

THE BISLEY MEETING, 1906.

member will be present, and will at once make arrangements accordingly. The Battalion will furnish a Guard of Honour on Thursday 26th, to receive Lord Roberts at head qrs., on his inspecting the Plaistow Cadets. Parade at 2 p.m. Capt. Wall and Lieuts. Ross and Adams are detailed for duty with the guard.

C. de B. BOONE, Captain, Adjt. The Cedar, West Ham.

2ND V.B. THE QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT).

Colonel E. J. HEWARD, Commanding.

Orderlies: Lieut. Cardwell, Sergt. Primett, Bugler Clark. Monday, Recruits training, musketry, Goldsmith College, 12.30 p.m. Recruits training, musketry, Head qrs., 8.15 p.m. Band practice, 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Cyclist Co. Route march to Sidcup, 8.15 p.m. Head qrs. Cos. Company training, at Head qrs., 8.15 p.m. Signaling class under Sergt. Stokes, 8.15 p.m. Wednesday, Goldsmith College Recruits training, 12.30 p.m. Head qrs. Recruits Company training, 8.15 p.m. Senior N.C.O.'s class, 8 p.m. Thursday, Clothing parade and issue of arms, 7.30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Goldsmith College Recruits training, 2 p.m. Head qrs. recruits training, 8.15 p.m. Drum and Bugle practice, 8.15 p.m. Junior N.C.O.'s class, 8 p.m. Range finding at Head qrs., 7.30 p.m. Saturday, class firing at Milton Range, 2 p.m. All ranks are reminded that the Camp Cards should have reached Head qrs. by the 15th inst., a large number are still due, thus causing great trouble and inconvenience, as bedding, &c., must be applied for some time in advance. Will N.C.O.'s and men who have not sent their cards do so as soon as possible. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the Battalion Orders for July, paras. 4 to 9.

J. W. T. FINNES, Captain, Adjt. Head qrs., Holly Hedge House, Blackheath.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLS.) LONDON COMPANIES.

Hon. Colonel, Col. J. CANTLE, M.B., V.D.

Lieut.-Col. VALENTINE MATTHEWS, Commanding. Drills at Head qrs.: Monday, Cyclist Section, Signalling, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Cos. and Recruits, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Orderly Room 6 p.m. Nos. 3 and 5 Cos. and Recruit, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Transport section, 7 to 9 p.m. Band practice, 8.30 p.m.

LANGFORD LLOYD, Captain, Adjt. Head qrs., 51 Calthorpe Street, W.C.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

5TH LONDON VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE. Lieut.-Col. T. W. HEATH, V.D., Commanding. The Company will go into Camp the first week in August. Members having friends about to join should bring them up at once in order that they may be efficient and have the necessary training before Camp.

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2ND V.B. "THE QUEEN'S OWN" ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The above battalion held their annual prize meeting at Milton Range on Saturday, July 7. The following were the successful winners:—

Competition No. 1.—Battalion Prizes: Thorold Challenge Cup, Sergt. Sheldon, 04; Sergt. Smith, 89; L.-Corpl. Crowhurst, 87; Pte. Napier, 85; Sergt. Goodsell, 84; Col.-Sergt. Smith, 84; Corpl. G. Pain, 83; Sergt. Maynard, 83; L.-Corpl. Mortlock, 81; Pte. Openshaw, 81; Pte. W. Walker, 80; Pte. Freemantle, 80; L.-Corpl. Crane, 80; L.-Corpl. Kelly, 80; Pte. Greenaway, 80; Sergt. Fawsett, 79; Sergt. Beese, 79; Sergt. Ancrum, 79; Sergt. Borrett, 78; Corpl. E. Dutton, 78; Pte. Cross, 78; Corpl. Johnson, 77; Col.-Sergt. Mitchell (not eligible); Sergt. Jarvis, 76; Pte. Mather, 76; Pte. Marrow (not eligible); Pte. W. Perry, 76; Pte. Cordon, 75; Pte. J. Russell (not eligible); Pte. Forrester, 75; Pte. A. Welsh, 73; Pte. Beaton, 73; L.-Corpl. Couchman, 73; Col.-Sergt. Thornley, 73; Pte. Groombridge, 73; Sergt. Mitchell, 73; Col.-Sergt. Wheller, 73; Corpl. Hayes, 72; Col. Heward, 72 (returned to prize fund); Sergt. Carr, 72; Sergt. Soper, 71; L.-Corpl. Leaver, 71; Pte. A. Moir, Pte. Chinnery (not eligible); Corpl. Biddle, 71.

Competition No. 2.—Range Prizes: 200 yards—1, Sergt. Sheldon; 2, Pte. Greenaway; 3, Pte. Freemantle. 500 yards—1, L.-Corpl. Crowhurst; 2, Sergt. Smith; 3, Sergt. Mitchell. 600 yards—1, Sergt. Sheldon; 2, Sergt. Goodsell; 3, Sergt. Maynard.

Competition No. 3.—Recruits' Prizes: Pte. Hartley, 50; Pte. Broadhurst, 43; Pte. Poole, 42; Pte. Edenden, 41; Pte. Scantlebury, 40; Pte. W. Russell, 40; Bugler Hogan, 40; Pte. Davis, 38; Pte. Alwood, 37; Pte. Williams, 37; Pte. Wingate, 37; Pte. G. Russell, 37; Pte. E. A. Mason, 37; Pte. Jenkins, 34; Pte. Wetherall, 34.

Competition No. 4.—Challenge Cup—K Co., Sergt. Freeman's Squad, 29; E Co., 1st Squad (Col.-Sergt. Wheller), 21; E Co., 2nd Squad (Sergt. Hammore), 20; E Co., 3rd Squad (Sergt. Soper), and D Co., 4th Squad (Sergt. Ayling) (tie), 17.

Competition No. 5.—1, Pte. Freemantle, 13; 2 (L.-Corpl. Crowhurst), 3 (Sergt. Hammore), 4 (Col.-Sergt. Smith), 5 (Sergt. Breese), tie, 11 points each. Cole Cup.—Capt. and Adjutant J. T. W. Finnes. 5th Battalion Badge Shoot.—1, Sergt. Sheldon; 2, Sergt. H. Smith; 3, L.-Corpl. Crowhurst; 4, L.-Corpl. Mortlock; 5, Pte. Openshaw; 6, Pte. W. Walker. 6th Battalion Badge Shoot.—1, Sergt. Fawsett; 2, Pte. Freemantle; 3, Sergt. Sheldon; 4, Pte. Napier; 5, Corpl. Pain; 6, Sergt. I. Spooner. Badge Winners.—Gold Badge, Sergt. Sheldon, 280; Silver Badge, Sergt. Goodsell, 270; 1st Bronze, Col.-Sergt. Mitchell, 269; 2nd Bronze, Sergt. Fawsett, 266; Recruits' Cross, Pte. Forrester, 159.

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On Friday last the principal events were the Elcho and the Kolapore, of which the former occupied the long ranges the whole day, while the latter did not begin on the Century butt until half-past two. Several important competitions were decided during the morning.

In spite of the weather, Princess Christian, with Lady Coventry and Lady Cheylesmore, came by motor to the camp and took tea at the Council mess. There was also a very fair attendance during the shooting for the Kolapore Cup. At 200 yards there was little to choose between the teams, the Mother Country led with 247, Canada came next a single point lower, Guernsey third with 241, the Malay States fourth with 240, and India last with 235. At 500 yards the Mother Country fell back a good deal, 27 from the rifles of both Major Varley and Pte. Thol were a considerable drawback, and the Mother Country's total became actually the lowest made at the range. The British marksmen did better at 600 yards, but they made, after all, only as many as the Canadians at that range, and the result was that Canada carried off the coveted prize. The notable features of the shoot were the marksmanship of Sergt. Ommundsen, whose 90 for the Mother Country was the highest score made in the match, the good performances of the Indian team, over whom Col. Macdonald has taken a great deal of trouble, and the creditable shooting of the Malays, or rather of the Sikhs.

The Elcho may fairly be described as a runaway victory for England, who obtained a useful lead with their first four men at 800 yards, and were practically never in danger of being caught. At 300 yards, in the middle of a long string of bull's-eyes, Col. Gibbs was credited with a miss. He challenged, but in vain. After several more shots had been fired the officer in the butts telephoned to the firing point that the missing bullet hole had been discovered; it was, as nearly as possible, in the absolute centre of the bull's-eye, where it would be easy to overlook it. The matter was referred to the umpire, Major Gripper, an experienced range officer, and an old competitor, who decided at once that, according to Bisley rules, it was impossible to allow the bull's-eye to be recorded. That the decision was correct no man doubted; that Col. Gibbs had made the bull's-eye, though it might not be reckoned to his credit, few men questioned. The decision did not affect the issue of the match, which was practically no longer in doubt; but the initial mistake of the markers, although quite excusable, must have been a great disappointment to Col. Gibbs.

Saturday was what is often termed "Newspaper" day, the chief events being the "Daily Telegraph," "Graphic," and "Daily Graphic" competitions. In all of these there were ties, which were shot off on Tuesday. On Monday the wind was very troublesome, and the most noteworthy achievement was the capture of the Prince of Wales's prize by Sergt.-Major H. G. Burr, 1st Hants R.E. (Vols.), who also secured the Donegall Challenge Cup. On Tuesday the keenest interest was displayed in the United Services match. With the first four men the Regular Army gained a little on the Volunteers, but the Volunteers redressed the balance afterwards, so that at the end of the range the scores made, with long rifles only, of course, stood thus: Regular Army and Volunteers, 253; Royal Navy, 250; Royal Marines, 241; Imperial Yeomanry, 230; Militia, 218. The beginning at 500 yards was a wonderful performance on the part of the Volunteers. In the first fifteen shots fired their first four men dropped only a single point, while the Regulars were dropping 6. Still when four men from each team had finished the Volunteers had gained 3 points only. Then came a dire mishap. Fulton, the gold medalist of the Queen's Westminsters, fired at the wrong target and wasted a bull's-eye. His mistake seemed to disquiet his companions, for a good many maggies began to appear on the scoring boards, and the spirits of the Regular Army ran high. Meanwhile Warrant Officer Figg, for the Royal Navy, and Major Collard, for the Marines, had put on highest possible scores. The end of the shooting at 500 yards left the Regular Army with a useful 513 against the 507 of the Volunteers, 600 of the Marines, and 497 of the Navy. The Imperial Yeomanry and the Militia were no longer in the running. Still it may be worth mentioning that two of the Militia team, which was all composed of officers, succumbed to the prevailing epidemic and made bull's-eyes on the wrong target. They were in good company already, and it was destined soon to be increased in number, for at 600 yards Burr made the same mistake, and, most marvellous of all, it was made by a no less noted performer than Wallingford, of the School of Musketry. The short story of the final rounds is that the Volunteer marksmen not only made no more mistakes, but shot simply admirably, and pulled the match out of the fire.

There was a very large attendance on Tuesday night in the Umbrella Tent, at the annual meeting of members of the Association. Lord Cheylesmore presided, and in opening the proceedings stated that the entries for the events were this year approximately the same as last year, but there were eleven fewer entries in the King's Prize, and a proportionate decrease in other entries. There had been a certain falling off in the week, and on the corresponding day last year they were in a rather better financial position than they were at that moment in regard to the present meeting. A boys' camp was to be held at Bisley from July 30 to Aug. 4, and about 400 boys from the public schools and 120 boys from the elementary schools in the City of London, who had taken a great interest in shooting, would attend. To meet the expenses, as there was no idea of touching the funds of the National Rifle Association, he had started a fund, and had approached his Majesty the King, who at once promised him fifty guineas to start the fund. Lord Cheylesmore added that his intention was to continue to invite subscriptions, get as much money as he could, and, investing it, spend the interest annually in working the camp. Referring to the 5-inch bull, his Lordship said this had been introduced as a tentative measure, and if it was not thoroughly approved there was every reason for the

Council to reconsider the matter before another year. He invited criticisms on the subject.

Col. Templeton, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Council of the Rifle Association of Australia, regretted that no team had been sent from Australia to Bisley this year, owing to the funds not being forthcoming, and cordially invited the Council of the N.R.A. to send a representative team from the United Kingdom to Australia next year to compete in an Empire match. He said that if the Association would send a British team to Australia, invitations would be issued to Canada, India, South Africa, and other units of the Empire to send representative teams to compete in the same match.

The discussion which followed lasted for nearly an hour and a-half, and was joined in by well known and representative shooting men, including Major Pixley, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Ranken, Sergt.-Major Wallingford, Sergt. Tippins, Arm.-Sgt. Scott, Major Varley, Major Munday, Col. Bentley, Mr. Farquhar, Cpt. Longstaffe, Mr. Lattey, Lieut.-Col. Heath, Cpt. Lindsay, Mr. Walton, and Lieut.-Col. Fremantle. The 5-inch bull was generally condemned, and many suggestions were made to the Council as to the dimensions of the target for future competitions. The discussion included such diverse subjects as coaching, elbow pads, and the abolition of sighting shots in team shoots; and the Chairman having promised, on behalf of the Council, careful consideration of the points raised, the proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, to his Lordship for presiding.

On Wednesday, as usual, took place the shooting in the concluding ranges of the First Stage of the King's, in which this year there was no incident of exceptional interest. The contest for the Belgian Cup was eagerly followed. The competing teams were the Victoria & St. George's, Queen's Westminster, Civil Service, and V.B. Liverpool, the 1st Roxburgh & Selkirk, L.R.B., Queen's Edinburgh, 3rd Lanark, the Dumbarton, and V.B. West Kent, 3rd V.B. Hants, 4th V.B. Manchester, and the London Scottish. Each man in each team fired eight shots at a sectional figure target at 600 yards, magazines being used and 50 seconds allowed. The winners were found in the Queen's Edinburgh, who made the quite wonderful score of 45 bull's-eyes, counting 2 each, and 29 other hits, making 119 in all.

Yesterday the Duke of Connaught visited the camp, and witnessed the shooting off the ties for the Bronze Medal. The counting shots were: Sergt. Reid, 5 5—15; Sergt. Bland, 4 5 5—14; and Lieut. D. Campbell, 3 3 5—11; and the victor was warmly congratulated by his Royal Highness. The Duke also inspected Col. Peters's electric self-indicating target, and Major Godsal's new rifle, as well as the new repeating magazine rifle, an account of which we gave in our last issue. The weapon has been described by experts as one of the most ingenious rifles ever shown at Bisley, and it is claimed for it that it is the first repeating rifle manufactured in England, the makers being the Esser-Barratt Repeating Arms Company, of Birmingham. His Royal Highness expressed himself as highly interested in the invention, and watched closely the shooting of Mr. Esser, the inventor, who discharged thirty-eight bullets from the rifle at a target within a minute, and made an excellent score. It may be of interest to note that the proprietors of this rifle have issued a challenge for a match to a well-known firm of rifle makers, but as yet have not received any acknowledgment. Before leaving the camp, the Duke visited the Canadian Bungalow, and inspected the Sikhs of the Malay States Guides. The principal item in the programme was the first stage of the St. George's. There were 1,366 entries. Lce.-Corpl. F. Martinson, 1st V.B. East Yorks, succeeded in making h.p.s. at both ranges. The Imperial Tobacco prize was won by Arm.-Sergt. Lawrence, 1st Dumbarton; the China Cup by Middlesex; and the Barlow Prize by Pte. F. C. Thompson, 13th Middlesex.

HIS MAJESTY'S THE KING'S PRIZE.

FIRST STAGE.

Table listing names and scores for the King's Prize First Stage. Includes names like Sergt. D. Reid, Sergt. W. Bland, Lt. D. Campbell, etc., with scores in columns.