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Her Majesty's Imperial Army and Navy Veterans held their fifth annual dinner in commemoration of the battle of Inkerman on 4th inst. at the Richardson House. The chair was ably filled by Mr. J. Freeman, and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Muir. An excellent menu was furnished by the host, and after the good things had been disposed of a programme of the usual loyal and patriotic toasts was furnished. Lieut.-Col. T. C. Denison responded to the toast of the "Dominion Parliament and the Ontario Assembly." "The Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces" brought replies from Capt. Ridout, Capt. Sloan, Lieut. Rudge, and Wm. Simpson. "The Mayor and Corporation of Toronto and the Law Profession" was responded to in an able speech by ex-Mayor Beatty. "Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Society" brought addresses from James Freeman, late sergeant of the Rifle Brigade, Capt. Smith, Sergt. Hollingsworth, and Sergt.-Major Fisher, of the Scots Greys. The attendance was very large, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

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Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Royal Grenadiers, has just received a letter from the acting sergt.-major of his old corps, the 1st Battalion 16th or Bedfordshire regiment, which was on service at the time of the writing in the Black Mountains, on the river Indus. Here is the letter:

Isaizi Field Force, Camp Derband, River Indus, Sept. 27, '92.

My Dear Cox,—Your letter to hand and very pleased to hear you are all so well. I mentioned your letter to Col. Price and he was very pleased to hear about it. Of course you know he leaves the regiment on the 9th of the next month. I believe Major Paterson will get the command. We are now on a frontier expedition but the forward movement does not take place until October 1. We are concentrating here and immediately we cross the river we are in the enemy's country; a proper dare-devil lot of natives that have given the Government of India a heap of trouble. We have two British and four native infantry regiments, three British and one native mountain batteries and no cavalry, as the country is too hilly. We have been marching now eleven days to get here and have been two days in a hostile country, viz., the Black mountains. I am acting sergeant-major, as McGuinn has been left behind for other duties. We have a fine battalion, 801 strong here, and left a depot of 220 men behind; a draft of 160 men also join the depot here next month. The men march like bricks. We have been 11 days up and down hill, sometimes eight miles straight up a cliff on a narrow footpath, with a sheer drop of 2,000 feet straight down. Weather very hot. There is no other news now. By the way, when you get this I suppose we will be back in India, as these affairs do not take long, unless we are selected for the Jellallabad mission. Kind regards from the boys of the old corps, with regards for Mrs. Cox and family.

Yours very faithfully,

ALF. THORPE.

—*Empire.*