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and indeed some of his family, for he was with the Embassy for many years up to his retirement.

To all these faithful subscribers and friends congratulations and best wishes for many more happy birthdays.

## LORD MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS SWITZERLAND

22-26 September, 1970

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Ian Bowater, together with his entourage and an escort of fifteen Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company have made an official visit to Switzerland from 22-26 September, 1970.

Besides official receptions and State banquets in Lucerne, Lausanne and Zurich, the party visited Regensberg, the smallest town in Switzerland, lunched on Mount Pilatus, 7,000 feet above Lake Lucerne, and viewed the Comptoir Suisse, Lausanne, Switzerland's National Exhibition.

The tour ended in Zurich with the Lord Mayor and Entourage, the Pikemen and Musketeers and members of the Guilds of Zurich on horseback in a grand procession through the famous Bahnhofstrasse.

It was during the unforgettable year of 1939 that Sir Ian's father, Sir Frank Bowater visited Switzerland as the Lord Mayor of London. The memory of this visit has remained with the Swiss ever since. It was therefore with even greater pleasure that the people of Switzerland welcomed Sir Ian Bowater, Lord Mayor of London to their country.

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## THE MANCHESTER SWISS RIFLE CLUB

Contrary to a report in the Swiss Observer (11th September, 1970, page 15) the Manchester Swiss Rifle Club is still very much alive. In fact, we shall soon hold again our traditional Anglo-Swiss match, shot annually in October, against a British team on Swiss targets.

The founder of the Manchester Swiss Rifle Club was the late Henry Monney who in 1950/51 approached the Manchester Rifle Club with a view to forming a Swiss section. Manchester Rifle Club very kindly granted all available facilities and helped with range allocations, ammunition, tuition, and in many other ways. Soon, other Swiss nationals joined the Rifle Section, among them our well respected Ermano Berner, John Scheiwiller (still very active), and soon also young Peter Locher. Peter in no time became the champion Swiss shot and only his departure for Torquay (much regretted otherwise) gave the other members a chance to win a trophy.

Strong ties between our two countries resulted from this association between the Manchester Rifle Club and the Swiss Section. Thanks to Oggi Weber, who as Swissair Manager took an interest in the Swiss Club, a lasting friendship was established with "Les Exercises de L'Arquebuse et de la Navigation" in Geneva, the oldest Rifle Club in Switzerland. Twice a Manchester team visited Switzerland and on two occasions return matches were held in the U.K. At present, the writer is a Vice-President of Manchester Rifle Club and our Swiss Consul, Mr. Rolf Born, has been invited as chief guest to the Annual Dinner to be held in November.

The sale of the two Club Rifles mentioned in the above "Swiss Observer" article (proposed by Mr. Scheiwiller and not by Mr. Berner) was necessary in view of the current change in ammunition from .303 inches to 7.62 mm in the U.K. The old ammunition will soon no longer be available and to convert the rifles would be very expensive.

Anybody interested in full-bore rifle shooting should contact the writer (Business Tel. No. 061-223-1391) or the Swiss Consulate in Manchester (061-236-2933). Club shoots are held most Saturdays from late March to late October at Altcar near Liverpool where excellent range facilities exist.

Hans R. Bolliger

## IN MEMORIAM

Freddy Mermoud, Montbrillant, October 18, 1892—January 22, 1970. Resident in London for many years.