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EDITORIAL.

The reception accorded to our first effort as editors has been most encouraging, judging from the number of copies disposed of, and from remarks published in some of the service journals. Though essentially a paper for private circulation, yet we hope it will find its way into the hands of friends of the regiment all over the globe.

Since the last publication many changes have occurred, perhaps the chief one being the temporary desertion of our chief editor, who prefers "leave of absence" to his editorial duties. However, he deserves it, for the first number with all the accompanying anxieties, must have told severely on him.

Then, again, the Garrison is changed, the Seaforth Highlanders and part of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers going to join the banner of the European concert at Crete, and in their place we welcome the 1st Suffolk Regt.

Another change which has taken place is the substitution of summer for winter, and the consequent superseding of cricket, boating, etc., to the more vigorous pastimes of football, hockey, etc.

We must apologize to our readers for not yet being able to print the regimental crest on our cover, but we are not as near London as we would like to be, and Valletta has still a little to learn from that village of ours.

We hope, now "The Lad" is fairly on its legs, that our friends will do their utmost to make it a success, by not only contributing from their pockets, but also from their brains, and if anyone should think this number not quite up to the mark, let him remember that

THE EDITORS

are still suffering from the "3 days Festa of St. Publius".

OUR 2nd BATTALION LETTER.

It was, I think, in the years 1884-5, when the Regiment was stationed at Nowshere and Rawul Pindi that a regimental paper under the title of the "Duke of Wellington's Gazette" first saw the light, and it was with great

Footnote * [A later note says that Lieut Colonel Jenkins who was the Editor, had stated that it was brought out in Kuldumrah, Murree Hills, in 1886, and bore the title of "The Duke of Wellington's Journal"]

pleasure that after so long an interval, I heard it was to be started once more under the most appropriate name of "The Havercake Lad."

Of the contributors at the time I speak of, there are not many left now, but some of us will recall the names of Lieut.-Colonel Jenkins, Major Waller, and Lieut. Stewart Bayley (who left us to take up an appointment in the Political Department under the Government of India), the two former of whom were, I believe, chiefly instrumental in founding the paper. Pte. Mackintosh I recollect as being our compositor, and it was issued monthly from the "Wellington Press." For awhile it flourished exceedingly, and what may have led to its being discontinued I don't know—possibly lack of material was the cause or possibly "Punjaub heads," a disease not yet known to the profession, but common enough in the localities I have mentioned. But perhaps as this Battalion is about to go to India it is as well I should explain myself for the benefit of some of your younger readers, who might otherwise think that I refer to some occult disease that has to be combatted against, like fever or "fixed bayonets"; and state at once that it's merely a colloquialism for disinclination to work, and a general habit of forgetfulness, which ailments are said to overtake people who have spent some time in those parts.

Be the cause what it may, our paper ceased to be brought out, and has failed to appear for many a year, only, we will hope, to be revived with greater vigour, and more brilliant and lasting success.

But having been asked to play a part in the new undertaking, I must not rest content with chronicling the at, but come past once to the present. And here at the outset I find myself at a grave disadvantage, inasmuch as I am not just now with Head Quarters at Pietermaritzburg; so if my facts and figures are not quite accurate, it must not be attributed to lack of interest, but merely to my having no papers other than my own notes at hand to refer to. This being my first letter I shall ask your readers to go back 12 months, and in spite of its being somewhat ancient history, to take the New Year of 1896 as our starting point, for I need hardly say it has been a period of unusual excitement for all of us out here.

Consequent on events in the Transvaal, we had quite early in that year to find an escort of 100 men over some of Dr. Jameson's fellow prisoners, Major Rivett Carnac, Major—then Captain Thorold, and Lieuts. Smith and Tyler proceeding in charge, Major Carnac and Lieut. Smith and 60 men returning in a day or two, while Major Thorold and Lieut. Tyler and a few men proceeded to Durban to see the raiders placed on board a Castle Liner.

On the 10th April Major Thorold left us, nominally 'en route for Malta. He was not, however, destined to go there direct, being stopped at the Cape for service in Rhodesia, whence he did not join for several months. It was not however before the 15th that orders were received for the movement of any considerable body of troops, 300 of the 7th Hussars, and the whole of our mounted Infantry numbering 150 being directed to hold themselves in readiness. We all hoped this was but an instalment, and that the whole Regiment would be required later on, but in this we were disappointed.

Even the movement of this small body gave us plenty to think about, as although they were only under orders for Mafeking, it was supposed they would be pushed up to the front as soon as transport could be arranged. Major Rivett-Carnac went in command of our Mounted Infantry accompanied by Captain Watson and Lieuts. Wallis, Smith, and Tyler, the whole force, under the Command of Colonel Paget of the 7th Hussars, marching out of Maritzburg on the 1st May en route for Durban, where they embarked for East

London two days later, Lieut. Fraser and 8 non-commissioned officers having preceded them for service on the lines of communication. At the same time Lieut. P. Turner left for Mashonaland via Beira in charge of the Natal troop, and a large supply of transport.

The next, and as it proved the last, detachment we had to find comprised 3 Officers—Captains Swanson, Wood, and 2nd Lieut. Coode—and 100 men, and they left early in July, also for Mashonaland, having been detailed to keep open the line of communications between Umtali and Salisbury; Captain Parsons also proceeding up country in October, on Major Carnac going sick.

I feel my apologies are due for dragging in the names of so many places, but when troops are operating from two distinct centres, it is rather difficult to avoid doing so except at the sacrifice of a certain amount of clearness.

From the foregoing it will be seen that altho' we have not as a Regiment taken part in the Rhodesian Campaign we have yet sent a large contingent to the front, and borne our share of hardships in the field, and shown that the 'Dukes' are ever ready and eager for anything that happens to be going on.

Towards the end of October the troops began to return, Captain Wallis and between 40 and 50 men being the first to rejoin, followed by Captains Watson, Parsons, Lieuts. Smith and Tyler and between 70 and 80 men on 20th December, just in time to share in the Xmas festivities, Capt. Swanson's party rejoining just after the new year, on 3rd of January. Although they had not seen much fighting, our list of casualties was a serious one, Lieuts. Fraser and Coode being wounded in action, the former in the knee, and the latter in the calf of the leg, and Pte. Carter being accidentally shot in the foot, while poor Swanson succumbed on the 23rd January to malarial fever. To all appearances he was in the best of health on his return, but the disease must have been on him, though unknown to any of us, as after a fortnight's illness his strength gave out, and he was unable to rally from the attack.

We all mourn his loss, and extend our deepest sympathy to his widow in her sad affliction. A cheery companion, ever popular with officers and men alike, and always ready to support all regimental institutions, he gave freely and generously to all; and though disinclined to take any prominent part in our door games, he thoroughly identified himself with all that was going on, and none rejoiced more than he when the regiment secured a well earned success in any branch of sport.

Thus after having been split up for 8 months we were once more united after the new year, and though a few of the men volunteered to remain in Rhodesia as police in the B. S. A. Coy.'s service, with the hope no doubt of seeing more fun later on, the majority I think had had enough of the country, and were glad to find themselves at Head Quarters.

Our next trip will probably take another direction, as we are under orders for India at the end of the year, but our station, and even the Presidency, are yet unknown, though it is quite possible we may revisit some familiar spots.

Talking of India reminds one of polo, and knowing the keen interest taken in the game, you will like to hear what we have been doing out here in that line.

So before closing this letter, I must say a few words about the Tournament, which was held in September last. There were 7 competing teams—the 7th Hussars, ourselves, the Mounted Infantry Battn., Johannesburg, and 3 local ones. We were considerably handicapped by some of our best players being away, notably Capt. Watson, and consequently could not render such a good

account of ourselves, as we otherwise should have done. We were represented by Lieut. Whish, Captains Turner, Parsons and Becher, all of whom however were particularly the last named. We were pitted against one of the local teams, and were only defeated by one subsidiary, the score at the close standing 2 goals and 1 sub. to our 2 goals. It was a well contested game throughout, and would I think have resulted differently could we have put our full strength into the field. The tournament resulted in a well earned victory for the 7th Hussars, who thus retain the Cup.

That we shall make a great effort when we get to India is certain, and some day I shall hope to be able to tell you that we too have placed the Inter-regimental trophy on our Mess Table.

(To be Continued.)

[We have had an intimation from Lieut. Colonel Jenkins, who was the Editor of the first regimental paper of this Battalion. It was brought out in Kuldunnah, Murree Hills, in 1886, and bore the title of the "Duke of Wellington's Journal."

EDITORS].

THE "SEVEN-AND-SIXPENNIES."

The following is an extract from *The London Weekly Despatch* :—

The Seven-and-Sixpennies are the 2nd Battn. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regt., the old 76th.

The Regiment rejoices in three nicknames. Are they not "The Pigs" to begin with? Though it does not sound a complimentary title, the 76th got their "pig" by deeds of valour of which any regiment in the service would be justly proud.

The 76th had been called upon to play its part in India against the hosts of Tippoo Sahib. At Savendroog, at Bangalore, at Seringapatam, they reaped plenty of laurels. Likewise at Allyghur, Delhi and Leswarree, the 76th was in the thick of it. Year by year the regiment fought its way to the front in India. One result of it all was the "pig." As a mark of distinction the badge was granted them of an elephant upon the collar—to commemorate their deeds in the land of the elephant. The badge was considered more like a pig than an elephant, hence the nickname.

Nickname No. 2 is that of "The Immortals" which was acquired from their surviving the terrible struggles of the Indian campaign.

Last of all comes the title of Seven-and-Sixpennies, from the number it bore and from a lieutenants pay in it having been fixed at that sum. Among the lieutenants that figured on its earliest muster roll stands that of Lieut. George Harris, the conqueror of Seringapatam.

NEWS FROM THE DEPOT.

The Major General Commanding North Eastern District, made his annual Inspection of the Depot on April 24th.
 No. 2505 Sgt. F. Duell was discharged on Feb. 25th and awarded a pension of 10½d. a day.
 No. 439 Sgt. A. Mallinson was re-posted to the Depot from the Pemt. Staff 3rd Battn. on March 1st.

- No. 2414 Sgt. C. Whitehouse was discharged, (medically unfit) on Feb. 13th and was awarded a pension of 1s. 1½d. a day.
- No. 2619 Sgt. E. Cook extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours March 12.
- No. 1388 Lce. Cpl. W. Cooper permitted to continue in the service beyond 21 yrs. March 13.
- No. 1078 Sgt. E. Brook posted to Permt. Staff 3rd Battn. March 16th.
- No. 1001 Sgt. Goodier posted to Permt. Staff 3rd Battn. April 8th.
- No. 4644 Cpl. C. Caven discharged (medically unfit) April 9th.
- No. 2632 Sgt. C. Chittenden appointed 3rd class Gymnastic Instructor, with consolidated pay at 3s. a day April 17th.
- No. 5404 Pte. E. Churchman transferred from Royal Sussex Regt., to serve with an elder brother, April 21st.
- No. 888 Qr. Mr. Sgt. (O. Room Sgt.) Geo. Goodey, awarded medal for "Long service and good conduct." Jan. 1897.
- No. 5271 Pte. W. Thompson was transferred to the R.A., and posted to No. 2 Coy. Eastern Division on May 7th to serve with an elder brother.
- The undermentioned men arrived in England from the 2nd Battn. on April 20th and were discharged on April 27th:
- No. 1226 Pte. T. Donovan. No. 1354 Pte. P. Noonan. No. 1197 Pte. W. Walton.
- The undermentioned N.C. O's and men have been transferred to the 1st Class Army Reserve.
- No. 2622 Cpl. R. D. Taylor No. 2644 Pte. G. Garner
 No. 3081 Pte. J. Rushton No. 2650 Pte. G. Hughes
 No. 2688 Pte. A. Barrett No. 2656 Pte. J. Ward
 No. 2687 Pte. R. Wheeler.

The following have been granted Good Conduct Pay between Jan. 1st and March 1st at 1d. No. 4683 Lce. Cpl. A. Hood and No. 2795 Pte. T. Smyth.

The Colonel Commanding has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Depot:—

To be Sergeants:—

- No. 565 Lce. Sergt. C. Jackson. No. 3744 Lce. Sergt. A. Owen.
 No. 3562 Lce. Sergt. T. Teasdale.

To be Lce. Sergeants (Paid):—

- No. 1541 Cpl. W. Tungate No. 797 Cpl. A. Brady

Permanent Staff 3rd Battalion.

Sergeant T. Speight claimed discharge, February 22nd
 Colour Sergeant F. Trivett discharged to pension, March 5th
 Colour Sergeant F. Unsworth discharged to pension, March 25th
 Colour Sergeant J. Butterworth invalided, April 3rd
 Sergeant G. Douglas discharged to pension, May 5th
 Drummer J. Bates claimed discharge, April 15th
 Sergeant C. McCarthy promoted Colour Sergeant, March 6th
 Sergeant J. Churchman promoted Colour Sergeant, March 26th
 Sergeant J. Kearns promoted Colour Sergeant, April 4th.

The permanent Staff is at present five Sergeants and one drummer under establishment, but three Sergeants are expected very shortly to arrive home from the 2nd Battn. for posting to the Permanent Staff.

33rd Regimental District Association, for the Employment of Pensioners and Army Reserve Men.

Non-Commissioned-Officers and men of good character about to be discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve, who intend to reside within the limits of the 33rd Regimental District, are reminded that they can register their names for employment in civil life by applying to the honorary Secretary of the Association, at the Barracks, Halifax. In applying, they should state what employment they desire to take up.

Those who do not intend to reside in the Regimental District on transfer to civil life should address their applications to be registered for employment, to the Recruiting Officer at the barracks nearest their residence, or, in the case of London, to the

Honorary Secretary
 National Association
 No. 12 Buckingham Street
 Strand.

During the last six months, six men have been found regular employment from the Depot Office as Postmen (two), Caretakers (two), Groom (one), General servant (one).

CRICKET.

THE COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD MATCHES IN 1896.

The competition for the above shield took place towards the end of last year, during the second leave season. There have been company matches before, but the same amount of interest was not attached to them owing to there having been no trophy for the winners to keep.

Last year, however, a very handsome shield was obtained from the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Company, Limited. It is of richly chased design and excellent workmanship, the only faults to find with it being that the knees of the elephant's hind legs are bent in the opposite way to what they are in nature.

In 1894, before we left Dover, there had been a series of company cricket matches which resulted in E Company occupying premier position. In 1895 no matches were played and to commemorate the contest of '94 it was decided in committee last year that the above named company should have the honour of inscribing its name on the first tablet on the new shield.

There was no lack of interest evinced in the games under notice, which were favoured throughout by the best weather imaginable, and there were plenty of surprises in store. Before the start, the companies most fancied were B and E—the latter for preference. But events did not quite turn out as anticipated, as very often happens in a game of such "glorious uncertainty" as Cricket.

A committee, consisting of 1 Non-Commissioned Officers and 1 man per company, was appointed to arrange all details and decide on any question that might crop up. This arrangement worked capitally and there was no hitch all through.

There is no means so good as these contests for unearthing latent talent and securing recruits for the regimental eleven, and we were glad to see several men who made most promising débuts.

Below will be found details, of the games in the three rounds.

1st Round.

- G. BEAT A. by 91 runs after a good game, Sgt. Bottomley (38) Sgt. Duell and Pte. Sykes (24) batting best for the winners and Pte. Rollinson (23 each innings) for the losers, while in bowling Sgt. Rollinson (9 wickets) for G and Pte. Peacock (8 wickets) for A did best.
- TEAMS G. Lieut. Bainbridge, Sgts. Duell, Rollinson, Thomas, Bottomley; Cpls. Britton, Shea, Ptes. Sykes, Turner, Gawthorne, Rilat.
A. Sgts. Lister, Baxter, Cpls. Williams, Theed, Carney, Ptes. Grainger, Rollinson, White, Peacock, Smith, Johnson.
- B. BEAT F. by 112 runs. Lieut. Siordet (29) and Cpl. Pilgrim (52) with the bat and Sgt. Allen (9 wickets) with the ball for B and Pte. Dawson (10 wickets) with the ball for F doing good work for their sides.
- TEAMS B. Lieut. Siordet, Sgts. Evans, Allen, Cpl. Pilgrim, Ptes. Green, Barthelemy, Kirk, Woodhouse, Slaymaker, Hamon, Riley.
F. Cpl. Scott, Ptes. Dawson, Bottomley, Ellison, Douglas, Edinborrow, Brennan, Smallwood, Hopson, Elkington, Dr. Smith.
- C. BEAT H. by 5 wickets. Pte. Obee (33) and Cpl. Mangles (10 wickets) doing best for H. and Lieut. Strafford (28) Cpl. Harper (29 not out), Cpl. McCudden (9 wickets) Pte. Haigh (11 wickets) for C.
- TEAMS C. Lieut. Strafford, Cr. Sgt. Thompson, Sgt. Johnson, Cpls. Harper, McCudden, Ptes. Goodwin, Curtis, Haigh, Partridge, Davy, Hyland.
H. Lieut. Tyndall, Cpls. Mangles, Shea, Whiteley, Pte. Hudson, Kelly, Bottomley, Obee, Whiteley, Booker, Dalby.

E. BEAT D. by 136 runs and 7 wickets thanks chiefly to Pte Venables of E, who made 148 not out and took 6 wickets. Cpl. Pettigrew (39) batted well for D.
 TEAMS E. Cpl. Storey, Ptes. Muir, Venables, Cassidy, Graham, Arnold, Summersgill, Ward, McMahon, Jepson, Burgess.
 D. Sgt. Annis, Cpls. Pettigrew, Morris, Ptes. Hill, Waller, Saville, Haywood, Holt, Stafford, Dove, Dukdale.

2nd ROUND

C. BEAT G. by an innings and 21 runs. This result was mainly due to the excellent bowling of Cpl. McCudden and Pte. Haigh of C, and there was no very large scoring.
 E. BEAT B. by 4 wickets. A very interesting game in which bowling on both sides was the feature. E, although left only 49 to get, lost 5 wickets for 18 but the game was pulled out of the fire by Ptes. Summersgill and Muir with the above result.

FINAL ROUND

C BEAT E

This match had been anxiously looked forward to as likely to prove close and exciting, both companies having shaped very well in the preliminary heats, and few would have been prepared to predict the result. For some unknown reason E Coy, on winning the toss decided to put their opponents in first, an error in judgement for which they had to pay dearly. C Coy. took advantage of this kindness by knocking up the respectable total of 216, for which they were mainly indebted to Lieut. Strafford. On going in after their spell of leather hunting E Coy. quickly lost their two best bats, Ptes. Venables and Cassidy, and fell utterly to pieces. On following on they did slightly better—thanks to Cpl. Storey and Pte. Burgess—and succeeded in totalling 80. C Coy. thus won the match and shield for 1896 by an innings and 105 runs.

Below will be found the full score.

C COMPANY.

1st innings

Lieut. Strafford	not out	119	Cr. Sgt. Thompson	b. Cassidy	5
Sgt. Johnson	b. Venables	2	Dr. Haigh	b. Cassidy	9
Cpl. McCudden	b. Storey	18	Pte. Partridge	b. Cassidy	2
Cpl. Harper	b. Venables	10	Pte. Davy	b. Cassidy	2
Pte. Goodwin	b. Cassidy	29	Pte. Hyland cr.	Summersgill b. Storey	7
Pte. Curtis	b. Cassidy	0		Extras	10
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			Total		216
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E COMPANY

1st innings

2nd innings

Pte. Muir	b. McCudden	6	not out	2
Pte. Venables lbw.	b. McCudden	6	lbw. b. McCudden	0
Pte. Cassidy c. Johnson	b. Haigh	6	run out	6
Lce. Cpl. Storey	b. McCudden	3	b. McCudden	21
Pte. Graham	b. McCudden	2	run out	1
Pte. Arnold	b. Haigh	0	c. McCudden b. Haigh	0
Pte. Summersgill	b. McCudden	0	b. Haigh	2
Pte. Ward c. Davy	b. Haigh	1	b. McCudden	11
Pte. McMahon	not out	4	b. McCudden	5
Dr. Jepson	b. Haigh	1	b. McCudden	0
Pte. Burgess	b. McCudden	1	b. McCudden	25
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	Total	31	Total	80
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RECORDS OF THE REGIMENT.

CHAPTER I.

"A Regiment great in history bears so far a resemblance to the immortal gods as to be old in glory, yet have always the freshness of youth."

KINGLAKE.

The compact known in history as the "Grand Alliance," a treaty entered into by England, Austria, and the States General, to prevent the possible union of the French and Spanish crowns, was the necessity for the first great increase of the English army.

William III, the projector of this treaty, having determined to ask the House of Commons, whose national pride was smarting under the insults and wrongs heaped upon them by Louis XIV, to grant him an increase in the Army, found them only too willing to accede to his request.

Accordingly, William III's estimate of numbers and expenses was adopted, and on the 13th January 1701, the House of Commons resolved unanimously "that the number of men required to make good the alliance should be 40,000, of which 30,000 were foot and the remaining 10,000, horse and dragons.

Of this force, the English were unable to find 12,000, and eventually it dwindled to an increase of 5000 Infantry, 2000 horse and about 1500 dragons. Under this arrangement, regiments were at once raised of which nine viz:—the 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 37th, 38th, and 39th still remain on the British establishment. A Colonel was appointed to each, their commissions bearing date, 12th February 1702, the first Colonel of the 33rd being Lieut. General James Stanhope.

The Regiment was at first composed of men chiefly from the Midland and South West-ern counties of England. In July 1702, the Regiment was quartered at Hereford, and to join the force under the Duke of Schomberg, to aid in placing Archduke Charles of Austria, whom England recognized as Charles III, upon the throne of that Kingdom.

The Colonelcy of the Regiment, meantime, had been given to George, Earl of Huntingdon, whose appointment bears date 12th February 1703. He retained it until 1704 and was succeeded by Henry Leigh.

They arrived in Spain in February 1704 and were quartered in the province of Alemtego, where they remained until May, on the 28th of which month a junction was effected with the portuguese troops and the whole force marched to the frontier. In July the heat became so oppressive that operations had to be suspended and the 33rd marched to Redondo under the command of Robert Duncanson, who had succeeded Leigh.

The Duke of Schonberg having, during this short campaign, shown himself as being quite incapable of taking command, was recalled and succeeded by the earl of Galway; who, however, allowed several months to pass fruitlessly away without attempting any aggressive movement, and sent his army into winter quarters at Estremos and Abrantes at the end of October.

The uniform of the Regiment at the time was red, facings red lined with white: white lace with a red stripe in the middle.

It was settled in 1705 that the quality and quantity of clothing issued to the foot should be as follows:— For the 1st year—a good cloth coat, well lined which may serve for the waistcoat the 2nd year, a pair of good thick kersey breeches, a pair of good strong stockings; a pair of good shoes; a good shirt and neck cloth and a strong hat, well laced.

For the 2nd year, a good cloth coat well lined as for the 1st year; a waistcoat made of the former year's coat. That all accoutrements: such as swords, belts, drum carriages etc., be made good as they are wanted.

That the recruits be supplied with a new waistcoat, one shirt, and one neck cloth, more than the old soldiers who have some linen before hand, and that the Sergeants and drummers be clothed after the same manner, but everything in its kind, better."

Early in January 1705, the French troops about Badajos threatened to seize the passage of the Guadiana, and captured the bridge above Olivenca. All officers on leave were immediately recalled. In order to defeat the enemy's design, the 17th Regt. (Blood's) and the 33rd Regt. (Duncanson's), were sent to the frontier.

On 2nd May, Galway laid siege to Valentia d'Alcantara, which was garrisoned by 1000 men. Having effected a breach, he ordered the Governor to surrender. The latter declined to do so, whereupon 200 English and Dutch Grenadiers advanced to the attack supported by two regiments of Portuguese, 33rd (Duncanson's) and Noyelle's Dutch Regt. The stormers gallantly mounted the breach, but were beaten off, the Portuguese having their Colonel killed in the breach and losing order: Duncanson immediately advanced the 33rd and "with great courage and conduct restored all things, and bravely pushed, with colors flying, against the town, which was not only undermined, but defended by a new intrenchment." The enemy who had hitherto made a vigorous resistance, not being able to withstand this onslaught any longer, fled towards the Castle; our men pursued them, sword in hand, and had entered the town pell-mell with them and put them to the sword, had not the enemy immediately hung out a white flag and surrendered at discretion. In the assault Duncanson received a mortal wound of which he died shortly afterwards.

(To be continued).

LEISURE MOMENTS ON GUARD.

"THE GROUSER."

If you're cast for fatigue by a sergeant unkind
 Don't grouse like a woman or crack on you're blind;
 Be handy, and civil, and then you will find
 That it's beer for the young British soldier.

(Kipling.)

Wherever you go, but in the service most particularly, you will have no difficulty in finding the "Grouser." Coming across him casually, with little or no knowledge of the ins and outs of his life, you would say "Here's a man with a real grievance, or a double breasted liver of the most congested type." During a momentary lull in a storm of expletives, forcibly expressed by bangs on a bayonet with a buff-stick, you enquire the cause. "Blinney if he has'nt just warned me for rations. I'm for guard, I'm not orderly man, and I'll not draw rations." But you will invariably find him there in time, just the same.

At breakfast he is fairly wound up. First the orderly corporal gets uncomplimentary remarks as to the amount of butter shared out, with suggestions as to his total unfitness for his or any other position. The cook then gets the rub as to the quality or temperature of the tea; and of course he puts in the ancient joke of the cook having tossed up for the sugar with another cook, and lost. He is known as a regular canteen man, and consequently is in a most expectant mood when the gun goes, and is always first for his pint. Should the orderly officer look in and enquire if there are any complaints, his "No, Sir," will be the loudest and most satisfied, though between swigs he has "been all over" the man behind the bar for not filling his pot to the brim, and his reference to the brewer is nothing short of libellous.

He is never late at dinner, for he is a handy man with his knife and fork, and, judging by his remarks, a bit of an epicure. Perhaps the *ménú* reads: *mouton glacé, bouilli à l'Australienne, pommes-de-terre et petits pois*—which in military phraseology is rendered thus: frozen tuck with jippo, spuds and shots. He remarks that he was near the ration-stand the night before and distinctly heard it cough, and that he is not to be deceived as to the flavour of goat. The "mungo man" does not make many dips out of him, all the same.

He is quiet during the afternoon, but should his *siesta* be disturbed at the tea-hour he is at it again. Perhaps the extras do not suit him, in which case he will hold forth on the imaginary credit of the grocery book. He will

tell you how they live in X or Z company; that Capt. So-and-so's is the company to belong to, and the way they lived in such and such a station; how the "Jocks" got jam *and* butter, etc., etc., perverting the truth with the resource and *sang froid* of an orderly sergeant.

When you know him you will find the grouser's grievance is merely a temporary derangement arising from his having little to do and too much time to do it in. A good specimen never has less than two badges to testify to his dodging propensities. No doubt Rudyard Kipling meant to impart some balm to his imaginary injuries when he wrote in his Barrack Room Ballads:—

To T. A.

Oh, there'll surely come a day
When they'll give you all your pay
And treat you as a Christian ought to do;
So until that day comes round
Heaven keep you safe and sound,
And, Thomas, here's my best respects to you!

GAUCHO.

FOOTBALL.

The football season of 1896-7, has drawn to a close, and if some of the enthusiasts who have the good fortune to play on the green swards of the old country only knew the many vicissitudes of climate and ground that beset us in Malta, they would say we were keen indeed. The average "Tyke" is nothing if not a footballer, and we are no exceptions. Unfortunately we have met no regimental teams this season, as all the corps stationed here play "socket," to which, somehow, our men have not yet taken. However, we have had a few pleasant games with teams picked from the Mediterranean Fleet, notably H.M.S. Howe, who tried hard to break our unbroken record, but, we are glad to say, were not successful.

THE COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD MATCHES 1896-7.

The competition for the shield was as keen as ever in spite of the difficulties which have to be contended with in this island. Each match was well fought out and there are several men in each company who should prove most useful when we get to a station where the surroundings are more propitious. B Company were the last winners of the shield in the season of 1894-5 first round, this season, and C Company were the final winners, thus securing both cricket and football shields in one year, an honour upon which we heartily congratulate them.

Below will be found the results of the matches in each round.

1ST ROUND

C Beat G by 30 points to 3.

Teams C. *back*, Pte Goulden— $\frac{3}{4}$ *bks.* Lieut. Strafford, Ptes. Hyland, Sutcliffe, Sgt. Jones— $\frac{1}{2}$ *bks.* Pte. Taylor, Dr. Haigh—*Forwards*, Corpl. Mac Cudden, Ptes. McGowen, Swainson, Ramsden, Jenkins, Andrews, Magee, Pickard.

G. *back*, Pte. Cunningham— $\frac{3}{4}$ *bks.* Lieut. Umfreville, Ptes. Ricketts, Crawford, Kifford— $\frac{1}{2}$ *bks.* Ptes. Sykes, Wade—*Forwards*, Sergt. Duell, Ptes. G. Brennan, Turner, Melia, Clough, Nicholson, T. Brennan, Heap.

F beat *D* by 21 points to 5.

Teams F. *Back* Pte. Lawrence— $\frac{3}{4}$ backs, Lieut. Townsend, Ptes. Bottomley, Dawson, Trotter— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Ptes. Milnes, Parkinson—*Forwards*, Ptes. Richardson, Edinborrow, Norcliffe, Broome, Palmer, Ward, Brady, Revell.

D. *Back*, Pte. Jury— $\frac{3}{4}$ back, Ptes. Holt, Moran, Smith— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Ptes. Allen, Summers—*Forwards*, Sgt. Tuck, Cpl. Hill, Ptes. Sutcliffe, Dugdale, Grime, Saville, Canham, P. Neill, Reeves.

A beat *E* by 9 points to nil.

Teams A. *Back*, Pte. Hickey— $\frac{3}{4}$ backs, Cpl. Carney, Ptes. Grainger, Oram, Rollinson— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Lce. Cpl. Catton, Pte. Flaherty—*Forwards*, Sgt. Baxter, Cpls. Jackson, Theed, Ptes. Allenby, Saunderson, Clarke, Heyward, Boldy.

E. *Back*, Pte. Hanisworth— $\frac{3}{4}$ backs, Ptes. Heptinstall, Smith, Graham— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Ptes. McAvan, Knowles—*Forwards*, Ptes. Burgess, Clarke, Craven, Summersgill, A. Thornton, Yates, McGuire, T. Thornton.

H beat *B* by 14 points to 8.

Teams H. *Back*, Pte. Hudson— $\frac{3}{4}$ backs, Lieut. Tyndall, Ptes. Kelly, Mac Manus, Longbottom— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Lce. Cpl. Webster, Pte. Wild—*Forwards*, Cpl. Mangles, Lce. Cpl. Whiteley, Ptes. Yules, Birch Fishburn, Whiteley, Wood, Eycott.

B. *Back*, Lce. Cpl. Kerwin— $\frac{3}{4}$ backs, Lieut. Stayner, Sergts. Allen, McGovern, Pte. Gate— $\frac{1}{2}$ backs, Ptes. Law, Smith—*Forwards*, Lieut. Siordet, Sgt. Heaton, Cpl. Pilgrim, Ptes. Marshall, Marsh, Kirk, Armitage, Waterhouse.

2nd ROUND.

F beat *A* by 6 points to nil.

C beat *H* by 14 points to 10.

FINAL ROUND.

C beat *F*

This match was played on the Marsa on Monday March 1st. Great interest was taken in the event by all ranks and the Commanding Officer having granted a half-holiday, it was witnessed by a large attendance. The weather was fine, and the ground in its usual brick-like condition.

'C' won the toss and played with the sun behind them. 'C' at once began to press and soon gained a try (Sutcliffe) which was converted by Hyland.—After some even play Taylor gained C's second try but Hyland's kick failed—From this point till half time play was very even.

Score at half-time C. 1 goal 1 try. F. nil.

Immediately after the interval Jenkins obtained a try for C. A good shot at goal fell short. C. now fairly "collared" their opponents and scored three tries in quick succession (Ramsden, Sutcliffe, Haigh) the second of which was converted by Hyland. F. then woke up and pressed and scored a try (Brady) after some tough scrimmages near C's line. Time was called shortly afterwards with the final score :

C. Company 2 goals, 4 tries.....	22 points
F. Company 1 try.....	3 points
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For the winner's all played well but we would mention : Goulden, Hyland, Haigh and Taylor, as being the best. While for F. Parkinson, Palmer, Edinborrow and Richardson were the pick.

THE MILITARY "BIKE"

THE USES, DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS.

The great mistake that appears to be made by cycle faddists, in their enthusiastic theories as to the rôle to be played by the machine in future wars, is that they claim that it will supersede cavalry. But they seem to have forgotten the fact that the chief adjunct to success in a cavalry charge is the moral effect. One can well understand the poor foot-soldier quaking in his shoes as he sees a crowd of heavy horsemen hurling themselves in his direction, with intent to kill. He can feel the sword trembling under the rushing hoofs, can hear the wild hurrahs from a thousand throats, can almost feel the warm breath from the nostrils of the foaming steeds! It is really asking a great deal to require him to keep cool and collected under such circumstances. Small blame to those Frenchmen who turned and fled at Waterloo before the furious onslaught of the "Scots Greys", an episode so vividly portrayed by Mrs. Elizabeth Butler in her picture, "Scotland for ever" — or to Russian gunners at Balaclava who fell back before the charge of the immortal Six Hundred.

But it is doubtful whether a whole Army Corps of cyclists would put him in so absolute a funk. True, if they all sounded those terrible foghorn things that one hears so often he might momentarily lose his equilibrium and get an "outer" instead of a bull. Wondrous yarns are in circulation as to the consternation of savage tribes on seeing a "bike". They think that it is some uncanny instrument devised by demons for their destruction; but familiarity breeds contempt, and they will soon get used to the sight.

"Everything in its place" is an old saying and a true one, and cycles are most useful for many purposes and their practical importance has now been recognised by almost all great nations.

They are especially adopted for reconnaissance work, for carrying and transmitting messages, and for helping Cavalry and mounted infantry in various ways. To counterbalance their inability to move over very rough country the French use a bicycle (invented by Capt. Gérard) which folds in two and can be carried on the soldier's back, à la knapsack, when the ground is unfavourable.

The Austrians are testing a bicycle somewhat after the fashion of the above named machine, which opens out into an ambulance, and is moved much like a wheelbarrow. This is really a most useful invention, as it will be able to move about in the thick of a fight far more easily than the ordinary ambulance. For it only requires one man to work it whereas the common or garden hurdle or stretcher needs at least two men.

Cycles can be parked, langered, and formed into square to resist cavalry attacks — manoeuvres much practised in volunteer corps. The obstacles thus formed must present the appearance of an improved "chevaux de frise." A bullet-proof tyre—Dunlop-Dowe, MkI—will be necessary to prevent punctures.

No doubt in future years we shall see Maxim Guns, Heliographs, Mekometers, and suchlike paraphernalia of war all mounted on wheels, in which case "Every man for himself and Devil help the hindermost."

POLO.

The Polo season is practically over and before discussing it, perhaps it might interest some of our readers, especially the younger members of the community, if we revert to the prowess of the old 33rd in this game, in days gone by. In India we had a splendid team and succeeded in winning the Infantry Polo Cup at Umballa for 3 years in succession (85-87). Our polo teams in those days included such names as Captains Saunders, Wrench, Bruce, Godfrey, Anderson, and Harrison.

Had some of these players been with us now no doubt the Malta Polo Cup might have been added to our past polo trophies. But Capt. Godfrey is the only one of the above mentioned who is serving with the Battalion now, and his health did not admit of his playing very much this season.

So our 1897 team was composed entirely of new blood, and right well have they acquitted themselves. To begin with it was a long and difficult matter to select a representative team, as there were several people who were all very much on a level. The President of a varsity boat-club could not have had a harder task to perform! However, once the team was finally selected and had played a few games together they improved in a wonderful manner and combined together very well indeed.

Of course the event of the polo year was the tournament, which took place between April 12th and 23rd. We give below each round with results and a few details of the matches in which the regiment were engaged.

1st Round

Royal Artillery beat Royal Welch Fusiliers
 Worcester Regt. „ Highland Light Infantry
 D. W. Regt. „ Royal Navy
 "The Staff" (a bye)

Our match with the Navy was a very close and exciting one, which resulted in a win for us by 2 goals to 0. All our fellows played well. The Navy were somewhat erratic in their shooting.

2nd Round

Worcester Regt. beat "The Staff"
 D. W. Regt. „ Royal Artillery

Our next match was a much more even one than some people predicted. We started well, scoring 2 goals to our opponents' nothing. In the 3rd Quarter, however, our team seemed to go completely to pieces, and the R. A. taking advantage of this quickly got on even terms. Our team woke up during the last quarter, to the gravity of the situation, and eventually won by 3 goals to 2. Our last goal was a lucky one (hit by one of our opponents).

FINAL ROUND

Worcester Regt. beat D. W. Regt.

This match was watched with great interest by a large gathering of spectators, and was favoured by most perfect weather. On previous form there was very little to choose between the two teams, and general anticipation as to a close fight was fully realised. But we were destined to be defeated, after one of the best encounters witnessed on the Marsa for many a long day.

Early in the 3rd Quarter the score stood at 2 goals all. The Worcester Regt. then put on another and at the beginning of the 4th quarter the score was 3-2 against us. In the first 5 minutes our fellows did their level best to equalize but failed and the Worcester Regt. added their 4th goal just upon time. Thus we lost by 4-2.

We congratulate the following officers who composed our team, on the plucky fight they made and wish them "better luck next time!"

D. W. REGT.

1. Lieut. Bainbridge
 2. Lieut. Whitaker
 3. Lieut. Lea
 4. Lieut. Macleod.
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THE DRESS OF THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

(From the *Pall Mall Magazine*)

With all its faults and peculiarities, the dress of the British soldier to-day exercises a fascination over the feminine mind which is unapproached by that of any other soldier's garments in the world. This is a circumstance known to all, but even here the intelligent and observant foreigner gives us kind assistance. It is not long since a Russian paper, called the *Razredchick*, enlightened the people of the Czar's great empire as to the real character of the British soldier.

The accomplished scribe drew a wondrous picture of the transformation, in a few days, of a starving tramp to a man "with a beaming smile on his lips, with closely cut hair and a curl on his left temple, with a cap without a peak balanced on his right ear, his waist squeezed as if in a corset, with tight-fitting trowsers, wearing a pair of gloves, and carrying the traditional "swagger stick." From this point it was an easy stage to the pinnacle of the journalists' descriptive effort. This was to the effect that the "fine-looking, handsome Soldier" in Britain devotes his Sabbath to earning money "in an altogether original way"—that is to say, he lets himself out on hire to the clamouring females at the barrack gate, making his choice, like a true son of a commercial country, from the highest bidders. "The average price is 4s. for a three or four hour walk, a 2*l.* cigar, and, according to taste, either an ice or a glass of wine thrown in. The Cavalry of the Guard (5ft. 11in. in height) are more expensive, and at the Horse Guards Barracks at Knightsbridge there is a most lively competition."

No more generous tribute than this could be paid to the glamour of British Military Garments.

TESTIMONIAL TO CORPORAL McCUDDEN.

The Corporals of the Battalion gave a farewell Smoking Concert on Friday March 5th in their mess room, on the occasion of the departure of an old and much esteemed member, Corporal R. McCudden, on his leaving the service to join the Hull Police Band. The chair was taken by Corporal Sly, who, in a few fitting remarks, spoke of the good qualities and work done by Corpl. McCudden on behalf of the Corporals in their cricket and football teams. During the evening Sergeant Major Kerns made a presentation to Corporal McCudden, of a handsome silver mounted ebony walking stick subscribed by his brother Corporals. The Sergeant Major, in presenting the stick, said that he hoped this gift would be a remembrance to him of the good feeling that existed between himself and his brother Corporals and that he would be spared good health and fortune to enjoy his civil employment. Corpl. McCudden responded briefly, expressing regret at leaving the regiment, and hoping that, as his civil employment was to be in Yorkshire, it would not be long before he would have the pleasure of seeing a few of the old faces. The healths of S. M. Kerns, Cpl. McCudden, and Corporal Sly having been drunk music began. Songs were sung by Corpls. Hill, Padgett, Britton, Heaney, Dyson, Sheridan and Cole and recitations given by Corpl. Hall. Cpl. Smith A.O.C. and Cpls. Ellis and Dyson were the piano accompanists.

The stick bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Corpl. R. McCudden, 1st Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt, by his brother corporals, as a token of respect, on his leaving the service, Malta 8th March, 1897."

THE SPOILS OF BENIN.

On April 5th we went on board H.M.S. Theseus, which was lying in the Grand Harbour, after its return from the expedition against Benin. Our visit proved most interesting and instructive, both from the vivid accounts of the barbarous sights and from the large amount of valuable loot of which we found specimens in almost every cabin.

A detailed description of the various atrocities perpetrated by the King of Benin on his luckless slaves, or a list of the various forms of torture employed ere they were done to death, would not look pretty in print; so we will only touch lightly on such a gruesome topic. But from all the accounts of eye-witnesses it seems only too clear that the paragraphs which appeared in the daily papers at the time anent the Benin massacres were in no way exaggerated. Bodies mutilated in every possible way were found along the line of march up to the city; skulls were plentiful, whilst here and there crucified victims were seen on the trees. Pits full of dead, and in many cases only half-dead, people were also observed.

One or two of these latter were fortunately extricated before they succumbed, and in one instance a boy was saved after having been in one of these pits for no less than five days.

Their manner of crucifixion appears to be unique, and merits a short description. The victims are bound hand and foot—not nailed—and laid in a slanting position on the trees. In this uncomfortable attitude they are fed for three days, receiving a banana apiece each day. At the expiration of that period no more rations are served out to them, and they die a lingering death, which takes place as a rule on the fifth day since they were first strung up.

We will now try to give a fairly intelligible account of some of the different objects of interest which were brought back from this modern Inferno. The first thing shewn us was a massive brass helmet, quaint in shape and with handsome designs on the outside. This helmet, we were credibly informed was one of the many instruments of torture, known as a "hot-pot." Then there were solid bronze figures and statuettes of every size and description, some of them undoubtedly of very great antiquity. Most of them were taken out of the Benin temples, which were literally running with human blood, as testified by the dark stains on nearly all the above named figures. There was also a bronze bell, not unlike a large cow bell, with a beautiful tone to it. We were also shewn a good many fans of wondrous make, composed chiefly of hides; strings of large native coral, and different articles of wearing apparel. But perhaps the most striking objects in this valuable collection were the fine ivory tusks. They were in most instances perfect, and one of them measured upwards of six feet in length. They were exquisitely carved with all manner of devices, whilst the smoking to which they had been subjected gave them a rich nut-brown appearance. One of the ordinary sized tusks was sold shortly after the ship's return for £ 50, which figure will give one a rough idea of the value of these trophies. Yet the bronzes are said to be worth more than even the tusks!

The only regret of the men on board seemed to be that they had neither time nor appliances for bringing a greater quantity of loot away with them. Sandow, had he been at Benin, would probably have returned considerably richer than his comrades!

About twenty of the ship's company accompanied the black Houssa troops in the assault on the city. The heat was intense, whilst the stench caused by the dead bodies did not tend to make matters pleasanter, and malarial fever was prevalent. In fact, at the time of our visit there were still about one hundred and twenty of the crew in hospital. It seems to have been the chief article of creed in the religion of Benin which necessitated the King's sacrificing such enormous quantities of poor slaves. That monarch managed to effect his escape when the city was taken, but his capture is expected before very long in which case hot pot, bananas, crucifying and the rest would be too good a punishment for him!

PIPE PUFFS.

The following Puffs have very little originality about them. They are mostly cuttings from "Tit-bits," "The Golden Penny", and periodicals of the same nature. Some of them have been slightly altered or adapted to give them a local colouring:

Monuments from old Guns. Several of the monuments erected to famous British Soldiers have been made out of the gun metal captured in their victories. The most famous of these is the equestrian statue of the Duke of Wellington at Aldershot. The Guards' Crimean Memorial, erected on the open space between the United Service Club-house and the Athenaeum Club was cast out of cannon taken at Sebastopol. The statue of Achilles, in Hyde Park, erected by the women of England to Arthur Duke of Wellington and his brave companions in arms, was cast from cannon taken at the Victories of Salamanca, Vittoria, Toulouse, and Waterloo. The capital of the Nelson Column is of bronze, cast from cannon recovered from the wreck of the "Royal George."

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It is strange that, since the Union, only one Irishman has filled the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland, and that Irishman was the great Duke of Wellington, who, as Sir Arthur Wellesly, was Irish Secretary from 1807 to 1809.

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Very, Very Particular. Not long ago, at Malta, the officers of a certain distinguished regiment were to entertain a large party of guests at dinner. The day had been wet, and the ground was in consequence deep in mud. Just before mess the sky cleared, and a small group of officers assembled outside the mess-house door to enjoy for a few moments the fine evening. They observed approaching them a hospital stretcher, carried by four stalwart privates of a well-known regiment. One of the group of officers, thinking that possibly these men, being strangers to Malta, might be making a mistake as to the locality, shouted out:—"You are wrong, my men. This is the mess-house of the—Regiment, not the hospital." The bearers of the stretcher stolidly continued their advance, and to the great surprise of the group the occupant of the stretcher turned out to be, not an invalid, as they supposed, but a certain distinguished field officer of the—Regiment, who was expected as a guest. This gentleman, who is well known to be most particular as to his personal appearance, fearing to soil his varnished boots, and not caring to take a carrozzi for so short a distance, had improvised this new method of being conveyed out to dinner on a muddy day, without injury to his immaculate boots or the least expense to his pocket.

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The G. O. C. was inspecting a Regiment of Highlanders on parade one day. He was much struck by the fine, bronzed, soldierly look of the men. Stopping in front of one particularly powerful specimen he asked: — "And what part of Scotland do you come from, my man?" Still standing rigidly to attention the kilted one replied in deep, sonorous brogue: — "Tipperary, yer honour." Then the band played with a vengeance.

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No You Don't. During the Malta manœuvres of last year, a good deal of supposition had of necessity to come in. Sometimes, for purposes of instruction bodies of troops were merely indicated, by one man with a flag, resulting sometimes in amusing incidents. On one occasion, a young and forward subaltern advanced rapidly with his half-company to the capture of an isolated man of the opposing force. The man thus attacked made no attempt to escape, but stood quietly holding a small red flag in his hand. "You're my prisoner!" cried the elated subaltern. "Beg pardon, Sir," returned the isolated one. "I'm a brigade." Fortunately there was no umpire looking just then, so that the half-company made rapidly for a less dangerous part of the country, while the brigade was left grinning alone.

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Overheard at the Butts. Absent-minded officer, after having seen that the targets were ready and having handed over the butt-memo to the Sergeant Superintendent, was giving a few parting words of advice and caution. His last words were: "Now, mind you don't come out till you hear my flag."

CRICKET PROSPECTS FOR 1897.

The Cricket season has now fairly commenced, and for us most successfully—out of six matches played we have won five and lost one. From these we learn that we are strong in batting, as Lieut. Tyndall's centuries and the high scoring of Lieuts. Strafford and Exham, Ptes. Cassidy and Venables prove; but our bowling is very weak—in fact we have not one reliable change bowler. The fielding, though still open to improvement, has been good, except in the R.E. match, which was a fiasco in every respect. We must all practice bowling at the nets with our heads, not simply brute force, before we can hope to defeat a strong team. And we would remind our cricketers that there is no need to put one's tail down when getting beaten; and that when beaten there is all the more need to move briskly and field smartly, so that the beating may be as small as possible. After all whether we win or lose, Cricket is a game. Below will be found full scores of the matches played up to the end of May.

RIGHT v. LEFT HALF BATTALION.

<i>Right Half Battalion.</i>	<i>Left Half Battalion.</i>	
F. J. Siordet bd. Sykes	39 Sgt. Thomas bd. Siordet	0
Pte. Green bd. Cassidy	3 Pte. Obee bd. Allen	51
Cpl. Williams ct. Thomas bd. Sykes	63 W. E. M. Tyndall not out	74
R. W. Fanshawe not out	38 Pte. Venables ct. Goodwin bd. Allen	1
P. B. Strafford bd. Sykes	2 Pte. Cassidy bd. Strafford	6
Pte. Goodwin bd. Sykes	0 Pte. Sykes bd. Allen	19
Sgt. Evans bd. Tyndall	1 Pte. Graham not out	3
Pte. Haigh bd. Tyndall	7 Pte. Luff	
Sgt. Allen' bd. Sykes	0 Pte. Hudson	} did not bat
Pte. Towse ct. Hudson bd. Tyndall	3 L. R. Acworth	
Pte. Curtis bd. Sykes	9 Pte. Ellison	
Extras	9	Extras 15
Total	168	Total (for 5 wickets) 169

D. W. REGT. v. R.A. (Eastern Division)

<i>D. W. Regt.</i>		<i>R.A. (East. Div.)</i>	
W. E. M. Tyndall lb.w. bd. Culliane		9 Sgt. Richards bd. Venables	10
F. J. Sjordet bd. Gilbert		66 Gr. Quinn bd. Venables	0
L. R. Acworth bd. Culliane		0 Gr. Devey ct. Umfreville bd. Venables	4
Cpl. Williams run out		26 Gr. Hilton bd. Venables	0
H. K. Umfreville bd. Gilbert		9 Gr. Whitehead ct. Strafford bd. Williams	8
P. B. Strafford bd. Hilton		41 Br. Grant ct. Obee bd. Williams	3
Pte. Venables ct. Leat bd. Culliane		2 Gr. Culliane ct. Exham bd. Venables	0
F. S. Exham bd. Devey		29 Trp. Williams bd. Venables	0
Cpl. Pettigrew bd. Hilton		3 Gr. Reid bd. Williams	0
Sgt. Allen ct. and bd. Hilton		4 Sgt. Gilbert not out	3
Pte. Obee not out		0 Sgt. Leat ct. Obee bd. Williams	5
	Extras		Extras
		20	15
	Total	209	Total
			48

D. W. REGT. v. 4th KING'S OWN REGT.

<i>D. W. Regt.</i>		<i>4th King's Own Regt.</i>	
P. B. Strafford bd. Butler		20 Lce. Cpl. Firth bd. Venables	6
Pte. Cassidy bd. Butler		48 A. Johnson bd. Venables	1
W. E. M. Tyndall bd. Butler		20 Cpl. Newsome ct. Tyndall bd. Venables	2
Cpl. Williams run out		8 Pte. Bourne ct. Pilgrim bd. Allen	16
L. R. Acworth bd. Butler		0 T. D. Whittington run out	5
Pte. Venables ct. Barwick bd. Butler		19 Sgt. Morrell run out	19
F. S. Exham not out		6 Lce. Cpl. Barwick bd. Allen	4
Pte. Goodwin bd. Butler		4 Pte. Butler st. Strafford bd. Allen	3
Cpl. Pilgrim bd. Butler		6 J. H. Lloyd ct. Williams bd. Allen	3
Pte. Sykes bd. Butler		0 Dr. Hefferin ct. Strafford bd. Allen	2
Sgt. Allen bd. Barwick		1 Pte. Hollingsworth not out	1
	Extras		Extras
		9	0
	Total	141	Total
			62

D. W. REGT. v. H. M. S. VULCAN.

<i>H.M.S. Vulcan</i>		<i>D. W. Regt.</i>	
Lieut. Fitzherbert ct. Venables bd. Allen	46	P. B. Strafford bd. Nightingale	1
A. Loftie bd. Allen		7 Pte. Cassidy ct. Hannah bd. Sheehan	46
Cpl. Nightingale bd. Allen		0 W. E. M. Tyndall not out	105
Reed bd. Allen		0 Cpl. Williams bd. Howle	11
Sheehan bd. Allen		16 F. S. Exham ct. Norman bd. Reed	72
A. Howle not out		33 Pte Venables not out	13
Doughty bd. Venables		1 H. K. Umfreville	} did not bat
Norman bd. Venables		0 L. L. Acworth	
Stallart run out		0 Pte. Goodwin	
Stevens ct. and bd. Venables		11 Pte. Graham	
Hannah ct. Allen bd. Venables		0 Sgt. Allen	
	Extras		Extras
		18	10
	Total	132	Total (for 4 wickets)
			258

D. W. REGT. v. ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS.

<i>D. W. Regt.</i>		<i>Royal Welsh Fusiliers.</i>	
F. S. Exham bd. Sharpe		1 Capt. Doughty bd. Acworth	41
Pte. Cassidy ct. Ball-Acton bd. Smith	45	Pte. Warwick ct. Pilgrim bd. Umfreville	4
W. E. M. Tyndall ct. Ball Acton bd. Sharpe	4	E. Le Marchant not out	29
Pte. Venables bd. Le Marchant		9 Pte. Demery ct. Tyndall bd. Venables	5
H. K. Umfreville ct. Demery bd. Sharpe		6 F. Stebbing bd. Venables	3
L. R. Acworth ct. and bd. Burgoine		9 Pte. Morris bd. Venables	0
Cpl. Williams ct. Sharpe bd. Smith	14	Pte. Smith bd. Venables	0
Cpl. Pettigrew ct. Stebbing bd. Sharpe		2 A. Rickman bd. Venables	3
Sgt. Thomas bd. Sharpe		7 Pte. Sharpe ct. Sub. bd. Allen	0
Cpl. Pilgrim, ct. Smith, bd. Le Marchant		9 A. Ball-Acton run out	1
Sgt. Allen not out		9 Pte. Burgoine bd. Venables	0
Extras	3	Extras	10
Total	118	Total	96

D. W. REGT. v. SUFFOLK REGT.

<i>Suffolk Regt.</i>		<i>D. W. Regt.</i>	
Capt. Montague bd. Venables		7 P. B. Strafford ct. Tricker bd. Burbridge	42
Sgt. Burbridge ct. Williams bd. Allen		23 Pte. Cassidy bd. Lorking	10
C. E. Foster bd. Venables		0 W.E.M. Tyndall ct. Tricker bd. Montague	103
E. D'A. Smith not out		33 F. S. Exham run out	19
Capt. Brett bd. Allen		5 Pte. Venables bd. Montague	61
Lee. Cpl. Lorking run out		10 H. K. Umfreville ct. Tricker bd. Lorking	21
S. J. Carey ct. Tyndall bd. Allen		4 Cpl. Williams bd. Lorking	22
Pte. Tricker bd. Allen		1 Cpl. Pettigrew not out	2
Cpl. Tricker bd. Venables		3 Sgt. Allen not out	2
Cpl. Burns bd. Venables		1 L. R. Acworth } did not bat	
Pte. Wood ct. Pettigrew bd. Allen		0 C. A. Fedden } did not bat	
Extras	9	Extras	21
Total	105	Total (for 7 wickets)	303

D. W. REGT. v. R.E.

<i>D. W. Regt.</i>		<i>R. E.</i>	
P. B. Strafford bd. Rowe		1 Lieut. North run out	19
Pte. Cassidy bd. Butcher		20 Cpl. Duke ct. Pilgrim bd. Umfreville	5
W. E. M. Tyndall l.b.w. bd. Butcher		0 Spr. Power bd. Acworth	69
F. S. Exham bd. Butcher		1 Cpl. Smith bd. Allen	0
Pte. Venables bd. Butcher		0 Lieut. Bell not out	64
H. K. Umfreville ct. Bell bd. Rowe		0 Cpl. Hoidge bd. Acworth	4
L. R. Acworth bd. Butcher		14 Lieut. Thompson st. Strafford bd. Cassidy	41
Cpl. Williams bd. Butcher		4 Bgr. Hutton not out	0
Cpl. Pilgrim ct. Butcher bd. Hutton		2 Cpl. Rowe } did not bat	
Sgt. Allen ct. Goodenough bd. Butcher		12 Spr. Butcher } did not bat	
Pte. Graham not out		7 Spr. Goodenough } did not bat	
Extras	4	Extras	9
Total	65	Total (for 6 wickets)	214

REGIMENTAL NEWS.

The spring meeting of the Malta Jockey and Sporting Club took place on April 26th and 29th in lovely weather. The Regiment shewed up to great advantage, Captain Houghton's barb pony, Hotspur, winning 3 races, while the same owner's arab, Yelderim, winning one race and being placed in two others.

Captain Godfrey's English pony, Galatea, won 2 races. All of these ponies were ridden by Captain Godfrey whose record for the meeting reads. Out of 13 mounts, 7 firsts, and 3 places.

The Garrison Athletic Sports took place on the Marsa on April 27th and 28th. 2nd Lieut. Tyndall won the officer's 100 yards in 10½ seconds. Corporal Pilgrim and Pte. Gawthorn were respectively 2nd and 3rd in the Bandsmen's 100 yards, while Pte. Heap was second in the 1 mile walking.

The following Hockey matches have been played since our last issue.

v. H.M.S. Cambrian	Lost	4 goals to 0.
v. H.M.S. Hawke	Won	4 goals to 1.
v. Castille	Lost	2 goals to 1.
v. Dorset Regt.	Lost	2 goals to 1.
v. Dorset Regt. (return)	Lost	3 goals to 0.

The Army Temperance Association is now a recognized institution in the Army, and its good influence, especially among young soldiers, is rapidly developing. The Association is well represented in our battalion. Its meetings are largely attended and great interest is taken in the work by all ranks. At a meeting held in the Society's Recreation Room on April 30th, the following prizes were awarded to the winners of the billiard handicap :

- 1st Prize—Silver cigarette case—Drummer Shea
- 2nd Prize—Silver cigarette case—Pte. Cox
- 3rd Prize—1 pair Kropp's razors—Pte. Booker
- 4th Prize—1 razor and silver match-box—Pte. Neale
- 5th Prize—1 razor and silver pencil case—Pte. Revell
- 6th Prize—3 razors—Pte. Obee
- 7th Prize—3 razors—Lee. Corpl. Pettigrew.

A special prize was also given to the handicapper Pte. Waterhouse. Several medals and badges were also awarded.

Since the publication of our last issue we have to welcome two officers who have joined us from the other Battalion. Major H.D. Thorold and Capt. A.F. Wallis.

At a meeting of the Regimental Athletic Club held on April 29th it was proposed by Lieut. and Quarter Master Seaman "that the Regimental Athletic and Shooting Clubs be amalgamated." The proposal was carried unanimously and fresh rules have been drawn up, which will shortly be published.

By kind permission of Colonel Conor, a concert in aid of the widow of the late Sergt. Barwell, formerly of this battalion, was held in Floriana Bks. on the evening of May 24th, under the management of Lieutenant Quartermaster Seaman. The concert proved to be a most enjoyable affair and was well attended. An excellent programme was carried out, Miss Seaman, Mr. Fedden, Mr. Acworth and Mr. Seaman contributing several excellent numbers, as did also Corpl. Rudd, R.A., Pte. Evans, M.S.C., and Corpl. Welch, R.E. A mandoline solo by Miss Gracie Seaman was very well rendered and Corpl. Columbine's clarinet solo was also exceptionally good. Pte. Drury, H.L.L., and Corpl. Ellis, W.R.R., rendered several excellent songs. Corpl. Ellis accompanied throughout. The Band under the direction of Mr. Neill contributed a number of fine selections during the evening.

At the "Malta Rifle Meeting" of 1897, several Non-Commissioned-Officers and men entered for various events during the week, and the Regiment were represented by an VIII in the "Pembroke Camp Cup." Of the N.C. O.'s Cr. Sergt. Brook won the Tradesmen's Plate, with a score of 34 out of 35, but every one was sadly in need of practice and we

hope that next year, we shall do much better, now that steps are being taken to arrange friendly matches, and to obtain more regular practice

We heartily congratulate Lieut. Fraser on the following extract from the London Gazette, dated May 7th 1897:

“ The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned officer during the operations in South Africa 1896;

Lieut. NORMAN WARDEN FRASER.
The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regt.

Extracts from Battalion Orders: —

No. 2850 Pte. J. Longley, H. Coy., is appointed bandsman from the 8th April.

A sketch and report by Cpl. A. Mangles, H. Coy., has been submitted to H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, having been selected as one of the best of 170.

The following Non-Commissioned-Officers have passed for promotion to the rank of Corporal... Lce. Cpls. Marks, Richards, Garrison, Tatham, McGovern, Hall, Styles, Martin, Storey.

The following having embarked for England on the 16th April, are struck off the strength of the Battalion from the 17th:—

No. 1919 Sergt. J. Walsh, C Coy. (to join 3rd Battalion).
No. 3879 Cpl. W. Allen, D Coy. }
No. 4099 Cpl. J. Britton, G Coy. } On transfer to the Regimental Depot

As invalids:

No. 5099 Pte. P. Mangan, B Coy. No. 3719 Pte. H. Rochell, C Coy.
No. 2789 Pte. J. Saxton, B. Coy. No. 4272 Pte. C. Barraclough, G. Coy.

The Colonel Commanding is pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Battalion:—

To be Corporals.

No. 4737 Lce. Cpl. W. Carney, A Coy. No. 3969 Lce. Cpl. C. Richards, G Coy.
No. 3756 Lce. Cpl. J. Hutchinson, A Coy. No. 4539 Lce. Cpl. S. Webster, H Coy.
No. 4796 Lce. Cpl. R. Sheard, E Coy.

To be Lance Corporals (Paid).

No. 5026 Lce. Cpl. J. Dale, E Coy. No. 4549 Lce. Cpl. S. Martin, H Coy.
No. 4107 Lce. Cpl. J. Moseley, F Coy. No. 4669 Lce. Cpl. J. Styles, H. Coy.
No. 4661 Lce. Cpl. B. Hall, G Coy.

To be Lance Corporals (Unpaid)

No. 4736 Pte. R. Watson D Coy. No. 4935 Pte. W. Rands G Coy.
No. 4902 Pte. W. Sharpe E Coy. No. 5146 Pte. H. Crawford G Coy.

The following have been awarded G.C. Pay from March 1st to May 1st.
At 1d.

No. 4773 Lce. Cpl. P. Richardson	}	No. 4590 Pte. J. McMahon	}
No. 4775 Pte. W. Morton		No. 3737 Pte. J. McGuire	
No. 1865 Pte J. Pilgrim		No. 2387 Pte. S. Burgess	
No. 4774 Pte. A. Duckett		No. 4704 Pte. D. Ray	
No. 4776 Pte. J. Spikings		No. 4705 Pte. H. Stokes	
No. 4775 Pte. J. Duckett		No. 4400 Pte. C. Percival	
No. 4777 Pte. H. Clapham		No. 4721 Lce. Cpl. T. Waldoek	
No. 4780 Pte. J. Connolly		No. 3052 Pte. J. Trotter (restored)	
No. 4737 Lce. Cpl. W. Carney		No. 4247 Pte. T. Brady	
No. 4738 Pte. H. Chalcraft		No. 4710 Pte. H. Harman	
No. 4740 Pte. F. Hicky		No. 4720 Pte. H. Stoyer	
No. 4742 Pte. C. Horsley		No. 3907 Pte. J. Toomey	
No. 4743 Pte. W. Newman		No. 4728 Pte. J. Brindley	
No. 4564 Pte. D. Slaymaker		No. 4712 Pte. A. Shelton	
No. 4679 Pte. W. Heathfield	No. 4713 Pte. T. Hurlin		
No. 4680 Pte. G. Moffatt	No. 4714 Pte. C. Hughes		
No. 4681 Pte. F. Cooper	No. 4715 Pte. W. Deland		
No. 4696 Pte. H. Brown	No. 4716 Pte. J. Woodey		
		No. 4717 Pte. T. Wilson	

No. 4724 Pte. F. Fisher	C Coy.	No. 4744 Pte. W. Wright	} H Coy.
No. 2726 Pte. F. Mardon (restored)	D Coy.	No. 4795 Pte. R. Roullier	
No. 4736 Lce. Cpl. R. Watson	"	No. 4770 Pte. A. Wild	
No. 4725 Pte. F. Hardisty	"	No. 4745 Pte. F. Snow	
		No. 4726 Pte. T. Troll	
		At 2 <i>d</i> .	
No. 2951 Pte. W. Gate, B Coy.		No. 2993 Pte. E. Atkins, F. Coy.	
		At 3 <i>d</i> .	
No. 1284 Pte. W. Dyer, G Coy.		No. 1274 Dr. W. Jones, D Coy.	

EDITOR'S NOTES.

I. "THE HAVERCAKE LAD"—Price 3*d*. Annually 1*s*. By post 1*s*. 4*d*. Copies may be obtained on application to the editors or at the regimental Canteen. All contributions to be addressed to—

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Malta.

II. "CONTEMPORARIES"—The editors beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—A.S.C. Journal (April and May). The Tiger and Sphinx, (Gordon Highlanders). The Sprig of Shillelagh (27th Inniskilling Fusiliers).

III. "ERRATUM"—We regret that there was an error in one of the advertisements in our last issue. In Messrs. Mortimer's page is stated that that firm supplied the headquarters of the Seaforth Highlanders with beer. It is due to Messrs. Ind. Coope & Co., to insert this correction, as they supply the above-named canteen.

IV. "CONTRIBUTIONS"—We beg to thank those who have so kindly sent us contributions, both of prose and verse, and regret that space prevents us from inserting all of these. They have only temporarily been laid aside, however, and we shall be most grateful for further articles for our next quarterly issue.

ODE ON MALTA CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 2ND.

1.

King Carnival has come and gone,
(We're grateful for it too),
For it may suit the Maltese folk
But does not me nor you.

2.

The streets are thronged to packing,
Strange masks do you descry;
You're lucky if some loon don't throw
A sweetmeat in your eye!

3.

Of clowns and fools and dominoes
There are full many a score —
In fact the whole show strikes one
As a most infernal bore.

4.

Pigs-bladders, conchas and foghorns
Make hideous day and night;
If this were not an island
One might resort to flight!

5.

O shade of Great Napoleon
Bring a quick-firing gun,
Aim at the rabble in the streets
And pelt them as they run!

 OBITUARY.

 —
 LIEUT. COLONEL ANDREWS.

The death has occurred in the General Hospital, Madras, of Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Andrews, Indian Staff Corps, on March 23, aged 89 years. He joined the 33rd D. W. Regt. on October 28th 1876, became Captain October 28th 1887, Major, October 28th 1895, and became temporary Lieut. Colonel on succeeding to the command of his regiment the 19th Madras Infantry, October 2nd, 1896.

He was formerly D.A.A.G. for Musketry, Secunderabad.

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CAPTAIN T. J. SMITH.

The death occurred on April 1st at Booterstown, Co. Dublin, in his 100th year, of Captain Thomas Jacob Smith, late of the 33rd Regiment.

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Highland Light Infantry.....	do. do.
Seaforth Highs.....	Beer.
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Detachment A.O.C. Marsamuscetto.....	do. do.
Soldiers & Sailors Home's, Floriana, and Margherita Hill. Naval Church Institute. &c.	do. do.

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23rd June 1894.

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Comdg. 1st Gloucester Regt.

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E. W. BRODRICK, LIEUT. COLONEL,
Comdg. 1st Battalion The Queen's.

J. E. MORTIMER & Co. have supplied the Canteen of my Battalion with Beer, &c., since the arrival of the Battalion in Malta in 1892, and have given every satisfaction.

MALTA, 23rd June 1894.

G. L. C. MONEY, LIEUT. COLONEL,
Comdg. Cameron Highlanders.

It affords me great pleasure to testify my high approval of the good work done for this Battalion by MESSRS. MORTIMER & Co. since our arrival at this station. Messrs. MORTIMER have supplied us with groceries entirely. With the quality of these and their prices, I am quite satisfied. They are agents for Messrs. Younger, whose Beer is not to be surpassed on the Island. I have always found Messrs. Mortimer equal to any emergency and have implicit reliance in their capabilities of carrying through any reasonable demand.

I can strongly recommend them to consideration of any Regiment proposing to serve in Malta.

MALTA, 10th June 1896.

(Signed) F. LONGBOURNE, COLONEL,
1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

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