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THE LATE COLONEL ROBERT SPENCER LIDDELL.

This Officer commenced his service in the Infantry, having been given an Ensigncy in the 15th Foot, (now the East Yorkshire Regiment) on the 28th March 1858, without purchase. He was promoted Lieutenant, by purchase, on the 22nd July 1859, and exchanged into The Tenth, on the 23rd November of the following year; he obtained his Troop, by purchase, on the 2nd May 1868, and was promoted to Field rank on the 1st July 1881. On this date, the establishment of Field Officers of a British Cavalry Regiment, which had formerly been a Lieut.-Colonel in command, and a Major was increased to a Lieut.-Colonel Commanding, a Lieut.-Colonel Second-in-Command, and three Majors.

On the 13th September of the same year, by the sudden demise of Lieut.-Colonel Bulkeley, he succeeded to the position of Second-in-Command, and obtained the rank of Colonel, by virtue of four years’ service as Lieut.-Colonel, on the 13th September 1885.

He was thus a Colonel before he became the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, which he did on the retirement of Colonel E. A. Wood, on the 1st April 1886.

He held the Command until the 13th September 1887, when, by the provisions of the Royal Warrant, having completed six years’ service as a Regimental Lieut.-Colonel, he was placed on half pay.

His total service, to that date, was 29 years, 170 days.

He was employed on the Staff as A.-D.-C. and Interpreter to the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay, from 27th August 1869 to June 1872, and as Military Secretary from then to October 1872; as Adjutant of the 1st West York Yeomanry from 1875 to 1876; he filled that important appointment, Adjutant of the Cavalry Depot, Canterbury, from the 12th July 1876 until July 1878, when he rejoined the Regiment in India.

He continued his service with the Regiment until it left India in 1884, and took part in the operations in the Eastern Soudan in that year, commanding the Regiment during the period of the command of the Cavalry Brigade by Colonel E. A. Wood.

He received the medal and clasp for El-Teb and Tamaai, the bronze Khedivial star, and Third Class
of the Order of the Medjidieh; and was mentioned in despatches.

In the autumn of 1878, he was ordered to France to attend the manoeuvres of the 6th and 7th Corps D'Armée, and subsequently the Review of the 4th Army Corps under Marshall MacMahon, at Vincennes. In August 1882 he accompanied General Sir Frederick Haines to St. Petersburg, and was present at the manoeuvres at Krasnoe Selo, which took place in the presence of the Emperor of Russia.

In March 1886, he was honored by command to accompany H. M. The King (then H. R. H. The Prince of Wales) to Berlin, to attend the celebration of the nineteenth birthday of the Emperor William I.

He was appointed to the Command of the 23rd Regimental District in June 1889, and commanded a Brigade at the Cavalry manoeuvres on the Berkshire Downs, in September 1890.

During his period of command of The Tenth, the Regiment took part in many important parades and celebrations, the most notable being the Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty the late Queen Victoria.

The Regiment was, during the Jubilee year, stationed at Hounslow, and on the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession, marched to London and lined the streets from Buckingham Palace, up Constitution Hill, along Piccadilly, to the top of St. James Street. H. R. H. the late Duke of Clarence, then a Captain in the Regiment, was on parade with it.

On this occasion twenty-five horses, selected for their appearance and color (all brown), were provided by the Tenth to mount the Indian Native Officers who took part in the procession.

The Regiment also took part in the Jubilee Review before Her Majesty the Queen in the Long Valley on the 9th July, when His Majesty the King, then the Prince of Wales and Colonel, marched past the Queen at the head of his Regiment, Prince Albert Victor commanding the right troop of the leading Squadron.

A month prior to the Jubilee celebration the Regiment marched to London, and lined the streets from Paddington Station to Holborn, on the occasion of the opening by Her Majesty, of the People's Palace in the East End, an Institution the building of which is said to have been inspired by the late Sir Walter Besant's book "All sorts and conditions of men."

Soon after his succession to the command, Colonel Liddell obtained from the Commander-in-Chief, permission to carry out a "Cavalry raid" under conditions which were at that time a veritable innovation, and which has formed a precedent for many similar raids since. He was authorised to take the Regiment from Aldershot, for three days' operations, under active service conditions, the stipulation being made that no expense should be incurred by the public, and that only regimental transport should be used. The raid was directed against an imaginary Army which had landed at Portsmouth, successfully advanced, and concentrated on the Hog's Back, on its way to London. The Tenth started out from Aldershot on the 14th July 1886, and returned on the 17th. Great interest was manifested in military circles, and the movements of the Regiment keenly watched. The success of the raid may be judged by a letter, dated Horse Guards, 3rd August 1886, which conveyed, to Colonel Liddell, the commendations of H. R. H. The Commander-in-Chief on the manner in which the march was conducted, reflecting great credit on him, and the Regiment which he commands.

Another feature of Colonel Liddell's command, which has borne prolific results in the Cavalry, was the purchase privately, of a Nordenfelt machine gun, and the receipt of sanction to consider it a part of the regimental equipment. It was mounted on a two-wheeled galloping carriage, introduced by him, and was considered of such great service for Cavalry, that six of the same pattern, with some improvements, were issued to other Regiments. When H. R. H. the Prince of Wales visited the Emperor of Germany, accompanied by Colonel Liddell, as stated above,—by the desire of H. R. H. a gun mounted on a carriage of the same pattern was sent as a present from England, to Prince William of Prussia. Corporal (afterwards Troop Sergeant-Major) F. Hustler was sent in charge of the gun, and had the honour of explaining its use to the Emperor William I, and Prince William.

The gun accompanied the Hussars of the Guard through the manoeuvres.

To Colonel Liddell is also due the introduction of the present pattern busby which is worn at home stations. It is a lower and lighter one than that previously issued, with all fittings and ornaments of a smaller size. Trial of it in The Tenth was authorised, and met with so much approval, that the pattern was adopted for all Hussars and Horse Artillery.

During Colonel Liddell's period of command Their Majesties the King and Queen (then the Prince and Princess of Wales) visited and inspected the Regiment, and His Imperial Highness Prince William of Prussia (the present Emperor of Germany) also paid a similar honour at Hounslow. H. I. H. was accompanied by General Lowe, a distinguished cavalry
Officer who commanded an Army Corps on the Rhine. After inspecting the Regiment, Prince William rode with it through a field day, and charged with it, riding beside the Colonel. After witnessing the whole Regiment riding over the jumps on Hounslow Heath, the Prince addressed it, in English, in most complimentary terms.

Shortly afterwards, Colonel Liddell was the recipient of a portrait of H. I. H. in the uniform of the Hussars of the Guard, with his autograph, and the following words written below:

"In remembrance of the 25th June, spent with the 10th Prince of Wales's Own Royal Hussars, at Hounslow, 1887."

Another memento of this visit is a large portrait, with autograph, massively framed, surmounted by the Eagle, which H. I. H. presented to the Sergeants' Mess, which is one of the possessions most highly prized by the Members.

The Royal Warrant of the time limited the period of Colonel Liddell's command of The Tenth to a brief space of less than eighteen months, but short as was its duration, it was as full of incident as peace times can offer, and the influence of his command has left its mark, not only in The Tenth, but in the whole of the British Cavalry. Ever ready to grasp the situation of the moment, at all times prepared with the solution of it, courteous and kind-hearted, he was possessed of great literary abilities and no biography of him would be complete by omitting the debt of all Tenth Hussars for his masterly and scholarly "Memoirs of the Tenth Royal Hussars" published by him in 1891. It is a work which could only have been completed by great sacrifices of time, and at considerable cost. These sacrifices he was at all times ready to make for the Regiment, and there can be no hesitation in saying that his greatest and most coveted reward was the approval of those for whom he wrote them—Officers and men, past and present, of the Regiment. The Editor of the X. R. H. Gazette gratefully acknowledges the incalculable assistance which Colonel Liddell's work yields in writing histories of all matters connected with the Regiment.

Colonel Liddell, to the extreme regret of all his friends, and those who served under him, died at Cheltenham in 1903, having a month or two before attended the Regimental Dinner, and there spoke very eloquently of the subject dearest to him—his Old Regiment.

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**Editor's Notes.**

The past three months were exceedingly busy ones for all ranks of the Regiment. We have been engaged in an unprecedented number of competitions; drills and parades have been unceasingly the order of the day. We have been inspected by the Inspector General of Cavalry, and the Major General Commanding the Rawal Pindi Division, and by way of side shows, Squadrons have been frequently detailed as parts of forces operating around Rawal Pindi, bivouacking at night, and returning to Cantonments next day. In every case, the Regiment has come out with credit, and can now look forward to the less exacting hot weather routine, with pleasant reflections, and much complacency.

_On dit_ that the reports of both the Inspecting Generals are of an unusually complimentary nature. Accustomed as we are to the eulogies of Inspecting Officers, those expressed on the present fighting condition, and interior economy of the Regiment, give us much pleasure; we know that they are the result of the efforts of every Officer, N. C. Officer, and man; merited and earned by dint of hard work. We must now spare no effort to ensure still better reports in the future, and if all will work, loyally and cheerfully, as they have done last year, there can be no doubt that this end will be attained.

Full particulars of the participation in competitions and sports are given in other columns; by these it will be seen that the regimental standard of excellence, in every branch, has been well maintained.

The victory of our team, in the Inter-Regimental Polo Cup Tournament, is worthy of more than passing mention. It establishes a record in the regimental history of battles in the field of sport, it being the third year in succession of winning the most coveted Polo trophy in this country. In the year 1881 it was won by a team consisting of—

- Lieut. R. B. Fisher,
- Lieut. Lord Ogilvy,
- Lieut. C. S. Greenwood,
- Lieut. Hon. H. T. Allsopp;

and again in the following year by—

- Lieut. Hon. H. T. Allsopp,
- Lieut. R. B. Fisher,
- Lieut. C. S. Greenwood,
- Lieut. Lord A. Compton;

since then no shield of the many on the plinth of the cup, is inscribed with names of Officers of The Tenth
until 1906, the first of the last three memorable polo years. In each of the earlier years of victory, the rival teams were of the Rifle Brigade. We have yet to compete for premier honours, as the cup has been won three times in succession by the 9th Lancers, 1883-84-85, by the Bays in 1892-93-94, and four times by the 15th Hussars, 1902-03-04-05. With the players now in the Regiment, under the leadership of our Colonel, we look forward, with no small degree of confidence, to the attainment of top position.

The performances of Captain Mitford’s team, in the Tournaments at Sialkot and at Rawalpindi, deserve special allusions. Although in the latter, the final victory did not rest with them, it was a highly creditable feat for a Squadron team to fight its way into the final stage of a competition open to Regiments.

Very pleasing incidents of the quarter have been the visits of friends of the Regiment, from England; we have been pleased to greet the Count de Madre, who took a prominent part in the Tradesmen’s Cup Polo Tournament, during his stay with us. Mr., the Hon. Mrs. and Miss Williams, who spent a month in Pindi, on a visit to Captain Williams, and Mr. Gregson, who, with his nephew, Mr. L. Gregson, the Adjutant of the Grenadier Guards, paid us a call en route from the Khyber to Bombay.

The associations of Mr. Gregson has spread over a number of years, the first occasion on which we met being, it is believed, in the spring of 1884, when The Tenth formed part of the Tokar Expeditionary Force, at Suakin. We have never lost sight of him since, other notable meetings having taken place at York, Salisbury Plain and in South Africa, where, as a Gordon Highlander, he took part in the war.

When we were stationed at York, Mr. Gregson lived at Bramham Moor, where he frequently entertained, in a most hospitable manner, parties of the N. C. Officers with their wives.

Some of his erstwhile guests are still with us, and were very glad to see him here, last month.

Mr. Gregson visited, amongst other Institutions, the Sergeants’ Mess, a visit which not only enabled the members to renew, and in the case of the younger ones, to make his acquaintance, but also resulted in another instance of his generosity, and interest in the Mess. It is to take the form of a gift, to all the dining members, of handsome drinking cups, of Prince’s Plate.

This will constitute a handsome addition to the Mess property and a much valued souvenir of the donor.

Folks now-a-days speak glibly of the shrinkage of the earth. This, of course, is only a figure of speech; an allusion to the contrast in the time now taken in visiting the uttermost ends of the inhabited globe, and that formerly occupied. Rapid modes of transit from places to others, far distant, does undoubtedly infuse an idea that the earth is much smaller in these days.

Going back no further than 1856, when the Regiment came to India for the first time, we learn that—

‘‘C’’ and ‘‘D’’ Troops embarked on board the ship “Brahmin,” on the 30th April: Head Quarters, with ‘‘A’’ and ‘‘B’’ Troops, on the ship ‘‘Larkins,’’ and ‘‘E’’ and ‘‘H’’ Troops, on the ship ‘‘Hindustan,’’ followed on the 5th May; and the remaining Troops, ‘‘F’’ and ‘‘G,’’ on board the ‘‘Persia,’’ on the 7th May.

The embarkations were all effected at Gravesend.

The ‘‘Persia,’’ evidently the greyhound of the party, arrived in Bombay, on the 21st August, having taken only 106 days on the voyage. The ‘‘Larkins’’ secured second honours, with a log of 109 days; the ‘‘Brahmin’’ fetched up after 116 days, and the ‘‘Hindustan’’ reached her moorings on the 26th August, 113 days after leaving her starting point. Contemplating these times, one wonders if an official handicapper of troopships existed in those days.

Another interesting record is that of the change of station from Ireland to Scotland, in April 1835. The voyage from Belfast to Glasgow occupied no less than six days.

Little marvel is it, that the journey to India, which is now considered a mere crossing of a ferry, was in the old times quoted above, an important undertaking, and pondered over with awe and many misgivings.

Besides the disadvantages of time and space, the conditions of life on board ship were inefably bad; the food was of a description which cannot be realised by the soldier of to-day, the provision of libraries, materials for games and recreation, or any means of alleviating the monotony were unheard of; but even under these conditions, the hardy men and women who followed the colours, gallantly withstood the evils of the sea, and there appears to have been very little sickness among them.

How different to-day. We travel blithely by rail to the port of embarkation, and step gaily on board a well appointed ocean racer, with a firm assurance that on a certain day we shall pull up in the port of our destination.
There is nothing with which the soldier can find fault, except perhaps the limits of ship space. Consequently a sea voyage, so far from being considered an ordeal, is anticipated with pleasurable excitement, and many who have returned home, would eagerly avail themselves of a journey back to their Regiments, if opportunity were afforded to them to do so.

In an account of the presentation of medals for Long Service and Good conduct to men of the Seventh Hussars, we are pleased to note that two old Tenths were among the recipients, viz.:—Bandmaster Slattery, and Bandsman Luck. We congratulate them on the attainment of this honorable distinction.

To Sergeant Major Jukes, who is serving on the Permanent Staff of the Punjab Light Horse, we also offer our congratulations, on his being a recipient of similar honours.

Another old Tenth, we read in the Indian press, has been gaining laurels in the world of music and drama, we refer to Bandmaster Adams, of the Inniskilling Dragoons, whose original comic opera, entitled "The Major and the Maid," for the music and libretto of which he is responsible, has been produced, and played to crowded houses, during the Mhow week.

We are brought in touch with the now world-famous exploits of Lieut. Shackleton and his party, in their thrilling search for the South Pole, by the fact that one of his adventurous crew is Sir Philip Brocklehurst, a brother of our "B" Squadron Subaltern.

We are led to hope that Sir Philip, who had to have a toe amputated in consequence of frost-bite, will make a detour on his way home, and pay us a visit.

The Munster Fusiliers, our compagnons de voyage from South Africa to Bombay, in 1902, who have been soldiering with us here, left Rawalpindi, for Nowshera, in March, and were relieved, at West Ridge, by the Northumberland Fusiliers.

We are informed, in an official communication on another subject, that we are to follow them in the cold season of 1910-11; at least that we are to move in the direction of Nowshera, and occupy the new Cavalry Cantonments at Mardan. Reliable authorities, however, aver that the probabilities of the barracks being completed by that time are of the haziest description, and that Rawalpindi will be our resting place as long as we are in India.

In the Gazette for April 1908, we had occasion to congratulate Mr. Fraser on his win, on Diabolo, of the Calcutta Paper Chase. After the lapse of just a year, we are glad to again offer our felicitations on the success of the same good horse, in the Native Cavalry Horse Chase, at Ambala, and the Point-to-Point Race at Meerut—an event open to the Meerut Division and Muttra.

The success of the Point-to-Point Race for "The Kavanagh Cup," was assured from its inception. The rain which fell during the couple of days previous to the day, and on the morning of it, made the going good; and the interest taken in it by all of us, made for a considerable amount of enthusiasm. Speculation as to the winner was rife, and the men of every Squadron pinned their faith to horses of their own units, which "could not be beaten."

The N. C. Officers and men were permitted to ride to the course, and a very large number took advantage of the permission. They, with a number of spectators from the station, and a goodly collection of tongas and other vehicles, made up a scene of much animation, strongly reminiscent of a country race meeting at home. All were delighted with the genuine sport they witnessed, and, as far as the Regiment was concerned, there was only one thing wanting to make up the total sum of entire satisfaction: that was, the presence of the giver of the cup.

We are sure that his regret, occasioned by his inability to be present on the first occasion of the race, was as great as our own.

For the last time we refer to "Colonel" Kavanagh, in offering him the sincere and hearty congratulations of his old Regiment, on his promotion to the appointment of Brigadier General. We read in the Army and Navy Gazette that he has been selected for that appointment, and that he will take over the command of the 1st Cavalry Brigade, from General Hon. J. Byng, on the 11th May. It is a source of extreme gratification to us all to learn that this important command is again entrusted to a Tenth Hussar, who, like his predecessor, will inevitably maintain the pitch of excellence for which it has been famed during the past three years.

To Major-General Byng,—the pleasing opportunity is offered to us,—to congratulate him on the promotion dated to-day.

His total service is 26 years, 65 days. The most cursory retrospect of the records of that service establish the irrefragable conviction that never was advancement
better merited, and we anticipate that in the near future, further lustre will be reflected on the Regiment, by his appointment to a high post in the Army: if our anticipations are realised, none will rejoice more than his old comrades of The Tenth.

As the Brigadier of the First Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot, the General has enjoyed a popularity that has never been exceeded, not only by reason of his ability as a Cavalryman, but also for his social and sporting qualities, his knowledge of human nature, and his unfailing tact in dealing with the N. C. Officers and men in his command.

All these qualities were highly tested and firmly proved by the marvellous success with which he welded in one harmonious whole, the heterogeneous parts which went to make up the South African Light Horse, in the South African War. Every man of that Corps is prepared to give their old Commander a chit testifying that he cannot be beaten as a leader of Irregular Horse, and the British soldiers who have served under him, are equally his admirers.

The following extract from a recent Aldershot publication is pertinent to our views:—"Brigadier The Hon. J. H. G. Byng, one of the best sporting Officers in the command, has kindly accepted the Presidency of the Aldershot Polo Club.

To General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V. C., K. C. B., the Regiment proffers its most cordial expression of pleasure, on his appointment to command the Army in India. It is an echo of the days when we served under His Excellency in Mhow, and here, which brings no recollections but exceedingly pleasant ones, and lends hope that we may, ere long, greet him in person.

Rumour hath it, that a Tenth Hussar, of much versatility, may return with the new Commander-in-Chief to this country.

The Davies-Cooke Inter-squadron Challenge Cup, competed for annually, under the conditions set forth in the Gazette of last October, was for the first year, won by "B" Squadron; the points gained by all the Squadrons were very high, and showed that the competitors had devoted much time and attention to the professional subjects which form the tests in which they are examined.

Lieut.-Col. Bourke, the President of the White Cross League, delivered a lecture in the Regimental Theatre, on the 20th March; a large attendance of the men testified to the increasing interest taken in the subjects of his lecture. The mission of the League is a laudable one, and too deep thought cannot be given to its teachings.

The statistics of the results of inoculation published in the Regimental orders on the 12th March, show in a very convincing manner, the comparative immunity from enteric fever, of those who submit to this protective measure. It is a surprising fact that only a small proportion of soldiers take advantage of the prophylactic, which is so simple, causes little or no inconvenience, and has proved to be such a success. It is worthy the attention of all those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity offered, of securing an almost sure preventive against an attack of the dread disease. Indeed, we wonder greatly, not only that any neglect to do so, but also that it is not made a compulsory measure, for all soldiers serving in this country.

Probably there are six thousand British soldiers serving in this Garrison, of whom, it is published, only 416 have been inoculated. This short-sightedness on the part of the remaining thousands is incredible, and to these latter, we add our friendly advice to that of the medical authorities,—that they delay no longer but seize the earliest opportunity of being rendered immune from the disease.

The bestowal of the approval of H. M. The King, on the International jumping competition, for Army Officers in uniform, promises to provide the most thrilling contests at the third International Horse Show, which will be held at Olympia, London, next June.

His Majesty has sanctioned the presentation of a £500 gold "King Edward VII Cup," to the team of three Officers of the same nationality, which gives the finest display of horsemanship over the course.

The Duke of Connaught has identified himself with a £200 Gold Challenge Cup for competition among the British Officers.

Among the nations that will be represented are France, Holland, Spain, Italy, Turkey, and the Argentine.

"Show" jumping has not hitherto appealed strongly to British Officers, but this stimulus will certainly put them on their mettle, and friendly international rivalry will be of the keenest. It is hoped that, in addition to the above, Japanese Cavalrymen will make their first entry to the ring, and, to add a still further dash of excitement and novelty—the Russian Government is being asked to provide a display of horsemanship by Cossacks.

Among other steps being taken to provide employment for discharged soldiers, a bureau is about to be started at Aldershot, where men desirous of obtaining work may register their names.
The suppression of genius is impossible. Financial duties no more will tax the mental abilities of one of our valued contributors, who now blossoms out as a poet, and in verse gives a rhyming expression of his views of the Indian hot-weather season. Many who are anticipating another summer on the plains will, no doubt, endorse his sentiments.

After “Our racing correspondent’s notes” in the January issue, he may pose as a most reliable tipster: of the five horses he then named as likely winners, four won races within a fortnight of his predictions. Verily he is a rival of that fraternity who offers to all,—in exchange for modest guineas, or smaller sums,—“Naps,” “certs,” and “dead snips,” that will make colossal fortunes, and it is well for him that the inviolable secrecy of the Press conceals his identity. Were it otherwise, he would be inundated with appeals for “tips” for coming races.

Allusion must be made to the departure from the Regiment of Trumpeter Murray, of whom, a photograph taken at the Regimental Sports, appears in this issue. He has most deservedly gained a reputation as a clever clown. Incongruous as may appear the combination of “soldier and clown”, all must admit that Trumpeter Murray has often amused us greatly by his fooling and jesting, which was at all times free from the faintest taint of vulgarity.

We shall many a time in the future, when attending Regimental or Garrison Sports, recall his agility,—remarkable in a man of his build and age, the wonderful sympathy between him and all animals; his circus-riding feats, and his cornet solos.

We wish him the best of luck, on his return to civil life after 24 years’ soldiering.

Mr. Turner, the latest addition to our list of Officers, joined on the 26th March, and was posted to “D” Squadron. The whole of the passengers of the “Rewa” were quarantined for a fortnight at Karachi, on account of the appearance of small-pox on board.

Mr. Neilson departed on the 30th March, to join a class of instruction in Army Signalling, formed at Kasauli on the 1st April.

The Colonel, Capt. Meade, and Mr. Palmer, represented the Regiment in the Kadir Cup pig-sticking competitions, but after winning their first nominations, did not get into the finals.

They then travelled to Forbesganj, in Eastern Bengal, where is for the season, a camp known as “Colonel Vaughan’s Camp.”

That Officer has made every bandobast for pig-sticking and general in the neighbourhood, and already we hear of tremendous bags.

Mr. de Tuyll has since joined the party, on short leave. We hope to have an account of their doings, for the entertainment of our readers, for our next issue.

Mr. Parker, who also rode in the Kadir, on leaving there, proceeded to Bombay, to embark on the 3rd April, for leave in England.

The Regiment took part in an imposing and interesting parade of the Rawal Pindi garrison, on the 27th January. The occasion was the unveiling of the Statue to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

It occupies a well-chosen position on the Mall, facing the Murree road, and is surrounded by a prettily laid out flower garden, with four guns at the base.

The ceremony attracted a large number of spectators, European and native; the latter took an unusually keen interest in the proceedings, and for days after fairly strong throngs of them assembled to gaze upon the statue, and discuss it.

The actual unveiling was performed by General Sir J. Wodehouse, who delivered a most impressive speech, and Mr. Nusserwanjee, one of the chief promoters of the movement, also read an address.

The ceremony culminated in a march past of the troops, which on account of the unusual fact of its taking place on a well-kept road, with its adjacent bungalows and compounds, and the overlooking statue of a Queen of blessed memory, was endowed with more than ordinary attractiveness.

In an order published by the General Officer Commanding, he complimented the troops on their smart appearance, and general turn-out.

The following regimental journals have been received, and are acknowledged with thanks:

The Black Horse Gazette.

The Eagle.
Acknowledgment of the receipt of annual subscriptions to the Gazette, are also, (tardily) made:—

Airlie, The Countess of ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1908
Alexander, Col. H. ... ... ... do.
Allsopp, Capt. Hon. H.T. ... ... ... do.
Baird, Col. E.W.D. ... ... ... do.
Baring, Col. Hon. E., C.V.O. ... ... ... do.
Barry, Major S.L., D.S.O. ... ... ... do.
Bass, Sir William ... ... ... do.
Bouch, T.A., Esq. ... ... ... do.
Brabazon, Major-General, J.P., C.B. do.
Bradshaw, Mr. F.H ... ... ... do.
Bryan, Major Hon. G.L. ... ... ... do.
Byartt, Mr. W. ... ... ... 31st Jan. 1910
Byng, Major-General Hon. J.H.G., M.V.O., C.B. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Garden, The Lady Sybil ... ... ... do.
Cave, Captain A.L. ... ... ... do.
Chaplin, Captain R.S.,... ... ... do.
Compton, Lord Alwyne do.
Crichton, Colonel Hon. H.G.L. do.
De Walden, Lord Howard do.
Durham, Major P.F. ... ... ... do.
Farnham, Lord ... ... ... do.
Fisher-Childe, Colonel R.B.W. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Gainsborough, The Earl of ... ... ... do.
Gerard, Mr. A. ... ... ... 31st Dec. 1908
Gosling, Lt.-Col. ... ... ... 31st Mar. 1910
Green, Mr. T. ... ... ... 31st Dec. 1908
Greenwood, Colonel C.S. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Hambleton, Mr. L. St. J. ... ... ... do.
Hampden, Major Viscount, D.S.O. ... ... ... do.
Honess, Mr. G. ... ... ... 31st Dec. 1908
Kavanagh, Brig.-General C.M., M.V.O., D.S.O. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Mayo, The Earl of ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1910
Palmer, Guy, Esq. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Pelham, Captain Hon. D.H. ... ... ... do.
Poole, Major A.E. ... ... ... do.
Potter, Cyril, Esq. ... ... ... do.
St. Quintin, Colonel T.A. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1908
Salkeid, Captain C. ... ... ... do.
Scott, Captain, Lord G.W. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Shaftesbury, The Earl of ... ... ... do.
Slacke, Sir Owen ... ... ... do.
Southampton, Captain Lord ... ... ... do.
Spottiswoode, Colonel R.C.D.E. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1908
Stanley, Captain Hon. F.W. ... ... ... do.
Valencia, Colonel Viscount ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909
Whippy & Co., Messrs. ... ... ... do.
Williams, The Hon. Mrs. C. ... ... ... 31st Mar. 1909
Wilson, Colonel R.H.F.W. ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1908
Wilson, Major M.H ... ... ... 30th Sep. 1909

OBITUARY.

Many a gap has been recently made by death in the ranks of the Old Comrades, and with great regret we record that the following have been gathered in by the grim Reaper:—

Major F. W. Montresor, who joined The Tenth as a Sub-Lieutenant on the 19th October 1872, and embarked for India, with the Regiment ten weeks later. In 1878 he was transferred to the Indian Staff Corps, and posted to the 17th Bengal Cavalry, became a Captain in 1886, and Major, in which rank he retired from the Army, in 1893.

Veterinary Surgeon Hicks-Withers served with the Tenth from the 19th January 1864, to the 2nd January 1869, when he retired on account of ill-health.

His total service was 15 years, and into it was crowded Campaign experiences which fall to the lot of few soldiers. Early in 1854 he was ordered to proceed to Bulgaria, where he was posted to "E" Battery of the Light Division, and employed by Sir George Brown in purchasing bagage animals. He then proceeded to the Crimea and served in the Artillery of the Light Division in the Campaign 1854-5.

He was present at the affairs of the "Bulganak" and "McKenzie's Farm," the battles of "Alma," "Balaklava," "Inkerman," "Repulse of the sortie of the 25th October" and the "Siege and Fall of Sebastapol." At "Balaklava" he was wounded, and narrowly escaped with his life, for when he was about to mount his horse, he was injured by the splinter of a shell, which carried his busby off his head, and tore the saddle from his horse's back, while another splinter killed the man who was holding his horse. He made so light of it that he did not report sick, having, as he expressed it, "a great deal to do for the wounded of the Battery."

For this Campaign he received the Crimean medal with clasps for "Alma," "Balaklava," "Inkerman" and "Sebastapol" and the Turkish medal.

After the Campaign, he proceeded to China, and the Indian Mutiny having broken out, he was sent with a Battery to India, serving throughout the Campaign of 1857-59.

During all these engagements, when not employed on professional duty, he served as Orderly Officer to the Artillery Commander, and finally when through sickness there was a dearth of Officers, as in the pursuit of Tantia Topee, he volunteered for Subaltern's duty and took command of two guns.

On his return from India to England, on the conclusion of the Mutiny, the vessel conveying the troops became a total wreck in the Red Sea, and although few lives were lost, great hardships were endured by the troops on a coral reef, before they were rescued.

On his return to England, Mr. Withers was gazetted to the 3rd Hussars, and subsequently to The Tenth, serving in the Regiment until he left the Army.

Although crippled through the injuries sustained in the Crimea, he nevertheless took an active interest in matters, especially in horse breeding, the supply of remounts for the Army, and racing. He adopted the name of Lancashire in addition to Withers as a racing name, and owned a few chasers, the best of which were Badminton and Brunswick, the latter carrying his colours to fourth place in the Grand National.

SERGEANT-FARRIER N. BROOKS, a native of Ripon, joined the Regiment at Aldershot, on the 7th January 1858, and served with it continuously until March 1886, having been one of many who were retained in the service after completing 21 years, in consequence of the War in Afghanistan. He was awarded the Medal for the Campaign, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

CORPORAL W. DYER was born at Wells, Somersetshire, and joined on the 8th February 1858. He also was held to serve beyond his engagement, and was discharged on return from Afghanistan, and returned to his native County, where the close of his life was passed.

CORPORAL G. J. MARSON started life at Newmarket, and joined on the 22nd November 1871, and served with the Regiment, including the Afghan Campaign, until the 12th April 1881, when he was sent home from Lucknow, as an invalid. He served with the Depot at Canterbury until the completion of his term of limited engagement, when he took his discharge, and subsequently settled in Nottingham where he joined the Police Force, and became an Inspector in that service.

CONDUCTOR E. V. ROBLEY's service in the Tenth was very brief. A native of Catshill, Surrey, he joined at York, on the 20th February 1889, and volunteered for service in India, being transferred to the 18th Hussars, on the 15th October of the same year. He was again transferred to the Indian Unattached List, for employment with the Supply and Transport Corps, and was engaged in his duties at Kohat when he died from heart failure. He had only left Rawal Pindi a few days before the sad event, and the news of his death cast a gloom over his comrades of the S. and T. Corps, with whom he was very popular.

PRIVATE H. HOUSDEN, a Londoner, served with us from the 7th May 1885 to the 7th May 1892, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve. He joined the City Police, and attained the rank of Sergeant, which he held at the time of his death.

CORPORAL W. JONES, of "C" Squadron, died in the Station Hospital, on the 25th March, from the effects of abscess of the liver. He was sent back off the manoeuvres last December, and admitted to Hospital, where he remained until the end. He will be long remembered as one who always took a keen interest in the Regimental Boxing Club, of which he was a member. Ever ready to fight, and a physically strong man, he was an honest fighter, and a hard hitter, who could always be relied upon for a good fight.
Only so recently as July last, the Gazette contained an account of his winning the Middle Weight Competition at the Regimental Boxing Tournament after meeting three very good men. He has fought his last earthly fight; never again will his comrades applaud “Taffy” Jones in the ring but they will ever retain kindly memories of him, and the sympathies of the whole Regiment are given to Mrs. Jones.

He was buried in the Garrison Cemetery on the evening of the 26th March: the funeral was attended by his Squadron, the Band of the Regiment, the whole of the Corporals, many of the Sergeant-Majors and Sergeants, and of the wives of the N. C. O. and men.

Major-General J. C. Russell, who died at Canterbury on the 30th March, was gazetted to the 11th Hussars, as a Cornet, on the 18th September 1860. He did not however join that Regiment, having been transferred to the Tenth four weeks later—16th October 1860—he was promoted to a Lieutenancy, by purchase, on the 16th August 1864, and appointed Instructor of Musketry on the 21st June 1864. He relinquished that appointment, to take up that of Adjutant on the 18th October of the same year, and held it up to the 3rd April 1869.

He was promoted Captain, by purchase, on the 28th May 1870, and transferred to the 12th Lancers in 1872.

In 1873 he served in the Ashanti War, and was present at the taking of the capital—Coomassie; and in the Zulu War of 1878-79.

He commanded the 12th Lancers from 1881 to 1885; and from 1887 to 1892, was the Commandant of the Cavalry Depot at Canterbury.

Competitors to start from one point, and finish at another prominent point, three miles distant as the crow flies.

No flags except starting and winning flags to be used.

Competitors to ride horses that they have regularly ridden on parade.

The number of starters allowed, to be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, and should he think it advisable, a Competitor arriving at the winning post on a horse unnecessarily distressed, may be disqualified.

No restrictions as to the use of roads or gates, but the course, if possible, to be chosen where the use of roads would not materially benefit Competitors.

The combination of the two Regiments produced an excellent programme, the results of the races being as follows:

1ST RACE:—The “Ten Pounders” Cup. For Officers’ hired Chargers of the Tenth Hussars. Walers 125t. C.B’s 11st.

1. Captain Gibb’s Bucephalus.
2. Mr. Palmes’ Merveilleuse.

2ND RACE:—The 11th Lancers’ Race for N. C. O. and Sowars. For a Purse presented by the Officers, Tenth Hussars.

1. Mangal Singh’s Inam.
2. Ibrahim’s Unedewar.
3. Sukha Singh’s Piyara.

3RD RACE:—The “Kavanagh” Challenge Cup.

2. Sergeant Morgan’s “C” 73.
3. R. S. M. Gordon’s “B” 44.

4TH RACE.—The 11th Lancers Chargers Race, a private Sweepstakes. For chargers, the property of Officers, 11th Lancers, ridden by owners. Catch-weights over 11st. 7 lbs.

1. Mr. Hartley’s Lal Peri.
2. Mr. Sherstone’s Spite.
3. Mr. McDonald’s Perhaps.

5TH RACE.—The “Chargers” Cup. For private chargers, the property of Officers, 10th Hussars. Conditions as for the 1st Race.

1. Mr. Parker’s Research, 12st. 7 lbs.
2. Mr. Peto’s Melody, 13st.
3. Mr. Palmer’s Skyscraper.
The course was well chosen from the spectator’s point of view, and typical of the ground over which Cavalry in the Punjab have to manoeuvre.

Starting from the north side of Khanna village, down a succession of steep cultivation terraces, the river Karung had to be crossed for the first time, about a quarter mile from the start. After the river the going was good and level until a dry nullah (a branch of the Karung), was crossed; then more terraces had to be jumped, up-hill, to the village of Sudar, where a right angle turn to the left, was made along the ridge, in and out of the deep lane leading to Tarlai, which was, in some places, a very good obstacle.

Half a mile beyond this lane, another left turn, round a small knoll, put the field in the straight for home, with one more branch of the Karung to cross, flagged in one place owing to quicksands.

The course was a little over three miles, and Sergeant Slattery is to be congratulated on winning, for the first year of the Race, on the famous “D” S.

Sergeant-Major King was unlucky not to be second, owing to a rather blind irrigation cut putting him down, within a short distance of the winning post.

Mr. Parker, on Research, rode a very good race, beating Mr. Peto, on Melody, by half a length, in the private chargers’ race.

Research, ridden by Mr. Parker, had also won the Peshawar Point-to-Point within the week.

General Sir J. Wodehouse presented the Cup, and the prizes, and immediately after so addressed the company gathered round to cheer the recipients.

He expressed the great pleasure he had derived from the racing, and hoped that at the next Point-to-Point races of the Regiment, an event would be opened for the Staff, adding that the riding he had witnessed that day, made him feel so young, he would like to take part in it himself.

He very warmly congratulated Sergeant Slattery on his win, in the most important race—that for the “Kavanagh” Cup. Quite a number of spectators, outside the Regiment, turned up, a surprising fact, considering the bad state of the roads across the rivers Leh and Karung.

“D” SQUADRON POINT-TO-POINT.

Enthused by the popularity of the Regimental Point-to-Point races the sporting “D” Squadron Commander, and his Officers, engineered one for their Corporals on the 18th March.

The course selected was over a difficult area in the vicinity of Khanna village, the negotiation of which was a high test of horsemanship.

Nearly every Corporal of the Squadron turned out for the event, and seventeen came under the Starter’s orders.

The first serious obstacle was a nasty ditch, about a quarter of a mile from the starting point, and here two or three dismounted—to use a Rough Riding Instructor’s witticism—without orders.

They were, however, quickly up again, and after the others, pounded merrily towards the river Karung, where Borham and KenKnight suddenly exhibited their devotion to open-air bathing, they having piloted their mounts into water of considerable depth.

Once across, Ovenden and Hyland got well away, with Panton and Manser close in their wake. Leaving the village of Sudar, the two leaders mistook the course, thus losing a lot of ground, and enabling those in rear to usurp the front places; the finish was quite an exciting one, and fast. Manser won by half a length from Hyland with Ovenden and Panton close up, in that order.

POLO NOTES.

Last quarter’s Gazette included the winning of the Punjab Tournament at Lahore, by the Regiment, for the third year in succession.

It is now our pleasant task to chronicle the winning of the Inter-Regimental Tournament, by the Tenth, also for the third consecutive year; and many other less important games, for the first quarter of the year,—the last of the training and polo seasons—is the busiest of the four.

The Rawal Findi Tournament for The Tradesmen’s Cup attracted nine entries. Of the Regimental teams entered, “A” Squadron did best; they were however beaten by the 14th Lancers, who, in the final, succumbed to our friends of the Twelfth Lancers. For this team, Wood, at back, played a splendid game throughout, and he is now quite one of the best backs in India, and spares no expense to mount himself.

Though the Twelfth had the satisfaction of taking this fine and large “pot” back to Sialkot, we “countered” the following week, when Captain Mitford led his Squadron team to Sialkot, and brought back the cup presented by Colonel Clifton Brown.
This cup was open to Squadrons of British Cavalry, wings of Native Cavalry, Infantry Battalions, Gymkhanas, &c., and attracted a large entry.

Our team were—

Captain the Hon. E. B. Meade ... 1
Mr. C. H. Peto ... ... 2
Mr. E. W. E. Palmes ... ... 3
Captain the Hon. C. B. Mitford ... Back

They were away for a week, and say that Sialkot is a very nice place. No complaints have been received from Sialkot up-to-date.

Meanwhile Colonel Vaughan's team had won a handicap tournament at Pindi, though whether this says more for the Colonel's skill as the handicapper, than for the drill and play of the team, is a moot point.

However it was a near thing, and if the 11th Lancers had put one more ball between, instead of outside of the posts, the above remarks would have been uncalled for.

In this Mr. Neilson made his debut as a hack—at least he has begun to be a hack—and it is hoped that with the quickness of eye, and alertness of brain, which he will doubtless acquire at the Signalling course at Kasauli, we shall soon see him "done, finish, begin," as the native says.

THE INTER-REGIMENTAL.

It was not possible to get any practice for the Regimental team, as Palmer's wrist, which he sprained at Lahore, did not allow of his playing until the end of February.

Three or four good games were however played between Seniors and Subalterns, the former comprising Colonel Vaughan, Meade, Mitford and Gibbs, and the latter Fielden, Peto, Palmes and Neilson. This gave good practice in riding off, and plenty of galloping. Later Palmes played a game or two as Number One, without a stick, to get himself and his ponies fit.

After the Lahore Tournament the final selection of the team had been made, viz :—

Captain W. O. Gibbs ... ... 1
Lieut. E. W. E. Palmes ... ... 2
Colonel J. Vaughan ... ... 3
Lieut. W. Ll. Palmer ... ... Back

and this proved a good selection, because each individual was able to do his share of the work.

On arrival at Meerut we had two or three practice games. The first of these did not go at all well. Palmer's back-handers were not up to sample, for his wrist being still weak, he had to play with unusually light sticks. Palmes, also, who had not played two, for a very long time, and was inclined not to trust the others sufficiently, owing to having played in second class Tournaments, pace Colonel Clifton Brown and the Rawal Pindi Tradesmen. However, the team came on stones, each time they played, Gibbs especially improving. He always needs a lot of work to get fit, but can be got nice and hard when in proper training.

It should have been a very close Tournament, but the 15th Hussars, and the 17th Lancers, both had very bad luck.

The 17th had won the Lucknow Autumn Tournament easily with Nutting, Melville, Turner, and Lockett, but Turner had unfortunately broken a collar bone, and they had been severely beaten by the 15th,—Charrington, Bingham, Pollok, and Barrett,—at Lucknow in February. Of the other teams, the K. D. G.'s were rumoured to be much improved since their arrival in India, 18 months ago; the Inniskillings were a novelty, with a reputation and a boatful of ponies, from Cairo, whilst one Regiment, of the Central India Horse had won the Native Cavalry Tournament, and they were re-inforced by Colonel Cotgrave, and another renowned player from their twin Regiment. The Rifle Brigade also had some good performances to rely upon, though their play was said to vary from day to day. The general opinion was however freely expressed, that the final would be between The Tenth and the Fifteenth.

So it should have been, had not the very first game between the Fifteenth and the "Skillings", resulted in a cracked bone in Barrett's hand, from a blow of an opponent's stick. Otherwise it was an amusing game to watch, one incident sending the spectators into roars of laughter. A ball, which was anyone's ball, travelled across the ground: "Heh, Heh, Heh," piped the thin voice of a Fifteenth, wishing to bluff. "Hoh, Hoh, Hoh yourself," roared Neil Haig, and wallop—he got it.

The "Skillings" were far too slow, and their ponies badly trained, though Ritson, a new recruit of theirs, from the 5th Fusiliers, played a capital game at "three". The 15th won anyhow, and this ended the first ties.

In the second ties, we played the C. I. H.; they were unlucky, as Tod, their number one, was sick. They played Eckford, 1, Col. Watson, 2, McNab 3, Colonel Cotgrave 4. We walloped them by 16 goals to two. The 15th, with Learmonth vice Barrett, also walked round the Rifle Brigade.
The game between the Royals and the 17th, was very exciting, the latter winning by the odd goal in five. For the Royals, Tomkinson and Miles played well, whilst Col. De Lisle was magnificent for six chukkers, but did so much work that he couldn't quite stay the course.

The K. D. G.'s beat the Twelfth fairly easily, the latter failing to collar their men.

In the semi-finals the K. D. G.'s were lucky to beat the Fifteenth, a very tight game, by 2-1.

We then played the 17th. For the first two chukkers, they had the best of it, Melville being very quick, and dangerous in the attack, whilst Lockett played a great game at back: he was very quick, and hit real hard back-handers. In the next two chukkers we held our own, the score at half time being 2 all. Then we were glad to find them weakening, every bump being a little less strong than the last, and finally had things more or less our own way, winning by 6-2.

Inter-Regimental Polo Cup Winners.
The first half of the game was very good polo and fast.

The final, against the K. D. G.’s was not a good game; we were a much leveller team than they were, and a good deal better mounted. Our shooting at one of the goals was moderate; this was the up-wind goal, and the ground was very bumpy in front of it. Otherwise the team played very well, the passing and drill being excellent, and the faster the pace the better the play. We won by 8 goals to 1. In all we scored 30 goals to 5 during the Tournament. Although other teams were unlucky in having good men knocked out this shows that our team has improved in the matter of shooting at goal as compared with 1907, the year of our first win, when we scored 17 subsidiaries and only 5 goals in our first two matches.

It was at one time the fashion for polo scribes to mention the ponies, but this has of late dropped out in the Field, and other sporting journals inferior to the X. R. H. Gazette.

As the ponies win us the Tournaments, I think that a roll, of the older heroes, at any rate, will interest readers who have recently left the Regiment.

Captain Gibbs had more or less a new lot, except Sekunder, a club pony, played by Annesley in our two previous wins.

Palmes had his own three—Eminence, Grafton, and Leitrim and the Club pony Surprise, besides two others.

The Colonel played Sparkle, who has been brought out in every match played by him for the Regiment—Colour Blind, Mr. Chaplin’s good Arab, Little Gallant, Jim, Banshee, and Signorinetta, the latter imported from England last year.

Palmer had that staunch old hero Simple Simon, Jacky, Kim, Veilia. Veilia was imported this year.

In all we played 9 Arabs, 6 English, and 9 Australians, and believe that a good blood pony, properly trained, is the right pony to play polo on,—no matter what country he happens to be born in.

We now pass on to the SUBALTERN’S TOURNAMENT AT AMBALA, where fortune was less kind. Our team consisted of—

1. Mr. Fielden.
2. Mr. Peto.
3. Mr. Palmes.
4. Mr. Palmer.

In the first ties we played the Rifle Brigade and won by 3—1.

This was a good galloping game, but rather spoilt by a high wind, dust, and a moderate ground.
In the second we met the K. D. G.'s and suffered defeat by 3-2.

There was a gale of wind and dust, and the K.D.G.'s won because they hit the goals, and we missed them.

In the final the 12th Lancers, who had the same team as in the Inter-Regimental, excepting Leathen vice Truman, easily beat the K. D. G.'s by 6-1.

INTER-SQUADRON POLO.

"A" (one goal) vs. "D" (love).

"A" scored a goal early in the first chukker, "A" had the best of the game, although played up well.

Teams.


    2. 2nd Lieut. R. Gordon-Canning.

"B" (3 goals) vs. "C" (love).

"C" were unfortunate in having Mr. Chaplin away at the Cavalry School, also in not being able to avail themselves of the services of Mr. Alexander, who was sick in hospital. Nevertheless they determined to have a game, playing Sergeant Ward as back.

In the first chukker "B" scored 2 goals, they scored again in the second, and were pressing, when Gosling made a good run and narrowly missed making a goal for "C." The next moment it was back at the other end, when Palmer received his final shot. The chukker ended without further score, "B" continuing to have the best of the game, but could not score again.

Teams.

    2. 2nd Lieut. C. H. Brocklehurst.

    2. 2nd Lieut. G. E. Gosling.

In the final, between "A" and "B" Squadrons, the former were the winners.

THE MURREE BREWERY POLO TOURNAMENT.

In the first ties the "A" Squadron team beat the Rawal Pindi Gymkhana by three goals to one. The teams were composed of—


Rawal Pindi Gymkhana.
    1. Captain F. S. Rose, X R. H.
    2. 2nd-Lieut. G. E. Gosling, X R. H.
    3. 2nd-Lieut. H. C. Brocklehurst, X R. H.

A" Squadron beat "D" comprising—

- Captain W. O. Gibbs,
- 2nd-Lieut. Gordon-Canning,
- Lieut. G. C. Stewart, and
- Lieut. J. F. Neilson, by five goals to one.

The 11th Lancers beat the West Yorkshire Regiment by three goals to two.

The Northumberland Fusiliers beat the Royal Artillery by two goals to one.

The 12th Lancers beat the 23rd Cavalry by three goals to one. The first game in the semi-finals was between our "A" Squadron and the 11th Lancers, the game was fast, and well contested. At the end of the third chukker "A" Squadron was leading by three goals to love. In the fourth the Lancers scored and no further goal occurred in the game, "A" winning by three goals to one.

In the other game of the semi-finals, the 12th Lancers beat the Northumberland Fusiliers by six goals to love.

The final was played off on the 30th March, when Captain Mitford's Squadron team was opposed by the 12th Lancers,—

Mr. Wyndham-Quin, Col. Clifton Brown, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Nicholas (back).

It was level game from start to finish, the first chukker being without result, though for a time "A" Squadron threatened the Lancers' goal. In the second chukker play was for some time about mid-field, until Col. Brown got a run, and Badger riding off our back, gave him a free hand, and he scored. On change of end an impetuous attack was made on our goal, and the Colonel again scored. The next three chukkers witnessed very level fast play all over the ground, each side occasionally getting a run to the flags, but no change in the score followed. In the final chukker "A" held the ball in the Twelfth ground, and had three unsuccessful shots at the flags ere play was diverted to mid-field, where it still was at the sound of time. The 12th thus won by 2—love.

RAWAL PINDI DIVISIONAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

Major Crichton, as the Honorary Secretary of the Assault-at-Arms, has again reason to congratulate himself on the success with which this annual event was placed before a critical public.

This year it was found necessary to make a semi-public day, in addition to the three usual advertised
ones, and on all four days, thanks to the perfect organisation, every combat and every display was fought off or given with that perfect smoothness and punctuality which characterised his conduct of the meeting last year, and the laudatory remarks of the late General Collings on that occasion were applicable to this year's.

Recognising this General Martin, after the presentation of the prizes by Lady Wodehouse, addressing the spectators and the participants in the competitions, expressed his admiration of the excellent manner in which everything had been carried out, a result, he added; that could only be brought about by incessant work on the part of the Honorary Secretary, the Committee, and the Judges.

The Regiment produced a very creditable list of winners, as will be seen by the particulars given below. The win of Colonel Vaughan in the Sword vs. Sword was a highly meritorious one, only attained after many combats, in which he met the best fighters of the Division. Captains Mitford and Meade and Lieuts. Palmer and Brocklehurst also fought their way into the finals in gallant manner. The dash which was so great a feature of Mr. Palmer's essays, was much admired by all, excepting, perhaps, some of his foemen.

Mr. Fielden won the first prize for Riding and Jumping, in faultless style that left no doubt in the minds of the judges, even before the sum of the points given at the different jumps was totalled up. Captain Gibbs' performance in this competition was most commendable, and earned for him the third prize.

There was no "Best Man-at-Arms" for officers, but had there been, it would have been Mr. Littlewood's honor.

S. S. M. King just lost the "Best Man-at-Arms" distinction for N. C. officers and men, after very fine exhibitions of his skill in wielding the sword and lance and of perfect horsemanship.

It was won this year by Sergt. Buckley, of the 12th Lancers, to whom we offer our congratulations.

In the Riding and Jumping for Sections, the Tenth had a veritable triumph, winning 1st and 2nd prizes. Fourteen sections competed.

The importance of winning prizes at this meeting and the credit due to the winners cannot be over-rated, and can be gauged by the fact that every event is open to the whole of the troops in the Rawal Pindi Division, which extends over an area equal in measurement to that of Ireland.

Soldiers from every garrison contained in this 32,000 square miles enter the lists for the different contests, and when it is said that only those who have proved their superiority in their own stations, are sent to represent their units, it must be admitted that the win of the smallest prize in the final is an achievement which testifies unquestionably that the winner is an able and skilful man-at-arms.

To still further emphasise their ability and skill, we may say that the present constitution of the Division includes:

- Six Cavalry Regiments
- Three Mountain Batteries
- Two Batteries, R. H. A.
- Fifteen Battalions of Infantry
- Three Batteries, R.F.A.
- Four Companies of Sappers
- Three Batteries, R.G.A.
- Nine Male Corps
- Three Ammunition Columns
- Eight Camel Corps
- Nine Bullock Half-troops
- One Mounted and several Dismounted Volunteer Corps

Pondering on the assumption that these sent the pick of their fighting men and athletes to represent them, it only remains to congratulate the following Tenth champions and to hope that their successes will induce other young soldiers to perfect themselves with the weapons of their profession and to emulate the feats of the victors.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

OFFICERS.

Tent Pegging, with Lance

- 1st Prize Capt. Hon. E. B. Meade.
- 2nd Prize Capt. W. O. Gibbs.
- 3rd Prize Capt. W. O. Gibbons.

Tent Pegging, with Sword

- 1st Lt. W. P. Littlewood.
- 2nd Capt. W. O. Gibbs.
- 3rd Capt. W. O. Gibbons.

Heads and Posts

- 1st Lt. W. P. Littlewood.
- 2nd Capt. W. O. Gibbs.
- 3rd Capt. W. O. Gibbons.

Sword vs. Sword

- 1st Col. Vaughan, D.S.O.
- 2nd Lieut. E. A. Fielden.
- 3rd Capt. W. O. Gibbons.

Riding and Jumping

- 1st Lieut. E. A. Fielden.
- 3rd Capt. W. O. Gibbons.

W. O.S., N.C. O.S. AND MEN.

Sword vs. Sword

- 1st Prize S. S. M. King.
- 2nd S. S. M. Cox.
- 3rd S. S. M. Brisley.
REGIMENTAL CONCERTS.

CAPTAIN ROSE has continued his delightful series of Concerts throughout the quarter, much to the pleasure of the Regiment, and of the Station; they have been well attended, particularly the one on the 12th March, in aid of the "Viceroy's Messina Earthquake Fund."

Whilst asserting that the regimental figure of merit was ably maintained on every occasion, it will suffice to give the criticisms of an outside expert, which appeared in the Civil and Military Gazette of the 18th March. It reads as follows:—

RAWALPINDI.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On Friday, the 12th, a concert was given in the Theatre of the 10th Royal Hussars, by kind permission of Colonel Vaughan, D.S.O., in aid of the "Viceroy's Messina Earthquake Fund." It is a pity that this concert was not announced more generally and publicly beforehand. The Rawalpindi people want fetching, almost coaxing, even to see a good thing; and good this concert certainly was. Those who had the bad luck to miss it are not likely to see anything better in the way of concerts again. Even if there had been nothing else on the programme but the performance of the excellent String Band of the Hussars it would have been worth listening to. This is the first time I have seen the new Bandmaster, Mr. Atherley, take the place formerly occupied by Mr. Wade. And those who selected him to fill the position have no cause to regret it. He directs his Band carefully, keeping every man perfectly exact in tune and time. There is no man in India who can draw up a better-selected programme, nor carry it through with more success. Every item on his programme is a treat to lovers of what is good in music. I only hope that what I hear is true about having him and his Band in Murree again this year.

The first item on Friday's programme was a selection from Tannhauser, including the well-known March, "The Evening Star," Tannhauser's Song, and the "Pilgrims' Hymn." This was a splendid performance; it had everything that Wagner's music should have, dignity, breadth, grandeur, and mass of tone. The instrumentation was perfect; you were not aware of either fingers or strings: you simply heard music. There is a story of an ancient king who used to kill his subjects by hurling chunks of gold at their heads. But the king of the programme in this case made better use of the gold at his command, for he distributed it neatly at intervals, between pieces of less costly metal. And this is why Corporal O'Connel sang "Mother's Darling Boy" followed by something about sea shells as an encore. After which Corporal O'Connel sang a song called, "On and off the Stage," and gave, as a well deserved encore, "The Old Brigade." By this time more gold was due, and we got it; refined. For nearly twenty years I have been going to concerts in India: I have heard any amount of screaming, grimacing ladies, and bellowing gentlemen; but on Friday night I had the pleasure of hearing something altogether different; the fullest and richest soprano, with a sweetness, a certainty and a refinement such as I have never before heard in India. This was in a song called "The Dream of Home," rendered by a lady comparatively new to Rawalpindi, Mrs. F. C. Ward, a finished artiste in the "concord of sweet sounds." I don't know whether this highly accomplished lady calls herself an amateur or a professional singer; but she has all the charm of the best trained amateur without the slightest trace of any of the objectionable mannerisms of the professional. I have observed that, as a rule, what amateurs lose in power they gain in delicacy; but in this case there is no loss of power. I would advise every man and woman who cares anything about music and singing not to lose an opportunity of hearing how Mrs. Ward sings. The 10th Royal Hussars have many things to be proud of every way; but, from an artistic point of view, they have never made an acquisition of which they ought to feel prouder.

It is a long time ago since I heard a "Basoon Solo"; I have heard a good many, but never one better than "Lucy Long," by Corporal Callaghan. And I was sorry to observe that this excellent performance on a difficult instrument did not get that applause and admiration it so fully deserved. There was no better performance in all the programme, and I hope we may have the pleasure of hearing Corporal Callaghan again. I expected that we were also going to hear a performance by the splendid cornet of this Band; but I suppose
Mr. Atherley is keeping him up his sleeve for next time. In the second part of the programme, after the string orchestra had given a successful rendering of some pretty morceaux from Luigini, by far the best item were the songs of Mr. Hewitt. This gentleman is gifted with a voice strong and extensive but mellow, and perfect in expression. He did full justice to “The Trumpeter,” by Dix; and as an encore brought him back, gave the “Bonnie, Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond,” with full feeling, impulse and geniality. He also made some amusing musical remarks, about “Tipperary,” and little girls, and little pigs. Private Wilkinson’s comic lecture on geography was distinctly good, and his remarks on the different regions of the world frequently elicited loud laughter and applause; he gave “The Postman’s Knock” as an encore. After a comic duet by Sergeants Black and Curtis, which was well received, the programme came to an end with the performance of a selection from “Carmen” by the string orchestra; and a better programme was never filled in Rawalpindi. The success with which it was attended would not have been so complete without the accompanist, Mr. Scales, and the energetic stage manager, Sergeant Black, to whom a meed of praise is due. As the concert room was packed as full as it was capable of holding, I have no doubt the performance proved a pecuniary success.

TENTH HUSSARS OLD COMRADES’ ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Bradshaw, who has relinquished the Honorary Secretarship of the Association, which he, with Mr. Byatt and a few others, so successfully inaugurated, in the winter of 1901-02; and for which he has since rendered such good services, writes to notify important changes in the constitution of it.

By a resolution of the Members of the Association, formed, up to February last, of old Non-commissioned Officers only, the qualification of membership has been extended to all ranks. It is expected confidently that this decision will greatly enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the Society, and still further promote the objects of its formation, chiefest of which is to keep Old Tenths in touch with the Regiment and each other, and to vivify that esprit de corps which was such a predominant feature of their soldiering days.

It has long been felt that the extension of membership now adopted will be a very much appreciated measure, and to cope with the increase of duties which will inevitably fall upon the Committee of Management, the constitution of it has been modified by the election of the following to act upon it:

This election was made by a well attended meeting of Old Comrades in London, on the 10th March.

President.—Mr. F. H. Bradshaw, 55, Westcroft Square, Ravenscourt Park, W.
Vice President—Mr. F. P. Seymour, Union Jack Club, Waterloo Road, S. E.
Treasurer.—Mr. A. Gerard, Carrington House, Deptford, S. E.
Secretary.—S.-S. Major H. Palmer, Grove House, Hollywood Road, Fulham Road, S. W.

Members of the Committee.

Mr. L. St. J. Hambleton, Rowton House, King’s Cross, London.
Mr. E. H. Moseley, The “Beehive” Hotel, New North Road, Hoxton.
Mr. T. J. Wells | Mr. V. Seels
Mr. E. W. Moseley | Mr. F. Shaw

With Old Tenths like them at the helm, we, who know them, cannot doubt that the work they have taken up, will be well carried out. It is quite a work of supererogation, in the performance of which they will be called upon to make many sacrifices of their leisure time, and possibly, at times, some small financial sacrifices, and the thanks of all who reap the benefit of their actions, will be due, and doubtless forthcoming.

Undertakings of the nature of The Old Comrades’ Association, which are rapidly becoming so general in the case of our Cavalry Regiments, involve many difficulties, and hard work, of which those who have no experience of them, cannot have any conception, and honour is the due of those men who volunteer for the labours, and for the time they devote to them.

We believe that the existence of these Associations not only serve the immediate ends for which they are originated, but that by the knowledge which comes to young men, who are not soldiers, of their existence, a spirit of patriotism is imbued, and a feeling born, that there is, after all, something enviable in the ability to proclaim that one has served in, and still morally belongs to one of the King’s Regiments. If our belief is well founded, what follows?—the desire to join, and be able to make the same utterances.

Thus perhaps, we older soldiers, when no longer able to serve our country by bearing arms, are best doing so in our civilian days, by public manifestations of our pride that we were Tenth Hussars, and inducing others to join.
In addition to this view, is it too wild a flight of fancy to indulge in, that out of the present objects of the Association, there may not be born projects for promoting still wider schemes for the advantage of men who have passed through the Regiment: such as a regimental employment bureau, regimental homes, etc.?

It will be said that immense funds would be necessary for such ambitious ideas, but we are convinced, by what has been done, and is being done by co-operation of men in other walks of life,—often started on a very modest scale,—that something in these directions may be done by the men of the Tenth Hussars: but readiness and willingness to subscribe a trifle regularly, on the part of all those who desire to participate in the yield of such a fund would be an imperative condition.

The idea is given for what it is worth, and left for the present with a hope that it will be deemed one deserving consideration. None can gainsay that the Association is justified, if only for the reason that every year, it serves to bring together huge gatherings of Old Tenths—Officers and men,—and keeps alive old friendships of a binding nature and sincerity which does not exist outside the Army and Navy.

The annual dinner will be held this year, at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 25th May, and a record attendance of all ranks is looked for. The presence of all on leave from the Regiment, will be greatly appreciated. If they have not received a formal intimation, Mr. Bradshaw hopes that they will accept this notice as such. He or Sergeant-Major Palmer will be pleased to reply to any enquiries on the subject: any members of the Committee will likewise be glad to give all information, if enquirers find it more convenient to apply to them.

(The addresses of the Committee have not been communicated, but those which are known, are given.—Ed.)

REGIMENTAL ANNUAL SPORTS.

The entries for each event on the card for this year were very numerous, and for many days prior to those on which the public were invited to witness the competitions, Officers and the Riding School Staff were kept busy weeding out in preliminary contests.

The stalwarts left in fought their final battles on the 8th and 9th March; unfortunately on those days many troops were out of the Station, engaged in Divisional operations, one Squadra of the Regiment being occupied with the force on the concluding day.

Notwithstanding this inopportune fact, a good number of visitors attended, and the meeting was an unqualified success.

The Officer Commanding the Royal Sussex Regiment had very kindly consented to the Band of his

A bit on the end of a rope.

Battalion playing on both days, but, for the reason given above their attendance was impracticable, and the Band of the Regiment, under Mr. Atherley, was called upon to discourse sweet music on the second day. This they did, to the unbounded pleasure of all present.

Trumpeter Murray.

The programme, and results were as follows:

FIRST DAY.


Native Followers' Race.—1st Joseph, Khidmatgar; 2nd Hira, Syce; 3rd Juma, Bawarchi.


Children's Race.—1st Freddie Lloyd; 2nd Neville Webb; 3rd Adrian Cox.

Sword-v-Sword.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st Lee.-Cpl. Tomsett (195½ yds.); 2nd Sergt. Burdett (101 yds.); 3rd Lee.-Cpl. Evans (100 yds).


SECOND DAY.


Section Jumping:—1st "D" Squadron; 2nd "C" Squadron; 3rd "A" Squadron.

Tent-pegging with Sword.—Open to officers of the Garrison. Won by 2nd Lieut. Gosling, X. R. H.


Tent-pegging with Lance.


Tug of War.—1st "D" Squadron; 2nd "C" Squadron.

Section Tent-pegging, Open to the Garrison.—In addition to a section of each Squadron of the Regiment, the following Corps sent sections for this event:

- "V" Battery, R. H. A.
- "C" Troop, P. L. H.
- No. 8 M. B., R. G. A.
- No. 3 M. B., R. G. A.
- 67th Battery, R. F. A.

1st "B" Squadron, X. R. H.
2nd "A" Squadron, X. R. H.
3rd "D" Squadron, X. R. H.

In-and-out Jump, Squadron Jumping Competition

V. C. Race.—1st Pte. Cherry, “A” Squadron; 2nd
Pte. Studd, “C” Squadron; 3rd Corpl Hyland,
“D” Squadron.

Half Mile Steeple-chase, Open to the Garrison.—1st
Sergt. Austin, Royal Sussex Regt.; 2nd Trumpeter
Pollock, “B” Squadron, X. R. H.; 3rd Pte. Loader,
“B” Squadron, X. R. H.

Mounted Wrestling.—1st “D” Squadron; 2nd “A”
Squadron:
Bending race (Draft)—1st Pte. Riley, “D” Squa-
Markey, “D” Squadron.

Prizes for best trained Remounts.—1st Pte. Langford
Byrne, “D” Squadron.

“C” Squadron; won the Vaulting Competition, and
gave a display on each day.

V. C. Race.

“Fowkes” Cup Competition.—1st S. S.-M. Cox,

Prize for the best average at the Regimental Gym-
khanas, during 1908—Lce.-Cpl. Keeley, “B”
Squadron.

The presentation of the prizes to recipients by
Lady Wodehouse followed immediately after the
conclusion of the programme.

SERGEANTS’ MESS NOTES.

A long-looked-for and much-discussed social
event in our little circle, took place on the 21st
January, when S.-S.-M. King met at the hymeneal
altar, in Christ Church, Rawalpindi, Miss Vera Maud
Dean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dean.

Long before the scheduled time, the sacred edifice
was filled by the friends of the popular young couple,
and an obvious thrill of excitement was manifested
when the least important of the “high contracting
parties” arrived, attended by his groomsmen, S. Q.
M. S. Mason, escorted by twelve of his comrades, all
well mounted on greys, and presenting a very smart
appearance, in Review Order.

The cortege pulled up at the entrance to the Church
with the utmost parade precision, producing all that
crisp clatter of sword scabbards, and musical jingle
of arms and horse appointments, so dear to the hearts
of the descriptive writers, and,—it must be admitted,—
to those who bring about these delightful sounds.

The sun was shining with the benignity of a January
Punjab sun on its best behaviour, lending peculiar
attractiveness to the scene. After a very brief interval,
which the bridegroom is said to have since confided
to his backer, appeared interminable, another wave of
excitement pervaded the expectant gathering, this
time by the arrival of the bride; she was led straight-
way to the altar by her father, attended by four brides-
maids—Miss Nora Flashman, Miss Louie Nalder—
Miss Ruby Nalder and Miss Aileen Ryan; the two
latter bearing magnificent baskets of flowers.

The Band of the Regiment, conducted by Sergeant
F. Smith, had previously taken their places in the
choir of the Church, to provide the choral service,
and, as the bridal party marched up the aisle, played
that beautifully impressive hymn, “The voice that
breathed over Eden,” the congregation meanwhile
heartily supplying the vocal rendering.

The bride, it was universally asserted, looked
charmingly pretty, robed in an ivory tinted duchess
satin dress, handsomely trimmed with real Bruges
lace, and wearing an exceedingly pretty gold pendant
and chain, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were very winsomely and effective-
ly attired in cream silk muslin dresses, with the
orthodox wreaths and veils. They also displayed
with advantage, necklaces of pearl and topaz, pre-
sented by the bridegroom.

The service, which was fully choral, was performed
by the Chaplain, the Rev. R. Wheeler, and concluded
by him with a very kindly and impressive address.

Among those present in the Church were the Officers
of Sergt.-Major King’s Squadron, in uniform, a
compliment very gratifying to him and to his com-
rades.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, and after the
signing of the register, the happy couple, with their
attendant party, passed down the aisle, to the door of
egress, under an arch of sword blades formed by a
very strong assembly of members of the Regimenta
Sergeants’ Mess.
Entering their carriages, and accompanied by the mounted escort, they proceeded, via The Mall, to the residence of the bride’s father, where a large Shamiana had been pitched for the reception of the guests. These numbered over four hundred, and overflowed into the compound.

Refreshments were generously supplied, and were intermingled by the toasts, and congratulatory speeches inseparable from such occasions.

To Mr. Nalder, Mechanical Engineer, at the Rawalpindi Arsenal, a very old friend of the family of the bride, was given the privilege of the chief toast, that of “The Bride and the Bridegroom.”

This he did in felicitous words, in which kindly humour, and distinct pathos combined to make for impressiveness on his hearers.

To him the new Benedict replied in a brief manner as becomes the soldier of acts, not words, thanking Mr. Nalder for his expressions, congratulations, and hearty wishes on behalf of himself and his wife; and similar thanks to his comrades and friends, for the able and loyal manner in which they had come round him on this vitally important occasion.

The toast of “The Bridesmaids” of course was the prerogative of the “Best Man,” and right well did Sergt-Major Mason prove himself equal to the occasion. In that quaint manner which is his very own, in words which provoked universal mirth, words which would not occur to any one else but him, he toasted the pretty quartette, who listened blushingly, and if the impression his words appeared to make on them proves of a lasting nature, inevitably there will speedily be similar functions in the near future.

The bridal pair left Rawal Pindi by the 8:20 p.m. train with the object of spending their honeymoon in visiting such places of historical interest as Agra, Delhi, Cawnpore, Lucknow, etc. A great crowd had gathered on the platform at the Railway Station, and a hearty send-off was theirs, conveying fervent good wishes of sincere friends.

The Regiment joins in those wishes and congratulations, and in welcoming Mrs. King as a Tenth Hussar, hopes that her stay with us will be very long, and very happy.

The wedding presents were numerous, and very handsome, and included the following:

Col. Vaughan, D. S. O., panel photograph, with autograph, in oriental frame.
Major Crichton and Officers of “B” Squadron, Cheque.
Capt. Hon. C. B. Milford and Officers of “A” Squadron, Silver entree dish.
Lt. & Rdg. Master and Mrs. Littlewood, Silver inkstand.
Sergeants of “B” Squadron, Leather suit case.
“B” Squadron, portmanteau.
Corporals’ Mess, X. R. H., Silver egg stand and silver butter dish.
Mr. E. J. King, Cutlery canteen.
Mr. F. King, Set of carvers.
Miss A. King, Silver saltcellars.
Miss F. King, Silver tea spoons and tongs.
Mr. & Mrs. Dean, Pianoforte and engravings.
R. Q. M. S. & Mrs. Hopkins, Silver cream jug and sugar basin.
S. S. M. & Mrs. Cox, Silver photograph frames.
S. Q. M. S. & Mrs. Gould, Silver mounted blotting pad.
S. Q. M. S. Mason, Silver entree dish.
Sergt. Curtis, Engravings.
Sergt. & Mrs Payne, Preserve jar.
Sergt. & Mrs Morgan, Silver cake tray.
Corporal Holder, Silver menu card holders.

**RAWAL PINDI BILLIARD CUP TOURNAMENT.**

Our exponents of the game of the cue seized the opportunity presented by the above tournament, to display their proficiency, and proved it by winning, not only the Cup, but also the cue given to the player making the greatest break.

The latter was the spoil of Mr. Walker, our popular Dominic, a Member of the Mess, and a temporary—at least—Tenth Hussar.

The matches were played in the Supply and Transport Club, in February, and we entered two teams.

The first, and victorious team, were formed of:
Mr. Walker, Army Schoolmaster.
S. Q. M. S. Black.
S. Q. M. S. Burdett.

They drew against sextettes of the West Yorks Regiment, the Ordnance Department, and the Supply and Transport Corps, the results of the matches being respectively:

1. A win of 42 points, games even.
2. A win of four games to two, 113 points.
3. A win of four games to two, 114
Judging by the manifestations made by the witnesses of the final game, our win was a very popular one, causing us all the more satisfaction that the silver cup given, now graces the Mess collection of plate.

Mr. Walker, in the tournament games, tied with a Gunner Sergeant, for the cue, with 33. They played off on the last night, with the result that our man won.

**PAARDEBURG BALL.**

This popular annual event took place on the 3rd March, and was, as usual, one of the successes of the social season. The venue was, of course, the Sergeants' Mess; extra efforts were made to beautify the accommodation at the disposal of the Mess, and, if possible, to outvie the arrangements made last year, the memories of which still linger pleasantly in the minds of those who were then present at the Ball.

In addition to the Mess-rooms, the Adult School, and the Theatre had been commandeered for the night, and for those who desired the social glass and chat with old friends, or the fascinating "rubber", or the bewildering game of "spoof," a large and handsome tent was pitched, in which they could freely indulge their fancies.

For the information of the uninitiated, of whom, until the occasion of which I write, I was one; it may be said that spoof is a game reported to have been invented by a member of the Sergeants' Mess of the Tenth, in the flint age; and that at that period they derived as much entertainment out of the game, when rocks were the tokens that changed hands at the conclusion of each game, as they do now, when what is described as base metal has been substituted. At any rate some of the "spoofers" appeared very pleased with themselves in the early hours of the 4th March, and will doubtless be pleased to give instruction in the game.

It was admitted by all who attended the 1908 Ball, that this year's Committee had easily beaten all records, and had transformed the rooms at their disposal, ordinarily cold and uninviting, into most alluring apartments; the Theatre was set apart as the supper room, decorated with the regimental color, and florally, with much taste.

The supper itself, when it is said that it was prepared by that cordialcheft-Maitre D'Or—is equivalent to saying that it was perfection, and the last word in suppers.

The string Band of the Regiment was in attendance, and played the dance music as only our Band can play. The dancers unanimously declared that never did even our Band acquit itself as it did this night. The opening dance—was at half past nine, and unlike most initial dances, was the means of attracting a full house of terpsichorean enthusiasts who thus early pronounced by their vigour that they had come with a dogged determination to extract as much enjoyment as the limited hours of one night could provide. And they did. Some who participated in No. 1 were still dancing energetically in No. 17, at an hour which does not look well in cold, unsympathetic type. They were insatiable when the caterers for their entertainment were our gallant and hospitable Sergeants.

All the Officers of the Regiment, and representatives of every Officers' and Sergeants' Mess in the Garrison were to be seen footing it with evident enjoyment, and great zest; whilst of the ladies it can be asserted without fear of contradiction, that all the beauty of Pindi had as embled to absorb that pleasure their presence reflects.

I do not know who formed the working Committee, but I do know that their work was repaid by the satisfaction which follows the unqualified approval of all for whom their efforts were made, and the hosts of the evening must have been gratified that their Committee had brought about such pleasing results.

**CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.**

In consequence of the difficulties, not to say the cost, with which catering for food is hedged round in Rawal Pindi, we decided that for our Annual this year we would ourselves provide all comestibles and the thirst-appeasing beverages necessary.

Accordingly the Vice-President and Committee of the Mess undertook to act also as a Dinner Committee, and, thanks to their efforts and business-like methods, every detail defied criticism, whilst the saving effected was incredible.

The Dinner and Concert happened on the 6th January, and all those who partook of the ninety covers laid were loud in their praises of the results of our home catering. And they gave unquestionable proof of their appreciation of those results, in the usual manner,—so effectually that the Mess Sweeper, who had gone into training in anticipation of the "perks" which he looks forward to after every barahkhanay, has been given a gift from Allah, with as much confidence as we go to the pay-table weekly;—approached the President next morning with melancholy mien, and reproachful manner, to demand his discharge.

On being asked the reason, he said,—"Sahib, dastur hai, every barah khanay ke pichhe, sweeper pakaro bahut khana, for bili, and babu log. Sweeper bahut gharib admi, and many weeks eat nothing because when barah khanay ko-gaya, plenty khana have, for all family. Therefore give all pice to bannia.

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Last night, Sahibs have plenty bara khana this sweeper, with all family, wait for plates and dishes coming out, and kuch ne see. So this poor sweeper get no khana, can't do kam'.

Which is undeniable testimony of the excellence of our amateur restaurateurs, and should be borne in mind in future.

After dinner, a programme of instrumental and vocal music was enjoyed by all present.

Like our Seniors of the Sergeants' Mess, we intersperse the usual speeches of loyalty to our King and Country, and of our love for our Regiment; and as on the night of their Annual dinner, our Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Officers of the Regiment, kindly pays us a visit, and thereby encourages us in our efforts and ambitions.

The healths of The Colonel and Officers having been proposed and heartily honoured, the Colonel replied. He gratified us very much by expressing appreciation of the Corporals during the past year, and by relating how, when serving under General Haig, he was told by the General to "always look after the Corporals, as they being young and ambitious men, are the future Sergeant-Majors of the Regiment." "And," added Colonel Vaughan, "I always will."

The gathering, having spent a very pleasant evening, broke up after singing feelingly the familiar and appropriate "Auld lang syne."

The Milwaukee Minstrels.

Under this title, prefixed by the more pretentious "Grand Minstrel Troupe," a very laudably energetic and talented group of members of the Corporals Mess, after many rehearsals, and much expenditure of cash, opened for a Rawal Pindi season, in our own Theatre, on the 18th February.

The show was a most pronounced success. From the rising of the curtain to its fall, there was not a dull moment.

The songs were admirably chosen, and tuneful, the wardrobe was good and serviceable, and the dialogue smart and amusing.

In such a company of artistes it is difficult to single out any, but note must be made of "Ginger" Bell's rendering "Bekase I'm always laughing," and Corporal Lloyd's stump speech. Both were enormously successful and caused great laughter.

Credit must also be given to the ingenuity of the deviser of the motor car, which was a striking feature of Corporal Nance's ably rendered song "The Motor Car."

The Medley, which was the concluding number of the nightly programme, was well concerted, and most amusing, in fact the entire bill of fare was infinitely superior to the usual entertainment of this kind, and we hope to have other opportunities of attending similar ones, with the same performers' names on the play bill.

The Company showed again, in the Theatre on the following night, to an equally numerous and delighted audience.

On the Monday following, the 22nd, they went "on tour" in Rawal Pindi, and opened at the Royal Sussex Theatre, where they performed three times. Thence they migrated to West Ridge, and earned the same praises for their productions as were accorded at their previous shows.

They also very nobly gave an entertainment in aid of the Fund for the sufferers of the Messina Earthquake, and a free one to the Married Families of the Regiment.

RACING NOTES.

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

Since the last number of the Gazette most of the Race Meetings in Northern India, and therefore those in which the Regiment takes most interest, have taken place.

Starting with the Rawal Pindi Sky Meeting, in which ponies and horses belonging to Officers of the Regiment won more than half the races, the following is a brief summary of those that regimental possessions have won, or in which they have secured places:—

Rawal Pindi Sky Meeting.

Maiden Arab Plate.—1 mile.
1. Captain Williams' b. a. h. Ariel, 10st. 9 lbs.
2. Mr. Peto's ch. a. g. Raisuli, 10st. 10 lbs.

Open Plate.—1,000 yards.
1. Mr. Chaplin's b. aus. g. Brown Boy, 10st. 5 lbs.
2. Messrs. Fielden's and Alexander's b. aus. g. O. K., 10st. 6 lbs.

C. T. Chase.—2 miles, over Steeplechase Course.
1. Mr. Chapman's b. aus. g. Refuge Bay, 10st. 5 lbs.
2. Captain Gibbs' br. aus. g. Harold, 11st. 9 lbs.

C. B. Plate.—5 furlongs.
1. Mr. Alexander's b. ch. m. Adelina, 10st.
2. Major Smith's b. ch. g. Tyrant, 11st.
3. Mr. Chapman's blk. ch. g. Black Arrow, 8st. 12 lbs.

Horse Plate.—5 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's blk. aus. g. Strathspey, 10st. 6 lbs.
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**Substitution Plate.**—3 furlongs.
1. Mr. Alexander's b. a. g. Magna Charta, 2nd. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Alexander's b. e. g. Adelina, 1st. 12 lbs.

**Pony Chase.**—2 miles.
1. Mr. Alexander's b. e. g. Adelina, 1st. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Petto's b. a. m. Melody, 1st. 11 lbs.

**Service Chase.**—2 miles.
1. Mr. Petto's b. a. m. Melody, 1st. 11 lbs.

**Bendoun Plate.**—R.C.
1. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 11 lbs.

**Horse Hurdles.**—1 mile, over 6 flights.
1. Mr. Petto's b. a. m. Melody, 1st. 10 lbs.

**Pony Hurdles.**—1 mile, over 6 flights.
1. Captain Gibbs' b. e. g. Tyrant, 2nd. 11 lbs.

**Arab Handicap.**—7 furlongs.
1. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.

**New Handicap.**—4 furlongs.
1. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Ariel, 1st.

**A Match.**—6 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Strathspie, 10th. 10 lbs.
2. Mrs. Quinn & Leathem's b. e. g. Handelian, 9th. 10 lbs.

**Stewards' Plate.**—6 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. m. Fanchette, 10th. 13 lbs.

**Mecca Plate.**—1 ½ mile.
1. Mr. Alexander's b. a. g. Magna Charta, 9th. 1 lb.
2. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, lost, 1 lb.

**Pony Hurdles.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's and Alexander's b. a. g. O.K., 9th. 12 lbs.

**Distance Plate.**—2 miles, over 6 flights.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. c. b. g. Richmond, 1st. 8 lbs.
2. Mr. Alexander's b. c. b. m. Adelina, lost, 11 lbs.

**C. T. C. Country-Bred Plate.**
1. Major Smith's b. c. g. Tyrant, 11st.

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1. Mr. Fielden's b. c. b. g. Tyrant, 11st.
2. Mr. Alexander's b. c. b. m. Adelina, lost, 11 lbs.

**Mecca Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 9th. 12 lbs.

**Pony Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's and Alexander's b. a. g. O.K., 9th. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's and Alexander's b. a. g. O.K., 9th. 12 lbs.

**Substitution Plate.**—1 mile, over 5 flights.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 9th. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Alexander's b. a. g. Magna Charta, 9th. 1 lb.

**Pony Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's and Alexander's b. a. g. O.K., 9th. 12 lbs.

**Barracoo Plate.**—6 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's and Alexander's b. a. g. O.K., 9th. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, lost, 1 lb.

**Sikh Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 12 lbs.

**Barracoo Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, lost, 1 lb.

**Sikh Plate.**—1 mile.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 12 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, lost, 1 lb.

**Service Chase.**—2 miles.
1. Mr. Petto's b. a. m. Melody, lost. 11 lbs.

**Bedon Plate.**—R.C.
1. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 11 lbs.

**Horse Hurdles.**—1 mile, over 6 flights.
1. Mr. Petto's b. a. m. Melody, 1st. 10 lbs.
2. Captain Gibbs' b. e. g. Tyrant, 2nd. 11 lbs.

**Pony Hurdles.**—1 mile, over 6 flights.
1. Captain Gibbs' b. e. g. Tyrant, 2nd. 11 lbs.
2. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.

**Welter Plate.**—6 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.

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1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 7 lbs.

**AMBALA RACES.**

**Pony Hurdles.**
1. Captain Gibbs' b. e. g. Tyrant, 2nd. 13 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.

**Patiala Plate I.**—4 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.

**Patiala Plate II.**—4 furlongs.
1. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.

**NANCHANDI PLATE.**
1. Captain Williams' b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.
2. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.
3. Mr. Fielden's b. a. g. Pasha, 1st. 13 lbs.

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MARRIED FAMILIES' AND CHILDREN'S ANNUAL TEA AND CHRISTMAS TREE.

One of the closing, but by no means least interesting features of our Christmas and New Year's observances, is the Annual Tea Meeting and Christmas Tree, given by the Commanding Officer to the Married Families of the Regiment.

The date of the event this year was the 2nd January, the Regimental Theatre being, as usual, the scene of operations. In addition to the Tea and Christmas Gifts, amusements are provided, and these took the form of "roundabout" hobby horses, swings, see-saws, and camel rides. For the latter two very fine camels, with their smart sowars in charge, were very kindly lent by the Officer Commanding the 11th Lancers. A ride around the barracks on these animals, with their noses elevated in an extremely supercilious manner, and an appearance and gait of the haughtiest description, appeared to be the most popular form of amusement—if the competition for them was any criterion. Not only were the children keen to ride—and ride again—and yet again—but their mothers, their fathers, and many adult bandsmen indulged freely in the exercise, until "Tea up" was sounded by the Trumpeter. And many admitted that they were not quite as comfortable mounts as they had been led to believe. Even our genial Band Sergeant's countenance lost a little of its customary placidity when essaying the "trot." Not so Mrs. Smith: she sat her camel like a child of the desert, to the admiration of all.

On the sound of the trumpet, at 4.30 p.m., flushed with the exercise of their games, radiant with enjoyment, a happy, excited throng of youngsters, accompanied by their mothers, left their out-door pursuits, and sat down to tables crowded with those good things that appeal to childhood. For the elders, and for their parents there were huge supplies of hams, served and carved by him with that skill that marks the artist.

With a rapidity almost magical, the edibles and tea, served by the willing hands of the Colonel and the Officers, and Mrs. Pillinger, disappeared. The youngsters having eaten, as only they can, defying all risks of indigestion, rushed straightway to resume their games, what time the Band, who played during the tea,—and several of the fathers, who had found work for idle hands,—sat down, and were in their turn, served with tea.
Meanwhile the Tree, with its many colored candles in those pretty but uncertain Chinese lanterns, was lit, and preparations made for the presentation of the gifts.

When all was ready, into the Theatre again trooped the children, the Band struck up a lively tune, and amidst exclamations of delight, the drop-scene was raised, discovering a brilliantly illuminated tree, positively glittering with lights, and hung with myriads of be-tinselled ornaments, and crackers.

The Colonel then summoned each child by name to the front, and gave to each the toy provided for him accompanying every presentation with well-chosen remarks, of kindly humour. Then the mothers were each given a dress-piece, or silver ware, and the meeting dispersed with three cheers, heartily given by the little ones, for Colonel Vaughan.

There were present, of the Regiment, 35 women and 69 children, seven of the latter having joined since last year's celebration.

There were a few visitors, amongst whom we were glad to see Miss Hemsley, the daughter of an old friend of the Regiment when soldiering in Ireland, Mr. Hemsley, the Bandmaster of the 14th Hussars.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Cox for the very able manner and skill with which they arranged the appendages to the Xmas Tree. The result, it was admitted by all, could not have been better.

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**MUSKETRY.**

The second party of Casuals completed their annual training on the 20th February. Numbering 79, the same number as were exercised with "D" Squadron, their average was seven points better than that of the Squadron, and two than that of the 1st party of Casuals. The following are the results of their course:

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Now that another year's training has been completed it may perhaps be of interest to compare the results with those of the last year. The average of 1907-08 was 201, a good standard, but this year shows a higher one, with an average of 207 5, a gratifying improvement largely due to the pains taken by the Officer and N.C. Instructors, and to the S. I. O. M.

The percentage of marksmen is very creditable, viz:—

- 42%, with 38% of 1st class shots, 19% of 2nd class, and only 1% of 3rd class. We hope that when we chronicle similar information next year, the 3rd class will have vanished altogether.

"A" Squadron was declared by the Commanding Officer the best Squadron of the year, with an average of 213. "B" and "C" run "A" very close, with 212 each.

That reliable shot, S. S. M. Price, won the distinction of being the "best shot of the Sergeants," with a score of 62, and Private Curnock of "B" Squadron with 58 points to his credit, in the competition for shooting badges; for the "Corporals and Privates," proved his superiority. (Pte. Clark, of "C" Squadron, "tied" with Curnock, and the tie was decided, according to the usual rule of counting the fewest number of misses, etc.)
The Squadron badges were won by—

**Squadron.**

- **‘A’** S. S. M. Brisley ... 390
- **‘B’** Corporal Lyons ... 383
- **‘C’** Lce.-Corpl. Hepple ... 375
- **‘D’** S. S. M. Price ... 361

In the competition opened by the West Yorks Regiment to the Garrison, at their Annual Rifle Meeting, Corporal Jones, of “A” Squadron, won the second prize, with a score of 30. The conditions were—9 rounds at 600 yards, the last seven to count.

**MATCHES.**

The arrival of the Royal Sussex Regiment in the Church Lines, in relief of the Royal Irish Regiment, was, as a matter of course, speedily followed by the issue of an invitation from the shooting enthusiasts of the Sergeants’ Mess, to the members of the Mess of the new-comers, to try conclusions on the range.

The result was the gathering of the representative teams of both, on the Cavalry range, on the first February.

The atmospheric conditions were favorable.

The home team, as was sanguinely anticipated, won by a margin of 20 points.

The conditions were:—One sighter and 7 rounds at each distance, h. p. s. at each—28.

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**ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.**

- Sergt. Wiltshire ... 24 | 23 | 23 | 70 |
- Etherton | 25 | 19 | 25 | 69 |
- Colr.-Sergt. Johnson | 25 | 24 | 69 |
- Sergt. Baker | 25 | 25 | 19 | 69 |
- Cramp | 24 | 17 | 24 | 65 |
- Lawson | 25 | 25 | 14 | 64 |
- Elphead | 22 | 17 | 20 | 59 |
- Colr.-Sergt. Clarke | 24 | 26 | 8 | 59 |
| Total | | | | 523 |

The inevitable outcome of the meeting was a request of the men of Sussex, that the Tenth would give them an opportunity of a return match, which was done, and the two teams again regathered. On this occasion the victory still remained with our N.-C. Os., their opponents only succeeding in reducing the margin of points to thirteen.

Both teams were differently constituted to those which fired in the first match, and the conditions varied a little, inasmuch that Bisley scoring was adopted.

A prevalent bad wind militated against high scoring at the longer distances. Scores:

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**SWORDSMANSHIP.**

The winners of the annual competitions and the right to wear the badges, until the next yearly contests, were:

**Regimental prize and badge.—** S. S. M. King, “B” Squadron.

**Squadron prizes, and badges.**

- “A” Squadron.—Lance Corporal Phillpots.
- “C” Squadron.—S. S. M. Cox.
- “D” Squadron.—Sergeant Reeves.

**Swordsmen’s Prizes and Badges.**

- **‘A’** Squadron.
  - Sergt. Dixon.
  - Pte. Pragnell.
  - Pte. Day.
  - Pte. Salmon.
  - Lee.-Corpl. Hopkins.
  - Pte. Taylor.
  - Corpl. Collins.
  - Lee.-Corpl. Higgins.
Ah me, the Indian summer's come,
Bas hogaya the winter fun,
The polo, and the hounds, and the Race,
And for months you won't desire
The comforts of a fire,
But punkah coolies will now take its place.
When reveille sounds at five,
You feel but half alive,
As you struggle to the range, or to the school,
And where'er you go you must
Choke with that confounded dust,
And are longing for some rain to make it cool.
Then to breakfast you must go
Though it's really only show,
As food sticks somehow half way down your
throat,
And you have to then arrange
To hurry up, and change
Having sweated through a dusty khaki coat.
And in India's sultry clime
Troop horses have a time
To be compared to what is suffered down below,
For their water it is warm,
And some Squadrons stint their corn,
If they're thin, small wonder that it's so.
But when all is said and done,
Although India has a sun,
Which is most unpleasant, both for horse and
man,
Yet the time we spend out here,
Where the hot sun seems so near,
We must try, and make as cheery as we can.

TENTH ROYAL HUSSARS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

This, an addition to the important fixtures of the Indian football year, is a Competition, the first stages of which were conceived and worked out by Mr. Chaplin, before going home. On his departure the management was taken up by Captain Rose, assisted by Mr. Stewart. Under these auspices it has proved a popular event, productive of very good footer, and of exhibitions of good play to the many lovers of the game.

Large gates were attracted, and unbounded interest evinced by the military portion of Rawal Pindi, particularly when local teams were fighting for possession of the handsome Challenge Cup presented by the Officers of The Tenth.

It is a massive, and magnificent specimen of the silversmith's art, and, unlike most Cups, became the absolute property of the first winners of it.

There is no doubt that the best team won it, and by being able to congratulate our very old friends,—the Twelfth Lancers,—on the acquisition of our Cup, great pleasure and satisfaction is experienced.

We had hoped to give details of the different games, but our usually reliable Football correspondent has failed us, and we can only give results of each.

Ten teams originally entered, but those of the King's Dragoon Guards, and the Seaforth Highlanders, were compelled, owing to the exigencies of military duties, to withdraw.

The following remained to do battle for supremacy, with the results given :-

FIRST ROUND.
The Royal Artillery beat the "B" team, West Yorks Regiment, after a tie in the first game, with extended time, in a re-play.
The Black Watch beat the Tenth, under precisely similar conditions. The 12th Lancers beat The Leinsters.

"A" Team, West Yorks Regiment beat the Royal Sussex Regiment.

SECOND ROUND.
The Royal Artillery beat the Black Watch.
The 12th Lancers beat the "A" team, West Yorks Regiment.

FINAL ROUND.
The 12th Lancers beat the Royal Artillery, after a tie in the first game, with extended time, in a re-play.
The second, re-played game in the final was played after an intervening rest day and that, like the first, was a most stubbornly fought out trial of football skill, and staying powers, between the opposing teams. In the first day’s game the score was 1 all, and in the second 12th Lancers, 3; Royal Artillery, 1.

The Tenth played a game which, by its excellence, surprised their most sanguine supporters; the popular opinion was that they would fall an easy prey to the Black Watch, but after the game there were many who declared that ours were the better team.

It is now predicted that with a little training and practice, they will prove themselves equal to any combination in the North of India, and that the standard which was ours, when we won the Cavalry Cup in 1899, may again, by their means, be reached.

If the names of any can be singled out for special mention, it must be those of Private Robinson for his marvellous goal-keeping, the Sergeants Mitchell, Bandsman Pollock, and Private Rounds.

CRICKET NOTES.

Our first venture at cricket this year cannot be styled a great success. On the 27th January, we met a combined eleven of the Gunners and Sappers, in the Jamasji Cup Competition, and were beaten in a two-days’ match, by seven wickets.

Having won the toss, we went in first, and were all out for 74. The rival team responded with 112.

Our second innings closed for 138, leaving us just 100 on and our opponents scored 101 for the loss of three wickets.

BOXING NOTES.

Boxing appears to be in rather a languishing condition in the Regiment. Our quondam champions for some reason, at present unrevealed, exhibit extreme reluctance to enter the ring despite the offer of quite substantial inducements held out to them.

Can it be that they are preparing for some big event, and will presently startle the Rawal Pindi pugs by exhibitions of their prowess, of which even we do not think them capable, or, do they foster a suspicion that the purses put up are not worthy of their skill?

Mr. Brocklehurst had arranged a two-days’ tournament, and after advertising it freely in the station, had to cancel it owing to lack of entries.

This is not as it should be in the Tenth; up to now we have had the reputation of a good boxing Regiment, and, with the material still with us, should have no difficulty in retaining our fame.

There are still several who do their best to uphold the reputation, and we hope that all those of the Club, with good fighting records, will play the game, and will not allow the reputation to grow less. It is expected that the older and tried men will hold out a helping hand to the younger ones who are desirous of learning, and that they will not resort to methods of a discouraging nature.

We shall look forward to seeing an early regimental tournament in which the good sporting form seen of old will be shown by all.

DURING the Rawal Pindi week a Divisional Boxing Tournament was advertised to take place in the Theatre of the West Yorks Regiment but proved to be a very disappointing, and small affair, quite unworthy of the Station—not to say, the Division.

The officials were there, and a large expectant audience filled the theatre to its utmost capacity, but where were the pugs?

Only a tithe of them put in an appearance, the greater number of them being—we are glad to say it—Tenth Hussars.

After some dialogue between the audience and the Committee, the former were informed that there would be “no show to-night,” and they would get their money back.

At the request, however, of the combatants who had arrived, and entreated to be allowed to fight, a few bouts were decided, and Pte. Cherry won the light weights, whilst Pte. Woolley beat Sergt. Paget of the W. Yorks Regiment, in a well-fought six-round contest.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

Replies to Correspondents.

Old Tenth (Hackney) Medals for Distinguished Conduct in the Field were awarded for services in the south African Campaign, to

Squadron Sergeant Major King,
Squadron Quarter-Master Sergeant Druce
Sergeant Blyth
Lance Corporal Johnson
Private McMillan
Private Tharratt.

None of the above were recommended under the regulation quoted by you.

Why write under a nom de plume, and withhold your real name. We are always glad to hear from an Old Tenth, indeed, desire to do so.
Letters from Correspondents.

RAWALPINDI, 1st April 1909.

Dear Mr. Editor,

As there has been considerable controversy concerning the conditions of the Point-to-Point Race for the Kavanagh Cup, may I encroach upon your valuable space to express the views held by several of those debarred from taking part in the first competition for it?

One of the rules for this race is "That the horse should have been regularly ridden on parades, field days, etc., during the Drill Season, by the actual rider in the race." I am convinced that the esteemed donor of the cup did not for one minute realise the difficulties that would beset the Staff Man when he made this rule. In the first place, it is a well known fact that the Squadron Sergeant-Major has the first pick of the horses of his Squadron, and by a few innocent subterfuges (?), may transfer any particular horse that he may have set, to the Troops to which he may belong, and finally nail that steed for himself; following his example, the Troop Sergeants may do the same on a smaller scale, so that when our Staff Sergeant comes along he finds that the horses remaining are not in the same class, and he either has to be content or not enter for the race, the latter course was adopted in several cases.

This reminds one of the story of the Hebrew gentleman who was playing the time-honoured game of "Nap," and had to leave the room for a short time. When he returned he found that the cards had already been dealt. Upon making the enquiry "who doled dem cards" he was informed that a countryman of his own had done the needful. Suspecting a plan he immediately said "I pass." So it is with the Staff Sergeant; he passes, leaving only the Squadron Sergeant Majors and Troop Sergeants in the running.

Secondly there are many Staff Sergeants equally as good riders as their duty comrades who are only too willing to chance their luck in the race, but are barred by the aforementioned rule because their work necessitates their remaining in barracks to perform the duties of their various appointments.

Take for instance the Rough Riding Sergeant Major and the Squadron Quarter Master Sergeants.

One particular case is borne in mind of a Squadron Quarter Master Sergeant who wished to compete and had a horse allotted for that purpose, but this was changed no less than three times for others, and the remark passed "The Squadron Officer does not need any 'ornaments' on parade."

If I may be allowed, I would like to suggest that something similar to the following be adopted:

1. That the Squadron Officer select a certain number of horses, leaving a margin for casualties.

2. That entries be collected before the race, and the horses drawn for by competitors.

If this could be done I am sure all would have fair and equal chances, and the popularity of the event be greatly enhanced. Trusting I have not trespassed too much upon your valuable time.—Yours, etc.

STAFF SERGEANT.

REGIMENTAL GAZETTE.


10th (Prince of Wales's Own) Royal Hussars—2nd Lieut. G. C. Stewart to be Lieutenant, vice Lieut. H. L. Fraser, admitted to the Indian Army. Dated 4th November 1908.

29th December 1908.

10th (Prince of Wales's Own) Royal Hussars.—2nd Lieut, Christopher Randolph Turner, from Unattached List, Territorial Force (University Candidate), to be 2nd Lieutenant, in succession to Lieut. H. L. Fraser, admitted to the Indian Army. Dated 30th December 1908.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

No. 5522, Pte. F. Cummings, appointed Shoeing-smith, 2-10-08.

No. 5515, Pte. E. Glynn, appointed Shoeing-smith, 2-10-08.


No. 4808, Lce.-Sergt. H. Paskell, promoted Sergeant, vice Allen, 18-1-09.

No. 1612, Lce.-Sergt. W. Reeves, appointed paid Lce.-Sergt., vice Paskell, 18-1-09.

No. 5415, Lce.-Cpl. E. Lurcott, promoted Corporal, vice Paskell, 18-1-09.

No. 1488, Lce.-Cpl. A. Binns, appointed paid Lance Corporal, vice Lurcott, 18-1-09.


Appointed Lance-Corporals.
No. 2956, W. Beckwith, 6-2-09.
No. 2948, L. Keeling, 6-2-09.
No. 826, G. Hamilton, 8-2-09.
No. 5489, J. Finch, 16-2-09.
No. 473, J. Pearson, 16-2-09.
No. 3151, Corpl. A. Elsey, appointed unpaid Lance Sergeant, 31-3-09.

LANGUAGES.
No. 5171, Lce-Cpl. G. Meedes, passed an examination in Elementary Pushtu at Rawal Pindi, 6-1-09.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.
No. 3831, Sergt. J. Marshall re-engaged to complete 21 years' service, 18-1-09.
No. 4034, Lce-Sergt. J. Forrest re-engaged to complete 21 years' service, 18-1-09.

EXTENSIONS OF ARMY SERVICE.
No. 4072, Sergt C. Slattery, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.
No. 4772, Cpl. G. Lyons, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.
No. 4932, Cpl. W. Smeed, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.
No. 5218, Cpl. W. Ball, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.
No. 4949, Lce-Cpl. D. Knight, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.
No. 4953, Pte. D. Sage, extended his Army Service to 12 years, 18-1-09.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION
Awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, 10-2-09:
No. 5487, Lce-Cpl. W. Bullen.
No. 464, Pte. J. Hart.
Awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education 10-2-09:
No. 1483, Lce-Cpl J. No. 5536, Lce-Cpl S. Wheatcroft.

CERTIFICATES OF HAVING PASSED CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION.
Muskettry and Maxim Gun, at Changla Gali, 23 and 24-10-08.
Lieut. A. E. Parker.

No. 3966, Sergt. C. Harper, Transport, at Rawal Pindi, 10th and 22-12-08.

TRANSFERS.
No. 3966, Sergt. C. Harper, to the Unattached List, for employment with the Supply and Transport Corps, 24-3-08.
No. 5574, Sergt. J. R. Allen, to the Unattached List, for employment as a 2nd Class Instructor with the Dehra Dun Mounted Rifles, 17-1-09.
No. 3720, Bandmaster C. Atherley, from the Royal Irish Regiment, 1-12-08.
No. 4050, Pte. F. R. Wilkins, from the East Lancashire Regiment, 1-2-09.

Pte. G. Harvey, from the Royal Sussex Regiment, 1-3-09.
Pte. H. G. Loader, from the King's Royal Rifles, 1-3-09.
Pte. C. L. Donnelly, from the West Yorkshire Regiment, 31-3-09.
Pte. J. Cullen, from the East Lancashire Regiment, 31-3-09.

SIGNALLERS QUALIFIED FOR PROFICIENCY PAY.
No. 932, Pte. W. Prattley.

AWARDED JUDGING DISTANCE BADGES FOR THE MUSKETRY, YEAR 1908-1909.
"A" SQUADRON.
No. 4957 S.-Smith Dunstall.
,, 5236 Wilkins.
,, 4535 Taylor.
,, 5539 " A " SQUADRON.
,, 4871 Lce-Cpl. Dunk.
,, 5609 Pte. Edwards.
,, 5533 West.
,, 883 Dymott.
,, 953 Dyson.

"B" SQUADRON.
,, 5532 Lce-Cpl. Poole.
,, 4131 S.-Smith Jempsen.
,, 976 Pte Turner.
,, 5504 Pte. Cooper.
,, 4174 Vidal.
,, 4544 Jackson.
,, 983 Dyson.

"C" SQUADRON.
,, 5508 Lce-Cpl. Aldcroft.
,, 5520 Lce-Cpl. Poole.
,, 4311 S.-Smith Jempsen.
,, 976 Pte Turner.
,, 5504 Pte. Cooper.
,, 4174 Vidal.
,, 4544 Jackson.
,, 983 Dyson.
POSTINGS OF DRAFT JOINED FROM ENGLAND, 6-1-09.

"A" Squadron.
No. 4873 Corporal F. Lloyd, wife and 3 children.
  6780 Pte. G. Knight.
  654 S. Swales.
  1743 A. Bingle.
  1340 T. Wike.
  1500 W. Beach.
  1658 A. Love.
  6636 R. Cahill.
  449 R. Clarke.
  2269 H. Ellis.
  1117 J. Fraser.
  1417 F. Waterhouse.
  4427 W. Cole.

"B" Squadron.
No. 6495 Pte. W. Rushby.
  6692 F. Thomson.
  6502 Pte. B. Greaves.
  5792 E. Joel.
  6699 G. Mason.
  537 C. Portway.

"C" Squadron.
No. 6495 Pte. W. Rushby.
  6692 F. Thomson.
  6502 Pte. B. Greaves.
  5792 E. Joel.
  6699 G. Mason.
  537 C. Portway.

"D" Squadron.
No. 6510 Pte. H. Smith.
  1533 J. Robinson.
  748 W. Hambmond.
  1300 W. Thomas.
  1449 A. Thompson.
  1658 G. McNair.
  1716 J. Jordan.
  1818 R. Holdsworth.
  1819 R. Bownes.
  1935 T. Merchant.
  2222 F. Smith.
  2228 W. Barrett.
  6738 E. Battle.
  1688 F. Jenkins.
  863 W. Burnett.
  1369 F. Baldwin.
  1497 L. Bedford.
  1675 R. Cattanack.
  1760 W. Richards.
  1815 J. Bentley.
  1911 G. Riley.
  2130 T. Markey.
  2224 C. Ridley.
  1114 M. Purdon.

ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND.
At Karachi, per the "Rewa," on the 9th March 1909, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Turner, on joining, posted to "D" Squadron.
Sergeant Pawley, Corporal S.-S. Huddart, and S. S. Brown,—from furlough.
At Bombay, per the "Plassy," on the 24th February 1909, Mrs. Gordon and 4 children.
At Bombay, per the "Dongola," on the 9th February 1909, Mrs. Savage and 1 child.

DEPARTURES FOR ENGLAND.
From Karachi, per the Transport "Rewa," on the 13th January 1909, on discharge:—
No. 250, Pte. J. Buckingham.
  3410 J. Carter.
  364 C. Casey.
  965 R. Jagger.
From Bombay, per Transport "Dongola," 17th February, 1909, invalided:—
No. 4432, Sergt. W. Beverton, accompanied by wife.

No. 584, Pte. F. Rose.
From Bombay, per Transport "Plassy," 4th March 1909, invalided:—
No. 5479, Pte. F. Gusterson.
From Karachi, per Transport "Rewa," 26th January 1909:—
No. 5315, Trumpeter J. Murray, discharged to pension.
No. 4301, Sergt. C. Walter, Transfer to Army Reserve.
No. 3858, Corpl. S. Smith Wren, invalided, accompanied by wife and child.
On furlough:—
Per "Rewa," 26th March 1909.
No. 3477, S. S. Major W. S. Smith.
No. 5207, Cpl. W. Gilbert.
No. 3860, S. S. M. I. of Treasure.
No. 4987, S. S. Major W. S. Smith.
No. 4131, Sergt. W. Smith.
No. 4073, Sergt. C. Slattery.
No. 4272, Corpl. S. S. J. Hearne.
No. 4932, Cpl. W. Smeed.
No. 5218, W. Ball.
No. 4858, J. King.

PENSIONS AWARDED.
No. 2636, Staff Sergt-Farrier II. Worby, 44d. per diem for life, 10th December 1908.
No. 2667, S. Q. M. Sergt. F. Miller, 23d. per diem for life, 10th December 1908.
No. 4951, S. Smith E. Habgood, 18d. per diem for 12 months, conditional, 10th December 1908.
DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

BIRTHS.

Graham.—At Rawalpindi, on the 1st February 1909, the wife of Sergt. M. Graham, of a daughter (Ida).

MARRIAGES.

King—Dean.—At Christ Church, Rawalpindi, on the 21st January 1909, Squadron Sergt.-Major Edward James King, to Vera Dean, of Rawalpindi.

DEATHS.

Marson.—At Nottingham, in September 1908, George James Marson, Inspector of Police, formerly Corporal, 10th Royal Hussars, aged 59 years.

Dyter.—At Burnham, Somerset, on the 28th September 1908, William Dyter, formerly Corporal, 10th Royal Hussars, aged 68 years.