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EDITORIAL

The three main events in the last six months have been our Twenty fifth Anniversary, the publication of the Regimental History 'Gurkha Sapper' and winning the Nepal Cup.

Nearly everyone who was able to attend the GEA party at the Staff College in September. Greg Ritchie had obviously put in a great deal of hard work because the bandobast was perfect and it was the best party the GEA have ever had. One's only regret was that it could not have gone on longer; there were so many friends there that there was not enough time to talk to them all.

Later in the Newsletter, the Chairman, Malcolm Campbell, has written an appreciation of 'Gurkha Sapper'. No one but General Lance could have written such a readable, amusing yet detailed history. There are nineteen copies still in stock in the Regiment, and thirteen in the UK plus a further three which were ordered by members but apparently not sent to them. Unfortunately the Secretary does not know who ordered them, so if your copy never arrived, you should apply to Hank Bowen. Not everyone has paid for their copy, or copies if they ordered mine as well for a QGO. The price is £5.00 and the Secretary would like to collect all the outstanding accounts as soon as possible.

As to winning the Nepal Cup, what can one say? It involves the whole Regiment as well as the team itself; we have tried so hard for so long and had so many misfortunes in the past. Now at last the Regiment has pulled it off and there is almost nothing that the Regiment could have done that would have given us greater pride and pleasure.

The Annual Meeting of the GEA took the reorganisation one step further and by now everyone will have had the Secretary's letter asking them to decide whether they want to become Capital Life Members. 150 letters were sent out and there were 82 replies - 74 saying yes and 6 saying no. £15 is a lot of money for poor retired members to fork out, but the Committee say that they are prepared to accept the money in installments if necessary. So if you have not yet replied to Hank's letter would you please

contact him as soon as possible as it is very difficult for the Committee to plan the future finances of the GEA if they do not know how much money they will have.

As far as the Newsletter goes, this Issue is the last one of six which you paid for when you sent your £1 three years ago. In future Capital Life Members ~~Associate~~ Members and Honorary Members only will get the Newsletter and it will be paid for out of GEA funds.

You will see from the centre page that there are now many more Gurkhas in the UK than there used to be. Tony Kerr, the GEL0, is establishing a Happy Hour in the Chatham area every two months when anyone can drop in for a drink with the GORs on courses there. There will be no arrangements for curry-and-rice but anyone will be welcome. The Committee also felt that there are a lot of members who live west of London and find it difficult to get down to Chatham for parties; so every few months a GORs party, with bhat, will be laid on in the Farnborough area. The first of these will be on 8th June.

The Annual GEA Party will be held at the RE Mess at Minley Manor on 27th September. The Mess can seat up to 50 for dinner, so if the numbers exceed that there will be a Buffet Supper instead. The party will again be organised by George Ritchie, but the Secretary will be doing most of the paperwork. Hank would like to know soon whether you will be going so that he can have an estimate of the numbers.

This month's Special Offer from the GEA dokan are Ice-buckets in the form of miniature Gurkha Engineer drums. They are about 12" high and 10" in diameter and are a very good reproduction. They are obtainable from the Secretary and cost £5. Recommended.

The Commemorative Cover went well but it does not look as if the GEA will get any more from it over and above the £500 already received.

The families Gossip at the end of the Newsletter continues to read like a advertisement for Abbey National and Servowarm. There is also a revised address list which is as up to date as we can make it. Please write and tell the Secretary if you change your address and include any bits of news about yourself. We have the usual array of articles to titilate your interest including another from Sherbahadur's son, Dilbahadur, and one from G/Capt Bhimbahadur Gharti. Pride of place must however go to General Bill Jackson's one

GURKHA SAPPER

an appreciation by the Chairman, Malcolm Campbell.

By now everyone will have read their copy of 'Gurkha Sapper' and Brigadier Henniker's formal review will have been prepared for the Journal. It is perhaps a fitting time therefore to record an appreciation of the book in the Newsletter.

In casual conversation, the feeling uppermost in people's minds appears as one of gratitude closely followed by one of admiration.

Gratitude - for committing to print so many events which are happy memories and as time passes many of these will fade: General Lance's vivid style will indeed keep them bright. Apart from the joy of re-living one's time in the Regiment, after reading the book the blanks are filled in: one can better understand the problems which faced the management when one was mainly interested in C Troop's Rosebowl achievements and did not understand the significance of 'Manpower' or the Royal Warrant.

Admiration - for the balanced content of the book. The author was supplied with a mass of original material of varying relevance and, in addition, it is clear that he has carried out much painstaking research. The result is a delightful balance of anecdotes by a youthful corporal, through more mature reporting, and comments by commandants to the general historical backcloth.

Our President voiced the appreciation of the GEA at the reunion at the Staff College when the book was issued. Now that we have read it may this small effort be accepted as an echo and further tribute.

THE DOG

Note from Malaysia

We are informed that the Dog which was burnt down some years ago is to be rebuilt by July 1975. The Committee are keen to rebuild on the present site but have wisely reserved an alternative one near Petaling Jaya. In the meantime the Club exists in the old Long Bar and Guard Room.

REGIMENTAL NEWSLETTER

by the Commandant.

This newsletter covers the period from July 1973 to the 31st January 1974. The latter date represents a natural break point in the Regiment's activities, when we abandon engineer projects to carry out three months retraining.

The most notable event of the period was the 25th Anniversary, which is described in detail elsewhere. But behind the euphoric reports of successful parades, dinners and other junketings, were the customary dramas without which affairs of this sort would be very dull. The parade was held in Bowring Camp, but the inspecting officer went to Perowne! The MGBG's car broke down on the way to the dinner, and he was only saved from arriving by minibus by CO 6 GR also on his way to dinner! The programmes were originally printed with the wrong date on them! These are the sort of situations which officers who have served with the Gurkha Engineers will recognize instantly.

Despite coming immediately after the 25th Anniversary, the Dashera celebrations were of their usual high standard. Brigade of Gurkhas are still trying to centralise the headcutting ceremony, but certain independent minded units are reluctant to conform. In the end financial pressures and public opinion stirred up by Hong Kong animal lovers will almost certainly force the issue. Meanwhile it is rather unsatisfactory as the centralised ceremony has to be supported, but those doing so miss the remainder of the Mar celebrations, which still go on in the Paltan. There is now a proposal that a buffalo should be cut at Dharan on behalf of the whole Brigade, and this may well be the right answer.

The major project of the year was 67 Squadron's 300m gallery range, again described in detail elsewhere. Talk about bricks without straw; the land was not released and there was no money; PWD and the Staff were talking themselves to a standstill round endless conference tables; meanwhile the Generals (two of them)

were insisting that the first round go down the range before Chinese New Year. It became clear that we would be handed the baby in the end, and it seemed preferable to accept it while there was still a chance of meeting the deadline, than waiting to be given an impossible task at a later date. 67 Squadron rose to the occasion magnificently, and through 10 feet (truly) of rain, and innumerable crises, finished on time. The CBF fired a most memorable first shot on 30 Jan, when 2 lbs of PE were detonated behind the stop butt as he pulled the trigger - naturally there was a hole in the exact centre of the target.

68 Squadron have built a moving target gallery with the help of a string of mules, completed the CBF's bungalow, built a car park in exchange for a cannon for the bungalow and done the earth-works for a UK Squadron's road project, amongst other things. But their moment of glory came with the Military Tattoo. Aubrey Jackman, a well known Tattoo impressario, produced some grandiose ideas for scenery which were transferred to large scale paintings by a local artist. 68 Squadron and the Support Squadron then scaled the drawings up on acres of hardboard, to produce a set 800 ft in length, and rising to 60 ft in places. This had to be supported on a complicated helicopter resistant scaffolding structure (known as 68 Squadron's leggo), including three massive pairs of swinging gates. The resulting scene of a castle wall and Elizabethan village was most dramatic. The other tasks in connection with the Tattoo which came their way are too numerous and varied to list, but the most unusual was to provide and spread 10 tons of sawdust when it rained unexpectedly and all the motorcyclists fell off!

Once we have fired our range course, done our PE tests and other essential annual chores, retraining is largely to be devoted to combat engineering. In order to keep up with (or preferably ahead of) the infantry in rates of pay, it is essential that all our soldiers should reach combat engineer B11 in their first three years of service. An examination of our recruit training showed us that we were near this standard already. By extending the recent recruits course by a small margin, we successfully passed them all as B11, and are now setting about the backlog of older soldiers who are still B11, in four large cadres. Any

remaining soldiers not required as instructors, or to administer the Squadrons, will be formed into additional cadres to carry out more advanced training. The advantages in future of training our recruits straight to B11 are enormous. One complete long course will be saved later in a man's service, effectively increasing the strength in troops, and reducing turbulence. Spare capacity will be created in our Training Wing to run our own NCOs cadres once more. The standard of combat engineering will be raised, and most of all, we will not drop behind in the pay stakes.

The big news in the sporting world is that we are in the final of the Nepal Cup, versus 6 GR; by the time you read this it will all be over one way or another. Our football success was when 68 Squadron beat 67 Squadron in the minor units 7-a-side final. We were disappointed to lose in the first round of the hockey to 3 RHA, having won the cup in the previous year. We also lost to them in a friendly (?) mixed doubles officers tennis match, but beat them in the football, so honour was satisfied. We have given up cross-country running in favour of orienteering, and believe that we now understand the rules! In the shooting world 67 Squadron picked up a most indecent number of prizes in the RERA non-central shoot, and have recently won the minor units ARA non-central event.

Overseas exercises continue to give us a lot of fun. Bob News and his troop built a very successful foot suspension bridge in Fiji. Adrian Ris and an ad hoc Headquarters took a troop from each Squadron and the Assault Pioneers from 2 GR and 7 GR to Brunei. Apart from jungle and engineer training, they were lucky enough to be able to blow up a shaky timber bridge and replace it with a bailey, all in the wettest 6 weeks ever recorded in Brunei! Richard Beazley took a strong recon party to the Solomons to look for projects for a possible future exercise. As an earnest of our ability they built a bridge, extended a village clinic and erected a navigation light tower, breaking Sgt Manbahadur's leg in the process. A tremendous ceremony took place at the opening of the bridge, when the villagers danced and produced food for the soldiers and the Minister for the Interior signed his name on Manbahadur's plaster!

Matrimony is rife. John Wheeley disappeared to UK in September and returned with Anne. Tom Dornan is to marry Kathy Jones, daughter of the Senior Medical Officer, in February. Sophie, Colin Edwards' daughter (and the Commandant's niece) is to marry Rodney Shoosmith of 6 GR a week later. She came to Hong Kong to look after the Commandant's children, but wasted no time in becoming the fourth generation of the family to be associated with Gurkhas. There are certain bachelors in the Regiment now described by the BM as "passed over"!

There are various titbits of Regimental news. Narbahadur Gurung was commissioned on the 25th Anniversary parade. We are about to form a BOR Club at Gordon Hard, and the Sergeants Mess will revert to a purely Gurkha Establishment. We hold the Colony record for blood donation (they could not extract a drop of blood from the GM despite stabbing him six times. He managed to give the impression that his six pieces of plaster indicated that he had given six pints!) Various cross-postings have taken place. Capt(QGO) Bhimbahadur Gharti to G/Capt 68 Squadron; Lt(QGO) Narbahadur Gurung to 67 Squadron on commissioning; Sgts Manbahadur Pun and Kharkajang Gurung to 67 Squadron to balance the senior NCOs; Tom Dornan to 67 Squadron to balance the YOs.

John and Rosie Speight left in August for MDC, to be replaced in January by John and Veronica Worthington. Bill Chesshyre kept 68 Squadron going in the meantime. Guy Lucas has left for AAC Chepstow, to be replaced by Robin Lavies and Anne (the Colonel of the Regiment's niece)..David and Pat Howie have left for MOD, to be replaced by Stewart Thornborough, our new educator.

We have had many visitors including the E-inC and the Representative Colonel Commandant, RE, but the most important was General Bill Jackson in November. He presided at a guest night and he took the recruits combat engineering passing out parade. He visited various projects and watched us beat the Gurkha Signals at football. But perhaps the most memorable event was the officers and QGOs picnic party at Robins' Nest. A cold day with a fine drizzle falling ensured that everyone ate, and

particularly drank, enough to keep warm, and after that the GM's syndicate walks took place. With frequent pauses for further protection against the cold, these proved a great success and ended with practically everyone walking all the way to the bottom of the hill. The scene around the hills looked like a Staff College TEWT with Capt(OGO) Bhimbahadur Gurung describing to the General exactly how the "battles" of 1967 were conducted.

So begins 1974, the year of the Tiger, with fuel economies, and gloomy forecasts of cuts in practically everything. But these national crises have remarkably little effect on Sapper Gingerbeer Ale, and I am sure that he will continue to work, play and eat two rice meals a day much as he did before.

Regimental Parade

The 25th Anniversary parade took place in Bowring Camp but the inspecting officer ignored his brief and went to Perowne! It is possible to imagine many things going wrong with a parade but the failure of the inspecting officer to arrive had never been anticipated. Everyone had his own worries; the second-in-command was about to despatch search parties; the Commandant had decided that the next senior officer among the spectators should be invited to take the parade, not knowing that he was arriving with the Brigadier; OC 67 Squadron, the next senior officer on parade, came to the conclusion that the Commandant would take the parade himself, and was desperately trying to remember the sequence of orders. All was well in the end when the Brigadier discovered his mistake and was only 15 minutes late.

General's Picnic

Extract from Gurkha Major's written instruction for the Colonel of the Regiment's picnic party. "After that, walks will take place by syndicates, listed at Annex A. The junior member of each syndicate is to carry a 44 pattern jhola, containing a bottle of brandy, a bottle of water and sufficient glasses for each member of his syndicate."

OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS SERVING WITH THE REGIMENT
as at 31 Dec 73

s & QGOs

Q	Commandant	Lt Col	J.H. Edwards RE
	2IC	Maj	J.C. Getley RE
	Adjutant	Capt	D.J.R. Stack RE
	Paymaster	Capt	E.P. Heaton RAPC
	Ed Offr	Capt	S.G. Thornborough RAEC
	Gurkha Major	Maj(QGO)	Kesarbahadur Limbu
	Head Clerk	Lt(QGO)	James Bhujel
	Asst Trg Offr	Capt(QGO)	Ganesh Chhetri
	Gurkha QM	Lt(QGO)	Indrakamel Tamang
	RHQ Tp QGO/ Families Offr	Lt(QGO)	Ramparsad Rai
Sqn	OC	Maj	D.H.G. Corsellis RE
	2IC	Capt	J.A. Ris RE
	Gurkha Capt	Capt(QGO)	Embahadur Gurung
	QM	Capt(QM)	R. Jury RE
	Troop Comds	Capt	B. Taylor RE
		Capt	R.A. News RE
		Capt	C.A. Lowe RE
	Troop QGOs	Capt(QGO)	Bhimbahadur Gharti (G/Capt 68 wef Dec 73)
		Capt(QGO)	Tikaraj Rai
		Lt(QGO)	Makardhoj Sahi
		Lt(QGO)	Lakbahadur Gurung
		Lt(QGO)	Narbahadur Gurung
Sqn	OC	Capt	W.J. Chesshyre RE
	2IC	Capt	J.F. Wheeley RE
	Gurkha Capt	Capt(QGO)	Bhimbahadur Gurung (to QGO Dec 73)
		Capt(QGO)	Bhimbahadur Gharti (wef Jan 74)
	QM	Maj(QM)	G. Thompson RE
	Troop Comds	Capt	T.C. Dornan RE
		Capt	R.M. Beazley RE
		Lt	P.R.W. Lavies RE

	Troop QGOs	Capt(QGO) Lt(QGO) Lt(QGO)	Pete Limbu Kusalsing Gurung Ichhabahadur Rai BEM
ERE	ADC to DCLF/MGBG 2IC BGC Paklahawa	Capt Capt	J.G. Baker RE W.T.R. Thackwell RE (Granted acting rank of Major for ERE tour)
	Head Clerk TCBG	Capt(QGO) Capt(QGO)	John Tensing Lepcha (to BGD Dharan) Bharatsing Limbu (Feb 74)
	Translation Team TCBG	Capt(QGO)	Balkrishna Prodhan
Nepal Leave		Lt(QGO)	Lokbahadur Gurung (ret Apr 74)
UK Course		Lt(QGO)	Sunar Gurung BEM
Gurkha WOs	RSM SSM 67 Sqn SSM 68 Sqn ORQMS RQMS QMSI	WO1 WO2 WO2 WO2 SSgt Sgt	Lokbahadur Gurung Mohanlal Limbu Ekbahadur Gurung Premkedar Sherpa Tekbahadur Gurung Chandrabahadur Gurung
British WOs	RQMS QMSI QMSI Sigs SQMS 67 Sqn SQMS 68 Sqn C of W (C) MPF Plant Ftr Pay Clerks Art Vehs	WO2 WO2 WO2 WO2 WO2 SSgt LSgt SSgt Sgt Sgt SSgt SSgt	Briggs C., RE Riley P.J.D., RE Macdonald R.J., RE Standish G.S., RE Gath E., RE Geany J.P., RE Reast F.P., RE Bate R., RE Handysides R., RAPC Clark M.R., RAPC Phillips A., RAPC Greenaway A.H., REME Shepherd B., REME

Recently Departed BOs and BORs

Maj	J. Speight RE	NDC Course
Capt	G.S. Lucas RE	Adv Plant Course
SSgt	Perkins J., RE	43 Fd Sp Sqn
SSgt	Winship D., RE	62 CRE(Constr)
Sgt	Caldwell I.L., RE	12 RSME
Sgt	Sloat W.J., RAPC	Army Pay & Docus Office
LSgt	Brooks R., RE	Depot RE for release

Recently Arrived BOs and BORs

Maj	P.J. Worthington RE	OC 68 Sqn wef 1 Feb 74
SSgt	Bringhurst W., RE	To replace WO2 Geany in Apr 74

SPORTS RESULTS -

FOOTBALL

HQLF Competition

5 Dec 73	Minor Unit 7-a-side	- Winners 68 Sqn
	Knockout	Runners-up 67 Sqn
29 Jan 74	Major Units Knockout	
	1st round v 1 Kings	- Lost 5-1

Nepal Cup

29 Dec 73	1st round v GTR	- Won 2-1
20 Jan 74	Semi-final v 1/2 GR	- Won 3-2
21 Feb 74	Final v 6 GR	- Won 3-2

HOCKEY

Major Unit

13 Dec 73	1st round v 3 RHA	- Lost 3-2
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SHOOTING

Army Non-Central Match 37	- Gurkha Engineers
The Unit Rifle Match Series B	Runners-up
(Gallery) Other Arms	

- Match 38 - Unit LMG Match - Gurkha Engineers
4th out of 13
- Match 40 - The Unit Pistol Match - Gurkha Engineers
3rd out of 14
- Match 43 - The Minor Unit
Championship Series B (Gallery) - 67 Sqn Winners
68 Sqn 5th
Total of 39 entries.
67 Sqn won Eastern Command
Cup and £4 voucher.
- Match 44 - Minor Unit Rifle Match - 67 Sqn 2nd
Series B (Gallery) Other Arms (won £1 voucher)
68 Sqn 3rd out of 9
- Match 45 - Minor Unit LMG Match - 67 Sqn 6th
68 Sqn 10th out of 29
- Match 46 - Minor Units SMG Match - 68 Sqn 7th
67 Sqn 11th out of 43
- Match 47 - Minor Unit Pistol Cup - 67 Sqn 3rd
68 Sqn 10th out of 46
- Match 50 - Individual Pistol. 5th Capt R.A. Ris RE
6th Capt(QGO) Embahadur Gurung
11th SSgt Reast F.P., RE
(Out of 46 entries. In Hong Kong
they were 1st, 2nd and 3rd)
18th Capt T.C. Dornan RE
19th Capt R.A. News RE
20th SSgt Minbahadur Thapa

A Curious Incident - Made curiouser in the typing

"Out of nowhere appeared a number of Chinese all of them looking very hot and panting naughtily, claiming that they too were chasing the same deer".

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GURKHA ENGINEERS

by John Getley

"You hold in trust a long and fine tradition to which I know you are constantly adding. In your work and recreation you have set high standards which are the envy of many. The publication of your history is a timely reminder of our past and I know that in the coming years there will be no less to write about. You will be celebrating this occasion in your traditional way and I wish you good luck. Sabailai baliyo rahanu hos". This was the signal sent by the Colonel of the Regiment to the Commandant and All Ranks on Gurkha Engineer Day 1973. Our actual birthday was 4th October 1948 but this was inconveniently close to the Dashera festival and the Commandant had decreed that we should make 28th September an annual date for celebration. This we were doing for the 25th time.

The parade in the morning was significantly taken by Brigadier J. Whitehead MBE, Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade. He himself had served as an honorary Gurkha Sapper for twelve months, joining in April 1953 as Gurkha Liaison Officer. Amongst many presentations the Bowring Trophy was awarded for the first time. The Trophy, a gift from Major General J.H.S. Bowring CB CBE MC is a Kothimora Kukri on a black wooden plinth. The qualification for winning the award is inscribed on the Trophy thus:

"Presented annually to the Lance Corporal Gurkha Engineers who, in the opinion of the Commandant, has shown the best example of leadership and discipline throughout the year"

The Trophy will be presented annually on Gurkha Engineer Day, and retained in the winner's Squadron for that year.

Brigadier Whitehead also presented, on behalf of the Gurkha Engineers Association and to mark the 25th Anniversary, a hand-chased Punch Bowl to the QGO's Mess.

Many ways were chosen to celebrate the evening. The soldiers in their cookhouse listened to the Special Order of the Day, drank the Regimental health and ate their way through a whole weeks rations. The Sergeants entertained the RSMs from all the

From Major General L.E.C.M. Perowne CB CBE.

"Greetings to all Gurkha Engineers and congratulations on completing their quarter century of service - PEROWNE"

From Major General J.H.S. Bowring CB CBE MC.

"Major General Bowring and family wish all ranks of the Gurkha Engineers the best of good fortune and happiness for the future on this their twenty fifth Anniversary".

From the Gurkha Major to the Gurkha Engineers Association.

"My fellow Gurkha Officers join me to thank the Gurkha Engineers Association for a magnificent Rosebowl presented to our Mess to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Regiment. We shall treasure it with great honour and pride as a centre-piece of our long association with the old and bold, and many others who had a great hand in moulding the Regiment into its present shape from the famous parentage of the Royal Engineers and the Brigade of Gurkhas. The Regiment owes very much to them for their wise counsel and aspirations provided in the business of the Regiment.

We have nothing to offer to the Gurkha Engineers Association but an undertaking to say that the aspiration given to us in the form of this Rosebowl is invaluable to keep the reputation of the Regiment high.

We are really grateful to the Gurkha Engineers Association and wish for its bright future.

Baliyo rahanu hos!"

Special Order Of the Day by the Commandant.

GURKHA ENGINEERS DAY - 28 SEPTEMBER 1974

1. Today is our 25th birthday. One quarter of a century ago, Gurkha Soldiers first became military engineers, combining the proud and honourable traditions of the Brigade of Gurkhas, with those of the Royal Engineers, and the Corps of Sappers and Miners of the old Indian Army.

2. Our origins are symbolised in our cap badge, which includes the crossed kukris of the Brigade of Gurkhas, and the nine flamed grenade of the Royal Engineers. Our motto, Ubique which is inherited

from the Royal Engineers, means Everywhere. It indicates that Royal Engineers have taken part in every battle with distinction, and no list of individual battle honours is necessary.

3. Over the years the strength and organisation of the Regiment has varied to meet the different circumstances, which have arisen. Our professional competence, both as soldiers and as engineers, has steadily improved as time has gone by, and we can now justly claim that we are second to none.

4. This small, well disciplined, well trained Regiment fills a vital role within the Armed Forces in Hong Kong, both in giving Combat Engineer support to the two brigades, and in carrying out engineer projects in aid of both the military and civil authorities.

5. As we enter our second quarter century, let us ensure that the standards and traditions built up by our predecessors, are maintained at all costs.

Mistaken Identity

Nothing has happened in the Soloman Islands since the Second World War (Guadacanal for those whose geography is a bit shaky). A recce patrol from 68 Squadron, entering a remote village on exercise, was mistaken for Japanese and it took a visit from the District Commissioner to persuade the villagers to return from the bush.

Old Salt

Some officers and NCOs from the Royal Nepalese Army spent several months with the Regiment. Most had never left Nepal before, and had certainly never seen the sea. During a trip on the Regimental junk, it was only a chance remark that indicated that they had no idea that the sea is not fresh water!

Letter from the Editor to the Commandant;

With reference to the 25th Anniversary Programme, certain officers did not know what a mela is, but felt it was a good thing anyway.

COLONELS TOUR OF THE FAR EAST

by Gen Sir William Jackson KCB OBE MC, Colonel
The Gurkha Engineers.

I have just completed an extensive tour of the Far East visiting Delhi, Kathmandu, Dharan, Paklahawa and Pokhara as well as Bangkok, Singapore, Brunei and Hong Kong. I thought it might be interesting to sketch some of my impressions.

In Delhi I met the Indian Army's Principal Staff Officers - the equivalent of our Army Board - and was impressed by their genuine desire to re-establish links with the British Army which have suffered through events of recent years. I noted two other things: the vast size of their army which is being pruned back from over a million strong; and their recent battle experience, typified by their constant reference to the "last war" meaning 1971. One sad sight was the neglected Kashmir Gate. I have asked our E-in-C to suggest to the Indian E-in-C that the Sappers and Miners, whose dead are recorded on the memorial plaque as well as ours, might like to renovate the memorial and help preserve the Gate.

In Kathmandu I was principally concerned with the Gurkha airlift from Hong Kong to Nepal which is going very well. Gurkhas and their families are flown in RAF Britannias from Hong Kong via Calcutta to Kathmandu. They are then flown by Royal Nepal Airlines to Pokhara, Bhairawa or Biratnagar, cutting down many a long walk home, and avoiding the frustrations of Indian customs. We are just starting a freight lift for pensioners MFO which should be in full swing by January, circumnavigating the notorious pilferage of kit which used to go on.

Dharan and Paklahawa are now first-class permanent construction. At Dharan the DCRE, Major Derek Thomson RE, laid on an excellent evening party to which he invited our pensioners from East Nepal. About fifty came in, including Gurkha Major Kalusing, who was in high spirits. He has become the principal personality in the Tembe area, and is very much respected as a man who is doing his best to improve con-

ditions in the hills. He was heard talking very explicitly to the serving Gurkha Officers in the QGO's Mess after the party, telling them that he did not improve of the current drift from the hills to the Terai, nor the loosening of Gurkha standards! The happiest pensioners in the East are those employed by the DCRE Dharan. They are far better paid and looked after than anyone else, but unfortunately the DCRE's establishment only allows very few of our pensioners to enjoy these much sought after jobs.

The Assistant DCRE, who looks after Paklahawa, is the Gurkha Captain Harkabahadur. He is doing a first-class job and deserves a great deal of credit for the high standard of accomodation enjoyed by the Paklahawa Depot. He organised a party for the Gurkha Engineer pensioners in the Bhairawa area which was a great success. The principal personality this time was Gurkha Major Deobahadur, who like Kalusing, is a power in the land. He has a fine house, a lot of land and a transport company which owns a bus and two trucks. He appears to be doing very well. Five other QGOs - Phatebahadur, Sase, Jagatram, Dhane and Ganesh - came in from the East-West Highway on which they are working. They were all worried about what would happen when the road is finished in about two years time. Would they find more road jobs? A number of the other QGOs, who are farming in the Terai, also came in to see me. The main problem is drilling for water of which there is an abundance about a hundred feet down. If a farmer can sink a tube-well he can double his yield, so I am trying to establish tube well boring as part of the Paklahawa resettlement courses. The new plastic pipe makes well-boring practical and within the Gurkhas financial capability.

After leaving Paklahawa, I visited the British Section of the East-West Highway which, despite reports to the contrary, is well up to the standards of the other sections. There is one difficult hill section which must be a cause for concern because the hillside are very unstable. Any alarm which I might have felt about its vulnerability to landslides was soon dwarfed by what I found on the Indian road to Pokhara which had suffered no less than one hundred and ninety slips this monsoon. It is quite clear that all the new roads - Chinese, Russian, Indian and British - are going to slip

for many years to come and will be a costly maintenance problem for the Nepalese Government. I have suggested the creation of a maintenance organisation similar to the Indian Border Roads Organisation which is run so efficiently by General Das, the Indian E-in-C. If such an organisation could be developed it would give a lot of suitable work to our pensioners.

At Bokhara I met a number of our pensioners at Gurkha Lieutenant Minbahadur's 'Hotel and Night Club' where we were entertained to one of the only 'floor shows' in the West - dancing in an old rice store on a primitive stage by girls from the Terai! Gurkha Major Amarbahadur turned up with two rather dispirited Gurkha Lieutenants - Ranbahadur and Govin-prasad who had been silly enough to take on contracts with the Chinese to supply labour without understanding the obligations of contractors. We will try to teach our QGOs the rudiments of contracts before they retire in case others fall into similar traps.

Singapore seemed to me almost unchanged. Building has gone on apace; Mr Lee's 'Keep Singapore tidy' campaign has proved its worth; and prices have stayed more stable than Hong Kong's - shop now in Singapore not Hong Kong. There is some sadness about the break-up of the ANZUK Force, which is being recreated as UK and NZ Contingents in the NZUK Force.

In Brunei the Gurkha Battalion (at present 6 GR) still occupies part of the Shell Company lines in Seria. A Gurkha Engineer party is due shortly to rebuild bridges in the Tutong Training Area, which is growing in popularity as artillery and mortars can be fired with reasonable freedom - shades of Kota Belud!

Finally, I found the Regiment itself in very good order in Hong Kong. We had a splendid Guest Night on the Saturday when I arrived. Next day the Gurkha Major organised a picnic on the 'Robins Nest' feature. It was blowing half a gale, but British and Gurkha officers complete with Memsahibs and Manis braved the elements in true Imperial style to eat bhat washed down with rum while esconced on the highest peak! Afterwards

we were all divided up into syndicates under QGO syndicate leaders who took us on an energetic battlefield tour of the 1967 crises points and regaled us with gruesome descriptions of what happened when friend and foe wandered into mine-fields laid by the Gurkha Engineers! We were kept going with frequent refuelling stops for top ops with rum. Darkness fell before we got back to Perowme. My MA, Lieutenant-Colonel Clive Beckett RE, who accompanied me, has a much better appreciation of the Gurkha Engineers than he had before we left England!

Ward Haven - A Postscript

An article from the South China Morning Post "Hong Kong Diary".

BEATING RETREAT

This story is being circulated with great glee in military circles, I understand. Apparently a new weekend cottage for senior officers was completed not too long ago.

First to use the new cottage was a colonel who decided that his family could use a few days away from it all. Accordingly they set out by boat and landed on the rather remote beach where the cottage is situated.

Unfortunately the colonel did not take any keys. He thought his problems were solved when it turned out that a party of Gurkha Engineers, working nearby, had the keys. However, the Gurkhas flatly refused to believe that the colonel was who he said he was.

The clinching and unanswerable argument they used was, "We know you aren't a proper colonel or you'd have come by helicopter. Next time he will know better, perhaps...."

GURKHAS IN UK COURSES

No.	Rank	Name	Course	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
4818	LLcpl	Manbahadur Rai	Ftr Engr RE1			5						
8104	Spr	Manbahadur Gurung "	Design Asst 3 Advanced PT			26 29			26			
9648	Spr	Bonodkumar Limbu	Design Asst 3			26						
8069	Spr	Nainabahadur Tamang	Elect 3				10					
8074	Spr	Budhibahadur Gurung	"				10					
4281	Cpl	Dambermansing Gurung	Cbt Engr 1				24					
2963	Lcpl	Lalitikumar Thapa	"				24					
2591	Sgt	Indrabahadur Limbu	"				24					
0310	Cpl	Upendrabahadur Gurung	"				24					
6047	Spr	Purnabahadur Thapa	Cbt Sig RE 1			10						
4320	Cpl	Dalbahadur Thapa	C & J 1	4				14				
2995	WO2	Takansing Gurung	QMSI	25	22							
9351	Spr	Tilakraj Thapa	Bricklayer 3							22		
8070	Spr	Kulbahadur Tamang	C & J 3					28				
9025	Spr	Budhikumar Gurung	"					28				
4817	Cpl	Balaram Rai	Senior Piper			16	24					
8086	Spr	Dhanbahadur Gurung	P & P Ftr 2			1					13	
6734	Spr	Ramkaji Gurung	P & P Ftr 1			22					27	
9349	Spr	Lalitbahadur Tamang	Welder 2			22						4
5436	Lcpl	Birbahadur Limbu	Svy 2			22					20	
6718	Lcpl	Hukumraj Thapa	"			22					20	
2479	Sgt	Belsing Thapa	MT Acct/Adm			22	3					
1483	WO1	Jagbahadur Pun	QMSI			22	25					
0808	SSgt	Hirasing Gurung	RQMS Worker 3			29	10					
8953	Spr	Damarsing Gurung	Metal Worker 3			6				9		
1530	Lcpl	Dhanjabahadur Rai	Ftr Pl 1			6					6	
8962	Sgt	Bhaktabahadur Gurung	IED (Booby Traps)				12-24					
2528	Cpl	Gauriman Gurung	"				12-24					

GEA and GBA EVENTS

GBA Buffet Supper on 24th May 1974 at the Connaught Rooms at 6.30 pm. Tickets from the BGLO.

GEA Annual Party on 27th September at Minley Manor. Details in the next Issue, but please let the Secretary know as soon as possible whether you intend to come.

GD Dinner on 8th November 1974 at the United Services and Royal Aero Club at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Details in the next Issue but probable cost will be £5.45 - £6.00 which will be inclusive of wine. Tickets from BGLO.

RE Dinner on Wednesday, 26th June at the Park Lane Hotel at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. There will be a GEA table if there are sufficient numbers to warrant it. Cost is £4.75 inclusive of wines and port at dinner. Tickets from Secretary, RE Corps Committee.

GORs Happy Hour on 22nd March and 17th May at the Pier Inn at Upnor from 8.00 pm. This will be a completely informal affair with no previous arrangements made for bhat and provides an opportunity for members living in the Chatham area to have a drink with the GORs on courses at Chatham.

GORs Party at Farnborough on the evening of Saturday, 8th June. This will be similar to the previous Chatham parties and will include bhat. It is being arranged by the GELO, Tony Kerr, who has not yet been able to work out all the details. Anyone wishing to go should contact him nearer the time.

THE GURKHA MUSEUM

The opening will be on 21st June. 10 GR have an Open Day on the following day. The arrangements for the opening will start with selected guests being invited to lunch by 10 GR, followed by the opening of the Museum at 2.30 pm. The Press will be shown round beforehand. Lord Harding has agreed to come.

Work on the Museum is progressing satisfactorily and there is enough money to purchase attractive items which are reasonably priced. Karnabahadur's VC has already been acquired and paid for. The final location of the Museum is still undecided but the Green Jackets have promised that should Church Crookhe and the Winchester rebuild fall through, they will provide space for display and storage.

Matrimonial Request

A young officer who had given no indication of matrimonial intentions, formed up to the Commandant to ask permission to get married. The Commandant, slightly taken aback, replied "Do you have someone in mind, or are you asking for caste-blenche?"

Telegraphic Confusion

Part of a Christmas message as relayed by the Guard Commander:

".....Pleasant to other. Much love and it is fine".

Confirmatory copy:

".....Present to order. Much love".

Language Problems

From the Royal Hong Kong Police traffic accident file.

Question to Chinese driver: "Did you witness the accident?"

Answer: "No, I did".

A PYTHON AT SEIZURE

by Capt(QGO) Bhimbahadur Gharti.

It was about half past two in the afternoon on 8th July 1972, when some men at Bowring Camp were busy helping Spr Imansing Limbu in moving his cupboard. Now who would have expected to find a huge python taking a nap, but when they did find one coiled underneath the cupboard, prompt shouts and screams rang throughout the camp. Soon everyone was grinding his brain to find suitable way to get rid of it, and after a few doubtful suggestions, someone brilliantly suggested that it be executed using an air gun. However the reptile being very fortunate, our Gurkha Captain, Capt (QGO) Embahadur Gurung, suddenly appeared at the scene and instantly superseded such mercilessness by defending its life and demanded to be captured alive. He even went forward to prove his point by tying a strange knot (even to us pro-sappers) at the neck of the kitbag, lent gladly and hurriedly by some supporter and quite professionally rather than skillfully swallowed the whole of the 8 ft long squirming python inside it, (only with a dramatic struggle though). Henceforth came the problem of keeping it alive and the only way to do this was by feeding it. Well, we could not quite depend on the QM, so our men benevolently bought a hen weighing at least four katis, which would make quite a tasteful meal for our new 'master'. However, we soon determined to see a live show. The hen being rather ignorant of the prescience of the deadly python just chuckled and trotted around. By the way, we had in fact managed to construct a cage out of a heavy kit box promptly after the capture and anyway where else could we keep it?

Whilst the hen seemed quite pleased to be inside the box, the ferocious atmosphere of the python subsided with its somewhat shrinking body. It could not have been scared!

Although it was nothing like baby it had to be taken care of like one. Well, its pungent odour had suffocated the Gurkha Captain and made him realise this. So a new cage (again a wooden one) with a wire net in the front was constructed by the C & J tradesmen. It also had a wooden board which could be dropped from the hole at the top to separate the cage in two parts making

it quite safe for cleaning.

I must admit that the rest of us were quite afraid to go anywhere near that roll of hungry overgrown snake and this made our Gurkha Captain its sole guardian. But of course we did throw in the eggs, frogs and meat at times to convey our peace.

On the other hand Chinese 'dhobies' were rebelling and they often pestered the Gurkha Captain by asking if they could buy it, for it would make a rare Chinese dish. One can imagine what the reply was like!

After some peaceful months with it our Gurkha Captain left on six months leave and I assumed the post and consequently became its guardian. Before leaving the Gurkha Captain had asked me to find someone who would like to take care of it and never on any circumstance allow it to fall into the hands of people like the 'dhobies'. I was soon becoming acquainted with the creature and the feeling seemed mutual until one day I noticed that it had become quite vicious and was trying to strike at anyone who came to admire it. In the process of doing this it had injured itself against the wire net. Soon it began a hunger strike and I was overwhelmed by pity at the sight, and considered that maybe a new home or an orphanage would do it some good. However I was soon to realise that such beauty is only 'scale' deep.

Finally, on 24th March 1973, we decided to let it free in the woods beside the Luk Keng Road. LCpl Khembahadur was given three men and detailed for the job. From what he reported to me later, I understand that the python was let loose near culvert No 11, and even then it was not all that happy. After all it did get a sore nose because of our cage. Lastly I would like to warn all those who go on exercise in the area to look out for a python with a broken nose, because if it meets you there won't be any wire to stop it from striking. Who knows, it may be looking forward to meeting us.

MY GURKHA CHILDRENS SCHOOL DAYS

By Spr Dilkumar Limbu
(Son of Maj(GO) Sherbahadur Limbu MVO)

Seeing the young "bhanjas" in their smart school uniforms often allures my memory back to the mid-fifties, when I was a little boy with several new teeth who so frequently tended to miss the first school bell. Built of a few "attap" huts, the Gurkha Childrens School at Sungei Besi Camp was a small school with a self-garden that the boys despised the most for one of the few arduous punishments was to dig it after school hours. I can neither boast nor be modest if I am compelled to talk of my ability in class. However I can remember how the teachers used to complement me on how good I was getting at maths - after remaining for three years in the same class. Speaking of the teachers, they were like parents, because they looked after me ever so well. As a matter of factly speaking, if they had not done so, even I was not sure of what I was about to do next. My beloved teachers must have had abundant patience for my memory is full of my delinquency and such patience is distinctly proved by an annual report that read, "He is a gentle nuisance."

Mr Anthony Sada was the Principal with "Homework is the best policy" principle, whom we respected above all the others because he wore a pair of spectacles and taught us English. His assistant, (better acquainted amongst us as "Second Sir"), was a little man with a big appetite who taught Nepali as if it was a foreign language. However they were all the same - always wanting to teach you new things and non-hesitant to fail you in the exams.

Our favourite sport was football which we played in bare feet and often with a tennis ball. Yet I must not omit mentioning here a game that we played even more seriously than football for in those days there were no friendly matches of - marbles! Of course we had hobbies too. A hobby that many of us were tempted into was - er - hunting. Armed with catapults we would spend most of the day at weekends poaching in the rubber estates where we never let a bird fly away without "scaring it to death". However, such a hobby had to be practiced in utmost secrecy as it was considered awfully repentable if the "Second Sir" found out, because he was the "Akela" who forbade such evil practices and we were his good

little boy Scouts who believed in "Mangli" and worshipped the portrait of Sir Baden Powell.

How vivid the memory remains from those days of the same "white shirt and blue shorts".

BREKKERS

By Ian Thomson

Some more naive people might consider that the highlights of the Regiment's social life were the guest nights, but I know better. At no time was the bandobast more smooth, the food more succulent or the conversation more sparkling than at breakfast.

Everything about the breakfasts in the Mess was just right. One approached it hungrily after two hours of parades. In the early days of course, when Tom Spring-Smythe was Adjutant, no-one was allowed to sit down before breakfast for fear of creasing his shorts. Tom, incidentally, had 24 sets of immaculate OG in Hong Kong and changed several times a day lest the warm weather cause flecks of sweat to mar his sartorial perfection. After all this parading or even just standing about smacking ones leg with a Regimental cane, one was ready to do justice to a meal that was no mere light snack of some curried bird's seed and an iced grape. There was mulligatawny soup, fruit, fish, bacon and eggs and other goodies, toast and coffee. One had of course had a quite revolting cup of tea at crack of dawn before starting parade. Only very senior officers like Terry White were allowed to have cups of tea brought to their offices by the Contactor at 7.30.

I hate to have to admit it but at certain periods in its history, the Mess has been a little niggardly over the provision of eggs. At one time in Sungei Besi we even had an "Extra Egg Book", but usually two eggs were provided. This was not enough for one golden boy in the Scots Guards who brought his Pioneer Platoon to Klung for a course; he had four eggs and would sneak back to the Mess for another four at 10.30. In Tam Mi and in Sungei Besi we had a Ham Fund. If an officer used salty language in the Mess, instead of being told to wash his mouth out, he was fined a small sum to go into the Ham Fund. I never remember

the whole gamut of hazari khana; the visiting Chief Engineer, in whose honour this incredible spread had been produced, blanched at the sight of maunds of rich food at such an early hour in the day and settled for a small piece of pineapple.

I am glad to see from the Commandant's Newsletters that the Regiment still has proper Mess Breakfasts in spite of their peculiar new working hours. This is good, because such splendid traditions must not be allowed to die.

POSTINGS:

Harry Vialou-Clark takes over 67 Squadron from David Corsellis in the summer.

Mike Stephens took over 42 Field Squadron in January.

Mike Webb takes over 54 (HK) Squadron this year sometime.

A Matter of Tact

220 volunteers were preparing to give blood, and the second-in-Command was anxious that the Regiment should receive the publicity it deserved for such a public spirited act. The Red Cross team arrived, and the Second-in-Command asked the Sister in charge if a photograph could be taken of the first pint of blood being extracted from the RSM by her prettiest nurse, to which she replied, "You choose".

Appropriate Names

Contact with the Marine Department in the Soloman Islands - Mr Fish.

Chinese plumber attending to a disorder in a domestic water supply - Wong Tap.

FAMILY GOSSIP

Jeremy and Sarah Chapman are enjoying themselves in Yorkshire. They have bought an old stone house and now dread the almost continual increase in mortgage rates. Major improvements are about to start, so chaos will continue its unchallenged reign over the household. Jeremy has spent much of the year travelling; short tours of Germany and Jordan were the highlights. In early 74 he will be with his squadron in Southern Sudan reconstructing some of the damage left by seventeen years of civil war.

Ian Slater reports that he will not now be going to Zaire. He is attending the Administrative Staff College prior to going to Hong Kong later in an AQ capacity working with John Elderkin. By next June, he and Anne will have been married five years and will have lived in five different houses in four different countries in three continents. Is this a record?

Mike and Jenny Giffney have bought a house in Camberley. Mike spent his inordinately long Christmas leave with hammer, saw and paintbrush. Jenny is expecting No 3 in June. They took their caravan to Wales in the summer and had a very enjoyable time at Llandyssul. Mike reports that Duncan Morris is again considering leaving the army for Civilian Street.

Mike Calvert did not buy the house he was after in Chiswick and is digging in in his present flat for a hard winter.

Margaret Baird went to Mrs Barlow and Philip and Tricia Rich for Christmas. On Boxing Day she gave a little lunch party at Saddlers Cottage for 14 people. She remains in splendid form. She reports that Dierdre Allen is back from Hong Kong but is off to Portugal.

Jimmy Kennedy is at his busiest ever, commissioning a new teaching hospital in Southampton, moving whole Accident Centres across the city and coping with the effects of the re-organisation of Health Service at the same time.

Charles and Roma Spottiswoode have moved into their new house in Farnborough. They have some ambitious plans to change it about a bit, time and lolly permitting.

Tom Spring-Smythe did not get the U.N. job in Liberia (not Nigeria as previously reported) but is angling for a number of other ones. Meanwhile he and Jennifer continue to live with Tom's parents at New Milton and grow orchids and azaleas.

Hank and Juliet Bowen spent Christmas in Chatham, then stayed for a week with Hank's parents in Fleet. Both they and the children bloom but Juliet is critical of the local school where Claire goes.

John and Navis English have bought a dairy farm near Bodmin. There is a great deal to do and both of them work hard but are thoroughly enjoying life. Cathy has at last got her horse.

John (S.J.) Edwards in Perth, Australia, has taken control of a real estate business and his liquor store continues to flourish thanks to the great Australian thirst. He has also started a travel agency so that he can claim his trips to Hong Kong against taxation. The family is well. Janet recently made him a grandfather - the baby was born a pommie but flew out to Australia three weeks after birth. Guy remains the same - easy going and good at games. Ann falls in and out of love with monotonous regularity, is 19 and very blonde; John took her to Dasheria in 1972 where she had a few successes with 2 GR. John and Betty would be very happy to entertain any of the bods who pass through Perth.

Tony and Lorna Kerr are in their new house in Rochester, which they have bought as an investment. They are full of ambitious plans for installing central heating etc.

Several old friends were at the GB Dinner. Henry Hayward-Surry is inspecting CCFs in East Anglia, and, to his amazement, thoroughly enjoys it. David Pritchard, ex 7 GR, is the NFU Secretary for Gloucestershire. Mike Benthall is still helicoptering and is retained by some helicopter firm although it does not seem to involve much flying. He and Gloria live near Salisbury.

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