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**356 RIF LIVERPOOL RIFLES ASSOCIATION 1882-1977**

The papers of P.S Pennington, as Secretary of the Liverpool Rifles Association; the veterans' association of the 6th (Rifle) Battalion, the King's (Liverpool) Regiment.

The battalion originated during the mid-nineteenth century, when Robert Gladstone and Hugh Finley raised a Corps of Riflemen from the Liverpool Exchange.

July 1859 The Corps was officially recognised as the 5th Lincs Rifle Volunteer Corps.

June 1860 Several corps including the 5th L.R.V. were amalgamated as the 2nd Administrative Bn., L.R.V.

1862 Divided into two battalions. Name changed to the Liverpool Rifle Vol. Brigade.

1888 2nd Vol. Bn. King's (Liverpool) Regiment (volunteer contingent was sent to the South African War 1900-01).

1908 Formation of the Territorial Force. Name changed to the 6th (Rifle) Bn., the King's (Liverpool) Regiment.

1936 38th (The King's Regt.) Anti-Aircraft Bn. R.E., T.A.

The battalion was also nicknamed, "The Blacklegs" or, "The Blacks" because of the black puttees of the old volunteer dress which were retained with the new khaki uniform, until 1915 when the battalion went overseas.

**Summary of Records**

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## 1. A.G.M.s

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| /1 | Annual General Meeting minute book     | 1934-1976 |
| /2 | Annual General Meeting attendance book | 1948-1977 |

## 2. Finance

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| /1 | Treasurer's expense book                          | 1947-1975 |
| /2 | a. Annual account balances                        | 1967-1975 |
|    | b. Secretary's expense accounts<br>(1975 missing) |           |

## 3. Correspondence and General Administration

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|----|---|-----------|
| /1 | Lists of members (1969 missing);  | 1968-1975 |
|    | Annual General Meeting and annual reunion<br>agendas;   | 1966-1974 |
|    | Biannual newsletter;  | 1962-1977 |
|    | Correspondence relating to the deposit of<br>the late J.P. Hadfield's war medals in the<br>King's Regiment Museum, Liverpool; | 1964      |
|    | Newspaper cuttings and correspondence<br>relating to deaths of members;   |           |
|    | Order of Service in memory of John Bickerton<br>McKaig at the Parish Church of St. Mary<br>Magdalene, Broadwas.               | 1962      |
| /2 | Lists of members' addresses   | 1971-1976 |
| /3 | Correspondence relating to membership and<br>deaths of members (arranged in alphabetical<br>order in three files).            | 1967-1972 |
|    | a. a-d  |           |
|    | b. e-m  |           |
|    | c. n-z  |           |
| /4 | Correspondence relating to membership and<br>deaths of members (arranged in alphabetical<br>order in two files).              | 1973-1977 |
|    | a. a-g  |           |
|    | b. h-z  |           |
| /5 | Correspondence relating to annual reunion<br>dinner.  | 1967-1976 |

- /6 Programmes for annual reunion dinner held at Reece's, Parker Street, Liverpool with various photographs, short articles and cartoons (six programmes; two dated 1936). 1934-1938
- /7 Menus for annual reunion dinner at various Liverpool hotels, with short articles (eighteen items; three dated 1965). 1962-1976
- /8 Newspaper cuttings relating to annual reunion dinner and members' deaths; Order of Service in memory of Capt. William Henry Harold Davidson at Christ Church, Sefton Park. 1927-1974  
1929

#### 4. Publications

- /1 "The History of the 2/6th (Rifle) Battalion The King's (Liverpool) Regiment 1914-1919" by Capt. Wurtzburg, C.E., published by Gale and Polden Ltd., Aldershot. 388 pp; hardback. 1920
- /2 "The White Horse and Fleur de Lys" Journal of the King's Regiment vol.VII, no.5 313pp; paperback. 1973
- /3 Liverpool Rifles Association publications  
Terms and Conditions of service in the Territorial Army. 1922-1938  
1922  
Programme for the official opening of the new drill hall, Mather Avenue, Liverpool (two copies). 1938  
Rifle, Lewis gun and machine gun programmes. 1934-1936  
"The Greenjacket" (the official publication of the LRA). 1924-1928
- /4 "England's Naval and Military Weakness" by retired Major Walter J., published by William Clowes and Son Ltd., London. 488pp; hardback. 1882
- /5 "Figures and Phases of the War 1916-1919" by P.J. Fisher, C.F., published by Odhams Ltd., London (limited edition of 150) (caricatures of batallion members) 1919

## 5. Photographs

(all black and white)

- /1 "Bathing pool of the Balcombe Tunnelites. Sergeant Smith in the water and Percy [Pennington] at the near end of the plank" 1914  
10.5 x 8 cm.
- /2 "Cooks of the 6th K.L.R." Group of eighteen men. 1914  
13 x 8.5 cm.
- /3 A woman with her hands on the shoulders of two boys in uniform. WW1  
14 x 8.5 cm. in folder 15 x 10 cm.
- /4 Group of soldiers with small boy in front WW1  
20.5 x 15 cm.
- /5 Group of ten men. "Percy Pennington" written on front of folder. WW1  
13.5 x 8 cm. in folder 16 x 11.5 cm.
- /6 Funeral procession. Gun battery of the K.L.R at Liverpool, with cavalry, soldiers and officers. WW1  
15.5 x 11 cm. in mount 24.5 x 20.5 cm.
- /7 Jack Stephenson, Percy Pennington and Herbert Timothy at N2 Park Hall Camp, Oswestry. (two copies) 1917  
13.5 x 8.5 cm.
- /8 Group of tents and twelve men. Ramsey, Isle of Man. 1922  
14 x 9 cm.
- /9 6th K.L.R at Ramsey, Isle of Man 1922  
(four copies)  
60 x 16.5 cm.
- /10 Group of seven men (Q dept.) at Hornby, Lancs. 1923  
14 x 9 cm.
- /11 The 6th (Rifle) Battalion, K.L.R. 1923  
29 x 20 cm. in frame 45 x 40 cm.  
Outsized.
- /12 "C Coy. 6th King's Regiment, Catterick?" c.1924  
14 x 8.5 cm.

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| /13 | Group of men outside tent. "The 5 Quarter Blokes", Rhyl Camp.<br>13.5 x 8.5 cm.   | 1925   |
| /14 | Group of five men sitting in front of a tent at Rhyl Camp.<br>13 x 8.5 cm.  | 1925   |
| /15 | Group of five members of the 6th Battalion (Priestman, Alexander, Marsden, Hayhurst and Pennington) at Rhyl Camp.<br>21.5 x 16 cm. in moutp 30 x 25 cm. | 1925   |
| /16 | H.Q. Wing teams. Group of twelve men with six trophies.<br>13.5 x 8.5 cm.   | 1926   |
| /17 | C Coy. 6th King's Regiment at Holyhead.<br>(two copies)<br>13.5 x 8 cm.   | c.1927 |
| /18 | Portrait of an officer set within an insignia. Holyhead Camp.<br>13.5 x 8.5 cm.   | 1928   |
| /19 | Three men in front of a tent carrying teapot and glasses at Holyhead Camp.<br>13.5 x 8.5 cm.  | 1928   |
| /20 | Group of seven men at Holyhead Camp.<br>13.5 x 8.5 cm.  | 1928   |
| /21 | Group of ten men with the Ship's bell from the "City of Edinburgh" at Bolton-le-Sands.<br>(two copies)<br>14 x 9 cm.                                    | 1929   |
| /22 | C Coy. 6th King's Regiment at Kinmel Park near Rhyl.<br>(two copies)<br>14 x 8.5 cm.  | 1931   |
| /23 | Group photograph. Ramsey, Isle of Man.<br>(three copies)<br>14 x 9 cm.  | 1933   |
| /24 | 6th (Rifle) Battalion, K.L.R.<br>28.5 x 19.5 cm.  | 1933   |

- /25 Two men sitting at a table. Man with bicycle in distance. Ramsey, Isle of Man.  
13.5 x 8.5 cm. 1933
- /26 A man in uniform smoking a pipe in front of the facade of a building.  
13.5 x 8.5 cm. 1930s
- /27 Group of fourteen men at a reunion.  
25 x 17 cm. n.d.

#### 6. Miscellaneous and Memorabilia

- /1 Headed stationery; one leaf of writing paper, four leaves of notepaper. n.d.
- /2 Correspondence with James and Edwardes Ltd., Manchester, relating to blazers and badges.  
Sample of cloth  
Tie by Mander and Allender 1966
- /3 Two hat plumes from the 6th (Rifle) Battalion, K.L.R. WW1
- /4 Wallets:  
a. embossed with insignia of the 6th (Rifle) Battalion, K.L.R. (with list of contributors to Christmas fund for soldiers). 1915  
b. plain, with the name "Percy Pennington" on the inside. WW1
- /5 Cap badges of the 6th (Rifle) Battalion, K.L.R. (three). WW1  
Die stamps:  
a. insignia  
b. "Liverpool Rifles Association"

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