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Malta, March 3rd, 1888.

(Signed) B. Y. HANFORD FLOOD, Major,
1st Batt. The Queen's, President Canteen Committee.

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Floriana, Malta, March 5th, 1894.

E. W. BRODBICK, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 1st Battalion The Queen's

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Malta, 28th June, 1894.

G. L. O. MONEY, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding Cameron Highlanders.

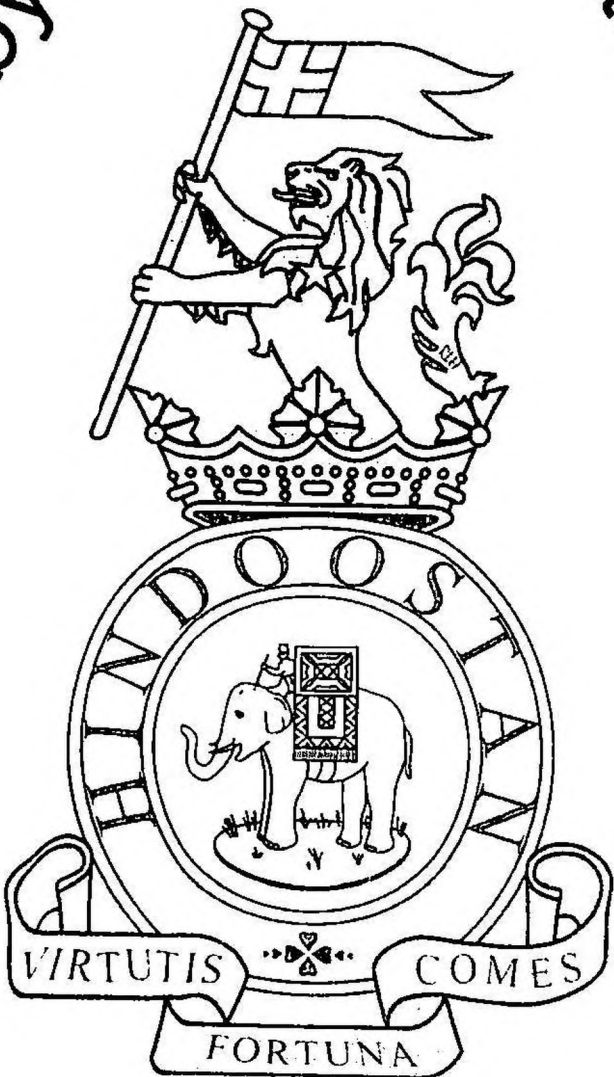
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Malta, 16th June, 1899.

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

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EDITORIAL.

The old saying "The King is dead; long live the King" has been brought home to us lately. We have only to change the word "King" into "Colonel," and, we are glad to say, "dead" into "retired"—but this is poaching on a separate article which is dealt with at length later on.

Since our last issue, Malta does not seem to have changed much, even though a slight earthquake visited it one night. The grass, strange to say, has not assumed a greener hue; the mosquitoes, *et hoc genus omne*, have not grown any more friendly—except in the way of ceaseless attention—to their natural enemy, man. Nor, we might add, have man's feelings altered towards them.

We are still living in the midst of wars and rumours of wars. "Shaves" of all kinds are plentiful. Reconciliation in Crete does not seem to be hurrying itself with undue haste, judging by the rate at which we pour forth our garrison into that precious island, and the frequent trips H.M.S. *Tyne* makes there and back.

Sport of all kinds (more or less suitable to the season) has flourished, cricket, as will be seen further on, especially; and we are glad to say our officers' yacht defeated all comers in the sailing regatta, winning another handsome cup.

The battalion has finished musketry, and the results are points better than those of last year. To sum up, everything is improving, even—we venture to hope—a certain periodical known as *The Havercake Lad*. For have we not at length been able to place it in the hands of a capable English printer, who is getting us a crest wherewith to decorate the cover?

We must not close this paragraph without mentioning the subject that has been uppermost in the minds of all British subjects for the past months—the Diamond Jubilee of our beloved Queen. How the festival was duly observed in Malta; how the troops were granted a holiday in the good old time-honoured, sealed-pattern way (*i.e.* "To-morrow will be observed as a holiday; the troops will parade at such-and-such an hour"); how the governor's levée and the torch-light tattoo and the jubilee dinner went off successfully; how Valletta was beautifully decorated and illuminated; these and other details of the great occasion—are they not written on a further page of the present number?

Fever, we regret to say, has been hard at work amongst us, and for some occult reason has shown a marked partiality for the band. At the time of writing no fewer than thirteen bandmen are down with fever. One Sunday we marched to church headed by the big drum and a few other instruments; but they were too modest to play, so we tramped there and back in solemn silence.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE IN MALTA.

So much has been written in all the periodicals lately about the different processions, reviews, etc., held to commemorate the completion of the longest reign in the history of our country, that it will only be necessary to chronicle the events which took place on this little island.

Not only in England itself, but in every quarter of Her Majesty's vast dominions, on which the sun never sets, various schemes of jubilation expressed the loyalty and love borne by subjects for their Sovereign. Nor were the garrison and inhabitants of Malta found wanting in paying their share of the universal homage. Apart from the programme carried out by the troops, there was a great demonstration by the civilian population, in which an unusual amount of enthusiasm was noticeable amongst the native element. The arrangements for the celebration were most elaborate, and Valletta presented the appearance of Carnival-time.

The festivities commenced at 12 o'clock with the firing of a *feu-de-joie*, which was augmented by a grand naval salute by the fleet. After the return to barracks an excellent dinner was provided, and in the afternoon the bicycle races on Floriana Square were the principal attraction. In the evening a grand torchlight tattoo took place on Floriana Square, which was participated in by all the regiments in the garrison. A magnificent display of fireworks in Valletta and Citta Vecchia brought the celebration to a close, which was a great success in every way.

The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in Malta served to emphasize more than ever the loyalty and patriotism of the inhabitants of this little island, and to illustrate the love and reverence of the Maltese for our Gracious Sovereign. It is now more than forty-six years since the late poet laureate, Lord Tennyson, wrote his ode "To the Queen," and little did he probably then guess what a prophetic ring there was in the lines—

" May you rule us long,
And leave us rulers of your blood
As noble till the latest day !
May children of our children say,
' She wrought her people lasting good ;
' Her court was pure, her life serene ;
' God gave her peace ; her land reposed ;
' A thousand claims to reverence closed
' In her as Mother, Wife and Queen."

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FAREWELL TO COLONEL CONOR.

HIS ADDRESS TO THE BATTALION.

FAREWELL CONCERT.

On Monday, the 29th June, every available man of the Battalion was present on the Floriana parade ground, the occasion being Colonel Conor's farewell to the Regiment. After marching past with colours flying the Battalion was formed up, and with evident deep emotion Colonel Conor addressed the following words to the Regiment.—

" Officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The time has arrived when I have to bid farewell to the Regiment in which I have served upwards of 30 years. There have been breaks, but the majority of my service has been with the 1st Battalion the 33rd Regiment. There are only two individuals with the Battalion who were actually soldiers when I joined—they are my friends and comrades Mr. Seaman and Mr. Dowd. One

officer and several of the N.C.O.'s and men now serving have been born in the 33rd Regiment since I joined. All the married people have been married since I joined. Can you be surprised that I feel deeply my quitting what has been a home to me and one which has been rendered such a pleasant one by the universal assistance I have always had from officers, N.C.O.'s and men? And it is the one great comfort to me in saying "Good bye" that I am handing over a Battalion second to none in the Service for its general good tone and soldier-like bearing, and I wish to impress on you young soldiers always to remember that, wherever you are—on duty or (as we say in the North) "at play," on active service or in a garrison town, that you represent the Duke's Regiment—the "Havercake Lads"—and never do anything you need be ashamed of; and keep up the credit of your old Regiment and of your Riding of Yorkshire.—I wish you all farewell."

In the evening an open-air concert was held, which was capitally attended by all ranks, Colonel and Mrs. Conor being present. Thanks to the untiring energy of Mr. Seamen, our Quartermaster, a rattling good and varied programme was got together, and the repeated encores and hearty singing in the choruses shewed the men's appreciation of the catering for their amusement. It would be invidious to single out any performer for particular mention, but perhaps what completely delighted "Tommy" was the inimitable "Washerwoman" song of Corpl. Williams, K.O.R., and "Hayden's Farewell" by the band. It was getting late when "Auld Lang Syne" was struck up, the C.O. boldly leading the chorus, which might have been heard at Gozo. "For he's a jolly good fellow" was then chanted lustily, as if they meant it. Ringing cheers were given for Colonel Conor, and one for Mrs. Conor, and as we wended our way to endure a lullaby on our virtuous couch from the myriad of mosquitoes that infest this goat-trodden rock, we could hear on all sides genuine expressions of regret from everyone at Colonel Conor's departure.

PROGRAMME.

		PART I.			
1.	Selection	..	"Pantomania"	..	.. Band
2.	Song	..	"Star of my soul"	..	.. Corpl. Ellis
3.	Song	..	"Soldiers of the Queen"	..	.. Pte. Eycott
4.	Recitation	..	"A Coster's Conversation"	..	.. Mr. Hussey
5.	Song	..	Selected	..	.. Pte. Slater
6.	Duet (Mandoline and Piano)	..	"A Te O Cara"	Lce.-Corpl. Waller & Pte Broadbent	..
7.	Song	..	"Mandalay"	..	.. A. F. Wallis, Esq.
8.	Song	..	"The Washerwoman"	..	.. Corpl. Williams, K.O.R.
9.	Song	..	Selected	..	.. C. A. Fedden, Esq.
10.	Symphony	..	"Hayden's Farewell"	..	.. Band
		PART II.			
1.	Serenade	..	"Schubert"	..	.. Band
2.	Song	..	Selected	..	.. L. R. Acworth, Esq.
3.	Song	..	"On board the 'Randydan'"	..	.. Pte. Cole
4.	Song	..	"When the swallows homeward fly"	..	.. I. Seaman, Esq.
5.	Trio	{ Piano Violin Bones	.. Selected ..	..	{ L. R. Acworth, Esq. F. S. Exham, Esq. C. A. Fedden, Esq.
6.	Song	..	"The last watch"	..	.. Corpl. Ellis
7.	Glee	..	"Farewell"	..	.. Band
8.	Song	..	"In beautiful working order"	..	.. Corpl. Williams, K.O.R.
9.	Song	..	"The Light Brigade"	..	.. Pte. Whiting
10.	Song and Chorus	..	"Auld Lang Syne"	..	.. I. Seaman, Esq., & Band
			"God Save the Queen"		

On Tuesday evening the officers entertained Colonel Conor to a farewell dinner in the mess. After dinner Colonel Conor made a speech, which was responded to by Major Thorold on behalf of the officers. Want of space alone prevents us from inserting the speeches at length, as we should have wished.

On Friday afternoon, July 3rd, the Marsamuscetto Harbour was voluntarily lined by the Regiment, to give our late C.O. a fitting "send-off," and it is doubtful if such a unique scene has before been witnessed in this or any other island. From the P. and O. landing-wharf to the bastions of the old laboratory barracks ran—not

a 'thin red line'—but a thick khaki'd line of his old battalion, and amongst them our new C.O., all waiting to give a parting salute. About 5 o'clock the P. and O. s.s. *Britannia* quietly slipped her moorings and steamed down the harbour, fittingly escorted by our officers' yacht, the *Maid of Erin*. The latter was proudly flying the Duke of Wellington's flag (the gift of Colonel Conor). As soon as the *Britannia* arrived within saluting distance, Colonel and Mrs. Conor could be observed waving a farewell, the former from the bridge. Then the troops set up such a shout as only they know how to—a shout that made the harbour ring again. Our band played the "Regimental march-past" and "Auld Lang Syne" for all they were worth. When opposite Fort Manoel the H.L.I. took up the strains, the Royal Lancaster Regiment doing the same at St. Elmo. Finally, when the *Britannia* turned outside the harbour, the Company boats gave the last cheer, the yacht still doing escort and spanking along in all her glory.

The scene defies description, but it was enough to show how fond the men were of Colonel Conor, and a touch of pardonable pride must surely have helped to assuage the sorrow he so keenly felt at parting with his old Regiment! There was a lump in many a throat as we realised that "regimentally" we had seen the last of him. Those of us who have had the good fortune of soldiering and being shaped under his able command can only wish him the best of luck and health, and he may rest assured that there is ever a warm corner for him in the hearts of the "Havercake Lads."

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OUR NEW C.O.

Since our last issue we have had a change in the command of the 33rd, and all good Havercake lads unite in offering a hearty welcome and congratulations to our new chief, Lieut.-Col. George Evan Lloyd, D.S.O. Col. Lloyd has seen a deal of hard fighting, and we cannot do better than give the following epitome of his service in the field, which "Hart" gives.

Lieut.-Col. Lloyd served with the 51st Light Infantry in the Jowaki campaign in 1877, (medal with clasp). Served with the 51st Light Infantry in the Afghan War in 1878-79, and was present at the attack and capture of Ali Musjid (medal with clasp). Served during the Nile Expedition in 1884 and 1885 as commandant at Tangar, (mentioned in despatches, brevet of major, medal with clasp, 4th class of the Medjidie, and Khedive's star), also served with the Soudan Frontier Field Force in 1885-87, including the engagement at Giniss (mentioned in despatches, D.S.O.), and Sarras (3rd class of the Medjidie), in the operations near Suakin in Dec. 1888, including the engagement at Gemaizah (mentioned in despatches, clasp), and in the operations in 1889, including the engagement at Toski (mentioned in despatches, clasp), promoted major South Staffordshire Regiment. Nominated to the 2nd class of the Medjidie for services under the Egyptian Government. Served with the Dongola expeditionary force under Sir Herbert Kitchener in 1896, in command of a Field Column which he had organised from the Suakin and Tokar Garrison (mentioned in despatches, promoted to be Lt.-Colonel, medal.)

During his service with the Egyptian Army held the following appointments:

Commanded the 4th Batt. E.A., the 6th Soudanese, the Infantry Brigade at Cairo, the Wady Halfa District. Held the appointment of Chief Staff Officer of the Frontier Force, was also Governor of the Frontier Province, Officer commanding Frontier Force, Governor of the Red Sea Littoral, and commandant, Suakin.

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RECORDS OF THE REGIMENT.

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CHAPTER II.

Duncanson was succeeded in the colonelcy of the Regiment by George Wade.

The allies then advanced on Albuquerque, which capitulated on the 20th May, after three days' bombardment. Peterborough was very anxious to follow up these successes—had he been properly

supported it is difficult to conjecture what could have hindered his success—but, unfortunately, those with him had not his energy. He had determined to hold Catalonia and Valencia, but was compelled by the quarrellings and bickerings between the leaders to re-embark and return to Lisbon. A council of war was then held, and it was resolved to attack Badajos, but, owing to excessive heat, inability to cross the Guadiana, and want of proper siege material, the idea was rendered quite impracticable, and the army retired into winter quarters at Elvas and Olivença.

The campaign of 1706 was commenced by the allies advancing upon Alcantara, which they laid siege to on 9th April, and on the following day the assault was commenced. The 33rd, who were in support, came in for some severe fighting, having one officer killed and three wounded. Having captured Alcantara, the allies left on the 20th April, and arrived at Placenzia on the 28th. Ciudad Rodrigo was then laid siege to and capitulated on the 26th May. The rest of the year passed uneventfully, and the troops retired into winter quarters in the neighbourhood of Ciudad Rodrigo.

The scene of operations in the following year, 1707, was once more changed as the allies concentrated in Valencia, and on the 25th April (in the old style of reckoning time, and as will be found in some histories the date given is the 14th April) they assaulted Almanza. The battle began about 2 in the afternoon, and the whole front of each army was fully engaged. The Portuguese troops quitted the field in the most cowardly way, and the allies were surrounded and compelled to lay down their arms.

The 33rd, led by Colonel Wade, formed part of the 3rd brigade, and were in the thickest part of the fight throughout, the result being that they were almost annihilated. The actual strength of the Regiment is given in official documents as 458, and the following list will show how severely they suffered:—

Captain Barraton	Ensign Erwine	} Killed.
„ de Goine	„ Ferron	
Lieut. Boots		

17 officers were taken prisoners, of whom only 5 were unwounded, viz.:—

Captain Latour
„ Howard
„ Edwards
„ Owens
Ensign Reynolds

The remaining 12 were—

Captain Reading	Ensign Lamillière
„ Haute Claire	„ Bromingham
Lieut. Physwyck	„ Wheeler
„ Strugle	„ Hayes
„ Clapham	
„ McCabe	
„ Nicholls	
„ Gore	

The actual loss of men cannot be ascertained, but only very few escaped.

On the 8th March, 1708, an order was issued for re-raising the Regiment, and this was immediately carried into effect.

In April, the survivors of the 33rd, and those English regiments who had taken part in the battle of Almanza, were transferred to other regiments in Spain, and how few there were of these survivors may be gathered from the following extract—

“ We cannot give any certain facts regarding the loss of our forces, but those that we still have are the finest in the world—such are the regiments of —— Wade (33rd), etc., etc., which regiments were for the most part either destroyed or taken prisoners at Almanza.”

The re-raising of the Regiment having been successfully carried out (Wade still retaining the command) they remained in England until 1715, when on the 26th March of that year they received orders to proceed to Ireland. The Regiment remained there until 1742. In the meantime, Colonel Hawley had succeeded Colonel Wade in the colonelcy of the Regiment, his appointment dating 19th March, 1717. Hawley retained the command until 1730, when on the 9th July he resigned, and Colonel Dalzell succeeded. Dalzell was succeeded by Colonel Johnson, his appointment dating November 7th, 1739.

(To be continued.)

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ON FESTAS.

Let me tell you, to start with, that I am not the inventor of any preparation for the hair, explosive or otherwise; nor am I a hairdresser. Still, my hair, once

a lovely brown, turned grey within the space of three short days. I know the reason why. I also know how to make curly hair stand straight on end—also how to make straight hair positively curl. It is a very simple process which can be summed up in the one word "Festa." (Some, doubtless, of your readers will think, in spite of my denial, that this is a hair wash, but they are wrong).

No! Festa is a thing which we cannot aptly describe in English. If we could find one word to express a combination of Bank Holiday—Beano—Bust—with a dash of Donnybrook Fair—we might get within measureable distance of the meaning of "Festa."

Once, I left my home, against my own wish and against those of my friends, for a trip to an island which shall be nameless, 'twas there that I met my Festa. When I say my Festa, I mean the one that turned my hair grey. Not that the Festa belonged to me, for, on the contrary, I learnt that it belonged rightly to a dead man who had been a power in his day, and that it was the custom of the natives to remind him that he lived still in their hearts, by rejoicing in their peculiar way that he was dead. And certainly, wherever he may have been, he must have been aware that he was being publicly Festa'ed. For the noise was appalling. There is a popular impression to the effect that the Englishman takes his pleasure sadly. But how about the idiots (no other name for them) who sit up in a tower and, seizing a rope attached to a hammer with the fore-finger and thumb of the right hand, bang the hammer to and fro against a cracked sounding, toneless bell? And how about the tame buffoons, not only urchins, but real, grown-up lunatics, who fire *feux-de-joie* unceasingly as long as the Festa continues, and let off bombs and petards (under your nose or a horse's legs if possible) to the danger of life, limb and property? True, they had some fireworks which would have eclipsed those at the Crystal Palace had the rain held up; but, you see, the rain did not hold up, and though only one, I am still of opinion that the Crystal Palace can hold its own. Then their music—shall we call it music? Imagine a public square, none too large, with seven bands playing on it, most of them at the same time, but all playing different tunes. Of course it would not have been a "Festa" if they had played the same tune. All the bands were dressed in Festa costume. One, especially, in red and white garments, won my approval, being (as it seemed to me) less rancous and offensive than its six companions. But my guide assured me that I was quite wrong and that the inhabitants greatly preferred the others. Add to these attractions the presence of a mob of thousands of perspiring and dusty human beings packed so closely round the shows that to pick a pocket was a sheer impossibility, and the total sum amounts to a "Festa." I heard someone explain that it was a religious observance. If that be so we have much to be thankful for that there are no festivals in England celebrated in a similar manner. I fancy that, while I write, I hear those bells, but I cannot be sure. My nerves are unstrung, my hair is grey, and I am but a shadow of my former self: for, think, the Festa of which I speak lasted for three days and three nights solid. Fact, I assure you.

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DEPOT NEWS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lieut. W. K. Trotter and No. 1623 Sergt. Bance were presented with the "British South Africa Company's" Medal for "Matabeleland, 1893," on the 20th May, 1897.

No. 3092 Pte. P. Mitchell, posted to Permanent Staff, 3rd Battalion, and appointed Drummer, Dated 28th May, 1897.

Nos. 1643 Sergt. Hartley; 1892 Sergt. Humphries; 647 Sergt. Hobson, from 2nd Battalion, posted to Permanent Staff, 3rd Battalion, 24th June, 1897.

Nos. 2619 Sergt. R. Cook; 439 Sergt. A. Mallinson; to 1st Battalion, 15th inst.

No. 2774 Corpl. Armitage to Reserve, 15th June, 1897.

is ever made to one of his most picturesque characteristics—his every-day vocabulary. The common phraseology of the barrack-room, irrespective of the multifarious dialects which are naturally encountered in the army, is sometimes absolute Greek to the uninitiated.

When, for instance Tommy feels a bit tired, lazy, or otherwise indisposed, he declares he is "fed up." If he is late for parade or duty of any sort, he says he is "pushed" or "dragged," and if he is reprimanded in consequence by a N.C.O. he vows that the latter has him "waxed" or "taped." "Chancing his arm" is a common phrase employed to express his disbelief of a story told him, and an habitual prevaricator is a "chancer." "Chancing his mitt" and "giving us the goose" are synonymous terms. A non-commissioned officer under arrest is said to be "on the peg" and will be for a "spin" or the "high jump" in the morning, while a man confined in the guard-room is "in the clink" the "hutch" or the "trap." If a man is a defaulter he is "on jankers," and if in hospital he is "in dock." When he is cleaning his equipment he is "sammying," and if a mate wants the loan of his "buff-stick" he is "swinging the lead." A man who has imbibed too freely is "up the pole," and a belligerent individual is a "bummer" and has "too much old buck" or "old smash."

The preserved meat which is issued occasionally is called "bully tack," the gravy is "jippo" and the potatoes are "spuds," while bread is never called anything but "rooty." To go to bed is to "turn into kip" and a sleepy soldier is a "dossier."

These and many other expressions of the same sort are phrases peculiar to the Tommy Atkins of to-day, and are as much a part of his every day life as his routine of duty. With new phrases continually developing, and new words being coined almost daily, who knows but that in time we may have a vocabulary of our own, and that one of the necessary qualifications for enlistment or promotion in the army of the future will be a technical knowledge of "Tommy Atkinese?"

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FROM OUR 2ND BATTALION.

Maritzburg, Natal,
May 8th, 1897.

The hired transport s.s. *Dumera* is expected to arrive on the 22nd, and will take home about 30 time-expired N.C.O's and men, and others. Sergt.-Major Powell is proceeding on a six-months' furlough to England, also a few other N.C.O's who have been abroad since the Battalion came out in 1886.

Sergts. Hartley, Hobson and Humphries have been posted to the 3rd Battalion, and are proceeding home.

Major Rivett-Carnac has been appointed Staff Officer to Sir Richard Martin, K.C.B., at Salisbury, Mashonaland. He will probably be seconded, thus giving a step to a subaltern.

Lieut. Fraser is due back from leave from England on the 24th inst., where he has been to recover from his wounds received in Rhodesia.

The football season has commenced, and as the arrangements are in such able hands as those of Lieut. P. A. Turner and Sergt. Finnigan, it is sure to be a successful one. The two cups already won twice, will, we hope, be won again.

The association players are striving hard to get together a good team, but the game does not "catch hold" in the Regiment.

Lieut. P. A. Turner and Pte. Nourse were the only representatives of the garrison selected to play for Natal in what is known as the Currie Cup Tournament (cricket), held at Johannesburg, S.A.R., last month. They both did well, the former scoring 44 and 133, and the latter 77 and 28.

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Captain Smithe is in command of the detachment at Eshowe, Zululand.

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Four companies have been exercised in musketry so far this year, and show an improvement on last year. Results:—B Coy., 108; C Coy., 102; D Coy., 102; H Coy., 101; Band, 115.

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Major Chippendall has arrived, and taken over the company commanded by the late Captain Swanson.

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The officers gave a ball in the Town Hall on the 27th April, to which all Maritzburg were bidden, and from all accounts we hear it was a great success.

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CRICKET.

Cricket in Malta is just like "leave." Each is delightful when you can get it, and each is divided into two halves. The first half is just over, and we have every reason to congratulate all our cricketers on the progress they have made in the national game, and on the results that have attended their efforts. The subject of company cricket is dealt with elsewhere, so we will only deal with the regimental eleven. It is a long time since the regiment has had such a series of successes or such a wonderful season, for the record reads thus:—Matches played 13; won 10; lost 1; drawn 2. Starting off with an easy win, we carried all before us until we met a very weak team of the 23rd Regiment. In this we fell to pieces, and only just turned a likely defeat into a win, aided greatly by our generous opponents, who played out the match after time was up. Then came the slump, and it was an awful slump, we were defeated for the first and last time; what heart-burnings that match cost, and though we revenged ourselves a bit in the return, still we have not beaten our victors, though several of our vanquished foes have done what we failed to do ourselves. However, let us change the subject for something more pleasant, for perhaps, having learnt a lesson, we bucked up and went on winning merrily. To criticise individuals we have no wish, nor have we space for criticism, but we editors, ignorant though we are, feel bound to say that since the beginning of the season the batting has gone up by leaps and bounds. There is really no tail amongst the batsmen, and the fielding, from bad and indifferent, has improved amazingly. But where are our change bowlers? Still the old, old cry. Perhaps second leave will draw them out, and not before they are wanted. There are several likely ones if they will only practise Bowling (capital B).

To say that we were disappointed that the "Cup" was not played for during first leave, hardly expresses our feelings, for we were going to have a real good try for it, and it seems that we should have stood a very good chance. As it is now half the eleven is going away to look for some green grass to play on (and won't they find it strange at first!) and only two are coming back to replace them. However, we hand over our record to the second leave team with every confidence that they will do their best, and with our heartiest wishes that they will surpass our efforts, and not have to bewail even one lost match.

D.W. REGT. v R.A.

D.W. REGT.	..	52	R.A.	..	9
P. B. Strafford, b Sutton	..	5	Lt. Farquhar, c Umfreville, b Venables	..	0
Pte. Cassidy, run out	..	13	Bombr. Sutton, b Venables	..	0
W. E. M. Tyndall, c Cross, b White	..	2	" Cross, b Allen	..	0
F. S. Exham, c Traynor, b White	..	13	Lieut. Robinson, b Venables	..	13
Pte. Venables lbw b Sutton	..	0	Capt. Logan, run out	..	0
L. R. Acworth, c Farquhar, b Sutton	..	4	Gnr. Moore, b Allen	..	0
H. K. Umfreville, c White, b Traynor	..	11	" Traynor, b Allen	..	11
Corpl. Williams, not out	..	2	Lieut. Clarke, not out	..	21
" Pilgrim, c Cullinare, b Traynor	..	7	Sgt. Brady, c Strafford, b Umfreville	..	16
Pte. Sykes, b Traynor	..	1	Gnr. White, c Tyndall, b Umfreville	..	0
Sergt. Allen, b Sutton	..	21	Sergt. Cullinare, b Umfreville	..	13
Extras	..		Extras	..	8
Total		149	Total		91

D.W. Regt. second innings, 93 (for four wickets) P. B. Trafford, not out, 45.

D.W. REGT. v (4TH) KING'S OWN REGT.

D.W. REGT.		(4TH) KING'S OWN REGT.			
P. B. Strafford, b Butler	..	11	Sergt. Morrell, b Venables	..	4
Pte. Cassidy, c Grey, b Butler	..	11	Pte. Firth, c Goodwin, b Lister	..	4
W. E. M. Tyndall, not out	..	76	.. Grey, b Cassidy	..	3
Pte. Venables, not out	..	81	T. S. Johnson, b Cassidy	..	4
F. S. Exham			J. Bruce, b Venables	..	22
Corpl. Williams	} Innings declared closed.		T. D. Whittington, c Sykes, b Cassidy	..	2
.. Mangles			J. H. Lloyd, b Venables	..	0
Pte. Goodwin			Sergt. Roebuck, b Cassidy	..	2
.. Sykes			Pte. Lidall, b Venables	..	2
.. Graham			.. Smith, not out	..	8
Sergt. Lister		.. Butler, st Strafford, b Cassidy	..	1	
Extras		..	Extras	..	0
		..	29		
Total (for two wickets)		208	Total		52

D.W. REGT. v H.M.S'S. HIBERNIA AND REVENGE.

D.W. REGT.		H.M.S'S. HIBERNIA AND REVENGE.			
P. B. Strafford, c Trubridge, b Field	..	3	Lieut. Escombe, not out	..	102
Pte. Cassidy, b Negus	..	82	Midshipman Field, b Venables	..	0
W. E. M. Tyndall, lbw b Negus	..	68	Lieut. Kitcat, c Williams, b Allen	..	34
Pte. Venables, c Negus, b Smith	..	32	Mr. Smith, run out	..	6
F. S. Exham, b Negus	..	17	Mr. Ransome, lbw b Exham	..	1
Corpl. Williams, not out	..	7	Lieut. Wilson lbw b Exham	..	5
H. K. Umfreville, not out	..	10	Lieut. Tremayne	} did not bat	
L. R. Acworth	} Innings declared closed.		Mr. Silver		
Pte. Goodwin			Comdr. Trubridge		
.. Sykes			Thomas		
Sergt. Allen			Negus		
Extras		..	Extras	..	6
		..	12		
Total (for five wickets)		231	Total (for five wickets)		154

D.W. REGT. v EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO.		D.W. REGT.			
E. V. White, b Venables	..	46	H. K. Umfreville, b H. Aitken	..	32
H. Launders, b Venables	..	2	Pte. Cassidy, c Burrough, b White	..	9
R. Locke, b Venables	..	0	W. E. M. Tyndall, b H. Aitken	..	17
P. Kirton, c Tyndall, b Umfreville	..	5	Corpl. Williams, run out	..	29
H. Aitken, c Venables, b Umfreville	..	0	Pte. Venables, c A. Kirton, b Locke	..	67
H. Burrough, run out	..	1	F. S. Exham, c Aitken, b Locke	..	9
H. White, b Umfreville	..	3	Lce.-Cpl. Pettigrew, c Launders, b Locke	..	0
W. Bolton, run out	..	0	Corpl. Mangles, b Kirton	..	7
A. Jones b Umfreville	..	0	Pte. Goodwin, not out	..	15
A. Kirton, not out	..	0	Corpl. Scott, b Burrough	..	15
T. Liddard, run out	..	4	Pte. Kelly, lbw b White	..	6
Extras	..	0	Extras	..	11
		..	10		
Total		71	Total		217

D.W. REGT. v R.E.

D.W. REGT.		R.E.			
P. B. Strafford, b Rowe	..	19	Lieut. North, not out	..	29
Pte. Cassidy, b Butcher	..	11	Corpl. Duke, b Umfreville	..	9
W. E. M. Tyndall, b Rowe	..	1	Sapper Power, not out	..	9
Pte. Venables, c Hoidge, b Hutton	..	43	Lieut. Bell	} did not bat	
F. S. Exham, b Hutton	..	10	Sapper Butcher		
H. K. Umfreville, lbw b Butcher	..	30	Lieut. Thompson		
Corpl. Mangles, c and b Butcher	..	9	Corpl. Smith		
L. R. Acworth, not out	..	46	Bugler Hutton		
Corpl. Williams, b Butcher	..	8	Major Wood		
Pte. Graham, c Hoidge, b Rowe	..	14	Corpl. Hoidge		
Sergt. Allen, c Butcher, b Rowe	..	0	Corpl. Rowe		
Extras	..	4	Extras	..	6
		..	4		
Total		195	Total (for one wicket)		51

D.W. REGT. v SUFFOLK REGT.

SUFFOLK REGT.		D.W. REGT.	
Clr.-Sergt. Hammond, c Tyndall b Umfreville	20	P. B. Strafford, b Tricker	.. 48
Sergt. Burbridge, run out	..	Pte. Cassidy, c Tricker, b Lorkings	.. 6
Sergt. Adams, b Venables	.. 8	W. E. M. Tyndall, b Tricker	.. 32
Lce.-Corpl. Lorkings, b Umfreville	.. 0	Pte. Venables, c Hammond, b Lorkings	.. 26
Pte. Tricker, c and b Umfreville	.. 0	H. K. Umfreville, b Tricker	.. 11
C. E. Foster, b Umfreville	.. 5	L. R. Acworth, c Tricker, b Adams	.. 16
Corpl. Tricker, c Allen, b Mangles x	.. 10	Corpl. Williams, not out	.. 12
A. D'A. Smith, lbw b Umfreville	.. 0	C. A. Fedden, not out	.. 2
Capt. Brett, not out	.. 7	Pte. Graham	} did not bat
S. J. Carey, lbw b Mangles x	.. 1	Corpl. Mangles	
Pte. Webb, b Mangles x	.. 0	Sergt. Allen	
Extras	.. 3	Extras	.. 7
Total	54	Total (for six wickets)	160

D.W. REGT. v R.A.

D.W. REGT.		R.A.	
P. B. Strafford, b White	.. 15	Bombr. Sutton, b Venables	.. 0
Pte. Cassidy, b Sutton	.. 59	Sergt. Richards, b Umfreville	.. 7
W. E. M. Tyndall, b Green	.. 20	Corpl. Owens, b Venables	.. 0
Pte. Venables, b Green	.. 0	Lieut. Robinson, b Umfreville	.. 5
H. K. Umfreville, c Robinson, b Sutton	.. 22	Sergt. Brady, b Umfreville	.. 0
F. S. Exham, c Richards, b Green	.. 23	Gnr. Dalby, b Umfreville	.. 6
L. R. Acworth, b Sutton	.. 6	" White, c Cassidy, b Umfreville	.. 26
Corpl. Williams, lbw b White	.. 5	" Reid, c Mangles, b Umfreville	.. 3
x " Mangles, lbw b Dalby	.. 12	" Porter, c and b Williams	.. 4
Pte. Trotter, not out	.. 4	" Moore, lbw b Umfreville	.. 12
" Goodwin, b Dalby	.. 7	" Price, not out	.. 4
Extras	.. 14	Extras	.. 6
Total	187	Total	73

We regret to say that owing to want of space we are unable to give full accounts of the many cricket matches played so far this season, in addition to those played by the Regiment and in the Shield Competition. The increase in popularity of the game is the best possible sign for the future regimental team, and it will be seen from the appended lists of results that we have been playing in every conceivable combination, *Sergeants, Corporals, Band, Drums*, and last, but not least in importance, *Boys*.

Sergeants—

Sergeants D.W. Regt. v Sergeants K.O. Regt.	Won by 6 wickets and 64 runs.
" " " H.L.I.	Lost by 61 runs.
" " " K.O. Regt.	Won by 68 runs.
" " " Suffolk Regt.	Won by 13 runs.
" " " Dorset Regt.	Won by 8 runs.
" " " Suffolk Regt.	Lost by 10 runs.

Corporals—

Corporals D.W. Regt. v Corporals Suffolk Regt.	Won by 6 wickets.
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Band—

Band D.W. Regt. v A.S.C.	Won by 20 runs.
" " " Band, Worcester Regt.	Lost by 114 runs.
" " " H.L.I.	Won by 18 runs.
" " " H.L.I.	Lost by 195 runs.
" " " Worcester Regt.	Won by 14 runs.

Drums—

Drums D.W. Regt. v Drums K.O. Regt.	Won by 20 runs.
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Boys—

Boys D.W. Regt. v Boys R.W. Fusiliers.	A tie, 106 each.
" " " K.O. Regt.	Won by an innings and 19 runs.
" " " Worcester Regt.	Won by 9 wickets.
" " " R.W. Fusiliers.	Won by 38 runs.

REGIMENTAL "COMPANY CHALLENGE SHIELD" COMPETITION.

The annual competition for this much coveted trophy took place on Floriana parade ground during the latter end of June and the beginning of July, giving rise to several keenly contested and highly interesting games.

With one or two exceptions, each separate match was quite an open event, and although individual high scoring was much in evidence throughout the competition (in company cricket that must always be so) weak batting was invariably corrected by most excellent fielding, and taking into consideration the state of the ground on which we are constrained to play, the all-round fielding of the several companies reflects the greatest credit on the players. The old saying that "more matches are lost by bad fielding than are won by good batting and bowling" is doubly true in Malta, where, with a true fast pitch, we have a field which would simply turn a ground man's hair grey at home even to contemplate. A chance missed in the field under these conditions may easily mean a difference of 100 runs to the unlucky side; besides, the bowler must be considered, and if after having tried to cover the batsman's weaknesses, and having found that he is likely to put balls up to certain places in the field, he places his field and bowls accordingly, it is cruelly hard on him if a chance so given is not accepted.

It is impossible to particularise where so many were excellent, but at the same time it is to be hoped that those who did such yeoman service for their sides in the field will not be disappointed at only seeing the names of heroes of the bat and ball mentioned in the statistics of each match, but confide themselves with the reflection that, while a bat or bowler performed a few brilliant deeds, a good field performs many, in fact his usefulness covers so much ground it would be impossible to comprise his individual feats in these limited columns.

To return to the competition proper; the scores and teams are chronicled below together with a brief account of the final.

FIRST ROUND.

A v. E.

Result—E beat A by an innings and 4 runs.

This was a somewhat one-sided match, despite the plucky efforts of Corpl. Williams, 62 not out and 58; Sergt Lister, 37; Ptes. Grainger and Schofield, 24 and 32 respectively for A Coy. in the second innings.

SCORES—A Coy.—158 and 134; E Coy.—296.

For E Coy. the chief scores were—Pte. Venables, 126; Pte. Cassidy, 93; Lce.-Corpl. Storey, 26; Lieut. Acworth, 23.

Pte. Grainger also captured 4 wickets for A Coy. Whilst Pte. Venables, 4 wickets; Lce.-Corpl. Storey, 6 wickets; Pte. Cassidy, 4 wickets; and Lieut. Acworth, 4 wickets, did the needful for E Coy.

TEAMS—A Coy.—Sergts. Lister and Baxter; Corpls. Williams, Theed, Rollinson, Carney; Ptes. Grainger, Schofield, Hicks, Spikings, Parker. E Coy.—Lieuts. Fedden and Acworth; Lce.-Corpl. Storey; Ptes. Cassidy, Venables, Muir, Grahame, Bedford, Summersgill, McMahon, and Ward.

D v. F.

F beat D by 113 runs.

An excellent match, the losers leading in the first innings but breaking down at the second venture before the large score made by their opponents, which was largely due to the refusal of sundry chances given by the higher scorers.

SCORES—D Coy.—142 and 86; F Coy.—124 and 221.

For the winners the chief scorers were—1st innings—Sergt.-Major Kerns, 32; Pte. Trotter, 32; Corpl. Scott, 25. 2nd innings—Ptes. Trotter, 44; Dawson, 40; Bottomley, 28. (Trotter 5 wickets).

For the losers—Corpl. Pettigrew distinguished himself both with bat and ball, making 65 not out and 44, and taking 11 wickets in all for a moderate number of runs which would have been considerably smaller in proportion had the catches off his bowling been held.

TEAMS—D Coy.—Sergts. Tuck, Annis; Corpls. Pettigrew, Waller; Ptes. Heywood, Mullinger, Stafford, Adams, Summers, Saville, Palmer. F Coy.—Sergt.-Major Kerns; Ptes. Trotter, Bottomley, Dawson, Ellison, Smallwood, Elkington, Hobson, Brennan, Smith; Dr. Proctor.

H v. C.

H beat C by an innings and 23 runs.

This was a match of many surprises, the holders (C Coy.) going down in a most surprising manner before the bowling of Corpl. Mangles, while the loss of their late bowler (Corpl. McLudden) was most severely felt.

SCORES—C Coy.—52 and 103; H Coy.—178.

For H Coy.—Pte. Obee, 63; Lieut. Tyndall, 24; whilst Corpl. Mangles obtained 12 wickets. X

For C Coy.—Lieut. Strafford, 18 and 77 not out, was the chief scorer, making a most plucky endeavour to save the game in the second innings; while Haigh, with 4 wickets, was their most successful trundler.

TEAMS—H Coy.—Lieuts. Whitaker, Tyndall; Corpls. Mangles, Shea, Whiteley; Ptes. Hudson, Kelly, Obee, Whitely, Broad, Valler. C Coy.—Lieuts. Strafford, Exham; Cr-Sergt. Thompson; Sergt. Johnson; Corpl. Harper; Ptes. Goodwin, Hyland, Pilkington, Cox; Drs. Holmes, Haigh.

G v. B.

G beat B by 7 wickets.

This game began in a one-sided fashion, but the conclusion was exciting, owing to the excellent manner in which B Coy. played up in their second innings and the slackness of G Coy. in the field.

SCORES—B Coy.—65 and 125; G Coy.—165 and 27 for 3 wickets.

For the winners—Lieut. Umfreville, 84; Sergt. Thomas, 47. Pte. Sykes obtaining 10 wickets at a low cost; Sergt. Rollinson, with 6 wickets, were most prominent among the bowlers.

For B Coy.—In the first innings, Sergt. Allen, 17. Sergt. Evans, 53, and Pte. Barthelemy, 29, in the second innings. Pte. Marshall, with 6 wickets, being most successful with the ball.

TEAMS—G Coy.—Lieut. Umfreville; Sergts. Rollinson, Thomas; Corpl. Crawford; Ptes. Sykes, Ricketts, Gawthorn, Turner, Hurlin; Drs. Shea, Rilal. B Coy.—Sergts. Allen, Evans; Ptes. Smith, Kirk, Green, Barthelemy, Marshall, Slaymaker, Woodhouse, Carter; Boy Grady.

SECOND ROUND.

E v. F.

E beat F by an innings and 78 runs.

A walk over for E, the issue never being in the least doubt.

SCORES—E Coy., 254; F Coy.—68 and 99.

For E Coy.—Venables, 62; Grahame, 57; Cassidy, 47. Venables, 9 wickets; Cassidy, 9 wickets, were the chief performers.

For F Coy.—Hobson, 12; Dawson, 10 and 21; Trotter, 25 and 4 wickets.

H v. G.

H beat G. by 38 runs.

H Coy. kept the upper-hand throughout, owing in great measure to bad fielding on the part of G Coy., numerous chances not being taken.

SCORES—H Coy.—118 and 93; G Coy.—62 and 111.

For H Coy.—Pte. Hudson, 60; Lieut. Tyndall, 29 and 18; Pte. Whiteley, 23. Corpl. Mangles X bowling exceedingly well and capturing 13 wickets.

For G Coy.—Pte. Turner, 22; Sergt. Thomas, 41; Lieut. Umfreville, 32 and 7 wickets; Pte. Sykes, 4 wickets; Pte. Gawthorn, 4 wickets.

THE FINAL.

E beat H Coy. by 66 runs.

The final match of the competition resulted in a keen and well contested game between the above companies, the greatest interest being shewn in the issue by the entire Regiment.

E Coy. winning the toss were the first to go to the wicket, losing two wickets pretty cheaply, but Lieut. Acworth and Pte. Cassidy made a long stand. Cassidy was the first to go, and after him no one stayed long except Lce.-Corpl Storey, who played a free innings of 34. Lieut. Acworth's 73 was of the greatest utility to his side, as without it they would have fared badly.

Upon H Coy. taking their turn at the wickets the bowling of Pte. Venables was irresistible, and with the exception of Lieut. Tyndall's 63 not out (he carried his bat right through the innings) no one offered any serious resistance. Pte. Hudson, 11; Pte. Obee, 11; being the next highest scorers. Lieut. Tyndall's innings was one of the chief features of the game, and apart from his individual score, he was responsible for more than one half the runs scored otherwise, owing to his excellent judgment of a run.

X E Coy. started on their second venture with a lead of 61 runs, but did not improve on their former effort, indeed owing to the excellent bowling of Corpl. Mangles, who captured seven wickets (five clean bowled), their total only reached 92; Cassidy playing steadily and well for his 39.

H Coy. now had 164 runs to make, which on a fast ground like Floriana, did not appear to be a very formidable task, but with E Coy.'s strong bowling to face, it was evident H Coy. had all their work cut out to make the runs.

The start was hardly promising. Lieut. Tyndall began to score rapidly and looked dangerous, but the other wickets fell rapidly, two most foolish run outs minimising any chance H Coy. might have had of winning the match. A double change in the bowling was most effective, Lieut. Acworth's deliveries proving most successful, Lieut. Tyndall being out to him leg before wicket for a most excellently played 34. With the exception of Lce.-Corpl. Whiteley, who played most pluckily for his 13 not out, the rest of the side were very easily disposed of, and the innings closed for 87, leaving E Coy. victorious by 66 runs.

Thus the cup becomes the property of E Coy. for this year, and we heartily congratulate them on their success.

H v. E.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Pte. Cassidy, c Tyndal, b Obee	.. .. 20	b Mangles	.. .. 39
Pte. Muir, b Obee	.. .. 0	c Tyndall, b Mangles	.. .. 3
Pte. Venables, b Obee	.. .. 4	c Kelly, b Obee	.. .. 3
Lieut. Acworth l.b.w., b Valler	.. .. 73	l.b.w., b Mangles	.. .. 2
Pte. Grahame, c Tyndall, b Obee	.. .. 7	b Mangles	.. .. 2
Lieut. Fedden, c Kelly, b Mangles	.. .. 5	b Mangles	.. .. 3
Pte. Bedford, b Mangles	.. .. 10	b Mangles	.. .. 10
Lce.-Corpl. Storey l.b.w., b Valler	.. .. 34	b Mangles	.. .. 16
Pte. Summersgill, b. Hudson	.. .. 1	run out	.. .. 1
Pte. McMahon, st Kelly, b Valler	.. .. 0	b Obee	.. .. 4
Pte. Ward, not out	.. .. 1	not out	.. .. 0
Extras	.. .. 14	Extras	.. .. 9
Total	169	Total	92

H COMPANY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lieut. Tyndall, not out	.. .. 63	l.b.w., b Acworth	.. .. 34
Pte. Hudson, b Cassidy	.. .. 11	c Bedford, b Cassidy	.. .. 2
Corpl. Mangles, b Venables	.. .. 0	run out	.. .. 12
Pte. Kelly, b Venables	.. .. 1	run out	.. .. 0
Lce.-Corpl. Whiteley, b Venables	.. .. 0	not out	.. .. 13
Pte. Obee, run out	.. .. 11	b Acworth	.. .. 3
Pte. Whiteley, b Venables	.. .. 7	c Fedden, b Storey	.. .. 2
Lce.-Corpl. Shea, c & b Venables	.. .. 2	l.b.w., b Acworth	.. .. 8
Pte. Broad, b Venables	.. .. 3	b Acworth	.. .. 2
Pte. Valler, b Venables	.. .. 2	b Cassidy	.. .. 0
Pte. Holcombe, b Venables 0	b Cassidy 0
Extras 8	Extras 11
Total	108	Total	87

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LEISURE MOMENTS ON GUARD.
"FED UP."

To the unpipeplayed, *i.e.*, those who do not bring the right hand smartly with a circular motion to the head, and salute Her Gracious Majesty's commission, this expression would seem to be cut out of a pork advertisement or something to do with some marvellous food for infants. It is nothing of the kind, but one of Atkins' expressive words with many meanings. These simple words have been when "Tommy" is yearning for grub at the matutinal hour, up comes a sack of these spuds" at once—before the pound is broached—and m'lud can see the fumes of his well-stewed tea rising finer and finer until it gets cold, it makes his heart break, and he is "fed up," though "his inside" is as empty as a well-packed valise for route marching.

There is one time of day when you will see him "fed up" in reality, viz., when having gorged his "colonial meat," put away a basin of residue (gipper) [Jippo? Ed.] with an inch of fat floating on the top, and lined his ribs with some duff of an Aberdeen granite hue and texture, and having wearily given a hand in the room, pulls out his bed with a force that makes the unwelcome inhabitants of that bed use their gum, he lights a fag-end and casts himself on his couch. After warbling lustily "She wanted to find her *unkol*, who lived down Pimlico," a dozen times, he sinks into the arms of Morpheus.

In a few minutes he is swathed and beaded in perspiration, and the flies and other insects play polo, touch, hop-scotch, hide and seek, etc., on his sunburnt dial, draw his blood, tickle him and scoff the sap he has, with so much danger to his liver hereafter. By the expression on his face you would not think there were such things as evening parades, picquets, burnished butts, etc., but that he was a man of ease. "Cookhouse" sounds, and he is himself at a bound. "What? dripping for tea, eh? Well! it's better than bread and bread." Milk cans? Lend us a nob of an onion—finish onions—and you assistant cook too."

Enter orderly man.—"Dripping not drawn, lads."

It is then he feels "fed up," and coins expletives until he squints.

Now if you want to see him look it (he is too much overcome at the attempt to deceive his eye for measure to say anything) watch him when he calls for a pot of ale, and should you be serving him, put a good head of about one hundredth of an inch on that pot. He will touch his puggaree, as much as to say he has one on his helmet, and does not require an imitation one on his pot. Here is another sad case. I am extremely "fed up" with my "leisure" moments here on guard, for there are some fine *old* warriors (*i.e.*, worriers) with me who, I feel sure, have sampled the blood of every regiment that has come since the French had such high times in this island. I mean those tubby insects in the brown uniform, like Maltese policemen prone to the earth with a knock-me-down odour attached.

You discard the guard bed as a resting place, knowing full well that there are battalions of these rufus-hued ones in extended order and close formation with magazines charged, ready to receive you. You, therefore with the attempted ease which the late M. Blondin might have envied, poise yourself on a bench, get the centre bolt well in the middle of your spine, and have just got your head comfortably raised on the frying-pan, when your position is ascertained by some range-finder, and "with fixed sight" he alights from the ceiling, and sticking like a leech, he finally touches the spot, and your skin rises like dough when the yeast is added.—GAUCHO.

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FAREWELL SMOKER IN CORPORALS' MESS.

On Saturday, June 26th, a "Smoker" was held in the Corporals' Mess at Floriana, as a "send-off" to Corporals Thorn, J. Smith, Theed, H. Smith, Richards, Morgan, Scott, and Wallace, the first-named six being ordered to the Provisional Battalion at Shorncliffe, and the last two to the Depot. In the unavoidable absence of Sergt.-Major Kerns, Corpl. Sly took the chair. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, with which were mingled hearty regrets that we were losing our old comrades. The speeches were few and brief. Corpl. Sly expressed the regret that we all felt at their leaving us, and wished them on behalf of the Corporals of the Battalion "Bon voyage and the best of luck in their new stations." Each departing member suitably replied and the tone of their remarks was to the effect that, though they looked forward to a trip to the old country and a furlough, they were all sorry to leave the old Battalion they knew so well, and could only hope to meet

us again soon. The health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen was drunk with enthusiasm and given the proper honors. The proposer instanced as an example of the wonderful diamond wave of loyalty that had passed over Malta during the Jubilee festivities, the device on a scroll, which a Maltese, not to be outdone, had shimmering in letters of gold hanging outside his grog-shop, which read "Queen Victoria, Plenty Good." Songs were sung by Corpls. Swales, Heaney, Ellis, McGovern, Crawford, Sheridan, Herd (Suffolks). Corpls. Hill and Waller gave some pretty solos and duets on the mandoline, and Corpl. Smith, A.O.C., kindly officiated at the piano. A "rattling" good evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The party sailed next day on the P. and O. s.s. *Coromandel*, and were accorded hearty cheers by the troops as they marched to the embarkation wharf.

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MUSKETRY.

The musketry results of the present year shew a vast improvement on those of last year. Every company has made a big stride, particularly in the individual shooting. In order to demonstrate clearly the difference between this year's shooting and last, we give the appended table:—

	1896.	1897.		1896.	1897.
A Company	2 8	0 1	E Company	2 4	2 7
B "	2 8	3 6	F "	4 0	2 7
C "	4 6	4 1	G "	3 0	3 7
D "	4 5	0 8	H "	2 0	1 0 0
	2 1	3 0		3 4	5 2
		3 0		2 3	1 0 2
				4 1	3 4

which gives an average improvement of $\frac{20}{8}$ per company.

Last year there were two marksmen in the battalion; this year there are twenty-seven, whose names and scores will be found below.

Corporal Bramley, * G Co. ..	180	Private Squires, C Co. ..	156
Sergeant Watterson, F Co. ..	170	Private Holt, C Co. ..	155
Private Spink, H Co. ..	170	Private Sharpe, E Co. ..	154
Corporal Spencer, G Co. ..	168	Corporal Harper, C Co. ..	154
Sergeant Carrol, E Co. ..	162	Private Gibson, G Co. ..	154
Private Smith, F Co. ..	162	Sergeant Davidson, H Co. ..	154
Sergeant Thomas, G Co. ..	162	Private Marsh, B Co. ..	153
Sergeant Hall, H Co. ..	159	Private Murphy, E Co. ..	153
Private Thorpe, H Co. ..	159	Private Berry, E Co. ..	152
2nd Lieutenant Tyndall ..	158	Lance-Corporal Colvin, F Co. ..	152
Private Keighley, G Co. ..	158	Private Shorrocks, H Co. ..	152
Colour-Sergeant Thompson, C Co. ..	157	Lance-Corporal Pettigrew, D Co. ..	151
Private Brennan, G Co. ..	157	X Corporal Mangles, H Co. ..	151
Lance-Corporal Shea, H Co. ..	157		

* Battalion shot.

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SENTRIES AND THEIR ORDERS.

There is a deal of quiet fun to be derived from hearing a sentry's orders. You go through the serious part of the business when you turn out and inspect the guard; then, when you approach the sentry, you lay yourself out to be amused. As often as not, you are disappointed, for he can rattle off a whole board-full of orders with parrot-like precision. But sometimes he will make the most astounding statements, using words not to be found in any dictionary, and putting altogether new meanings to others. Really it is not only amusing, but also instructive. Being a subaltern I have heard a few odd expressions, which I will try to remember.

My first experience was a sentry mounted at night over the officers' mess hut at Strensall Camp, who after retailing his orders in brilliant style, ended up with: " 'E will take charge of the regimental and Queen's colours, and allow none to escape."

Only quite recently I was informed at Marsamuscetto barracks that the sentry's chief object in life was to see that no stones or thistles were thrown over the verandah. Was the poor fellow thinking of his happy home, or why "thistles" for "missiles"?

One of my sentry friends was evidently educated under that celebrated Oxford professor, who, in giving out the head line of a hymn, said that "Kinquering Kongs their tattles tike," for he understood that he was responsible for all "properment goverty" on or near his post, and that he had to pay "copper prompliments" to all officers.

I felt sorry for my next victim, for he must have gone to a vast amount of trouble to get his orders off "pat"; but yet he was amusing. The scene was laid on a troopship outward bound, and the man was a sentry on the troop-deck. He, as I knew well, had several orders, and on my approach he got so keen as to give them over. Well, I observed him clear his throat for action, deliver himself of a tremendous expectoration on the deck, and then reel off his first order: "He will allow nobody to spit on the deck on or near his post." What refreshing modesty in a man to consider himself a "nobody!" I feel quite certain that this man must be some blood-relation of the sentry who once informed me that "He will allow nobody to smoke on the nearest post."

Another friend of mine posted at Marsamuscetto guard, at the old laboratory, was responsible for the following rather tall order: "He will at once report to the commander of the guard any man swimming out more than a hundred 'miles' from the shore." And quite right too!

Then again, how often the word "subaltern" proves a hopeless stumbling block to the weary sentry is exemplified by the many different names I have been called: "Substance," "Substitute," "Suburb," "Subterranean" are the mildest terms I can remember.

The alarm signal was responsible for a very funny idea. When asked if he knew what the signal was, the man at the wheel replied: "It will be three blue lights burning on the Bastille, followed by an interval of twenty seconds." To the best of my belief the interval is still going on!

"Granaries" too, is a word that has proved a veritable "Shibboleth" to the guardian of the officers' mess, Floriana. For he solemnly averred that "During the day his post will be in the courtyard of the officers' mess, facing the 'canaries.'"

There are several other cases that I could mention, but I am afraid that if I were to expose everyone's little peculiarities the result would be that no one would do "sentry go" any more, and that, bereft of their protection, we might be robbed—nay, murdered—in our beds. For, whatever he may say in actual words, our friend the sentry knows thoroughly what to do—and does it.

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PIPE PUFFS.

It may be interesting to some of your readers to know that the 33rd was the first regiment in which H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge served. This was as far back as 1838, when the great Duke of Wellington was Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment.

It was at "judging distance practice." Private Smuggins had been called out to give his estimate of a certain distant object: Sergeant Timothy Titus: "Port ups, adjust your sight, and give over your answer." Private Smuggins: "That there distance I take, Sargeant, to be 267yds. 2ft. 6ins." Sergeant Timothy Titus: "Never mind about the 6ins., and I'll have your two feet in the guard-room after parade."

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Drill-instructor to recruit (who has not been paying proper attention to the teaching of his Mentors): "Now then, Private Jones, wake up, will yer? Wot are you thinkin' of? Your 'appy 'ome? *You* won't see your 'appy 'ome no more."

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The recruit officer, during an interval "stand-easy," had been looking round at the other squads being drilled. Private Hogan thought he might do likewise. Suddenly a stentorian voice, which almost broke the drum of his ear, came from the sergeant: "Wot are you turning about in the ranks for, Private Hogan? 'Cause the orf'cer does, is no reason why you should. 'E does it for 'is own information." This is an exception of the old adage. "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

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I often wonder how many ways there are of saying the word "attention." It looks simple enough in print. But like its companion "arms" it is subjected to all sorts of vocal contortions. Among the commonest forms of these are sounds somethink like—"hun," "hurn," "chun," "churn." Others sound more like an agonised gasp, or the yelp of a dog that has had its toes trodden upon, than anything else I know.

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This will illustrate how easily some people are pleased. On arrival at this island a friend of mine had his attention drawn to a certain boatman who rejoiced in the name of "the water-rat." "You're the water-rat, aren't you?" Said my friend's companion. The man eagerly drew himself up, beamed from ear to ear, and replied, as pleased as Punch: "Yes, sare; yes, sare. *Me* the rat."

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I am a heavy sleeper. But I was waked the other night by a rumbling sound. At first I took it for the noise that accompanies a slight earthquake, or for something that had gone wrong with the boiler of a ship in the grand harbour. But on regaining all my faculties I found out that this noise which vibrated so much that it shook my bed was, after all, nothing more romantic than a snore. But not a common-or-garden snore! It was a double-breasted-extra-special-copper-buttoned-species of noise that were going on (for it was a "Festa" night.) Being somewhat alarmed and thinking that there was probably a robber in the room, I got up and lit a candle. My search for the intruder was diligent but futile. I then went and stood on my balcony, and soon discovered the cause. Somebody in one of the houses across the street was enjoying a "quiet" snooze after the exertions of the day.

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It is very hard to keep one's pipe alight in this hot weather! It is harder still to puff smoke when there is no baccy in the pipe. Poor Cavendish hopes that indulgent readers will not only pardon the short-comings of the present series but also send him fids of baccy—in the shape "bons mots," "bulls," etc., to keep his pipe going.

REGIMENTAL NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM BATTALION ORDERS.

The following appeared in the *London Gazette* of July 6th:—

The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment—Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel Cecil Conor, on completion of his period of service in command of a battalion, is placed on retired pay. Dated, June 30th, 1897.

Lieut.-Colonel George Evan Lloyd, D.S.O., from half-pay to be Lieut.-Colonel, *vice* Brevet-Colonel C. Conor. Dated, June 10th, 1897.

Lieutenant Percy A. Turner to be Adjutant, *vice* Captain H. W. Becher, whose period of service in that appointment has expired. Dated, July 1st, 1897.

Half-pay Major John Charles Duke, from the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, to be Lieut.-Colonel. Dated, July 30th, 1897.

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The following N.C.O.'s are permitted to re-engage, so as to complete 21 years with the Colours:—
No. 1960 Col.-Sergt. R. Waller, B Coy. No. 1590 Col.-Sergt. J. Sugden, A Coy.

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The following N.C.O.'s are permitted to extend their army service, so as to complete 12 years with the Colours:—
No. 2641 Sergt. J. Watts, F Coy. No. 2712 Corpl. A. Davidson, F Coy.

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The following officers have passed for promotion in the subjects stated:—
Captain Godfrey—Military law, tactics, organisation and equipment (D in military law, organisation and equipment). Captain Houghton and Lieutenant Macleod in subjects (c) (d) and (g). Lieutenant Macleod obtained S, C and D in fortification.

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The following N.C.O.'s. and men have obtained Certificates of Education:—

1st Class.

No. 2578 Corpl. R. Pilgrim, B Coy.	No. 4902 Lce.-Corpl. W. Sharpe, E Coy.
X No. 4595 Corpl. A. Mangles, H Coy.	No. 5025 Lce.-Corpl. P. White,* A Coy.
No. 4222 Lce.-Corpl. C. Storey, E Coy.	No. 4468 Pte. H. Hunt,* E Coy.

* In Group I. only.

2nd Class.

No. 4225 Corpl. W. Theed, A Coy.	No. 3323 Dr. J. Littlewood, H Coy.
No. 2473 Corpl. F. Harper, C Coy.	No. 4129 Pte. P. Cox, B Coy.
No. 3457 Lce.-Corpl. J. Thompson, F Coy.	No. 4354 Pte. C. Ireland, G Coy.
No. 4549 Lce.-Corpl. J. Martin, H Co.	No. 4719 Pte. A. Lodge, G Coy.
No. 4721 Lce.-Corpl. T. Waldoek, F Coy.	No. 3892 Boy F. Curran, E Coy.
No. 4661 Lce.-Corpl. W. Hall, G Coy.	No. 3898 Boy R. Colclough, F Coy.
No. 4669 Lce.-Corpl. W. Styles, H Coy.	No. 4289 Boy F. May, F Co.
No. 4807 Pte. G. Sadler, E Coy.	No. 5222 Boy R. Grady, B Coy.
No. 4625 Pte. A. Tippett, B Coy.	

3rd Class.

No. 5257 Lce.-Corpl. W. Frith, E Coy.	No. 4742 Pte. J. Horsley, A Coy.
No. 5201 Lce.-Corpl. W. Whiteley, H Coy.	No. 4439 Pte. J. Upston, C Coy.
No. 4107 Lce.-Corpl. G. Moseley, F Coy.	No. 5153 Pte. A. Hudson, H Coy.
No. 2109 Lce.-Corpl. J. Kerwin, B Coy.	No. 4583 Pte. J. Baxter, C Coy.
No. 4935 Lce.-Corpl. W. Rands, G Coy.	No. 4834 Pte. G. Randall, C Coy.

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The following telegram was received from H.M. The Queen—
" Buckingham Palace, 22nd June, 11-10 a.m.

" Governor, Malta
" From my heart I thank my beloved people. May God bless them.—VICTORIA R and I."

The following reply was sent by H E. the Governor of Malta—
" Private Secretary to Her Majesty,
" Buckingham Palace, London.

" The people of Malta receive Her Majesty's gracious message with loyal enthusiasm, and offer heartfelt congratulations and good wishes for her health and happiness.
" ARTHUR LYON FREEMANTLE, Governor."

The annual dinner of the Duke of Wellington's regiment (33rd and 76th), took place at the "Ship and Turtle Tavern," Leadenhall Street, in June. Owing to both battalions being abroad, and the difficulty experienced by some members who are now stationed at home, the attendance was much smaller than usual. Fourteen was the total number that sat down to dinner. But in spite of the smallness of the numbers, those present managed to pass a most enjoyable evening, which ended with the usual toasts, propositions, passing of accounts, &c. Those present were—Cols. Gammell, Caldicott, Jenkins; Majors Wilmot and Robins; Capts. Marshall, LeMarchant, Bruce and Behrend; Lieuts. Trotter, Stayner, Greenwood, Siordet, and Carmichael.

The following have been invalidated home:—

No. 4516 Pte. J. Yates, D Coy.
No. 5096 Pte. J. Oxenbridge, B Coy.
No. 4302 Pte. H. Taylor, C Coy.

No. 3661 H Gray, D Coy.
No. 4658 Pte. W. May, G Coy.

Sergts. Cook and Mallinson arrived from England on July 23rd, and were posted to B and G Coys. respectively.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

To be Colour-Sergeant—

No. 2241 Sergt. W. Throupe, H Coy., 19-7-97.

To be Sergeants—

No. 3692 L.-Sgt. (paid) W. Annis, D Coy., 17-4-97. No. 3520 L.-Sgt. (paid) J. Cadman, C Coy., 17-4-97.

To be Lance-Sergeants (paid)—

No. 3985 Lce.-Sergt. (unpaid) W. Knowles, F Coy., 17-4-97
No. 3580 Lce.-Sergt. (unpaid) J. Moore, C Coy., 17-4-97

To be Lance-Sergeants (unpaid)—

No. 3599 Corpl. J. Swales, D Coy., 3-8-97

No. 3249 Corpl. T. Cadmore, A Coy., 14-6-97

To be Corporals—

No. 4587 L.-Cpl. (pd) H. Bromley, C Coy., 29-6-97	No. 4788 L.-Cpl. (pd) F. Kay, E Coy., 28-4-97
No. 4579 " " A. Lord, F Coy., 28-7-97	No. 2855 " " " " " " " "
No. 4594 " " F. Bridge, D Coy., 28-7-97	No. 4551 " " F. Waller, D Coy., 24-6-97
No. 4654 " " F. Whiteley, H Coy., 28-7-97	No. 3457 " " W. Seales, H Coy., 17-6-97
No. 3252 " " T. Sheridan, G Coy., 28-7-97	No. " " J. Thompson, F Coy., 29-6-97

To be Lance-Corporals (paid)—

No. 5257 L.-Cl. (unpd) V. Frith, E Coy., 24-5-97	No. 4902 L.-Cl. (unpd) W. Sharpe, E Coy., 25-7-97
No. 4994 " " E. Garrison, B Coy., 24-5-97	No. 5021 " " F. Anstey, D Coy., 29-7-97
No. 3203 " " J. McGovern, C Coy., 24-5-97	No. 2941 " " R. Edinborrow, F Coy., 29-7-97
No. 3008 " " E. Waller, B Coy., 24-5-97	No. 5082 " " J. Rollinson, A Coy., 29-7-97
No. 4242 " " H. Tatham, B Coy., 25-6-97	No. 4129 " " P. Cox, B Coy., 29-7-97
No. 4736 " " R. Watson, D Coy., 24-6-97	No. 4719 " " A. Lodge, G Coy., 29-7-97
No. 5146 " " H. Crawford, G Coy., 25-7-27	

To be Lance-Corporals (unpaid).

No. 5021 Pte. F. Anstey, D Coy., 4-5-97	No. 4351 Pte. F. Redhead, E Coy., 27-6-97
No. 2941 Pte. R. Edinborrow, F Coy., 7-5-97.	No. 4626 Pte. J. Grayling, B Coy., 27-6-97
No. 5082 Pte. J. Rollinson, A Coy., 7-5-97.	No. 3150 Pte. G. Buckle, F Coy., 30-6-97
No. 4129 Pte. P. Cox, B Coy., 2-6-97	No. 5063 Pte. W. Avery, H Coy., 30-6-97
No. 4719 Pte. A. Lodge, G Coy., 3-6-97.	No. 4385 Pte. P. Boyle, F Coy., 1-7-97
No. 1865 Pte. J. Pilgrim, A Coy., 11-6-97.	No. 4247 Pte. T. Brady, F Coy., 3-8-97
No. 2951 Pte. W. Gate, B Coy., 15-6-97.	No. 4280 Pte. J. McGowan, C Coy., 10-8-97
No. 4303 Pte. J. Craven, E Coy., 27-6-97.	No. 5012 Pte. A. Partridge, 10-8-97

The following have been awarded Good Conduct Pay at the rates specified:—

At 2d.
No. 2993 Pte. E. Atkinson, F Coy.
No. 3088 Lce.-Corpl. E. Waller B Coy.
No. 2692 Pte. C. Hayllar, E Coy

No. 3032 Drmr. J. Wilson, G Coy.
No. 3042 Pte. A. Lund, G Coy.
No. 3050 Pte. W. Dawson F Coy.

At <i>id.</i>			
No. 4161 Pte. R. Neale No. 4766 Pte. C. Jack No. 3014 Pte. A. Myatt No. 4453 Pte. J. Hodgson No. 4759 Pte. H. Knowles No. 4617 Pte. W. Stevens No. 4787 Pte. P. Farnhill No. 5082 Lce.-Corpl. J. Rollinson No. 4752 Boy J. McGovern No. 4434 Pte. T. Oldfield No. 4242 Lce.-Corpl. H. Tatham No. 4246 Pte. J. Halstead No. 4336 Pte. T. Kenworthy	} A Co. } D Co. B Co.	No. 4234 Pte. T. Scott No. 4757 Pte. P. Coll No. 4783 Pte. W. Graham No. 4578 Pte. C. George No. 4760 Boy E. Seeman No. 4466 Pte. E. Woods No. 2989 Pte. H. Richardson No. 4403 Pte. A. Cannon No. 4107 Lce.-Corpl. G. Moseley No. 4382 Pte. A. Sear No. 4754 Pte. H. Heap No. 4685 Pte. J. Flaherty	} C Co. } G Co. F Co.

The following have been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct:—
 No. 1859 Qr.-Mr. Sergeant. W. Brown, D Coy. No. 2276 Sergeant Master Tailor A. Cryle, C Coy.

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OBITUARY.

Lieutenant Reginald Somerset, half-pay, late of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, died at Greenham House, Newbury, on the 19th July. He joined the army in January, 1886, and was placed on half-pay on account of ill-health in May, 1894.

No. 2803 Sergeant A. Wilman, D Co., died of fever at Malta on July 15th.

No. 5035 Private B. Ould, E Co., and No. 5001 Private B. Whitworth, C Co., died at Malta on July 13th and 15th respectively.

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