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(1947-1951). However, beyond that and seeking repeated extensions, nothing else happened and in 1952, the company officially ceased trading.

By that time, the route across the cliffs had become a favourite walk, but in the spring of 1954, due the Cold War, the military began erecting a 5 foot chestnut fence on either side of what had been the 6 foot wide track. Vigorous protests were made and the military agreed to remove the fence from the seaward side except where it enclosed military installations. Three years later the Big Guns - *Jane, Clem, Winnie* and *Pooh* were dismantled and uprooted from their reinforced concrete emplacements. The smaller guns were also removed.

About 200 acres of land, which had been commandeered by the military between

Dover and St Margaret's, was de-requisitioned following the stand-down of Coastal Artillery in 1956. Much of the remaining railway track was lifted although the rails and bridges at the Martin Mill end were still in situ in 1960. At that time, the Ministry of Transport was considering using the track for a motorway approach to the Eastern Docks.

Finally, during the post-war period, Marine Parade was widened and the Sea Front Railway safety fence was removed. In order to tell tourists to remove their parked cars off the track, a man with a red flag walked in front of the trains! Robert Eade, Dover's Mayor in 1961, was one. By that time freight traffic using the service was declining and the last train - a diesel locomotive pulling three wagons, ran on the 31 December 1964. The lines were eventually covered with tarmac.

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President James Rouse, in proposing a vote of thanks, reminded those present of Lord Clarke's busy commitments by indicating he had travelled to Dover after

sitting in the Supreme Court on the day of his talk and would be back sitting in the Court early the next day. To ensure his schedule was maintained arrangements for his visit had been planned with military precision by past President Keith Playforth aided and abetted by past President Andrew Eberlein ensuring Lord Clarke's arrival, stay and return to London did not interfere with his professional obligations. It had been quite a coup to tempt someone of Lord Clarke's status to come to Dover in the middle of his busy schedule.

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