from the terrible yet most glorious earlier days—the incomparable 29th Division; the young veterans of the Naval Division; the ever-victorious Australians and New Zealanders; the stout East Lances, and my own brave fellow-countrymen of the Lowland Division of Scotland.

I have the honour to be, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

IAN HAMILTON,

General, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION.

From COLONEL EDWARD MATTHEY, C.B., V.D. (retired), late Lieut.-Colonel Commandant, London Rifle Brigade.

The 44th Regiment during the Retreat from Cabul in 1842.

31a, Weymouth Street, W.,

January 10th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—

I hope you will not mind my bringing the following under your notice with regard to the splendid article upon the above episode in the R.U.S.I. JOURNAL of November, 1915.

My very old and esteemed friend, Mrs. J. S. Sellon, is the only surviving child of the late Captain Thomas Alexander Souter, of the 44th Regiment, who saved the Colours of his regiment in the retreat from Cabul.

Mrs. Sellon is naturally very much interested in this article, so I procured a copy of No. 440 for her, by the courtesy of your staff.

In this article all her father's letters are signed J. H. Souter, which is incorrect as to his initials.

My object in bringing this under your notice, which I do under Mrs. Sellon's authorization, is to know whether a correction could be made as to this in the next number of the JOURNAL under an "Erratum," because it does seem a pity for so excellent a record, which this is, to be incorrect in any detail.

The Colours, saved by Captain Souter and bearing his bloodstains, now hang over the regimental tablet erected to the memory of those of the 44th Regiment who perished during the retreat, in Alverstone Church, Gosport.

At the request of Brig.-General Shelton, Captain Souter entrusted the Colours he had saved to him. Captain Souter afterwards exchanged into the 22nd Regiment, and died on the voyage to England.

I may add that Mrs. Sellon "would be glad to communicate with Mrs. de Wend, as she thinks she would be pleased to know of the gratification the publication of the documents and letters concerning the 44th Regiment, in which she is so much interested, has given to one born in the regiment, and whose father so distinguished himself."

Trusting you will excuse this long letter,

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD MATTHEY.