddling round the guys we came across one tent an absolute wreck, but as the occupants refused to move or even wake up we let them sleep on.

Monday proved a very "home-sick" sort of day, but things bucked up a little about 8 o'clock in the evening, when it stopped raining and the boys were billited for that night. Regarding Johnnie's pyjamas, he wore them all right, but on being found at night chasing round the tents he assured us that it was quite all right, he had his other clothes underneath. Willie also wore his as a bathing costume.

One thing about bathing parades it ensures necks being washed once a day.

During the forenoon, Sergts. Crowther and Lee took the lads to drill. Sergt. Lee organised the Sports and Games in the afternoon, and in the evening Sergt. Crowther mounted the Guards and Patrols. The staff were augmented toward the end of the week by Corpl. Bowden.

We had to alter the usual routine about guard parades slightly; for instance, if a boy was extra well turned out he was allowed an extra parade next night, but if any fault was found with him he was not allowed to do his guard.

On Friday, by kind permission of the O.C., R.A.F. at Fort Rowner, the lads were shown over the aerodrome by three Flight Officers, who explained how to loop the loop, etc., and a most interesting and instructive time was spent; the officers and everyone concerned going to a lot of trouble to explain the working of the various types of machines and torpedoes.

The Corps returned in time for tea and a scrub on Saturday, and I think all the Staff were glad to get back to work for a rest. From a training point of view, the Camp was a great success and the casualties fairly few.

The Hon. Sec. takes this opportunity of thanking on behalf of the Instructors all the Camp Staff (and Clr.-Sergt. Waskett in particular) for their assistance, and those parents for their words of appreciation.

To those boys who "Lost a puttee, Sir," "Fork, Sir," etc., well the "Scran Bag" is now open in the Cadet Office, and will be for the next month.

PLYMOUTH.

TATTOO.

The Division is now very busy, preparing for the Tattoo which is to be held from the 12th to the 17th September—"if Summer comes!"

MEDAL COLLECTION.

Sergt.-Major W. G. Chant has very kindly presented to the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Divn., R.M., the medals of his brother, No. Po.9061 Pte. J. F. C. Chant, R.M.L.I., who was killed on the 11th March, 1915, serving in H.M.S. "Bayano" when that ship was sunk by enemy submarines.

The medals are, 1914-15 Star; General Service Medal; Victory Medal.

DEPOT

TATTOO.

The Tattoo, which has become an annual event, passed off with its usual success. To everybody's delight, the weather was really fine for the four days, August 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. The programme was arranged by Captain A. M. Craig, the Adjutant. It started with a Fanfare and marches by augmented Massed Bands. This was a most impressive start and thoroughly prepared the audience for what was to come. The band conducted themselves very well all the way through and great credit is due to them.

The next item on the programme was the High Horse Vaulting. This, as usual, was a highly popular event. It was performed by Physical Training Staff, who also did a Torchlight Club Swinging Display, which was given with excellent rhythm.

The Depot Volunteer Corps were the next to appear in the arena. They, who have acquired a great name at Miniature Rifle Shooting, had a reputation to keep up and very well they did it in their Torchlight Procession.

The Combined Physical Training Squads were the

combined 149 and 150 squads. They went through a short P.T. Table and finished up with figure marching at the double. This event was very much appreciated if one can judge by the applause accorded to them.

Again the spectacular was in evidence in a lantern march by recruits of the 151st and 152nd squads. The average length of service of these lads was no more than ten weeks, and their average age 17 years 3 months. But discipline and training again told, and the squads gave a pleasing display of figure marching with an illuminated Union Jack as a pivotal emblem.

Recruits from the 146th and 147th squads, dressed in the uniform of 1750, performed the ceremony of "Sending for the Colour" and "Lodging the Colour." The following description of this ceremony is taken from the programme :—

This Display is carried out by recruits from the 146th and 147th Squads, their average age being 17 years 9 months, and have approximately 8 months' service in the Royal Marines.

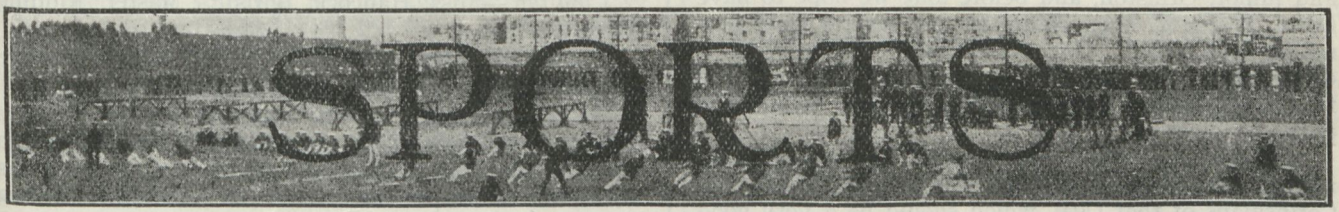
The duties of Officers are performed by the Parade Staff Instructors. The Period and Dress is for the year 1750.

At the time it was the custom before a Battalion or Company was dismissed to their quarters, bivouac or billets, to Troop the Colour, or Colours, down the ranks, and, as the Colours passed, the Musketeers fired a volley, the Ensigns then taking the Colours to their Lodgings and displaying them from the window, or doorstep, or entrance to their tent ; the Battalion or Company trooped past the Colour and so knew, in case of alarm, the place of their rallying point. If there was not time for the whole of this ceremony, then the whole Company or Battalion marched up to the Lodging where the Colour was displayed and fired a volley, and were then dismissed. From the earliest times Colours or Standards were the leading and rallying points, and by the devices or badges emblazoned upon them showed the troops where to rally round their leader. The present day "TROOPING THE COLOUR" probably originated from this old ceremony.

Up to the time of the Restoration there had been very little uniformity in the dress of the soldier, and both the Musketeers and Pikemen of a regiment showed a variety of fashions in the type of their leather jerkins, coats and breeches. Charles II. during his exile to France had gained much information as regards the military organisation of that country, and he undoubtedly introduced many changes of fashion both in military and civil dress.

The King's (145) Squad gave the Arm Drill Display as performed this year at the Royal Tournament. It went off very well and with great precision.

Considering that every man in the Depot took part in the Tattoo, except those in hospital, the Tattoo was really a great success.



CHATHAM.

SWIMMING.

Inter-Company Swimming Relay Race, in connection with the Athletic Shield, 1927, took place on the afternoon of Monday, the 18th July, 10 men per company competing. All teams finished the race and after a very exciting struggle the result was as follows :—

1st	..	"A" Company
2nd	..	"G" Company
3rd	..	"E" Company
4th	..	"C" Company.

CRICKET.

Inter-Company Cricket was played on the R.N. and R.M. Cricket ground on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2nd and 3rd August. The result was as follows :—

Semi-final :—"G" Company 58 ; "A" Company 28.
Final :—"E" Company 56 ; "G" Company 31.

Total points towards Athletic Shield to date :—

"E" Company	..	8½ points
"G" Company	..	8 ,,
"A" Company	..	7½ ,,
"C" Company	..	4 ,,

FOOTBALL.

Chatham Division have entered the usual leagues and cup competitions and are now having practice matches with a view of selecting teams.

SHOOTING.

Owing to the Range being allocated to the Army for Annual Range Courses, very little shooting has taken place since Bisley. It is now open again and practice for the forthcoming Divisional Rifle Meeting on 13th and 14th September is in full swing.

If the elements are kind, a very successful meeting is anticipated, as great keenness is being shown by all ranks in the Division. New competitions have been devised, and two new cups have been presented by General Sir H. L. Blumberg, K.C.B., Hon. Colonel-Commandant, Chatham Division, and Colonel-Commandant P. Molloy, A.D.C., respectively.

A new 30 yards range has been constructed in the moat, Fort Borstal, and it is now possible to fire at 600 yards on the long range without uprooting a few trees beforehand.

Major C. Attwood has retired from the Presidency and Sergt. G. A. Chenney from Hon. Secretaryship of the Rochester and District Miniature Rifle League, owing to expiration of shore appointment in both cases. This

is generally regretted as the league made great strides in membership and interest under their guidance.

REGATTA.

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August 9th—R.M., 155 (Cartwright 60 not out) ; H.M.S. " Pegasus " 47 (Harris 3 for 4).

In the Inter-Divisional League " C " and " G " Companies have both won two matches.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

On the 20th July, the Depot were away to Dover College, and batting first scored 126 of which total Major Bird claimed 38, and Mne. Slator 34 n.o. A close finish was seen with the homesters requiring 17 runs with one wicket to fall. These they failed to get, the Depot winning by 9 runs, Lieut. Sillitoe being the most successful bowler, taking 4 for 22, and Lt. Williams 3 for 24, and Sergt. Henwood 2 for 29.

Owing to several of the team being required for the Corps Matches, the Depot were very weakly represented against St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, and St. Lawrence C.C., Canterbury, both at home. In the former game they were out for the mean totals of 66 (Capt. West 17, Sergt. Henwood 14) and 74 (Major Bird 24). The visitors, scoring 208 for 7, had a rather easy win by an innings and 68 runs.

In the second game, against St. Lawrence C.C., the Depot scored 142, of which Capt. West claimed 29, and Mr. Nicholson, who was lent by the visitors, 64. To this the visitors replied with 158 for 6, another rather easy win. Lieut. Williams took 3 wickets for 40.

A visit to Westgate on the 6th August proved rather disappointing. Taking a strong batting side the Depot on batting first were out for 109, of which Col. Shine 24 and Major Yeo 23 were chiefly responsible. With 7 wickets down for 97, a close finish seemed likely, but the score was taken to 187 for 9 when play ceased at 6 p.m. Lieut. Sillitoe took 5 for 33.

For the Depot Cricket Week, the clerk of the weather was on his worst behaviour, play on the first day of the match with the Free Foresters being held up until 4 p.m., when the Depot batting on a somewhat difficult wicket, could only put up the score of 76, Musn. Mallard 19, Mne. Slator 19 not out, and Sergt. Henwood 10 being the only ones to reach double figures. The visitors had scored 60 for the loss of four wickets when play ended for the day, Sergt. Henwood claiming 3 for 24. No play was possible on the second day and the match was abandoned.

We were more favoured on Wednesday and Thursday for the game with the Band of Brothers, and the Depot again batted first, scoring 120, which was a fair score considering the state of the wicket. Musn. Mallard again being highest with 28, Col. Shine made 27, and Mne. Slator 19. On the visitors going to the wicket, their first wicket fell at 7, but 60 were on the board before the next dropped. When the seventh fell they still required one and their innings closed eventually for 170, Sergt. Henwood, who took 6 for 58, taking a wicket with what would have in any case been almost the last of the day. Play started at 11 a.m. on Thursday, and the Depot put up a larger score than in the first attempt, Major Yeo 52, Lieut. Phillips 41 and Musn. Mallard 39, helping along the score which totalled 225 before the last wicket fell, leaving the visitors 176 to get to win. With four wickets down for 33, things looked rosy for the Depot, but a dropped catch altered the outlook, Mr. Beeching the visiting captain being dropped at 18, going on to be still undefeated with 77 to his credit, when the Depot's score was passed with the loss of 5 wickets. Sergt. Henwood claimed 3 of the wickets that fell for 71, and Lt. Sillitoe 2 for 41, the remainder. Depot lost by 5 wickets.

After a blank day on Friday, Chatham Division were entertained on Saturday. Keeping to routine, the Depot batted first, and had scored 152 for 7 (Major Coode 53, Mus. Mallard 39, Major Brooks 34) when rain put a stop to any further play.

The "A" team, owing to the Cricket Week, had no games during that period. Since the last report they have played Studdal Rovers, who avenged their earlier defeat by swamping the home team. The return match with Buckland Paper Mills again proved an exciting finish, the "A" team eventually winning by two runs. The match with Wingham Division K.C.C. was scratched, owing to the death of one of their constables. A strong side from Canterbury, the Excelsior, also beat us, scoring 110, to which the "A" team, after having 40 for 5, were out for that total.

SCHOMBERG CUP, 1927.

This competition was fired by the Cadet Corps of the R.M. Divisions on the 19th July.

Once more the cup goes to the Deal Volunteer Cadet Corps whose team made one point short of the highest possible score. Results were as follows :—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total
R.M. Cadet Corps, DEAL	149	150	299
,, ,, CHATHAM ..	139	144	283
,, ,, PLYMOUTH ..	129	129	258
,, ,, PORTSMOUTH ..	108	122	230

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

There was a large attendance at the annual sports meeting of the Royal Naval School of Music, held at the Drill Hall, Eastney Barracks, when the spectators were treated to some fine sport. The Royal Naval School of Music Band, under the direction of Bandmaster S. A. House, played popular selections.

The championship prize, presented by Major W. A. Jolly, Superintendent, for the best athlete, was won by Musn. McLean. The inter-room challenge cup for the room obtaining the highest aggregate number of points went to the C.-in-C.'s Band.

At the conclusion the prizes were presented by Lady H. A. Hutchison, wife of the Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines.

The officials were :—President, Major W. A. Jolly, R.M. ; Referee Lieut. W. E. Faithfull, R.M. ; Judges, Capt. A. E. Whiting, R.M., Lieut. C. E. Maton, R.M., Lieut. S. G. Welsh, M.B.E., R.M., and Lieut. S. Fairfield, M.V.O., L.R.A.M., R.M. ; Judges for special events, Bandmaster (W.O.) T. W. Trimmer, R.M.B., and Bandmaster G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., R.M.B. ; Starter, Sergt.-Major H. L. Smith, R.M.B. ; Asst.-Starter, Bandmaster W. A. Firminger, R.M.B. ; Chief Recorder, Supt. Clerk L. P. Donne, R.M.B. ; Recorders, Bandmaster V. C. Joyce and Band Corpl. H. E. Parker ; Megaphone Operator, Bandmaster J. N. Messer ; Competitors' Stewards, C.S.M.'s E. Clayton and C. T. Ship and Bandmaster J. Allen ; Tapes, Bandmasters T. A. Murray and G. J. Maulkin.

PORTSMOUTH NAVY WEEK.

Portsmouth has just held a " Navy Week " in aid of Lower Deck Charities, which has proved a great success. The attendance demonstrated clearly the interest taken by the average Britisher in his Navy.

The crew of H.M.S. " Victory," now restored to the condition and appearance in which she took part at Trafalgar, were dressed in the costume of that period. As everybody knows, the crew act as guides to visitors, and this duty during the recent " Navy Week " was very onerous.

The following article appeared in the Portsmouth *Evening News*, and we reproduce it for the benefit and instruction (!) of those of our readers who have never visited this famous ship :—

In a way there is something fascinating about the uniformed guides on H.M.S. " Victory," who are working overtime during the present week while thousands of visitors a day pass through the *Victory* and other ships in the Dockyard, and incidentally help the Lower Deck charities.

They have the history of Nelson and his equally famous ship at their finger tips, and owing to the " pressure of business " this week they are whirling crowds through the famous old wooden wall of England, and at a rate of about four hundred words a minute they are reeling off the story of the battle, and the history of the ship from the moment she was first laid down. They are working at top speed all the time ; they perspire freely in the close atmosphere of the low decks, and in addition to their miniature lectures, they are called upon to answer a thousand and one questions. But they never get irritable ; they are always smiling, and like all British Navy men they nearly always find time for a joke or a funny remark.

I followed several of them on their rounds yesterday afternoon, writes an *Evening News* man, and once again heard several samples of the Serviceman's wit and humour. All of them are compelled to sing out frequently, " Keep your heads low," because of the confined space between decks ; but one of the guides—he was a short man, who, judging by his accent, hailed from the other side of the Severn—always had a remark of his own to add to the warning.

" Keep your heads low, and don't get carrying none them beams away. This ship's wanted for termorrow,' was one of them, and later he varied this by shouting " Mind yerrats !" which hardly needs translating. He was dressed in the uniform of a sailor of Nelson's day, and he told one of his parties, " I'm not a sailor, I'm a Marine dressed up like a feather bed."

In the middle of a long story, delivered at breakneck speed, about life on the lower gun deck in the early nineteeth century, he broke off, and, without pausing for breath, said : " This is the job that get's the wimmin wild, they can't get a word in edgeways—and if yer'll foller me I'll show yer the spot where Nelson died, and mind yer don't fall yerselves."

" This is the spot, ladies and gentlemen, and this is when he also said, "Kiss me Hardy,' but it's no use look-at me, Miss, 'cos I ain't kissing anybody terday." The girl referred to blushed, everyone else laughed, and the guide, evidently pleased with the success of his joke, carried on to the next item of interest.

" This 'ere brass plate shows yer the spot where he was shot. He was walking with the tallest feller on the ship when he was shot by the French sniper. Yer see, 'e was only a little feller and 'e 'ad all his medals and decorations on, so the French could see 'e was one of the 'eads of department, and they soon got 'im."

And so on to the next deck. Here was another guide shepherding a large party down a narrow steps. " Get down as quickly as you can, cos there's a lot of people aboard to-day. Not too quick. There's two ways of being quick, one way you get's down as quick as you can, and pleases me, and the other way you comes down with a bump, and don't please nobody."

Then at the other side of the deck you can hear our friend from across the Severn " What do yer think 'o me 'at, Ma ? Like a' blooming fryin' pan without a 'andle, ain't it."

Down into the cockpit again. " They didn't have no anaesthetics in those days ter put him out of his senses, and when a feller was wounded they filled him up with rum and carried on with the operation".

The last thing I heard as I left the *Victory* was a chorus from all parts of the ship of " Keep your heads low," and when anyone failed to heed the warning they were severely told " not to go knocking the old ship about now. Don't yer think she's 'ad enough without you starting."

PRIVATE PAGETT.

Private Pagett had a great reception in America, and we give below some extracts from an article entitled " Private Pagett Enlists," which appeared in the August number of " The Leatherneck," the journal of the U.S. Marine Corps :—

Visitors to future dog shows in America are bound to take more than a passing interest in Private Pagett, whose bowed legs and perpetual grin will inspire fear or admiration, according to the temperament of the onlooker.

These distinctive traits of Private Pagett, plus personality, won him a circle of friends when the big British bulldog crossed the Atlantic on the " Leviathan " and got his first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty on June 27th.

Private Pagett has many of the attributes of a typical Marine. He is restless. He doesn't favour remaining at one spot for an indefinite period. He likes to travel from place to place. As soon as he selects a location to his liking and views the situation, he is ready to go somewhere else. He has a look in his eye which seems to say, " Where do we go from here ?"

He is also very partial to " chow call," is somewhat finicky about the menu. His taste is said to be most varied, with a great preference for vegetables and eggs, when properly prepared, and a slight preference for marmalade.

It might be mentioned, however, that any tendencies on the part of Private Pagett to go snooping around the galley after his regular meal times will be promptly suppressed. The Corps still remembers with regret that it " meals at all hours " that led to the undoing of the famous Jiggs, and the chow of the British newcomer will be doled out to him with some regard for his gastronomical capacity.

During the voyage, the kindly disposed bulldog was so petted by the passengers that he had to walk the bridge with the captain to get a rest. After his arrival, he was whisked and hustled about from place to place so rapidly that he must have thought that America was the land of perpetual motion.

As soon as the "Leviathan" was tied to the dock, a host of photographers rushed aboard and nearly forgot the visiting celebrities aboard in their haste to focus their cameras on the gift of the Royal Marines.

Private Pagett posed on the deck with Captain Hartley; he was greeted by a squad of U.S. Marines, while the captain handed him his "naturalization papers"; with a Marine Corps cap perched jauntily on his head, he peeped through a lifebuoy. He was photographed frontways, sideways, with and without a cap, and with and without human associates. Private Pagett's first impressions of America must be that it is filled with little black boxes that are pointed at visitors while they click, and that Americans are partial to turning a crank while they run frantically from place to place, shouting: "Turn his head this way. No! A little more to the left. That's good. Hold it." And an endless jargon of similar phrases.

Private Pagett was promptly whisked to Philadelphia for a rest. But he didn't get it. A telephone message had preceded him, and there was more posing in front of the black boxes.

A few hours later he was glad to arrive in the Capital of the Nation, where hs was introduced to the Secretary of the Navy, Major General Lejeune and other officials of the Government. By this time he had grown used to cameras and took the whole proceedings philosophically. Private Pagett has a long way to go before he equals Jigg's record as the "most photographed dog," but he has had an excellent start.

Commencing with the Boxer Rebellion in China and through the World War up to the present, the British and American Marines have always been friendly. They have broken bread with us in recent months in China, Hawaii, Australia, the United States, and elsewhere.

This latest token of regard from out British contemporaries will doubtless mark a new era of friendship between us. The entire U.S. Marine Corps will appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted their gift, and henceforth Private Pagett will steadily win his way into the affections of the American Marines, whose four-footed friends of dogdom have been legion.

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM FRANK SHUTTLEWORTH FAWCKNER.

The news of Captain Fawckner's death has come as a great shock to everyone. At the time of his death he was serving at Shanghai in "D" Coy. of the 12th Bn. Royal Marines. He was taken ill with pneumonia and died on the 23rd July, a week later, being laid to rest in the Hungjao Road Cemetery. The funeral was attended by Admiral Boyle, General Duncan and a large number of officers and civilians, while all his men, among whom he was extremely popular, asked to be present.

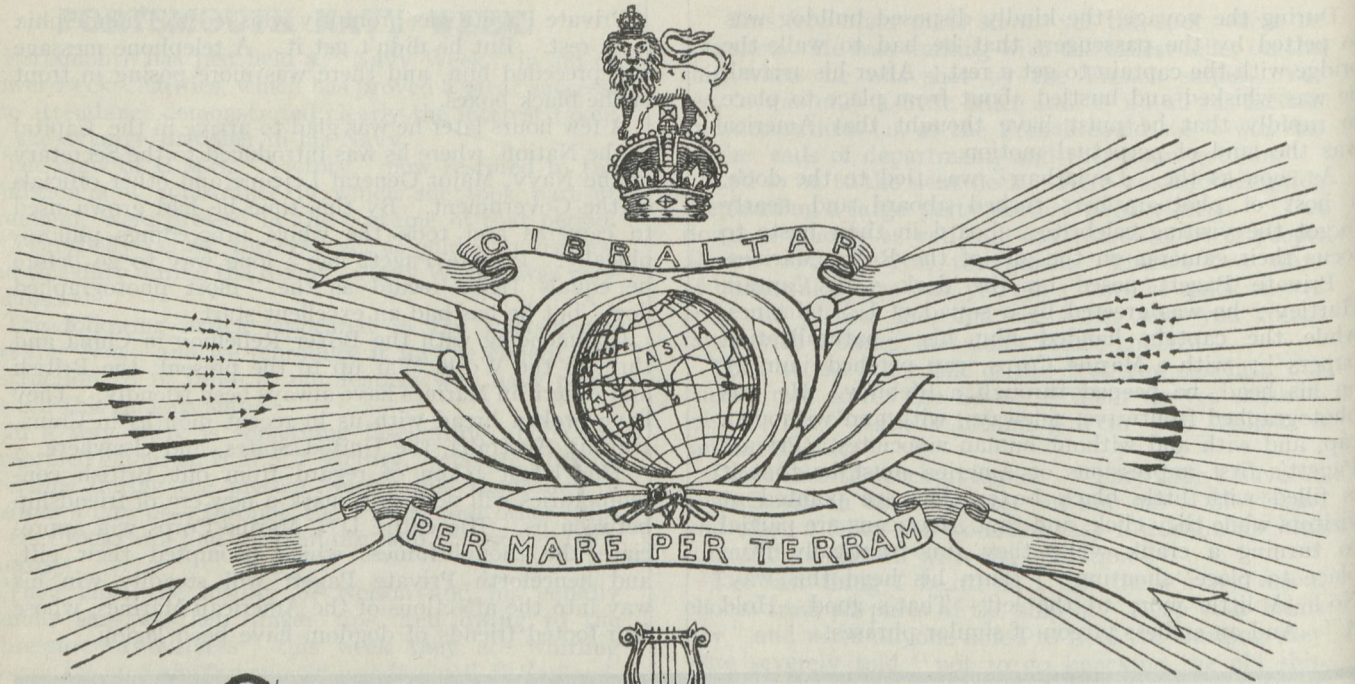
Capt. Fawckner entered the Royal Marines in October, 1913, and while at the R.N. College, Greenwich, got his cap for the 1st XV. Just prior to the outbreak of war, he was transferred to the Royal Marine Artillery at Eastney Barracks, and in October 1914 was at the landing at Dunkirk. He was wounded and gassed at Festubert in May, 1915, whilst serving with the R.M.A. Howitzer Brigade.

He was commended for service in action by the O.C. No. 4 Howitzer, on 25th September, 1915. He was in H.M.S. "Dominion" from August, 1916 until February, 1918, when he was promoted to Captain. After a month at Eastney Barracks, he embarked in H.M.S. "Britannia" and left her when she was torpedoed and sunk off Gibraltar two days before the Armistice. In 1919, he was appointed to H.M.S. "Ajax" and was with the British Naval Mission to Budapest. In March, 1921, he joined the 8th Battalion, Royal Marines, which was in Ireland during the Sinn Fein disturbances. He was then in the 5th Military Class at the Depot R.M., Deal, during the summer of 1922. In January, 1923, he was selected to take charge of a 6-inch Naval Battery at Kilid-Bahr during the Nationalist troubles in Turkey. He then saw service in the *Ramillies* and *Royal Oak*, and in 1925 he commanded the Royal Guard to H.M. the King at Cowes Regatta. He rejoined Eastney in January, 1926, and was attached to the School of Land Artillery until drafted with the Royal Marines to Shanghai in January of this year.

Captain Fawckner leaves a widow who has our fullest sympathy in a terrible bereavement. He will always be remembered as a thoroughly cheery mess-mate, who would always turn out for any game, especially Rugger, at the shortest notice—a real sportsman.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st July, 1927.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Dote of Death*
BRACE, W. H.	21126	Mne.	Chat.	21171	16-7-27
COLES, F. ..	17226	Mne.	Ply.	4835	26-7-27
CLEMENTS, H.	20866	Mne.	Ply.	12987	22-7-27
CHAMP, G. ..	14734	Sergt.	Ports.	2165	15-7-27
CLARK, R. ..	16540	Bdsm.	Ports.	11262	12-7-27
DUDLEY, H. J.	11743	Musn.	Ports.	2073	28-6-27
DRUMMOND, W. M. ..	10825	Mne.	Ply.	9614	9-4-27
FREEMAN, T. W.	7477	Sergt.	Ports.	2889	12-7-27
GOULD, G. F. W.	8259	Sergt.	Ports.	1563	24-6-27
GERMAIN, W.	10434	Mne.	Chat.	9665	9-3-27
HONESS, W. ..	21032	Mne.	Chat.	1075	8-7-27
HODGSKIN, J.	10803	Sergt.	Ports.	3rd Co.	16-7-27
HOLDEN, W.	12733	Mne.	Chat.	296	22-7-27
JONES, E. ..	5082	Mne.	Chat.	729	8-7-27
JACKSON, A.	7296	Mne.	Ports.	9724	19-7-27
McGARVEY, F.	14246	Sergt.	Ports.	1569	26-6-27
MORRISON, F. J.	16462	Mne.	Ply.	5047	16-7-27
MARTIN, G. ..	13615	Mne.	Ports.	721	2-7-27
SANDERS, W.	14327	Corpl.	Ply.	11281	4-7-27
STRUTT, E. ..	17302	Sergt.	Ply.	3840	30-7-27
WETHERALL, H. T. ..	14535	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	2948	9-7-27



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

To Captains (Supy.), dated 1-9-27 :—Lieut. E. P. Bickford (Ch.), C. N. S. Smith (Ply.), J. H. G. Wills (Po.), L. O. Jones (Po.), H. M. A. Day, A.M. (Ch.), S. G. B. Paine (Ch.), R. W. Gordon (Ply.), G. W. Beazley (Ch.), P. J. Burgess (Ch.), F. B. Pym (Ply.), C. A. H. Kitchin (Ply.).

To Proby. Lieuts., dated 1-9-27 :—Proby. 2nd Lieuts. C. R. Hardy (Po.), J. L. Moulton (Ply.), G. K. Martyn (Po.), Mervyn Archdale (Ply.), H. D. Fellowes (Po.), G. F. Burnett (Ply.), R. W. B. Simonds (Ch.), A. J. Harvey (Ch.).

To Proby. 2nd Lieuts., dated 1-9-27 :—I. H. Riches (Ch.), M. N. Humphreys (Ply.), J. H. McCahon (Ply.), Richard Formby (Ch.), N. G. P. Richardson (Po.).

Hdmr. J. P. Newcombe (Deal) to be Ch. Schmr. (Lieut. R.M.). Dated 18-7-27.

Schmr. W(O.) W. A. Grey (Ch.) to be Headmaster. Dated 18-7-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Col. 2nd Comdt. J. A. M. A. Clark, C.B., C.M.G. (Half Pay) to Retired List, on account of age. Dated 8-9-27.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G. (Po.) absd., vice Tripp. Dated 9-9-27.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C., to Seconded List, on appt. to Staff, R.N. College, Greenwich, vice Foster. Dated 23-7-27.

Ch. Schmr. (Major R.M.) W. S. Rowe to Retired List, on account of age. Dated 18-7-27.

Capt. G. F. Hazard, O.B.E., D.S.C., has had appt. as Gunnery Instructor of Anti-Aircraft Defence, Biffin Hill, extended to 20-4-28, incl.

The appt. of Lieut. S. S. Appleyard as Asst. R.T. Officer is extended for 2 years.

Lieut. G. W. Ross (Ch.) to A.I. of G., vice Beazley. Dated 1-9-27.

F. J. Ricketts (Deal) transferred from 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders as Director of Music, R.M., and granted the rank of Lieut. Dated 4-7-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major A. J. Mellor, Supy. List. (W/T.) to *Cormorant*, addl. and for W/T. duties on Staff of R.A., Gibraltar, and for charge of W/T. Station.

Major H. E. Ravenshaw to transfer from *Royal Sovereign* to *Royal Oak*, and Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper from *Royal Oak* to *Royal Sovereign*, on transfer of flag of R.A.I., Mediterranean Fleet.

Capt. A. C. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., and Proby. 2nd Lieut. H. D. Fellowes to *Berwick* on commissioning.

Capt. R. H. Quill, Lieut. E. I. S. Martini and Proby. 2nd Lieut. J. L. Moulton, to *Rodney*, on commissioning.

Lieut. G. W. Beazley and Proby. 2nd Lieut. G. K. Martyn to *Cornwall*, on commissioning.

Capt. E. H. M. Unwin to *Ganges*, vice Quill.

Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C., to *Renown*, vice Hunton.

Capt. R. V. S. Johnstone to *Calcutta*, as S.O. (I.) Bermuda, vice Trench.

Lieut. P. H. O. L. Penfold to *Sandhurst*, vice Bickford. Date of embarkation.

Lieut. R. W. Gordon, *Furious* to *Eagle* tempy., and for full flying duties with 421 B. Flight. Dated 10-4-27.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. C. R. Hardy to *Renown*, vice Lennox. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G., has been selected to attend the 25th Course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness from 20th Sept. to 17th Dec., 1927.

Capts. H. W. Simpson and R. V. S. Johnstone, having successfully completed the course at the R.N. College, Greenwich, 22nd July, 1927, are entitled to the Qualification P.S.C. (N.).

Lieut. J. H. Cawley-Way obtained "Distinguished" certificate at the Small Arms School, Netheravon Wing, 6-8-27. The Adjutant-General R.M. congratulates this Officer on the high standard attained by him.

Proby. 2nd Lieuts. C. R. Hardy and J. L. Moulton obtained "Distinguished" qualifications on completion of their Proby. Courses of Instruction. The Adjutant-General R.M., congratulates these officers on the high standard obtained.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To Quartermaster-Sergt. Barrackmaster's Dept.—Clr.-Sgt. Bowler.
To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. M. A. Ford (*Egmont*).
To Sergt.—Corpl. A. Cox.
To Corpl.—Mne. J. Sutton (*Ramillies*).

APPOINTMENTS.

Butcher.—Mne. H. Eldridge.
Armourer.—Corpl. W. Bishop (Appt. confirmed).
Clerk, Pay Office.—Corpl. J. Fleck.
C.Q.M.S. " C " Coy.—Clr.-Sgt. A. E. Hampton.
Asst. Instructor Signals.—Corpl. W. F. Ings.
Billiard Marker.—Mne. G. A. Brackley.
Engineman Disinfector.—Mne. G. J. Baldry.
Cook.—Mne. G. A. Walker.
Clerk, 1st Qr. Master's.—Mne. E. L. Barker, Mne. J. L. Orme.

EMBARKATIONS.

Ganges—Cpl. F. W. Stevenson, Mne. H. C. Dalwood, Sergt. C. A. Douglas, Mnes. E. V. Coleman, E. W. Pittaway, A. Witham, G. E. Goodwin, F. Reed, S. A. Stringer, D. Panter. **Royal Oak**—Corpls. M. A. Light, N. R. Lodhunter. **Royal Sovereign**—Sergt. C. E. Spurden. **Pembroke**—Mne. W. R. Uden. **Ramillies**—Mne. D. B. Jupp. **Benbow**—Mnes. E. Bennett, G. W. Sharp. **Hawkins**—Corpl. E. F. Tracey, Mne. H. J. Tims. **Vulcan**—Mnes. W. A. Edward, G. J. Steadman.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke—Corpls. A. Cox, F. N. Palmer, Mne. K. Hiles, Corpl. S. H. Thorpe. **Royal Oak**—Sergt. G. Keeley, Mne. C. H. Gould. **Hawkins**—Mnes. F. A. Perry, W. J. Royse. **Tiger**—Mnes. R. C. Chivers R. L. Smithies. **Calypso**—Mne. C. Dowling. **Ganges**—Corpl. A. J. Anderson, Mne. F. C. Higgs, A. E. Willis, C. T. Hollingsworth, C. O. Laming, C. E. Humphrey, T. G. Perry, W. Hopkins, G. H. Scott, Sergt. J. D Griffiths. **Ramillies**—Corpl. E. L. Cracknell. **Vindictive**—Mne. W. F. Pigott. **Repulse**—Mne. W. S. Caswell. **Renown**—Sergt. A. Douglas, Bglrs. E. B. Astille, G. A. Napper, Mnes. A. E. Justice, L. Bull, Bglr. Gifford. **Vulcan**—Mne. M. J. Hancock.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mne. K. Hilis, Mne. W. J. Callender, Mne. R. P. Hawes, Mne. H. Brightwell, Mne. F. C. Higgs, Mne. F. A. Perry.

2nd Period.—Clr.-Sgt. H. Bolt, Mne. A. G. Miller, Q.M.S. W. G. Scott, Mne. H. W. Cheeseman, Sergt. F J. Gruning, Mne. J. Y. Muddiman, Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Hibbon.

Invalided.—Mnes. W. F. H. Pigott, J. C. Mitchell.

PORTSMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sgts.—Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell, A. E. R Howard.

Sergts. qualified for promotion to Clr.-Sgt.—John Matthews, S. L. Jones, A. H. Parslow, G. T. Norman, Herbert Mann, D.S.M., H. R. Stevens.

Corpls. qualified for promotion to Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. W. Brinkman, F. V. Borrett, W. I. Everritt (has yet to pass Naval Gunnery), J. M. Masters, Henry Morris.

Marines qualified for promotion to Corpl.—John Reynolds, C. J. Avey, G. V. Cornelious, P. T. Wigginton (has not yet qualified Q.M.), G. A. Travers, F. G. Mills (has not yet qualified Q.M.).

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.I. (Naval Gunnery).—Clr.-Sgt. Chas. Helps.
To Clr.-Sgt. Sergt. L. W. Kingswell.
To Sergt.—Corpls. F. R. Baxter, H. A. Moss.

APPOINTMENTS.

Range Carpenter, S.A. Dept. (tempy.).—Mne. F. H. Fitall.
Bath-house Man.—Mne. J. Othen.

EMBARKATIONS.

Champion—Bglr. E. S. M. Gorman. **Dolphin**—Mne. George Vidler. **Cardiff**—Clr.-Sgt. W. J. Emery. **Cormorant**—Clr.-Sgt. W. J. Emery. **Cormorant**—Corpl. P. Smith.—**Excellent**—Bglrs. C. Dodsworth, T. K. Hirst, R. H. Shaw, A. W. Bonfield, L. A. Windsor. **Victory (for Nelson)**—Cpls. W. S. Hill, F. H. Jones, Mnes. F. J. Goodwin, Patrick Carr, T. Allen, W. J. Symes, E. F. Matthews, S. Davies, J. Kitcher, H. J. Ruttle, C. H. Isum, A. A. Privett, R. W. Tooley, J. S. Williams, G. H. Pettitt, A. M. Jee, A. J. Patmore, A. J. Budden, J. L. B. Lumsden, Frank Watson, A. A. Dixon, J. R. Jackson, F. D. South. **Victoria and Albert**—Mne. W. H. Ellis. **Vivid**—Mne. W. F. Vivash. **Curacoa**—Mne. R. H. Randall. **Victory**—Mnes. J. G. Bury, R. W. Bateman. **Victory (for Suffolk)**—Corpl. A. A. Grindey, Mnes. F. E. Purkis, W. J. Kearns, A. P. Dauvin, P. L. Ruffles, Leonard Marsh, H. A. J. Kent, Fredk. Ware, Herbert Thompson. **Renown**—Mnes. F. A. Read, J. J. Breen, R.W. Russell, R. A. Buss, R. C. Sherratt, Ian Macpherson, J. H. Richardson, B. Smith, W. H. Prithcard, William Thompson, R. Bunce, J. H. Attfield, W. J. C. Glanville, J. Clark, L. Martin, I. Whittingham, R. F. Emery. **Revenge**—Mnes. A. Brown, C. Griffiths, G. S. Jones, W. J. Crust, G. P. Murrell, Ernest Bradshaw, J. Povall. **Hawkins**—Mne. H. L. Wakeling. **Fisgard**—Mne. B. H. Patterson.

DISEMBARKATINNS.

St. Vincent—Corpl. S. Shortman, Mne. G. H. Flinn. **Coventry**—Mne. C. G. Bucknell. **Egmont**—Sergt. William Hutchings, Corpl. James Dawkins, Mnes. A. O. Muscroft, Harry West, Wilfred Thorne, E. R. Young, F. G. Jewell, C. L. S. Wood, H. E. Wilkinson, W. J. Boulter, Jason Worrall, Harold Knott, Frank Mellor, H. W. Marsh, W. P. Rose, Charles Ladd. **Curacoa**—Mne. E. George. **Victory**—Corpl. H. Martin, Mnes. A. H. Steele, A. W. A. Penfold, A. R. Bowley, J. R. Craig. **Dolphin**—Mne. T. S. Thrower. **Dryad**—Mne. F. J. Wigmore. **Champion**—Bglr. G. W. Newlyn. **Tiger**—Mnes. F. C. E. Ward, Walter Hill. **Iron Duke**—Mne. J. H. Brown. **Excellent**—Bglrs V. G. Ward, E. G. Haegar, J. G. Bevis, L. C. Morris, C. A. E. Shotton. **Renown**—Mnes. G. W. Wright, E. French, C. H. Swinbourne, B. H. Patterson, Edward Nankinson, S. McCullogh, S. Muncaster, W. N. Bean, A. V. Barr, F. T. Ringrose, D. T. Marshall, W. C. Harber, T. E. Rees, J. Dowds, W. E. Driver, E. W. Bateman, G. V. Calcutt. **Ramillies**—Mne. H. S. Buerdsell. **President**—Sergt. Edward Wright. **Fisgard**—Mnes. George Cater, S. E. T. Cann, R. W. Ainsworth. **Revenge**—Mnes. R. Williams, R. W. Stockton, Joseph Walters. **Cormorant**—Cpl. William Bradley. **Pembroke**—Mnes. W. H. Dyer, A. S. Taylor, J. Waller. **Yarmouth**—Mnes. Herbert Thompson, W. J. Court.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham—Mne. Robert Hudson.
To Plymouth—Mne. P, Thorne.
From Chatham—Mnes. F. H. A. Clarke, R. A. Chivers.
From Plymouth—Mne. S. C. Watson.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **Egmont** to **Warspite**—Mnes. J. Leonard, S. A. V. Barnett, H. J. Morris.

From **Warspite** to **Egmont**—Mnes. P. McKinley, W. Longmate, J. Birch.

From **Egment** to **Barham**—Mnes. G. H. Smith, H. E. Johnson, R. W. Coulson, E. C. Funnell.

From **Conquest** to **Barham**—Mne. Walter Smith.

MEDALS.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.—Sergt. J. A. Barnett, Corpl. R. S. Bloss, L/Cpl. J. A. Hurdle, Mne. W. J. Masson.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. G. W. Flinn, H. W. O'Dell.

Termination of 2nd Period of Engagement.—Q.M.S.I. T. E. Parker, Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott, Sergt. G. P. West, Corpl. J. H. Bowie (Band), Mnes. Walter Moore, H. R. Dear, Walter Scruse, Fredk. Carter.

Invalided.—Mnes. James Kilkenny, A. H. Rook, G. Evans, E. George, Musn. E. C. Howland.

Purchase.—Sergt. F. A. Hiscock.

D.D.—Mne. W. S. Phillips.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—H. V. Thorne, E. W. Gould, H. Wright, W. D. Kimber, R. S. Bray.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, H. Staughton, J. A. Gordon, F. Phillips.

Corpls.—H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. Hooper, A. H. Tull, A. J. Evans, R. McFarlane.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. G. J. H. Hewitt (serving in H.M.S. " Tamar ").

APPOINTMENTS.

Attendt. to Capt. H. A. Morris.—Mne. W. Andrews.

Attendt. to Major R. D. H. Lough, O.B.E., D.S.O.—Mne. A. E. Turner.

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EMBARKATIONS.

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A. E. Baines, W. W. Homer, W. Radmore, E. Borrer, J. Lucas, W. J. Sanson. **Comus**—Corpl. F. Howard, Mne. R. T. Richings. **Colossus**—Mne. J. Warren. **Defiance**—Mne. T. J. Price, Mne. E. Hutchison. **Erebus**—Mne. D. Riordan. **Effingham**—Mne. G. Williams. **Hood**—Mnes. T. G. Wonnacott, E. F. Hyman, D. V. Sherliker, S. E. Brock. **Pegasus**—Mne. G. E. Venn. **12th R.M. Battalion**—Corpl. W. E. A. Packwood, Mne. F. A. Higgs. **Command, Deal**—Mnes. A. Reddington, T. Hobbs. **Command, Portsmouth**—Mne. J. J. Hopkins. **Command, Chatham**—Mne. F. Tilbury. **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars**—Mnes. F. W. Whittaker, J. Lyon, G. F. Johnston, E. Tungate, G. R. P. Stephens.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

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AWARDS.

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Sergt. P. S. Stapleton, Corpls. W. E. Biggs, T. W. Willis.

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Clr.-Sgt. Wm. Morris, Mnes. V. J. Penny, J. F. Gardiner.

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DEPOT.

MOVES.

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To Portsmouth—Sergt. H. T. Masters, Mne. W. L. Wheeldon.

To Plymouth—Corpl. J. Green, Mnes. A. E. Berry and R. Pickering.

AWARD.

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Musn. F. J. Chandler.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Clr.-Sgt. H. Bolt, Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M.

N.L.B.E.—Mnes. L. Cooper, G. F. Shakeshaft, L. W. Whiting and F. G. W. Goddard.

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APPOINTMENTS.

M.O.A. to Lieut. Ricketts.—Mne. T. Lorimer.

Boats Crew —Mne. E. Moat.

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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)—G. C. Holloway, Arthur Eames, Samuel Elick, George Windsor, C. J. Aldridge, A. F. Bartlett.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—R. O. Mullis, S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green. P. D. Evans.

Musician (for promotion to Band Corpl.)—Robert Moncur, H. G. Rule, I. F. Marcussohn, C. J. Kimpton, W. S. Woods, K. A. McLean.

PROMOTION.

Bandmaster 1st Class C. T. Ship to Company Sergeant Major.

EMBARKATIONS.

Nelson—Bandmaster (W.O.) T. W. Trimmer, Band-Corpl. E. N. Williams, Musns. E. J. Woodcock, T. B. Turner, C. G. Knight, Ernest Adams, R. W. Wenham, C. H. F. Smith, T. R. Wigmore, W. J. Lockhart, W. T. Cooper, S. A. Mansell, R. A. Joslin, E. G. McNamara, S. E. McCourt, J. H. Bear, F. T. Cotrell, T. W. Shaw, Frederick Allen, J. F. Weller, W. A. Preston, R. O. Wilson, Band Boys D. F. Joyce, R. S. Whittaker. **Tiger**—Band Boys F. H. Oven, L. A. Emery. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band-Corpls. S. G. Walkiden, A. R. J. Passell, Musns. W. J. Mogridge, David Cushing, F. J. Gouge, John Guarniere, G. E. Tyler, F. G. Thomas, F. W. Tansley, E. T. Howell, H. A. Leach, H. A. Stevens, A. J. Westaway, A. H. Benett, Frederick Summers. L. H. Jeffery, J. A. Jessup. **Ganges**—Musn. A. F. Hopkins. **Vivid (R.N.B.)**—Bandmaster 1st Class Sidney Dennis. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Musn. R. E. Burke. **Renown**—Bandmaster 2nd Class W. A. Firminger, Band-Corpl. Harry Collier, Musns. Derrick Collier, A. E. Ridout, R. M. Law, S. A. Bushell, H. H. Smith, James Jenkinson, Robert Moncur, Band Boys A. W. Pratt, W. A. Lerwill, R. L. A. Heath, D. K. Pinniger, Thomas Sweatman. **Hood**—Band Boys C. G. McLean, R. E. Cooper, A. E. Crundwell. **Iron Duke**—Band Boys H. H. Sharpe, E. F. Roberts. **Benbow**—Band Boy N. L. Dear **Hawkins**—Bandmaster 1st Class S. A. Howse.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Band-Corpl. M. L. Richards, Musn. W. T. Hall. **St. Vincent**—Musn. A. G. Christmas. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band-Corpl. L. J. Maskell, Musns. Alfred Phillips, William Pearson, F. D Wood, G. C. Pegrum, S. J. Bark, J. F. Musgrove, W. H. S. Oddy, C. J. Harris, L. A. Hamblin, H. A. Ford, C. J. Adams, Albert Gobby, S. C. Harris, Thomas Warren, H. F. D. Broughton. **Ganges**—Musn. Albert Priestley. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Musn. F. E. Friend. **Hood**—Musns. J. C. Lawrence, Eric Summers, T. J. Massey. **Iron Duke**—Musns. E. H. Anstiss, J. H. Millington.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musicians.—Band Boys J. A. Jessup, S. H. Hobbins, J. F. Lane, R. O. Wilson, W. A. Preston, D. F. Joyce, R. S. Whittaker, F. H. Owen, L. A. Emery, A. W. Pratt, L. A. Lerwill, R. L. A. Heath, D. K. Pinniger, Thomas Sweatman, C. G. McLean, R. E. Cooper, A. E. Crundwell, H. H. Sharpe, E. F. Roberts, N. L. Dear.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of his second period of engagement.—Band-Corpl. W. J. Cooper.

Termination of his first period of engagement.—Musn. W. T. Hall.

Not likely to become an efficient Musician.—Band Boy L. J. Diaper.

Termination of engagement.—Musn. Frank Greenwood.

EXAMINATION.

The undermentioned candidates qualified as stated for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class at an examination held recently at this Establishment.

Distinguished Certificate—Band-Corpl. M. O. Mullis, 81-4% ; *Pass Certificates*—Band-Corpls. S. G. Walkiden, 71.2%, R. H. Mortimer, 74.5%, D. W. Green, 72.5%, P. D. Evans, 73.3%, W. C. Owens, 76%, A. J. Jones, 79.2%, B. H. Smith, 71.2%. Royal Academy of Music Certificates were awarded to Band Corporals R. O. Mullis and A. J. Jones.

The Adjutant-General congratulated Band-Corpl. M. O. Mullis on the high standard attained.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "GLOBE AND LAUREL."

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ENGAGEMENT.

HAWKINS - DYE.—The engagement is announced between Mr. George Robert Hawkins, Royal Marines, and Phyllis Maude, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dye, of " Manvers," Southsea.

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MARRIAGES.

DUBERY-COUGHLAN.—At Charles Church, Plymouth, 18th August, 1927. Miss A. P. Coughlan to Mne. G. Dubery.

SUTTON-BARKER.—Miss Emily Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barker, 32 Bridge Road, Willesden, London, to Corpl. R. A. Sutton, R.M., H.M.S. *Hood*.

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NOTICE.

In the Hollandia Milk advertisements in this and subsequent issues will be found a coupon. From details of a very interesting competition with valuable prizes which the Hollandia people have given us, and which will be published shortly in this Magazine, we recommend that their invitation to cut out and keep these coupons should be accepted.

The slight trouble involved may be very well repaid eventually. **KEEP THE COUPONS.**

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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 Countrys Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Colonel-in-Chief, The King

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The report of the Royal Tournament Committee is a most satisfactory one. As a result of this year's tournament, the record sum of £25,000 has been distributed to Service Charities. The previous record was £14,500 distributed in 1926. This is a truly remarkable result and a very fitting one for the Jubilee year of the Tournament. It is particularly gratifying to the Corps, as many Royal Marines were participating this year in the displays and competitions

The following letter of appreciation from the Chairman and Committee of the Royal Tournament was promulgated recently :—

The Chairman and Committee of the Royal Tournament wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all officers and men who took part in the Inter-Port Field Gun Competitions, Rope Climbing and Drill displays at this year's Tournament, and fully appreciate the strenuous time they had, and consider that the great success of the Tournament is largely due to the great interest taken by all.

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We reproduce on p. 200 an amusing cartoon by a Naval humourist of H.M.S. *Benbow*, which will be appreciated by his shipmates and the Royal Marines who took part in the Co-operative Picnic at Portland on July, 1927.

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The end of October should see the return of some of the 12th R.M. Battalion to the fold. Their news budget this month is redolent of sport, and we congratulate Corpl. Duncan on his fine victories in the Ring at Shanghai.

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The *Globe and Laurel* offers its heartiest congratulations to Gene Tunney and the U.S. Marine Corps on his great win in the Big Fight.

We have received a copy of a new book called "The Sea Raiders" by A. B. Sherlock published by The Sheldon Press at 2/6. It is one of the best up-to-date adventure stories for youngsters (or old 'uns, for that matter) that we have read.

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By the courtesy of the *Hampshire Telegraph and Post* we reproduce a photograph of H.M.S. *Nelson*—the latest addition to our Navy.

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As no doubt many of our readers, who do or do not buy a copy of the journal for themselves, find the *Globe and Laurel* very dull, we are starting a Football competition. The coupon will be found on page 214.

Prizes: First, £2; Second, £1. In the event of ties, the prizes will be divided. The Hon. Editor's decision will be final.

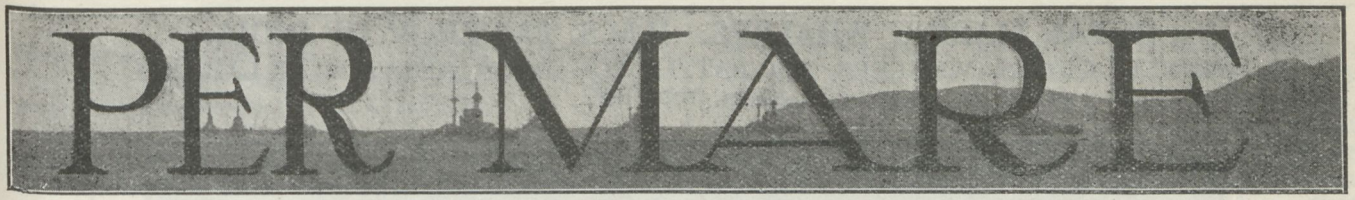
Further coupons will be reproduced in the November issue.

It is hoped to have a series of competitions, provided sufficient interest is taken.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO :—

Indicate by numerals in column provided, the order of merit of teams in which you think they will be at midnight on 31st December, 1927. Sign the coupon and post to Hon. Editor *Globe and Laurel*, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth. Mark the envelope "Football" in top left hand corner. Envelopes to be postmarked not later than 14th December, 1927. NAME AND ADDRESS in BLOCK LETTERS on back of envelopes.

Coupons that have been altered or damaged or do not comply with the above simple rules will be consigned ek. dum to the W.P.B.



ATLANTIC FLEET.

" Revenge "

Well readers, the above-named Fleet has once more returned to its virtual Home Port, under the supervision of its able Flagship, that's us.

As we are expecting to " pay off " shortly after Xmas, there was a movement afoot to have the buoy-ring of No. 22 Buoy, Invergordon, and our buoy-shackle silver-plated and mounted on the Aft Deck, surmounted by a scroll bearing the inscription " We've been together now a long, long while," and placed underneath a plaque bearing dates and occasions on which they had been together, but as Chippy could not build a plaque large enough without Dockyard assistance, the idea was dropped, so the ring will be left on the buoy for the *Nelson*, may-be she will have enough " bull " to require two.

We are carrying out a moderate programme of harbour drills, etc., for a couple of weeks, but that is only the lull before the storm, because we know that the Fleet G. Officer has his pen loaded with a ¾ charge of Swan's blue-black, and very shortly, firing programmes will be flying out of the Staff's Office quicker than we can make the interceptors, but we hope to pull through with our usual measure both of success and " cans," and we shall probably leave this charming locality about the middle of October.

Whilst harping on the locality, and speaking commercially, several of our super-sheiks are prepared to provide, at small cost (say a couple of jugs when we turn over the Flag), addresses out of the book, intro's to dancing partners, etc., etc. and etc., to the *Nelson's* super-sheiks, whom we expect will embody all the latest improvements developed from lessons learnt in the Great War, also, on account of the uselessness of the local one-inch Ordnance Survey, and in order to facilitate the activities of the coming members of their clan, their Survey Section is compiling a Cupid's Survey of the area within a 5-mile radius of the Y.M.C.A. Dance Hall, giving in full detail such things as pleasant country walks, leafy bowers, trysting spots, and other information required in that type of warfare.

The only three members of last year's tug-of-war team are striving daily trying to train a team for Inverness and Invergordon, where we must defend our title, but we are suffering sadly from lack of weight and experience, chiefly the former, if the worst comes, well, the *Revenge* only loses by a bare margin, however, we will relate our doings at those two places next month.

Inter-port football starts shortly, we have drawn a bye in the first round, in the second we play the " Gobbies."

Last month we had occasion to comment on the loss of members of our Detachment, and valuable ones at that, as we find it will be necessary to continue these comments in serial form, herewith this month's groan :— On the morning of our departure from Pompey, we had the misfortune to lose the services of that valuable N.C.O., namely Clr.-Sgt. Wright, our worthy " Sergt.-Major," who did so much to keep the domestic affairs of the Detachment tuned up, and acted as god-father to the more wayward younger members of the Detachment, in that he gave them a liberal amount of good (and strong) advice, and although a veteran, used to " man " the following :—16 feet of ash in the cutter, one fathom of 4-inch on the tug-of-war rope, and a pair of gym. shoes in the marathon, and the necks of his opponents on the Rugger field, and sometimes 6 feet of bunk in the Office, but that is neither here nor there, because all the Ship's Company liked " Shiner."

He was relieved by Clr.-Sgt. Perkins, who was rudely snatched from hearth and home at short notice and shipped aboard here, didn't even have time to draw his full dress tunic (that's why we less fortunate one's never see him at Sunday Divisions).

Take note how we started last month on the juniors and have worked up the seniority list, next month we shall have to go still higher. But 'arf-a-mo', we haven't finished this month's yet, before this scrip appears in cold print, our Captain of Marines, Capt. L. C. Hollis, R.M., will have left our side, he has to go back to School again, having been nominated for the Staff Course at Greenwich College. He will be sadly missed from the Wardroom Concert Party (" Blackbirds " of H.M.S. *Revenge*), being one of their leading lights, however, he leaves with the Detachment's kindest regards and best wishes for the future.

Cambrian's Marines, haven't you heard of 'em, yes we have. None holds greater admiration for that splendid little Cruiser's Detachment than we, in the seats of the mighty, but our tug-of-war merchants are awfully grieved to think that they consider that we " caned " them under " aggravating circumstances " at Gib. last Spring, might we state Flagships never do anything wrong, but let's bury the hatchet and forget the past. We hope to see Franks and Co. at Inverness on the 23rd of September assisting in the R.M. movement to defeat the brawny Scots, in any case they will not have their " revenge " next spring as we shall not be there, but we have the goods aboard just now to form a wonderful 110-stone team fit even for Olympia, and a few changes afloat when we pay off would enable the Cambrian's to put the " half-Nelson " on our successor.

Many apologies to you all for the brevity of our notes this month, but we are just off for tug-of-war training. This is probably the last month *Revenge's* notes will appear at the top of the Atlantic Fleet News, next month we shall be in print even under the *Hood*. Good heavens ! What a come-down, and perhaps at Xmas we may be laying at Spithead in lieu of the South Railway Jetty.

ROYAL MARINE WHALERS. H.M.S. EMPEROR OF INDIA.

WINNERS OF R.M. WHALERS, 3RD BATTLE SQUADRON REGATTA, AT LAMLASH, 20TH JUNE, 1927.



Standing—Mne. G. W. Jarvis, Corpl. A. W. Wells (Stroke), Mne. T. G. Rickard, Corpl. A. J. Evans (Cox).
Sitting.—Capt. F. R. Jones, R.M., Comdr. G. Lydekker, O.B.E., D.S.C., Sergt. F. Phillips (Sergt.-Major).
Sitting Front.—Mne. H. W. Short, Mne. R. O. Strutt.

" Hood "

" Summer " (save the name) leave being over, here we are back again at the same old grind, traversing the same old ground (or should I say water ?) as we have since time began. We are in the foul clutches of the " Big Bang Brigade " and know not peace. Up to the present we have only indulged in little bangs, and for this we are grateful to the above mentioned potentates. Our tame statistician has calculated that we will fill the Moray Firth with practice shot two years before we finish paying for these we used during the late little bother with Jerry. Of course *Revenge* help us a little, but I believe their's are fitted with " flannel " driving bands. The fact that they have apparently plenty to spare gives credence to the report. Believe us, it is not scarce in this " battle wagon."

So little time has elapsed since leave that we have scarcely had time to sort ourselves out. The cricket results are apparently lost in the fog which appears to envelope these things at that time. Apropos of cricket, I was informed on each occasion that I asked, that we had won, so perhaps it is as well for Lancashire that we were competing in a different league. Now of course, football has completely ousted its more sedate rival, and we are looking forward to a successful season. We appear to have several promising players amongst the newcomers, and hope to uphold our reputation. At the time of writing, we have played only one match which we won by the score of four to two. All the scoring was done in the second half when our team, which had been a team of individuals, showed a little more cohesion. We hope to have a record of successes for next month's publication.

The detachment has had a good, if involuntary compliment paid it by the ship's company. The Tug-of-War team to compete at Inverness, has been selected from the R.M. Ten of our brawny cave-men are at present in training. I hear the event is being billed by the Highlanders as " Haggis *v.* Oggie."

Our sheiks, both of the wild and tame variety, are having their usual good times at the dances organised in Cromarty. One is rather inclined to wonder how many of them will join the " Ancient Order of Benedicts " as a result.

September being the month of game shooting, another sport has made an appearance. One (compulsarily) retired poacher has been spending his spare time perfecting a catapult of fearsome appearance. As he is under indefinite stoppage of leave it will most likely finish its time in the War Museum. There has been great activity amongst our W.R.A.'s, as they have been busy for the last week oiling the various matchlocks which one normally used in the pursuit of the elusive grouse. We deny the assertion that one gentleman went after

them with a machine gun. He might have done more execution had he done so. He does not serve in *Hood*, where we invariably use Lewis guns.

To revert to the Tug-of-War team, there has been a disturbing factor in the barracks for a couple of days. At frequent intervals we have rocked to a series of gigantic thuds. Thinking we were doing an unannounced full calibre shoot, I went on the " upper " to investigate. It was merely our " Gentle Giants " complacently hoisting a couple of picket boats by means of a fearsome contrivance attached to our mainmast. The thuds were when " Clubs " said " lie to." The first trial pull takes place at Invergordon on the 17th September. It is purely in the nature of a trial, but we hope to be able to record a success. Our friends in *Revenge* have too much of their own way in this event. Competition is the spice of sport.

There are no fewer than five cups in this ship won by the R.M. in Tug-of-War events. Candour compels me to admit that they were won by past members, but we are determined to carry on the good work. *Revenge* will have an additional obstacle to the 17-stone Scotch policeman they mentioned in their last article.

We also expect to lose our Old Soldiers when we next pass the Cockney's breakwater. Both of them have decided to join up with the happy band of Stanchions. We hope to retain the services of our ubiquitous mess deck dodger, as in addition to the usual duties carried out by him, he coaches the boats crews, runs the cinema and ditches the " gash " rum down the nearest scupper. Really he is too good to lose. He doesn't wish to leave (note that, Drafting Potentate), as he says that he may be detailed as a F'xleman on the *Nelson*.

We note with interest the safe arrival of Private Pagett in his new country, and hope his life will be as long as his pedigree. Our prize bulldog " Angus," became jealous, and entered for a show at Emsworth, but as he had spent most of his time chewing scrubbers and spare shoes he was unsuccessful. As he only ranks with (but junior) to the sideboy, he has no hope of fighting it out with his more aristocratic rival.

Congratulations to *Cambrian's* R.M. on their successes in the various events in which they competed. One is inclined to wonder what happens to the G. and L. correspondents in the other ships of the Atlantic Fleet. Possibly they have a " dis " in the main circuit of their typewriters. Shake a leg and give us your news. No, I am not going ashore for a long time, so you can only take it out of me by coming aboard. *After* one bell please.

There are rumours of another battle of Nigg afoot, and Chippy has been kept busy making packboards to give an empty pack an appearance of normal weight. But more of that after the event. Always providing I survive.

" **Renown** "

Renown having now finished her duties as a yacht is once more settling down to the life of the Atlantic Fleet. It is regretable that since the Royal Cruise, all the officers have changed and also a certain percentage of N.C.O.'s and Men. Nevertheless, thanks to the aid of the old hands and the general keenness of the recruits we have settled down and everything is running smoothly. Before leaving Portsmouth for the north, we just managed to hit the Navy Week and as we had just come out of Dockyard hands we were not looking quite as nice as we should have liked, nevertheless, owing to the ship's now established fame, we were continually crowded out during the hours of " Open to Visitors."

Our voyage from Portsmouth to Cromarty was without incident, the weather distinctly kind, and although we had the very necessary G.Q.'s Gunnery and Torpedo exercises, I don't think that anybody could say that it was anything but pleasant.

Since arrival at Cromarty, our whole time with the exception of one day devoted to the exercises of the R.M. Landing organization, has been spent in Gunnery and our spare time to cleaning up the ship after being in dock. The detachment has " B " turret and with it the fairy flycatcher. The latter is a continuous source of trouble to our G.I., for it necessitates continually shipping and unshipping the aeroplane platform, and from certain overheard remarks a good bit of paint with it.

Thanks to the efforts of our Sergt.-Major and the general keenness of the detachment a great deal of interest is taken in the ship's sports. In the inter-part knock-out football competition we are running two teams. Both have played two matches and remain undefeated, although one team was severely tested by the dashing Wardroom Officers team !

Two tug-of-war teams are in training and are competing in the Invergordon and Inverness meetings. We hope next time to be able to give an account of their success.

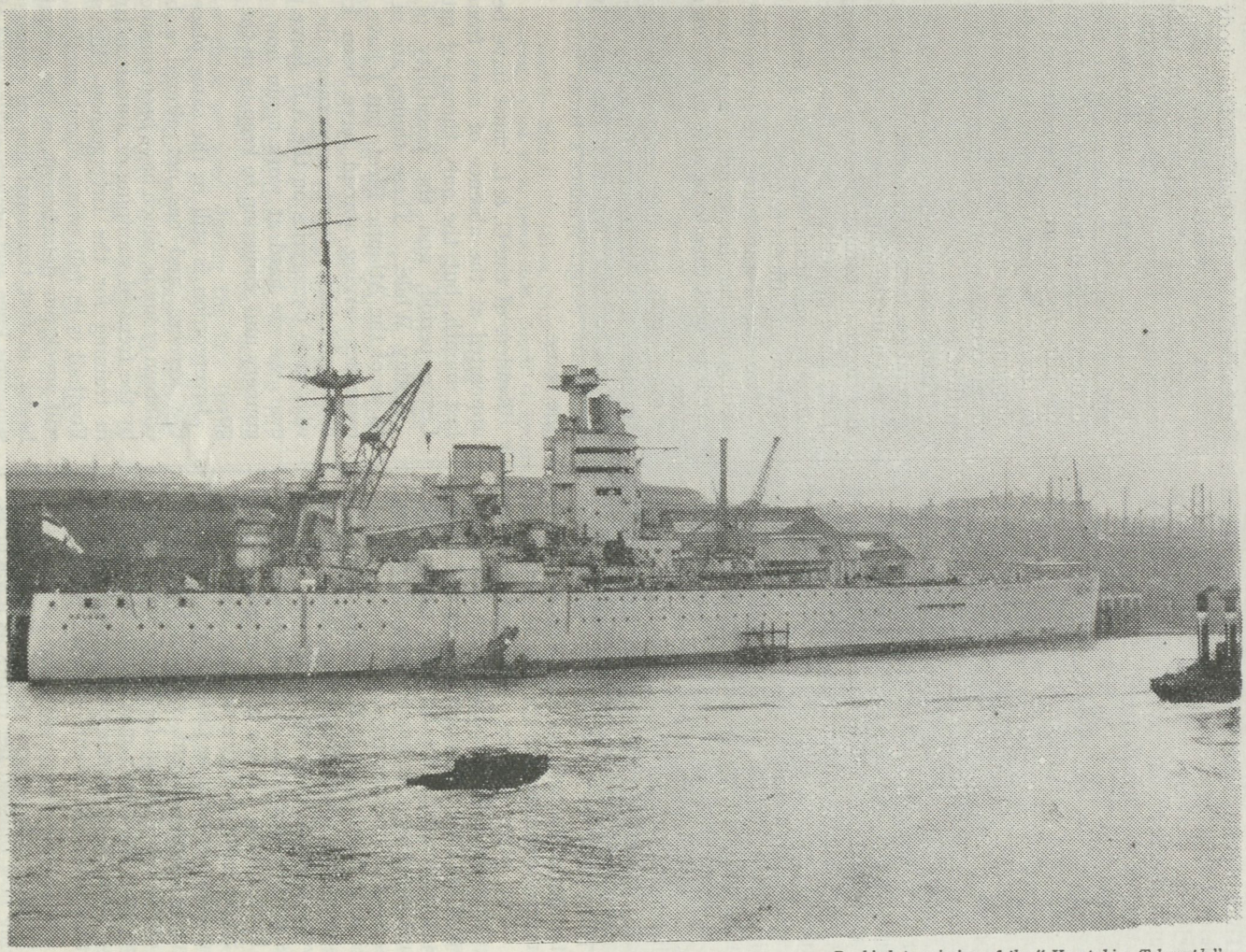
Corpl. Eldridge ably assisted by Sergt. Wallace has organised a R.M. concert for every Sunday whilst we are in Scottish Waters. The last two were most successful, Sergt. Wallace's turns fairly bringing down the house.

" **Benbow.**"

Readers of the G. & L. must have been greatly disappointed at the absence of news from the four B.'s last month, but the only things of interest were the Leave period, and the possibility of wangling the " Friday While." These things are of great interest to us of the Atlantic Fleet, but I have heard that our comrades serving abroad have been known to utter harsh and bitter words concerning the correspondents who write panegyrics on the A.F. leave periods. However, we are hard at work again now, with plenty of gunnery and soldiering to keep us in the way we should go.

Invergordon is still in the same place, just opposite the *Revenge*, and has not altered a bit, except the Canteen grounds, which have been considerably flattened by the frenzied stamping of numerous tug-of-war teams in training for the Invergordon Highland Gathering. Football is in full swing, about another fortnight of it will wreck our detachment, as the casualties have been heavy, in fact the usual line of conversation bears on synovitis knee and broken ankles, and the air is heavy with the smell of liniment. The detachment reached the second round of the inter-part competition, but succumbed to an agile team of future Admirals from the Gun Room. Our tug-of-war team has also met with disaster at the hands of our stokers, and failed to qualify for the Gathering, but after seeing the *Renown's* marines on the rope, the general opinion is that lighter sport is indicated, such as caber tossing or putting the 56-lb. weight.

H.M.S. NELSON.



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THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET ALONGSIDE PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD.

The Highland Gathering came off very well, in spite of occasional rainstorms, and produced a remarkable incident in the snapping of a tug-of-war rope. The Black Watch and an Air Force team were on the rope, and as soon as the judge shouted " heave," they heaved to such an extent as to break the rope, which sent both teams on to their backs. The *Renown's* marines gave the Black Watch and also the local lads a big surprise by winning the event by two straight pulls ; they are what is commonly known as a large and hefty crowd. A small and select body of enthusiasts passed the afternoon away by hurling various weights considerable distances, starting with a small cannon ball and finishing with a large tree, to the considerable amusement of the naval section of the spectators. A gentleman built on and generous lines won all these events, and finished up by giving a demonstration of how easy it is to sling a large weight over a high bar. Bagpipe bursting occupied a considerable portion of the programme, and the massed bands of the Fleet discoursed sweet music between the showers. There are strong rumours of another battle of Nigg ; the 3rd B.S. and the *Revenge* marines explored the ground a few days ago, and it is the same as ever. We rather admired the colour of a certain tin bowler from the *Revenge*.

MEDITERRANEAN. " Warspite "

We have finished the first part of our summer cruise, I think most of us are not sorry it is over. The main feature of the cruise of course was the Regatta, the results of which are shown below. Amongst other things, though, we must not forget the Landing of the Royal Marines and the inevitable Gunnery Practices and Fleet exercises which occupied every moment of our time at sea.

The Landing of the Fleet Royal Marines took place on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th of July, there being two daylight landings and one at dawn. Part of the Detachment formed Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons of " A " Company and were accommodated in *Malaya*, where we were looked after very well, and made very comfortable. The remainder of the Detachment were left behind as part of Battalion H.Q. The landings were effected on a nice sandy beach and I think most of us thoroughly enjoyed them, in fact, one or two individuals, so I am told, thought they were having a Picnic, especially the Beach Parties who took advantage of the nice beach by having a bathe. The actual disembarkation was only effected at the expense of our trousers, but some less fortunate individuals were completely submerged.

During the cruise there were very few places where we could get ashore, but everyone took advantage of the excellent bathing and picnicing facilities.

The Regatta went off exceptionally well, *Barham* winning the " Cock " by 3 points from us. We had very bad luck in having a winning Stoker's Cutter disqualified which lost us 17 points towards the trophy. In the Marines Cutters we did exceptionally well, our Cutter winning by about four lengths. In the " Ramillies " Cup for Fleet Marines, *Valiant* just beat us by 3/5 of a second after a very good race, many congratulations to them.

" Barham "

The most notable event of the month of August was the annual Squadron and Fleet pulling regatta which took place at Argostoli from the 9th to the 12th inclusive. It is needless to say that the ship's company were looking forward with great expectancy to this regatta, for, having won the " Cock " and most of the principal cups the previous year, we were all wondering what our luck would be this time, and when the great day eventually arrived, the ship was one seething mass of excitement. The competition in all the races was very keen indeed, especially between *Warspite* and ourselves. We were rather disappointed with our " A " Cutter in the squadron race, but we were amply compensated by the wonderful performance of our " B " Cutter, who managed to get a good second place, and so qualified to represent the detachment in the race for the " Ramillies " Cup. It is the universal opinion that the Fleet race for the Marines Cutters was the most thrilling of the whole regatta, and at the finish there was hardly a boat's length separating the first three boats. It was a wonderful sight to see *Valiant* just pip *Warspite* at the post, and we send them our heartiest congratulations on their most brilliant win, and we feel proud to hand over the " Ramillies " Cup to such a worthy opponent. Our " B " Cutter did remarkably well in this race by coming in third, for this crew was composed of nearly all young Marines, some of whom had not been in the ship many months. The greatest credit is due to their coxswain Corpl. Featherstone, for his untiring energy and patience during the monotonous weeks of training, and although he was beaten he was far from disgraced, and the whole detachment take off their hats to "Old Feathers " and his gallant crew. Our Band Whaler came in second to *Eagle's* band, who were afterwards selected to represent their ship in the Fleet open whalers race.

In all respects it was a wonderful regatta, and we managed to retain the " Cock " for the second time this commission by beating *Warspite* by the narrow margin of three points. I cannot leave the subject of the regatta without expressing the " Royals " great admiration for our Seamans' Three Miles cutters crew, who won for the ship, for the third year in succession, the Exmouth, Duke of Edinburgh and Illustrious Cups, and as far as we are able to ascertain this is a record that has never been achieved before, and in the words of our Captain " We are proud to be shipmates with such a fine crew."

Leaving Argostoli on the 16th we arrived at Malta on the 18th, and the detachment is now carrying out the usual jobs which constitute a Marine's life afloat, such as ammunitioning, provisioning, etc., and, of course, there are the occasional jolly old runs ashore. We are all looking forward to the second part of our summer cruise which commences on the 2nd of Sept., when we are visiting Naples, Genoa, Rapallo and Aranci Bay.

" Valiant "

Commissioning at Devonport on 26th May, we found the ship still in Dockyard hands, everything rather upside down and further outlook a little unsettled.

It was soon evident that our activities Per Terram would have to give place to a severe offensive Per Mare, and so, having re-armed ourselves with paint brushes, hand scrubbers, and many other instruments of a seafaring nature, we started in on the old game of getting the ship clean again after a long re-fit.

On 6th July we sailed for Gibraltar where we should normally have remained for about six weeks to complete

H.M.S. VALIANT, ROYAL MARINES CUTTERS CREW.

WINNERS RAMILLIES CUP, 1927.



Back Row.—Mne. W. H. Boxall, Mne. J. E. P. Long, Mne. J. R. Rogers, Mne. F. Fair, Mne. E. Light, Mne. J. Sowden.
Middle Row.—Mne. W. C. Haggett, Sergt. R. A. Montgomery, Capt. J. W. Carrington, D.S.O., R.N., Comdr. A. R. Hammick, R.N., Capt. G. Campbell, R.M., Corpl. H. G. Pyke.
Front Row.—Mne. N. V. Watson, Mne. T. Jones, Mne. F. Conyers, Mne. T. R. Strange.

the usual working up period before joining the Fleet. but the Ship's Company was so keen to enter for the Regatta that the Captain obtained special permission from the Commander-in-Chief to curtail our working up and arrive at Argostoli with the Fleet.

This necessitated a lot of very hard work in order to get through the programme and allow of a little time for Regatta Training in the evening, and the crews deserve great credit for the way in which they stuck to their training.

An outstanding feature of our stay at the Rock was the hospitality of our old friends the East Surrey Regiment, who did much to entertain us and to cement the close friendship which exists between the two Regiments. The Massed Bands of *Valiant* and *Royal Oak* gave a programme on the Governor's Parade, which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

On 30th July, we left for Argostoli, calling at Malta for one day to disembark stores, and joined up with the Fleet on 6th August for the Regatta.

Our "A" Cutter (Sergt. Montgomery) won the "Ramillies" Cup in the Fleet Race for Marines Cutters, the "A" Whaler, (Sergt. O'Brien), came in a very close second in the Battle Squadron Race for Marines Whalers.

The Regatta Committee were so impressed by our performance in the "Ramillies" Cup race that they asked our "A" Cutter to represent the Ship in the Illustrious Cup race (Open Cutters, three miles). Although we had never pulled over a three-mile course, we entered and came in second, being beaten by the Seaman's Three Mile Crew of *Barham*, who have been renowned on the station for two years.

As our crews had only been in training for three weeks, we are justly proud of them and feel that with such an excellent beginning, we are in for an absolute bumper commission.

In a few days we shall be leaving Malta for the second part of the Summer Cruise, and, although details have not yet been published, we are looking forward to a very interesting and enjoyable time, and hope to be able to give a lot of interesting news in our next letter.

CHINA.

"Frobisher"

We left Hongkong on the 4th July for Shanghai, calling at Swatow and Amoy on the way. On arrival at Shanghai many "old ships" from the 12th R.M. Battalion came aboard to greet us, and we were soon engaged in friendly rivalry. The R.M. Detachment took on "D" Company at a miniature shoot, but suffered defeat by 30 points, the scores being "D" Coy., 411 ; *Froisher*, 381.

On July 18th we spent a very pleasant afternoon

playing cricket with the Headquarter Wing, but in spite of the valiant efforts of Mne. Rand (20) and Musn. Costigan (11), we met with an honourable defeat. But on the 29th, we took it out of No. 12 Platoon in a miniature shoot, winning by 43. Inspired by this success our Water Polo team met " A " Company in a match at the Shanghai Rowing Club baths and defeated them by 7 goals to nil..

We left Shanghai on 1st August for Wei-Hai-Wei. On our arrival we found our sister ship the *Hawkins* there. This was the first time we had met since our arrival on the station so of course we were soon out for blood. On August 5th, we played them at football, but although Mnes. Hill and Ross put up a very good defence we lost the match by 1 goal to nil. Determined not to be seen off by the senior flagship we met their detachment in a shooting match the next day. The shoot was 7 shots and 1 sighter deliberate at 200 and 500 yards. The weather was ideal, but the Bisley marking had some of the lesser lights in the shooting world guessing. However, we said that revenge is sweet, and finished up by winning by 63 points, *Frobisher* 272 ; *Hawkins*, 209. On the 7th August, Corpl. Feeney with his water polo team added to our laurels by beating the *Hawkins* by 1 goal to nil.

On 13th August, a rifle meeting open to all ships in port was held, in which we took a prominent part both in the individual and in the team events. In Class B Individual, Mne. Brass tied for first place with Mne. Chinery of *Curlew*. In the Tile Shoot (4 men and a leader) our " C " team took first place, and our " A " team second place. In a team event run on the same lines as the Hamilton Leigh Competition we took first place with our " A " team, " B " team coming in third. Incidentally out of the $97 waiting to be won we collected $82.

The meeting was such a success that it was decided to hold another one on the same lines to give the poor sailors a chance. It was held on 20th August, which proved to be a red letter day in the history of our Detachment for we won all the team events and one individual shoot. The following were the results :—

LEWIS GUN COMPETITION.

1st—Marines Gospel and Jacobs.
2nd—Marines Rand and Brennan.

RUNNING MAN (TEAM OF FOUR).

1st—Corpl. Moyse, Mnes. Gospel, Bangham and Brennan.
2nd—Corpl. Gwilliam, Mnes. Vickers, Lewis and Stidston.

TILE SHOOT (LEADER AND FOUR).

1st—Corpls. Feeney and Gwilliam, Mnes. Jacobs, Gospel and Brimilow.

Mne. Gospel also won a pool, and it is rumoured that since the Rifle Meeting he has taken out a Blue Book.

On the 22nd August, the bombers from all the Detachments present were landed for Grenade Training with live grenades. The grenades had been drawn from the Army authorities by certain ships of the First Cruiser Squadron on their way out to China in the early part of the year, and the S.R.M.O. decided that it was about time to let some off. An excellent site, with trenches ready dug, was found on the rifle range, and some forty-eight grenades were thrown.

We have heard rumours that a barrel has arrived for us at Hongkong. We are wondering if this contains our annual clothing, due last April, or hops. In either event we should be very pleased.

" Tamar "

A Friendly Shoot took place at Stonecutters on 3rd July, between the South China branch of the R.M.O.C.A. and the Royal Marines of *Tamar*. The latter won by 68 points, the best eight scores on either side being :—

R.M.'s of *Tamar*.		R.M.O.C.A.	
Sergt. Riddler	90	Comrade Grimmett ..	75
Corpl. Jenkins	68	,, Tuck	59
Mne. Mears	62	,, Alexander ..	58
,, Sullivan	61	,, Frith	57
Corpl. Godwin	59	,, Frith	50
Mne. Rolfe	59	,, Rennie	50
,, Willows	59	,, Gillett	49
,, Squires	48	,, Collins	30

After tea, the Old Comrades challenged the *Tamar's* Marines to water polo, and beat them by 3 goals to 2, which ended a very pleasant afternoon.

AFRICA.

" Birmingham "

Leaving East London on June 23rd to continue their East Coast Cruise, *Birmingham* and *Lowestoft* arrived at Durban the following morning and proceeded to Congella Wharf to take up berths.

On June 25th, a Rifle Match was arranged between one team from each ship and two from the Durban Light Infantry. The ships teams were conveyed to the range at Umgeni by motor bus, arriving at 1130.

The conditions of the shoot were 1 sighter and 7 to count, at ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards. After the struggle for supremacy at the shorter distance, all the competitors were invited to refreshments in the Marquee.

When the inner man had been satisfied, the competition was resumed at 500 yards where a great improvement was made in the scoring. At 600 yards the scoring was not so good as at the previous point, probably due to the fact that the visit to the Marquee had taken effect.

The final scores of each team read :—D.L.I. (A.), 978 ; *Birmingham*, 959 ; D.L.I. (B.), 903 ; *Lowestoft*, 750.

The following were representatives of the Detachment in *Birmingham's* team :—Mne. W. Larkins 86 Major H. R. Brewer 85, Corpl. A. Lord 83, Mne. T. C. Ward, 82, Act./Cpl. F. Startup 69.

Lowestoft was represented by :—Sergt. Warren 77, Mne' Cobley 70, Mne. Page 69, Mne. Talbot 62, Cropl. Hill 55.

The Durban Corporation very kindly placed the Albert Park at the ships disposal during their stay, and many Soccer matches took place. In the Inter-Part Ship League, the Detachment played First Division Seamen, the result being a win in our favour by 2 goals to 1.

The usual Marine trio turned out for the ship versus *Lowestoft* (Corpl. Green, Mne. Killian and Musn. Davies) and *Birmingham* won 4 to 1.

The Squadron sailed for Lourenco Marques a.m. 11th July and arrived p.m. 12th.

The only sporting item of interest was a Soccer match Ships *v.* Locals. The result was an easy win for the Ships by 5 to nil.

The C.-in-C.'s Band played Military Band Music in the Market Square, at Lourenco Marques, much to the delight of a large audience.

Both ships left Lourenco Marques on 18th July,

Birmingham for Beira arriving 20th, and *Lowestoft* for Mozambique.

Football was the order of the day at Beira, and as *Birmingham* was alone at this port, she scooped all the honours. The results of the various matches were :—

Birmingham v. Beira (Combined English and Portuguese eleven). Won 4—1.
Birmingham v. Beira (English Eleven). Won 1—0.
Birmingham v. Beira (Portuguese Eleven). Won 5—0.

Refreshments were supplied to all men in uniform, by the residents of Beira, who went ashore to attend these matches, and the Master of Ceremonies was a gentleman called " Harry," who became a very popular acquaintance.

After a very enjoyable stay the ship left on 30th July for Durban, with most of the men, literally, full of good spirits, arriving 2nd August in company with *Lowestoft*. This time two days were occupied coaling and cleaning ship, and a third was spent by Ships Companies racing for the Royal Natal Yacht Club Centenary Challenge Cup.

This Cup, which was presented in 1923 by the Club, is competed for annually by Ships Companies of H.M. Ships and ships of S.A. Naval Service, in a sailing race under A.F. Rules. The Cup was won by Ch. P.O. Hunt of *Birmingham* in the Admiral's Galley, after a somewhat drawn-out race owing to the wind slackening.

During the afternoon *Birmingham* was " At Home " to the members of the Royal Natal Yacht Club, their wives and friends.

Birmingham was fortunate enough to have a return rifle match with the Durban Light Infantry, 8 a-side, all to count, having 2 sighters and 7 rounds at the usual distances.

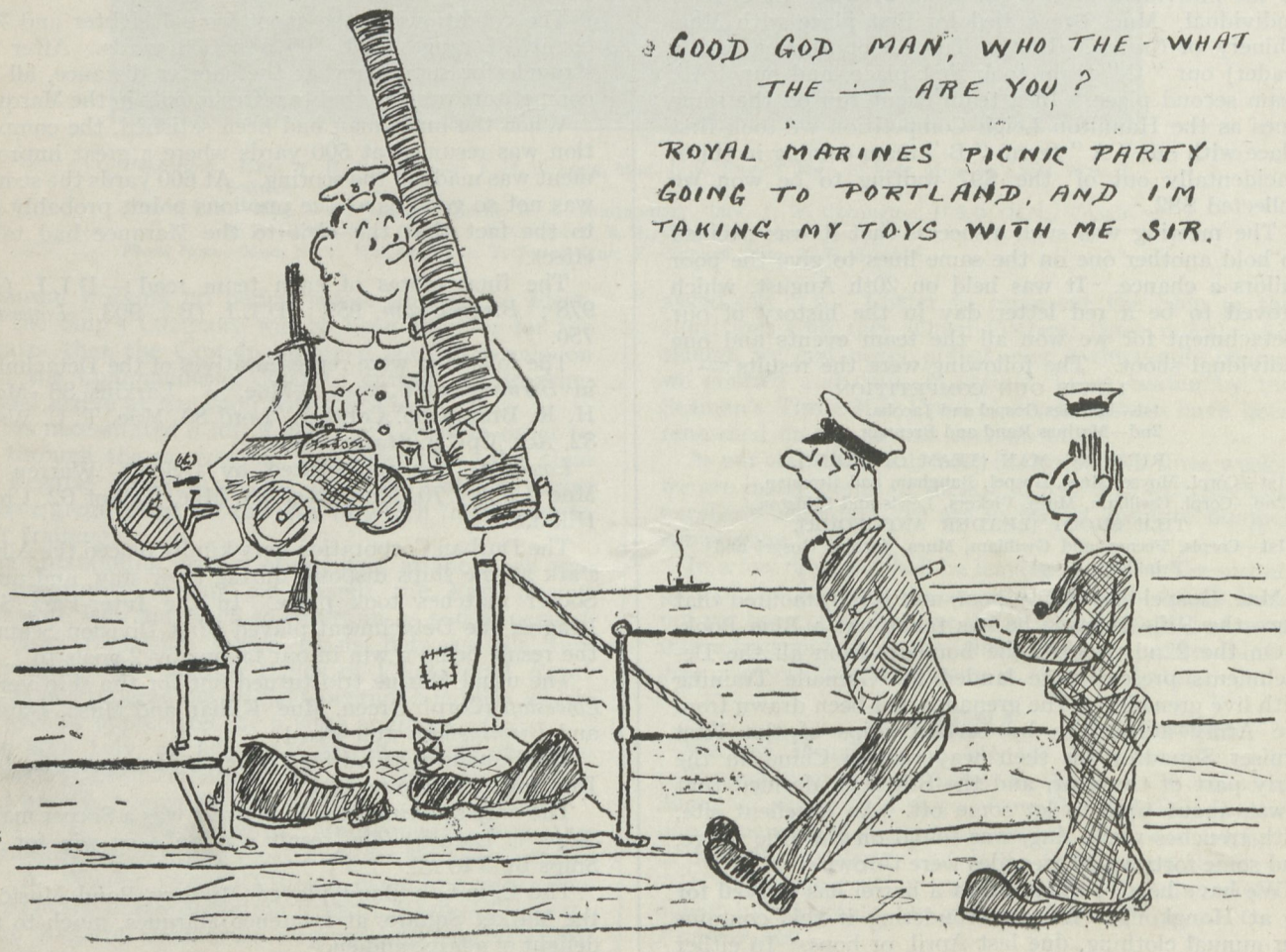
Both teams used the Service rifle, with the exception of two competitors (one in each team) who used the Long Rifle and Aperture, and the remarkable score made by the D.L.I. shows what the *Birmingham* was up against.

The final scores were :—D.L.I., 738 ; *Birmingham* 651. The D.L.I. averaged 92·2, and *Birmingham* 81·3.

Both ships left Durban on 8th August and, the weather being favourable, completed a full power trial to Cape Town arriving 10th August. Two days later, after coaling, they returned to Simonstown.

The following week was devoted to Gunnery, Torpedo and Aerial Exercises.

On the 20th August, *Birmingham's* Detachment commenced their Annual Weapon Training Courses. (*Where owing to the absence of Marquees they are expected to do very well.*—Ed.)



"JULY, 1927"



12th ROYAL MARINE BATTALION

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS.

These were held in Shanghai on 18th and 19th June. Though boycotted by the Chinese, the Sports were well patronised by Great Britain, America, Japan, France, Portugal and Sweden. British entries included both Service and civilian athletes.

Owing to the fact that units of the battalion were scattered over a wide area, some difficulty was experienced in forming a team and getting the necessary training.

The following represented the battalion :—

C.S.M. Jones, Corpl. Odey } Putting the Weight.
Mne. Paice, 100 and 200 metres.
,, Thurston, 400 metres.
,, Stone, 800 metres.
,, Pavey, 1,500 metres.
,, Cooper, 10,000 metres
,, Press, High Jump.

We started well when Paice brought off a great double by winning the 100 metres in 12⅕ secs. and the 200 metres in 25 secs. Stone did well to finish second in the 800 metres to R. E. Brown, the old Oxford Blue, who is in business here.

In the 1,500 metres, Brown again prevented us taking premier honours by narrowly beating Pavey in 4 mins. 21 secs. In view of the heavy track, this was excellent time, and to those who saw this fine race there can be no doubt that with different tactics Pavey would have won comfortably.

To run 10,000 metres on a hot afternoon takes some doing, and Cooper put up a plucky effort to come in 7th out of 44 starters in this race. He finished apparently as fresh as paint, only remarking " that the distance was not quite far enough !"

Our representatives in the Weight and High Jump, though failing to secure a place, did well amongst British entries.

We finished the meeting well by romping away with the 1,600 metre relay race. The U.S. Marines greatly fancied themselves for this, but Pavey, Thurston, Stone and Paice had things all their own way, the latter finishing in a trot.

The meeting proved an object lesson in one respect. Though every race, including the hurdles, went to one or other of the British teams, America proved winners in the aggregate by sweeping the board in the field events. It was disheartening to see them secure the first four places in the Javelin, Discus and Weight, and to meet with little resistance in the Jumps and Pole Vault.

It seems high time that we turned our attention to these events. How about it Deal ?

" COCK COMPANY."

An Inter-Company Trophy das been instituted in the Battalion. This trophy has taken the form of a large Silver Cock, purchased by the Canteen ; every form of sport has been allotted a certain number of points, and it is expected that the " Cock " will change hands as between companies as the various competitions are completed. So far, the only form of sports for which points have been awarded has been the Athletic Meeting held on 13th July, " B " Company (Portsmouth) secured the highest points (255), and is therefore, for the time being " Cock Company." We have to look forward to inter-platoon and inter-company cricket, football, tennis, indoor games, shooting, skill at arms, water polo, boxing competitions, etc., some of which are already underway. On the disbandment of the battalion, the " Cock " will go to the R.M. Division represented by the " Cock Company " at the time of disbandment or in the case of a composite Company being " Cock Company " at the time of disbandment to the Division whose representatives have secured highest points. Future R.M. Battalions it is hoped will take on the " Cock " and compete for it under similar conditions.

BATTALION SPORTS.

The 12th R.M. Battalion Sports were held at Holt's Wharf on Wednesday, 13th July, 1927. The results of the various events were as follows :—

130 *Stone Tug-of-War.*—" A " Company ; 2, " B " Company ; 3, " C " Company.
220 *Yards.*—1, Mne. Paice, H.Qrs. ; 2, Mne. Chawner, " A " Coy. ; 3, Mne, Robinson, " A " Coy.
Sack Bump.—1, " C " Company ; 2, H.Qrs.
Shot Put.—1, Corpl. Odey, " B " Coy. ; 2, C.S.M. Jones, " B " Coy. ; 3, Mne. Lovell, H.Qrs.
Long Relay.—1, H.Qrs. ; 2, " B " Company ; 3, " D " Company.
Wheelbarrow.—1, Mne. Scorey, " D " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Chalmers ; 3, Mne, Pittard.
440 *Yards.*—1, Mne. Pavey, H.Qrs. ; 2, Mne. Paice, H Qrs. ; 3, Corpl. Gibb, " D " Coy.
Cricket Ball.—1, Mne. Watson, " D " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Gunner, " A " Coy. ; 3, Corpl. Odey, " B " Coy.
Long Jump.—1, Mne. James, " D " Coy. ; 2, Corpl. Moyse, " C " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Paice, H.Qrs.
Veterans.—1, C.S.M. Jones, " B " Coy. ; 2, Clr.-Sgt. Owens, H.Qrs. ; 3, Capt. Lucas, " B " Coy.
Half Mile.—1, Mne. Stone, " D " Coy ; 2, Mne. Pavey, H.Qrs. ; 3, " B " Coy.
Pillow Fight.—1, Mne. Dale, " D " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Gale, H.Qrs.
100 *Yards.*—1, Mne. Chawner, " A " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Robinson, " A " Coy. ; 3, Mne. James, " D " Coy.
Sack Race.—Corpl. Moyse, " F " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Thurston, " B " Coy. ; 3, Mne, Fairclough, " A " Coy.
One Mile.—1, Mne. Tombleson, " D " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Stone, " D " Coy. ; 3, Mne. Sharp, " D " Coy.
High Jump.—1, Mne. Press, H. Qrs. ; 2, Mne. Thurston, " D " Coy, ; 3, Mne. Watson, " D " Coy.
Obstacles.—1, " B " Company ; 2, " B " Company ; 3, " C " Company.
Four-legged.—1, Mne. Grant, " B " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Ward, " D " Coy. ; 3, Mne. Scott, " D " Coy.

Short Relay.—1, " A " Company ; 2, H.Qrs. ; 3, " B " Company.
Coolie Race.—1, Mne. James, " D " Coy. ; 2, Corpl. Odey, " B " Coy.
3-*Mile.*—1, Mne. Press, " B " Coy. ; 2, Mne. Nelmes, " D " Coy. ; 3, Mne. Sharp, " C " Coy.
110 *Stone Tug-of-War.*—1, Hd. Qrs. ; 2, " B " Company ; 3, " D " Company.
Visitors 440 *Yards.*—1, Mid. Roper, *Danae* ; 2, A.B. Canham, *Danae* ; 3, Mid. Evans, *Danae.*
Individual.—1, Mne. Paice, H.Qrs. ; 2, Mne. Pavey, H. Qrs. ; 3, Mne. Stone, " D " Coy.

INTER-COMPANY TROPHY.

Points towards Inter-Company Trophy to date are :—

A Coy.	B. Coys.	C. Coy.	D. Coy.	Bn. Hd. Qr
153	255	119	187	221

BOXING.

Corpl. Duncan R.M. *v.* Joe Sacramento.

A ten round contest for the Welter-weight Championship of Shanghai between Sacramento (holder) and Corpl. Donald Duncan, 12th Royal Marine Battalion, was staged at the Carlton Theatre, Shanghai on the 30th June.

The fans were all agog for this event, seeing Duncan has done so well in previous fights and not having been mastered or even extended. Both boxers were confident of winning, Sacramento hoping to administer a " Sleeping Draught " with his famous right hand, while Duncan was sure of keeping away from it and at the same time using his own straight left to put his opponent off his balance and then for in-fighting for which he is a demon. Sacramento being a local had heaps of backing, while Duncan had more support than even the Filipino could accommodate. When Duncan stepped into the ring it was very plain that he had heaps of supporters, then followed Sacramento who had the Americans to cheer him. It was found that the British Marine was 3¾lbs. the heavier, which did not appear so as both men seemed the same in reach and height.

The first round opened very quietly both men feeling their way round, but from then onwards it was a fight from gong to gong, both men giving and taking heavy punishment. The first " blood " went to Sacramento who drew blood from Duncan's mouth, but that was a minor detail, Duncan was playing on the body with both hands when at close quarters which he seemed to find pretty easy to get to. So the fight continued each round going to Duncan. At the end of the seventh round it was plainly seen who was the winner, and from then onwards Sacramento was little more than a punch bag, but he took it all without flinching, just waiting for an opening to enable him to use his right, but it wasn't to come, Duncan being a far too old a hand to lose a fight so easily. In the tenth round, Sacramento made his last desperate effort to retain his title, swinging wildly but without effect against the clever guarding of a very clever boxer. He got himself badly boxed into a corner and Duncan was after him like lightning, a terrific right followed up by a smashing left nearly giving the knock-out blow.

The crowd jumped to its feet like a bunch of madmen when the decision went unqualifiedly to Duncan without a single hiss or boo being heard from the audience. Perhaps never in the history of the local ring has anything to approach the ovation given Duncan been heard. It lasted for several minutes, with Service men and civilians alike standing on their feet throwing their hats into the air and cheering. Even the final selection of the U.S. Marine Band was unheard in the tremendous coophony of sound which greeted the closing rounds of one of the most remarkable battles ever see there.

Corpl. Duncan, R.M. *v.* S. Braunstein, U.S.M.C.

The following account of Corpl. Duncan's fight against Braunstein, U.S.M.C., is extracted from the local press of the 14th July.

The fight between Sammy Braunstein, American Marine Ace, and Corpl. Donald Duncan for a big purse and a side bet of $1,000 each, was staged at the Carlton last evening.

It was a fight which the crowd was waiting for. It was reported that there were more than $30,000 in private wagers made as to the result of the encounter.

As Braunstein showed at the ringside a tremendous cheer went up. A similar demonstration greeted Duncan. Jack Bolton refereed the fight. Duncan weighed in at 138 lbs., Braunstein at 141 lbs.

Corpl. Donald Duncan, fighting in that marvellous way of his, had no serious difficulty in retaining his welterweight championship by a point victory over Braunstein. So wide was his margin, in fact, that not a bonehead in the house—and there were many there, including one of the referees, let out a squawk. Duncan split the first round with Sammy and then took the remaining nine in a row.

Sammy took loads of punishment throughout. Outspeeded and outwitted, he was at times helpless against the fast and wiry Briton. Duncan let it be said, fought differently last night. He took chances in his eagerness for a knock-out and he hit with far more power and effectiveness than the sport writers had believed him to be capable of. He surprised them, Sammy, Sammy's backers and the rest of the big house.

Sammy's right eye went west in the second round, his left in the eighth, and in between those two disasters there were many moments when it seemed likely that Duncan would floor his American opponent.

He staggered him repeatedly, but could not knock him off his feet.

" A " COMPANY (CHATHAM) NEWS.

There is very little to report this month as far as the Company itself is concerned. It had been thought we should have concentrated at Holt's Wharf ere this, but owing to the very adverse weather conditions it has not been found possible to complete the building of huts, etc. However, we understand that we shall move in a very few days now. There has been little opportunity for either football or cricket, as it requires but very little rain to render any ground this side of the river unfit for several days. It was possible to get a tennis championship tournament played, in between the showers, on a hard court, and some very creditable performances were put up. The winners were Mnes. Dew and Cook. Inter-Platoon Dart Matches have proved very popular, some pleasant evenings having been spent at the different posts.

The Miniature Range at the B.C.C. Factory has been in use as often as the weather conditions would permit, and in an inter-platoon shoot, held during the month, Company Headquarters managed to come out on top.

Boxing enthusiasts are clapping their hands over the splendid performance put up by Corpl. Duncan in beating several good men in this locality including the Filipino Joe Sacramento. He hopes to have an opportunity of meeting one of the best men the American Navy can produce in Mne. Braunstine. We are looking forward to this bout and some considerable "shekles" have been placed on our "Nutty." We sincerely hope he wins.

Apart from being a little "knobbly," the effect of mosquito bites, we are all very fit. No serious cases of illness in the Company have occurred.

"D" COMPANY (COMPOSITE) NEWS.

WATER POLO.

"D" *v.* "B" Company.—Result: "D" 1; "B" 2.
"D" *v.* "C" Company.—Result: "D" 5; "C" Nil.
"D" *v.* R.M.'s *Emerald*.—Result: "D" 8; *Emerald* 1.
"D" *v. v.* 1st Green Howards.—Result: "D" 8; Green Howards Nil.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

"D" *v.* R.M.'s *Emerald*.—Result: "D" 308 pts.; *Emerald* 299 pts.
"D" *v.* R.M.'s *Danae*.—Result: "D" 215, 160 pts.; *Danae*, 152, 158 pts.

No. 1 M.G. Section have won 4 out of 5 matches with "D" Company.

An Inter-Platoon Competition is in progress in the Company.

ATHLETICS.

The Company was represented in the International Sports by Mne. F. G. W. E. Stone, who took 2nd place in the 800 metres and formed one of the Relay Team.

BOXING.

Mne. Linch, "D" Company, forms one of the battalion boxing team and won his fight against a R.C.S. competitor at the last meeting.

CHATHAM.

Further changes in the Staff of the Division have taken place. Lieut. Beazley, A.I. of G. has given up his appointment on promotion, and has been relieved by Lieut. Ross, who has joined us from Eastney.

Lieut.-Col. R. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., has joined, vice Lieut.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot, who has been transferred to Plymouth.

Col. Arbuthnot will be much missed at Chatham, as he has done much for the Division in his practical interest in sailing and boating. He has also been president of the canteen committee for the last two years and the present satisfactory state of the canteen finances are largely due to his interest and foresight.

It is with very great regret that we record that Clr.-Sgt. W. Hibben has gone to pension. He will be much missed in the football world, where he has been a tower of strength for so long.

We have just had the pleasure of having the annual visit of General Sir H. F. Blumberg, K.C.B., our Honary Colonel-Commandant.

He was received by a guard of honour commanded by 2nd/Lieut. Horton, 2nd/Lieut. Brown acted as A.D.C. After inspecting the guard, Sir Herbert saw the Cadet Corps at Infantry and Field Gun Drill. In the evening he dined with the officers, the following retired officers being asked to meet him:—Col. Phillips, who many will remember as Colonel 2nd Commandant at Chatham some few years ago, Col. Congdon, who joined the Division over 50 years ago, and was at one time Adjutant here, Col. Peile, a South African War veteran and one time Barrackmaster, Major Hammond, Major Wainwright and Capt. Bucknall.

The next day the Honorary Colonel-Commandant visited the Borstal Ranges where the Divisional Rifle Meeting was in progress, and gave away the prizes. Unfortunately, the second day of the meeting was marred by heavy rain.

The Cadet Corps held their annual camp at All Hallows, and were fairly fortunate in their weather. The camp was visited by Lieut.-Col. Horne, representing the Colonel-Commandant, who was unavoidably absent on the day of the Cadets sports. The prizes were given away by Mrs. Gillespie.

Our congratulations to Mne. T. Bell for his award of the Royal Victorian Silver Medal by His Majesty the King for his services as printer during the recent Royal Tour.

CADET CORPS.

The Chatham Company Royal Marine Cadet Corps held their annual camp at Allhallows agains this year. They went into camp on August 27th and returned September 10th. 51 boys attended the camp, which is a good percentage and goes to prove how popular the annual camp is becoming. The weather was ideal for camping, with the exception of the last day, when it poured with rain during the time we were striking camp and getting things ready for returning home; but the boys all enjoyed themselves and were very sorry that the day had come for returning. While in camp a certain amount of training was carried out which included Infantry and Physical Training, and every day a Swimming Parade was held and not one boy refused to go in the water, and quite a few have learnt the elementary strokes of swimming. A church parade was held each Sunday, and the boy's marched to Allhallows for the service. After the service on the first Sunday they were taken over the church and it was explained to them that it was one of the oldest churches in England, being one of the seven churches of "Hoo" mentioned in Domesday Book.

Whilst in camp the annual sports were held and was attended by the officers and their friends of the Division. Some very fine talent was seen, which shows great promise for the future of the Corps of "Royal Marines." The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Gillespie, who was presented with a bouquet by the youngest boy in camp. Cadet T. J. J. Lee. Great credit must be given to Mr. Hills, the canteen manager for the selection of the prizes.

On Tuesday, September 14th, the Cadet Corps was inspected by General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., R.M., Honorary Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division, who said how pleased he was to see them looking so well and smart. He congratulated them on winning the Watts Bowl and the 1st Reserve Challenge Trophy, and congratulated them on the high standard they obtained in miniature shooting. He concluded by wishing them the best of luck when they shoot off for the King's Shield.

Munson (at studio): "I don't want a large picture!"

Reynolds (photographer): "All right, then keep your mouth closed!" *Leatherneck.*

PLYMOUTH.

At the moment of writing there is a terrific struggle for supremacy taking place between the Tattoo enthusiasts and the weather. The score is now 2—1 against the weather, but the battle will not be finished before going to press, so that it can only appear as history in next month's number.

CADET CORPS.

The 30th of July was a red letter day for the Cadet Corps, and on that day diminutive Cadets shouldered their kit bags and fell in, prior to the journey to Tregantle for their Annual Camp, under the command of Q.M.S.I. Croke, M.M.

They were favoured with fine weather which lasted throughout the week. The usual camp routine was carried out and although, as good soldiers, training filled the bulk of their time, yet time was found for games.

On Wednesday, 3rd August, in the afternoon the Annual Sports of the Cadet Corps were held and were honoured by a visit from the Colonel-Commandant, officers and friends. The Girls' Ambulance Company with their parents were also entertained.

The Colonel-Commandant inspected the camp and commented favourably on everything he saw.

The whole of the Routine Work of the Camp with the exception of cooking, was carried out by the boys themselves, who acquitted themselves in a praiseworthy manner.

The keenness of the Cadets were evidenced by the close results obtained in the inter-section competition, very few points separating the 1st and last sections.

It goes without saying that the Boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

DEPOT.

The Adjutant-General paid his annual visit from Tuesday, 30th August to Thursday, 1st September. The normal routine of the Depot continued and good weather prevailed which enabled a cricket match between Staff *v.* Rest to be played on the Wednesday afternoon.

This match proved a most enjoyable affair. The Rest with great good luck on their side managed to win, but the Staff's cricket was the brighter. Some very good fielding, and some very bad was seen at this match. "No names, no pack drill."

The Adjutant-General carried out the duty of umpire and received a great ovation when he doffed his coat and bowled the last over, taking the last wicket for one run.

On the Tuesday evening a short film depicting the arrival of Private Pagett in America was shown in the theatre. The members of the Depot and their friends were invited, and a great number attended and enjoyed seeing the picture.

A birthday present for young Jock was being discussed by his Scottish parents.

"Let's see," said father, "he got a penny balloon last year, an' he's been a guid boy since."

"Yes," said mother, "let's blow it up for him."

Evening News.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R.M. Barracks,
Plymouth.
15th September, 1927.

Dear Sir,

With reference to *Vindictive* article in last months issue, it may interest your readers to know that Royal Marines have been to Ichang before. During the disturbances of October, 1923, a party of Royal Marines were lent in place of seamen from *Carlisle* to commission H.M. Gunboat *Cricket*.

The Commander-in-Chief inspected this party on board *Carlisle* on the day it left the ship. He congratulated the guard provided by the detachment on their smartness.

Whilst at Ichang a boat race over a two mile course in American boats was pulled between *Cricket* and U.S.S. *Eleano*. The *Cricket's* crew which was composed entirely of Royal Marines won by half a boat's length.

The names of this detachment, the first, I believe to go to Ichang as part of a ship's company, were :—

Corpl. A. Harrop	Mne. H. Newton
Mne. B. Fordham	,, G. Tucker
,, W. W. Johnson	,, F. Faulkes
,, E. Miles	,, F. Mathews
,, A. Ackerman	

A photograph of the finish of the boat's race and a copy of a letter from the Captain of the *Cricket* are enclosed as they may interest your readers.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Albert Harrop,
Sergt. R.M.

(*Regretted photograph too faint for reproduction.*—Ed.)

COPY OF LETTER FROM C.O. H.M.S. CRICKET.

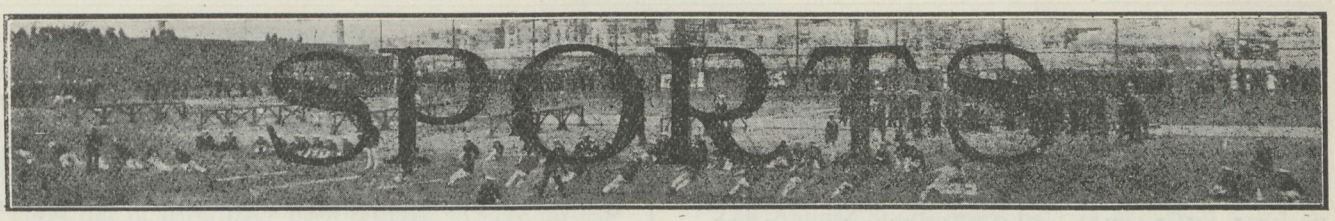
H.M.S. Cricket,
Hankow.
31st December, 1923.

Sir.

I have the honour to report with much pleasure on the good conduct and ability of the ratings and marines lent from H.M.S. *Carlisle*, to commission H.M.S. *Cricket* for temporary service on the Yangtse. All ratings in the ship's company took an evident pride in their work and in the good name of the ship, and had they been the permanent crew of *Cricket*, I do not think their spirit could have been much better. Taking into account the fact that they knew they were only lent to *Cricket* temporarily, I consider their conduct all the more praiseworthy.

The marines detailed for the ship were specially keen. They entered into all sports connected with the ship to a man, and at Ichang a boat race was arranged between H.M.S. *Cricket* and U.S.S. *Elcano*, the marines entirely forming *Cricket's* boats crew. The *Cricket* won by half a length after a very exciting two mile race. They carried out unaccustomed duties as cheerfully as their own, and when the ship finally paid off on the 21st December, 1923, I was very sorry to see the ratings of the *Cricket* leave.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) N. W. Lawrence,
Lieut.-Commander.



CORPS CRICKET.

RESULTS.

23rd July. *v.* Harrow Wanderers. Drawn.
Harrow Wanderers, 204 and 273 for 4 (Hon. R. Anson 113).
Royal Marines, 110 and 168 for 6 (Capt. A. H. Reading 67 not out).

26th July. *v.* Hampshire Hogs. Won by 5 wickets.
Hampshire Hogs, 175 and 136.
Royal Marines, 177 (Lieut. Sillitoe 51 not out) and 139 for 4 (Lieut. C. N. Smith 53).

15th August. *v.* Royal Engineers. Drawn.
Royal Engineers, 261 for 8.
Royal Marines, 251 (Lieut.-Col. A. S. Cantrell 78).

CHATHAM.

A heavy programme of matches has been arranged for season 1927-28. The first team again compete in the 1st Division of the Kent League, the F.A. and A.F. Amateur Cups, the Kent Senior and Kent Amateur Cups, and the Chatham Charity Cup. In addition, games will be played to benefit the funds of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, and the Kent Playing Fields Association. The Reserve Team will play in the 2nd Division of the Kent League, the Mid-Kent and Chatham Wednesday League, the Kent Junior Cup, and the Chatham Charity Cup (Junior).

Nearly a hundred players requested a trial, and the first of a series of trial games was played on August 11th. No budding internationals were discovered, but quite a number of those taking part showed distinct promise. The final practice games took the form of two matches with the Training Battalion, R.E. These were very enjoyable and also gave considerable assistance to the Selection Committee.

The formation of the Battalion for China played havoc with the teams at the latter end of last season, but the players remaining from that XI. have all retained their form. Of the new men Corpl. Bradley and Mne. Philpott are proving their worth to the first team, whilst Mne. Dunn of the second string seemed likely to develop into a really good left back.

The results to date are :—

1st XI.	Aug.	27	*v.*	Grays Thurrock (away)	Lost	2—3
	Sept.	3	*v.*	The Loyal Regt. (home)	Lost	2—4
	,,	10	*v.*	Maidstone Utd. (home)	Won	1—0
	,,	14	*v.*	R.N. Depot (away)	Won	3—0
2nd XI.	Aug.	31	*v.*	Murston Rangers (away)	Lost	0—5
	Sept.	7	*v.*	R.N. Depot Reserves (home)	Lost	2—4
	,,	14	*v.*	Abbott's Athletic (home)	Won	5—2

All the first team games have been in the Kent League.

It will be seen that steady improvement is being made. The decisive victory over our neighbours at the R.N. Barracks is particularly encouraging. We were unfortunate to lose at Grays Thurrock, but our friends the Loyal Regiment were really too good for us. They have a very fine side.

SWIMMING.

In the recent Port Swimming Championships the Division was 3rd in the team race, and L/Cpl. Davis (Deal) was 2nd in high diving.

BOAT-PULLING.

The whalers crew won the Harbour Stakes in the Sheerness Regatta, open to all ships and establishments in the Nore Command.

PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

As we have now got well into the season, a few results will be interesting, but in the case of the first team, they are not what we were hoping for. When we have settled down, however, there is no doubt that we shall want a lot of seeing off. Up to now we have been unable to field the same team in any two matches.

The results of the 1st team matches, I give below.

Salisbury Corinthians	(away)	Lost	0—3
Cowes	(away)	Drew	2—2
Cowes	(home)	Lost	1—5
Ryde	(away)	Lost	0—2
Bournemouth Gasworks	(away)	Won	3—2

When it is remembered that we had such stalwarts as Corpls. Brown and Warwick and Mnes. Elsey and Ormston away, and substitutes of unknown quality brought in, then we have not done so badly, but by the time that the cup ties come along, we hope to have the internationals back in harness, and when this journal next appears we hope to be well on the road to Wembley.

Now a few lines about the second team. They started the season in startling fashion, winning the first game by 26—0. Although several of the team had been playing quite a lot of cricket, they quite understood it was football time. Some people may be tempted to think it means 26 for no wicket. Sergt. Arnold, who had already retired from active football, scored nine, and of course his promotion back to the first team was very rapid. The next match in the same league was won 11—1, and so, if this order of things continues, we should create a record. All the players are on the young side, so they should train into a splendid combination. Our two games in U.S. League II. have ended rather disastrously, losing the first to R.A.F. (away) 1—7, and the second to R.E. (home) 1—6, but the team which is carrying on the U.S. League II programme, mainly consists of people from the Fort so a few games together should settle them down under the careful attention of our old chum Corpl. Jennings.

Mne. Davidson and Corpl. Warwick have again been chosen to play for the Royal Navy.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

All are looking forward to a good sporting season. Scrum practices and training are in full swing, and the first practice game showed plenty of keenness, but not a great amount of talent. New blood is required to learn the game and be ready to replace those

whom the sea may call away, or who may find that they are not as young as they used to be. There will be no difficulty in getting together a useful pack, but at present there is a marked dearth of outsides with much knowledge of this game or adaptability for those positions. Lieut. Garrett has kindly consented to perform the duties of Captain, in succession to Capt. Wills, who leaves shortly for China, taking with him the good wishes of all rugby players at Eastney. The loss of Marine A. H. Merkel, who has gone to the Mediterranean, will be felt in the three-quarter line

SHOOTING.

Having completed our fixtures with '303, we are now getting busy for the Miniature Season. A team has been entered for Division I. of the District League and the various competitions fired in connection with this league, it is also probable that a Ladies' Section will be started this year.

As regards our final matches in the outdoor section, we fared rather badly losing both to the North London and *Excellent* Rifle Club, but this was partly due to depleted teams, and since out return from Bisley, we have had little or no practice owing to the very bad weather and the close of the season.

The result of the matches were as follows :—

R.M. 941 N.L.R.C. 965 (12 to shoot, 10 count)
R.M. 741 H.M.S. Excellent 767. (10 to shoot, 8 count)

The Annual Social Match with the Reading Territorial R.C. was fired at Reading on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, and was considered to be an excellent function, both from a social and shooting point of view. The members of the Sergeants' Mess left Portsmouth at 8.30 a.m., and after a " flying " journey by rail, arrived at Reading at 11.30 (some speed) ! On arrival at Reading Drill Hall we were met by some of our old acquaintances of the Rifle Club who visited Eastney last year. After a short respite in the form of " gargling " and " packing," the teams had a 12 miles char-a-banc ride through the Thames valley to the range, which is an ideal range, owing to the fact that three different ranges can be fired from the one firing point, the butts being placed in echelon. After oiling all the necessary bores, the firing commenced in earnest, as there was the usual sweepstake in the balance. One member was fortunate in drawing the " Terriers' " good shot, but was induced to part with his chance to a Reading member, who eventually won the " sweep," but not with the procured chance ; nevertheless he might have done had it not been for the use of B.S.A. sights by the highest scorer. On completion of firing the Sergeants' Mess were adjudged the winners by 34 points.

We were very pleased to be honoured with the attendance of the Colonel and Officers of the unit, and regret that owing to their zeal for forthcoming shooting events they were unable to be present at the excellent dinner given on the return from the range, to which everyone did justice, after which Mr. Moore (who is 85 years of age, and has never missed a match with the Marines) gave the toast, to which Q.M.S. Foster replied on behalf of the Sergeants' Mess. To conclude a most enjoyable day, Clr.-Sergt. Ridding entertained the company with one of his usual " stunts," after which we were escorted to the station by our hosts, including the veteran, and left Reading at 10.20 p.m., arriving home at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday.

This match was first instituted in 1890, according to Mr. Moore, who presided at the dinner, he being the oldest member present. He also related that it came about under peculiar circumstances. It would appear that a member of the Corps was on leave at Reading, and the ale in those days being cheap and good, he made good use of it, inasmuch as he found himself in the guard room of the Berkshires. The Sergeant of the Guard, being connected with the Corps, sought to control the feelings of the offender ; words of sport followed, resulting in the " soldier " bumming the shooting team of his regiment. The " Jolly " having arrived at a state of *esprit de corps* forthwith accepted the challenge, with the result that matches were fired twice a year, one at Portsmouth and one at Reading between the Division and the Berkshires. Since then, owing to the falling off of the old volunteers, it has developed into a match between the Sergeants' Mess, Portsmouth Division, and Reading (Territorials).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Scores :—	200	500	600	Total
Sergt. Fuller	30	31	30	91
Q.M.S.I. Foster	27	30	29	86
Sergt. Taylor	29	25	26	80
Clr.-Sergt. Wright	24	30	24	78
,, Saunders	25	27	23	75
,, Goadsby	26	29	20	75
Sergt. Ridding	27	28	18	73
,, Lamrock	32	15	25	72
Ar. Q.M.S. King	21	28	23	72
Sergt. Akrill	21	19	25	65
			Total	767
C.S.M. Pendred	24	29	11	64
Ar. Sergt. Andrews	22	25	12	59
B.M. Robson	20	21	18	59
Hosp. Sergt. Tunnicliffe	21	17	19	57

READING TERRITORIALS.

Mr. Moore, Jnr.	28	32	23	83
Col. Battcock	26	27	28	81
Mr. Green	30	28	23	81
C.S.M. Rider	25	31	21	77
R.S.M. Alder	28	25	21	74
Mr. Smith	21	25	27	73
Bg.-Mjr. Turner, R.M.	20	24	26	70
Capt. Goodenough	25	19	26	70
Mr. Masters	24	24	19	67
Mr. S. Green	15	23	21	59
			Total	735
Mr. Hine	20	19	11	50
Mr. Bromley	23	22	5	50
Mr. Dickman	12	16	11	39

WATER POLO.

Portsmouth and District League, Div. I.

Royal Marines 5 ; *Dolphin* 3.
Royal Marines 10 ; Portsmouth S.C. 2.

Hants Championship.

Royal Marines 7 ; Portsmouth S.C. 1.

In the 2nd Round we come up against the Electrical Engineers.

Portsmouth and District League, Div. II.

Royal Marines 4 ; *Victoria and Albert* 0.
Royal Marines 1 ; *Victory* 3.
Royal Marines 2 ; *Dolphin* 0.

He : " I suppose you dance ? "
She : " Oh, yes, I love to."
He : " Great ! That beats dancing any time ! "

SWIMMING.

Port Swimming Championship.

440 Yards.—1st, Corpl Heaton.

Plunging.—1st, Sergt. Waskett (49ft. 11ins.

Corpl. Heaton won his race without any training against the best the port could produce.

Sergt. Waskett won by 8-ft.

Three out of team have been selected to play for the Navy.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

Aug. 9th. R.M. *v.* Devon Regiment. Played at Mount Wise.—R.M., 192 ; Devons, 152 (Lieut. Cornelies 57, Lieut. Burnett 41, Mne. Snow 4 for 27).

Aug. 24th. R.M. *v.* Yelverton. Played at Yelverton. —R.M. 66 ; Yelverton 68 for 4.

NAVY CRICKET LEAGUE.

In the Navy Cricket League, the Royal Marines played 11 and won 11 matches.

The final for the Championship Shield was played at Mount Wise on August 22nd, between R.M. and H.M.S. " Defiance," the Royal Marines winning by 44 runs.

Scores.—R.M., 98 (Mne. Snow 36 not out) ; H.M.S. " Defiance," 54.

This is the second season in succession the Plymouth Division, R.M. have won the Shield.

COMPANY CRICKET.

" C " Company won the Inter-Company Cricket Cup, having played five matches, all of which they won.

" C " Company thus obtain 2 points towards the Tuckey Cup.

The Rugger season has started in promising style. A record number of players have turned up for practices and trial games. Two teams will be run this season and we may hope for a successful season. So far three matches have been played :—St. Budeaux were beaten 33—10, and the O.P.M.'s 10—6 ; we lost 11—3 to the Devon Wanderers.

The forwards are a hefty lot and both teams should have good packs when they have had more practice. The three-quarters are rather weak, but one or two promising players have been discovered.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

The season now being finished and our attention turned to football, the sesults of the Depot " A " team are Played 14, Won 6, Lost 7, Drawn 1.

Clr.-Sgt. Gilchrist won the bat presented by Mr. W. Radcliffe, Beech Court, Upper Deal, for the player with the best batting average with a minimum of ten innings.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION).

The season in is full swing. A new committee has been formed and great interest is being shewn by all ranks.

The Squad football competition commences on 26th September, and all Squads having had one or two practice matches by that date, some keen and interesting football is expected.

FOOTBALL (RUGBY).

This, like the Association football is in full swing, and the Committee which has been formed have worked hard and now have a fixture list up to Xmas almost complete. It is hoped to get a good team together judging by the attendance at evening training.

HEARD AT THE DEPOT.

Q.—" What Insurance Society do you belong to ?"

A.—" Ministry of Labour !"

SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held in the Drill Field on Thursday, 25th August, at 1.30 p.m. in universal weather. A very large number of members of the Depot and their friends were present. The officials were divided up into there groups for events, thus giving plenty of time for tea.

The arrangements were all that could be desired and in spite of the rain (which caused three stampedes and behaved very badly during the prize giving) the 37 items were run off well up to time.

Mrs. F. H. Griffiths presented the prizes and was accorded three rousing cheers.

Results :—

Inter-Squad Athletic Challenge Cup.—150 Squad.

Commandant's Cup.—Rect. Harmer, 149 Squad.

Sir Robert Hill's Cup.—Rect. Coleman, 150 Squad.

Coneybeare Cup.—150 Squad.

Cross-country Team Cup.—150 Squad.

Inter-Squad Tug-of-war.—1st, 147 Squad ; 2nd, 152 Squad.

Recruits' Relay Race.—148 Squad.

Recruits' Team Obstacle Race.—148 Squad.

Officers' Cups were awarded to—Rect. Nowlan, 147 ; Rect. Lang, 148 ; Rect. Harmer, 149 ; Rect. Coleman, 150 ; Rect. Way, 151 ; Rect. Warnett, 152 ; Rect. Scott, 153.

Result of Cross-country Race.—1st, Rect. White (W.Os. Cup and Prize;) 2nd, Rect. Harmer, 149 ; 3rd, Rect. Sturla. 1st Team of 6 men, 150 Squad ; 2nd, 149 Squad.

Relay Race open to Garrison.—1st, R.M. ; 2nd, R.A.F.

High Jump (Recruits).—1st, Lang, 148 Squad ; 2nd, Bevan, 149 Squad ; 3rd, Rourke, 150 Squad ; 4th, Hartley, 151 Squad.

Long Jump (Recruits).—1st, Bolton, 148 Squad ; 2nd, Turner, 148 Squad ; 3rd, Ballard, 152 Squad ; 4th, Sweeting, 147 Squad.

100 *Yards (Recruits).*—1st, Warnett, 152 Squad ; 2nd, Bevan, 149 Squad ; 3rd, Sweeting, 147 Squad.

Four-legged Race.—1st, Rects. Turner—Compton—Tattersall, 148 Sqd.; 2nd, L/Cpl. Richards—Sergt. Howard—Sergt. McEwen (P.T. Staff).

100 *Yards, Open to Depot.*—1st, 2/Lieut. Eustace ; 2nd, Corpl. Ayling ; 3rd, L/Corpl. Davis.

220 *Yards (Recruits).*—1st, Warnett, 152 ; 2nd, Huxtable, 148 ; 3rd, Bevan, 149.

Sack Race.—1st, Corpl. Ayling ; 2nd, L/Corpl. Davis ; 3rd, Mne. Perry.

Galley Race.—1st, P.T. Staff (Sergt. Dean) ; 2nd, P.T. Staff (Corpl. Joyce).

440 *Yards (Recruits).*—1st, Lang, 148 ; 2nd, Coleman, 150 ; 3rd, Harmer, 149.

Sergeants' Mess Race.—1st, Sergt. Ashworth ; 2nd, Sergt. Stares ; 3rd, Sergt. Lewthwaite ; 4th, Clr.-Sergt. Walsh.

Sergeants' Children's Race.—GIRLS : 1st, Miss Pawley ; 2nd, Miss Newport ; 3rd, Miss Jeavons. BOYS : 1st, Master Gilchrist ; 2nd, Master Pawley ; 3rd, Master Cavell.

Veterans' Race.—1st, Q.M.S. Taylor ; 2nd, Sergt.-Major Board ; 3rd, Clr.-Sergt. Gilchrist.

Tilting thr Bucket.—1st, Recruits Betts and Maguire ; 2nd, Recruits Coleman and Bennett.

880 *Yards (Open to Depot).*—1st, Mne. Scott ; 2nd, L/Corpl. Davis ; 3rd, 2/Lieut. Eustace.

Inter-Company Relay Race.—1st, "D" Coy ; 2nd, "C" Coy.

Musical Chairs.—1st, Sergt. Mayse ; 2nd, Mne. Kerslake ; 3rd, Rect. Turner, 148.

Pensioners' Race.—1st, Mr. Holloway ; 2nd, Mr. Evenden ; 3rd, Mr. Denhart.

Bumping Competition.—1st, P.T. Staff ; 2nd, Parade Staff.

Inter-Company Tug-of-war.—1st, "A" Coy. ; 2nd, "C" Coy.

880 *Yards (Recruits).*—1st, Harmer, 149 ; 2nd, Lang, 148 ; 3rd, Anstey, 147.

Junior N.C.Os.' Race (Slow Bicycle).—1st, Corpl. Ayling ; 2/Corpl. Townsend ; 3rd, Corpl. Joyce.

Band Race.—1st, Musn. King ; 2nd, Musn. Moulder ; 3rd, Musn. Moore

120 *Yards Hurdle* (*Open to Depot*).—1st, Corpl. Ayling ; 2nd, Mne. Perry ; 3rd, Corpl. Alltimes.
Wheelbarrow Race.—1st, Mnes. Perry and Greenwood ; 2nd, Sergts. Howard and McEwen ; 3rd, Recruits Pepper and Tattersall.
Inter-Squad Relay Race.—1st, 148 Squad ; 2nd, 151 Squad.
Officers' Race.—1st, Lieut. Sillitoe.
One Mile (*Recruits*).—1st, Rect. Coleman, 150 ; 2nd, Rect. Harmer, 149 ; 3rd, Rect. Southerington, 152.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School have this season relegated to Division II. of the United Services League, owing to the shortage of players, and it is hoped that we shall experience a little more success in this section. At present we have not started our fixtures in the League, but several friendly matches have been played. The Boy's teams have entered for various leagues, but owing to the embarkation of the older boys some of our best talent will be absent this season.

WATER POLO.

The School have maintained the usual high standard in the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, and are present holding the position of runners-up in the league. The following are the results up to date :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against	Points
9	8	1	0	48	16	16

R.M. POLICE.

HOLTON HEATH.

At the Annual Fire Drill Competition, held at the R.N. Cordite Factory, Holton Heath, the following team represented the R.M. Police :—Capt. of team, Sergt. C. Dymond ; No. 1, Cons. T. R. Cross ; No. 2, N. Rogers; No. 3, S. Martin ; No. 4, F. Boghurst ; No. 5, A. Bennett ; No. 6, Sergt. S. Parkes, came 3rd in 40$\frac{1}{5}$ seconds, out of eleven teams competing. The drill consisted of : Team of 6 men, with seven 50 feet lengths of hose, standing 30 feet away from hydrant, run out 6 lengths of hose and connect branch pipe. On completion of this, No. 2 runs back to starting point, picks up the 7th length of hose, and replaces 5th length, which has been disconnected to represent a damaged hose. The time for the winning team was 38 seconds.

In the " One Man," dry drill for the Factory Championship, consisting of Man, with one 50 feet length of hose and branch pipe, standing 30 feet from dummy hydrant, unbuckle, and pick up hose and branch pipe, run to hydrant, connect up and run out hose, connect branch pipe, run back to hydrant and turn valve on full, run back pick up branch pipe and direct on target Ply. No. 17. Cons. T. R. Cross, came second in 18 seconds, losing to the winner by the narrow margin of $\frac{1}{5}$ of a second, out of a field of 31 competitors.

The judges were :—Comdr. R. H. Priston, R.N., Asst. Supt. ; Mr. W. T. T. Thompson, O.B.E., Manager, and Capt. A. Underhill, D.S.C., Ch. Insptr. R.M. Police.

At the conclusion, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Desborough, wife of Capt. Desborough, Supt. of Factory.

" Don't spit on the deck ! "
" Whatsamatter, deck leak ? " *Leatherneck.*

R.M.O.C.A.

LONDON.

A very successful concert took place at the Veteran's Club on Monday, the 5th Sept., after the close of our usual monthly meeting, to inaugurate the beginning of the winter season, which was attended in force by the members, their wives and friends. Our energetic Entertainment Secretary " Sam " Weller, had provided for our amusement the Malcolm's Entertainers " The Monocles " and it is not too much to say that it is one of the best combinations of artists in the business. Every item in the programme (which is here appended) was greatly enjoyed and loudly applauded, and this function should prove a good send-off for our winter programme.

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C. 1. Reception 6.30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets price 10/- each can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. E. Marshall, 132 Rosebery Square, E.C. 1, up to Monday, October 17th. All ranks are earnestly invited to attend.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The Annual Church Parade of the Royal Marines' Old Comrades Association, Greenwich, was held on Sunday, 11th September, the eve of the anniversary of General Wolfe's victory and death at Quebec, September 13th, 1759. The service took place at St. Alfege Parish Church, Greenwich, in the crypt of which the body of the gallant soldier lies. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, which was based on " Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ."

During the service, a laurel wreath was laid on Wolfe's tomb by Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., R.M. There were also present, Mr. A. D. Wolfe Aylward (of Westerham) a relative of Wolfe, Mr. T. Emanuel, Vice-Chairman of the Greenwich Branch. Mr. J. Mallard, Hon. Secretary, and about 40 other members. The members of the Old Comrades assembled at the Drill Hall of the 257th Battery (T.F.), R.F.A., South Street, Greenwich, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding, and marched to the church headed by the Band of the R.H. School, also by kind permission of the Superintendent R.H. School.

Old Salt : " That's the " *Helen H.*," as was bound for 'Frisco with corfee."
Deaf Old Gent : " Coffins ? Dear, dear. How odd ! "
Old Salt : " Naw, not coffins. Corfee, what you makes tea of ! " *Leatherneck.*

A well-known official of the Pensacola Telephone Company was rudely awakened from his slumbers by the continued ringing of the telephone. After stumbling over a couple of chairs, he reached the phone.
" Hello " he growled.
" Are you an official of the telephone company ? " asked the voice.
" Yes, what can I do for you ? "
" Tell me " said the voice, " how it feels to get out of bed at three in the morning to answer a wrong number."
Leatherneck.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

VOLS. I. & II. ACCOUNT, 16-5-25 to 14-9-27.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Previously audited	2400	0	10
Bank Interest	16	16	10
Subscriptions	216	18	8
	2633	16	4

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Previously audited	2229	4	8
Bindings	24	12	3
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Postage, carriage, etc.	6	15	0
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Bank Balance	16	9	7
	2633	16	4

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Loans—				Value of Stock	286	7	0
Officers' Mess, Po.	100	0	0	Loan to Vol. III.	60	0	0
R.M. Canteen, Po.	100	0	0	Owing by Subscribers	4	12	6
R.M. Canteen, Depot	100	0	0	Bank Balance	16	9	7
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H. B. FARQUHARSON,
Lt-Gen. R.M. (ret.)

14-9-27.

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Bank Interest	20	0	2
	1140	7	8

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Owing Swiss for bindings and postage	28	6	9				
	£188	2	7		£231	8	1

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Hon. Treasurer.

14-9-27.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL T. W. DOWDING.

General Townley Ward Dowding, who had long and distinguished service with the Marines, died very suddenly at Alverstoke on Sunday.

General Dowding was the son of the Rev. Townley W. Dowding, M.A., St. Peter's, Marlborough, and was born on April 11th, 1847. He joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry in June, 1865, and his early experience of the naval service was in the guardship *Duke of Wellington*, flying Sir James Hope's flag at Portsmouth. The young officer there made many friends, and some of them were with him when he went on foreign service. In the Galeka and Zulu wars of 1877-79, he was one of the officers landed from the corvette *Active*, Commodore Sullivan, first at East London and afterwards at Durban. The Marines disembarked in Natal, garrisoned Fort Pearson, and accompanied Colonel Pearson in his advance towards Ulandi, the Zulu capital. Lieut. Dowding was present in the action at the Inyezane River, where a large Zulu army was defeated, and was with the garrison beleaguered at Etchowe, which was ultimately relieved by Lord Chelmsford. Afterwards he was with General Crealock's column in the march to Port Durnford. He was a capable and brilliant officer, and for his good service in that trying campaign was specially promoted to captain, and subsequently to brevet-major "in recognition of his services in the field in South Africa in the years 1877-78-79." On his return he proceeded to the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for a course of study.

He was always proficient in the routine duties of the Service, and welcomed every opportunity of widening his experience. For three years he was on the Australian Station in the *Nelson*, flying the broad pennant of the Commodore, and on his return was appointed as Major to the flag ship at Sheerness for duties at the barracks and in connexion with surveys and charts. In 1897 he received the Jubilee Medal, and as Lieut.-Colonel and Colonel Second Commandant was, in 1899-1900, Inspector of Marine Recruiting. The openings for the active duties of senior officers of the Royal Marines are compartatively few, and Dowding was not the only officer who regretted that there were few opportunities for the use of his wide experience. But he became Colonel-Commandant of Royal Marines in October, 1900, and, having given proof of high powers in administration and command, was awarded a good service pension in September, 1902. In October of the same year he was promoted to Major-General, and attained General rank in November 1910. He retired on full pay in April, 1911. General Dowding maintained keen interest in the Service to which he had given his

life. He was greatly respected by all who knew his fine character, and he continued to live at Alverstoke, in the vicinity of the great naval port which he knew so well. He married, in 1886, Florence Mary, daughter of the Hon. Walter Lamb, M.L.C., Sydney, New South Wales. She survives him with one son.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke.

GENERAL H. C. EAGLES.

General Henry Cecil Eagles, third son of the late Rev. C. L. Eagles, was born at Longtown Vicarage, Herefordshire, on 25th February, 1855. He was educated at Marlborough College and joined the Corps as Probationary Lieutenant on 1st October, 1873, at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Confirmed as Lieut. he joined the Plymouth Division on 1st July, 1874. He served in *Black Prince* and *Sultan*, Channel and Mediterranean Fleets, from 2nd May, 1877 to 14th June, 1878, when he disembarked to Plymouth Headquarters ; He then served in *Northampton* on the North America and West Indies Station from 26th September, 1879 to 3rd January, 1883. He was promoted to Captain on the 19th January, 1885, and was embarked for service on the West Coast of Scotland in *Assistance*, serving in the R.M. Battalion, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Mackay Heriot, which was employed in maintaining order among the Crofters in the Island of Tiree during the summer of 1886. He was embarked in *Ajax*, a Coast Guard Ship on 1st October, 1886 until 30th September, 1888. He then served at the Plymouth Division until 9th June, 1892, being promoted to Field Rank on 3rd June, 1892, when he was posted to the Portsmouth Division. After seven weeks at Portsmouth Division, he embarked in *Superb*, First Reserve Squadron, on the 1st October, 1892, transferring to *Benbow* of the same squadron in May, 1893. He disembarked to Plymouth Division, having effected an exchange of Divisions, on 4th October, 1894. He was employed on recruiting duty at Exeter from 1st January, 1895, until 7th August, 1896. He embarked in *Duke of Wellington* as Senior R.M. Officer of the Port at Portsmouth on 18th January, 1898, disembarking on promotion to Lieut.-Colonel to Plymouth Division, 23rd May, 1899. Promoted to Colonel 2nd Commandant Plymouth Division, October, 1902, he became Colonel-Commandant of the Division where he had performed nearly all of his shore service on 29th September, 1906.

In February, 1907, T.R.H. The Prince and Princess of Wales inspected the Plymouth Division, being received by the Colonel-Commandant in command of the Royal Marines on parade.

Subsequent promotions were :—Major-General, 14th July, 1909 ; Lieut.-General, 21st November, 1910 and General, 11th April, 1912.

General Eagles married on 2nd June, 1885, Amy, daughter of T. W. Fox of Hoe House, Plymouth. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

General Eagles was a keen supporter of Lord Roberts' scheme, and during the Great War got many of the neighbouring farmers, etc., to join up.

A keen supporter of the British Legion, he was the original Secretary and later a Vice-President of the Yelverton branch.

He was Inspecting Officer of the Plymouth Defence Force (afterwards the Volunteer Training Corps).

He was one of the keenest of sportsmen ; his principal recreations being Shooting and Golf, but his greatest hobby was fishing. His prowess as an angler was so well-known that he was often known as the "Otter." He was a well-known hand at tying flies, from the bigger salmon flies to the tiny gnats and midges. He used his skill at this art to raise money for the Red Cross Soldier's Tobacco Fund, and other War Charities with great financial success. He was also a keen cricketer and archer.

The funeral took place on 6th August, 1927, at Buckland Monachorum Church. Staff-Sergeants of the Royal Marines acted as Bearers. The Yelverton Branch of the British Legion sent representatives with their banner, which was lowered when the Last Post was sounded by two R.M. Buglers.

By General Eagles' death on 3rd August, 1927, not only has the Plymouth Division and the Corps lost a real friend, but very many Plymouthians have sustained a great loss. He was beloved by all who knew him. His interest in his old Division and Corps lasted throughout his life ; he loved to come into barracks and talk over old times. On the occasion of the inspection of the Plymouth Division by General Sir A. Godley, G.O.C.-in-C., Southern Command, he was invited by the Inspecting Officer to accompany him to the Saluting Base, and the whole Division felt proud to see him there. Were one asked to write an epitaph, it would be a quotation from Leigh Hunt " He loved his fellow-men."

J. R. James (late Ply. 20623, Mne.) died 12th Sept., 1927, at 11 Durnford Street, Stonehouse, after a long illness. He was discharged invalided from Royal Marines, 26-2-27.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st August, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
BENNETT, W. ..	20542	Mne.	R.M.A.	10 Coy.	11-8-27
BROWN, J. ..	15866	Mne.	Ports.	3470	22-8-27
BROWN, W. ..	15502	Mne.	R.M.A.	254	27-8-27
CLARKE, C. ..	15477	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	1396	12-8-27
CLARKE, W. J. ..	17259	Q.M.S.	Depot	248	10-8-27
CROTAZ, J. ..	16059	Mne.	Ports.	8374	30-8-27
DYER, J. ..	6785	Mne.	Ply.	628	19-8-27
DAVIDSON, W. ..	10510	Mne.	Chat.	7958	27-8-27
GORMLEY, T. ..	8686	Sergt.	Ply.	3354	24-8-27
HOPGOOD, W. H.	12213	Musn.	Ports.	1422	24-8-27
HARWOOD, J. ..	12878	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	883	8-8-27
HYMERS, C. ..	13519	L/Sgt.	Ply.	947	12-8-27
LUXTON, A. ..	8264	Mne.	Ply.	35 Coy.	21-5-27
LAUREL, H. ..	10380	Mne.	Chat.	D Coy.	28-8-27
MALLISON, C. ..	16675	Mne.	Chat.	45 Coy.	21-7-27
MAYELL, J. ..	20751	Mne.	Ports.	1539	15-8-27
MURDOCK, W.	21028	Mne.	Depot	535	21-8-27
PYNE, G. ..	8200	Sergt.	R.M.A.	469	22-8-27
SKETCHLEY, G.	14899	Mne.	Ply.	1504	17-8-27
WILKINS, L. ..	11208	Mne.	Ply.	E Coy.	13-8-27
WRIGHT, A. J. ..	17168	Mne.	Ports.	7222	5-8-27
WALLIS, J. ..	11669	Driver	Ply.	265	19-8-27
YOUNG, E. ..	729	Sergt.	Ports.	989	27-8-27



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Qr.-Mr.) H. G. W. Beard, Deal, to Lieut.-Col. (Qr.-Mr.). Dated 24-8-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

To Proby. 2nd Lieuts. dated 1-9-27 :— R. G. Parks-Smith (Ply.), J. A. Bullock (Ply.), W. H. N. Martin (Po.), C. S. Watson (Po.), G. B. Grant (Ch.), P. R. G. Hoare (Ch.), D. L. C. Duncan (Ch.).

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. C. T. Brown to *Emperor of India*, vice Jones. Date of joining.

Capt. G. S. Hayman to remain in *Royal Sovereign*, on reduction to 2/5th complement.

Capt. A. B. F. Alcock, D.S.C., to *Furious* for full flying duties in 462 Flight. Dated 1-9-27.

Capts. L. Mercer, Lieuts. C. T. L. Holford and G. Hill, and Cd. R.M. Gunr. F. C. Waters to *Queen Elizabeth* on commissioning.

Capt. E. J. O. Ellison (*Argus*) to *Vivid*, addl. for *Courageous*, and for full flying duties in 446 Flight.

Capt. A. B. Woodhall (*Furious*) to *Eagle* for full flying duties in 460 Flight.

Capt. R. H. S. Teek to *Revenge*, vice Hollis. Date of joining.

Capt. H. M. A. Day, A.M. (*Tamar*) to *Hermes* for full flying duties in 403 Flight.

Capt. R. W. Gordon to *Eagle* for full flying duties in 421 B. Flight (tempy.).

Lieut. J. M. Fuller, to *Vivid*, addl., for *Courageous*, and for full flying duties in 464 Flight.

Lieut. O. C. Jones (*Hermes*) to *Vivid*, addl. for *Courageous*, and for full flying duties in 406 Flight.

Lieut. R. C. Giles (*Furious*) to *Vivid*, addl. for *Courageous*, and for full flying duties in 404 A. Flight.

Lieut. R. M. Giddy (*Furious*) to *Vivid*, addl. for *Courageous*, and for full flying duties in 445 Flights.

Lieut. S. C. Woolley (*Eagle*) to *Furious*), and for full flying duties in 443 A. Flight.

Proby. Lieut. M. Archdall to *Iron Duke*, vice Marchant. Date of joining.

Proby. Lieut. G. F. Burnett to *Repulse*, vice Whitmarsh. Date of joining.

Proby. Lieut. R. W. B. Simonds to *Valiant*, vice Walker. Date of embarkation.

Proby. Lieut. A. J. Harvey to *Barham*, vice Pugh. Date of embarkation.

Comd. R.M. Gunr. A. F. Vickery to *Rodney*, on commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Capts. F. R. Jones and L. C. Hollis have been selected for Naval Staff Course, 1927-28.

Capt. E. E. Johnson has been selected to undergo Gunnery Staff Course (mobile portion only), cmg. 26th September, 1927, at the Artillery College, Woolwich.

Capts. M. H. Spicer, Lieuts. R. C. Bullock, W. P. N. Dean, K. L. M. Cooper, and J. C. Cairncross have been selected to undergo a course at School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, commg. 29th September, '27.

Lieuts. M. Marchant, W. F. P. Whitmarsh, R. A. Edmondson and B. G. Ralfs have been selected to undergo the Qualifying Course for Instructor of Gunnery from 26-9-27 to 17-2-28.

Capts. L. Mercer and V. D. Thomas passed in a "Creditable" and "Very Creditable" manner, respectively, for the appointment of Adjutant. Dated 13th September, 1927.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. W. E. Pepper (*Colombo*), W. T. Attwood (12th R.M. Battalion).

Q.M.S., 1st Q.M. Dept.—Clr.-Sgt. E. J. Pordage.

Sergt.—Corpls. W. P. J. Bishop (*Pembroke*), H. C. Flack (*Vindictive*).

Corpl.—Mnes. W. C. Hatcher (H.Q.), W. A. Wright (H.Q.), F. V. Holland (H.Q.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Gun Battery Staff.—Sergt. J. Butler.
Clerk, Comdts. Office.—Corpl. C. A. Kerridge.
Sergt. Cook.—Sergt. G. H. Dennis.
Motor Driver.—Mne. J. H. Savage.
Dining Hall Attendt.—Mne. F. Brown.
Games Storeman.—Mne. W. Smith.
Assistant Gardener.—Mne. J. C. Burfoot.
Marker, Fort Borstal.—Mne. W. T. Ginn.

EMBARKATIONS.

Repulse—Mnes. J. P. McGuire, L. E. Blackstone, V. Filtcher, A. J. White, J. H. Grimsey. **Canterbury**—Corpl. A. W. F. Putnam, Musn. A. Heal, S. W. Trappitt. **Royal Oak**—Mne. G. N. Durrant. **Marlborough**—Corpls. A. E. Blackham, S. D. Richardson, Mne. W. E. Sweetingham, W. A. Bailey, W. S. Goodchild. **Cambrian**—Corpls. T. C. G. Coole, F. J. Garney, Mne. J. Maroney. **Pembroke**—Mnes. R. B. L. Lovern, E. E.V. Druce, H. A. Wheatley, A. S. Carlisle, L. F. C. Denson, A. Moore, Corpl. F. J. Chandler, H. W. Solby, H. V. Hesketh, J. H. Dunn. **Ganges**—Mnes. W. Loon, Buglr. G. T. Ward, Corpl. C. G. Claydon. **Benbow**—Bglr. R. V. E. West. **Calypso**—Seggt. J. R. Shrive, Corpls. C. F. Sheppard, H. T. Gordon, J. C. Clark, T. A. Mayo, A. E. Frances, R. Wilson, W. G. Lightfoot, H. W. Bartlett, Wm. Wise, H. Joyce, R. R. S. Clark, E. E. Whibley, J. Grun, L. L. Burgoyne, A. C. Heritage, J. D. Ratcliffe, F. E. Froughton, A. Brown, C. Graham, E. Dugan, H. J. Hawkett, G. G. Bawkett, A. H. Madil, H. P. Richardson, W. E. Pugh, J. J. Ackerman, C. W. F. Jackson, H. G. Pollock, A. G. W. Speary, A. F. C. Benham, J. Harvey, A. G. Harman, A. E. E. Pillett, F. Lilbury, A. E. Harris. **Caradoc**—Clr.-Sgt. C. J. Buddell, Mnes. H. Jones, A. E. Tricker, W. M. Hailstone, Wm. Dolamore, J. W. Franklin, G. Coker, S. G. Arthy, G. C. Clark, Wm. Nuttall, H. Hutchinson, H. Rogers, W. Hopkins, S. E. Ferguson, V. A. Sullivan, C. Gale. **Fisgard**—Corpl. R. A. Hedges, Mne. J. Holbrow. **Ramillies**—Mnes. S, W. Wallace, W. Cardwell, A. J. Baker, E. W. Ryves, J. T. Stokes, S. Willett, H. Headland, R. J. C. Weeks, F. R. Ligertwood. **Victory**—Mnes. C. E. Humphrey, J. Onions, T. G. Perry, T. Taylor, S. H. Milton, A. Potts, M. J. Hancock, R. D. Roos, T. J. Horsnell, H. F. Fuller, J. E. Evans. **Concord**—Mnes. A. F. Key, W. Hossack, J. Holcroft, Wm. Roberts.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Mne. Wm. Dolamore. **Calypso**—Sergt. S. J. Dunk, Corpls. E. E. Rigsby, H. Moizer, Mnes. S. Wright, A. E. Finch, S. Catlow, W. Clark, C. C. Marby, J. Cooper, W. J. Green, F. J. Gleed, L. J. Mitchell, A. Badrick, C. E. Ellen, R. H. Bullen, C. C. Sargent, Wm. Wright, F. W. Lunnacliffe, L. Warren, L. C. Hall, C. W. Howard S. J. Glass, A. F. Herbert, A. J. Kempster, A. E. Dyer, D. E. Fitton, B. Rigsby, G. R. Boniface, W. A. Dinwoodie, R. A. Jolly, J. L. Edwards. **Benbow**—Mnes. A. E. Chapman, P. G. G. Bailey. **Pembroke**—Sergts. A. Landridge, J. Ashton, W. E. Turner, A. V. Quarrington, W. P. Bishop, Corpl. C. V. Blythe, Mnes. A. W. Hammond, F. E. Knowles, H. W. Solly, H. V. Hesketh, J. H. Dunn, A. C. Smith.. **Marlborough**—Corpl. H. Andrews, C. J. Garrard, Mnes. P. S. Mason, W. Child, Bglr. S. N. Sergeant. **Repulse**—Mnes. H. G. Oakly, R. E. Riddel, J. H. Wallington, Bglr. W. Goodchild. **Cambrian**—Mne. J. Scott. **Canterbury**—Mne. W. E. Wells. **Caledon**—Mne. R. D. Smith, A. T. Attryde, W. H. Coleman.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. W. Shipley, S. Floyd, W. E. Wells, A. V. Bones, W. Cade, F. C. Shaw.

2nd Period.—Clr.-Sgt. A. Baker, Sergt. A. C. Rutland, Corpl. W. F. Brown, Clr.-Sgt. G. W. Finnis.

Invalided.—Mnes. C. Green, C. J. N. Webb, C. H. Cleghorn, H. C. Raven, B. W. Baker, W. S. Caswell.

By Purchase.—Corpls. G. V. Gray, J. A. Howard.

PORTSMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell, A. E. R. Howard.

Sergts. qualified for promotion to Clr.-Sgt.—John Matthews, S. L. Jones, A. H. Parsons, G. T. Norman, Herbert Mann, M.S.M , H. R. Stevens.

Corpls. qualified for promotion to Sergt.—L. E. Lock, A. W. Brinkman, F. V. Borrett, W. I. Everitt (has yet to pass Naval Gunnery), J. M. Masters, Henry Norris.

Mnes. qualified for promotion to Corpl.—John Reynolds, C. J. Avey, G.V. Cornelious, P.T. Wigginton (has not qualified Q.M.), G. A. Travers, F. G. Mills (has not yet qualified Q.M.)

APPOINTMENTS.

Signalling Instructor.—Sergt. A. J. W. Foster.

Attendant, Recreation Room.—Mne. S. Bonfield.

Motor Driver.—Mne. A. V. Gregory.

Motor Ambulance Driver.—Mne. G. W. Coombes.

Motor Transport Driver.—Mne. T. G. Gyne.

EMBARKATIONS.

Nelson—Clr.-Sgt. C. E. Budd, Sergt. R. Bailey, F. E. Hanham, Ed. Weight, F. Arnold, R. Gardiner, Corpls. W. J. Desmond, H. J. Kieller, W. S. Clowes, W. T. Trick, O. R. Dyett, S. A. Northover, J. S. Heaton, Mnes. D. W. Davies, A. J. Dear, S. C. Matthews, C. T. March, H. R. Brown, J. H. Pratt, C. H. Todd, J. A. Stibbs, E. G. Moore, C. G. McCulloch, I. A. Taylor, L. N. Mason, F. Newman, S. Sunter, A. W. Budd, E. G. Bunce, D. O'Conner, A. L. Steer, W. E. Wyatt, W. A. Dacher, A. A. Allison, V. G. Smeethe, Thom. Seldon, G. Warner, R. Henry, W. G. Squire, J. Darragh, F. T. Pearce, Joseph Pearce, A. J. Pettit, S. E. Sheppard, C. H. Hurley, F. H. Earley, J. J. Wells, W. C. Mills G. Pead, Arthur Maugham, W. Galbraith, G. J. Hill, H. C. Potter, Wm. Moore, W. J. Gregg, F. J. Jackson, E. C. Smith, H. F. Fudge, W. A. Beckett, A. W. Grimble, G. W. Gurney, Fredk. Jones, J. G. Mackie, E. L. Bartlett, Robt Arnold, H. E. Davies, W. H. Carter, F. J. Nicol, J. S. Kevan, Alec Moore, W. J. G. Brown, Harold Brown, Ed. Bourke, E. J. H. Worgan, F. W. Gates, T. A. Hulme, A. R. Hudson, A. R. Stevens, W. W. Power, H. J. Sexton, H. W. G. Pike, T. H. Edgill, C. W. Luck, H. D. Woodford, F. J. Trogue, F. W. Hay, C. A. Holter, A. A. E. Donkin, W. R. Seddon, W. A. Smith, Les Gander, P. G. Marsh, Chris. Flood, H. F. Lee, T. J. Davis, Arch Cumming, W. G. King, H. J. Shott, W. R. McGregor, E. W. Haines, A. Burridge, P. C. King, L. W. Mills, B. J. Booth, Ed. Catteral, J. F. Tyers, F. A. Brint, G. Allntt, H. J. Edwards, R. B. Mutch, W. E. Howard, A. G. Reid, Bglrs. C. V. Ward, E. J. Sawford. **Egmont**—Sergts. A. S. G. Dolman, Wm. Oakley, H. G. Peck, Corpls. H. Martin, S. W. Wyatt, Mnes. W. J. Nicholas, F. T. Jennings, J. H. Harrison. **Revenge**—Sergts. C. J. Elliott, Mnes. W. T. Heathman, Hy. Brooks, Clr.-Sgt. O. Perkins. **Champion**—Mne. E. Howell. **Cormorant**—Corpl. C. Symes, Mnes. A. W. Blacker, Alfred Walsh, A. R. Rowley, G. H. Wakeham. **Furious**—Corpl. J. D. L. Press, Mnes. Eric Wood, D. J. Tolley, Arth. Gilbert, A. P. Hockey, J. W. C. Moat, F. H. Moore, H. G. Trevett, E. A. Robson, F. J. Farrow, H. J. Phipps, E. C. Torrington, Robt. Stewart. **Ganges**—Mne. F. W. J. Howell, **Warspite**—Mnes. J. J. Hopkins, A. H. Merckel. **Dolphin**—Mne. Thorne, Bglr. F. H. Bungay. **Fisgard**—Corpl. J. Dawkins, Mnes. J. R. Owens, A. S. Turner. **Curocoa**—Mnes. Dew, Smithen. **Iron Duke**—Mnes. H. E. Austin, J. R. Hall, J. R. Newman-Buckett, G. L. Marston, W. W. Rells, Reg Woolley, E. F. Bancroft, M. R. Bryne, D. P. Enser, Harry Baskeyfield, G. Little, C. L. S. Wood, C. W. Noorris. **Renown**—Mnes. G. O. Leach, L. P. Picton, F. E. Clark, Wm. Dowling, Saml. Allsop, J. W. Bonnard, H. J. Tapp, Patk. South, C. Carson, G. W. Brown, G. H. Harris, J. Garratt, J. R. Trodd, L. Musselwhite, P. E. Hutchins, W. Jackson, Reg Street, L. G. Gentle, C. O. Tucker, G. E. Myers, E. J. G. Harris, A. J. Hollis, E. H. Grant, A. H. S. Green. **Sandhurst**—Mne. E. G. Tolfree. **Queen Elizabeth**—Corpl. A. Grindey, Mnes. H. O. Kent, F. E. Purkiss, W. J. Kearns, A. P. Dauvin, P. L. Ruffles, L. Marsh, H. Thompson, L. F. Seldon, C. A. Peters, A. V. Pottinger, Fredk. Ware. **Victory**—Mnes. J. C. Whitecross, J. R. Mottram, C. H. Swinbourne, Scott Muncaster, W. E. Driver, R. W. Stockton, Joseph Waters, Robin Williams, H. L. S. Ball, W. J. Willoughby. **Tiger**—Mne. J. L. Davies. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. Beal. **Dryad**—Sergt. J. Matthews. **Barham**—Mne. A. C. Denyer.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Renown—Corpl. Hunt, Pritlove, Mnes. H. C. Goodall, R. Radford, F. L. Garrand, G. S. Wood, H. W. Nash, P. W. McIlmail, A. F. Bate, H. J. Creed, W. H. Price, L. R. Beasley, W. E. Yates, R. A. Turner, Wm. Priestland, H. W. Oldfield, H. D. Minchew, Wm. Findlay, Robin Thompson, E. F. Marsh, J. Jerron, T. Meakin, J. J. Curry. **Dartmouth**—Sergts. H. F. Bignell, Mnes. P. H. Smith, L. F. Seldon, J. Grayer, C. A. Peters, E. J. King, F. A. Jordon, A. V. Pottinger, J. H. Whatley. **Revenge**—Clr.-Sgt. Wright, S. W. Kingswell, Sergt. P. G. T. Pitherall, Corpl. H. S. P. Stevens, Mnes, W. J. Willoughby, Robt. Cussach, H. L. Ball, J. W. Tims, G. A. Taylor, A. H. C. Faulkner, J. Rummery, A. E. Baxter, E. P. Wooldridge, T. H. Tomes, C. Hall, F. M. D. Tallent, G. R. Sayers, H. H. Douse, C. Kelly, V. H. Hamilton, A. C. Osborne, T. Green, S. F. Browne, W. J. Dennis, A. H. House, E. W. Biles, A. McThomas, E. Bond, C. H. Maxwell, T. T. Craig, F. H. Ankers, J. Cole, J. Richardson, W. A. Sefton, H. Lewty, S. B. Bacon, E. T. Brant. **Fisgard**—Corpl. G. Shilling. **Iron Duke**—Mnes. J. Davin, L. M. Abbs, W. E. Arris, H. J. Sitton, E. E. Dowse, A.E. Reed, T. Newbiggen, J. Fletcher, E. E. Wright, W. Chandler, J. Monkman, C. E. Butler, H. J. Brown, A. E. P. Reed. **Adventure**—Mne. F. E. White, **Dolphin**—Mne. F. E. MaKenzie. **Curocoa**—Mnes. T. G. Pembroke, G. Mitchell. **Furious**—Corpl. Holden, Mnes. S. P. Cooper, Wm. Thompson, J. R. Mottram, C. Cardy, C. E. Coleman, A. H. White, C. Usher, F. E. Pratt, W. H. Freemantle, E. G. Gough, Bglr. Dollery. **Champion**—Mne. A. Perfitt. **Cardiff**—Clr.-Sgt. Hancock. **Effingham**—Sergts. H. Watts, A. L. Hockin, Corpls. J. H. Harrison, F. Green, Albert Rosier, Mnes. Arth. Jolly, P. E. Simmonds, L. D. Warren, W. G. Baxter, W. Slade, J. McBride, T. J. Carey, E. A. Knight, C. E. Davey, R. J. Mann, F. W. Fishlock, V. W. Allnat, H. G. Towells, A. M. Dixon, A. G. Belton, A. V. Knowlton, H. W. Gough, Wm. Metcalf, S. A. Longman, J. Inness, F. W. Gronett, A. J. Roberts, A. H. Corbyn, W. G. Ashford, Ed. Whealing, A. C. Leftley, G. H. Samuels. **Tiger**—Mne. F. B. Rowlatt. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. L. G. Upson, Bglr. F. H. Passenage. **Vicotry**—Mne. G. Matthews. Mne. A. L. Sneddon. **Nelson**—Mne. W. E. Howard.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **Barham** to **Egmont.**—Mnes. J. H. Avey, Charles Milnes, S. L. Ball, P. W. Powell.

From **Tamar** to **Argus.**—Mne. C. F. Rock.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 1st period.—Mnes. H. Steele, C. G. Bushnell, E. Osbourne, E. Rouse, Chas. Usher.

Termination of 2nd period.—Mne. J. McGregor, Corpl. William Bradley.

Invalided.—Mnes. R. H. Leach, G. R. C. Hardy, Bglr. F. H. Parsonage Mne. H. S. Buerdsell.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergeants.—H. V. Thorne, E. W. Gould, H. Wright, W. D. Kimber, R. S. Bray, K. McK. Johnson.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, H. Staughton, F. W. Smith, C. Tugwell.

Corporals.—H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, A. J. Evans, R. McFarlane, F. A. Pearce.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergeant.—Sergts. J. A. Gordon, F. Phillips.

To Sergeant.—Corpls. W. A. J. Parnham, J. Baldwin.

To Corporal.—Mne. E. E. Edwards.

APPOINTMENTS.

Attdt. to Lieut. M. Clarke.—Mne. G. Bell.

Range Carpenter.—Mne. F. G. Bradley.

Library Attendant.—Mne. P. T. Greening.

Attdt. to Major Jukes Hughes, O.B.E.—Mne. W. Connor.

Pioneer.—Mne. F. Horwell.

Armourer, Gun Battery.—Corpl. J. W. Kimber.

Attdt. to Lieut. Power.—Mne. E. Matthews.

Senior Printer, Comdt.'s Office.—Sergt. R. J. Tozer.

Bath House Man.—Mne. A. G. Pope.

Attdt. to Lieut. Lennox.—Mne. E. D. Oates.

Attdt. to Lieut. Kitchin.—Mne. H. C. Latreille.

Attdt. to Colonel F. H. Griffiths.—Mne. F. G. Tucker.

Gunnery Instructor.—Sergt. V. J. Ledger.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. A. McTighe.

Training as Clerk.—Mne. H. S. Hamer.

EMBARKATIONS.

Adventure—Mnes. J. Bowler, R. J. Shepperd. **Carysfort**—Sergt. J. A. Gordon, Corpl. A. E. Heath. **Comus**—Mnes. G. H. Wells, D. T. J. Wennacott, L. B. Collman, L. D. V. Perry. **Cornwall**—Sergt. W. Ross, Corpl. N. R. Matthews, Mnes. E. F. Clover, G. F. Deville, T. Molley, W. Dudley, H. Collins, E. Aspin, S. Hughes, W. T. Strawford, W. H. Miller, J. Owens, H. Read, W. P. Spender, T. Boylan, W. Cox, S. G. Mason, A. E. Billett, W. H. Bradley, D. O. Woodridge, A. E. Elliott, A. E. Ruthven, W. Pollett, C. A. Wellington. **Eagle**—Mne. F. V. Woodfield. **Emperor of India**—Corpl. G. Brookman, Mnes. A. E. Screach, W. Hughes, L. S. Collett, W. F. Williams, C. Prescett. **Erebus**—Bug. W. H. Partridge. **Fisgard**—Mnes. W. J. Hennessy, E. G. Davidson. **Hood**—Mnes. T. W. Armstrong, T. H. Ruse, W. W. Lavercombe. **Impregnable**—Sergt. T. H. Radcliffe, Mnes. T. H. Perry, H. V. Dudman. **Osprey**—Corpl. H. J. N. Healing, Mnes. R. Criddle, A. Brett, D. Sheridan. **Rodney**—Sergt. C. F. Williams, Corpl. W. H. Dutton, Mnes. I. G. Jones, H. V. S. Limb, J. Farley, W. E. Barrett, P. J. Heather, A. Charlton, R. Herler, T. Challoner, C. T. M. Rickards, M. Bridgen, C. E. Gooderham, C. W. Meadows, W. Garrett, W. E. Nash, D. O'Connor, A. T. Crannaford, J. Boulton, F. G. Tucker, K. Sargent, A. E. Holley, E. G. Williams, J. Mulgrew, P. T. J. Harryman, S. Short, E. F. J. Neal, H. Ferguson, S. Caudell. **Sandhurst**—Mne. E. J. Tolfree. **Tamar**—Mne. A. C. Sillence.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Adventure—Corpl. W. Hartnell. **Erebus**—Corpl. W. Gallin, Mnes. L. B. Collins, R. Hibberd. **Emperor of India**—Mnes. A. H. Bourton, E. G. Brimblecombe, W. McQuade. **Renown**—Buglers G. N. Bremner, F. G. Robins, P. L. Muldowney, J. Vince, A. Elliott, Corpls. W. A. Jeffery, W. Bryant, Mnes. J. F. Field, G. F. Lyon, A. W. Jones, C. Karkeek, H. Cleaver, W. Cole, J. E. Maker, H. C. Willis, J. M. Ratley, A. C. Chidgey, D. Neal, W. Cooper, A. C. Febrey, R. Davidson, F. Ambrose, A. Sanders, F. Willoughby. **Tamar**—Sergt. S. Stewart. **Hood**—Mnes. T. W. Crane, C. H. O'Brien. **Calypso**—Mne. S. Millar. **Carysfort**—Sergt. E. J. Humphries. **Colossus**—Mne. J. Warren. **Comus**—Mnes. W. H. Dempster, A. Sandle, S. H. Worth, J. C. French. **Caradoc**—C/Sergt. G. L. Barks, Corpls. F. T. Cosy, J. Little, S. Connell, B. G. Tugwell, Bugler F. A. V. Rudge, Mnes. H. W. Smith, W. J. Hartwill, A. J. Baker, G. W. Pope, A. W. Pearce, A. G. Weaver, S. Dowse, J. Desmond, W. F. Dorman, H. Newton, A. Bethell, C. Salter, J. Winterbottom, E. W. Evans, W. H. Wooders, T. L. Hunter, G. Dollar, J. H. Guy, V. F. W. Towner, C. Rampton, B. Allen, P. J. Dungey, J. S. Walker, F. J. Clark, H. H. Harvey, J. Edmonds, P. H. Evans, S. Beech, E. W. Pearce, A. Norris, J. T. Woolway, A. Osborne, A. E. Porter, B. D. Hayward, A. D. McKendrick. **Cornwall**—Sergt. W. Ross, Corpl. N. R. Matthews, Mnes. A. E. Ruthven, T. Molley, H. Collins, W. Pollett, C. A. Wellington, T. Boylan, A. E. Elliott, W. T. Strawford, J. Owens, S. Hughes, H. Read, G. T. Deville, E. F. Glover, S. G. Mason, W. Dudley, W. P. Spender, W. H. Miller, D. O. Woodridge, W. Cox, W. H. Bradley, E. Aspin, A. E. Billett. **Malabar**—Mnes. J. E. Easton, J. H. Spiller. **Impregnable**—Sergt. R. J. Tozer. **Osprey**—J. A. J. Smith, F. Bailey, C. H. Strong, Corpl. H. Greenwood. **Furious**—Mne. W. G. Goddard. **Effingham**—Mne. J. Ingle.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Clr.-Sergts. T. H. Convery, E. H. Precious ; Sergts. P. G. Watering, E. J. Humphries ; Mnes. G. H. Elliott, W. F. Norris, G. Hall, G. Horne.

1st Period.—Mnes. A. Leworthy, H. C. Brown.

Invalided.—Mne. J. Harris.

By Purchase.—Mne. R. Brown.

D.D.—Corpl. A. H. Tull.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Barrack Carpenter.—Mne. A. J. Sneath.

Coy. Q.M.S.—Clr.-Sgt. G. H. Barrett.

Bath-house man.—Mne. W. H. Paine.

Pioneer.—Mne. G. F. Roberts.

M.T.I. (M.).—Clr.-Sgt. C. R. Walsh.

Cook.—Mne. J. Whaley.

Attendt. to W.O.'s.—Mne. J. W. Cropper.

M.O.A. to Major C. H. Coode—Mne. L. G. Care.

Engineman, Swimming Bath.—Mne. A. Fleurs.

M.O.A. to Col. F. H. Griffiths.—Mne. F. G. Tucker.

Boats Crew.—Mne. S. G. Peppard

Pioneer.—Mne. R. S. Bowie.

Sergt. Cook.—Clr.-Sgt. A. A. Blandford.

DISCHARGES.

Pension.—Clr.-Sgt. G.W. Finnis, Clr.- Sgt. C. W. F. Gilchrist, Corpl. W. F. Brown.

1st Period.—Mnes. E. Rouse, J. J. Webster, R. H. Christman.

Invalided.—Mnes. H. C. Raven, C. H. Cleghorn, L. F. Tranter.

N.L.B.E.—Mne. S. F. Blackmore.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Sergt. A. Stares, Corpls. H. E. Weale and E. Ayling, Mnes. R. L. Harvey, J. R. Prendergast, P. L. Wraight and J. H. Polley.

To Portsmouth.—C.S.M. A. E. Sincalir, Sergts. C. Potter and T. W. Paddon, Corpl. W. J. Trinder, Mnes. H. J. Oram and W. G. Hanham.

To Plymouth.—Sergt. H. Henwood, Corpl. A. F. Booth, L/Cpl. R. J. Brooks, and Mne. R. G. Burt.

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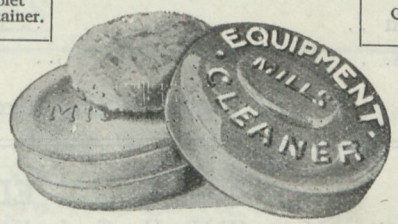
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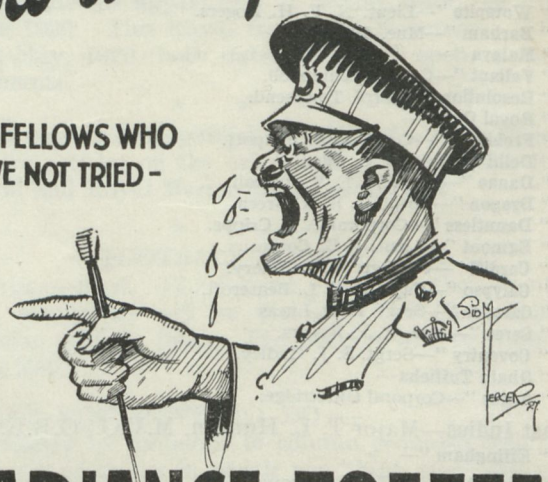
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We are saving space for the first of a series of instructive articles, entitled "Plymouth to Pootung and back by Liner."

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At the ceremony of the Enthronement of the new Bishop of Portsmouth, the Band of the R.N. School of Music took part in the procession. It is probably historically unique for a service band to take part in a religious ceremony of this sort, but in this case the inclusion of a Royal Marine Band was most apt, as Portsmouth though the junior see is the premier sea-port.

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If the small quantity of news received for the Per Mare section of the paper this month can be taken as a gauge, then life at sea must be particularly stagnant at present. We should welcome a little more co-operation from Royal Marines generally in compiling their own journal.

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By General Gatliff's death the *Globe and Laurel* has lost a friend, who always took a lively interest in the welfare of the Corps Journal, to which in its infancy he was good enough to give the benefit of his literary experience and talent.

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We are glad to welcome back to England Lieut.-Col. Lampen and some 400 of all ranks of the 12th Battalion, R.M. We hope they are only the Advanced Guard, and that the remainder of the battalion will be home soon.

We are saving space for the first of a series of instructive articles, entitled "Plymouth to Pootung and back by Liner."

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At the ceremony of the Enthronement of the new Bishop of Portsmouth, the Band of the R.N. School of Music took part in the procession. It is probably historically unique for a service band to take part in a religious ceremony of this sort, but in this case the inclusion of a Royal Marine Band was most apt, as Portsmouth though the junior see is the premier sea-port.

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If the small quantity of news received for the Per Mare section of the paper this month can be taken as a gauge, then life at sea must be particularly stagnant at present. We should welcome a little more co-operation from Royal Marines generally in compiling their own journal.

The mercenary spirit must, we are afraid, be very strong in matters literary. The offer of a £50 prize for an essay recently caused quite a large boom in the pen, ink, and paper trade. This same trade, however, is unaffected when we ask for gratuitous contributions to the Corps journal.

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From a letter received from our old friend Reynolds (page 229), it would now appear that the Royal Marine first made his appearance at Ichang after the war in June 1920. This leaves from 12th November, 1918 to 31st May, 1920 (both dates inclusive) open to further claimants.

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On page 229 we publish the first of a series of informative articles on the origin and objects of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Benevolent Trust.

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FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

Prizes—First, £2; Second, £1. In the event of ties, the prizes will be divided. The Hon. Editor's decision will be final. The coupon will be found on page 234.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO:—

Indicate by numerals in column provided, the order of merit of teams in which you think they will be at midnight on 31st December, 1927. Sign the coupon and post to Hon. Editor *Globe and Laurel*, Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth. Mark the envelope "Football" in top left hand corner. Envelopes to be postmarked not later than 14th December, 1927. NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK LETTERS on back of envelopes.

Coupons that have been altered or damaged or do not comply with the above simple rules will be consigned ek. dum to the W.P.A.

It is hoped to have a series of competitions, provided sufficient interest is taken.

The Services Sports Diary (1928) will be ready early in December, and the price remains the same as in the past. Obtainable from any N.A.A.F. Institute or the N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters.

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Delete "A.F. Autumn Cruise" and substitute "Rain and Gunnery". However, there is now a lull, some of us being so fortunate as to renew our acquaintance with Edingrad, and to forget, *temporarily*, anything of a calibre above .303, saving the lucky Wights (of whom deponent is one) belonging to the C. in C.'s Camp-followers. We transfer to "*Nelson*" on Trafalgar Day and are eagerly anticipating another "R. and G." programme, already prepared for us by "*Nelson*", during November at Portland.

We were all pleased to see "*Renown's*" Tug-of-War team literally walk away with it at the Invergordon Gathering and the Inverness Highland Meeting: their defeat of the Black Watch and the "*Revenge*" (now only a shadow of their former greatness — Hon. Ed. please note—) aroused much enthusiasm amongst the Clansmen. There will not, repeat not, be a Battle of Nigg this year, *but* the 2/Cameron Highlanders and 2 companies of R.M. are billed to be thrown on to a hostile beach at Largo Bay on the 18th October at 0530 (where's that rum ration?) after spending the night on deck in destroyers of which more anon.

Turning to more serious matters. Our bands have been lately more than pulling their weight (elsewhere than in the T.S.). The "Manhattan Boys" have been greatly in demand by the ladies of Ross-shire, the massed bands of the 3rd B.S. rounded off the Invergordon Gathering with great success while Mr. Green and his artists are by now an integral part of Cromarty Burgh. En fin, we have tried to show the Cock of the North how to crow contrapuntally.

From "*Revenge*" to "*Nelson*" — "To you with failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high"

"**Revenge**"

The Autumn Cruise is getting worn out, and all our Firings for 1927 are finished, and our turret-sweepers have dropped back into their usual routine, (Ah! you thought we were going to say Training Pockets, didn't you?)

We have that painful month to do at Portland in November, with apparently not even a Short Small Arms Course to relieve the monots, as we have heard that, owing to the *Revenge* family breaking up shortly, the Range is to be utilized by the more bona-fide Marines of the A.F., but we expect to have to carry cans (paste) and targets for them, we know that there are lots of ships that "have it in" for us as soon as we lose the Flag and become G.S.

No, there won't be any Shield for "X" this year, one of the rounds detailed to be expended, in the words of the fencer, "didn't arrive", there was a mysterious magnetic force between the G.L. Cage and the Working Chamber Deck that nineteen Hydraulic pumps could not overcome. The 6 inch is still in the balance.

After a lot of strenuous spade-work in breaking in novices, we managed to produce a Tug-o-War Team averaging 12 st. 3lbs. for Invergordon and Inverness, but after seeing Colour-Sergeant Barrett of the "*Renown*" trundle his troupe of pet elephants on to the ground (to call them "bullocks" would belittle them) we did not expect to pull them round the Canteen Ground more than six times in one evening, but we were the best of the rest from the Fleet. Our old Friends the 2nd Black Watch are still pulling well. We were sorely grieved to see a R.M. Team led on by a Naval Rating coach in this the year of Our Lord 1927, we haven't mentioned any names, but it is no use winning the Rodman Cup to show how we can do without them, and find we must have them for Tug-o-War, (we raise our hats to the Coach himself, his spirit was in the job.)

A Dawn Landing is taking place during October in Largo Bay, we shall not be there. "*Adventure*", "*Furious*" and 2nd C.S. Marines can enjoy themselves there, assisted by the Cameron Highlanders from the Castle, Edinburgh, however, it is much more pleasant to have your trousers filled up with water in the Firth of Forth during October at 5 a.m., than in the Moray Firth, owing to the fact that being closer to the Equator, the sea-temperature is ·00 of a degree higher, but some of the participants will describe it later.

On our arrival at Portsmouth on October the 19th, we shall be losing "The Major", unfortunately. He will be one of the little (!) band that will toddle across to the "*Nelson*", as he is on the Staff of the C-in-C.A.F., but knowing him as we do, we are positive that he will not be too harsh on his "Old Ships" in the *Revenge*. (*Wait and see. L.D.B.*)

Our Band will decrease from 24 to 15, Bandmaster Radcliffe three years ago drew 24 Musicians (assorted) from Eastney, and has blended them into a fine Band, they have had several big jobs to undertake during the commission, also a majority of them form the Famous *Revenge's* "Manhattan Boys" Dance Orchestra fairly well known all over the British sea-coast, we wish Mr. Radcliffe and the 9 disembarking the best of luck and tons of "Per Terram."

We are in perfect agreement with *Hood* re lack of news from the A.F., because we know some of the other ships Detachments do things (we've seen some of them ashore doing them, and goodness only knows what they get up to on board.) It is also pleasing to see news from the "Big-uns" in the Med. Fleet, as a matter of fact the A.F. Marines were beginning to think that the life of a Med. Fleet Marine consisted of one permanent "make and break".

Fair Customer: "I want a pair of bloomers to wear around my gymnasium."

Salesman (absently): "Certainly, madam, what sise is your gymnasium?"

"Hood"

At this stage of the cruise the detachment is full of "pep" and everything is in full swing. The back of the gunnery programme is broken and we are free of its minor worries until the Spring Cruise. Our Charleston and Black Bottom Sheiks have finished their steeplechasing over the hazards of the Cromarty dance floor and are preparing for the flat season over some of the better-known courses. Most of our Marathon runners, boxers, footballers, etc., treat these dances as an important part of their training, believing that—

When your arms are full of girl and fluff
You hide your nerve behind a yard of grin ;
You'd split into a bulldog's face, or bluff
A flock of dragons with a safety pin.
Life's a slow skate, but love's the dopey glim
That puts a brewery horse in racing trim.

If the fact of having your "arms full of girl and fluff" etc. is conducive to speed, most of our detachment ought to break a few records. In self protection, I hasten to assure the members of *Hood's* detachment that I do not wish to imply that they are brewery horses, although some of them may think the simile rather apt the next time we ammunition. Or is it "Dockyard Horses"!

On Wednesday, the 28th of September, the Moray Firth (to quote my professional confrères) should have resounded to the thunder of our broadsides, but, however, owing to weather conditions it merely resounded to the community snoring of our troops engaged in "Making and Mending" in the traditional manner. It is an ill wind, etc.

Many of the detachment took advantage of the leave given to attend the Highland Gatherings at Invergordon and Inverness. We had a few competitiors at each place, but the only success recorded by *Hood* was in the Hornpipe. Our boys, trained by Corpl. Barker, took first place. No doubt the judges were influenced by the fact that our boys wore straw hats. The implied compliment to the Scotch weather (entirely undeserved, be it noted) must have pleased them. The morale of our other competitors was undermined by the constant squealing of the "Haggis" and the pea'ing of the bagpipes. Although I have no official information about the "Haggis," I know that the pipes obliged all the time, and then some. One must inherit a special brand of auricular nerve to appreciate them. There is talk of arranging a competition between a massed band of pipers and the combined sirens of the A.F., but this event has been postponed in order to enable our Senior Engineer to get part perfect in the "McHaggis' Lament." I can publish this without fear of adversely affecting my circulation, as all our Scots, like many more people, read the other fellow's G. & L.

We have quite a number of converts to Rugby in the Detachment, and in consequence there are quite a number of spare ears in the scran-bag each week. Our Mess deck dodger has a complete set, but most of them are only fit for a casualty issue.

At the risk of making myself unpopular, I ask what becomes of the multitude of G. & L. correspondents who insert their names in the early pages of the journal and then for ever hold their peace There are a matter of seventy of them. I see *Revenge* has also commented on this.

FOOTBALL.

We are doing fairly well in the Inter-Part Competition, and at the time of writing are comfortably placed in both leagues. We had very bad luck in our match against our nearest rivals as our right back (Corpl. Murphy) had to leave the field injured, and our left back was almost a cripple also. As a result, we lost by 3 goals to 2. With a little luck we would have drawn. We have still strong hopes of bringing the shield our way.

RUGBY.

I think this must, like measles, be very contagious, as quite a number of our Soccer "fans" have become converts. We have the nucleus of a good team in Capt. Smith-Hill, Lieut. Baker, Mnes. Powell, Stevens, Lemon, Corpl. Murphy and our stand-off half "Tishy."

The first match was against the pick of the Seamen and ended in a very creditable victory by 3 tries to 1. In the second match we played six of the aforementioned converts who were making their début. This was against the Stokers and ended in a pointless draw. The game was so unorthodox that I hear that the police were standing by to quell the riot. Although played in the best of spirits it resembled nothing so much as a dog fight. Our tyros interpreted too literally the rule "everything permitted bar biting."

The unique topographical details of our ground at Cromarty have been responsible for the invention of a new game (no, it is not 'Toodlum Buck'). We call it Trench Rugby. One gets the ball, and seeing what is a apparently a clear field, makes a dash towards the enemy line. Suddenly a small battalion of the enemy spring out of a trench in front of you while another party assaults your flank from the shelter of a pile of brick bats. It proved of splendid value as an example of taking advantage of all ground and cover. This game ended in three lost balls and one man down a rabbit hole.

TUG-OF-WAR.

I spoke out of my turn about this, as our team did not meet with the success we anticipated, being beaten in the preliminary rounds by our old friends *Revenge*. We did a little better at Inverness, and are not a bit downhearted and will have better success at some future date. We have since put our team on "Glaxo." We heartily congratulate *Renown* on winning this event at both Invergordon and Inverness.

RUNNING.

We have quite an army of enthusiasts engaged in training for this event, and if a lot of our training is done as stated in the beginning of this article, we do not intend to let any ship have it all their own way. Several of the detachment are running, and our O.C. is one of the officers. Several practice runs have taken place despite the fact that we have been at sea several days of the week. I shall have more to say about this in the next issue.

Did the members of the A.F. notice that the hills around Invergordon conformed to routine by donning white cap covers the day after we doffed them? We are perhaps glad to bid goodbye to such a summer as we have had this year, and the white tops of the hills are the first sign of winter. Now that summer is over we may with safety leave off our winter clothing.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Barham "

Herewith is an account of the second part of our Summer Cruise. We left Malta on the 2nd of September in beautiful weather, and, after carrying out exercises with the Fleet, we proceeded in company with the destroyer *Volunteer* to Naples. We passed quite close to the Island of Sicily, and Mount Etna could plainly be seen sending out her everlasting cloud of smoke. The most interesting part of the trip was through the Straits of Messina, where even now traces can be seen of the great earthquake of 1908. The next place of interest sighted was the Island of Stromboli, which is an active volcano rising sheer out of the sea, and the ships company were very interested watching the flames belching forth and the molten lava which could be plainly seen flowing down the side of the mountain. Passing the Island of Capri which is renowned for its Blue Grotto, we arrived at Naples on the morning of the 6th. We had an interesting stay of 10 days here, football matches and water polo matches being arranged with the people ashore. The detachment was represented in the water polo team by those two worthy exponents of the game, Corpl. Featherstone and Mne. Layzell. Trips to Vesuvius and Pompeii were freely indulged in, and a party of about forty Roman Catholics, including Mnes. Murphy, Young and Ogden went for a three days visit to Rome, and, after being shown over the historical parts of the Eternal City, were received in audience by the Pope.

The Neapolitans took advantage of the two days that the ship was open to visitors and we had quite a crowd on board.

We left Naples on the 15th and set our course for Genoa, arriving there the next day and tying up stern first to the wall alongside our " chummy " ship the *Warspite*. Genoa, is one of the chief commercial ports of Italy. It is also of great historical interest. The palaces of the Municipality, Doria, Rosso, Bianco, Durazzo-Pallavicini and Royal, and that of the Doges are well worth visiting, for they are marvels of architecture and contain wonderful art collections and antiquities. It is worth noting that it was here that Columbus was born. I hope I am pardoned for inflicting the above on our readers, but it may be of interest to future " visitors " to the Italian Riviera.

The British community arranged some sports on shore for the Ship's Companies, and the results as far as the detachment was concerned were as follows :—Corpl. Featherstone, winner of Putting the Shot, his distance being 32 feet 1½-ins. ; Mne. Wiggins, third in the 400 Metres and Act/Cpl. Ebsworth, third in the 100 Metres, which was not at all a bad show. After the sports there was a football match, a representative team of H.M. Ships *Barham*, *Assistance* and *Volunteer* playing a local team, score 1—1. During the interval our band played a slow and quick troop down the field which was appreciated. There were further sports on Sunday in which the ships' representatives found themselves rather unequalled by the best athletic talent in Italy. Our band again performed before a large and appreciative audience. We were all sorry to lose Lieut. Pughe, R.M., who went home overland from Genoa, and a word must also be said of his attendant, Mne. Sellars, who was without doubt, a second addition of Whimsical Walker, and his droll personality will be greatly missed on the mess deck, and we wish them both the best of luck for the future.

We leave Genoa for Rapallo on the 27th, and there is a strong " buzz " that we are paying a return visit to Villefranche.

NEW ZEALAND

" Philomel "

Station news, like decent weather seems scarce, the outstanding item of interest being the arrival from Chatham of the *Dunedin* after an absence of six months. Unfortunately they just missed the premier soccer attraction of the season, *Auckland v. Canada*, which was partially spoilt by inclement weather, and the ground—Islandford Park—was a perfect quagmire. One of our detachment, Mne. Miles, had the distinction of gaining his place at outside-left, but was unlucky in getting injured before getting a fair chance of demonstrating his prowess. Had it not been for this fact he would also have figured in the team that defeated Wellington in the " Trophy " match of last Saturday. For the benefit of those who have recently left the station I might add that the Canadians were by far the superior team and beat Auckland 6—2, on a ground that suited the latter team, for we are used to heavy going during the rainy season. Sergt. Odey acted as trainer and performed his duties in a capable and conscientious manner and it was through no fault of his that the team were so thoroughly beaten. He is now hard at it getting the school boys' team up to scratch for their engagement with the Australian boys early in next month.

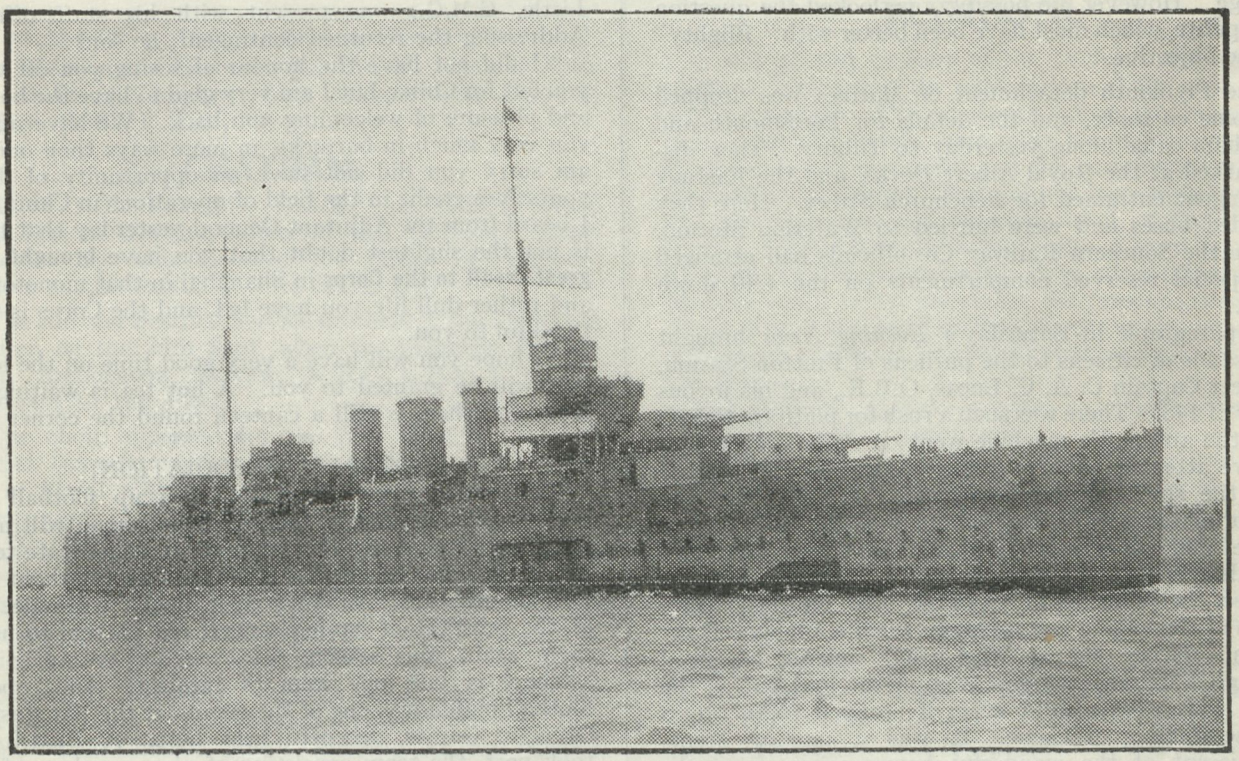
The *Dunedin's* detachment lost no time in challenging us to a football match as soon as they arrived, but on the first instance, through six of our total fourteen being sick or crocked, we had to introduce a couple of " outsiders " and won 3—2. This was unconvincing as far as they were concerned so the following week we gave them a return game, this time all Marines, crocks and " has beens " not excepted, and gave them quite a surprise by winning by four clear goals, the cripples acquitting themselves excellently. On another occasion we played the seamen for a leg of pork as usual, and won by a similar margin. But this has been the limit of our inter-part matches so far, although we hope to find more victims before long.

As regards indoor games, a cue was presented a few weeks ago for open competition amongst the ships company and it was very gratifying to see two marines reach the penultimate stage. Corpl. Langley eventually became the possessor after a rather easy win over Miles, who played badly and seemed sadly off form. Perhaps the occasion made him temperamental !

The new ship was being launched. As she gracefully took the water an excitable young lady exclaimed " My goodness doesn't she slide down gracefully ?"

And a sailor replied : " If you got tapped between the eyes with a quart of champagne you'd slide down gracefully too." *Leatherneck.*

H.M.S. SUFFOLK



H.M.S. Suffolk is the latest type of Cruiser and is commissioning for Service on the China Station.

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PER TERRAM

12th R.M. BATTALION.

The S.S. *Devanha* has brought back to England approximately 400 of all ranks from the Battalion at Shanghai.

The Plymouth details disembarked at Plymouth on the 22nd October and the ship proceeded to Tilbury where she disembarked on the 23rd October, the Chatham and Portsmouth quotas who proceeded by rail to their respective divisions.

The following account of the return to Eastney of the Portsmouth details is taken from the *Portsmouth Evening News* :—

Eastney rejoices as a result of the international decision to reduce the defence garrison at Shanghai. When the situation in the Far East assumed a highly dangerous aspect, a Royal Marine Battalion was formed, equipped and sent out from Portsmouth on the troopship *Minnesota*. That happened in January, and the scenes at the time of embarkation will not soon be forgotten. Portsmouth gave the " Joeys " a great send-off, due in a measure to the fact that the departure was officially " stunted." The defence garrison has done discreet diplomatic service at Shanghai, and where discretion and diplomacy are required from Service men, none can beat the Royal Marines. That is why the Corps described by Kipling as " soldiers and sailors too," was called upon hurriedly to send out a battalion of picked men. Their duty has been monotonous, but highly important, and they have upheld the traditions of the famous amalgamated corps of Red and Blue Marines.

When it was deemed safe to reduce the Shanghai Defence Corps, the authorities " played the game " and selected for drafting home a contingent of 400 Marines. This contingent was included in a large home draft that embarked on the S.S. *Devanha*, which left Shanghai on the morning of Sept. 14th. It was a pleasant voyage home. A Marine told an *Evening News* representative last night that the homeward voyage was the best part of their nine months' experience. Naturally ! There had been a " fed-up " feeling, with nothing real doing in the scrapping line. But the men were on their way home to Eastney and that meant wives or sweethearts. " We were fed like lords coming home," said the Marine, who went on to

draw comparisons with the feeding on the outward voyage. However, he possibly overlooked the question of appetite, which must have been better with " Blighty" as the objective.

The Plymouth detachment of Marines was dropped at home en route, and the details for Portsmouth and Chatham came along yesterday to Tilbury. They disembarked at the Royal Albert Docks, and the Eastney contingent entrained for Fenchurch Street. Here they boarded buses and were hurried to Waterloo Station, where the Southern Railway Co. officials had arranged for special reserved compartments on the 4.40 down train.

A paragraph in Saturday's *Evening News* brought thousands of citizens to the purlieus of Fratton Station, to meet Captain C. A. C. Lucas, O.B.E., and his joyous party of 145. There was such a rush for platform tickets that the automatic machine went on strike and had to receive attention from a kindly inspector, who entered into the spirit of the homecoming celebration. The platform was packed long before the train was due to arrive, and wives with youngsters awaiting " daddy," sweethearts longing for embraces and parents anxious to greet their sons kept eyes to the north, until the headlights of the engine and a cheery whistle announced the arrival. Every Marine who could squeeze his head through a carriage window was on the look-out as the train slowed down, and when it stopped there was a big scrambling welcome. It was a moving scene, reminiscent of the wonderful homecomings from the real wars, and those on the platform who had not dear ones to meet felt much out of place.

Among those who were present on the platform to bid an official welcome were the Brigade-Major and the Adjutant at Eastney. The Divisional Band was waiting in Goldsmith Avenue to play the party home to Eastney, but it had to wait until the first intensely enthusiastic phase of the welcome home was expended. A dense crowd cheered and shouted, and the traffic was held up for a time, although the City police and tramway officials did splendidly to maintain a good service of cars for ordinary—and on such an occasion, comparatively unimportant—individuals. The highway was lined many deep, right up to Frogmore Road, at the White House there was another crush, and at Eastney, where those who followed the home-comers mingled with those who were waiting in the precincts of the Barracks, there was just a jam. The Divisional Band, headed by the stately drum-major, had played continuously along the line of route, such popular marches as " Washington Grays," " Old Comrades," " Army and Marines," and " Colonel Bogey " ; and as the Barracks were reached the strains broke out of the regimental march-past. " A Life on the Ocean Wave." It required tactical manoeuvres to get the khaki-clad party through the crowd, and through the entrance to the barracks, but Captain Lucas and his platoon commanders managed everything safely and smartly, and then in the Drill Shed, the more sedate of the huge greeting party witnessed a sight that was typical of the corps. The men marched in with clockwork precision. The commands of Captain Lucas to halt, order arms and stand at ease were responded to with the Eastney " click," and as by one man. Wonderful men on parade these Marines !

The new Commandant, Colonel-Commandant A. G. Little, C.M.G., was present with his staff officers. Addressing the returned contingent, he said :—

" I did not have the honour of seeing you off when you left for China, but I am very glad to have the honour and pleasure of welcoming you back. We have missed you very much in barracks, in more ways than one. I am sorry you did not have an opportunity of doing yourselves credit in the field of operations in China, but I heard from the Adjutant-General yesterday that there is not the slightest doubt that you have **brought very great credit to the Corps** in Shanghai in that monotonous and rather dull life you have led, and the Corps is very thankful to you.

" I hope you will have a very good time on the leave that will be granted to you. A hot tea is waiting for you—and there is still a canteen round the corner !"

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FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION)

We have not yet seriously taken up football this season. In fact, the reduction in personnel will make it difficult to get together more than a moderate team. No doubt the selection committees at Chatham and Portsmouth, are " rubbing their hands with glee " at the prospect of having several old players to assist them again, this season.

There is just one item of interest. An " open " football match was one of the events at the Far Eastern Olympic Games, recently held here. A British XI took part, the team consisting of nine members of the included. The results of the two matches were :— v Japan. Won. 8-1, v China, Won 4-3.

A gold medal of rather unique design, was given to each member of the winning team.

A friendly return match with China team, resulted in another win for us, the score being 3—2.

" B " Company and Headquarters Company, have Company Championship. Results will be given next month.

WATER POLO

There has been a great deal of water polo out here and the Battalion has been well to the fore. Two Army teams were required for the Shanghai League and for this sport, Marines play for the Army. An Army knock-out tournament was held and we were easy winners and so represent Army " A " team in the league, whilst a composite team from the remainder of the Force represents Army " B " team.

Unfortunately at the commencement, we took, things rather too easily and so lost the first four matches of the Shanghai League, incidently we were continually trying out new players. This month, however, we have won every match and created a mild sensation by defeating the Otters, one of the crack civilian teams of Shanghai.

The results to date are :

July 6th	..	*v.* Otters.	Lost 2—6.
July 8th	..	*v.* French Club.	Lost 1—7.
July 11th	..	*v.* Navy.	Lost 0—2.
July 13th	..	*v.* Tadpoles.	Lost—0—7.
August 2nd	..	*v.* R.A.F.	Won 8—0.
August 3rd	..	*v.* Wanderers.	Won 6—1.
August 10th	..	*v.* Navy.	Won 4—0.
August 15th	..	*v.* Otters.	Won 3—0.
August 17th	..	*v.* Army " B,"	Won 3—0.

The team consists of :—

Lieut. S. G. B. Paine (Po.), Sergt.-Major A. A. Attwood (Captain) (Po.),

C.S.M. Jones (Po.), Corpl. Moyse (Ply.), Mnes. Kellaway (Po.), Beaton (Po.) and Mew (Ply.). Reserves :—Mnes. Anderon and Wright.

In addition the Battalion has five (5) teams in both the Shaforce Company Unit League and Pootung League (12th R.M.B.)

CHATHAM.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. has relieved Major C. E. Hill as Drafting Officer at this Division. Major Gillespie has also assumed the duties of Advisory Officer to the R.N.B.T. Vice Major Hill.

The Harvest Festival Service was held in the Dockyard Church on the 25th Sept. when the preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon McKew, K.H.C., C.B.E., D.D., Chaplain to the Fleet.

The choir appeared for the first time in the new scarlet cassocks, which are the uniform of the choir of a Royal Chapel.

The following Sunday a beautiful model of Sir Francis Drake's "Golden Hind" was dedicated and hung over the Chancel. It is interesting to note that though Drake was a West Country man by birth he learnt his seamanship on the Medway in his uncle's barges and which he eventually owned on his death.

Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C. has joined the Division as 2nd Commandant from command of the 12th R.M. Bn. in China. Major Glunicke has also rejoined from the Battalion.

PORTSMOUTH.

ROYAL MARINE CADET CORPS.

The Adjutant General inspected the Cadet Corps during his Annual Inspection of the Division, and after being received with a General Salute and March Past witnessed a display in which knowledge of Artillery, Infantry, Engineer and Signal duties was demonstrated.

General Sir Alexander Hutchison then spoke to the Cadets and said he was very pleased with what he had seen and laid emphasis on the great value of Cadet Training for Boys and Girls.

On Tuesday 27th September, all boys over 12 took part in the Lucas - Tooth competition for Cadet Corps. This was our initial venture in this competition and we were not certain what form it would take or what was expected. We soon learnt however! The full hour of the competition, during which the boys never stood easy, was very instructive and benefitting by this experience, we have no doubt that next year we shall bring the Trophy to Eastney. The result of the competition was a pleasant surprise ; we came in second and all boys who competed will receive medals.

ROYAL MARINE GIRL CADET CORPS

Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton has presented a very nice Silver Challenge Cup for the best girl of the year together with 10/- for the winner.

We now have 42 girls on the Roll.

P.C. : "Who was driving when you hit that car ?"

Stoshus One (triumphantly) : "Hic:! None of ush ; we wush all on th' back sheet. Hic !"

PLYMOUTH.

It will interest Officers of the Division serving elsewhere to learn that the redecoration of the mess room is now complete. The woodwork is mahogany panelling picked out with black ; blue roller blinds have replaced the green venetian variety and the curtains are now of blue and gold tapestry. The pictures have been cleaned, and the damaged, but repaired, head of the Fourth Earl of Sandwich is, in certainl ights a very apparent memento of the unregenerate days when officers took liberties which would scandalize the present generation. The legend of the leg of mutton thrown at this venerable and august personage is probably well known throughout the Corps.

The Officers' garage is now a "fait accompli" and has proved a great boon.

Improvements have been made to the swimming baths where additional accommodation in the form of a hut has been provided and the stone cells draped with army blankets will next year have suitable doors.

The Sergeants Cubicles have been provided with central heating and no longer can be called "Icicles".

TATTOO.

The Annual Searchlight aud Torchlight Tattoo of the Plymouth Division was held each night from the 12th to 17th September. The weather threatened to be unkind all the week and on the Wednesday night it rained almost the whole time. In spite of this the spectators attended in sufficient numbers and showed enough enthusiasm to make everyone concerned quite certain that the performance was a success.

Each night, before the "Tattoo Proper" started five veterans of Harry Tate's Army gave an exhibition of the way a Guard of Honour performed its duties in their young days. The march of the party on to the parade, right foot marking time but left foot going forward was fortunately unobserved by the Adjutant and so the evolution proceeded. The inspection was carried out by General Bonzaro C.B. (Clr. Sgt. Brookes) and he and his little gang deserve full marks for the way in which they served up the hors d'œuvres.

The bugles commenced the Tattoo proper by sounding the "First Post". This was followed by the entry of the bands, first the Divisional Military Band, then the Drum and Pipe Band and lastly the massed bands of the Division. The excellence of this item was clearly demonstrated by the attitude of the audience.

The second item was an exhibition of illuminated club swinging by the boys of the Royal Marine Cadet Corps. The effect of the uniform movements of the lights on the tips of the clubs was a clear indication of the work done by the boys and their instructors.

A "Persian Chief (Lce. Cpl. Woods), ably supported by four Persians, then sang "The Cobbler's Song." from "Chu Chin Chow"

This was followed by a selection by the band under the Director of Music. The band was the hardest worked party in the whole show and as the success of the week rested very much on their efforts they are to be highly congratulated on their performance.

High vaulting by marines of under three years service was a tribute to the excellence of physical

training instruction now received by the recruits of the Corps.

Next followed a lantern march adapted from trooping the colour and organised by Lt. Col. Norcock. Each guard carried different coloured lanterns, Green, Yellow and Red. It was a very clever performance and was very much appreciated.

Sketches from Kiplings "Just So Stories" made the next item. The one that was most popular was "The Cat that Walked by Itself". The real live baby provided by the Cadet Corps and the human animals created so much laughter that the St. Johns Ambulance men began to wonder what would be the cure for any spectators who went in for too much of "Splitting their sides".

This was followed by an equally humourous episode in modern savage warfare. A sportsman, Mr. Ivan U. Gunn, was captured by the natives of Wanta Etia, who proposed to curry him. One of his bearers escaped and carried word to the nearest post. A platoon of R.M. Cadets came to his rescue by aeroplane. The aeroplane and the fight that followed was most realistic, while the Haka-Dance and exhibition of cannibalism by the chief nigger (Sgt. Howell) and his merry men was almost unique.

The next item was a dance by the members of the Girls Ambulance Company under Miss Butcher. First sixteen of the older girls, dressed as ladies and gentlemen of several generations ago, performed a Gavotte, first in sets of four, then in eights, finally forming a floral group of eight ladies centre with fans raised on high with the gentlemen dancing round them in the opposite direction.

As these danced off to a stately measure twenty tiny fairies came daintily tripping in to music of a lighter vein. Sixteen of these danced in pink 'petal' frocks and were led by four in white ballet frocks. The contrasting shades of pink and white being emphasized by the brilliant lighting effects.. With a light wind blowing on most of the evenings the effect obtained was that of 'apple blossom scattered on the breeze'. Whether dancing in lines, rings or star formation, the "dream fairies" (as one spectator styled them) kept tripping merrily throughout.

The main turn of the show was the Battle of Waterloo. The music was arranged by Lieut. P.S.G. O'Donnell. M.V.O. Various incidents of the battle were illustrated by men in uniforms of the time. The various phases are best described by an extract from the programme. Clr. Sgt. Bowling was Napoleon, Sergt. Bowie was Wellington and Corpl. Facey was his Chief of Staff.

PHASES.

1st Phase.—The rejoicings over peace are broken by the alarm caused by Napoleon's escape.

2nd Phase.—Preparations for war, ending with French ascendancy after battles of Quartre Bras and Ligny.

3rd Phase.—British detachments arrive from Quartre Bras; French seen in distance. Fires are lighted, sentries posted and men sleep.

4th Phase.—Daylight. Preparations for battle. Wellington inspects British. 11 a.m. when French are heard playing "Ca Ira" and battle commences with French attack on Hougeumont.

5th Phase, 1 p.m.—Ney's infantry attacks on La Haye Sainte broken by charge of Union Brigade (cavalry). Prussian advance head threatening French in distance.

6th Phase, 4 p.m.—Ney's cavalry attacks on British squares. Prussian advance more clearly heard.

7th Phase, 8 p.m.—Charge of "Old Guard." Counter-charge of Guards Brigade. British advance and French rout.

8th Phase.—Napoleon's arrival on board *Bellerophon*.

This was followed by a display of arm drill by the 145th Squad under Sgt. Martin, and again we had an example of the smartness and precision that one expects and obtains from the recruit of to-day.

The Grand Pageant, the Last Post, and Kipling. Recessional concluded a most successful evening's entertainment.

DEPOT.

DEPOT P.R.T. ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERING.—Old Physical Training Instructors are especially requested to note date of Xmas gathering 14th Dec. It is hoped that a large number will be present. All wishing to attend should send names to Sergt. Major Foard, Depot, R.M. Deal.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

A Band under the conductorship of Bandmaster W.J. Papworth, L.R.A.M. attended the ceremony of the Enthronement of the Bishop of Portsmouth, and a programme was rendered in the Guildhall.

On the following day a Military Band from the School took part in the Ecclesiastical procession. The following is an extract of a letter received by the Superintendent from the Secretary of the Diocesan Committee:—

"I desire to express our grateful thanks for the Orchestral Band on Wednesday night in the Guildhall and the Military Band to-day. The large assembly enjoyed the music. The Band played extremely well and just the right kind of music"

After singing his best on the beach at a watering place, the minstrel passed his hat round. It was returned to him empty. He looked at them feelingly and said "Thank God I got my hat back."

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A man who visited a doctor and was told he was suffering from the effects of intoxicating liquor, asked the doctor not to put that on the certificate.

"It will give my wife a great shock," he said.

"I will put 'syncopation' on it," said the obliging medico.

When the man produced the certificate to his wife, the word "syncopation" baffled her, but on consulting a dictionary she found it to mean "Slow movement from bar to bar." —*Evening News.*

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Phone Operator: "I have your party. Deposit ten cents please."

Slightly Inebriated: "Whazzat?"

Operator: "Deposit your money, please."

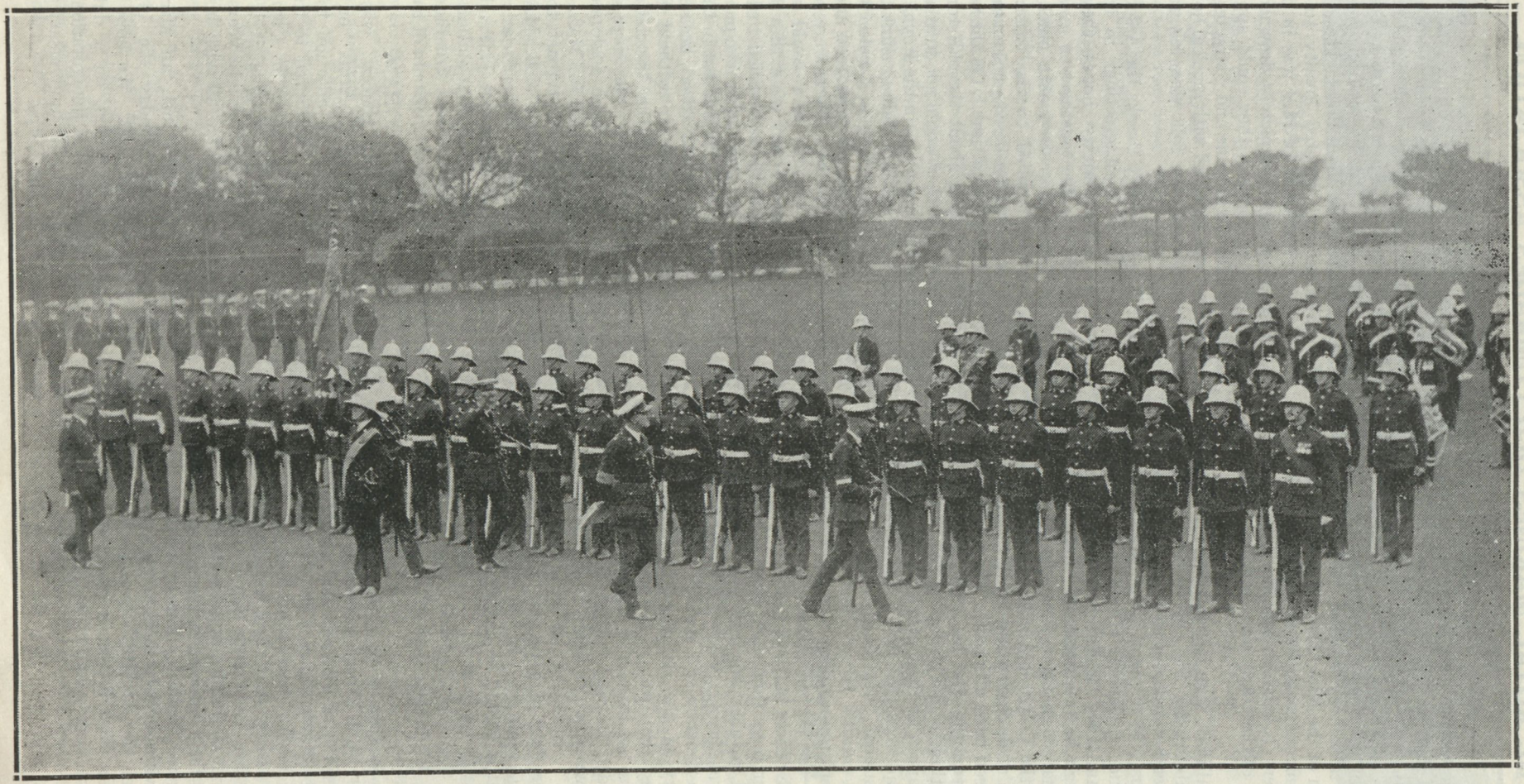
Inebriate: "Listen, girlie, what I want is conversation with a friend, not financial advice from a (hic) total stranger."—*Bulletin.*

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Barry: "Daddy, how do they catch lunatics?"

Old man Saxon: "With face powder, beautiful dresses, and pretty smiles, my son."—*Leatherneck.*

THE INSPECTION OF THE PORTSMOUTH DIVISION BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL ROYAL MARINES, ON THE 20th SEPTEMBER, 1927.



General Sir A. R. H. Hutchison, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., inspecting the Guard of Honour on the Officers' Lawn.

Photo by Humphries, Portsmouth.

ANNUAL DINNER. (LONDON.)

Well over 200 guests attended the fourteenth annual dinner of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association at the Hotel Russell, London, on Saturday night, when Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury, C.B.E., presided.

There was a distinguished assembly of famous Marine officers at the top table, and the toast list, headed of course by the health of the King (Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps) produced some remarkably attractive speeches.

Mr. A. J. Sanders (Chairman of the Association) proposed the health of the Corps, the President, and the Association.

Lieut.-General Halliday, who responded, said that he claimed no responsibility for the fine efficiency of the Corps, which had been handed over to his command only three weeks previously by General Hutchinson. They had been very proud of General Hutchinson as their Adjutant-General, and they wished him good luck in the future. Although he was personally quite new to the command, he had been there long enough to tell the gathering that the Corps had never been imbued with a greater sense of discipline and loyalty than now. Also, it had never been more efficient. They would like greater numerical strength, and he hoped that in the next few years something would be done in this direction. He cited three instances of their efficiency in the last year. First there had been that fine display of recruits at the Royal Tournament, mentioned by the mover of the toast, and he ventured to say that while recruits could bring off a performance like that there could be nothing wrong with the Corps. After the performance the King sent for the officer in command of the recruits, and said, " Tell your boys that their King is proud of them." The second instance was provided by the 12th Battalion of the Royal Marines, whose dispatch to China was an example of efficiency and smooth organization, which was the envy of the Army authorities. The third instance showed that even in the higher ranks of the Marines they were not lacking in attention to detail. The speaker proceeded to read correspondence which had taken place between two Generals in a case known as " the rock of ages." It really concerned the discovery of a rock cake ; the date of issue was unknown, but believed to be 1924 (Laughter). In the correspondence it was suggested that it should be certified by a Board of Officers as unsuitable for issue as a haversack ration for the troops, but the other General replied that it might be utilized as a foundation stone for any future memorial. (Laughter).

The President proposed the toast of their guest of the evening, Sir W. Bull. Col. Drury said they had been honoured by a succession of distinguished guests, and several of the most illustrious names of the day had been included in the list. He had been cherishing the pious hope that time would show that they had been entertaining angels unawares. Although the world's worst troubles which were not caused by woman—politics and religion—were barred from their discussions, it would be realized that it was as difficult for him to welcome an eminent politician without reference to politics as it would be to introduce the Archibishop of Canterbury without mention of the New Prayer Book, or a public hangman without speaking about the gallows. The soldier seldom gained distinction as a politician. The political platform to him was like the disreputable public-house, out of bounds. But if the soldier was an indifferent politician, Sir William would forgive him for saying that politicians were seldom the inspired geniuses many of them believed themselves to be. Lord Roberts and Marlborough were instances of soldiers being broken, not in the wars, but by politicians. However, the political life of Sir William Bull had been one long record of patriotism and devoted loyalty to the King. In these days when pride of race was in danger of being waterlogged, if not completely drowned, by a sloppy cult of internationalism, they could appreciate such an English gentleman in name and character as Sir William.

The toast was received with musical honours, and then the President read the following telegram from Sandringham :—

> The King sincerely thanks the Association for their message of loyal greetings to their Colonel-in-Chief. His Majesty hopes they will have a pleasant evening together.

The telegram was greeted with much applause, and Sir William Bull replied to the toast. He raised a smile by remarking that he was not an angel and did not want to be one for some time. On the way to the hotel he had been thinking about the old stories of Marines, but he decided that they would not do at all. (Laughter) The cream of the Army was in the Royal Marines, owing to their long service,and he did not think that there could ever be a similar gathering in London where so many medals were displayed, showing good and loyal service, as there were that night. There were some politicians who loved their country and could never feel too grateful to the Services for what they had done. He believed that England was destined to lead the world, and it was a fact that war had broken out every hundred years on a great scale. He was not in the front rank of admirers of the League of Nations, because he could not see that they could ever do without force. In conclusion Sir William asked the Association to accept a cannon shot picked up after the siege of Gibraltar in which the Marines played such a glorious part.

Major A. Kelly Evans, O.B.E., M.C., Vice-President of the Association proposed a toast to the Services, and Admiral Mark E. F. Kerr, C.B., M.V.O., replied in happy reminiscent vein. Other toasts were to the visitors, proposed by Alderman J. P. Hamilton, J.P., C.C. (Deputy Mayor of Acton), and responded to by Mr. W. A. Stone, and " Absent Comrades," submitted by Mr. G. P. Warner (Vice Chairman of the Association).

BIRMINGHAM.

A very enjoyable open concert, was held at the Headquarters, the " Clements Arms " on 17th October, and was well attended. In addition to paid Artists, some of our Comrades contributed to the programme.

We have a very good tenor in Comrade Cutmore and when listening to his singing, it is very difficult to realise that he is over sixty-eight years of age.

Comrade Kemish delighted all with his comic songs, in which line he excels.

On Saturday the 29th inst. an afternoon outing was arranged, and on Monday the 14th November another concert will be held. We hope to fix up our annual Dinner and Re-union, on a date somewhere near the anniversary of our inauguration in April and if possible on some suitable anniversary in connection with the history of the Corps.



CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION)

During the past month the first team games have resulted as follows :—

Setp	17	*v.* Cray Wanderers (home)	F.A. Cup	Won	2—1
,,	21	*v.* R.N. Depot (away)	Chat. Charity Cup	Lost	2—3
,,	24	*v.* Bexleyheath Town (away)	Kent League	Lost	2—3
Oct.	1	*v.* Dartford (away)	F.A. Cup	Lost	0—1
,,	8	*v.* Erith and Belvedere (away)	F.A. Amateur Cup	Won	2—0
,,	12	*v.* Chatham (away)	Kent League Cup	Lost	0—2

This has been a strenuous period with five cup-ties out of six matches. Moreover only one of the six games has been played at home. An examination of the results will show how close the matches have been. The team can justifiably claim that Fortune has not been kind to them. Bexleyheath Town scrambled a goal in the final minute of the game, and so gained a victory which was right against the run of the play. Again, the goal at Dartford which put us out of the F.A. Cup was a gift, although it must be said that the home team were the more polished side. Cpl. Barlow was badly kicked midway through the first half, and was of little use for the rest of the game. The matches at Dartford and Chatham were against Southern League teams, but in neither case did the professionals have anything to spare. The victory at Erith was well deserved. We meet Bostall Heath in the next round on the 22nd Oct.—away again!

There have been few changes in the team. Men who can hold their own in this class of football are hard to find. Mne. Watts has played splendidly in goal. Cpl. Herron, who captains the side, and Mne. Hamblin have a fine understanding at back, and are a difficult pair to pass. The halfbacks are also very solid in defence, but the wing halves are lacking in constructive ability. It should be remembered, that prior to this season Mne. Webb was a back, and that Cpl. Bradley is occupying the difficult position of left-half ; particularly difficult for Bradley who is a right-footed player. Mne. Robotham is playing as well as ever in the centre. He accompanied the Kent County team to Sudbury as twelfth man for the Southern Counties Championship game with Suffolk. The forwards have not yet settled down into an effective line. Individually the ability is there, but as a combined force they are disappointing. This is accounted for in some measure by the halfback weakness already mentioned. With forwards below the average in height it is most important that they should receive the ball along the ground. In addition the centre-forward berth has been a problem difficult to solve. Cpl. Ayling has filled this position in recent games and works untiringly ; so much so that he is often out of position, but this fault he is doing his best to remedy.

It is pleasing to record that, although defeats have been frequent, the games have been played with splendid spirit and have been thoroughlye njoyed.

During the same period the 2nd team games have resulted as follows :—

Sept.	21	*v.* Maidstone Motors (home)	M.K.W. League	Won	6—1
,,	28	*v.* H.M.S. Marshal Soult (home)	M.K.W. League	Won	7—2
Oct.	1	*v.* Gillingham Wesleyan (home)	Chat. Charity Cup	Draw	2—2
,,	5	*v.* Gillingham Amateurs (home)	M.K.W. League	Lost	1—3
,,	8	*v.* R.A.F., Eastchurch (away)	Kent League II.	Lost	2—4

M.K.W. League—Mid-Kent Wednesday League.

So far the reserves have lacked a reliable goalkeeper. They have a robust defence, with Mnes. Philpott and Dunn as the shining lights. Despite the heavy scoring in one in two matches, the forwards can only be described as moderate.

SHOOTING

The results of the Inter Company Tile and Snap Shooting Competitions towards the Athletic Shield Competition are as follows :— "C" Coy. 3 pts ; "E" 2 pts ; and "A" and "G" each 1 pt.

PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION).

The results of matches played since our last contribution to this journal have formed one trail of victories our First Team not having lost a match since the 10th September.

Since that date we have played roughly*eleven matches, and our opponents have been of the strong sort, including our old chums the Cordites, R.A.O.C., Bournemouth Gas Works, Gosport Athletic and Portsea Gas Company.

(**It seems a pity to play roughly even against old chums.*—Ed.)

The Games against the *Excellent* were eagerly looked forward to, as our meetings always provide keen games. Twice we have met, and a draw has resulted each time. So, up to the time of going to press, we are all square, but in the near future we may have to meet again in one or other of the cups we have entered for, and then we hope really to prove who is the better team.

Just as the members of the team were nicely settling down to one another's play we lost the services of Corporal Warwick, injured, and Davidson, who, I am afraid, needs a good rest before starting again. He has had a strenuous season of Water Polo, and is now beginning to feel the strain, but without him the team is like a ship without a rudder, although Yates, our capable reserve centre, fills the breach very well indeed.

One pleasing feature is the promise of several young players. One in particular, Roy, who has been shewing form good enough to keep him in a regular place in the First Team.

However, the old Vet., Sergeant Arnold, still retains his place, and what is more, wants a bit of catching or stopping - we have still a lot to thank his old left foot for,

The results of matches played since the 10th September are as follows :—

Bournemouth Gas Works (away)	Won 3—2	..	Hants League
Sandown (away)	Won 14—0	..	E.C.
Ryde (home)	Draw 1—1	..	Hants League
Excellent (away)	Draw 2—2	..	U.S. League
Gosport Athletic (home) ..	Won 3—2	..	Hants League
Gas Company (home)	Won 3—1	..	E.C.
Excellent (home)	Draw 0—0	..	U.S. League
R.A.O.C. (home)	Won 4—3	..	U.S. League
Lymington (away)	Won 5—4	..	Amateur Cup
R.A. (away)	Won 5—3	..	U.S. Cup

Rumours are still strong as to the identity of the footballers returning home from China, but we must wait and see.

The Second Team has not had much luck yet, having only secured one point from their U.S. League II Games, but they are still digging out doing their best, and will no doubt before long turn the corner.

Our third Team, met their first defeat on Saturday last against Osborne Athletic, losing by 4-2 but we are hoping that this is only a temporary lapse, as on Saturday they are engaged in the Junior Cup against Liss.

FOOTBALL (RUGBY).

Quite a large number of intending players have appeared this year, and so we are trying to give them all a game. Learning is, as always, slow, but several promising young players have come into the limelight, who ought to do well in the future.

We have at present had 5 matches, winning three, losing one and drawing one.

v. H.M.S. FISGARD II. Saturday, September 24th, at Hardway. Won 9—3.

Both sides were largely composed of beginners. The Marines were much the heavier side, and pressed hard, but were well kept out by the "Guards." Mne. Newcombe scored in the first half for the Marines, and that was the only score that half. After half-time, the Fisgard centre-threequarter scored owing to a foolish cross-kick by the Marine right wing. Then pressing hard, Mne. Carter scored from touch fairly near the goal line, and just before "no side" Lieut. Garrett cored, No tries were converted.

v. H.M.S. EXCELLENT, at Whale Island, Tuesday 27th September. Lost 11—3.

This was an excellent hard fought tussle, and at half-time there was no score. Mne. French was conspicuous among the forwards, and Mne. Whalin among the outsides. Just after half-time, the effect of beer began to be felt by the Marines, and the sailors scored 3 tries, one of them being converted. After this effect had worn off, the Marines pressed strongly, and Mne. Whalin scored after a good bout of passing among the threequarters.

v. ELECTRICAL AND WIRELESS SCHOOL, R.A.F., at Eastney, Oct. 1st. Darw 3—3.

This game was an absolute mud fight, and should have been a victory, not a draw. It rained solidly the whole time, and a strong wind was blowing down the field. Losing the toss, the Marines had to play upwind, and the R.A.F. scored once in the first half. With the wind the Marines pressed hard, but only managed to score once. We must learn on a greasy day to keep the ball and take it with us.

v. H.M.S. NELSON, on the United Services' Ground, Friday, October 7th. Won 3—0.

Nelson put up their Ship's Company team, and we had several beginners. It was a good hard game, very well refereed, and the only score was in the second half when Mne. Davey scored through following up all out. It was the first time Mne. Davey had played, so best of luck to him in the future. Mne. Preece played an excellent game at back, and Corpl. Walker led his forwards very well. Congrats to Mnes. Rumary and Newcombe among the outsides, and Hinton and Edge among the forwards.

v. UNITED SERVICES V. On the U.S. Ground, Saturday, 8th October. Won 14—3.

This was a very nice clean game. The Services were one forward short, but played very well. Towards the end of the game it began to be felt. We were very glad to see Lieut. Hardy playing for us again, and he played an excellent game. After very nearly scoring in the first five minutes, the Marines were pushed back, and the United Services scored once during the first half, but it was not converted. The Marine forwards showed they were totally incapable of taking the ball with them, but showed remarkable aptitude in heeling it in their own twenty-five.

The second half we pressed strongly all the time, and the three-quarters began working together. Lieut. Hardy finally scored and the try was converted by 2nd Lt. Watson. Still pressing strongly, Corpl. Walker scored owing to a U.S. back kicking badly and the ball fell among our forwards who were all following up well. This was also converted by 2nd Lt. Watson. Then Corpl. Harris dropped a goal very neatly before time. Congrats to Mnes. Boobyer, French and Jay for playing well, and to Lieut. Cooper for such a sound game at full-back.

v. H.M.S. NELSON, on Wednesday, 12th September, at Eastney. Won 9—3.

After a very good game, the final result was a win by three tries to one try. Our lack of a place kicker was sadly felt, as all three tries were easy to convert. Mne. Whalin played an excellent game and scored all three tries. Mnes. Newcombe and Hinton played very well.

WATER POLO.

Portsmouth Division are still maintaining their lead in the Portsmouth and District, and United Service Leagues, and it is also pleasing to note that they reached the final of the Hants County Championship

Hants Championship.

Royal Marines 8 ; Electrical Engineers 3.
Royal Marines 7 ; H.M.S. Victory (B) 1.

FINAL.

Royal Marines 1 ; City Police 4.

In the Final at Bournemouth we were greatly handicapped by the absence of Davidson who contracted "Flu", and after a very keen game, more even than the score suggests we were defeated by 4 goals to 1, Cpl. Wood scoring our only goal.

Portsmouth and District League, and U.S. League.

Royal Marines 5 ; H.M.S. Dolphin 3. Royal Marines 10 ; P.S.C. 1. Royal Marines 4 ; H.M.S. Dolphin 1.

Portsmouth and District League. Div. II.

Royal Marines *v.* H.M.S. Dolphin, 2—0. Royal Marines *v.* H.M.S. Dolphin, 3—1.

SWIMMING.

On Thursday, 23rd. September, before a large and enthusiastic audience, the Royal Marines and R.N. School of Music annual Aquatic Sports took place at Eastney Baths, when in less than three hours no fewer than 20 events were successfully carried out.

The entries were very large, and the preliminary heats occupied two evenings.

The Colonel-Commandant attended, but had to leave before the conclusion owing to a previous engagement.

Captain Bagot, Captain Wills, and W.O. Keen, R.M.B. assisted by Mr. C. Brown, A.S.A., W. E. Rowe, A.S.A. and Mr. Rowland, A.S.A., were the judges.

Sergt-Major Jarvis, and Q.M.S.I. Peasnell were the starters and timekeepers, Clr. Sgt. Gerrey assisting in any capacity.

Record Keeper, Corpl. C. Wood, R.M.

M.C.. Sergt.-Major Smith, R.N.S.M.

Hon. Secretary & Handicapper, Sgt. R. G. Cawthraw, R.M.

At the conclusion of a very enjoyable evening, Mrs. R. Bagot kindly presented prizes to the following successful competitors :—

Three-style Race.—1, Corpl. Docherty ; 2, Corpl. Heaton ; 3, Musn. Pipe.

Diving Competition.—1, Mne. Camm ; 2, Mne. Davidson ; 3, Musn. Massey.

Juvenile Diving Competition.—1, B.B. Podd ; 2, Bglr. Thompson ; 3, B.B. Bance.

Two-lengths Handicap.—1, Corpl. Heaton ; 2, Mne. Davidson ; 3, Mne. Atkinson.

Two-lengths Handicap (Officers).—1, Sec.-Lieut. Richardson ; 2, Sec.-Lieut. Martin ; 3, Lieut. Dean.

Junior N.C.O.'s Relay Race.—1, Corpl. Wood's team ; 2, Corpl. Kaye's team ; 3, Corpl. Heaton's team.

Four-lengths Club Championship.—1, Corpl. Heaton ; 2, Mne. Davidson ; 3, Mne. Atkinson.

Two-lengths handicap (Juvenile).—1, B.B. Fairall ; 2, Bglr. Thompson ; 3, B.B. Bell ; 4, B.B. Laverty.

Crocodile Race.—1, Corpl. Docherty and Mne. Atkinson ; 2, Corpls. Lawrence and Kaye.

Open Relay.—1, H.M.S. Dolphin ; 2, Southampton A.S.A.

Spot Diving.—1, Mne. Atkinson ; 2, Mne. Camm.

Obstacle and Dress Race.—1, Corpl. Heaton ; 2, Mne. Elsey ; 3, Musn. Pipe.

Mop Fight in Punt (Officers).—Sec.-Lieut. Martin.

Mop Fight in Punt.—1, B.B. Sharman ; 2, B.B. Fairall.

Company Challenge Cup.—1, "I" Company, 16 pts. ; 2, "A" Company, R.N.S.M., 11 pts.

Two-lengths Handicap (Cadets).—1, Cadet Hamilton ; 2, Cadet Ordish ; 3, Cadet Gould ; 4, Cadet Holloway.

Cork Competition.—1, B.B. Smith ; 2, B.B. Fairall.

200 *Yards Championship of Hants.*—1, Mr. Rogers ; 2, P.C. Cooper ; 3, Sub-Lieut. Grigg. Time, 2 mins. 41 2-5 secs.

Relay Race for Messrs. Mew Langton's Challenge Cup.—Sergeants' Mess.

Commandant's Prize.—Corpl. Heaton, 15 pts. ; Consolation prize, B.B. Podd.

Much interest was aroused by the 220 yards Hampshire Championship. There was no struggle, however as Mr. Rogers won by nearly 15 yards.

After the prize-giving a friendly water polo match took place between the Royal Marines and the Portsmouth Swimming Club, the latter winning easily by five goals to three. The goal scorers were :— Edwards 2, Hugman, O'Neil, Rowe (Swimming Club) ; Docherty, Woodhouse 2 (Marines).

PLYMOUTH.

We congratulate Second Lieut. Parks-Smith on being selected to play "Rugger" for the Devonport Services against Portsmouth Services. It is rather a distinction for so young an Officer. The other representatives of the Division were Mne. Penny, Mne. Webb and Mne. McIlroy.

FOOTBALL (RUGBY)

The Rugby code is still going strong in the Division in spite of the fact that we have to chronicle four defeats in four matches since our last issue. Some excuse may be put forward in that several of our best players are assisting the Devonport United Services, and also the fact that the teams we played were very good. However, in spite of this, two or three of the games might have been won if our players had been really fit. There has been a marked slacking off, very noticeable in the last quarter hour of each match, which has not been justified, and has led to rather a formidable tally of points against. We hope this has shown our players the benefit of training and that a valuable lesson has been learnt. With Captain Reading back to active service in the three quarter line, we anticipate much better results in future.

1st XV. Matches—

Sept. 17th *v.* Exmouth at Exmouth. Lost 12 points to 6 points.

Territorially we enjoyed the major portion of the game but Exmouth took advantage of the few chances coming their way with the above result.

Sept. 24th *v.* Plymouth Argaum, at home. Lost 8 points to 3.

A repetition of the previous week's game. Lack of team work.

Sept. 26th *v.* R.N.E. College, away. Lost 35 points to 11 points.

Play ruled very even for three-parts of the game and then in the last quarter of an hour, the College piled up the points, playing a beautiful fast open game. Our old friend and ex-international, Gardner, has certainly taught them a lot of useful stuff. Unfortunately Lieut. Martyn who had only arrived from Portsmouth the previous day, and had turned out for us, got rather badly crocked and had to go to hospital, but we are glad to report that he is progressing favourably.

October 8th *v.* Teignmouth, away. Lost 19 points to nil.

Much the same as the R.N.E. College match. We well held our opponents for three-parts of the game, but cracked for the last quarter. Fitness tells.

In addition to our first team matches we have had, what is sometimes called, "Weekly Obligardo" matches. these I am sure have been thoroughly enjoyed by all Taking part in them and also the spectators.

The Officers played our 2nd. XV and just lost by 14 points to 8 Points. It must surely be something of a record for 14 Officers to turn out for rugger at once in an R.M. Division.

Then "A & C" Companies (Right Half) played "E & G" Companies (Left Half). The Right Half eventually won by 4 tries to 2 tries.

As all our first XV players were barred from playing it gave us an insight into the ability of many fresh rugby aspirants to fame. These have been duly noted.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION)

A very heavy programme has been arranged for Season 1927/28. The 1st Team are again competing in the U.S. League Div. I, P. & D. League Div.I., Devon Senior Cup, P. & D. Charity Cup, and the Navy Cup. The 2nd XI, will figure as last year in the Devon Wednesday Cup, & League Div. I. Over a hundred players requested a trial, this necessitating 5 practice games being played. We have only 1 absentee from our 1st XI, but practically all last years 2nd XI, are on draft, so the trial games were very useful in helping us to build up another Wednesday team. A very good start has been made in the P. & D. League our results being as follows :—

Civil Services	.. Home	..	Lost 2—1.
Oreston Rovers	.. Away	..	Won 2—1.
Looe ..	.. Home	..	Won 3—0
Wadebridge	.. Away	..	Draw 1—1
Truro City ..	.. Away	..	Won 4—2
Ply. St. Thomas	.. Away	..	Won 8—0
Woodland Villa	.. Home	..	Won 7—1

The Reserves have played the following :—

H.M.S. Defiance	.. Home	..	Lost 4—3
Liskeard Reserves	.. Home	..	Won 4—2
Ply. St. Thomas Res.	Home	..	Lost 2—1
Co-operative Athletic	Home	..	Won 5—0

In our opening U.S. League Div. I. game, we met and defeated after a hard game the Royal Artillery, by 3 gls. to 2.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION)

The Depot Teams have up to the present done very well and keen interest is being shown by all. It is well to note that only one match has been lost and the opponents in this had some crack players (ex-professionals), also the usual gale from the East was assisting to make matters worse, so taking everything into consideration we did not fare too bad. We have had one Derby with Deal Town and gained the honours,

a performance we hope to repeat on 15th October. The results of matches played are :—

FIRST XI.

R.A.F. (Home). Draw 1—1.
Deal Town (Home), Friendly. Won 5—1.
Folkestone (Away). Lost 10—1.
Beds and Herts Regiment (Home). Won 5—2.

SECOND XI.

Richboro' (Away). Draw 1—1.
Ashley (Away). Won 9—2.
Eastry (Home). Won 6—3.
Mongeham (Away), Friendly. Draw 1—1.

FOOTBALL (RUGBY)

So far, we have played two matches this year, as unfortunately two have been scratched.

RESULTS :—

v. Beds and Herts Regiment. Won 7—0.
v. St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. Lost 5—3.

Team was drawn from :—

Lieut. Phillips, 2nd Lts. Langford, Madoc, Eustace, Solbe and Lumsden, Sergts. Heal, Moyse, Corpls. Clarke, Pollitt, Band, Bishop, Mnes. Wilkinson, Pople, Jones, Hole, Recruits Turner, Bolton and Christopher.

FENCING

We are endeavouring to arrange a small fixture list at the four weapons, Sabre, Foil, Epée and Bayonet. So far we have arranged two with each the South Staffs. Regt. and the R.A.F. at Manston.

SQUAD FOOTBALL.

In spite of the small numbers, matches have been played with plenty of enthusiasm. The Junior Squads have played especially well

FIRST ROUND.—153 beat 150, 6—2 ; 152 beat 148, 4—2 ; 149 beat 151, 3—0 ; 154, Bye.

SEMI-FINAL.—153 beat 154, 3—1. Very good game ; fine football. 149 beat 152, 3—2. The 152 played much better football, but the 149 worked hard and kept the ball swinging well.

FINAL.—149 to meet 153.

BOXING

The Recruits 100% Boxing will take place on Oct. 20th in the Drill Field if weather permits. A full report will be sent for next months issue.

63rd DIVN. SPORTS SHIELD. — (which was used for Inter-Coy Sports in the 63rd Divn. and presented to the Depot R.M. when the Divn. disbanded) is now to be put up Annually for Inter-Company Bayonet Combat Teams. It is assumed that the donors would be pleased to know that the shield is being used to further such an important Sport.

The Relay Cup recently won by the Depot R.M. team will be used Annually for Inter-Company Relay Teams.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION).

The School's Team put up a very good performance in the first round of the United Service Charity Cup by defeating H.M.S. *Dolphin* by 6 goals to 5, after being in arrears by 5 goals to 1, this remarkable recovery on the part of the School was mainly due to the extra vim the players put into their play during the second half, Robinson at Centre Forward and Marcussohn at outside right paved the way to victory, unfortunately we shall be losing the services of the latter as he is embarking in H.M.S. *Effingham*. Lawrence was the usual old plodder and had a big share in the School's success, as also had Mullis at left back, Tipp his partner was not up to his usual standard, and C.S.M. Ship who deputised for Penrose at outside left who unfortunately is suffering with an old injury, was not a success, we are afraid that Ship like some of us has seen the best of his football days.

WATER POLO.

The School have now completed their fixtures in the Portsmouth & District Water Polo League Div. III and again finished second to Northsea, the following are the results for the season :—

				Goals		
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst.	Points
12	10	0	2	64	24	20

The chief goal scorers were :—

Musician Barrett, 35 ; Musn. Buckle, 14 ; Musn. Burnett, 5.

ICHANG, 1920

Without wishing to belittle the efforts of Corpl. Flack (*Vindictive*) or Sergt. Harrop (*Carlisle*) in reaching Ichang with their gallant little bands in 1927 & 1923, a half-platoon from the *'Cairo'* can claim to be the first Royals at Ichang *after the War*. (June 1920).

In the good pre-war days of red tunics, I believe the Yangtse Gunboats carried R.M.'s as part of their complement, and Lieut. M.C. Festing, R.M.L.I. (Now Col. Festing, D.S.O., commanding 5th Bn. Tanks, Salisbury) was at one time the Subaltern appointed to administer and inspect these widely dispersed units.

Presumably, if Gunboats did carry R.M.'s, detachments must have got up any way to Ichang and probably another 500 odd miles to Chunking. Perhaps some old Comrade can furnish us with details, or could an overworked clerk dig it out of " records ", during his, now much curtailed spare moments.

In June 1920 1 Captain, 1 N.C.O. and 12 Privates (all R.M.L.I.) were embarked in H.M.S. *Kinsha* an old paddle wheel gunboat, the flagship of the newly appointed Rear Admiral Yangtse, for duty in connection with threatened disturbances at Ichang.

After waiting off Yochow for two days, (when the usual " Whistle - jiggs - to - a - milestone missionary " had had the misfortune to wake up one morning with a cut throat) running out of fuel at Shasi, (which the Ichang Brigands were kind enough to send down C.O.D.), fighting against mosquitoes, and repairing broken floats on the paddles, the party fetched up at Ichang.

Nothing of real Military interest occurred, and as far as is known no hot air or vellum greeted the party on return, about 3 weeks later.

Some amusing incidents however did happen. Our Pilot was held up one evening by Chinese soldiers and robbed of everything he possessed, including his ring. The local Chinese G.O.C. was sent for to come and apologise.

A guard was turned out for him (less Officer who had no sword) and presumably this Chink satisfied the Authorities. Anyway with a half-smile fixed on his face, he kept on shaking hands with himself and killing the Admiral through the interpreter, " You talkee your Soldier man No can, Soldier man No Do.! Me talkee my Soldier man No can ", then a shrug of

the shoulders and another hearty and genial handshake with himself !

As there were about 3,000 Chinese soldiers, drilling outside the compound in case of real trouble, it did not appear that this little handful of sea-soldiers was adequate, a view that was received with considerable disfavour by the higher naval authorities.

A second amusing incident took place. During the time H.M.S. *Kinsha* was at Ichang the first Lieut and Sub were bitten by a dog, with the result that the dog developed rabies and both Officers had to be sent to the Pasteur Institute at Shanghai for treatment. The outcome of this was that going down river after leaving Ichang, one Capt. R.M.L.I. and one Political Officer (The Naval Lower Yangtse pilot) were detailed to keep watch on the bridge as O.O.W.'S.

The R.M. Officer went on the bridge at dawn with the following simple instructions from the Captain. " If the second bow wave disappears stop the engines bows on into the bank "!

The old ship went chugging down the river, wobbling from bank to bank like a tipsy sailor, in accordance with instructions from the big immobile, pock-marked, evil looking Chinese pilot, the old paddles going strong assisted by a 6 to 8 knot current.

The aforementioned bow wave vamoozed on several occasions but by masterly inactivity on the part of the O.O.W. it used to come back again, and the old ship never touched the mud once.

About 8.30 a.m. the P.O. came up to take over and had a dekko at the chart. Didn't seem to make much of it and looking up said :—

" Where the h-l are we ? "

" Well " replied the Captain R.M.L.I. " I don't know much about charts but I was made to do a great deal of map reading and map-making at Greenwich. I've rather an idea by the chart that we're about two miles inland, yet if you listen you'll hear the old paddles are still pushing the water behind us ".

This so upset the Political Officer's navigational instinct, that he used to remain on the bridge most all daylight hours, and as the ship anchored at night, the Captain R.M.L.I. once again found himself almost a non-executive Officer.

Some time after these R.M.'s left Ichang, the Navy Boys did have a bit of fun, which made some of the R.M. Benedicts (late Kinsha) green with envy.

A rather beautiful if somewhat neurotic lady was staying at the delectable spot so lately left behind.

On account of expected troubles with local Chinese Soldiery, orders were issued for the evacuation of the white ladies of the port to a river steamer. This was too much for our fair damsel, so she proceeded to the bathroom, locked the door, undressed and sat herself in a full bath, from which only with very great difficulty was she removed by the Naval Landing party !

Anyway the treatment she received she considered insulting and broadcasted her opinion in the North China Daily News.

This started and kept going an amusing if sometimes rather acrimonious official correspondence, which culminated in the promotion to Commander of the aforementioned acting S.N.O.

The names of the R.M. detachment embarked in Kinsha were Capt. Sturges ; Corpl. Kingshott ; Ptes. Gannon, Uppington ; Blair ; Keate ; Butcher ; McClusky Collier ; Baird ; Price ; Duckham ; Piddock ;

Reynolds.

THE ROYAL NAVAL AND ROYAL MARINE BENEVOLENT TRUST.

In opening this series of articles on the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, there seems no more apt expression with regard to the birth of this great benevolent organisation than the words of Admiral the Hon. Sir Victor Stanley, who, presiding at the Third Annual Meeting of the Portsmouth Local Committee on 3rd March 1925, said, whilst recalling his association with the formation of the Grand Fleet Fund in the early days of the Great War in the Grand Fleet -

> " Sometimes out of evil came forth good, and whilst remembering that the Trust owed its inception to the horrors of War, he was glad to see it had progressed to bring comfort into the homes of many, and long might it continue to do so. "

The Trust, as at present constituted, is a benevolent body with considerable powers for carrying out its objects which have been broadly interpreted in the Royal Charter, and also with power to be of direct or indirect assistance to both serving and ex-serving men of the present, past and future.

It is a body supported by voluntary subscriptions and donations broadly :—

(*a*) To assist the men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and their dependents when, through misfortune of one form or another, they are in need or distress.

(*b*) To take such steps as are in its powers to afford men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and their dependents a possible means of avoiding these misfortunes by instituting, administering or supporting any schemes such as for training, obtaining of employment on discharge, etc., etc.

The Trust as at present constituted is not a benefit Society, nor any form of *direct* insurance, that is to say, voluntary subscriptions, regular or otherwise do not in any way entitle the subscriber to receive benefit, though obviously to a certain extent, should the need arise, the amount of assistance which can be given must necessarily depend on the voluntary support which has been received.

The Trust owes its inception to the horrors of War, for did it not grow out of the Grand Fleet Fund which was accumulated during the War by means of donations, Fleet Economy Schemes etc., etc.

In the Month of May 1920, certain proposals were formulated by Their Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on the grounds that, although being satisfied with the work of the Grand Fleet Fund, they were of the opinion that certain modifications were necessary.

After protracted negotiations in which the question of composition and method of election of Local Committees was discussed, the Royal Charter embodying the objects and principles of the Grand Fleet Fund, from which it sprung, was issued in 1922.

Omitting the comparatively small sum turned over by the Grand Fleet Fund, the Trust commenced its

operations in September, 1922, with approximately £62,000. This amount was transferred by the Admiralty and the source is reasonably believed to have been in some way principally connected with the late War.

The Trust was also to receive at that time during the ensuing 15 years the sum of £150,219, being the share apportioned to the Navy from the Navy and Army Canteen Profits up to 31st December, 1920, and paid at the rate of £10,000 per annum.

The Trust is administered in so far as the Local Committee work is concerned by 25 Lower Deck Ratings and Royal Marines and 5 ex-service men, assisted by 4 Advisory Officers, the latter being appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

These as stated form the Local Committees, and from their numbers are elected the Central Committee, in the hands of whom the affairs of the Trust, financial or otherwise, are by the Royal Charter directly vested.

The Central Committee is a body consisting of 15 Lower Deck Ratings and Royal Marines, 3 Officers and, in addition 7 Officers as ex-Officio Members.

The Admiralty appoints the President and one Governor only, the remaining four Governors holding the position by virtue of the Royal Charter, and the Hon. Treasurer by election by the Central Committee.

The Royal Marines have been well represented as holders of Official Positions with regard to the Portsmouth Local Committee.

Q.M.S. Stanley Foster occupied the chair from 1922 to 1925, and Sergeant E. H. W. Wood carried out the duties of Hon. Local Secretary from 1924 to 1926.

The present Royal Marine Representatives serving on the Portsmouth Local Committee are :—Clr.-Sgt. J. Brooksbank ; Cpl. W. R. Walker. Hon. Almoner, Sergeant F. C. Richardson, also representing the R.M. Help Society.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD SUTHER.

General Cuthbert Collingwood Suther, Royal Marine Artillery (retired), who died at Worthing on Thursday, September 29th, at the age of 88, was the oldest surviving officer of his rank and the most senior, so that he may rightly be termed the "father" of the Royal Marine Corps at the time of his death.

He was born on August 1st, 1839, the son of Peter Suther, M.D., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, R.N., and became a second lieutenant in the Royal Marine Artillery on October 26th, 1855. His early service was comparatively uneventful. Diligent and studious, he was selected for the Staff College, and passed the examination in December, 1865. The spring of 1867 found him afloat in the *Minotaur*, flagship of the Channel Squadron, one of the early iron ships plated with armour, and commanded by Captain James G. Goodenough, who was afterwards murdered by natives when commodore in Australia. While in her he was promoted to second captain, and selected for the post of adjutant of the R.M.A. at the headquarters at Fort Cumberland, Portsmouth. In 1873 he became a first captain, and was appointed Professor of Fortifications at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Next he took up the duties, in June, 1877, of Military Instructor to the R.M.A,, and two years later wes promoted to major. He developed his undoubted talent as a linguist, and qualified as an official interpreter in French, German and Spanish.

In August, 1880, he took command of the Marine contingent on board his old ship, the *Minotaur*, Captain Harry Rawson, which still served as Channel flagship, and in October, 1883, was made lieutenant-colonel by brevet, receiving substantive rank on April 5th, 1886. About a year later he was chosen to be Assistant Adjutant-General on the Headquarters Staff of the Marine Corps in London, and served there from June, 1887, to May, 1891. being promoted meanwhile to colonel. He was among the Marine officers awarded the Jubilee Medal in 1887. From the Admiralty he went to Portsmouth to command the R.M.A., and was Colonel-Commandant there from May 21st, 1891, to August 29th, 1893 ; when he had the rare experience of being promoted to major-general and to lieutenant-general within three days. Promotion to general came to him on September 28th, 1899, and he retired under the age limit of 65 on August 1st, 1904.

General Suther married in 1868, Louise Adelaide, eldest daughter of Captain J. W. Jennings. Mrs. Suther died in 1899. The General had lived for many years at Worthing.

GENERAL ALBERT FARRAR GATLIFF, D.L.

We regret to announce that General Gatliff, R.M. a deputy-lieutenant for the County of Sussex, died at Silverstream, Chertsey, on Wednesday, 26th September, at the age of 70.

General Gatliff was an officer of rare attainments, whose energy and ability might have been better rewarded in a service which could offer more opportunities than could the Royal Marines for officers in the higher ranks. Although he remained on the active list until reaching the age limit of 65 in 1922, he held no regular appointment in his own Corps after 1910. But he maintained his interest in Service matters, was a member of the council of the Royal United Service Institution, and wrote a good deal on defence questions. Some years ago he acted as Special Correspondent of *The Times* on various occasions of military manoeuvres and the like, and he was specially selected for employment at the War Office in connexion with the preparation of the Official History of the War in South Africa, in which he served. One of his last official duties on the active list was to represent the Royal Marines as a pall bearer at the funeral of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day, 1920.

Albert Farrar Gatliff was the son of Mr. Henry Gatliff, of Fairfield, Lancashire, and was born on April 8th, 1857. Educated at Alston College and at London University, he was gazetted lieutenant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry on January 27th, 1876. He was early singled out for staff employment, and became Assistant Instructor of Gunnery in the Chatham Division in 1882-85. Going up to the Staff College, Camberley, he graduated p.s.c. in 1887, having by that

time been promoted to captain. He commanded the Marine contingent in the battleship *Neptune,* and in 1890 was appointed Instructor of Fortification at the Royal Military College, where he served for seven years. His promotion to major occurred meantime, on July 18th, 1892. When first studying at the College, he was specially distinguisted in law and topography, and while on the staff he followed up both subjects to good purpose. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1897, passing first in common law and gaining the J. J. Powell prize ; and was also the joint inventor of a surveying instrument called the metrangle, or portable combined angle measurer and plotter.

In November, 1897, Gatliff resumed sea duty on board the *Doris,* flagship of Rear-Admiral Rawson, as senior officer of Royal Marines on the Cape Station, and so was on the spot at the outbreak of the South African War. He was at first employed as Press censor at Capetown, and later was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General during the operations in the Orange Free State and Cape Colony. He was present at Paardeburg, and was awarded the South African Medal, with the Paardeburg, Cape Colony, and 1901 clasps. For some time during the campaign he was the senior officer of Royal Marines, and he also had command of a battalion of Imperial Yeomanry. His promotion to lieutenant-colonel was dated September 11th, 1899.

On the passing of the Naval Forces Act, 1903, under which the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve was created, Colonel Gatliff, as he became on April 11th of that year, was appointed a member of the Admiralty Volunteer Committee, the governing body of the new force. He served there until 1907, and was specially thanked by the Admiralty for his work in compiling regulations for Royal Marine volunteers. On April 23rd, 1908, he was made Colonel-Commandant of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., and held the command until promoted to major-general on February 22nd, 1910. A year later he was selected to be in attendance on the Hereditary Prince of Turkey, representing the Sultan, at the Coronation of King George, and received the Coronation Medal. He was promoted lieutenant-general in 1911 and general in 1915.

General Gatliff was fond of outdoor occupations, including golf and shooting, and played cricket for I Zingari and the Free Foresters. He lived much at Brighton, where he was a member of the New Club, and was Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Sussex. He married Rosamund (who died in 1923), the daughter of Mr. W. Symonds, barrister-at-law, and widow of Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Dashwood, of the Gordon Highlanders, but had no children. —*The Times.*

LIEUT-COL. T. E. HUNGERFORD.

Lieut-Colonel Thomas Everard Hungerford who retired from the Corps in 1897, died at the R.N. Hospital Plymouth on the 6th September, after a short illness, at the age of 84. Lt.-Col. Hungerford was the son of Captain Thomas Hungerford, Royal Navy and was born at Castletown on 14th August 1843. He joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry in June 1860 and saw his first service afloat in H.M.S. "*Shannon*" on the North America and West Indies Station where he had many interesting experiences, including a three months voyage up the Amazon in an open boat. He was also brought into contact with the Southern Armies during the American Civil War and has many notes in his diaries which, it is hoped, may be recorded in course of time. In 1868 he served with the R.M.Battalion in Ireland during the Moonlighter troubles, and later with the 1st. R.M. Battalion of Occupation in Yokohama from 1873 to 1875, he kept a very full diary of events during this period. He was promoted to Captain in October 1877 and served on the African Coast in H.M.S. "*Active*" and H.M.S. "*Tourmaline*" subsequently in H.M.S. "*Hector*" on Coastguard Service, until landed for the second time with the R.M. Battalion in Ireland during the Fenian troubles from 1880 to 1882.

He was promoted to Brevet Major on 1st July 1881 and Major on 1st July 1882.

Two years later he saw service with the R.M. Battalion in the Soudan, where he commanded a detachment during the attack on New House on 3rd December, '84, being awarded the Soudan Medal with Clasp and Khedive Star.

His last appointment in the Service was Barrack Master at the R.M. Depot Walmer on 21st January 1887 and he served there until his retirement, on account of age, on 14th August, 1897. During his time at Walmer he took active part in founding the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, actually superintending the first laying out of a nine hole course on the then, comparatively unknown sand hills, and gave his services as Honorary Secretary for the first few years of the life of the club : during this period the Club-House was built and a large number of London Members joined.

He was married at Queenstown on 15th July 1882 to Edith, only daughter of the late Major-General John Moore Graham of the Bengal Staff Corps.

He remained active and interested in all sport and modern developments up to the last, and was universally loved and admired.

He leaves besides his Widow, a Son and two Daughters. The funeral took place at Paignton, Sergeants from the Plymouth Division R.M. acting as bearers and two R.M.Buglers sounding the Last Post followed by the Reveille.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 30th September, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
AUSTIN, J. ..	3450	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	22155	6-9-27
BISHOP, G. ..	18093	Mne.	Ply.	2544	13-9-27
COLES, G. ..	14463	A/Bdr.	R.M.A.	707	29-8-27
CHERRY, G. ..	15786	Mne.	R.M.A.	1391	22-9-27
DUTTON, A. S. ..	8931	Sergt.	R.M.A.	3499	1-9-27
DEAN, J. ..	11914	Musn.	Ply.	338	3-9-27
DUDLEY, S. ..	6175	Mne.	R.M.A.	9th Coy.	15-9-27
FLETCHER, A. ..	6085	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	74	19-9-27
GALE, G. ..	8138	Mne.	Ply.	7946	28-9-27
GOYMER, J. ..	10516	Mne.	Ports.	7934	11-9-27
HALES, J. ..	14071	Mne.	Chat.		24-9-27
HEELEY, J. H. ..	17240	Mne.	Ports.	12906	4-9-27
HITCHINS, J. R.	19102	Mne.	Depot	303	19-9-27
HUTCHINGS, F. ..	17215	Mne.	Ply.	5808	22-9-27
HALL, A. G. ..	19980	Mne.	Chat.	2849	23-9-27
JAMES, J. R. ..	8076	Mne.	Ply.	20623	12-9-27
SMYTH, J. R. ..	17835	Mne.	Ports.	4785	21-9-27
SLEEMAN, F. S.	18949	Mne.	Ply.	4559	17-9-27
TAYLOR, W. H.	10111	Mne.	Ports.	15017	12-8-27
THOMAS, A. H.	9044	Mne.	Ports.	7021	26-9-27
WHITE, J. ..	14403	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	3710	29-9-27



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. W. Channer, Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. W. S. Poè, D.S.O., Major L. Norcock, to be Lieut.-Cols. Dated 23-9-27.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. F. V. Temple, C.M.G., to be Lieut.-Col. Dated 21-10-27.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G., to Lieut.-Col. (Supy.), for distinguished service. Dated 1-9-27.

Capts. E. C. Hoar and E. J. Woodington, absbd., vice Simpson and Johnstone. Dated 26-8-27 and 27-9-27.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) G. W. Chant to Cmd. Sergt.-Major. Dated 26-9-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. H. N. H. Houghton to Retired List, at own request. Dated 14-10-27.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. J. W. Hudleston's appointment as S.O.R.M. on Staff of C.-in-C., Portsmouth, extd. for 6 months from 7-11-27.

Majors A. G. W. Grierson, and G. Harrison, to Retired List, at own request. Dated 1-11-27 and 12-11-27, respectively.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. G. P. Orde to A.D.N.I., Admiralty. Dated 23-9-27.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. (Ch.) Drafting Officer, vice Hill. Dated 1-10-27.

The appointment of Capt. E. L. N. Bishop as I. of S.A., Malta, extd. for 6 months from 24-11-27.

Lieut. A. P. Gumm (Ply.) A.I. of S.A., vice Kitchen. Date of assuming duty.

Lieut. J. H; Cawley-Way to Depot, vice Sillitoe.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) M. J. Stacey (Ply.), for Parade Sergt.-Major, vice Morgan.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Morgan (Deal) to R.M.C.D., Malta, vice Stacey.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

The following exchanges will take effect on transfer of C.-in-C.'s Flag to *Queen Elizabeth*, and V.A.'s Flag to *Warspite* :—

Majors C. Williams (*Warspite*) to *Queen Elizabeth* ; J. B. Chancellor (*Barham*) to *Warspite*. Capts. W. B. F. Lukis (*Warspite*) to *Queen Elizabeth*,; L. Mercer (*Queen Elizabeth*) to *Barham* ; E. J. Woodington (*Barham*) to *Warspite*. Lieuts. C. F. L. Holford (*Queen Elizabeth*) to *Warspite* ; G. Hill (*Queen Elizabeth*) to *Barham* ; M. F. H. Rogers (*Warspite*) to *Queen Elizabeth*. Bandmaster (W.O.) J. L. Hamilton, L.R.A.M. (*Warspite*) to *Queen Elizabeth*.

Major C. Attwood to *Royal Oak*, vice Ravenshaw. Date of embarkation.

Major T. L. Hunton, Lieut. O. C. T. Dukes to *Effingham*, on recommissioning.

Capt. E. P. Bickford to *Valiant*, vice Campbell. Date of embarkation.

Capt. C. A. H. Kitchen to *Furious*, vice Sergeant. Date of joining.

Capt. J. H. G. Wills to *Durban*, vice Clayton. Date of embarkation.

Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe to *Pembroke* for R.N. Bks., vice Dykes. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. E. W. Iremonger, D.S.O., to *President*, addl., for Senior Officers' War Course. Dated 10-10-27.

Lieut. L. Priestley has been selected to attend 25th Qualifying Course from 14-10-27 to 10-12-27.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. F. W. Jordan (H.Q.).

APPOINTMENTS.

P. & R.T. Staff.—Corpl. H. E. Weale (H.Q.).

Engineman (Disinfector).—Mne. G. J. Baldry.

Pioneers.—Mnes. F. W. Hayes, G. H. Barwell, W. Wright.

Cook.—Mne. G. Barnes.

Boatman, Boats Crew.—Mne. J. F. Gibbs.

Postman.—Clr.-Sgt. A. E. Field.

EMBARKATIONS.

Ramillies—Sergt. G. A. Chinnery, Mne. G. Whitmore. **Vulcan**—Corpl. C. V. Blyth. **Malaya**—Mne. N. V. Madden. **Castor**—Mnes. T. Robson, A. C. Wisdom, J. L. Mead, W. M. Hailston, T. J. Rumble, G. A. Chapman, C. F. Nicholass, R. Greer, E. F. Pasby, T. E. Buckingham. **Pembroke**—Mne. E. J. Tindall, Corpl. A. J. Scovell, Mne. W. Dolamore. **Malabar**—Sergt. G. Keeley, Mnes. E. J. Stoter, J. E. Workman, F. Pinkney, S. C. Venables, E. Firth. **Repulse**—Sergt. P. J. Jerred, Mne. W. Basted.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

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To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergts. John Matthews, G. O. Pomery.

To Sergt.—Corpl. A. W. Brinkman.

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Purchase.—Mne. C. G. Pugsley.

S.N.L.R.—Mne. F. W. Smith.

TRANSFERS.

To Marines.—Bglrs. W. F. White, G. M. Dollery.

To Bugler.—Band Boy C. H, Arnold, R.M.B.

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PROMOTIONS.

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APPOINTMENTS.

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APPOINTMENT.

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EMBARKATION.

Pembroke—Mne. F. Weston.

MOVE.

To Portsmouth.—Corpl. W. G. A. Hardy.

MEDAL.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Corpl. H. M. Keet.

DISCHARGES.

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Purchase.—Mnes. F. G. Bangham, C. G. Pugsley.

N.L.B.E.—Mnes. A. C. B. Wheaton, E. F. Cox, Wm. Hart.

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EMBARKATIONS.

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

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DISCHARGES.

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Termination of his first perod of Engagement—Musn. E. V. Mann.

Invalided.—Musn. Eric Summers.

EXAMINATIONS.

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" **Philomel** "—Mne. L. W. Tuttle.
" **Diomede** "—Capt. J. S. Selby Tuppen.

DIVISIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Chatham—Lieut. J. Hume.
Portsmouth—Lieut. B. G. B. Mitchell.
Plymouth—Lieut. J. H. Moxham.
Depot—Lieut. J. M. Phillips.
R.N. School of Music—Lieut. W. E. Faithfull.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

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NOTICE.

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The Globe & Laurel

The Journal of the ROYAL MARINES.



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Colonel-in-Chief, The King

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"THE GLOBE AND LAUREL" WISHES ALL ITS READERS AND SUPPORTERS A VERY HAPPY XMAS AND ALL THE LUCK FOR 1928.

1927 has been an interesting year for many members of the Corps. It saw the formation and despatch of the 12th R.M. Battalion to China, the world cruise of H.M.S. *Renown*, and the successful summer exercises at Portland.

At Olympia this year the outstanding feature was the excellence of the drill of the King's Squad from the Depot, under Captain Craig.

In the world of sport there have been many noteworthy successes ashore and afloat, such as the winning of both tugs-of-war at Olympia by the Portsmouth Division, the victory, for the second year running, of the *Hood's* detachment in the Rodman Cup, and the achievements of the *Renown's* Tug-of-War Team.

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We are lucky in having for our Xmas Number a contribution by that well-known writer, Lt.-Col. W. P. Drury, C.B.E., also a very amusing drawing by Captain J. S. Hicks which he has called "A Naval Tragedy," though the substitution of a "s" for the "v" would not be inappropriate.

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Those who have regularly practised "landing from boats" at Portsmouth will appreciate the detailed proposal by our cartoonist for brightening up 1928 Wednesday forenoons (see p. 256). The artist has not forgotten that friend of man, the Admiralty Bloodstock representative.

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The correspondent who penned "The Shanghai Lament" (p. 246) is presumably looking forward feverishly to the 9th December, on which date the remainder of the 12th R.M. Battalion, under Major Sykes Wright, are due to leave Shanghai in the S.S. *Mantua* for Home, where they are sure of a warm welcome.

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Much that is harmful, and probably untrue, appears in the Press of various countries on the subject of Anglo-American relations. The detachments of *Calcutta* and *Cairo* can tell you that there is nothing amiss in the relations between the Royal Marines and the United States Marine Corps (p. 238, *et seq.*)

We in England do not grasp how much the gift of "Private Pagett" was, and is, appreciated in America; nor perhaps do we realise how much that gift meant to our brother Marines on the other side of the Atlantic. The following extract, taken from a letter of a Royal Marine officer who was present at Boston and Washington during the recent visit of the two British cruisers:—

"I did not realise until I visited an American port, the tremendous amount of interest, and almost emotion, the gift of "Private Paget" to the U.S. Marines has aroused on this side of the Atlantic. It appears to me to have got beyond the stage of an inter-Marine affair, and to have become almost international * * * * —

—In conclusion, I must state that the kindness and hospitality we have received at the hands of the U.S. Marines, both here and at Boston, are beyond anything we could have imagined, and the relations between the two Corps are more than cordial."

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At the close of the year we take this opportunity (*a*) of thanking most warmly those correspondents who have been good enough to send us news, etc., and (*b*) of accepting gracefully in advance the excuses and apologies of those correspondents who through shyness or overwork have been silent.

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

All available ships are now doing a tabloid Table " L " on the bleak slopes of Portland Rifle Range, weather permitting or not. There are, however, some notable absentees :—*Hood*, *Renown* and *Benbow* have slid off to Home Ports to warm the Christmas Leave bell, *Marlborough* is ferrying to the Mediterranean, and *Adventure* is laying eggs in the Channel. *Revenge*, too, isn't playing, being shortly due to pay off, but she is providing a very efficient Camp Staff.

No, it wasn't a Trafalgar Day Pageant that you saw marching through Portsmouth Dockyard on October 21st, but the C.-in-C., Staff and Retinue (less Brutus, to join later) shifting over to their new quarters in *Nelson*. Very new quarters they are too.

Interest now centres on the King's Cup and the Marathon. We would tip *Revenge* for a " double."

Some of the detachments in this Fleet must be composed either of the silent strong men, so dear to the lady novelists, or of " mute, inglorious Miltons," because we never read about them in the illustrated press or in that more erudite contemporary, the *G. & L.* In the language of Fratton Park " Let's hear from you " ; passed to 2nd C.S. for necessary action, please.

" Nelson "

Nelson commissioned on August 15th at Spithead. The detachment of 161 N.C.O.'s and Men soon settled down and, considering the majority are young soldiers, the complicated routine and duties of a Royal Marine afloat have been grasped by them and carried out in a very creditable manner.

The 21st October will remain in the memory of the detachment for some time when the Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Hubert Brand was transferred from *Revenge* to *Nelson*. Commodore the Hon. Matthew Best and Lieut. H.R.H. Prince George are on the staff. We also welcome the presence of Major L. D. Briscoe, R.M., F.R.M.O., Atlantic Fleet.

The guard of honour drilled to perfection under the instruction of our S.M., Clr.-Sgt. Budd, and presented a very smart appearance in review order and tunics ; also the band, augmented by ex-buglers from the detachment with Corpl. Heaton, R.M., as drum-major, equipped with mace and gauntlets, were very conspicuous.

On Sunday mornings at 0900, there is a voluntary clear lower deck to witness the " troop." The band presents a fine spectacle marching the length of the top deck to the strains of " Sambre et Meuse," and the buglers, who have been organised under the capable hands of Corpl. Desmond, R.M., render a good account of themselves.

Ammunition ship was carried out in good time and with only one small mishap due to a marine allowing his finger to linger too long on a gantry rail.

The ship left Portsmouth October 24th for Portland. Whilst at Portland gunnery exercises have been carried out continuously. Taking into consideration the turrets are of new construction in every detail and no previous training has been available, a state of high efficiency has been attained. Luckily we have in Commd. R.M. Gunner Pearcy one who believes in walking before attempting to run, thereby checking any inclination to " dizziness " which may be experienced by members of the crew.

Relative to the sporting side of life in the ship, we have had very little chance of showing our prowess, owing to the short time we have been in commission. We have excellent prospects of possessing a more than useful Tug-of-War team and Soccer team. Prior to leaving Pompey, the detachment played the R.M. afloat and retired comfortable winners by 7 goals to nil. Quite a good " kick off " one must admit.

Owing to the extensive gunnery programmes, it has not been convenient to begin inter-part football yet. In the various trials which have taken place, a few Joeys have very successfully wormed their way into the ship's team. Mnes. Sunter, Pike, Hill, Maughan and Musn. Allen were included to represent the *Nelson* versus *Repulse* in the 1st round of the King's Cup, which, after extra time, we lost 2—1.

On the same afternoon we ran off the ship's inter-part marathon over 3 miles. The " Royals " put up a very creditable performance and finished up second team, gaining 4 places in the ship team of 30 for the Arbuthnot Trophy to be run later. Rather good in view of the fact that three of the detachment's best runners were absent, two playing for the ship's team and Mne. Tooley, who is probably the best of the bunch, with a crocked ankle.

Sergt. Wright, R.M., is ever on the look-out for talent and is marking time on several flat noses and cauliflower ears among the detachment for future reference concerning the noble art.

We are looking forward to making the acquaintance of the Dockyard wall next month. Many apologies to *Revenge* for pinching their billet ; we hope they will manage to squeeze in somewhere in lieu of Spithead.

Hullo *Hood* ! just tune in on our wave-length for a moment. We are very new and very young (80% Y.S.), but we are very keen. We haven't any ex-" Lion " cutters, but we have any amount of 140 feet by 4 inch rope (with a blue strand in it) and six old Olympiads to stretch it. Closing down now, *au revoir* until February at the " Rock."

The C.-in-C.'s Orderlies and Printers won a pat on the back from the Higher Command for their good work during the transfer of the Flag. Ably directed by Corpl. Giles and A/Corpl. Tyler, they assisted to get the " Bromo Mill " firing on all cylinders almost before *Revenge* realised that she was a private ship (we mean this kindly, Provost Sergeant-elect).

" Revenge."

We commence our article this month with an endeavour to inculcate the Santa Claus spirit by dishing out bouquets to all and sundry. Those of you that manage to borrow a daily paper, the same as you do a " G. & L," also bona-fide purchasers, will have noticed that this is a common procedure in the pukka Press. When they have no axe to grind, or intimate details of divorce or murder to reveal to us who are students of such, they fill their columns by saying nice things about the other chaps and as rotten amateurs are quick to imitate good pros., here goes.

Bouquet No. 1.—After pushing the quarterdeckmen and torpedomen out of the Inter-Part Football Shield Competition, we qualified to appear in the Final, which was played on the U.S. Ground at Portsmouth ; our goalometer registered : for 0, against 4. The Topmen won the Shield, we congratulate them. Lesson learnt : In a recent novel by well-known authors there is a phrase worded—" The bedrock of infantry tactics is the principle of fire and movement "—also applicable to forward lines of Marines' soccer teams, that is presuming the authors mean fire fairly accurate, and movement not connected with old age and senile decay.

Bouquet No. 2.—The Assault-at-Arms Shield in this ship is presented to winners of occasional athletic events, one being the Inter-part Marathon. Thanks to past Royals of this ship that shield had " Royal Marines " engraved on it about a dozen times. No other part having their name on it, the 1927 Marathon was run recently at Portland. The Boys won the Shield—we congratulate them. Lesson learnt : That marathon races cannot be won on only a week's training, even though we still have the bloom of youth on our cheeks, and only came up from the " Jam " about a year ago.

Bouquet No. 3.—On Armistice Night the L 56 shook hands with our drifter *Fumarole*, or perhaps it would be more correct to say she gave her an affectionate pat on the engine-room bulkhead with her ram, which had the effect of quickly giving the drifter negative buoyancy (in five or six minutes roughly). Marine Kew, assistant postman, was landing the Mail, including the " Registered," which, as it was pay-day, was a trifle heavy and wealthy (a few odd " cops " for the missus, you know). Immediately on the collision he took the Registereds from the big bag and stuffed them into his pockets ; however, eventually all the Mail was saved. But we congratulate Kew. Lesson learnt : That although we have lost the ability to win, we still have brains.

We are not serving out any kind words about all our Gunnery Trophies and Prize-money, because working on the proportion of gun-per-man-per-rounds fired per shoot, etc., etc., it works out at about fifty-fifty—half for Jack and half for Joe.

Luckily, as we are very very close to the end of the Commission, there is little else we can lose, except our Xmas stockings, and we believe all the mat-making firms have shut shop ; in any case, a lot of our "flappers" are converts to the bare-leg craze.

We wish the *Nelsons* the best of luck on the spring cruise in the various competitions, but it would be much more interesting if the battle-cruisers were to put up a greater opposition than usual ; perhaps the *Renown* will liven things up a little this time.

Apparently the situation aboard our famous rival, the *Hood*, is very interesting. They have P.O.'s teaching Marines how to pull tug-o'-war, Corporals R.M. teaching boys how to dance sailors' hornpipes. We sincerely hope this craze does not spread to the R.M. Headquarters, or we shall find the drill field groundsman teaching Parade M.T.I.'s the Yale Blues, Divisional Pioneers teaching the Dispenser Corporal how to shake up arsenic cocktails, and—horror of horrors—Pay Office Clerks teaching Staff Office Clerks how to lash up hammocks, starting off with a 206-hitch and finishing off securely with a four-poster bend.

By this time next month the *Revenge* will most probably be in the clutches of the Dockyard maties, and we shall all be on the dole (Drafting Office permitting). Any person or persons at Eastney requiring any hard-working, handsome and intelligent Marines, should write Uncle Swatton, who is the father of our detachment ; he will give details of suitable candidates for each occupation stated, as he is aware of all their peculiarities.

This concludes our quota for December. Next month, as a final and farewell article, we will tell you what ships we are drafted to, and we wish the Editorial Staff and readers of the G. & L. the usual Xmas wish. (*Same to you with holly leaves, and cordial thanks for your regular and amusing correspondence.—Hon. Ed.*)

" Benbow."

Although we are having a rather uneventful life at present, the repeated requests for news in the G. & L. has stirred our typewriter into action once more. Admiral's inspection last month caused such a shower of paint, bluebell, and soapy water, that any spare time was occupied in obeying such orders as " Keep off the Paint " and " Mind the Brightwork." However we got over everything satisfactorily, and had our usual run of luck—" Coal Ship " before the Major's Inspection (the ship always requires coal a couple of days before we have our visit from the S.O. R.M.) The Admiral and his staff were very pleased with the appearance and efficiency of the ship's company, and the ship, but praise from a thousand Admirals could not make up for the blow that has fallen on us. The ship is refitting at Plymouth, and if the Directors of the G.W.R. and S.R. could hear the remarks of a principally cockney ship's company, railway fares would drop immediately. (However, its an ill wind that blows nobody any good, says the *Benbow's* correspondent.) We are well in the air now in the floating dock, and are having tons of fresh air, which seems to be in a considerable hurry in this part of the dockyard. It would not surprise us if news from the *Hood* was scarce this month, as their correspondent seems to spend a lot of time in his shore-going suit.

There was a young fellow called Hoff,
Who had the most horrible cough,
So they made him a coffin
To carry him off in,
When coughin' had carried him off.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Barham "

The " buzz " that I referred to last month materialised, and we paid a return visit to Villefranche, arriving there on the 29th September. This came as a great and pleasant surprise to those of the ship's company who were in the ship when she went there last year, and we all looked forward to a jolly time. And what a time it was, fourteen hectic days and nights, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Charabanc trips were run daily, at a very moderate charge to Nice, Monte Carlo and Grasse, and nearly everyone took advantage of these golden opportunities of visiting such well-known places on the Riviera. Leaving Villefranche on the 14th, we arrived at Aranci Bay, a desolate place in the island of Sardinia, the next day. It was during our stay here that that nightmare of a sailor's life, viz., Admiral's Inspection took place. This great event commenced on Sunday 16th, when the detachment paraded as a Guard to receive the Vice-Admiral as he arrived on the Quarter Deck. We all wore our cloth tunics for this auspicious occasion, and the V.A. was quite impressed by our smart appearance. The cream of the inspection was on the Wednesday, when we were visited by our old friend " General Drill." We completed 15 evolutions during the forenoon in record times which reflected great credit on all concerned. As was inevitable, the S.R.M.O.'s inspection took place on the following Friday. The detachment paraded in full marching order under the command of Captain Woodington, and, as the S.R.M.O. arrived on the Q.D. he was received with a "present" that would have done credit at Olympia. During the parade, our band played appropriate music which greatly assisted in keeping one's mind off that " kink " in the back feeling, which often occurs when one has to stand for any length of time loaded with a full pack. The inspection, and the drills, etc., that followed were in every way satisfactory, and so ended an ideal week which gave one furiously to think of that well-known phrase—" A Soldier and Sailor too."

Prior to the inspection by the S.R.M.O., the Guard was relieved by Seaman, and the ceremonial for Guard relieving was carried out on the quarter deck by the Royal Marine and Naval Guards on being relieved and taking over again. The Vice Admiral who was on deck during the ceremony expressed his satisfaction. It was during this cruise that our Gunnery Officer started an interpart Miniature Rifle meeting, as a preliminary canter for the Fleet Rifle Meeting, which takes place at Ricasoli Range in November. This meeting was a great success, 13 teams from different parts of the ship entered each consisting of 8 men. The finals were shot off on the 4th of October, and the Detachment won with the score of 457 out of a possible of 544, and so won the Cup and individual spoons. This was a very creditable performance and the Captain heartily congratulated the team when he presented the Cup on the following Sunday. I must not forget to mention the team entered by the Band who finished with a score of 167, which was not at all a bad show considering that the R.M.B. are really the non-combatant element of the Corps. Here is a list of the Detachment's team and their scores :—

Rank	*Name*	*Slow*	*Snap*	*Total*
Clr/Sgt.	Burgess	35	28	63
Sgt.	Sait	37	24	61
Mne.	Riddell	36	28	64
,,	Porter	35	28	63
,,	Nicholson	29	24	53
,,	Spencer	21	28	49
,,	Benson	28	24	52
,,	Fidler	28	24	52
				457

We are well represented in the Fleet Rifle meeting, and we hope to secure some of the " Pots " and also assist the ship to keep her end up before she leaves the station. A concert was given on board by the officers, on the night of October the 21st (Trafalgar Day), which was greatly appreciated by the ship's company. We arrived at our " Home Port " the Island of " Sunshine and Romance " on the morning of the 25th, and here we are likely to remain until December the 8th, when we leave for a cruise to Sierra Leone.

Whilst at Villefranche we received on board a distinguished passenger in the person of Earl Stanhope, the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who took a trip to Malta, and, without doubt he had a good insight into the Navy at work and play.

We are expecting great changes before we leave on our next and last cruise, and occasionablly we hear terrible wails emanating from the band mess, so doubtless some of them are suffering from " Warspite fever."

AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

" Calcutta "

Once again we are back " home " at Bermuda. We arrived here on 25th October, having completed a very successful and enjoyable northern cruise.

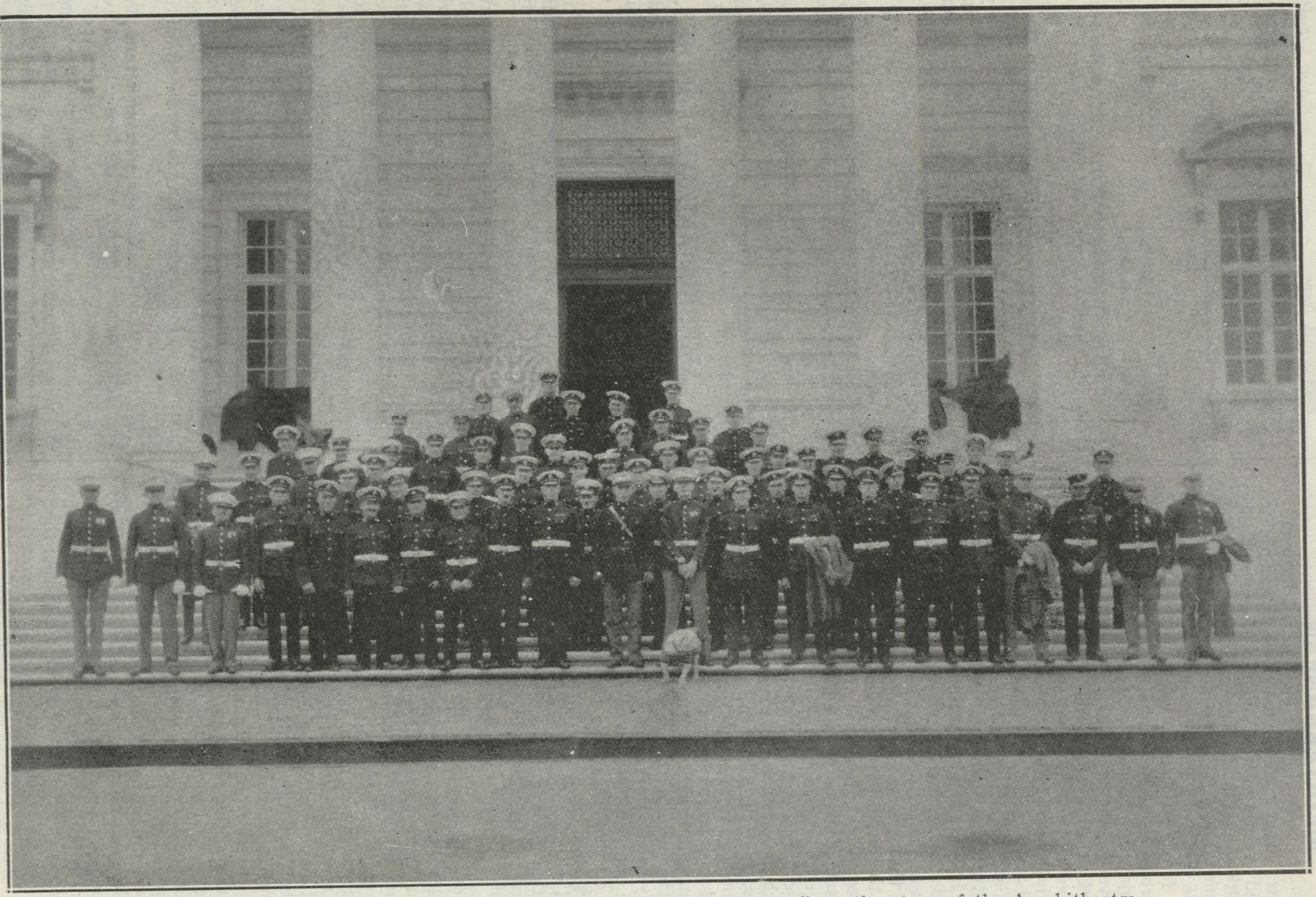
As is usually the case, we had a splendid time at Montreal. Our visit to this great city of Canada is always looked forward to by the ship's company, and in many cases they find a " home " from home. There is always plenty of sport at Montreal. On one particular day we had as many as three football teams playing. Several Rugby games were played against the strongest opposition that Montreal could muster, yet we left with a clean sheet. The Canadian National Railways held their annual sports during the period we were there and the *Calcutta* and *Cairo* were invited to send competitors for the quarter and half mile. Pay-Lieut. R. K. Waters and Corpl. R. G. Harris represented the *Calcutta* and Ldg.-Seaman Bloomfield and A.B. Davenport represented the *Cairo*. The Navy won both races.

After leaving Montreal we went to St. George's Bay for Gunnery and Torpedo exercises with *Cairo* and *Capetown*. Incidentally it afforded an excellent opportunity to recuperate after the strenuous three weeks at Montreal, and for a good many to renew acquaintances with their hammocks.

We also visited Halifax again on our return journey. The Detachment managed to get in a game of football with the Stokers, but we had to admit a defeat of 3—2. Bglr. Newman who played well on the left wing distinguished himself by scoring both of our goals. It was a good game and our team show promise of doing well in the inter-part football competition.

At Halifax we were able to arrange a triangular

"COUSINS MEET"



United States and British Marines together with "Private Pagett" on the steps of the Amphitheatre, Arlington National Cemetery, on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Ships *"Calcutta"* and *"Cairo"* to Washington, U.S.A. (Oct. 1927)

shooting match between the Royal Canadian Navy, *Cairo* and *Calcutta*, which took place on the picturesque range at Bedford. The conditions were 7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The R.C.N. ran out winners. the scores being as follows :—

R.C.N.	.. ..	541
Calcutta	.. ..	512
Cairo	.. ..	461

Mne. Funnell obtained the highest score for the *Calcutta* with 91 out of a possible 105.

From Halifax we proceeded to St. John, N.B., and then on to St. Andrews, N.B There is nothing of interest to record about our visits to these two places, except to mention that at St Andrews we saw the local people busy with the industry that takes a prominent place in a sailor's menu, namely tinned herrings or sardines.

Our cruise terminated with a visit to two American ports, Boston (Mass) and Washington (D.C.) Here we received generous hospitality from the Americans and their cordial reception will be a lasting remembrance to us.

We visited these two ports in company with *Cairo*. At Boston we created an impression, when looking spick and span after having painted ship at Halifax, we berthed alongside the jetties in the Navy Yard. The leading theatres and picture houses were free to the ship's companies, including the magnificent Metropolitian Theatre ; needless to say many took advantage of this hospitality.

The British Marine and the U.S. Marine are always great chums and as the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at Boston had their quarters in the Navy Yard close to where we were berthed, we needed no introduction. They entertained a party from the Detachments of both ships to lunch, and the fellows that attended will long remember the day. The lunch itself was the outstanding feature, and many loose belts fitted uncomfortably tight when the lunch ended. Before lunch the party was conducted round the Navy Yard to the various workshops and offices, and a visit was also made to one of the American battleships, the U.S.S. *Utah*. A thorough inspection was made of the U.S. Marine Corps quarters. This was very interesting as it afforded us the opportunity of seeing under what conditions our contemporaries live. One thing in particular caught our eye, and that was the wardrobe each Marine had alongside his bed. We cast envious looks on these useful articles of furniture, especially as we thought of our method of stowing our No. 1's and tunics in kit-bags, not to mention our civilian clothes. The U.S. Marine always looks immaculately dressed, perhaps this is the reason. After lunch the party was conducted to the site on which the famous battle of Bunkers Hill was fought. A great monument has been erected in the form of a tall four-sided pillar, standing 220 feet hight. From its summit a commanding view of Boston and its suburbs can be obtained. The whole of the party found energy enough, despite the lunch, to climb the stone stairs to the top, which numbered 295. Some found it almost as strenuous as an hour's section drill on the fo'xle.

From Boston we proceeded on to Washington. At this famous and important city we received a warm welcome, and we could not have wished for a better reception. We may venture to say that while we have the opportunity like this, of fraternising with the services of our " brothers " across the Atlantic there will be no wars or thoughts or wars. The League of Nations may hold conferences but their deliberations will not produce the same feeling of peaceful comradeship or strengthen the ties of friendship between us, as our visit to Washington did.

Again at Washington, the U.S. Marine Corps besieged us, and we were able to make the acquaintance of " Private Pagett." We had read about Pte. Pagett's enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps, in a previous issue of the *Globe and Laurel*, and we were looking forward to making his acquaintance when we knew that we should be visiting Washington. The U.S. Marine Corps is very proud to have Pte. Pagett as their mascot, and we are pleased to record that he is worthily upholding his tradition as a peaceful British bull-dog, but ready at any moment to show determination to hold his own. His condition is perfect, and he has settled down to his new life with contentment, and is quite at home in his new country. Although only a " Private," Pagett receives as much honour and attention as the Major-General Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. However, we hope it will not be long before we hear of his promotion.

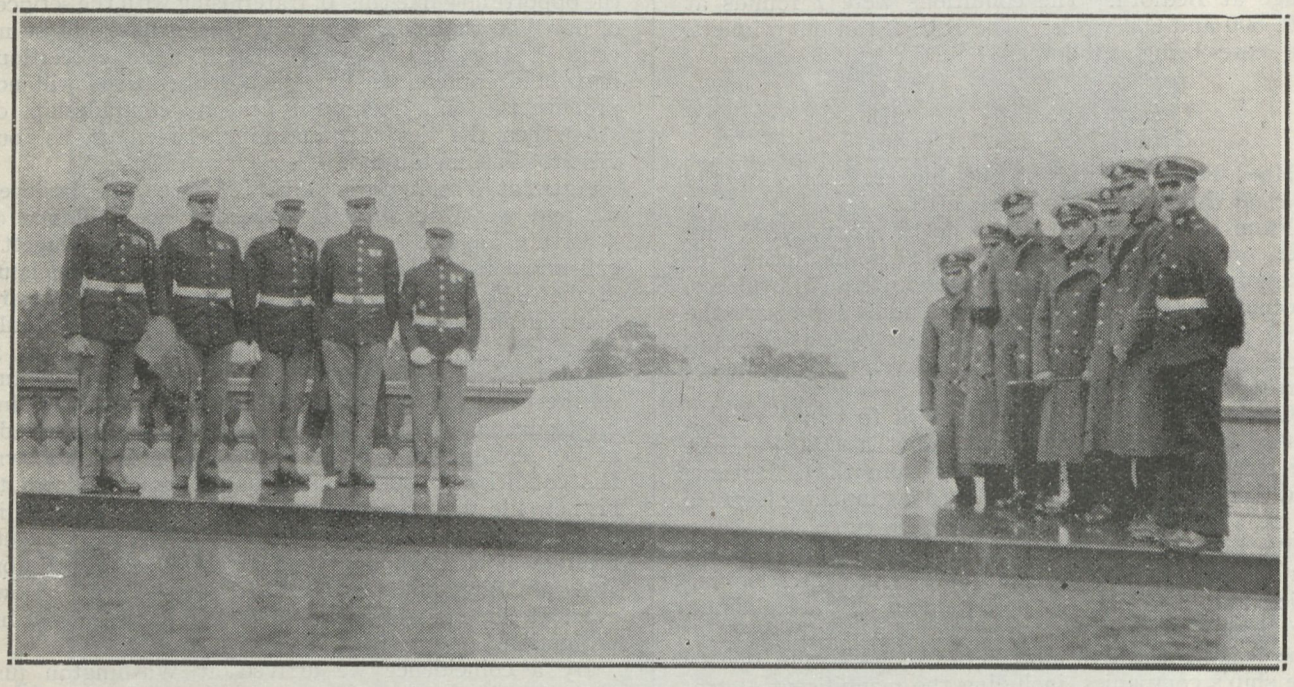
By a coincidence we arrived at Washington just after President Coolidge returned from a week-end cruise in his yacht the S.S. *Mayflower*. He stood on the bridge of his yacht as we steamed by and salutes were exchanged. The first day at Washington proved very hectic for the Detachment. The first guard and band paraded at 7.10 a.m., as we passed the tomb of the great American statesman, Washington, on our way up the Potomac River, and the last guard paraded at 4.30 p.m. The Guard only left the Q.D. once during the forenoon.

Ceremony over, the next days were devoted to sight-seeing, etc. Here again the majority of the theatres were open to us, and in this land of perpetual motion, they open in the forenoon. The first liberty boat was at 10 a.m., so it is not necessary to say that we were sorry to have to leave Washington. Each day there was some form of entertainment for the ships' companies.

Our contemporaries took us on an extensive sight-seeing tour, during which we visited all the principle buildings of Washington. It would take too long to describe in detail all the magnificent buildings that we had the privilege of seeing, but we should like to record our visit to the Arlington National Cemetery where the American Unknown Soldier is buried. It is at this cemetery that the great soldiers and sailors of America are buried, and many memorials have been erected to those that are buried elsewhere. An outstanding feature of the cemetery is the marble amphitheatre erected as a National Memorial. Its seating accommodation is approximately 4,000 and it forms an impressive edifice wherein America mourns

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There was a young lady of Ryde,
Who ate too many apples and died,
The apples fermented
Inside the lamented,
And made cider inside her inside.



United States and British Marines at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, U.S.A. (Oct., 1927).

its dead. Outside the amphitheatre facing Washington is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Photographs were taken of our party, including Pte. Pagett, on the steps of the amphitheatre, and also a group round the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Another enjoyable evening, which will not be forgotten, was experienced when we were the guests of the U.S. Marine Corps at a supper and dance. They did not spare themselves to entertain us and we were given a rattling good time. At the dance we had an orchestra from the world-famous U.S. Marine Band, and the R.M. Detachment of *Calcutta* was honoured to have a fox-trot composed and dedicated to them entitled "The Calcutta's Bumble-bees." There is a great feeling of comradeship existing between the Marine Corps of the two English speaking nations, and this was much in evidence throughout this enjoyable evening.

The night before our departure from Washington, both ships, who were berthed alongside each other, held an "At Home." We were thus able, in a small way to return the hospitality we had been receiving, and the evening proved a great success. Both ships were decorated and brilliantly illuminated, and the band which was relayed through loud speakers to all parts of both ships, played a big part in the success of the evening. Bandmaster H. Wright, L.R.A.M. was the "live wire" with his saxophone and vocal rendering the various numbers.

This proved to be a fitting termination to our stay at Washington, and on the following morning we left, with pleasant memories of a great welcome from America. Many of us made personal friends, and we were indeed sorry to have to leave them.

We are now preparing for the annual Regatta at Bermuda, which takes place on 3rd and 4th November. The inter-part soccer competition will shortly commence, so we hope to have the necessary material to produce further notes for next month's issue.

"ON THE ETHER."

A novel feature of the visits of *Calcutta* to Montreal is the broadcasting of a programme of music by the Commander-in-Chief's band, under the direction of Bandmaster Herbert Wright, L.R.A.M., R.M.B.

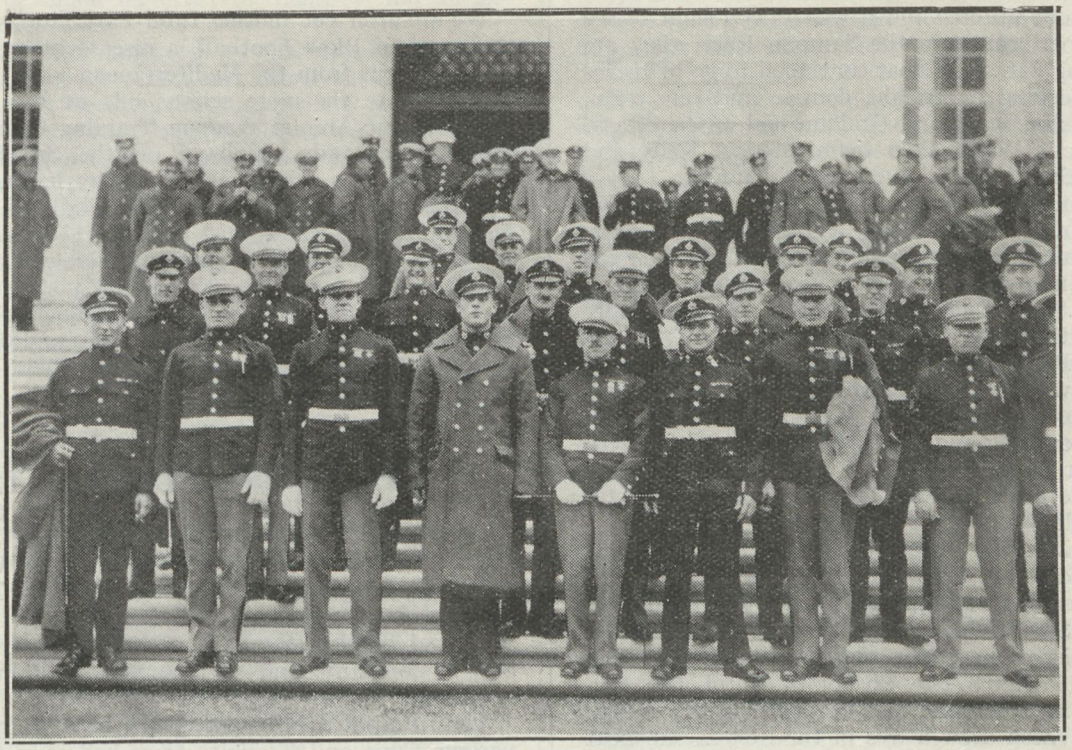
Perhaps it can be claimed that this Band is the first band from the R.N. School of Music, borne on the books of a sea-going ship, to broadcast.

The first occasion this took place was when *Calcutta* visited Montreal in September, 1926. A unique feature was that the broadcasting actually took place from the Quarter Deck of the ship, and included in the programme was the various bugle calls used in the Navy. These were sounded off by Bglr. Richard Newman, the Marine bugler.

Bandmaster Wright was the recipient of many letters of congratulations upon the fine performance of his Band, and numerous requests were received that when the ship returned to Montreal again, another programme would be broadcasted.

This was done during the visit of *Calcutta* to Montreal this year. This time the broadcasting took place from the studio of the C.N.R. station. The programme was as follows :—

MARCH	"A Life on the Ocean Wave"	*Russell*
SELECTION	"La Tosca"	*Puccini*
MARCH	"On the Quarter Deck"	*Alford*
SELECTION	"The Mikado"	*Sullivan*
SERENADE	"La Paloma"	*Yradier*
SELECTION	"A Country Girl"	*Monckton*
MARCH	'Sambre et Meuse" (by request)	*Turlet*
SELECTION	"Merrie England"	*German*
MEDLEY	"Old English Sea Songs" (by request)	arr. *H. Wright*



United States and British Marines on the steps of the Amphitheatre, Arlington National Cemetery, U.S.A. (Oct. 1927).

Included in the programme again, were the bugle calls used in the Navy, sounded by Bglr. R. Newman.

It will be seen that the programme consisted of the good old music and B.M. Wright was again inundated with letters congratulating the Band on their fine performance. The programme was more particularly entertaining to the folk from the "Old Country." Quoting from one of the many letters received by B.M. Wright—"the music of the 'Country Girl' brings back instantly scenes of twenty years ago. . . The music of 'La Paloma' was also very familiar and well played. The cornet soloist and piccolo soloist were excellent." Then from a letter from a Canadian—"I want to add my thanks and appreciation to the thousands you will no doubt receive, a bit of English music played by Englishmen with a touch of the Navy, such as the bugle calls and roast beef, is a rare treat to a Canadian."

The last item on the programme was specially arranged by Bandmaster Wright, and took 25 minutes to play. It was played for the first time last year, and so popular did it prove that the Band was requested to include it again in their programme this year.

Bandmaster Wright and his Band have become very popular on the American and West Indies Station, both when cruising and at our base at Bermuda.

CHINA.

"Vindictive"

Since we last wrote we have finished various exercises at Mirs Bay, before going into Dockyard for our annual refit, this as far as we know being finished early in September.

Several Olympiads have been arranged between the platoons of the Detachment and the regiments ashore, but with our first one against the K.O.S.B.'s, our opponents were called away from Hong Kong, practically before we started, to do duty up at Canton.

As we have found, these competitions help to pass away the time in Dockyard hands, making you forget the weather, of which Hong Kong has a particularly fine brand at this time of the year, also it cements good feeling between the Services of which there is abundance here at Hong Kong.

Our next venture was with the Cameronians, who are established at the Rope Factory, Kowloon. Our No. 1 Platoon took on their No. 14 Platoon, the latter winning the cricket by 5 wickets, football by 4—0 and the finishing event, the Whist Drive, by the narrow margin of 7 points. We won the Shooting Match and Aquatic Sports.

At cricket, it never seemed likely that we should put up much competition, unfortunately we only possessed one bowler to whom of course the donkey's portion fell. The soldiers batted first, knocking up 86 for the loss of 5 wickets, when their captain declared and we followed, and during our innings nearly 50 per cent. of our team came out through "playing on," the lot being disposed of for the modest total of 43, after which both teams had tea and finished the evening with a Smoker.

At football we were properly beaten, several of our best players being in No. 2 Platoon.

The shoot was between teams of 16 and was fairly evenly contested until the last range. The conditions were 5 rounds at 200, 5 rounds snap at 300, and 5 rounds at 500. The result was hardly as good a win as we expected, but we won with a margin of 47 points, Corpl. Flack topping the list with 44.

When the day for the final events came round, every-

body turned out in force and it was a good sight to see the soldiers performing in the Sampan Race, they are still wondering why their boat continued to go in circles instead of keeping a straight course, and our team, Messrs. Franklin, Read and Graham had an easy task, as also did our Water Polo team, Messrs. Kelly and Beard doing their " stuff " in excellent manner.

All this finished with the Whist Drive, after which prizes were presented by Capt. Andrew of the Cameronians, and after the inevitable speeches had been got over, the evening finished with a good concert, several of our R.N.S.M. under Bandmaster Eames kindly volunteering their services.

Our No. 2 Platoon took revenge on No. 15 Platoon at a later date, winning the cricket, football, and shooting, but losing the whist drive. This also finished up with a very good evening and Sergt Wooley received a very nice prize for being the Platoon Sergt. of the winning platoon. The other prizes given were Swatow Pewter Beer Tankards.

We have won the Inter-Part Rifle Shield, adding another shield to the Barracks, and well did we win it, both of our teams meeting in the final The conditions were the 1st Stage King's. The Starboard team under Corpl. Day disposed of the Officers' team in 1st round (Capt. Leech Porter 87) by 96 points (Corpl. Day 84), the Daymen in 2nd round and the Fxle. in 3rd round.

The Port Watch drew a bye in the first round, beat the Signals in the 2nd, and R.A.F. in the 3rd, thus meeting the Starboard Watch in the final.

The final was won by the Starboard team by the narrow margin of 5 points, and they well deserved the win, and Corpl. Day is to be congratulated on the progress of some of his men, the average of the team being near 75 points.

At Water Polo we got into the semi-final, but unfortunately lost to the Torpedomen and bang went our hopes for another Inter-Part Shield.

We are after yet another Inter-Part Trophy, this time the game of Blow Football, a disease brought here by the ships lent from the Mediterranean.

Turning to the more serious side we can report the result of our Annual Weapon Training Course held at Stonecutters and completed on the 3rd September. The Course was somewhat marred by having to go on an expedition to Bias Bay in the middle of our Classification, and to wade waist deep for 1½ miles and then return to complete our course, and there was no question that members did not do themselves justice as a result of this interruption. We had the following results :— 8 Marksmen, 8 1st Class, 15 2nd Class and 6 3rd Class. Some of the best shots in the Detachment did badly, presumably from trying too hard.

SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS.

" Ganges "

On Sunday, October 31st, Rear-Admiral F. Larkin, C.B., C.M.G., of the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, visited and inspected *Ganges* (R.N. Training Estab.). The Guard and Band paraded under Commd. Gunr. Croughan, R.N. and Bandmaster W. N. Davis, respectively. The Ship's Company and Detachment R.M. were then inspected.

The Admiral then inspected the boys and presented various Cups and Trophies they had won during the term. After the presentation the boys marched past in Column of Messes. The R.A. taking the Salute. At the conclusion of Divine Service, the Admiral visited the Sick Quarters, finally departing at 11.50 a.m. 15 Buglers under the direction of Corpl. G. T. Ward sounded the usual customary complement.

(*We have placed you as near Per Terram as possible. Presumably the R.A. came alongside in a car.*)

—*Hon. Ed.*



12th ROYAL MARINE BATTALION

Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen arrived at Shanghai in the P. & O. *Morea* on Sunday, 21st August, and assumed command of the Battalion on 27th August.

On the 5th September the following officers attended the funeral of Colonel Hill, U.S. Marine Corps, who had died suddenly at Shanghai a few days previously : Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen, O.C. 12th Battalion R.M. ; Major St. G. F. G. Caulfeild, 2nd i/c 12th Battalion R.M. ; Major F. A. Hamer, S.O. R.M., *Frobisher* ; Capt. R. V. Johnstone, S.O. (I), Shanghai. After the service, which was conducted with full Military Honours, the remains were conveyed to the United States for burial.

Colonel G. Carpenter sailed for England on the 30th August in the P. & O. *Morea*. His departure was attended by many farewell functions, culminating in a firework display in the Whangpoo River as *Morea* steamed out of Shanghai ; only one casualty from burns was experienced.

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Since the last contribution was sent in there have been quite a number of changes. After considerable delay, chiefly due to the weather, the Battalion concentrated at Holt's Wharf, "B" Coy. coming in from their various posts on 18th July, followed by "A" Coy. and No. 1 Section M.G. a few days later.

The actual living quarters were in concrete Godowns, but such luxuries as bathrooms, officers' quarters, and guard detention room had to be built, and the Chinaman can't work in the rain.

Just about this time "D" Coy. had the misfortune to lose their second in command, Capt. Fawckner, whose

death will be much regretted by Eastney and all ex-Marine Artillerymen.

The Battalion commenced to wear tropical uniform the day of the concentration, not that it hadn't been hot before then, but because the laundry had just finished dyeing our naval shorts and singlets a beautiful shade of green, which of course has now faded, leaving them the colour of the Hwang Pu mud.

With concentration came various evils in the shape of early morning drill, promotion classes and school. The last item not being completely an evil, for it provided a welcome haven of rest for those to whom the prospect of a morning's drill was extremely distasteful. As the weather grew warmer so came those ills which are only to be expected in a country where the natives have no idea of personal cleanliness or sanitation. Still, apart from a few cases of Malaria there was nothing very serious other than cases of " China Tummy," a complaint very similar to the Mediterranean variety.

The usual number of rumours continued to circulate, but one day orders did come for 100 Marines and the necessary number of officers to go to Nanking. "C" Coy. was chosen, and having been pared down to the requirements of the C.-in-C., proceeded to load millions of sandbags and tons of barbed wire into a lighter, only to be told that they were not golng. However, having loaded and unloaded their stores two or three times more, they did go, and it is understood have been doing good work there by denying to all-comers half a million rotten eggs and several hundred carcases of decomposing beef.

Shortly after the departure of "C" Coy. Colonel Carpenter sailed for home in S.S. *Morea*, and Lieut.-Col. Lampen, who had arrived the previous week, took over command of the Battalion. Scarcely had he settled down when orders came to reduce the Battalion to 500, under the command of Major Sykes-Wright, then at Nanking.

After considerable deliberation the C.O. decided that "B" and "C", with a reduced H.Q. Wing should remain, but that any volunteers from "A" and "B" Coys. to remain would be accepted and so enable men in the other companies to go home. This was done, and 400 of the draft sailed for home in S.S. *Devanha* on 14th September, the remainder having already left in H.M.S. *Hermes* and *Calliope*. The Battalion then settled down to reorganise.

At the time of writing, 23rd October, the disposal of the Battalion is as follows :—

Bn. H.Q. and "B" Coy. (less 1 platoon) at Holt's Wharf, Pootung.

"C" Coy. at Nanking.

1 Platoon from "B" Coy. at the British Cigarette Factory, Pootung.

The draft, according to the papers, has just landed, and we suppose is about to pass the doctor before going on embarkation leave for the new ships.

Apart from sports items there is very little to report. We go back to Yangtszee Poo Camp about 18th Nov., and hope that the weather will treat us more kindly than when we were there in March. It is generally believed that we shall leave China during December, but anything may happen before then. However, we shall keep a look-out for any ex-Bn. Marines who may return to this station.

We have our own Cinema here, and find three shows a week very well patronised, not only by R.M.'s, but by any ships that happen to be alongside.

SPORTS NEWS.

The North China Command Inter-Company Championship has just started. This is a competition on the knock-out system for the following events: Football, Hockey, Tug-of-war, and Cross-country running. Points are allotted for each " win," and the leading Company will get a cup presented by a local paper called " Safety First." The Battalion has entered two teams.

FOOTBALL.

Although we have lost practically all our regular Battalion players, teams have been entered in the Shanghai League Divisions I. and II. Up to date we have suffered several defeats, but hope to make a better show when the teams have played together for a few more matches. In addition to the League fixtures, several friendly games have been played against H.M. ships and ships of the Blue Funnel Line.

A " comic " football match was played between the " Lads " of the Battalion and the " Boys " of the *Curlew*. Bugler Carter refereed with his bugle, and during the course of the game sent most of the players off the field. It appeared to the onlookers that " petticoats " are not the best things in which to play football, and also that football does not improve the appearance of the Beauty Chorus' No. 1 suiting.

The following are the results up to date :—

League I.	Oct. 8—Shanghai Rec. Club	Lost	2—6
	,, 15—Police F.C.	Lost	2—3
	,, 22—Portuguese F.C.	Lost	3—5
League II.	Oct. 9—Jewish F.C.	Won	4—3
	,, 15—Royal Navy	Lost	0—4
	,, 23—Portuguese F.C.	Won	6—4
Inter-Coy.	Sep. 18—Bn. H.Q. *v.* H.Q. Borders ..	Lost	4—1
	,, 19—"B" Coy. *v.* "B" Coy. Borders ..	Lost	2—0
Friendly	Sep. 28—12th R.M. *v.* Border Regt. ..	Lost	0—1
	Oct. 1—12th R.M. *v.* Portuguese F.C. ..	Lost	1—2
	,, 17—12th R.M. *v. Curlew*	Won	3—1

HOCKEY.

We have been presented with two sets of Hockey Sticks, and as Hockey is one item in the Inter-Company Competition, great enthusiasm has been shown in the game. It is hoped to raise a Battalion team when we get to Yangtszee Poo, where there is a suitable ground. The result of the Company matches are as follows :—

"B" Coy. *v.* Bn. H.Q. Borders	Lost	2—6
Bn. H.Q. *v.* "D" Coy. Green Howards	Lost	0—6

TUG-OF-WAR.

Our 110-stone Tug-of-war team succeeded in winning the open event in the recent Police Sports. The Catch-weight team were runners-up in their weight. Much credit is due to Mne. Ludlow, who has worked extremely hard to get the teams properly trained, and his earnest exhortation " down and back " has become a catch phrase in many of the Army units. With his little cane he has succeeded in bringing "B" Company team into the semi-final of the Inter-Company Championship.

The following are the results up to date :—

Sept.	17—Bn. H.Q. *v.* "B" Coy. Green Howards ..	Won	2—0
,,	19—"B" Coy. *v.* Bn. H.Q. Borders	Won	2—0
,,	23—"B" Coy. *v.* "D" Coy. Borders	Won	2—0
,,	26—Bn. H.Q. *v.* "C" Coy. Middlesex	Won	2—0
,,	29—Bn. H.Q. *v.* 10 Sappers and Miners ..	Lost	0—2
,,	30—"B" Coy. *v.* "C" Coy. Borders	Won	2—0
Oct.	6—"B" Coy. *v.* 10 Sappers and Miners ..	Won	2—0

Opportunity has been taken while concentrated at Holt's Wharf for a Battalion Photograph to be taken, an example which was copied by the various companies and groups. Little did we imagine then that in a short while we should be broken up. We had heard of the return to England and elsewhere of various Army units of the Shanghai Defence Force, and rumour was very busy with the disposal of the 12th R.M. Battalion. Some inclined to the belief we should find our way over to the Shanghai side of the river, while others of course thought we should return to England. The Civil War in China now being waged in the North was fluctuating, first the Northerners claiming victories, and then the Southerners. Nanking was being threatened again, and the authorities decided some protection of British interests in that locality was desirable. Their choice fell upon "C" or Plymouth company, who proceeded to Nanking, taking passage in H.M.S. *Hawkins*. A conference of "Brass Hats" had been arranged and the whole position was reviewed. Certain suggestions were put forward, the outcome of which was that it was considered 500 of the Battalion were to remain for service in China, the remainder to leave for England as soon as transport could be arranged. To our Commanding Officer, who had but recently joined the Battalion, fell the task of deciding who were to remain and uphold the very splendid reputation we had already gained in North China. "C" Company were already in Nanking, so naturally they were selected, and after much deliberation his choice fell upon "B" Company, leaving "A" and "D" Companies to return home. On arriving at this decision he paraded the Battalion, and in a few words very kindly explained things to the troops, and gave us our real first official news of what was happening. Those who desired were given the opportunity of volunteering for further service in China, thus giving a goodly number from those companies who were to remain behind the chance to return home on "compassionate" grounds. The P. & O. S.S. *Devahna*, due from Kobe to Shanghai, homeward bound, was found to have accommodation aboard, and work was commenced on the trip down and completed on arrival at Shanghai, arrangements having to be made to take on board some 400 all ranks. Already some details had taken passage on H.M. Ships *Hermes* and *Calliope*. A.M. Tuesday the 12th September saw *Devahna* alongside Holt's Wharf, and at 1700 that day the work of embarkation was begun, the men being marched aboard in small parties, to facilitate easy settling down. A drum and fife band improvised by the people remaining behind, did splendid service, marching these parties from the parade ground to the ship, and playing selections on the wharf, the whole proceedings finally terminating in a typical Chinese send-off, the banging of many "cannons" mingling with the machine-gun-like fire of the hundreds of smaller crackers. Truly a great farewell by people who must have felt perhaps a little sad at not being among those going home. 0400 Wednesday saw us cast off from Holt's Wharf, our first stop being Hong Kong on the 16th. Among the many passengers aboard was Mr. O'Malley, of Hankow fame, who entertained us with an interesting lecture on China, being careful to refrain from letting us into any political secrets. We watched Hong Kong fade in the distance the following afternoon, and one can imagine with what feelings of envy our chums on the *Calliope* saw us depart, they having left Shanghai some time before us. Some instrumentalists among the troops had sorted themselves, and a piano having been secured aft, a very creditable Jazz Band performance was put up and this continued to entertain us throughout the trip, the "Jazzites" among the draft being able to put in some excellent practice. Leave was given us on arrival at Singapore on the 22nd, and a large number stepped off. Arrangements had been made by our R.M. Officer there for a football match and the use of a swimming pool, of which some few took advantage. A very splendid institute, the Union Jack Club, was much appreciated by our men, so much so, that quite early in the evening it was possible to obtain nothing more than the inevitable ham and eggs, though fortunately the supply of liquid refreshment remained O.K. Friday morning saw us off again, this time *en route* for Penang, where we tied up the following day. Leave was again granted us, and we were able to visit some of the places of interest of which Lieut.-Colonel Lampen had told us in his interesting lecture held during the forenoon. The weather, which had been fine, now turned to rain, for which we were thankful, as it tended to reduce the heat a little. Here it may be said that during the whole of our trip in the warmer region we were fortunate in having a pretty stiff breeze against us, which made it considerably cooler than it might otherwise have been.

Colombo was reached late in the day on the 28th, and though we left at 1630 the next day, considerable numbers went on shore to purchase curios, the ebony elephants, for which this place is famous, being in great demand. Some availed themselves of sight-seeing motor rides, visiting the cinnamon gardens, Buddhist temple, and other interesting places. We arrived at Aden just as *Hermes* was leaving, and as she passed across our bows, her ship's company gave us hearty cheers, which were as heartily returned by us aboard *Devahna*. A few hours here to take in some water, and then on to Port Sudan, which we left on October 8th. A couple of hours were spent at Suez while the gear for searchlights was put aboard, and away we went to enjoy that much-talked-of sight—the Canal by Moonlight—a very beautiful sight it was too! Early morning saw us at Port Said, and we tied up astern of *Hermes* for a few hours. Much trade was done with the native hawkers, who surrounded the boat, and not a few marines were caught by the wily natives. One in particular, who after much bargaining, secured a Japanese tea-set "dirt cheap" was much annoyed to find on examination the box contained only four pieces, instead of the alleged number 42. Only fellow marines could really understand his language when he made this discovery. *Hermes*, who left earlier than us, was passed again the following morning. Stromboli was an interesting sight to many in the early morning of the 14th, with a sea as smooth as glass. Everybody was now in great spirits, because it truly could be said that we were on the last stretch. It was rather unfortunate we were late getting into Marseilles on the 15th, because no work could be done that night, and we had to remain on the following day whilst they unloaded cargo and the ship coaled. No leave was granted here, but permission was given to

go on the jetty, and an enterprising young lady was able to sell a quantity of silk scarves and dresses, etc., to those anxious to take something home for the women folk. On Monday, just after we left Marseilles, a lad who had been taking passage to England as a distressed British seaman, suffering from tuberculosis, succumbed. As he was an ex-service man the Marines were invited to attend the funeral which was held at 1700 that day. The service was conducted by the Commander of the ship, the two R.M. buglers sounding the "Last Post." A touching ceremony indeed. Now we are entering the Bay of Biscay, and again the weather is favouring us. Plymouth details will disembark at Plymouth on Saturday a.m., Portsmouth and Chatham details proceeding to London before entraining for their respective Divisions. Though perhaps a little crowded when it came to finding sleeping billets below decks, all hands have been very comfortable, the food has been good, and no serious cases of sickness have occurred during the voyage. The usual concert and boxing match were put on during the voyage and earned well-merited applause.

A SHANGHAI LAMENT.

I'm sick of the Mongol and Tartar,
I'm sick of the Jap and Malay,
And far away spots on the chart are
No place for yours truly to stay.
I've had enough undersized chicken
And milk that comes out of a can ;
The East is no place to stick in
For this one particular man.

I'm weary of curry and rice and all
Commingled with high spiced dope ;
I'm weary of bathing with Lysol
And washing with carbolic soap.
I'm tired of itch skin diseases,
Mosquitoes, vermin and lice,
I'm fed up with tropical breezes
And sunshine that dazzles my eyes.

Oh, Lord, for a breeze with a tingle,
And atmosphere zestful and keen.
Oh, Lord, once more just to mingle
With crowds that are white folks and clean.
To eat without fear of infection,
To sleep without using a net,
And throw away all my collection
Of iodine, quinine, et cet.

To know all the noise and the clamour,
The hurry and fret of the West
I'd trade all the Orient glamour
That damned lying poets suggest.
They sing of the East as enthralling,
And that's why I started to roam.
But, I hear the Occident calling—
Oh, Lord, I want to go home !

Sailor (as he gazed at the dried beef) : "I wonder if this meat used to bawl and give milk, or whinny and pull a wagon ?"—*Leatherneck.*

CHATHAM.

It is very much regretted that no mention was made in the last issue of the return of the Chatham details of the 12th Battalion. It is felt that an explanation is due to the numerous enquiries as to why no reference was made to their return home.

The resason is this. Our Editor expects all contributions to be with him by the 15th of the month at the latest for insertion in the forthcoming number, and as the Battalion did not arrive till the 23rd it was felt that any contribution on the subject would not arrive in time for insertion in the November issue.

The Chatham contingent of nearly 200 under the command of Capt. Eric Noyes arrived at Chatham station at 7 p.m. on the night of Sunday, 23rd October. where they were met by the Band and a large gathering of friends and relations, the Adjutant representing the Colonel-Commandant.

The arrival of the Chatham Company had been noised abroad, and the streets the whole way from the station to barracks were lined by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Through the dimly lit streets and the pall of river mist and smoke marched No. 1 Company of the 12th Battalion, till they swung through the Main Gates to the strains of the Regimental March. A finer company never left barracks, and a finer never returned.

To welcome them home were the Colonel-Commandant and most of the officers and men of the Division, Major Glunicke, who took them out, and who unfortunately was invalided home, was also present to see his Company return.

We are glad to welcome them home, and we know how they have maintained the honour and reputation of the First Division at work and at play.

We much regret to announce that the Borstal Rifle Range has been permanently closed as dangerous. An enterprising individual, who apparently wished to find out how far a .303 bullet would travel, gave a Lewis gun maximum elevation and pulled the trigger. He found that the bullet would travel as far as Wylds Road, and that at that range it would pass through a window and stick in a chest or drawers.

This piece of information has cost us our range. Musketry parties are going to the Milton ranges at Gravesend for the present, an uncomfortable proceeding involving a combined meal of dinner and tea.

The subscription from the Division to the Trafalgar Orphan Fund amounted to £20 this year, over a quarter of which was, as usual, put up by the officers who do not and cannot derive any benefit from the fund. It is a pity that those who will turn to the Fund in time of trouble do not give it more support.

National Rat Week has been held once more. Sport has been poor this year. Ratting in Chatham is not what it was.

The Royal Marine Detachment of the *Royal Sovereign* has very kindly presented a shield to the Chatham Cadet Corps. It is to be awarded to the most efficient all-round cadet of the year.

On Armistice Day a guard of honour of 50 men under command of Capt. Stock, paraded at the Naval War Memorial 100 men in church parade order under command of Capt. Bath also attended. After the ceremony at the War Memorial, the Colonel-Commandant and

representatives of the Sergeants' Mess, Junior N.C.O.'s Club and the Recreation Room laid wreaths on the Divisional Memorial Tablet.

Capt. Thomas has relieved Capt. Weir as adjutant. Capt. Weir is we believe under orders for the *Cumberland*.

A most successful bazaar has been held in the Town Hall in aid of the Dockyard Church and other good objects. A substantial amount was realised owing to the efforts of numerous helpers.

CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH.
11TH NOVEMBER, 1927.

The Chatham Division supplied the Royal Marine Guard consisting of 3 officers and 100 other ranks, the Divisional Band and 16 buglers under the command of Capt. J. H. Haddon, R.M., to attend the Ceremony at the Cenotaph. Owing to the shortage of buglers at this Division, Portsmouth Division very kindly lent us the necessary number to bring them up to strength.

The Guard was inspected by the Colonel-Commandant on the morning of the 10th. The Guard paraded at 0615 hrs. on the 11th and marched to Chatham Station entraining for Charing Cross. On arrival in London, the Guard marched to Wellington Barracks where they were given a splendid reception by the Guards, everything necessary being provided for the officers and men.

The departure from Wellington Barracks was timed by the O.C. Troops. The Royal Marine guard marching via Bird Cage Walk, Horse Guard Parade and Whitehall, arrived at the Cenotaph at 1015 hours, taking up position on the left of the Naval Guard. Band and buglers took up position across Whitehall on the Westminster side of the Cenotaph.

The Massed Bands of the Guards played selections while the troops stood easy awaiting the arrival of His Majesty. The actual service lasted about half-an-hour, all ranks joining in the singing of the hymn, by request of His Majesty. It was a most impressive sight for those who had not witnessed it before. Royal Marine buglers sounded "The Reveille" which was very well done.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Guards marched to the Union Jack Club for their dinner. The arrangements made there for their reception and comfort were very excellent. Chatham turned out in good force to welcome the Guard on its return in the afternoon.

Lieut. Hume and four other ranks represented the Royal Marines at the service at Westminster Abbey. The representative party, consisting mostly of the Guards, but also of the Royal Marines and various regiments of the Army, left Wellington Barracks under the command of Lieut. Hume. The entry of Lieut Hume and his troops into Westminster Abbey was sufficiently dramatic to earn a special mention in the *Evening Standard* that evening

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ARMISTICE DAY.

The occasion was marked by a drum-head service on parade. A battalion under Lieut.-Col. R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., composed of two companies and Band from Headquarters, and two companies and Band from The Royal Naval School of Music, was drawn up in line with the Bands facing inwards. Before the Silence, each band trooped, and the battalion was formed into three sides of a square. After the Silence, a service was conducted by the Chaplain and the "Last Post" combined with "When our heads are bowed with woe" was played by the Divisional Band and Buglers. As the last note of the "Last Post" died away, the "Reveille" was sounded by a bugler in the distance.

Eight buglers from Portsmouth took part in the Cenotaph parade in London.

PLYMOUTH.

At the time of writing so many of us who are usually at sea find ourselves merely "U.O. "This has resulted in tactical exercises of considerable magnitude taking place every Thursday.

An amusing incident during the month was a series of Military Law Lectures, which were illustrated by a mock court-martial. The following took parts: Sergt. Bowie became Pte. Timothy Casey (the accused), who stole a camera and a shaving brush from Pte. Brewer (Mne. Carpenter). The witnesses were Pte. Patrick Hooligan (Clr.-Sgt. O'Farrell), who succeeded in saying nothing in exactly one hundred words at breakneck speed; a detective (Q.M.S.I. Croke), Sergt. Jewell was the Provost Sergeant, and Sergt. Martin and two drummers formed the escort.

In the early hours of Saturday, 22nd October, in the midst of a terrific downpour, Colonel Lampen, Capt. Harden, Lieut. Cutler, and the Plymouth details of the 12th R.M. Battalion arrived in Plymouth. They were addressed by Colonel-Comdt. R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., A.D.C., and then went on hard-earned leave.

We congratulate Capt. W. T. Goss on his success in the Municipal Elections. He was Conservative candidate and headed the poll for the Mount Edgecumbe Ward by 545 votes. In the Friary Ward Mr. Mathews headed the poll by 230 votes. He is a pensioner of the Corps, and was employed in the shoemakers' shop.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

A band of 50 performers under Bandmaster (W.O.) G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., left Headquarters to take part in the Lord Mayor's Procession on Wednesday, the 9th November. The band was attached to the Eastern Telegraph Company's cars, and the following is an extract from a letter received by the Superintendent from Vice-Admiral H. W. Grant, C.B., R.N., Managing Director of the Company:—

> "I had the opportunity of seeing your band pass this Office, and can assure you they were really first rate, and I should like to congratulate you and all those concerned on the splendid show they made; the playing of the Band, their smart appearance and marching was second to none."

The usual weekly practice dances which are held in the Concert Hall during the winter months are now in full swing; invitations are extended to the boys' relatives, and many an enjoyable evening is spent by them in teaching the boys the latest steps.



CHATHAM.

(FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION).

During the past month the first team games have resulted as follows :—

Oct. 15	*v.* Sheppy United (away) ..	Kent League ..	Lost	0—3
,, 19	*v.* R.N. Depot (home) ..	Kent League ..	Lost	2—5
,, 22	*v.* Bostall Heath (away) ..	F.A. Amateur Cup	Won	4—3
,, 29	*v.* Chatham (away) ..	Kent League ..	Won	2—1
Nov. 5	*v.* Tilbury (home) ..	Kent League ..	Lost	0—2
,, 12	*v.* R.N. Depot (away) ..	F.A. Amateur Cup	Lost	1—4

The period under review has been disappointing. We have been troubled with the bugbear of inconsistency. To win at Chatham and lose at home to Tilbury, in successive games, was an exasperating experience. The cup tie with Bostall Heath was played under deplorable conditions ; a water-logged ground and heavy rain from start to finish. Extra time was necessary, which meant two hours of the most strenuous endeavour. Despite the conditions, the game was splendidly contested and of a most sporting nature. During the month we have had to bow the knee to the R.N. Depot on two occasions, and both their wins were well deserved.

If anything, the forward weakness referred to last month is more pronounced than ever. Unfortunately we shall lack the services of Corpl. Barlow for some weeks to come. He is nursing an injured leg. A much over-worked defence has performed very creditably with Mnes. Watts and Robotham as the shining lights.

During the same period, the 2nd team games have resulted as follows :—

Oct. 15	*v.* Gillingham Wes. (home)	Kent Junior Cup	Won	3—1
,, 19	*v.* Rochester Wed. (away) ..	M.K.W. League	Won	3—0
,, 22	*v.* Borstal (home) ..	Kent League II.	Draw	2—2
,, 26	*v.* H.M.S. Malcolm (away)	M.K.W. League	Won	3—2
,, 29	*v.* Canterbury Wav. (home)	Kent League II.	Lost	3—6
Nov. 5	*v.* Cliffe Athletic (away) ..	Kent Junior Cup	Lost	2—3
,, 9	*v.* Medway Postal (away) ..	M.K.W. League	Won	8—0
,, 12	*v.* Tng. Batt. R.E. (home)	Kent League II.	Draw	1—1

M.K.W. League—Mid Kent Wednesday League.

This is a creditable record. The match at Cliffe was lost in the last minute of extra time. Only one match has been lost in the Mid-Kent League.

BOXING.

The Divisional Theatre was filled with a large and appreciative audience, including many Officers of the Port and Garrison, on Friday, 28th October, 1927, to witness the first Boxing Show staged by the Division since the Corps Championships were held here in 1920. It is hoped, however, that we shall not have to wait long for another such show, as this has proved what can be done by the determined efforts that were made by Lieut. Nonweiler, our P. & R.T. Officer and his energetic Staff.

The opening event was a four-round Welter Contest between Corpl. Bircham (Chatham) and Corpl. Joyce (Deal). This was a hard hitting slog from the start to finish, the decision going to Bircham by virtue of his marked aggression. Two well matched lads came together in the next contest, one of six rounds in the Light Weight Class, between Corpl. Ayling (Portsmouth) and Mne. Bates (Deal). The audience was thrilled by these lads, boxing every second of their contest, wasting no time but setting about each other with a right good will. Mne. Bates did most of the forcing in the first four rounds, Ayling's defensive work being very good. In the last two rounds Ayling was generally on top and the verdict of a draw was well received. Mne. Marsden (Deal), well-known in the Service Bantam Weight Class, gained a points decision over Seaman Gladwin (Chatham). This does not suggest that Gladwin was an easy thing; as a matter of fact he fought a very plucky and clever fight, but the extra experience that Marsden possessed kept him on top of his sailor rival in every round. The Navy were successful in the next bout when Ord. Seaman Watson (Chatham) knocked out Lce. Corpl. Davis (Deal) in the second round. Davis appeared to be a trifle unlucky in going out so early in the fight, but the Navy man looked a winner from the start.

The Big Fight, like most big fights, was, as usual, the shortest and least interesting of the show. Sto. P.O. "Bob" Spiller knocking out Corpl. Trinder (Portsmouth) early in the second round. In the first round Trinder looked as if he could get his left into "Bob" when he liked, he also had openings for his right, but there was no sting in his blows. Spiller quick to realise this, went for his man in the second round and getting one of his famous left hooks across, Trinder had no further interest in that fight. Trinder does not appear to like the game as much as we expect him to.

The most interesting part of the programme was an exhibition given by Q.M.S.I. Watts and Sergt. Sheppard, who demonstrated the rules of boxing as laid down by the Imperial Services Boxing Association. This was staged by Comdr. A. K. Gibson, R.N., probably the best authoritiy on the Noble Art in Service Circles, and well-known as a good referee throughout the boxing public. He kept the audience interested and highly amused by the various incidents depicted by his two able assistants. The latter are first-class exponents, and really clever actors, and their unique demonstration is worthy of staging anywhere, and is a very enlightening entertainment.

SHOOTING.

The Divisional Miniature Rifle Club has started well in the Rochester and District League by beating the Kent County Constabulary by 560 points to 554.

We offer our congratulations to the Depot R.M. Volunteer Cadet Corps in winning the Portsmouth Cup with a score of 576 points. The Chatham Cadets were second with 526 points.

The competition is open to all R.N. and R.M. Cadet Corps. Six teams entered this year.

PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Our numerous readers will be pleased to read of the continued success of both our 1st and 2nd teams, and also the improvement shewn by our U.S. II. team, who in the last two matches have won by the good scores of 9—2 against H.M.S. *Dolphin* at Haslar, and 8—3 against H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*. The 1st team are going great guns, and on Saturday, the 12th, went a step further in the Amateur Cup by beating the much improved Fareham team at Fareham by 3—2. Since September the 9th they have lost only one match, against Ryde after a replay in the English Cup, after having three-parts of the game.

Up to the time of writing we are left in all competitions that we entered except, as stated above, the English Cup, and in the U.S. League I., we are level with the *Excellent* for top place. Our last game helped us considerably as we defeated the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry at Parkhurst by 11—3, not very cheering to a team just arrived from Germany to be beaten by such a score. However, they happened to meet our team on the top of their form, especially Davidson, who helped himself to 5 goals, all of the non-stoppable kind. Other notable feats have been the defeat of East Cowes at Cowes by 3—0, and, with several men from the Battalion included, we beat the *Dolphin* 4—0 in the U.S. League and 2—1 in the Hospital Cup, both games being played at Eastney. The best performance to date was the defeat of the R.A.O.C. by 4—2 in the Amateur Cup. The old veteran, Sergt. Arnold, again got his left foot to bear and registered three beauties, but he still insists that he is too old for football—by his play again this season, he is only just commencing. Now that so many have returned from China we have every position duplicated, and it is very hard at times to know whom to play and whom not to play.

Owing to so many Cup ties, our league programme has had to stand over, but next Saturday we make another start by playing Bournemouth at home. Our position is fairly safe, thanks to some fine performances early on, and now we want to climb to a respectable position. Representative matches form a great drawback as several of our players are in the limelight at present, namely, Corpls. Warwick and Brown and Mnes. Davidson, Renouf and Elsey.

Our North End League team has been doing very well, and last Saturday week met and defeated Winchester Sports by 3—0. This was the first time the Sports had suffered defeat. We now hold a good position amongst the leaders. The inclusion of Bugler Bucksey made a great deal of difference to the forwards who are being ably led by Mne. Yates, and now that we have people like Stockton, Stennings, Mills, Allport, etc., to call upon, we should hold our own with most of the local teams.

RUGBY.

Rugby has developed slightly, and we are now able to raise two complete teams. Since last issue we have played 10 matches, won 7 and lost 3. Colours for the season have been awarded to Lieut. Edmondson, who plays a very sound game at scrum half; Lieut. Hill, Corpl. Harris, Mnes. French and Boobyer. Mne. French is proving a very useful forward. Mne. Whalin has continued to show promise, and does well at scrum half. We were further assisted by the arrival of 2/Lieut. Clarke from Chatham, who should do well in the future.

R.Ms. *v.* CASUALS.

Played at Eastney on 15th October; won 11—3. This was a fast game, and Lieut. Hardy scored in the first half. This was converted. Two tries were scored in the second half, and the Casuals (now known as Portsmouth) replied by a fine individual effort from their left wing, who swerved right down the field.

R.Ms. *v.* H.M.S. RENOWN.

Played at Eastney on October 17th; lost 3—16. This was more or less our second team, and they put up a very good fight. Mne. Rumary was conspicuous as a very good wing three-quarter; his tackling was magnificent.

R.Ms. *v.* R.Es., SCHOOL OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Played at Eastney on October 29th; won 12—0. The forwards held their own and heeled the ball frequently, and the three-quarters worked together quite well. None of the four tries were converted, although it was an easy day for kicking. Tries were scored by Lieut. Edmondson, Mnes. Whalin and Rumary, and Corpl. Walker.

On the Wednesday following, 2nd November, an entirely different R.M. team played the same R.E.'s team, and the result was a win 15—6. Mne. Preece played well at three-quarter, it being his first appearance in that position, and scored one try. Lieut. Hardy was the mainstay of the three-quarters, and scored two. Mne. Marsh also showed the makings of a good three-quarter. Mne. Hinton scored two tries, and played well.

R.Ms. *v.* CHICHESTER CITY R.F.C.

Played at Eastney on 5th November (Guy Fawkes Day); win 18—0. Here was an example of real bad place-kicking; not one of the six tries was converted. Chichester have not been playing long. All success to them in the future!

R.Ms. *v.* H.M.S. ST. VINCENT.

Played at Eastney on 9th November; won 26—5. The St. Vincent were a boys' team, and played very pluckily. They scored right towards the end, and it was admirably converted.

R.Ms. *v.* E.R.As.

Played at Eastney on 12th November; won 21—5. Everyone put up a very good show, and the score was 11—0 at half-time. Two tries were scored after half-time, and both were well converted by Mne. Jay. Corpl. Harris converted one. Tries were scored by Lieuts. Edmondson and Hardy, Corpl. Harris and Mne. Whalin.

R.Ms. *v.* R.N. BARRACKS.

At Eastney on 15th November; lost 11—0. Turning up two short, the Navy scored one try immediately and another within five minutes. Coming up to strength the Marines pushed hard and very nearly scored. The Navy got one more try before half-time. After half-time there was no score, and the play was very clean and fast. A very good tussle.

R.Ms. *v.* PORTSMOUTH (CASUALS).

At Eastney on November 16th. A good game, rather spoilt by a very heavy shower, which the paper told us afterwards was a cloud-burst. Mne. Preece kicked magnificently, converted two penalty kicks, and Corpl. Anglin scored a try, which Preece only just missed converting.

R.Ms. *v.* H.M.S. EXCELLENT.

At Eastney on 18th October; lost 9—3. A very clean hard game, and not much in the result. This is the second time "Whaley" has defeatedus, so we are on the lookout for them next time.

WATER POLO.

HANTS CHAMPIONSHIP AT BOURNEMOUTH (FINALS)

Royal Marines, 1; City Police, 4

P. & D. LEAGUE, DIV I.

H.M.S. Victory, 5; Royal Marines, 1
City Police, 2; Royal Marines, 1

In all these important matches we were very unfortunate, owing to the absence of important players through illness, and movement of the ships to which players had been drafted.

Our well-known centre-forward, Davidson, contracted the "Flu," and was unable to take part in these deciding matches.

In the match with H.M.S. *Victory*, four players could

not get leave from their ships, and a 2nd Division team took their place, which lost us the League and accounted for the large score against us.

Reviewing our position, we may be said to be very unfortunate in having been at the top of all the competitions nearly the whole season, and failing to reach our objective through the foregoing reasons—but better luck next year.

P. & D. League, Div. II.

City Police, 3 ; Royal Marines, 3
Gosport, 0 ; Royal Marines, 6
City Police, 4 ; Royal Marines, 1

At the conclusion of the season, final placings are :—

County Championship.

Winners—City Police.
Runners-up—Royal Marines.

Portsmouth & District League, Div. I.

1st, H.M.S. Victory.
2nd, City Police.
3rd, Royal Marines.

United Services League, Div. I.

1st, H.M.S. Victory.
2nd, Royal Marines.

Portsmouth & District League, Div. II.

1st. H.M.S. Victory.
2nd, City Police.

United Services, Div. II.

1st, H.M.S. Victory.
2nd, Royal Marines.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Royal Navy *v.* Royal Marines.

The annual match for the Trafalgar Cup was played at Home Park on 19th October, before a large crowd, and in fine weather. Weak shooting by the Marines' forwards prevented them from winning this trophy. In the first half the Marines attacked consistently, but could not score, and a few good shots that were sent in found Richie, the Navy goalkeeper, in brilliant form. From a breakaway the Navy obtained the lead with a lovely oblique shot, and from a melee in front of goal obtained another, Davidson being injured and carried off.

After the interval the Marines pressed continually, and three minutes from time were rewarded by a goal from Horn, the game ending Royal Navy 2 goals, Royal Marines, 1 goal.

Royal Marines *v.* Plympton.

Played at Longroom 22nd October, Plymouth and District League. Plympton was outclassed, and were defeated by eight goals to nil.

Royal Marines *v.* Royal Naval Barracks.

U.S. League. Played at R.N. Barracks, 24th October. A fine struggle ensued, the Marines running out worthy winners by 3 goals to 1.

Royal Marines *v.* St. Austell.

29th October, Plymouth and District League. With three reserves doing duty we were no match for St. Austell, who won rather easily by 6 goals to 1.

Royal Marines *v.* Saltash Stars.

Devon Senior Cup, 1st Round. Played at Longroom before a good "gate," and with a full team out, we emerged victors by 3 goals to 1, Shewbrook, Wheeldon and Skipper being the scorers.

The Reserves likewise entered the 2nd Round of the Devon Wednesday Cup by defeating the Plymouth Police (away) by four goals to nil, Edmunds making his debut for the Division and bagging two brilliant goals.

Three of our P. & D. League team have been selected to play for Devon *v.* Somerset in the Southern Amateur Championships, viz., Corpl. Stratton, Marine Skipper and Marine Horn.

Royal Marine Reserves *v.* H.M.S. Impregnable.

The Reserves strengthened their position in the Wednesday League by a win over H.M.S. Impregnable at Longroom by 5 goals to 3.

In the Inter-Company League Competition, "G" Coy. easily defeated "E" Coy. by 5 goals to 1.

Royal Marines *v.* Royal Artillery. U.S. League.

Played on the Brickfields. The Marines ran out winners by 4 goals to 1.

RUGBY.

Since our last notes were written there has been a decided improvement in the form displayed by the team, more especially in the combination of the backs. The team appears to have settled down, and are playing a fine attractive type of Rugby, the backs combining well and the forwards always ready to take part in a bout of passing. This is as it should be, and encourages an optimistic outlook on the prospects for the remainder of the season.

Congratulations to Mnes. McIlroy and Webb, who appear to have won regular places in the pack of the Devonport Services 1st XV. Real sportsmen both, we wish them every success and anticipate their gaining higher honours still.

No doubt Mne. Penney would likewise have retained his place in the Services' pack, but it was not to be ; for having done his allotted spell in barracks, the "demon of drafting" waved his wand, said "Rodney" in an awful tone, and—*hey presto*—it was so.

The weather having been somewhat damp in the West, several of our matches have been "off," and it has not been possible to play any "obligardo" matches this month. However during the month we have played seven, winning five and losing two. As the two lost were against Barnstaple and the R.N.E. College, both first-class senior teams, this is to be considered a good record.

Oct. 15th—Barnstaple, at Barnstaple.

A very good game, with Barnstaple much faster outside the scrum and playing on top of their form. Not so one-sided as the score suggests, and a splendid exposition of Rugby. Result : Barnstaple, 36 points ; R.M., nil.

Oct. 18—*v.* H.M.S. Carysfort (at home).

A good game, with our team superior in all departments. From two breakaways the sailors scored twice. The result is a good indication of the game. Result : R.M., 35 points ; H.M.S. Carysfort, 6 points.

Oct. 22nd—*v.* Devon Wanderers (away).

Another good game. Result : Devon Wan., 3 points ; R.M., 11 points.

Oct. 29th—*v.* C.Y.M.S. (home).

The C.Y.M.S. play pretty, attractive rugby, and always give a good game, but were much lighter forward, and our backs getting the ball frequently, made good use of it. Result : R.M., 20 points ; C.Y.M.S., nil.

Nov. 2nd—*v.* R.N.E. College (away).

A splendid game, both sides playing great rugby. We were unfortunate not to score on many occasions.

The College "outs" gave a magnificent display of passing with a wet greasy ball. Result: R.N.E. College, 11 points; R.M., nil.

Nov. 9th—*v.* C. & E.R.A.'s. (away).

A good game, with the "Tiffies" playing hard rugby. Result: C. & E.R.A.'s, nil; R.M., 3 points.

Nov. 12th—*v.* KINGSBRIDGE. (away).

A fine game, our team winning by 7 points to 3. Everyone delighted. The team were congratulated and thanked for their display by our opponents, spectators and the referee.

DEPOT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Association Football at the Depot is proceeding along very satisfactory. The Committee recently formed is receiving great support from all ranks. Up to date the 1st Eleven have played six matches in the Folkestone and District League. Results: Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

The 2nd Eleven have been more fortunate. In the Deal and District League they have played six matches. Results: Won 5, Drawn 1.

In the Deal and District Hospital Junior Cup they beat Charlton Mill by 5 goals to 2, but were defeated by the local Gas Works in the 2nd Round by 4 goals to nil.

On Saturday, 26th November, they play Dover St. Bart.'s in the 2nd Round of the Kent Junior Cup.

The Depot 3rd Eleven (which comprises recruits under training) are producing some fine football, and a great deal of interest is being taken with them. They are entered for the Thursday Shield of the Deal & District Hospital Competition, and disposed of Ramsgate Y.M.C.A. in the 1st Round by 3 goals to 1. This team are also entered for the Kent Minor Cup, but are excused all rounds of this competition up to February next. They have played several friendly games, and have given the greatest satisfaction, and as in previous years we hope the Divisions will profit by the experience gained by these recruits at the Depot.

The 1st Eleven are also entered for the Senior Section of the Dover Charity Cup and the Senior Shield of the Deal Hospital Competition.

SQUAD FOOTBALL FINAL.

This was played in the Drill Field on Tuesday, October 18th, between the 149th and 153rd Squads. Instruction ceased for the afternoon, and a very large number, including the Colonel-Commandant and many Officers, were present to witness the match. Owing to the keen interest shown by the Depot, in recent years these Squad matches, and in fact all Recruit games, hold a high place of importance in the training. The games are arranged by the P. & R.T. Staff, but every assistance and support is given by the Adjutant, who will even forego an hour or so beloved drill to enable recruits to play their games in daylight.

Throughout this competition teams played very good football, and the final round proved no exception. The 153rd started the game with a slight advantage, but the 149th soon retaliated, and swung the ball about dangerously near the opponents' goal. The game continued very even for the first twenty minutes or so, when the 153rd started to get the upper hand and scored four goals before half-time. The 149th missed several very good chances.

In the second half the 149th rallied and played better football, and the game became much more even and interesting. Both sides scored two goals this half, the final score being: 153rd, 6; 149th, 2.

The Colonel-Commandant presented the Challenge Cup to the winning team and a "swagger" cane to each member.

As reported in last month's journal that we had won one local Derby, and hope to repeat the performance, we have much pleasure in saying that we again beat our rivals, this time by 3 goals to nil.

The results of the Depot teams during last month are:

First Team—
- Beat Deal Town, 3—0.
- Lost to Folkestone, 3—2.
- Beat Ramsgate Grenville, 3—2.

'A" Team—
- Beat Charlton Mill, 5—2
- Beat Betteshanger, 3—0.
- Beat Northbourne, 3—1.
- Lost to Deal Gas Works, 4—0.

"B" Team (Recruits)—
- Beat Ramsgate Y.M.C.A., 3—1.
- Lost to Sandwich, 4—0 (Friendly).
- Lost to Duke of Yorks R.M.C., 9—2 (Friendly).
- Drew with Ashley, F.C., 1—1.

RUGBY.

We have played the following matches:—

Oct. 15	*v.* Beds & Herts Regt. ..	Lost	5—0
,, 22	*v.* R.A.F., Manston ..	Lost	11—0
,, 31	*v.* Mr. Watts' XV. ..	Won	26—0
Nov. 2	*v.* St. Augustine's XV. ..	Won	3—0

Team selected from Surg.-Lieut. Maguire, Lieuts. Cawley-Way, Phillips, 2/Lieuts. Langford, Eustace, Madoc, Solbe and Lumsden; Sergts. Moyse and Heal; Corpls. Pollitt, Clarke and Bishop; Mnes. T. S. Wilkinson, Pople, Jones and Hole; Recruits Christopher, Turner and Bolton.

Owing to the limited number of rugger players in the Depot we find it difficult to raise an experienced team, but we have had some good hard games, and what they lack in experience they make up in keenness.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Since the Annual Sports we have kept a cross-country team in training over a distance of about five miles. We have no brilliant performers, but all the lads in training should make good long distance runners as they gain in years and experience.

DEPOT R.M. *v.* R.A.F., MANSTON, at Manston; 10 to run, 8 to count. This course was a very hard one, one mile being over freshly ploughed ground. The R.A.F. team was made up of old experienced runners, and all except one got home in a group before any of our team, but our recruits ran very pluckily, and were only three or four minutes behind the other team. The marking of the course was bad, and our team had to follow the lead for some time. In a good try-out, which was held the previous Wednesday, Recruit Voisey, 150 Squad, won a bronze medal for the first home.

DEPOT R.M. *v.* BEDS & HERTS REGT., at Deal. This was over a Road course, and conditions were much better than at Manston. Again the other team proved much superior, consisting as it did of some of the best Army runners. Our first man home, Recruit Voisey, came in 8th, thus 7 out of 8 Beds. & Herts were home

before any of ours. The Recruits enjoyed these experiences and have received valuable instruction. In future an effort will be made to arrange matches with other training depots who can turn out a team of novices.

100% RECRUITS' BOXING COMPETITION.

This very interesting event took place in the Drill Field on Thursday, October 20th, when Boxing reigned supreme. All other instruction was postponed for the day. A large number of Officers were present and acted as Referees, and the P. & R.T. and Parade Staffs acted as Judges, Dressers, Whips, M.Cs., etc.

There were 213 entries and 6 rings. Each ring was complete with referee, judges, timekeepers, etc.

In spite of the fact that very little time has been available for boxing instruction, the fighting on the whole was extremely good, and where it lacked in science, there was no lack of spirit. Bouts were of one two-minute rounds, and it is surprising how much fighting can be crowded into that small space of time.

The Colonel-Commandant was present during the fighting, and was so pleased with the general results that he gave half a day's leave.

The semi-finals took place in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, October 25th. Bouts were on this occasion three 1½-minute rounds. With about one or two exceptions the boxing was extremely good, and recruits had to fight hard to win their way to the final. There were several knock-outs in the semi-finals and a very large number in the preliminary rounds.

The Finals took place in the Drill Shed before a fair-sized audience, and the results were as follows :—

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—Winner, Rect. Tasker, 155 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Morris, 154 Squad.

This was a very good fight, both giving and taking plenty of punishment. Tasker boxed the better and used his feet well.

HEAVY-WEIGHT.—Winner, Rect. Nixon, 154 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Haine, 152 Squad.

Nixon has a very hard punch and used it well, but Haines fought pluckily up to the end of the third round when the referee stopped the fight in Nixon's favour.

LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT.—Winner, Rect. Nelson, 149 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Warnett, 152 Squad.

This was a hard slam from start to finish, Nelson gaining extra points by cleaner and well delivered leads.

WELTER - WEIGHT.—Winner, Rect. Longwell, 151 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Sturla, 151 Squad.

This was very tame, both evidently suffering from ring shyness although both fought well in the preliminary rounds.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—Winner, Rect. Annely, 155 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Davey, 152 Squad.

This was a very fine bout, both lads boxing cleverly and cleanly. Annely had the advantage in reach and used it well. Davey showed up to advantage in close quarters but Annely gave him very little opportunity. This fight earned great applause from the audience.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT. — Winner, Rect. McClosky, 152 Squad. Runner-up, Rect. Cogswell, 155 Squad.

This was a very hard fought bout. Cogswell gained points up to the third round by better boxing and continually got hard punches home on McClosky's jaw. About half-way through this round Cogswell received an unlucky jab which knocked him out. During the count the heavy jaw punches McClosky had received began to take effect. He walked round the ring once with a far away expression on his face, and then collapsed on top of his opponent.

The following were awarded good loser's prizes for the Semi-finals : Rects. Collins, 153 Squad ; Hughes, 152 Squad, and Hawkins, 149 Squad.

SPECIAL CONTESTS.

4-ROUND CONTEST.—Mne. Baker *v.* L. A. C. Christian, R.A.F.

Christian was much taller than Baker and used his superior reach to advantage. Baker fought well in the first round but was inclined to overdo the " fancy " stunts. He fell off considerably in the second round and was finally knocked out.

4-ROUND CONTEST.—Mne. Bates *v.* L.A.C. Hogg, R.A.F.

Very closely fought bout. The first two rounds were fairly even both boxing hard and cleverly. In the third round Bates got in some good in-fighting and showed all-round superior ring-craft. The fourth round was similar to the third and Bates was accorded the win. This fight was very popular.

6-ROUND CONTEST.—L/Corpl. Davis, R.M. *v.* Fus. Gordon, Lancs Fusiliers.

The first round was even; Davis's superior ring-craft began to exert itself from the second round onwards. Gordon fought very pluckily to the finish. Both boxers were accorded much applause. Davis, won on points.

At the conclusion of the Meeting Colonel-Commandant Mayhew, who was present throughout, presented the prizes, and congratulated the Recruits on the spirited display they put up. He remarked that it was the first time that he had seen a 100% Boxing Competition, and was much struck with the value of such an undertaking. He also congratulated the Contest Competitors. The audience joined in giving three hearty cheers for the Colonel-Commandant.

The 151 Squad won the 100% Trophy by scoring 93.77% ; 152 Squad were second with 76.99% ; 149 Squad third with 69.08%.

The Inter-Squad Team Boxing Competition will commence on November 21st.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School gained a couple of valuable points in U.S. League Div. II., by defeating the R.N. Wireless team by 2 goals to 1, but were rather unfortunate to lose by the odd goal in five to the Royal Scots Fusiliers owing to the inability of the forwards to make the most of their opportunities.

The Boys' teams are doing very well in the various leagues with the exception of U.S. League Div. IV., where owing to the drafting of the older boys the team has lost several of their best players. The Junior Boys' are doing very well indeed in the Portsmouth Lads League. The following are the results of the respective leagues up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth Lads' League, Div. I. ..	3	3	0	0	21	5	6
Portsmouth Lads' Junior League ..	6	5	0	1	42	18	10

BOXING.

Several of the Boys took part in the Novices and Boys competition held at the R.N. Barracks on the 14th November, The following were successful in their respective contests :—Band Boys Tradewell, Robinson, Godding.

DRAKE'S PLYMOUTH.

(By LIEUT.-COL. W. P. DRURY, C.B.E.)

Dedicated to certain Vandals who would modernise the Elizabethan area of Plymouth and sweep away the few remaining homes of the famous Sea Dogs of Devon.

In silver moonlight, gossamers of mist
Veiling its beams,
'Neath a pale sky of star-gemmed amethyst
Drake's Plymouth dreams.

The coloured fires of great sea jewels fleck
The port with light—
Topaze and ruby, emeralds, that deck
Vague ships at night.

In raftered rooms worn toilers of the sea,
Home from the deep,
Half conscious of its murmured mystery
Lie lulled in sleep.

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Through History's door ajar thin music steals—
A hornpipe's hum
And, like the tapping of a woman's heels,
A Tudor drum.

A whiff of tar, the padding up the hill
Of calloused feet,
And shadows in trunk hose all sea-stained fill
The gabled street.

A sturdy form, its face with anger dark,
Strides on before,
Whose swinging sword, steel cap and corselet mark
The man of war,

And, entering a house—the drum without
Still pulsing fast—
He climbs a granite stair that winds about
A galleon's mast.

A low-ceiled chamber, sweetened by sea air
And scoured clean ;
A four-post bed, a cot small children share
Beyond a screen.

He steps within, his footfall echoless
Upon the floor,
Then turns, as his companion shadows press
In through the door.

" 'Twas here we drank our stirrup-cup of ale
(*Huff-cap*, I mind !)
The night we left the Barbican to sail
The Golden Hind.

" Here Tom Moone lived, and here still we behold
Moones domiciled—
He's gaffer now ten generations old
To yonder child.

" Its father, he abed—mark ye Tom's face ?—
Loves with warm pride
This ancient house the epic of his race
Hath sanctified.

" And now . . . a common herding place is planned—
Warrens of brick ;
Damned are these Tudor homes whose stone walls stand
A cloth-yard thick !

" God's splendour ! Why, to profit Balbus, should
Sea man and maid
Be driven from their source of livelihood,
The fishing trade,

" To spend themselves in vain attempts to win,
Housed far afield,
New work unreachable as water in
A fountain sealed ?

" God of our past, quench not their ancient fires;
Let them remain
At peace within this cradle of their sires
Who conquered Spain ! "

His arm shoots forth, and from his finger falls
His signet ring.
" Let Balbus work his will without the walls—
Here I am king !

" And here I leave yon trinket as a sign
That I have been
On watch in this dear Plymouth that was mine
When Bess was Queen."

His voice dies in a rumble down the stair,
Whither he goes,
Warned by the drum that throbs upon the air.
The first cock crows :

And as the breath of dawn comes, pure and cold,
The mother's eyes
Open reluctantly. " I dreamed of gold,"
She softly sighs.

" And I of wind at sea," her husband growls,
" With driving rain,
When a sou'-wester's humming in the cowls . . "
And sleeps again.

But when anon she draws the casement blind,
With stifled scream
She stops above a ring that calls to mind
Her golden dream ;

And holding it, blank wonder on her face,
Towards the light,
" It fell," she gasps, " from some old hiding-place
During the night !

" 'Twill pay the rent ! Here on the Barbican
We still may 'bide,
Where we were born ! " And at her call her man
Kneels by her side.

He lays the trinket on his roughened palm,
And, dim-eyed, peers
In silence on the gold that soothes like balm
His haunting fears.

Then in an instant to his feet he springs,
Their dreams made clear.
With a triumphant shout the chamber rings—
" He has been here !

" And left this message, ' *Banish your alarms* :
I am awake ! '
For, see ! The signet bears the coat-of-arms
Of Francis Drake ! "

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THE SENTRY WHO COULD NOT HELP SNEEZING.



A NAVAL TRAGEDY.

THE ROYAL NAVAL BENEVOLENT TRUST. (II.)

It will be appreciated that owing to the exigencies of the Service, the tenure of office of the members of the Local Committees is often of brief duration and it is therefore necessary, in order to maintain the Committees at full strength, that a means should be readily available to furnish a constant stream of volunteers for the work. The Lower Deck Benefit Societies have shown that they are capable of filling these requirements, and thus the necessity of a ballot is avoided, and the whole machinery moves in a most harmonious manner. This is known as the Branch System of Election and was approved under Admiralty Letter 13077/22 N. 4067/23. Where representatives cannot be obtained from Lower Deck Benefit Societies, these are nominated from official sources and co-opted as in case of Royal Marines.

The Local Committees are the Almoners of the Trust and meet twice weekly to adjudicate upon cases, and allocate grants to meet the needs and merits of the cases. The magnitude of their task can be realised when it is considered that these Committees each deal with an average of 160 cases per week. These cases require personal investigation by the members of the Committees in the three Ports, and by Voluntary Organisations in other towns, villages, etc., and this takes a large amount of the spare time from the Service. It should be realised by the men of the Navy that the unselfish zeal with which the members of the Committees are actuated, enables them to devote many hours per week to carry out the duties of their undertaking.

It is necessary for successful results of the work of these Committees to engage paid staffs. A General Secretary is essential for co-ordination of all the work of the Trust. The present General Secretary is Lieut.-Comdr. G. Wragge, R.N. (retd.). He is in charge of the Head Office, situated at Chatham, and controls a small staff for the purpose of co-ordinating all relief work and general work of the Trust. The work of the Head Office can be realised somewhat from the amount of incoming letters in one test week, which amounted to 710, and the necessary replies thereto. Expert book-keeping is very necessary to satisfy examination of the accounts by expert auditors. It is also necessary to possess a knowledge of finance in order to obtain the maximum value from the sale of stock from time to time. Checking of all grants made, records of same to prevent overlapping, etc., is all very necessary.

The Local Offices have each a paid Local Secretary. This is essential to co-ordinate the decisions and work of the Local Committees. The Local Secretaries, owing to their experience, can be considered as experts in all questions of Naval benevolence, and a knowledge of the activities of various funds previously formed, and heavily contributed to in the name of the sailor, is of great value for the purpose of cases which come under the notice of the Local Committees, and applicable to such funds, thus saving thousands of pounds of Trust money by amounts received in response to applications to the particular funds available.

Many, many cases of pensions have been received from widows and ex-Naval and Marine men, previously turned down by Pensions Committees and authorities as ineligible. These cases have been worked up by Local Secretaries of the three ports, and successfully fought for at the Pensions Appeal Tribunal, owing to the great knowledge of the technicalities of the Act of Parliament governing Pensions.

A small staff is also engaged to assist these Local Secretaries. So efficient are these organised local staffs, which work very economically, that even carping critics cannot find fault with them.

A test week of incoming letters to the Local Offices showed that in one week there were 347 letters received at Chatham, 395 at Devonport and 391 at Portsmouth. During the same week, Chatham posted 213 letters, Devonport 357 and Portsmouth 419. Sufficient has been stated to show the great necessity for a paid staff. Although criticism is sometimes levelled at administrative expenses, it should be realised that in the composition of Committees who carefully guard expenditure, administrative expenses may apparently, on paper, be heavy, but yet on examination of the results obtained, are surely justified and giving 100% return.

THE BLACK LIST.

A very famous gentleman once made a little list
Of certain varied characters who never would be missed.
It's my desire, Dear Editor, (I trust you'll not prevent it)
To use the *Globe and Laurel* to slightly supplement it.

I'd first include your " Sticky Red," whose twisted tubes of copper
Disturb our morning slumbers in a manner most improper,
Injunctions to restrain his zeal he treats with high disdain,
Refills his lungs, inflates his cheeks, and warbles forth again.

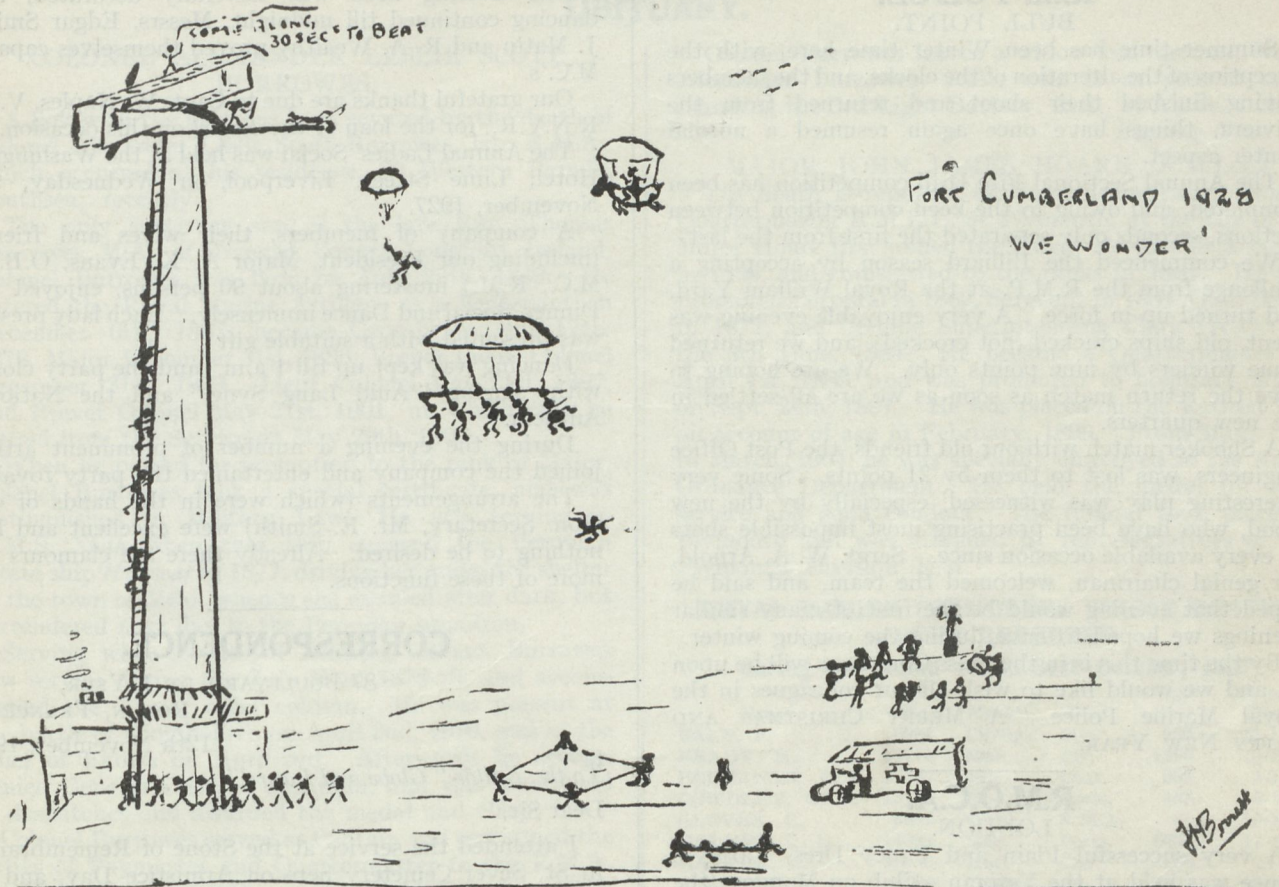
Pride of second place I'd give to the cheerless Mess Deck Dodger,
A more outrageous pirate never flew the " Jolly Roger,"
He " scranbags " things left sculling and some things that are not,
Then offers you the choice between the rattle and your " Tot."

The nifty " Gunner s Yeoman " who has everything in store
Except the piece of cleaning gear you have to ask him for.
Patiently you stand and wait, he moans and starts to ransack,
Till sounds the " G " and back you go to take another can back.

Then there's " Gate and Gaiters," the G.I. who expects us
To eat a 7.5 breech block while he dopes us up with " Texas."
His brain is crammed with knowledge (and Nitro Glycerine),
By an act of condescension he became a Royal Marine.

The hefty " Middy " of the Watch, who of himself thinks much,
As he wields his borrowed telescope with true Nelsonic touch,
And criticises all our graft and tells us what we've failed in,
Forgetting that we've swallowed more salt water than he's sailed in.

A Futurist Cartoon.



The high and mighty Sergeant, stern-eyed and sedate,
Who impersonates the peacock as he guards the Barrack Gate.
When your belt's beneath your coat you pass without restraint,
He never seeks it when it's on, but always when it ain't.
The tailor in the Q.M.'s Stores who measures you precisely
In order that your "Annuals" may fit you very nicely.
With April come your Trousers Tweed, neatly packed and pressed,
That tickle you above the knees and pinch you round the chest.
Now last of all, but far from least, there's one must be included,
He's three parts mad and two parts daft; the rest of him's deluded.
The imbecile (who, so I'm told) is in this sorry state,
Is your most obedient servant, Sir, the "Poet Laureate."

V.W.D.

The young son was sick and the doctor was called. He told the boy that he must go to a hospital

Boy: "Oh, doctor, I dont want to go to the hospital."

Doctor: "Why, a hospital's a fine place—clean and convenient.

Boy: "But doctor I don't want to go there. I don't want a baby. I want a pup."—*Catapult.*

Mickey came home from school sniffling.

"You've been licked," said his mother.

"I ai'nt," said Mickey. "There wsa a doctor at school this mornin' examined us, and he said ohad adnoids."

"Phwat's thim?" asked his mother.

"They're thing is yer head as has to be taken out," answered Mickey.

"It's a dom lie," angrily exploded mother. "I've fine combed yure head ivyr Saturday night and niver an ad-noid did I find!"—*Sea Breezes'*

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Flora: "I think it's just terrible, them sending all those nice Marines to China. What will they od when they get there?"

Dora: "Good heavens, dearie, ain't you never been out with a Marine?"—*P. H. Weekly.*

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Plumber: "'I've come to fix the old tub in the kitchen."

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Small Boy: "Mama, here's the doctor to see the cook."—*Leatherneck.*

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Hayes: Chicken croquettes, please.

Waiter (to cook): Fowl ball!—*Leatherneck.*

R.M. POLICE.

BULL POINT.

Summer time has been Winter time here, with the exception of the alteration of the clocks, and the members having finished their shoot and returned from the Riviera, things have once again resumed a normal winter aspect.

The Annual Sectional Fire Drill competition has been completed, and owing to the keen competition between sections, seconds only separated the first from the last.

We commenced the Billiard season by accepting a challenge from the R.M.P. at the Royal William Yard, and turned up in force. A very enjoyable evening was spent, old ships cracked (not crocked), and we returned home winners by nine points only. We are hoping to have the return match as soon as we are all settled in the new quarters.

A Snooker match with our old friends, the Post Office Engineers, was lost to them by 21 points. Some very interesting play was witnessed, especially by the new blood, who have been practising most impossible shots on every available occasion since. Sergt. W. A. Arnold, our genial chairman, welcomed the team, and said he hoped that evening would be the first of many similar evenings we hoped to have during the coming winter.

By the time this is in the press Christmas will be upon us, and we would like to wish all our colleagues in the Royal Marine Police "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR."

R.M.O.C.A.

LONDON.

A very successful Plain and Fancy Dress Carnival Dance was held at the Veteran's Club on Monday, the 7th of November, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of Comrades and their wives and friends who attended. The many prizes offered in the various events were keenly competed for, and Com. A. Flaherty proved a very able and efficient M.C.

On Armistice Day, a large party of Comrades attended the Cenotaph, and placed our usual wreath to the memory of fallen Comrades.

The Annual Christmas Tree and Party for the children will take place on Saturday, the 7th of January, at the Headquarters of the Artists Rifles, Dukes Road, Euston Road. The Committee desire to take this opportunity of thanking their many patrons and friends for their generosity on the last occasion, and confidently appeal to them once more for their support to enable us to give the "kiddies" a good time. Thank you.

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LIVERPOOL.

The Liverpool Branch, R.M.O.C.A., opened their social season with a Carnival Dance and Cabaret on board the *Eaglet*, Liverpool, on the 12th October, 1927.

Among the company present, which numbered close on 350, were Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M. (President) and Capt. J. Pearson, M.C., R.M (retd.), who conjointly entertained a large party, which included a number of Officers, R.N., R.N.V.R., and R.N.R.

Perhaps the "tit bit" of the evening was the introduction by our Hon. Secretary (Mr. Edgar Smith) of a Cabaret Show, illustrating dances "Ancient and Modern." This exhibition was given by the members of a dancing academy, from Ellesmere Port.

The dancing deck was tastefully decorated, and dancing continued till midnight, Messrs. Edgar Smith, J. Matin and R A. Wealthy proved themselves capable M.C.'s.

Our grateful thanks are due to Capt. W. Naples, V.D., R.N.V.R., for the loan of the *Eaglet* on this occasion.

The Annual Ladies' Social was held at the Washington Hotel, Lime Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 9th November, 1927.

A company of members, their wives and friends (including our President, Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., R.M.) mustering about 90 persons, enjoyed the Dinner, Social and Dance immensely. Each lady present was presented with a suitable gift

Dancing was kept up till 1 a.m., and the party closed with singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

During the evening a number of prominent artists joined the company and entertained the party royally.

The arrangements (which were in the hands of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Smith) were excellent and left nothing to be desired. Already there are clamours for more of these functions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

87 BOULEVARD DE L'YSER,
ROUEN, FRANCE.

12th November, 1927

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

I attended the service at the Stone of Remembrance in St. Sever Cemetery here on Armistice Day, and to the memory of the Royal Marines who made the great sacrifice and are buried here, I placed flowers upon the graves of the following old members of the Corps:—

Lieut.-Col. G. Ll. Parry, R.M.L.I.
Lieut. Dudley W. Rowland-Hall.
Lieut. George W. W. Denman-Dean.
Sec-Lieut. A. Mundell Sandison.

Should the relatives read the *Globe and Laurel* they will be pleased to know that the graves are most beautifully kept.

Yours sincerely,
W. SEABROOK, Capt.
(late) Royal Marines.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

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

£2,642 8s. 7d. previously acknowledged; £4 11s. 6d., Lieut. B. D. Lumsden, Messrs. A. Wilson; £2 4s. 6d., Lt.-Col. F. Eady; £2, Capt. H. A. de Berry, Mr. E. C. Winter; 19s. 9d., Interest on Deposit to 25-10-27.

No. of Works unsold 156. Total—£2,658 15s. 10d.

VOLUME III.

For General Sir Herbert Blumberg's "History of the War":—

£1,143 9s. 11d. previously acknowledged; £2 14s. 2d. Interest on Deposit to 25-10-27; £2 7s. 6d Lieut. B. D. Lumsden, Messrs. A. Wilson; £2 Corpl. F. Fullbrook; £1 5s. 0d. Lt.-Col. F. Eady, Mr. H. E. Tuckey; 10s. Capt. S. J. Bassett; 2s. Mr. C. E. Frith; 1s. 9d. Mr. R. S. Wilkie.

No. of Works unsold 276. Total £1,156 2s. 10d.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (ret.),
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
"Lowlands,"
Haines Hill, Taunton.

OBITUARY.

COLONEL ALEXANDER LESLIE SCOTT BURROWES.

A link with the past has been severed by the death of Colonel Alexander Leslie Scott Burrowes, late R.M.A., which occurred at his residence, 26 Western Parade, Southsea, recently.

The only surviving son of the late Rev. Thomas Burrowes, M.A., of Granard, County Longford, Ireland, Colonel Burrowes was born on July 29th, 1849. He entered the Royal Marine Artillery as a lieutenant on December 6th, 1867, became Captain on May 17th, 1878, Major December 31st, 1886, Brevet Lieut.-Colonel December 31st, 1893; Lieut.-Colonel May 21st, 1897, and Brevet Colonel May 21st, 1901, at which rank he retired from the Service on May 29th, 1903.

When he passed for promotion to the rank of Major, Colonel Burrowes took a special certificate, and was distinguished in Military Law. He was serving in H.M.S. *Shah* when that ship engaged the Peruvian pirate ship *Huascar* in 1877, driving her under the shelter of the town of Yelo, whence she escaped after dark, but surrendered next day to the Peruvian squadron.

Serving with the Royal Marines, Colonel Burrowes saw service during the Zulu War, 1878-79, and accompanied the Ekowe relief column. He was present at the battle of Gingiholovo on April 2nd, 1879, and at the relief of Ekowe on April 3rd. Afterwards he accompanied General Crealock's column, and was mentioned in despatches and awarded the medal and clasp.

Colonel Burrowes served as Captain and performed the duties of Paymaster and Quartermaster to the R.M.A. battalion throughout the campaign in Egypt in 1882, and was present at the actions at Mallaha Junction, El Magfar, Kassine (August 28th and Sept. 9th), and Tel-el-Kebir. He received the Egyptian medal with the Tel-el-Kebir clasp, the Khedive's Star, and the Jubilee Commemoration medal, 1897.

Shortly after retiring Colonel Burrowes was appointed Recruiting Staff Officer on October 1st, 1903, at Edinburgh. Apart from his service abroad he spent most of his time at Eastney, and was associated with the laying-out and levelling of the present officers' cricket ground there about 35 years ago.

Colonel Burrowes leaves a widow and one son, Major Alexander Burrowes, R.A., who is at present commanding the 3rd Light Battery, R.A., at Akora, India.

Evening News.

MAJOR JOHN JAMES HOARE (R.M.L.I.)

The death is reported of Major John James Hoare, Quartermaster R.M.L.I., at Plymouth, at the age of 83. Major Hoare first joined the Royal Marines as a bugler in 1856, and transferred to the ranks in 1861. He was promoted Corporal in 1862, Sergeant in 1864, Q.M. Sergt. in 1872, and became Superintending Clerk (W.O.) on the 5th June, 1884. He became a Quartermaster on April 1st, 1889, and was promoted to honorary Major on Sept. 24th, 1891. He was placed on the Retired List on account of age in February, 1899. From May, 1902 to March, 1904, he was specially employed in the Army Ordnance Department. He held the medal for long service and good conduct. The funeral took place at Plymouth and was attended by representatives of the Plymouth Division R.M.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 31st October, 1927.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
BALE, F. ..	16094	Clr/Sgt.	Ply.	950	20-10-27
BRADY. H. ..	30710	Mne.	Ply.	1550	10-10-27
BUCHANAN, A. E.	17767	Mne.	Chat.	982	4-10-27
COWDLEY, G. ..	13176	Mne.	Ports.	463	5-10-27
GLOVER, C. ..	6992	Corpl.	R.M.A.	81	19-10-27
HOLMES, C. H. ..	14890	Mne.	Ports.	6634	11-10-27
HARPER, A. ..	13080	Mne.	Chat.	560	28-8-27
JEFFERY, J. ..	5681	Clr/Sgt.	Ply.	2472	16-10-27
JONES, J. ..	4424	Mne.	Chat.	23070	28-10-27
JONES, C. F. ..	6576	Mne.	Chat.	3118	13-10-27
LUCAS, H. ..	7298	Mne.	Ports.	4923	6-10-27
LEWIS, G. E. ..	9488	Mne.	R.M.A.	7814	11-10-27
LEVY, W. T. ..	9241	Bglr.	Chat.	6433	20-10-27
ORCHARD, H. ..	2882	Mne.	Chat.	15529	8-10-27
PRING, T. ..	7389	Mne.	Ply.	G Coy.	10-10-27
PRIESTNER, B. J.	12668	Corpl.	Ports.	8470	5-10-27
PAYNE, C. ..	13990	Clr/Sgt.	Ply.	14272	11-10-27
RAYMOND, G. ..	9713	Mne.	Ply.	5926	19-10-27
TAYLOR, W. ..	7844	Mne.	Chat.	5451	4-10-27
THORPE, E. ..	9830	C.S.M.	Ports.	12592	28-10-27
WILLIAMS, J. ..	9501	Mne.	R.M.A.	8th Coy.	3-10-27
WARD, R. W. ..	17798	C.S.M.	R.M.A.	7950	27-10-27

MARRIAGE.

LUXMOORE — TURRALL. — Miss Frances Dalton Turrall, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Turrall, of Bideford, Devonshire, was married to Mr. Charles Manaton Grosvenor Luxmoore, now serving with the 12th Bn. Royal Marines at Nanking, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 25th October. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luxmoore, of Dolton, Devonshire. The Very Rev. Dean Symons performed the ceremony.

Attending the bride was Miss A. Campbell as bridesmaid, while Captain J. G. Johnstone, R.M., British Naval Staff Officer, acted as best man, and Captain Burgess, R.M., and Lieut. Blandford, R.M., performed the duties of ushers. The bride was given away by Captain Ellerton, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.N.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Majestic Hotel, where a large gathering, including many members of the Royal Marines, Army and the Royal Navy, including Vice-Admiral Sir R. T. Tyrwhitt, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., Commander-in-Chief China Station, and Colonel H. de C. Martelli, D.S.O., Commanding Troops, Shanghai, felicitated the pair. They will spend their honeymoon in Japan.

A representative number of N.C.O.'s and men from the 12th R.M. Battalion, H.M.S. *Argus* and *Hawkins*, attended, and the Sergeants drew the wedding car for a considerable distance through Nanking Road, Shanghai.

BIRTHS

COOKE.—On 16th October, 1927, at Avranche Manor, Jersey, to Marjorie (*nee* Marett), the wife of Major T. F. V. Cooke, D.S.O. (retired), a daughter (Elizabeth Mary Vernon).



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Lieut. H. S. Rider (S.R.O.), Ply., to Captain, dated 13-11-27.
R.M. Gunner F. Hoile (Ch.), to Comd. R.M. Gunner, dated 6-11-27.

APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. A. F. B. Alcock, D.S.C. (Ply.), to Corps Duty from Fleet Air Arm, and borne Supy., dated 11-11-27.

Capt. V. D. Thomas (Ch.), Adjutant, vice Weir, dated 16-11-27.

Lieut. E. S. Maxwell (S.R.O.) Po., relinquishes appt., dated 28-10-27.

Lieut. N. Lennox (Ch.), P. & R.T.I., vice Nonweiler, dated 22-11-27.

Lieuts. T. A. Smythe and M. G. Pughe to Depot, vice Deane and Hall, date of joining.

Lieut. R. A. K. Hill (Po.), Asst. Instr. S.I.A., vice Wills, dated 10-10-27.

Lieut. J. S. Martin (Ply.), borne Supy. whilst attached to Fleet Air Arm, dated 16-11-27.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major C. E. W. Hill to *Despatch* (and as F.R.M.O.), date of comm'g.

Capt. J. E. Cornish, Lieut. C. F. Phillips to remain in *Hermes* on re-commissioning.

Capt. C. T. Brown, O.B.E., to remain in *Emperor of India* on re-commissioning.

Capts. H. E. F. Shackleton and R. H. S. Teek to change from *Nelson* to *Revenge*, and vice-versa, on transfer of Flag of C.-in-C., A.F., from *Revenge* to *Nelson*.

Capt. A. Rendell (*Impregnable*) to *Erebus*, and on Staff of S.O., Reserve Fleet, vice Law.

Capt. H. D. Weir, Lieut. R. P. Deane to *Cumberland*, date of commissioning.

Lieut. J. T. Hall to *Valiant*, vice Martin, date of embarkation.

Lieut. G. B. O. Farrington to remain in *Ceres* on re-commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieuts. H. McSlater, T. E. N. Knox, R. D. Hale, C. H. C. Masters, and P. W. O'H. Phibbs qualified in Subject (a) for promotion to Captain.

Lieut. V. H. Deane has been selected to attend the Course at School Army of Co-operation, R.A.F., Old Sarum, from Nov. 28th to Dec. 7th.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Ganges—Corpl. F. Shun, Mnes. W. P. Massey, F. W. Newman, R. G. Back, F. Hinde, C. Beason, G. E. Sitton, W. J. Rogers, H. Hours, R. Bryder, A. E. Herbert, J. E. Frewin, G. C. Clark, I. Alexander, B. White, W. Veevers, H. Birch, C. Allen, T. Bourn, P. Buston, C. Cruttenden, E. E. Burr, T. A. Crews. **Constance**—Sergt. W. J. Betts, Mnes. W. Dabell, E. A. Bravery, A. W. Brewerston, F. W. G. Barker, W. J. Green, D. W. Lynass, W. A. Rogers, P. C. Rickard. **Vulcan**—Mne. P. Morrison. **Benbow**—Mne. W. Ellis. **Valiant**—Mnes. R. C. Chivers, J. C. Heveron. **Marlborough**—Mnes. A. B. Race, G. Coker. **Repulse**—Mne. A. C. Smith. **Cambrian**—Mne. E. C. Darling. **Victory**—Mne. J. Austin.

DISEMBARKATIGNS.

Ganges—Mnes. C. W. Mead, F. J. Stanhope, F. Hall, A. S. Morgan, M. F. Barker, E. A. Bennett, A. H. Norfolk, P. F. Heath, H. W. Gladman, J. H. Osmond, J. F. Clark, P. C. Richard, V. A. Sandys, T. H. Hooper, W. D. Lawler, P. J. Powell, A. Godfrey, F. J. Smith, S. Glenn, G. J. Garside, A. W. Bates, A. W. Bridges, F. Reed. **Victory II.**—Corpl. F. R. Ligertwoood, Mnes. R. D. Roos, T. J. Horsnell, C. E. Humphrey, J. Onions, T. G. Perry, T. Taylor, S. H. Milton, A. Potts, M. J. Hancock, H. F. Fuller, J. E. Evans. **Ceres**—Mnes. E. A. Trigwell, D. C. Gray, E. Nobbs, J. F. Bettles, A. Hubbard, S. Hawkins, H. W. Taylor, A. C. Vickers, T. Rice, W. C. Wright. **Vulcan**—Mne. S. F. Dowman. **Hermes**—Sergt. H. Laughton, Corpls. C. W. Lidster, A. E. Howlett, J. R. Frances, Bglr. A. Blackburn, Mnes. B. F. Aston, A. J. Stevens, J. L. Brazier, S. G. Dubery, G. T. Baker, R. W. Nixon, A. J. Coleman, C. Birley, H. Lloyd, E. G. Ingle, J. C. Burn, A. E. Wilson, M. Styles, D. C. Inman, F. G. Brooks, J. D. Green, W. S. Bushell, W. J. Mundy, J. H. Beaney, J. Watson, W. E. Lewis, W. H. Sculley, W. J. Bunce, E. A. Pearson, F. G. Cook, J. Crooskey, F. E. Berry. **Concord**—Clr.-Sgt. A. Upton, Corpl. F. T. Chandler, Mne. C. Cudmore. J. Holcroft, W. Roberts, H. W. Morgan, W. Hossack, A. F. Key, G. V. Coulson.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mnes. A. J. Bettell, A. Lapworth, J. B. Scarlett, T. Breadmore, J. H. Polley, R. A. Firmin, J. Cooper, H. Gay.

2nd Period.—Corpl. A. S. Miller, Mne. W. R. Smith, Sergt. G. T. Thompson.

Invalided.—Mnes. F. W. Spicer, G. Lyons, G. Fisher.

By Purchase.—Mne. L. B. Rix.

PORTSMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—Frank Hill. A. P. Saunders, C. E. Budd, W. H. J. Brockwell, A. E. R. Howard, W. R. Waldron.

Sergts. qualified for promotion to Clr.-Sgt.—A. H. Parslow, H. R. Stevens, W. L. Ring, S. G. Tilley, C. H. Barker, F. W. Fuller.

Corpls. qualified for promotion to Sergt.—L. E. Lock, H. M. Keet, H. T. Farrington, Ed. Gilding, C. E. Wood, A. W. J. Terry.

Mnes. qualified for promotion to Corpl.—J. Reynolds, G. A. Travers, F. G. Mills, A. C. E. Milne, E. Pratt, E. J. Miller.

Mnes. Mills and Miller have yet to qualify as "Q.M."

PROMOTIONS.

To C.S.M.—Clr.-Sgt. E. G. Williams.

Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. S. L. Jones, G. T. Norman, Herbert Mann.

Sergt. Corpls. T. H. Keats, F. V. Borrett, J. M. Masters, W. I. Everitt, Stanley Shortman, Henry Norris.

Corpl.—Mnes. J. H. Spencer, H. V. Roper (Band), Bglr. R. G. Brand, Mnes. A. V. Barr, A. F. A. Harris, G. V. Cornelious, C. J. Avey, P. T. Wigginton.

APPOINTMENTS.

To L/Cpls.—Mnes. A. V. Barr, E. J. Miller, W. F. B. Rowlett, H. A. Sellex, E. N. Hallford.

Rangeman, S.A. School, B'Down.—Mne. F. J. King.

Div. Cook (Temp.).—Mne. H. J. Oram.

Signal Instr.—Sergt. D. E. Prescott.

Marker S.A. Dept.—Mne. A. G. Bright.

Armourer S.A.—Sergt. W. I. Everett, Corpl. C. E. Clift (attached).

M.T.I., 1st Class.—Sergt. P. A. Adams.

M.T.I., 2nd Class.—Sergt. B. W. Gasson.

M.O. Attendants.—E. G. Gough to Rev. E. G. Bird, M.A., R.N.

NOMINATION.

For Provost Sergt.—Clr.-Sgt. Oscar Perkins.

EMBARKATIONS.

Dartmouth—Corpl. E. S. Howard, Mnes. G. V. Calcutt, F. E. Pratt, V. W. Allatt, C. H. R. Davie, A. G. Belton. **Victory**—Sergts. William Hutchings, Albert Coombs, Mne. W. Clark. **Pembroke**—Mnes. A. L. Sneddon, C. E. Coleman, J. Grayer. **Effingham**—Clr.-Sgt. S. T. Vaughan, Sergts. H. J. Chapman, H. T. Masters, Corpls. H. M. S. Dunster, Gaunick Turner, A. R. Perkins, A. W. Peck, Bglrs. G. R. Parker, A. P. M. Wilson, Mnes. W. C. Adams, A. B. Ince, J. P. McLaughlin, W. E. Hughes, William Thompson, Arthur Perfitt, H. N. French, William Box, A. E. Moore, R. T. Cooper, John Edgar, F. S. L. Deere, E. J. Clark, W. F. Eayers, Harry Hillier, H. J. Phipps, C. E. C. Shakleford, E. C. Molyneux, W. J. Hurl, H. W. H. Stone, C. R. Riley, C. J. Avey, C. W. Martin, A. H. W. Hodgkins, A. T. Cooper, H. E. Mahy, W. J. Dobson, Joseph Davin, A. H. White, A. E. Parker. T. T. Craig, F. W. Knight, C. H. Maxwell, A. McK. Thomas, W. J. Kearns, H. E. J. Tomkins, Edward Whealing, G. V. Cornelious, E. G. Cook, Hubert Croft, E. J. Tucker, A. F. J. Gregory, G. A. C. M. Howson, A. L. Parsons, Hugh Thornton, James Dowds, A. R. Newman-Buckett, H. E. Chivers, John Cooke. **Durban**—Mne. R. C. Leonard. **Curacoa**—Mnes. G. T. Woodward, S. P. Malcolm. **Tiger**—Mnes. W. C. Harber, C. H. Swinbourne. **Fisgard**—Mne. F. P. Wooldridge. **Champion**—Mne. Samuel McCullough. **Warspite**—Corpl. Hy. Turner. **Egmont**—Corpl. Geo. Shilling, Mnes. T. S. W. Thrower, R. G. Docherty. **Defiance**—Mnes. Fredk. Eames, C. E. G. Butler. **Barham**—Sergt. A.A. George, Mne. E. V. Johnson. **Furious**—Mnes. F. D. South, W. J. Kearns, R. R. Hellier.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Tiger—Mnes. H. F. Lane, Thomas Varndell. **Renown**—Mne. G. V. Cornelious. **St. Vincent**—Mnes. H. A. F. Payne, J. M. D. Wright. **Victory**—Sergts. P. T. Bond, C. E. Bennett, Mnes, R. W. Bateman, C. H. Swinbourne, W. T. Driver, R. W. Stockton, Joseph Waters, Robin Williams, H. L. S. Ball, W. J. Willoughby, G. W. Barnes. **Effingham**—Clr.-Sgt. W. H. J. Brockwell, Sergts. N. E. Asher, W. A. Fowler, Corpls. F. W. Warwick, W. M. Harris, H. S. R. Mansbridge, R. G. Ashby, Mnes. F. W. Draper, Robert Dean, J. W. Thorne, A. E. Robertson, A. E. C. Hey, F. A. Chandler, Ernest Woolmer, G. W. Jarman, W. A. Pepperell, E. J. Irish, F. W. Shawyer, W. J. Roberts, R. C. Kerman, C. C. Tufnell, Charles Henshaw, L. H. Betsworth, R. W. Harris, H. E. S. Hand, J. C. Pain, W. T. Castleton, G. L. Moody, Thomas Charlton, E. J. Jarvis, H. A. Swinbourne, J. J. Curry, W. J. Kearns. **Despatch**—Sergt. H. W. Howe, Corpls. W. T. O'Donnell, S. E. J. Baker, William Lillywhite, Mnes. Horace Lanfear, Thomas Holloway, T. G. Wallis, H. E. G. Summers, Walter Davies, W. E. James, Fred Hart, G. J. Makie, G. H. Snelgrove, E. A. F. Newis, Jesse Norris. **Egmont**—Sergt. S. Searle, Corpl .A. W. Baxter, Mnes. B. B. Bartlett, W. J. Holliday, Nathaniel Ross. **Fisgard**—Mnes. J. R. Owers, Edward Fisher. **Champion**—Mne. H. E. Hawkins. **Cormorant**—Corpl. F. W. Hatch, Mnes. S. J. Whittaker, Hy. Harrison, A. H. Walters, A. R. Adams. **Royal Sovereign**—Mne. Herbert Delve. **Victoria and Albert**—Bglrs. W. H. F. Wilkinson, C. I. Bucksey.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **Revenge** to **Dryad**—Mnes. J. W. Stone, C. J. H. Bury, F. J. Standen, A. T. Eldridge, E. H. Woodward, Frank Spencer.

From **Revenge** to **Fisgard**—Mnes. John Alvey, Robert Hodgson, F. D. Lawrence.

From **Fisgard** to **Revenge**—Mnes. L. W. Huckins, Eric Williams, C. J. Smith.

From **Dryad** to **Revenge**—Mnes. William White, Arthur Smith, W. A. Eaton, William Kirlock, C. G. Ansell, Herbert Monks.

From **Dartmouth** to **Iron Duke**—Mnes. S. G. Shafford, C. H. Haines, W. A. Warren.

From **Dolphin** to **Iron Duke**—Mnes. G. H. Sherratt, .J W. Gadd, J. E. Warr.

From **Iron Duke** to **Dartmoufh**—Mnes. H. E. Axtell, G. W. Blake, John Ivery, W. A. Simpson.

From **Iron Duke** to **Dolphin**—Mnes. A. G. Crooke, W. J. Woodfoffe, A. T. H. Hillyer.

From **Dolphin** to **Curacoa**—Mne. Percival Jotham.

From **Curacoa** to **Dolphin**—Mne. A. W. Collinson.

TRANSFERS.

From Chatham.—Clr.-Sgt. E. G. Williams, Mnes. S. P. Malcolm, Samuel Armstrong, W. J. Amos, William Turner, W. E. Williams.

To Chatham.—Mnes. W. L. Cave, W. E. Wright, W. G. Reynolds, Clr.-Sgt. W. L. Watts.

From Plymouth.—Mne. Albert Evans.

To Plymouth.—Mne. C. H. Henley.

To R.N. as Stoker.—Mne. J. E. Collins.

DISCHARGES.

1st period of Limited Engagement.—Mnes. H. E. Wilkinson, L. D. Dunn, H. F. Lane, A. T. Powell, Charles Hall, B. B. Bartlett.

2nd period of Limited Engagement. — Clr.-Sgts. (Q.M.S.) G. O. Pomery, G. E. Stokes, Sergts. J. H. W. Hansler, A. E. Paget, Corpls. Rideout, A. E. Aylng, Mnes. F. E. Carter, C. F. Tull, Henry Houghton.

Invalided.—Mnes. B. H. Saunders, H. F. Payne, Frank Webb, B. T. Ritty, C. E. J. Major.

Purchase.—Mnes. Donald Knill, S. T. Howett, R. J. Mann, H. E. Hawkins.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mne. E. F. Cox.

L.S. and G.C. MEDALS.

Clr.-Sgt. E. W. Ayers, Sergts. L. F. Moors, C. A. Wickens, E. S. Weeks, Ch./C. P. Raynor, Mnes. F. W. L. Morgan, E. A. Knight.

FLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corpl.—Mne. C. H. Thyer (serving in *Delhi*).

APPOINTMENTS.

Dispenser, R.M. Infirmary.—Corpl. W. S. Sykes.

Provost Sergt.—Clr.-Sgt. W. D. Kimber.

Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Corpl. A. E. Smoker.

Nurse, R.M. Infirmary.—Mne. W. H. Cox.

EMBARKATIONS.

Adventure—Corpl. T. Ritchie. **Colossus**—Corpl. G. H. Slocombe. **Carysfort**—Mne. G. Baker. **Cornwall**—Sergt. W. Ross, Corpl. N. Matthews, Mnes. E. F. Glower, G. Deville, T. Molloy, W. Dudley, E. Aspin, S. Hughes, W. T. Strawford, W. H. Miller, J. Owens, H. Read, A. E. Billett, A. E. Ruthven, H. Collins. **Defiance**—Corpl. B. Tugwell, Mnes. C. Hamer, C. H. Fisher, E. Paul, C. W. Stone, W. Atkins, W. J. Hartwill, G. Goodenough, A. T. Pilcher, E. Furzer, H. C. Smith. **Erebus**—Mnes. H. Ferguson, C. Karkeek, R. McKeown, Bglr. A. T. Elliott. **Fisgard**—Mnes. C. I. Coles, Geo. Brazier, R. H. Myers. **Impregnable**—Corpl. P. R. Gard, Mne. G. A. Beasor. **Osprey**—Mne. E. J. Smith. **Pegasus**—Mne. P. J. Heather. **Queen Elizabeth**—Sergts. I. Carn, R. Spanton, W. H. Fletcher, Corpl. H. I. Colenso, Bglrs. A. J. Elliott, A. Wathen, Mnes. N. J. Luxton, R. T. Stacey, R. J. Evans, H. Dobbin, D. J. Williams, C. T. Jasper. **Resolution**—Corpl. R. J. Healey, Mnes. F. J. Saunders, W. H. Manning, D. Campbell, D. E. Watts, F. G. Aldridge, R. H. Morrow, G. Simpson, A. H. Simpson, A. H. Hammond. **Tamar**—Sergts. C. Dickens, N. V. Bishop, H. Hillaby, P. Wenlock, Corpls. W. D. Bryant, R. Burnett, Mnes. P. J. Padwick, A. Fraser, R. A. Guppy, M. Harkness, S. Clayton, R. N. Read, J. Glanville, W. J. Counter, J. Sheldon, G. Osborne, G. G. Hampton, Corpl. C. L. Martin. **Command, Deal**—Mnes. F. A. V. Rudge, E. D. Parr, J. O. Kirkby, E. Bradley, W. E. Barratt, F. T. Williams.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

12th R.M. Battalion—Clr.-Sgts. J. Illingworth, J. Burnett, Corpls. W. G. Mann, A. F. Grubb, T. W. Stanford, S. Youngson, Mnes. G. H. Adams, F. W. Andrews, V. R. Bees, A. H. Bond, H. Borman, G. Cottem, W. F. Cridland, A. H. Domican, J. Gray, I. E. Hobbs, C. I. Lewis, J. McKee, W. F. Osborne, A. W. Porter, W. J. Sollery, W. T. J. Thorne, S. Alger, J. W. Barrell, E. J. Bird, A. Bull, W. Burgess, M. Evans, H. G. Griffiths, H. W. Griffin, H. C. Hill, E. Hill, W. Northcott, G. P. Partridge, F. Rhodes, H. W. Roberts, C. A. Vosper, M. Wyatt, H. R. Yates, E. W. Brittain, H. W. Gagg, C. J. Hunt, A. A. Jones, N. F. Jones, P. Lake, V. Lashbrook, W. G. Lee, A. S. Pitt, H. A. Rawson, G. W. Tolley, R. Dawson, A. E. Warden, J. Whittingham, C. J. Burt, C. F. Dale, E. Forster, A. S. Groves, W. E. Holloway, F. A. Higgs, H. W. Jagger, H. King, J. Mansfield, F. W. Shallcross, F. E. Starkey, A. J. Thompson, C. H. Walker, W. J. Wright, T. B. Pease, A. W. Milson, W. Dorrall, P. Lawrence, T. Bowden, H. J. Lambert. **Erebus**—Mnes. J. O. Brown, G. Bond, W. E. Ellis, H. Barron. **Pegasus**—Bglr. E. Parr, Mne. D. Austin. **Carysfort**—Mnes. G. H. Gregory, J. Miles. **Colossus**—Corpl. G. H. Slocombe. **Queen Elizabeth**—Sergts. J. Cross, J. McCone, W. P. Thompson, Mnes. G. Allstaff, A. R. Nottley, A. J. McNickle. **Adventure**—Corpl. A. E. Dunn. **Effingham**—Mnes. F. G. Lawford, G. Pow, H. Corbett. **Impregnable**—Corpl. W. S. Sykes. **Osprey**—Mne. C. N. Dutton. **Hood**—Mne. J. M. Cottrell.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Sergt. G. A. Keefe, D.S.M., Mne. B. S. Pearson.

1st Period.—Mnes. H. T. Lawrence, W. H. N. Dorrall, H. J. Lambert, C. N. Dutton.

Invalided.—Mne. W. J. Daniel.

MEDALS.

L.S & C.G. Medals.—Clr.-Sgts. J Burnett, J. Illingworth, Sergts. W. H. Norgrove, W. Ross, Corpl. W. C. D. Gillespie, Mne. D. G. Shewring.

DEPOT.

PROMOTION.

Corpl. W. I. Everett to Sergt.

APPOITMENNTS.

M.O.A. to Lt.-Col. P. Sandilands, D.S.O.—Mne. J. Harris.
Wash-house Man.—Mne. T. W. Agutter.
Cook, Sergts. Mess.—Mne. A. Leacock.
Barbers.—Mnes. A. Chiswell, W. M. W. Davis.
G.M. Policeman.—Mne. W. C. Page.
Pioneer.—Mne. C. Gale.
N.C.O. i/c Rec. Room.—Corpl. W. G. Barnes.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Mne. J. A. Trott.

To Portsmouth.—Sergt. W. I. Everett, Mnes. B. H. Rich, W. J. Killen, W. C. W. Pook, and Tom Gwinnell.

To Plymouth.—Mnes. F. Watkins, T. E. Ranson and A. McNamara.

EMBARKATION.

Valiant—Mne. Harry Ward.

DISCHARGES.

Purchase.—Mne. D. Knill, S. T. Howlett.
Pension.—Mne. W. R. Smith.
N.L.B.E.—Mne. J. H. Wylde.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C. Medals.—Mnes. S. A. White and C. Swabey.

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)—Arthur Eames, Samuel Ellick, George Windsor, E. C. Aldridge, A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corpl.)—Robert Moncur, H. G. Rule, I. F. Marcussohn, C. J. Kimpton, W. S. Woods, K. A. McLean.

PROMOTION.

To Band Corpl.—Musn. E. H. T. Anstiss.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musicians.—Band Boys H. A. Davis, F. T. D. Woodcock, W. G. Cooper, Samuel Yeomans, S. R. J. M. Lavers, A. E. Weller, A. J. Bennett.

EMBARKATIGNS.

Effingham—Bandmaster 1st Class Walter Pryce, Band Corpl. W. D. Power, Musns. I. F. Marcussohn, T. E. R. Reeve, J. A. Gurnett, R. R. Dixon, H. H. Heath, A. G. F. Rowson, James Williams, Frederick Dyer, Albert Gobby, J. A. Hussey, Band Boys, H. A. Davis, F. T. D. Woodcock, W. G. Cooper, Samuel Yeomans, S. R. J. M. Lavers. **Revenge**—Bandmaster 2nd Class G. H. Lightfoot, Musn. A. H. Greenlees. **Impregnable (T.S.)**—Musns. Francis Doyle, A. J. Golding. **Barham**—Musn. A. W. Cutler, Band Boy A. E. Weller. **Berwick**—Bandmaster 2nd Class G. J. Maulkin, Band Corpl. L. J. Maskell, Musns. Albert Wicker, George Jepp, A. F. Payne, Vernon Furneaux, A. E. J. Stagg, S. B. Hobbins, W. H. S. Oddy, C. J. Harris, L. A. Hamblin, S. C. Harris, Albert Priestley, H. C. Ricketts, Band Boy A. J. Bennett. **Furious**—Band Corpl. D. W. Green. **Nelson**—Musn. P. G. Boxall. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. C. F. Cambridge.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Revenge—Bandmaster (W.O.) F. M. Radcliffe, Musicians C. G. C. Brand, R. F. West, A. T. Russell, H. P. Smith, W. T. Muston, H. H. Hyde, R. C. Woolford, Arthur Critchell, G. St. A. Atley, E. G. B. Bulbeck. **Impregnable (T.S.)**—Band Corpl. L. J. Lee, Musn. A. T. Still. **Frobisher**—Musn. A. G. Rogers. **Hermes**—Bandmaster 1st Class G. C. Holloway, Band Corpl. Henry Smith, Musns. S. G. Knight, S. G. Worsfold, William Carter, A. S. W. Turner, C. J. Kimpton, C. H. Brown, William Mills, A. G. Price, G. L. King, James Barnes, W. S. Woods, H. A. G. Blaxhall, F. C. Piesse. **Furious**—Band Corpl. M. C. Orrin. **Vindictive**—Musn. Edward Couch. **Nelson**—Musn. F. T. Cotterel. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. A. R. J. Passell.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Musn. A. J. Stedman, Band Boy A. H. T. Clark.
Not likely to become an efficient Musician.—Band Boy E. J. Huntley.
Unsuitable.—Musn. R. W. James.
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