

"AVUNCULUS NOSTER"

The uncle of this Regiment,
Was a man of great renown,
A man who always smiled,
Who never even frowned.

Most though him grey and very aged,
But if his records they had paged,
They would have found to their surprise,
That he is young as other guys.

'Twas POP who had him first,
And it was there his job was worst,
Just building camps and felling trees
and making sense of S.O.Ss.

But now our uncle - Bob's his name,
Is building honour, glory, fame,
For One Five One's his battery bold,
And he's a Major so I'm told.

And so the Lords we all do thank,
For giving him this brand new rank,
But to us he will always be,
Our Uncle - Our Bob Kennedy.

Our congratulations to Major
Kennedy and Capt. Bowie on their
recent promotions.

It is with deep regret that we
pass by this opportunity of placing
on record in a few ghastly lines of
verse, Capt. Bowie's promotion -
but who's ever heard of a word rhym-
ing with 'Bowie', anyway? - we
haven't!!

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The following is a copy of an
extract from the history of the
Royal Regiment of Artillery, 1815 -
1853 - it speaks for itself!!

UNIFORM: Blue with scarlet fac-
ings. Plume, white.

REGIMENTAL BADGES: The Royal Arms
and supporters, with a cannon. The
Mottos "Ubique" (Everywhere) over,
and "Quo fas et Gloria Ducunt"
(whither right and glory lead us)
under the gun.

RECRUITING POSTER - 1845

FINE YOUNG MEN of respectable
parents and good character have an
opportunity (if not married or ap-
prentices) of joining the ROYAL ART-
ILLERY, in which superior service
they may be made gentlemen and treat-
ed accordingly. They must measure
5 feet 8 inches in height and be
between eighteen and twenty two years
of age. Growing lads of not more
than seventeen may be admitted. They
will all receive the same liberal
bounty of £3.15.6.

On their arrival at Headquarters
they will be taught the arts of
riding, driving, drawing, fencing,
gunnery, and the mechanics, the mak-
ing and use of gunpowder, sky rock-
ets, and other fireworks, and by the
power of the lever to move a 42 pdr.
battering gun with the same facility
as a penny whistle. The cannon used

in the field are called FLYING
ARTILLERY from the astonishing rap-
idity of their movements. The
GUNNERS (for so Artillerymen are
called) wear a SPLNDID UNIFORM and
are well mounted on taking the field.
They are lodged in the finest barracks
in the world.

They have light work and good pay,
the best beef that Kent can afford,
and a comfortable place in the bar-
racks called "The Canteen" set apart
for them to see their friends in and
take a cheerful glass, also a splendid
library and reading room, a park and
pleasure grounds with a select number
of horses for their instruction and
amusement. After their education
is completed they will have an op-
portunity afforded them to travel to
Foreign Countries, where they may
drink their wine at twopence per
bottle by the new tariff. If well
conducted they will be promoted to
NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS from whom
the Quarter Masters are selected, who
are the best paid in the Army, and
return to see their friends with money,
manners, and experience!!!

The rates of pay in the Royal Art-
illery, are as follows:-

Quartermasters 7/10 per day, Ser-
geant majors 4/2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Q.M.S. 3/8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Sats. 2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3/0 $\frac{1}{2}$, Corporals 2/3 to
2/9. Bombardiers 2/1 to 2/7. Farriers
3/3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3/7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Collar makers 1/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to
2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gunners and drivers 1/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to
1/10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Shoeing smiths 2/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Wheelers 1/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Young men wishing to avail them-
selves of the advantages here offered
(with the consent of their friends
and good references) may apply to
the RECRUITING SERJEANT of the ROYAL
ARTILLERY, at the rendezvous,

AT THE OLD ANGEL INN, TAUNTON.

TAUNTON

8th. March, 1845.

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Ed. We seem to have just about
exhausted our supply of material for
the "Weekly Who's Zoo" - and are now
looking for something to take its
place - preferably something which
would run from week to week in the
same way as the "Who's Zoo".

Of course there may be a possibility
that you wish the "WHO'S ZOO" to con-
tinue, but there have been very few
contributions of late, and these would
have to be supplied regularly, and
really should refer more to those who
are fairly well-known throughout the
Regiment.

Anyway it's up to you, the various
members of the Regiment, to put for-
ward any suggestions to may have - so
don't be backward in coming forward
and send along any ideas which may
have occurred to you - and send them
along as soon as possible, as we're
stumped for a Who's Zoo for next week.

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