

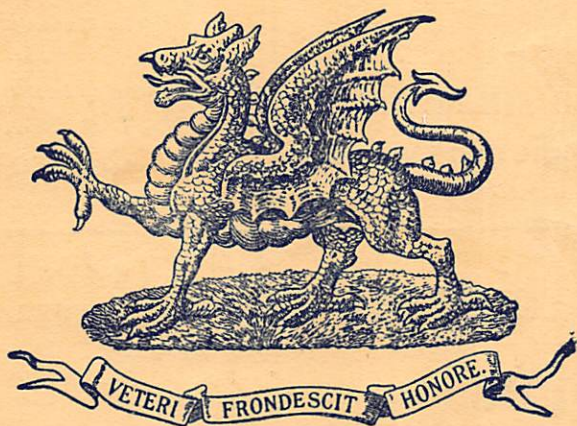
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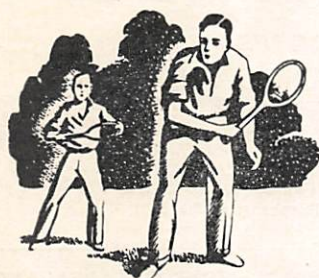
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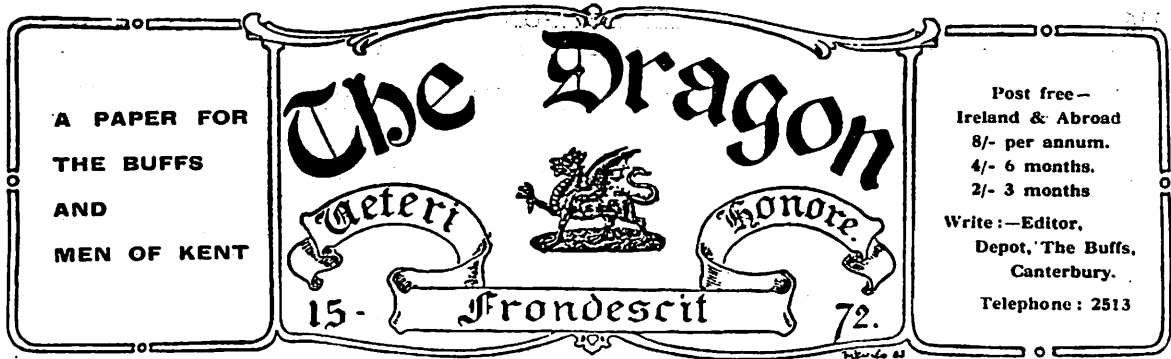
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## Personalia.

WE are informed that the B.B.C. have definitely promised to broadcast the Service of Remembrance on August 7th. The customary times for broadcasting religious services is between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. As it is not possible to hold our service between these hours, the B.B.C. has most kindly consented to treat the service as a very special and national one and to broadcast it between the usual hours. For this we are greatly indebted to the Corporation. The B.B.C. has also promised to broadcast the Band of the 2nd Battalion during one of its performances at Eastbourne during the week of 15th to 21st May. The day and time will be announced later.

Major General Sir A. Lynden-Bell has been elected Chairman of the Malling Bench of Magistrates.

We offer our congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel Groves Raines on the birth of his grandson.

Lieut.-Colonel Richard Bright died on March 18th, aged 65. To Mrs. Bright and her family we offer our deep sympathy.

In the obituary notice of the late Major A. H. Tylden-Pattenson which appeared in our last issue, it was stated that he was Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion during the South African War. This should have read "Second in Command."

Major Wyndham F. Tufnell, who died at Folkestone on March 10th, aged 86, was formerly in the 3rd Battalion. We offer our deep sympathy to his relatives.

We congratulate Colour-Sergeant Davison, D.C.M., late The Buffs, on being awarded the Medal and Annuity for Meritorious Service.

6283705 Dmr. F. Supple, late 1st Battalion, died as the result of an accident at Ramsgate Hospital on Sunday, March 13th. He had but recently returned home after service abroad. We offer our deep sympathy to his relatives.

We congratulate Mr. J. Greig on being elected Mayor of the City of Duncan, British Columbia, for the third year in succession. His service to the City has been over a long period as he became clerk at incorporation in 1912 and held that position until 1934. His administration as Mayor has reflected the intimate knowledge and experience thus gained.

During the past month the 2nd Battalion have added to their many cross-country successes by winning the Command Championship and the Army Cross-Country Championship. We offer our heartiest congratulations both to the members of the team and to those responsible for their training on these their latest triumphs.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

### BIRTH.

**Hurley.**—6283742 Sgt. T. Hurley, "A," a daughter, Marie Ann, born at Aldershot, on 22/2/38.

### MARRIAGE.

**Hammersley—Corney.**—On February 26th, 1938, at All Saints Church, Whitstable, Frank Charles Hammersley, R.A.F., to Kathleen Minnie, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. Albert Corney, late The Buffs.

### DEATHS.

**Bright.**—On March 18th, 1938, at Princes Place, Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset, Lt.-Col. Richard Bright, Commander (Second Grade), Dannebrogordenen, late The Buffs, aged 65.

**Somerset.**—On March 1st, 1938, at Nice, May Blanche, eldest daughter of the late Charles Bruce Henry Somerset, 3rd Buffs, and Victoria Alice Somerset.

**Supple.**—6283705 Dmr. F. Supple, died at Ramsgate, on 13/5/38.

**Tufnell.**—On March 10th, 1938, at 64 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone, Major Wyndham F. Tufnell, M.B.E., late 3rd Battalion, The Buffs, (Royal East Kent Regiment) only son of the late Rev. Frederick Tufnell, of Fryerning Rectory, Essex, aged 86.

## Wedding.

A pretty Buff wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Tankerton, on 26th February, when Sgt. F. C. Hammersley, R.A.F., of Manston, was married to Miss Kathleen M. Corney, only daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Corney of "Dunmore," Tankerton.

The bride was a daughter of the Regiment and a number of two generations of Buffs were present, including the bride's two brothers (who were born in the 1st Battalion), Sgt. A. J. Corney, R.E., and Mr. R. Corney, with their wives, Mrs. (Bobbie) Wittering and her two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Nansen and Miss Eileen Wittering, Capt. and Mrs. Stone, Major and Mrs. Keeler, P.C. Jones (son of "Dabber") and Mrs. Jones, Capt. and Mrs. Verlander, also a number of friends.

The bridegroom and the best man (Leading-Aircraftsman J. Penny) were in R.A.F. uniform.

The bride was dressed in white panne velvet with hand-darned Indian lace and coronet with a beautiful necklace of ivory elephants. She carried a bouquet of lillies-of-the-valley tied with R.A.F. colours.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Joan E. Poole of Hoath and Miss Eileen Wittering, were resplendent in golden yellow taffeta with bottle green velvet capes and caps and carried mauve tulips. The tiny attendant Pamela Coles was in full Highland costume.

After the Ceremony about 40 guests assembled at the Savoy Cafe to wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness.

The wedding cake was a square cake of three tiers, decorated with R.A.F. colours and surmounted by a model aeroplane.

After the usual speeches, an enthusiastic hunt was made to discover if anyone present was not connected with the Services, but without success; even the Proprietor of the Cafe was an old regular R.A., until the dog was triumphantly mentioned—another disappointment, "Roger," the dog, was at Portland with the 2nd Battalion. Some of the Navy and R.A.F. present claimed to be "Buffs" as, like the bridegroom, they were members of the R.A.O.B.; this was ruled out.

After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Bedford.

Many handsome and useful gifts were received.

## Obituary

### Private Edward Willis.

THE death occurred at Whitefoord House, Edinburgh, on March 4th, of 3904 Private Edward Willis, late The Buffs, who had served in the Army for 21 years. He was in possession of the Indian Frontier Medal, 1895. He re-enlisted for the Great War and earned the 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medals.

Major N. S. Hart writes that he attended the funeral which was held with military honours in the private burial ground of the residence in the Eastern Cemetery and deposited a wreath on behalf of the Past and Present Association, of which the late Private Willis was a member.

### Mr. W. F. Horn.

The funeral took place with full military honours at Canterbury Cemetery on Tuesday, of Mr. William Francis Horn, of 87 Querns Road, Canterbury, who died in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital after a short illness at the age of 39 years.

Mr. Horn joined the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, his father's regiment, at an early age and served for many years with the Colours and as corporal in the Band. In recent years he was employed at the Recreation Ground, Wincheap. He was a member of the Canterbury Oddfellows' Society.

Mr. Horn leaves one son, aged eleven years.

The funeral service was conducted by Canon E. H. Sheppard. A detachment of The Buffs, acting as bearers, consisted of R.S.M. Fawcett, Cpl. White, Cpl. Gurney, Cpl. Bollen, Cpl. Southwell, Cpl. Clarke, Cpl. Howard, L/Cpl. Sparks, and L/Cpl. Hooker and Drummer Seymour sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The chief mourners were Mr. T. W. Horn (father), Mr. W. G. Horn, Mr. R. G. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Horn, Miss D. Horn, Mr. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Wade, Mr. C. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Prebble, Mr. and Mrs. P. Prebble, Mr. Leanev, Miss Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Daziel, Mr. Enderby (City Surveyor), Mr. Hudson and Mr. Dungey.

Floral tributes were sent from Dad, Lucy and Doris; Peter (son) and little Margaret; Wally, Queenie and Babies; Reuben and Winnie; Lizzie, Jack and the boys; Phyllis, Jack and Babies; Ernie and Vi; Irene and Len; Charlie, Pat, Marjory and Phyllis; Laura; A School Pal (R.S.M. of The Buffs); Sergeants' Mess (Depot, The Buffs); Cpl. Smith (Corporals' Mess); Mr. and Mrs. Prebble and Cecil; Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Stan and Roy; Members of the Municipal Guild (Institution); National Union of Public Employees

(Canterbury and Blean District); Mrs. F. Wright; Gertie, May, Doris and Hilda; Irene, Fred and Mrs. Howland; Mr. and Mrs. Rooke; Staff of the Westgate and Dane John Gardens; Mr. and Mrs. Parker and all at 22 Tudor Road; Mr. and Mrs. Stone; Friends of the Whist Drive, Canterbury Waverley Supporters' Club; Friends of the Oddfellows' Whist Drive; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bridges and June; Mrs. L. A. Simmons; Messrs. Galvin, Petts, Fowergre, Gower and Barber (neighbours of Querns Road); and Percy and Kathleen.

**Lieutenant-Colonel R. Bright.**

The funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Bright took place yesterday at Ryme Intrinsic, Dorset. Canon Morgan officiated at the service. Among those present were:—

Mrs. Bright (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bright (son and daughter-in-law), Miss K. Bright (daughter), Brigadier-General R. A. Bright (brother), Mrs. Cary Batten (sister), Major H. C. C. Batten, Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Batten, Mrs. Batten, Mr. J. H. Batten, Mr. N. P. Batten, Miss Mount-Batten, Mr. David Hipplersley, Mr. Robert Hayne, Miss Irene Huleatt.

Mrs. Alexander, Mr. O. Court, Lieutenant-Colonel Armour, Mrs. Ashburnham, Colonel Bald, Colonel C. J. Troyte-Bullock, Mr. H. Cox, Mrs. Donald Curry (also representing Sir William Dampier) Captain the Hon. Gerald Digby, Lady Lilian Digby, Mr. W. A. Graham, Mr. R. T. Grantham, Major Hayward, Colonel Hilton, Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Langdon, Miss Lonsdale, Mr. Lupton, Lieutenant-Colonel McCall (representing Mrs. Gadesden), Mr. R. G. Nicholls, Mr. F. E. Nutt, Mr. C. Paynter, Mr. Leycarter Penrhyn, Sir John and Lady Palmer, Mr. W. G. L. Powell, Lieutenant-Colonel Power (representing the Past and Present Association of The Buffs), Commander Saunders, Mrs. and Miss Scott-Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. A. W. Street and Miss Street, Commander and Mrs. Trelawny, Mrs. Tritton, Captain Trotman, Mrs. Warry, Captain Douglas F. Woodford (representing the Earl and Countess of Ilchester), and representatives of the Dorset Choral Society.

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 Major East Kent Regiment 7.2.15.  
 Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel East Kent Regiment 1.1.18.  
 Employed with Central African Regt. } 13.6.99  
 Employed with King's African Regt. } to 31.3.03  
 Employed with B.S. African Company's } 1.4.03  
 Civil Police (Spec. Extra Reg. Employ.) } to 31.3.05  
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 29.5.15 to 26.10.19.

**WAR SERVICES.**

**OPERATIONS IN CHITRAL, 1895.** With the Relief Force, Action of Mamagai (Medal with Clasp).

**N.W. FRONTIER OF INDIA, 1897—8.** Malakand Operations in Bajaur and in the Mamund Country, Utman Khel, Buner, Attack and Capture of the Tanga Pass (Clasp).

**BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA, 1899.** Expedition against Kwamba (Medal with Clasp).

**1914—1919 FRANCE AND BELGIUM.** 9.9.14—21.1.15 Brevet of Lieut.-Colonel (1914 Star with Clasp, British War Medal, Victory Medal).



The grave of Capt. H. F. G. D'Arcy Symonds, in the British Protestant Cemetery, Old Cairo.

**Our Contemporaries**

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following journals:—  
 "Aldershot Command News." "Defence." "The Lancashire Lad." "The Covenanter." "St. George's Gazette." "The Green Howards' Gazette." "The Snapper." "Journal of The Honourable Artillery Company." "Cabar Feidh." "Our Empire." "The Indian Army Ordnance Corps Gazette." "The Sapper." "The Tank." "Journal of The Royal Army Service Corps." "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette." "The Sprig of Shillelagh." "The Tiger and Rose."

## Our Lucknow Letter.

Lucknow.

28th February, 1938.

Another "Week" has come and gone and marks the end of another cold weather. One of the main features of the Indian climate, in fact, of the climate anywhere in the world, is that it is never normal. If one comments on the weather to an old resident, one gets the inevitable reply, "Of course, it isn't usually like this. Usually it's hotter or colder or wetter or finer, but it's never been quite like this before." And so this month it's been rather unusual. In the middle of the month just as signs appeared of warmer weather, a cold and piercing wind arrived and sent us back to great-coats and pullovers and made us wonder what we had done to deserve such misery. Now it has gone again and the temperature is up to 86°. Soon we shall be wishing the wind were still with us. Such is the perverseness of human nature!

The "Week" was Civil Service Week, in which once again one is able to watch polo and racing on alternate days and go to cocktail parties and dances every day. The racing this time was better attended as the Race Club decided to pay the entertainment tax itself and not add it to the entrance fee as it had done before. And the quality of the racing fully justified the increased attendance. There were some really good finishes and most of the fields were well up to average and far above those of Army Cup Week. Besides this racing we had the Lucknow Hunt Point-to-Point meeting on the Monday following the "Week." The course was well laid out on grass farm land near the ruin of Bibiapur Palace and with one exception the racing was free of those distressing accidents to horses that took place last year. There were five races, in most of which there were good finishes. In the Infantry Officers' race Mr. Samuelson of the Buffs scored an easy victory, there being a close fight for second and third places. There were two races for Warrant Officers and below. In the one for W.O.'s and Sergeants there were only three entries and the R.S.M. of the Royal Artillery alone passed the winning post. In the race for troopers there was a large field and a good finish. The arrangements for spectators and for their cars were excellent and the day was a most enjoyable one.

At the moment the whole future of the Lucknow Hunt is at stake. The hunt was started about four years ago by an officer of the 10th Hussars at his own expense and was only taken over by the garrison on the departure of that regiment. The early enthusiasm has now waned and fields are seldom more than 12 to 15 strong and often very much weaker. There are many reasons for this. Hunting only takes place in the crowded winter months in which many units spend close on half the hunting period in camp. Generally speaking the country is poor hunting country and the best scent is always in January, the most usual camping month. The meets are on Thursdays and Sundays very early in the morning and many people look on these days as opportunities to make up a little much-needed sleep. And so the time has now come when we must come to a decision as to whether the Hunt is worth continuing and this decision has to be reached before we come to the summer period when the hounds have to be sent to the hills and the pack has to be strengthened with new blood.

One of the features of Civil Service Week was a Government House Dance. I did not think there were quite as many people there as usual. The dance was good fun, as they always are, and extremely well run, with excellent refreshments, and was delightfully informal. The band of the Buffs provided the music

and played very well indeed, a feature being the appearance of a boy in old-time uniform who announced by trumpet the end of each dance. Other entertainments this month have been cocktail parties by the officers of the Royal Artillery and by the Nursing Sisters of the B.M.H.; a dance given by Major-General Sir Clement and Lady Milward and a garden party at Government House. The Sergeants' Mess of the Buffs also gave another of their most attractive and popular dances towards the end of the month.

One of the troubles of service in India is the time that correspondence takes to reach one. One may hear by cable of Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation or of Braddock's defeat of Tommy Farr or of Arsenal going down in the "Cup" to Preston, but one has to wait so long for the full details. And when the time comes the news is stale and has lost its interest. We therefore all welcome the new air mail arrangements. Air mail will arrive and leave four times a week and all correspondence will go by it at the rate of 2½ annas a half ounce. It will keep us better in touch with all our friends and we shall look forward to the day when newspapers also will travel this way. All forms of travel, nowadays, seem to be getting quicker and easier. In the good old days journeys to India were not worth making unless they were to last several months. Yesterday I met a lady who had been here three weeks and was only staying another three weeks before returning direct to England. Other people come for even shorter periods and soon only the cost will prevent them coming by air for the week-end. Most travellers, however, do stay longer and we have been glad to welcome for longer stays Colonel and Mrs. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Grace, who have come out here to visit their respective sons in the Buffs. We all sympathise with Colonel and Mrs. Clarke and the Misses Clarke on their recent motor accident and are glad that they are now well on the way to complete recovery.

Quite a successful flower show was recently held in Wingfield Park and Colonel and Mrs. Whitacre Allen were on the Committee and had the honour of welcoming His Excellency Sir Harry Haig and Lady Haig to it. Wingfield Park is the home of the Lucknow Zoo, in which quite a lot of movement has taken place this month. Among the new arrivals are three lion cubs, who have got over their first anxious days of life and seem to have settled down, and a number of grey and red kangaroos. The tiger enclosure has been done up since the death of its famous occupant and three tiger cubs have now settled in. One of the features of the Zoo population is the number of birds there. These now total 899, I'm told, and among the interesting new arrivals is a snow partridge, of which no previous specimen has been secured. It always seems a pity to me that the illustrations of game birds on the outside of their enclosure are for the most part so crude. Death has also taken its toll and the outstanding loss has been the death of the red dog from pneumonia. This dog lived with the wolf pack. They do not thrive in captivity and this is the eighth one to die. The wolf pack are disconsolate. Another event in the animal world has been the annual dog show. In this Mrs. Penlington's cairn "Clover" won a first prize and also a challenge certificate, on which we heartily congratulate her.

We have been lucky this month in our films and I think it is a very long time since I have seen such a good one as "Victoria The Great." The setting, photography and acting were uniformly good and Anna Neagle gave a great performance in the way she got old so gracefully and so realistically. The house



for the first night was packed and the audience were most appreciative. Other good films have included Greta Garbo in "Marie Walewska" and Ronald Colman in "The Prisoner of Zenda." "So Great a Man," the book on which Marie Walewska is based, makes good reading and I can recommend it. It is not a book that can be finished in an afternoon, but it gives a realistic account of the soldiers' experiences in the retreat to Corunna and an intimate and interesting picture of the great Napoleon. Reading seems rather a difficulty always in India. Until it gets dark one feels one ought to be out taking exercise. When once it has got dark one doesn't feel quite like reading. Often, also, there is work to be done, and then later, after supper or dinner, sleep is apt to interfere. Possibly, therefore, it doesn't matter that the club library here is so appallingly bad. Most club libraries in India are pretty bad. An outstanding exception is the United Service Club, Simla, run by Lieut.-Colonel L. B. Grant, late 4th Battalion, The Buffs. The Chuttar Manzil Library here is also a little better than many others, but it is quite a distance from here and it is expensive to join a club for its library only. The regimental library in Outram Barracks, on the other hand, has a constant flow of new and good books and is exceedingly popular.

I find I have made no mention of The Buffs sports, which I was lucky enough to attend. There were many good results and in the team events excitement was kept up not only by many close finishes, but also by the working out of points for the Championship Shield. I feel that Pte. Johnson and Cpl. Wells deserve congratulation for their constant appearance in the field events prize list and Ptes. Downs, Ashdown and Kelly for successes in the track events. Now I must end.

Yours Aye,

L.B.L.

### Recruiting.

The Recruiting position of the Buffs is as follows —  
Strength on 1st January, 1938—

Home Service Battalion (including recruits at Depot) ... ..	540
Foreign Service Battalion ... ..	796
Depot Staff and men from abroad pending transfer to Reserve ... ..	121
Total ... ..	1,457

As compared with the Strength on 1st January, 1937—

Home Service Battalion (including recruits at Depot) ... ..	650
Foreign Service Battalion ... ..	793
Depot Staff and men from abroad pending transfer to Reserve ... ..	77
Total ... ..	1,520

The average strength of all Infantry battalions at home, including recruits under training at Depots, on 1st January, 1938, was 571, as compared with 619 a year ago.

On 1st January, 1938, the Infantry as a whole (inclusive of the two new battalions being raised) showed a shortage of 10,286, as compared with the shortage of 6,625 on the same date last year.

During the last quarter (October to December) the intake of recruits was :—

6,847 for the Army as a whole, as compared with 5,023 last year.

3,544 for the Infantry, as compared with 2,178 last year.

Out of a quota of 100 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1937, 68 recruits were obtained for the Buffs.

The Recruits' Physical Development Depot at Canterbury has proved an unqualified success. So much so that it is hoped to extend the scheme.

The invitation to Army Reservists to rejoin the Colours is still open, but during the past quarter only 542 rejoined, making a total of 2,551 rejoining since August last.

The progress of the Infantry portion of the Supplementary Reserve is satisfactory. Since its inception in September, 1936, till end of December, 1937, the result was :—

Number of recruits finally approved ... ..	4,984
Number passed on to Regular Army ... ..	1,716
Wastage ... ..	372
Strength on 31st December, 1937... ..	2,896

Note.—Please refer to Correspondence on page 125 from Mr. J. Barker, late the Buffs.

### General Westmacott's Speech.

THE Commanding Officer has much pleasure in publishing the following speech made by Brig.-Genl. Sir R. WESTMACOTT, K.C.B., D.S.O., at parade of the troops of the Nagpore District on the 5th July, 1899, to present the Victoria Cross to No. 4288, Corpl. J. SMITH, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 3994, Pte. C. Poile :—

"Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men of the Nagpore Command.—You are paraded here to-day by order of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN to witness the presentation of the V.C. to Corpl. SMITH and of THE BUFFS it is the highest order for valour in the world, is open alike to officers and men, and is the ambition of every soldier.

Four men of Corpl. SMITH'S section were awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal at the same time, a decoration second as regards valour only to the Victoria Cross. Ptes. NELTHORPE, LEVER and FINN have already received their Medals at the hands of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN, at Windsor, and Private POILE is on parade to-day.

The circumstances under which these brave men won these decorations were as follows :—

On the evening of the 16th September, 1897, THE BUFFS were returning to Camp fighting their way inch by inch in one of those Rear Guard Actions we all know so well, against large forces of an invisible enemy. A call was made on the Regiment for an escort for a wounded officer in a dhoolie. Major MOODY, who was in command of the Rear Guard, told off the left section of "G" Company as it happened to be the nearest. This was Corpl. SMITH'S section consisting of 12 men, all told. They never found the wounded officer, but they came across No. 8 N.M. Battery, with some sappers, to whom they attached themselves. Being very heavily pressed it was decided to bivouac for the night in the village of Bilot. That part of the village not occupied by this little force was held by the enemy who set fire to the village to try to drive our people into the open. Lieuts. Watson, R.A., and Colvin, R.E., both decorated since with the V.C., with Corpl. SMITH'S section and some sappers made two desperate attempts to drive the enemy out of the village. Corporal SMITH, who was twice severely wounded, continued to command his section, and only lay down when he received a distinct order to do so, and even then continued to fire on the enemy. Ptes. POILE, LEVER, FINN and NELTHORPE were also awarded D.C. Medals for their conspicuous gallantry on this occasion; Ptes. Poile, Lever and Nelthorpe were all wounded. The little force was relieved from Camp in the early morning, but not until out of the 12, 2 were killed and four wounded.

Now I suppose most of us in broad daylight after breakfast with all our comrades looking on would go pretty straight at anything, but these men won their glory in pitch darkness, in soaking wet and without food and with no gallery to applaud them, and I, for one, say all honour to them, and that their decorations were bravely won.

Colonel OMMANNEY and THE BUFFS, let me congratulate you on having such men in your ranks, and upon the honour it is to you one and all to be able to call them comrades and Brother BUFFS.

Remember this; this was no selected Section, it was no picked body of men, Major MOODY took the first Section that came to hand, and so I say we may take them as a fair sample of what the other sections throughout the Regiment are.

Corporal SMITH, Privates POILE, LEVER, FINN, and NELTHORPE, are worthy successors to those pioneers in following Lieutenant LATHAM who, in spite of losing his arm, saved the King's Colour, and won the gold medal (which was the V.C. in those days) at ALBUHERA, that battle where the BUFFS went into action 750 strong and 65 only answered their names at evening Roll Call. Major MAUDE as he then was, who won the V.C. at the assault on the REDAN when leading the BUFFS, and General MARK-WALKER, who also won the V.C. in the CRIMEA, and still lives to wear it. Last but not least Private MOYSE, taken prisoner in CHINA, when offered his life if he would make obeisance to their gods, said he would sooner die first than disgrace his country and died a hero.

You BUFFS were formed in 1572, and is the oldest Regiment in the service; your records from BLENHEIM to the MALAKAND is more than there is time to follow out now. It is a grand record, and one your country and yourselves may be proud of. Your strength and your vitality is largely owing to the excellent *esprit-de-corp*s that exists throughout the Regiment, and the feeling that you all have from the Colonel to the smallest boy, the BUFFS is the finest Regiment in the world, bar none. Encourage this feeling, and never lose sight of it, and whatever the BUFFS may be called upon to do will be well done, and you will in the future equal, if it may not be possible to surpass, those grand old traditions of the Regiment which extend over a period of more than three hundred years. I am very proud of having been the channel through which HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY has granted these decorations, and shall always look back with pride and pleasure on the fact that the last duty I had to perform before laying down this command has been so pleasant a one."

### The 6th Battalion.

CAPTAIN E. A. Carter, M.C., reminds Battalion Area Representatives that now is the time to get a move on so as to ensure a big muster. The Dinner this year will be at the Northumberland Rooms, Trafalgar Square, and tickets are 5/- each. Write, Captain E. A. Carter, M.C., The Lodge, Welham Road, London, S.W.17.

### The 8th Battalion.

Bob Waby and Eddy Shute are working hard to revive the 8th Battalion Dinner and deserve the full support of all ranks of the battalion. Details can be obtained from Mr. R. W. Waby, D.C.M., M.M., 157A High Street, Clapham, S.W.4 and Mr. E. Shute, M.M., 13 Twybridge Way, Stonebridge, London, N.W.10.

## The 2/5th Battalion.

WE have pleasure in announcing that the Eighteenth Annual Dinner of the 2/5th Battalion will take place on 30th April, 1938, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, near Victoria Station. The Chair will be taken by our Colonel, The Rt. Honourable The Viscount Goschen, who has allowed only his service overseas to prevent him from giving us his support.

Tickets, price 7/6, can be obtained from Mr. F. G. Skinner, Westminster Bank, Ltd., 21 Lombard Street, E.C.3.

We are confident that the next issue of *The Dragon* will contain the report of another successful evening. *The Dragon* can be obtained by placing an order with Mr. Beall.

The battalion feels proud of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Harvey for their combined interest in the London Branch and their work on behalf of sick soldiers of the Great War. We hear that Talbot, who is a sick man himself, arranged a recent concert for disabled ex-Servicemen at Douglas House and that Mrs. Talbot Harvey is arranging another herself.

## On the Road to Singapore.

WHAT struck Jean Batten most on her adventurous flight from Australia to England was the Singapore Base, writes Lieut.-Colonel T. A. Lowe in the March issue of *Defence*—the Territorial Magazine. She said it was such an exciting spectacle that she longed to land and do some sightseeing. She said that her heart thrilled at the thought of the industry and perseverance that had produced such formidable defences where once there had been nothing but swamps and jungle. She said she felt proud that she was British.

Her reactions are not surprising because viewed from the air the Naval Base is an amazing sight with its floating dock that was towed out from England by Dutch tugs, and the new graving dock recently opened which will accommodate the *Queen Mary* with room to spare.

But these are only a part of the vast scheme. There are 15-inch gun emplacements manned by the Royal Artillery (she may have missed these as they are carefully camouflaged); and there is a vast acreage occupied by the Royal Air Force, who have both land and sea plane bases for their squadrons. There are millions of tons of oil in protected storage. There are anti-aircraft defences, the most up-to-date in the world.

There are assets which any Briton may be proud of and take pride in—why not?

Shouting one's assets at times like the present can do no harm when world attention is held by the Far Eastern situation. Our French and Dutch neighbours in the Pacific know all about the Singapore Base and turn to it as the white man's hope. The present crisis is just as dangerous for the great colonies of Indo-China and the Netherlands' East Indies, as it is for the Dominions of New Zealand and Australia. Everyone east of Suez knows that Japan's conquests in China have been mostly strategical, and that her greedy eyes are fixed on far-off fields that are not only green in fact but rich in substance. Japan wants room for her emigrants, but only in those countries that have been found suitable by Europeans for that purpose. Singapore is the only obstacle in the way.

## The Royal Cambridge Home.

QUEEN Mary and her Lady-in-Waiting, the Dowager Countess of Airlie, recently made one of her many visits to the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows. From the days when, as the young Princess May, she accompanied her mother, Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, to the Home, Her Majesty has kept herself informed of all that goes on and many a gift comes from her, flowering shrubs, lightweight blankets for the sick, beautiful things that the funds cannot provide.

Her Majesty makes an annual gift of tea and sugar on the birthday of her grandfather, H.R.H. the first Duke of Cambridge, in whose memory the Home was built.

A table is piled high with gaily coloured parcels with a posy of flowers tucked underneath the ribbon tied round each package. The old ladies pass in turn before the Queen, receiving from her hands the gifts. Those who are too infirm to be present receive their gifts in their own rooms and confirmed invalids are visited in the sick ward.

No doubt the six Buff widows enjoyed the visit of Her Majesty as much as the other widows seem to have done.

## The Buffs Golfing Society.

BY the courtesy of Sir G. M. M. Mallaby-Deeley, Bart., The Buffs Golfing Society were enabled to play their annual match at Prince's, Sandwich, on Sunday, 6th March.

Those who had been praying for good weather were privileged to enjoy what may well prove to be the best golfing day of the year.

We are not dismayed by defeat and we suffered it this time. We await our revenge sometime in June, possibly on the 12th, when we hope to meet at Canterbury, playing the same teams if possible.

I saw little of the golf save my own and all too much of that, but I gathered that it was of a standard often encountered at the beginning of a season, plenty of honest endeavour tempered with purpose, at least to do better next time.

We welcomed our visitors and guest and hope that they enjoyed the day as much as we did ourselves.

Morning.		SINGLES.	
<i>The Buffs G.S.</i>		<i>Canterbury G.C.</i>	
H. F. Whitfield (7) (3/1) ...	1	C. Penticost (scr.) ...	0
R. M. Bourne (8) ...	0	P. T. S. Brook (3) (2 holes) ...	1
D. A. Boyd (8) ...	0	F. J. Harlow (3) (4/2) ...	1
Capt. W. C. Lamarque (8) ...	1	F. S. Martin (7) ...	0
(1 hole) ...	1	G. H. Green (7) ...	1
Capt. J. V. Hitchcock (9) ...	1	J. B. Thompson (10) ...	0
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (9) (4/3) ...	1	B. Raffety (10) ...	1
G. P. Mount (10) ...	0	D. Mount (12) ...	0
Lt.-Col. L. Howard Smith (14) ...	1		
(7/5) ...	1		
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>4½</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>3½</b>

Afternoon.		FOURSOMES.	
(Two points for each win.)			
Whitfield (7) and Boyd (8) ...	0	Penticost (scr. and Brook (3) (4/3) ...	2
Lamarque (8) and Hitchcock (9) (halved) ...	0	Harlow (3) and Martin (7) (halved) ...	1
Crookenden (9) and Mount (10) ...	1	Green (7) and Raffety (10) (1 hole) ...	2
Lt.-Col. H. de R. Morgan (16) and L. Howard Smith (12) ...	0	Thompson (10) and Mount (12) (3/2) ...	2
<b>Grand Total ...</b>	<b>5½</b>	<b>Grand Total ...</b>	<b>10½</b>

## SPRING MEETING.

The Society's thirteenth Spring Meeting took place over the links of Prince's from March 18th to 20th. The weather was delightful though the wind was trying, particularly on the first day.

For the first time since the formation of the Society Captain H. H. C. Baird was absent. He has not been at all well lately and is now with Mrs. Baird on a trip to Vancouver, from which it is our hope that he will return restored in health. The following radiogram was sent to him: "Successful Meeting. Miss you."

Lieut.-Col. L. Howard Smith ably officiated and wishes to thank the members who rallied to his support. The attendance at the meeting was, all things considered, good. Many who would have liked to come were prevented from doing so by their various duties.

Telegrams regretting absence were received from Major Oakes and Captain Hoare and messages of good wishes from Major-General Sir J. Kennedy, Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell, Brig. Hon. P. J. Scarlett, Colonel Sparrow, Colonel Bradley Dyne, Lieut. Craddock and others.

The thanks of the Society are due to Sir Meyrick Mallaby-Deeley for allowing the meeting to be held at Prince's and to the staff for their assistance.

This year spoons were given instead of ash trays, a pleasant change. Captain Lamarque, our Captain, amidst loud applause presented the prizes at the conclusion of a very pleasant meeting.

The House and Grounds Staff of the Club wish to express their thanks for the contribution given to their Summer Fund.

### Results.

#### Lynden-Bell Trophy.

(30 points or better.)

J. H. Hanley (22) ...	...	...	...	36½	points
Lt.-Col. R. G. Stanham (6) ...	...	...	...	30½	
J. Heagerty (6) ...	...	...	...	30½	

#### Brinckman Cup.

Captain H. S. Greenwood (11)  
Runner-up: Captain J. V. Hitchcock (9)

#### Bradley Dyne Salver.

Captain J. V. Hitchcock (9) ...	...	...	...	79
J. Heagerty (6) ...	...	...	...	80
Captain W. C. Lamarque (8) ...	...	...	...	81
Captain H. F. Whitfield (7) ...	...	...	...	81
Captain H. S. Greenwood (11) ...	...	...	...	84
Lt.-Col. R. G. Stanham (6) ...	...	...	...	84
O. J. Falk (13) ...	...	...	...	85
Major E. Clarke (20) ...	...	...	...	85
Lt.-Col. L. Howard Smith (12) ...	...	...	...	85
Captain C. E. A. Terry (7) ...	...	...	...	85
A. Green (14) ...	...	...	...	85
J. F. Connolly (18) ...	...	...	...	90
Captain D. V. Coote (16) ...	...	...	...	90
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (10) ...	...	...	...	94

#### Coupe des Lapins.

J. H. Hanley (22) ...	...	...	...	79
Major E. Clarke (20) ...	...	...	...	85
Major A. J. Peareth (26) ...	...	...	...	89

#### Foursomes Final.

Lieut.-Col. L. Howard Smith and Lieut.-Col. R. G. Stanham beat Lieut.-Col. H. de R. Morgan and D. A. Boyd, 3 and 2.

#### Senior Medal.

Captain J. V. Hitchcock (9) ... 79

#### Junior Medal.

J. H. Hanley (22) ... 79

**Baird Cup.**

(50 years and over).

**ECLECTIC.**

<b>Capt. H. S. Greenwood (11)</b> ... ..	<b>66½</b>
Lt.-Col. L. Howard Smith (12) ... ..	72
Captain W. C. Lamarque (8) ... ..	73
O. F. Falk (13) ... ..	75½
Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (10) ... ..	78
Major Eric Clarke (20) ... ..	79
Lt.-Col. L. W. Lucas (18) ... ..	86

**Trevor Cup.**

(Under 50 years.)

**ECLECTIC.**

<b>J. Heagerty (6)</b> ... ..	<b>63</b>
Captain J. V. Hitchcock (9) ... ..	71½
J. H. Hanley (22) ... ..	72
H. F. Whitfield (7) ... ..	73½
Lt.-Col. R. G. Stanham (6) ... ..	75
Captain C. E. A. Terry (7) ... ..	79½
Captain D. V. Cooté (16) ... ..	80
N. R. Reeves (Scr.) ... ..	82
A. Green (14) ... ..	84
J. F. Connolly (18) ... ..	87
Lt.-Col. H. de R. Morgan (16) ... ..	94
Major A. J. Peareth (26) ... ..	101

**The Buffs Benevolent Fund.**

The amount handed over to the Benevolent Fund as a result of the Eclectic Competition was £6 9s. 0d. made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
79 Cards at 1/-	...	...	...	3	19	0
Donations:						
Major-General Sir A. Lynden-Bell	10	0				
Col. John Body	...	...	...	10	0	
Lieut.-Col. H. F. Sparrow	...	...	...	10	0	
Lieut.-Col. F. Bradley Dyne	...	...	...	10	0	
R. W. Craddock	...	...	...	10	0	
				<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
				£6	9	0

**OTHER MATCHES.**

It is hoped that the following matches will be played, and volunteers are asked for to assist in raising the sides.

April 21st.—v Woodpeckers, New Zealand.

May 15th.—v Littlestone.

June 26th.—v Canterbury, at Canterbury.

August 21st.—v Rye.

In September.—v. Tudor Club, Rye.

**Army Vocational Training.****The Soldier Prepares for "Civvy Street."**

BY EX-CORPORAL OF HORSE, R. J. T. HILLS.

ALDERSHOT had had a hectic morning. The Foot had slogged, the Horse had groomed, Gunners, Sappers, and the rest had lived and moved and had their joyous being. Bugles and trumpets blared "Cook-house" in grateful ears.

Up Thornhill way a hooter sounded strangely. In a score of workshops tools were downed. Dusty hands, paint-flecked hands and frankly filthy hands stripped off disguising overalls and donned the badged caps of a hundred corps. The Army Vocational Training Centre had "knocked off."

Part of the system, this civilian atmosphere. These men are shortly leaving the world of "wait for it" for the wider sphere where "get on with it" carries the day.

For they are five hundred wise soldiers, who, of good character and reasonable aptitude have applied for a vocational course and are spending their last six months' Colour Service in learning or developing a trade. The soldier leaves his unit encompassed about with his familiar cloud of Army forms. From the day on which his course commences he works civilian hours in a civilian way, "checks in and out," fills in his time sheet, and generally tunes himself in to the bewildering theory and practice of "Civvy Street."

The training is not a wearying six months "by numbers." After a few weeks of "how to do it" the "voco" man is treated as a workman and finds himself gaining experience in actually "doing it"—welding cooking stands for the R.A.S.C., machining gun carriers for the R.A.O.C., erecting quarters, offices, and stores for the Royal Engineers, decarbonising cars for officers, upholstering chairs for sergeant-majors and mending boots for privates—although rumour has it that it will soon be cars for privates and boots for officers!!!

Although the training is practical the necessary theory is not overlooked and a lecture room equipped with a sound film projector and epidiascope is used daily, films and experts on the various trades being borrowed from civilian firms.

The Aldershot Centre grew from a block of offices and a couple of Army huts. With these exceptions the entire Centre has been the labour of student hands. Workshops, married quarters, machinery, heating systems, sundials, weather-vanes—their construction and installation have all made good practical training.

The Centre classes reflect in some degree the labour situation. In 1928 one welder was trained. Last year, in the most up-to-date welders' shop in the country, 208 men received instruction in welding, 132 in sheet metal work and 98 as fitters and machinists.

Most students leave with their own kit of tools. By the way, they are encouraged to buy them through the Centre on what the Army knows as the "now or never" system.

Results? The Centre, of course, runs its own Employment Bureau, and in 1936—37 87.3 per cent. of the students discharged were found employment and in the six months ending 31st October, 1937, 90.3 per cent. The wages earned by ex-students naturally vary considerably, but I saw numbers of letters from "old boys" earning £4 to £6 a week. To such an extent are employers realising the worth of the men that it is often necessary to grant premature discharges to fill vacancies.

It is not claimed that students are fully trained craftsmen. Six months is not long in which to become one, but keenness is the keynote of vocational training and the Centres, by organised method, and expert civilian instructors, turn out "well trained men who have the ability to use their tools, and can do the work as well as the average mechanic." They ask only a "fair field and no favour." They are grown men of excellent character well grounded in a trade they have chosen for themselves.

One generation advertises the next. "My boss asked me" writes one, "if I could get another like myself, so I told him Corporal L." Another writes, "I have had a rise in my pay and my pay each week is well over £4 5s. 0d. The foreman asked me if there were any more about to finish. I informed him there are, so he is 'phoning you."

Up to the minute in method, the Centre brings the modern slogan to its aid. "Think" stares and slogans point a cheerful moral from every workshop wall and give a cheery tone to *Links*, the periodical published by the centre. "A hen doesn't quit scratching because the worms are scarce," or "there are splinters in the ladder of success, but you don't notice them going up." Machinists are warned, "the most important nut is the

loose one." "The only thing that comes to him who waits," another Centre slogan, "is whiskers."

Students go out to meet criticism. In the slightly foreign atmosphere of the Aldershot Show the Centre's exhibits are the awe of all beholders. At the last Trades' Exhibition at Olympia the soldier apprentices in competition with the London Technical Trade Schools carried off first prizes for the best stand and hammered iron work, a silver medal for turned woodwork, a bronze medal for cast lead work, and two prizes and three diplomas for brickwork.

All students when they leave, automatically become members of an "Old Students' Association" with its "old school tie" and, if they need it, receive assistance with their trade and their pocket.

There is practical philosophy and common sense in the theme of the Army Vocational Training Centre:—

"Sittin' still and wishin'

Don't make anyone great.

The Lord provides the fishin'

But you've got to dig the bait."

## Soldiering in the Eighties

(Continued.)

By James Greig.

I SAW quite a few changes in my early days in The Buffs. Before I had been six months in the Army I had the pleasure of serving in Canterbury, Dover, Aldershot, Birr and Dublin.

In August, 1882, the 1st Battalion, having by then been moved from Dover to Aldershot, was ordered to embark for active service in Egypt. I, with about three hundred other untrained soldiers together with the women and children of the Regiment, were left behind in Aldershot. The 1st Battalion did not, however, get very far as by the time they arrived at Malta peace had been declared and they were turned back with orders to proceed to Ireland to be stationed in Birr or Parsons-town, where we "left behinds" were sent to join them. My chief recollections of Birr are to do with the water supply for the barracks, all of which had to be pumped. There was a pump connected up with a windmill, but the normal conditions during our short stay in Birr seemed to be that there was either no wind at all or else a huge gale blowing which would tear the wind mill all to pieces. This meant that the troops had to turn out and pump water. The pump in question was operated something like the old manual fire engines with which each barrack was at that time equipped, and hard and back-aching work it was too. A party of about twenty men were told off for this fatigue and we had to work in relays all day long to keep the barracks supplied.

The Phoenix Park murders took place in 1881 and by the time we got to Dublin, November, 1882, some of those responsible for that outrage were already under arrest and waiting trial. Politically, Ireland was at this time in a bad state of unrest and turmoil, but strangely enough the people never seemed to bear any ill will towards the military, although Dublin seemed alive with soldiers. Six battalions of Infantry, two regiments of Cavalry, several batteries of Horse Artillery, two companies of Royal Engineers, besides strong detachments of such Corps as the A.S.C., Royal Medical Corps, etc., were quartered in Dublin at this period. But I cannot remember the populace showing the slightest resentment at our presence, in fact, I rather think they enjoyed the excitement. Certainly none of us were ever molested and there were no restrictions on our movements in any way at all.

Guard duties were very heavy during this time and all through 1883. If we got three successive nights in bed we thought we were lucky, very often it would be two only and occasionally but one night before we had to go on guard again. I cannot remember how many guards there were to furnish, but a large number and many of them consisted of as many as one hundred N.C.O.'s and men under the command of a Captain or senior Lieutenant. These were required for such places as the Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Jail, where the prisoners were being held pending trial, the huge Mount Joy convict establishment (what a name for a convict prison), the Green Street Police Court, where all the trials were publicly held, the main reserve ammunition magazine for the garrison, situated in a remote corner of Phoenix Park, all of these places were closely guarded, double sentries in most cases.

One very regrettable incident occurred in the battalion during our stay in Dublin, viz. a murder. There was a group of old buildings in Dublin known as the Linen Hall. These had been acquired by the Government and were used as a warehouse for Army Supplies and Equipment. It was considered that these buildings should be protected and for this purpose half a company of men from The Buffs were given temporary quarters there. Their duty was to see that the property was protected at all times and they did not have much else to do except patrol and guard duties. Two of the men quarrelled over a card game and what was said so rankled on the mind of one of these men that when he was on sentry duty that night, which happened to be just outside the building where the men were housed, he lifted one of the windows and shot the other man through the chest as he lay asleep in bed, killing him instantly.

The murderer was tried, condemned to death, but the sentence was afterwards commuted to detention in a criminal lunatic asylum during H.M. pleasure.

NOTE.—All men on guard duty at this time carried twenty rounds of ball ammunition, while those actually on sentry duty had, in addition, two rounds which were carried loose in the hand. This was, of course, many years before the magazine rifle was invented. It was one of these loose rounds that was made use of.

We spent two very pleasant years in Dublin in spite of all the upset in the country generally. Before we left, the Phoenix Park Authorities presented the battalion with a young male deer to be trained as a mascot. Part of our period of service was spent in Ship Street barracks and part in Richmond barracks, which we shared jointly with a battalion of Foot Guards, I think a Grenadier battalion while we were there. The Buffs had the misfortune to pick a quarrel with this battalion, or vice versa, whichever way you like to put it. I forget what it was all about, which was the better regiment of the two or something equally as futile. Anyway, after several unofficial boxing bouts they settled the point, or tried to, I don't think it was ever proved one way or the other, by having a regular "free-for-all" out on the barrack square, just after the canteen was closed, of course. There were no very serious casualties, but a good many broken heads which needed some surgical attention, plus black eyes, etc. Belts and thick heavy pieces of wood, issued for splitting up into kindling for fire places, were the chief weapons, and fists, naturally.

The inevitable Court of Inquiry followed; I think it was a case of six of the one and half a dozen of the other, but as our period for service in Dublin had expired it was decided to move us away before any further trouble developed, so we were sent off almost at once to a station called Buttevant, County Cork I think.

The following February—1885—we were ordered to Malta and on our way we fell foul of a terrific gale in the Bay of Biscay. For three days we were given a most awful dusting, huge mountainous waves pounding the ship incessantly night and day, bulwarks were washed away, every boat was smashed to matchwood, everybody battered down below, of course. We had about half-a-dozen horses on board, mostly officers' chargers, these were sheltered in horse boxes on the waist deck, but all of these poor brutes died from pain and exhaustion, their chests and hind quarters being pounded to the bone with the continual hammering, pitched forward and backwards, up and down for three days on end. We also lost our Regimental mascot previously referred to.

It took us ten days to get from Queenstown to Malta. The fact that our boat, a P. & O. transport called the *Deccan*, was an exceptionally good sea boat and most capably and efficiently handled, was what saved a repetition of the Birkenhead disaster.

The latter end of 1885 we were in the Straits Settlements with headquarters in Singapore and two companies in Penang. Early in 1887 we had our marching orders for India. Khaki had not then been adopted for us in the British Army, although it was being made use of for the Indian Army. In the Straits Settlements we wore either white duck or blue serge. Prior to embarkation for India each man was ordered to hand in two of his oldest suits of white duck or drill for the purpose of having the same dyed blue for wear on board ship and on our journey up country after arrival in India. So we had the appearance of a crowd of hospital convalescents as we progressed across that country to our new station, Ranikhet, well up in the Himalayas, but really it was a very sensible move having two of our white suits dyed blue.

I am leaving the 1st Battalion at this point, especially as I should soon find myself out of the eighties and into the nineties.

Military discipline seems to have been unreasonably harsh and rigid fifty-five years ago to what it is to-day. I am not referring to offences such as insubordination, impertinence, striking a superior officer, drunkenness while on duty or really serious offences of that nature, but I have in mind the many little petty offences for which a man might be held liable, sometimes through ignorance or lack of thought and sometimes through some little quite unavoidable accident for which he was not to blame and which could be easily and satisfactorily explained when the man was brought before the O.C.

In those days there was only one place to put the unfortunate culprit and that was the guard-room cells. One must try and visualize the conditions of that period. Spending the best part of forty-eight hours in the guard room (which it might often be if the man was confined on a Saturday and quite possibly a big field day on the Monday with Orderly Room deferred until after the battalion had returned from the field day) was a very severe punishment to us youngsters, the majority of whom had been used to clean comfortable homes prior to enlistment. We had quite a good sprinkling of the real old soldier then, old soaks in other words, and (especially in Dublin) it was no uncommon occurrence for a youngster to find himself dumped into a cell with three or four of these birds as his stable companions for the best part of two days, one night in any event under the most favoured conditions. Very little light, less ventilation, nauseating smells, the Black Hole of Calcutta on a small scale.

The conditions of which I have previously written regarding food, pay, etc., continued until after the termination of the Boer War, about 1902.

As usual, there was then a great dearth of material for the Army, more particularly the Infantry. Yet it never entered the heads of those in supreme authority to probe beneath the surface to try and get at the root of things. Public Meetings were held in various parts of the country in an endeavour to stir up a little enthusiasm, but without any material results.

I attended one of these meetings in Dover and the principal speaker was a former Secretary of State for War and he certainly gave the Government Hail Columbia. Possibly his former party were the "Ins" at that time, I do not know.

He raked the authorities fore and aft for their ignorance and parsimony in dealing with life in the Army. "How can they expect the young men of to-day to come forward voluntarily for service when he is treated no different to what was customary in the time of Napoleon, notwithstanding that the standard of living, both in food, clothing and the home has improved enormously during the intervening period.

"Recruits are notoriously underfed, one third of their pay is deducted to start with to supplement the Government ration, otherwise he would starve to death. There was not a workhouse in the country but what would put the average barrack room to shame for light, warmth and general comfort.

"He is given flannel shirts, coarse enough to scrub the back off him, no protection between the lower part of the body and his uniform trousers, which are that rough in texture that on a hot day they chafe the skin off him. The Cavalry are supplied with underwear, also hair brushes, but such things are not considered necessary to the Infantry."

This speech, which was given considerable publicity, caused such a stir that steps were taken in a very short time to improve conditions so as to try and induce recruits to come forward in larger numbers.

The first thing, the pay of all ranks was increased threepence daily to cover messing allowance. This increase was announced with a great blare of trumpets through all the leading newspapers, doubtless inspired for recruiting purposes. But here again the Government could not resist the temptation to "do the dirty" in a way, as without any public announcement or publicity of any kind, a few days after the Army Order had been issued giving this increase another order was promulgated abolishing deferred pay of twopence daily, so after all, the net increase was one penny. The War Office had to have their little joke I suppose. (To make the situation quite clear, I ought to explain that up to this time every man on enlistment was credited with deferred pay of twopence daily, he never saw this or was credit shown for it anywhere, but on discharge it was sent to him after his return to his home address, £21 for a man who had served seven years with the Colours and £36 for a man who had served twelve years. A nice little sum to receive in those days and which was quite sufficient to start some men up in business in a small way. Deferred pay was not continued for a man who was permitted to re-engage to complete twenty-one years' service.)

Many other improvements followed in the next few years. Infantry were given an issue of underclothing, the authorities also concluded that if the head of a man in the Cavalry needed brushing, so also did the head of the Infantry.

Accommodation for the wives and families of married Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men was also vastly improved, even before I left the service in 1907. Up to then they had been tolerated, but very little more. We were in one station, Buttevant, in Ireland, where, owing to lack of accommodation (and no rooms outside in the town that could be rented) the Quarter-Master had to install some of the married people in barrack

rooms, four couples with their children to one room. They managed to obtain a little privacy by screening off the corners with blankets, one corner to a family, but one can imagine what those women had to put up with. One open fire place on which to do all their cooking, the noise and confusion of the children, especially on wet days, and it seemed to be always raining in Buttevant; it must have been pandemonium at times.

Now, Mr. Editor, I feel *The Dragon* and its readers will have had quite enough of my reminiscences, but if I have succeeded in making some of the present day rank and file more contented with modern conditions I shall have been amply paid for my trouble.

Duncan, B.C.

14th February, 1938.

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## Correspondence.

409 Symington Avenue,

Toronto 9,

Ontario,

Canada.

25th February, 1938.

*The Editor, "The Dragon."*

Dear Sir,

In my last letter I mentioned the time when the 1st Battalion, in 1897, was ordered to proceed with all possible speed to the Malakhand Pass to help put down the uprising that was taking place there and over the Frontier. From then on we were engaged in punitive expeditions against the various tribes concerned. During one of these expeditions against one of the Mamund tribes the fighting lasted till late in the afternoon and when we were ordered to retire back to our entrenched camp a violent storm came on and darkness descended upon us all at once. The enemy, noticing this, decided to follow us up, thus causing us to fight rear guard actions all the way. It was during this action that the incidents happened that are mentioned in the enclosed speech.

I was looking through my mementos the other day and I thought you might be able to make use of it. I have had it for 40 years.

I paid a visit to the Queen's Own Rifles Sergeants' Mess a few days ago and it is easy to see that they are proud of the fact that they are affiliated with the Buffs, in fact, there are so many photos of the Buffs that I felt I was in our own Sergeants' Mess. C.S.M. Couchman, an old Buff, wishes to be remembered to you, in fact, they all do.

I have some friends who served in the war, some of whom served with the Canadian Division alongside the Buffs in 1915—16. They certainly think a lot of the Regiment. There was some pretty stiff fighting about that time and they admit they learnt a lot from the Buffs.

This is the closed season for drills, etc., in fact, we have had a pretty severe winter, so that it would be impossible to keep from freezing to death on a route march or manoeuvres, but about the middle of March the drill season will start up again, then I will go and see them drill. I believe they are about the smartest regiment here.

Hoping you will find this letter and enclosure useful.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. BARKER,

Late 3910, The Buffs.

The Daily Sketch and Sunday Graphic, Ltd.,  
200 Gray's Inn Road,  
London, W.C.1.

3rd March, 1938.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

We wish to thank you for your kind co-operation with us in the Voucher Scheme for the support of hospitals and other Charities which we are running in the *Daily Sketch*.

We appreciate greatly the support that you have given us and we regret exceedingly that it has been found necessary for the present to discontinue the scheme, which is done by arrangement with other newspapers.

The last voucher will appear in the issue of the *Daily Sketch* of Thursday, March 31st; but to enable your workers to prepare and send to us their collected coupons, we shall accept and honour these up till Saturday, 30th April next.

We would like to assure you that if on some future occasion the *Daily Sketch* can be of assistance to your cause, we shall be delighted to help you.

With renewed regrets that the scheme has had to be discontinued meantime,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

GEO. A. WILDE,

Organiser.

[With reference to the above, will those who have been so good as to collect coupons on behalf of the Benevolent Fund kindly send them to Captain H. Whitfield, Eddington House, Herne Bay, Kent, at their earliest convenience after April 1st and before April 23rd, 1938.—*Editor.*]

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c/o Mangons,  
Bedford Road,  
Henlow Camp,  
Beds.

11th March, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I cannot express my gratitude towards the Past and Present for the very great assistance they have rendered me in my time of need. I little thought, when I became a member, that circumstances would compel me to appeal for assistance from the Association, but I am now thankful that I did. I wish to proffer my sincere thanks for the express way in which you so readily gave me the help I so very urgently needed. I am now happy in the thought of returning home to my family.

Thanking you, Sir,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

E. JOLLEY,

Late 2nd Bn., The Buffs.

P.S.—You may print this letter with my respects.  
*President, Past and Present Association, Canterbury.*

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*To Commandant, A.V.T.C., Aldershot.*

Sir,

I have employment at Brunton, Northumberland, as a bricklayer (improver) at 1/- per hour.

I am making very good progress and am satisfactory to my employer.

Thanks very much for all the A.V.T.C. has done for me.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

ex-Cpl., 2nd Bn., The Buffs.

# Past and Present Association.

## DONATIONS.

During the period 18/2/38 to 18/3/38 the following donation has been gratefully received:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Lionel Knight ... ..	1	0	0

## DISBURSEMENTS.

During the period 18/2/38 to 18/3/38 the following disbursements have been made:—

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 18. Grant ... ..	3	10	0
18. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
19. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
22. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
25. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
Mar. 1. Grant ... ..	1	7	4
4. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
5. Grant ... ..	1	2	0
5. Grant ... ..	1	8	0
5. Grant ... ..	3	0	0
9. Grant ... ..	1	13	6
11. Grant ... ..	0	10	0
14. Grant ... ..	2	5	0
18. Grant ... ..	0	10	0

## NEW MEMBERS.

*Life Members.*—C.S.M. G. Brophy; Privates E. Pasifull, W. Johnson, R. Graham, T. Aird, C. Bryant, G. Cook, G. Culverhouse, R. Chapman, F. Davison, E. Gaghan, A. Gore, E. Harris, T. Johnson, R. Langley, W. May, J. Ratcliff, E. Shepherd, J. Winter; Boy D. Keeler (2nd Battalion).

*Annual Members.*—Privates C. Akehurst, S. Smith, J. Tape (2nd Battalion); Messrs. A. H. Hibbs, D. H. Broadbent (Canterbury).

## Branch Meetings, April.

- April 9. Ashford (Drill Hall).  
 16. London (Prince Alfred Restaurant).  
 8. Dover (Friendly Societies' Institute).  
 29. Medway (Drill Hall).  
 1. Sittingbourne (Drill Hall).  
 29. Ramsgate (Drill Hall).  
 11. Margate (Drill Hall).  
 30. Hythe (British Legion Hut).  
 1. Canterbury (Rhodaus Town).  
 12. Herne Bay Sub-Branch (Druid's Head and Drill Hall).  
 11. Folkestone (Drill Hall).  
 8. Sandwich (Rifle Range).  
 5. Deal (Working Men's Club, West Street).

## Fixtures, 1938.

- April 30. 2/5th Battalion Dinner.  
 May 14. London Branch Dinner.  
 28. Annual General Meeting.  
 June 12. March to Cenotaph (London Branch).  
 Aug. 7. Service of Remembrance.  
 Sept. 10. 8th Battalion Dinner.  
 Oct. 8. 6th (S) Battalion Dinner.

## Ashford Branch.

### LADIES' GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Mrs. King taking the chair. The Minutes were read and confirmed.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**—A letter was received from Mrs. Spinner, saying she had visited Mrs. Chapham's boy in hospital, also a letter from Mrs. Beeching of Ruckinge, saying she was unable to come owing to sickness in her family. Mrs. Stevens is ill and we were all sorry to hear Mrs. Hale's boy is very ill. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We were ever so pleased to welcome Mrs. Wright back to our meeting after her long illness and we hope she will continue to keep fit.

The Chairman would be pleased to see more members turn up to our meetings. It is difficult to carry on when so few are present.

Our best greetings to Miss Coleman on her 21st birthday.

We had our usual little draw, given by Mrs. Manktelow, which was won by Miss Constance. We then took tea and had a little talk together, the Chairman thanking those who still continue to support our meetings.

L.K.

## London Branch.

There was a large attendance of members at the meeting on the 19th ultimo, under the Chairmanship of Captain E. A. Carter. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir John Kennedy, was present and he was supported by seventeen officers, which included Colonel H. F. Sparrow and Major H. G. James.

**MINUTES.**—The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** was received from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel R. Grove Raines, Colonel Guy Lee, The 2nd Battalion, and many others all sending greetings.

**BRANCH DINNER.**—It was explained that owing to engagements at Eastbourne the Band of the 2nd Battalion would be unable to be present this year at the Dinner on May 14th.

**CENOTAPH MARCH.**—The procedure for this year's service on the Horse Guards' Parade and subsequent march to the Cenotaph was dealt with.

**UNEMPLOYMENT.**—Captain Enright stated that this question was becoming a very serious one in view of the large number of men leaving the Colours. Although the London Branch does very well in placing men into work it is entirely due to a few who notify the vacancies and help so much. It appeared that there was a want of co-ordination and the whole question needed speeding up. Employers cannot wait for men to be written to—it is always a question of the telegram or telephone, otherwise—too late. Further, we had reached a period where men who have reached the 50 years or thereabouts find it difficult to get into work once they are unemployed. "Too old" people say. The great war has left its mark upon these men whom the country wanted in 1914. Let us think of these people and find them jobs. An appeal was made to every member present to strive and place one unemployed man into work.

**SICKNESS.**—The Secretary gave a report on the progress of our sick members, viz. Gunner Lee, Dusty Roullier, Snowball Manning, Charley Bertram, Michael Baker and W. Barnett.



**MERITORIOUS BARS.**—Members were requested to notify the Secretary early if they knew of any member who had in their opinion merited the award of the Bar. Such cases would be gone into and reviewed by the Committee.

**THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT** was welcomed by the Chairman and given a rousing reception. Responding, General Sir John touched on the splendid Cross-Country win of the 2nd Battalion at which he was present. It was a splendid performance and he had no fears concerning the recruits we were getting today. The battalion was well living up to the great name of the Regiment. The General spoke on the unemployment question and how all must assist in placing Buffs into work.

**COLONEL H. F. SPARROW.**—The Chairman welcomed the Colonel and in doing so, referred to the fact that it was in 1915 they last met and that was when Colonel Sparrow attended his father's funeral. Colonel Sparrow was given a great welcome on rising to reply; he thanked one and all for their greeting and said that what surprised him most was that after long years, going back to the days before Aldershot, Chatham, Athlone, etc., there should be so many old friends he knew. He was much impressed and deeply touched by the warm atmosphere prevailing. He had spent a very happy evening and would come again.

Major H. G. James was heartily cheered on rising to address the meeting, after his prolonged and serious illness. Speaking of the trying time he had during those months of pain, he could never forget the many kind friends who rallied round him. His recovery was chiefly due to those friends and not only did the Ladies' Guild fill his room with beautiful flowers and nice things, but members of the branch visited him. When one has friends to support and help, it matters not what people say and think. The Major thanked all for their support to the Cancer Clinic Campaign and also the Ladies' Guild. He invited the branch to join him at Greyfriars for tea on Remembrance Sunday, which kind invitation was once again accepted.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.**—The question of whether the branch should journey by train or coach was mentioned and members requested to consider the matter by next meeting night.

**"THE DRAGON."**—Members were again appealed to in connection with the sale of *The Dragon*.

**UNEMPLOYMENT VACANCIES.**—Mr. Leslie Rye spoke on this question so far as the Licenced Victualling Trade was concerned and offered some excellent suggestions which Captain Enright is taking up.

**BUN PENNIES.**—The "Gordon Lindley" Bun Penny Fund was augmented by a collection of £2 5s. 3d. for the Branch Benevolent Fund.

#### NOTES.

This particular meeting was a real bumper; the way the Colonel of the Regiment was supported by senior officers, other officers and a vast number of old comrades was just wonderful.

The Bear's Den was filled to overflowing with Captain T. O. Cook, Captain (Brentford) Orwin, Molly Marshall, Spud Austin, Donk Warren, Leslie Rye and others.

Hughie Borland and Bill Elvey were ashamed at the way these old bears growled at each other. Harry Jacobs was the cause and in future is to be known under the nom-de-plume of "MacVitch."

It was really delightful to meet Colonel Sparrow. Many had not seen him for over 40 years. Some of the younger soldiers had not met him since 1915. He enquired about Billy Redman—of course, Billy would be absent on this special occasion.

Like General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir John Kennedy, will know

all the London Branch by name and nickname before very long. He can already separate the "Brown Ale" Buffs from the "Watney" Buffs.

Mr. Gordon Lindley again personally conducted his "Bun Penny" collection and our thanks to him for his zeal in helping our poverty stricken Benevolent Fund.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

There was another great gathering at the monthly tea meeting, held on Wednesday, March 2nd, at the Prince Alfred Restaurant, S.W.1.

**MINUTES.**—The minutes for the previous month were read and signed.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**—Letters were received from Mrs. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Chichester, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. King and Captain Enright.

**REGRETS.**—Regretting inability to attend, Lady Kennedy (President), The Hon. Lady Lynden Bell, The Hon. Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Ongley and Mrs. Willing.

**WELCOME.**—Mrs. Barton (Medway Branch) was accorded a hearty welcome, also Mrs. Emerson (sister to Mrs. Verlander) on joining the Guild, and Mrs. Wall after her recent illness.

**SICK.**—Members regretted to hear Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Manning were still on the sick list, also that Colonel Findlay was not too well, but pleased to hear Mr. Roullier and Mr. Manning (London Branch) were making progress.

**OBITUARY.**—We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Vaughan on her bereavement, the death of her mother, also to the relatives of the late Mrs. Mott (née Burung Backhouse). Mrs. "Kechie" Rennison and Captain Philip Backhouse wrote expressing their thanks to all who had written letters of condolence in their sad loss, a dear sister.

**COMING OF AGE.**—The Chairman announced another member, namely Miss Nancy Bolton, would be coming of age on March 3rd. It was agreed a letter of congratulations be sent to her.

**LONDON BRANCH.**—Ladies invited to the quarterly social of the London Branch on March 19th, at 8.30 p.m.

**SILVER PAPER.**—It was requested that members make a collection of silver paper for the London Branch.

**DINNER.**—The London Branch Dinner, on May 14th, at Thames House, Millbank. Tickets 5/6. Warn in early to avoid disappointment.

**RAFFLES.**—Mrs. Carter gave a black evening bag to be raffled, to go on until May meeting. She wishes to get some of the cash back to help out her presentation. Well done Treasurer, there were other raffles which are being held over.

**PRIZES.**—Prizes for whist and lucky numbers were given by Miss Enright, Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Spinner. Thanks to all for generous gifts.

#### Dover Branch.

I am afraid my notes this month must appear very short, there being nothing special to report upon, it being a short month, therefore, "nothing doing."

Our meeting for March took place on the 11th, and was of the usual bright and cheery manner. We regret our Chairman, Lieut.-Col. J. Crookenden, was unable to be present, but we expect the very foggy night, as it was, prevented him. However, our Vice-Chairman, Dr. E. E. Elliot, very ably carried on.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Dr. Elliot and Mr. H. E. Frost on being selected to receive the Meritorious Bars.

We are glad to hear that some of our sick members are now well on the road to recovery. Major Foster keeps about the same. We are sorry to say our old friend and member, Mr. (Cabby) Saunders, is not

quite so well as we would wish, he being still in hospital (London), but hopes to be home shortly. To them all we send hearty greetings and sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

We very much regret to have to record the death of Mr. W. Folwell, 8 Chapel Hill, Dover. Mr. Folwell (old Bill), who has been in poor health for some time past, was a very old and keen member of this branch, always eager to take part or make one for all outings, etc., arranged by the branch. He was buried at Charlton Cemetery on the 16th, when Messrs. Wakefield, Joyner, Willson and Steel, Sen., were present to represent the Branch. A wreath was also sent.

C.E.A.

### Medway Branch.

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Drill Hall, Boundary Road, Chatham, on February 25th, 1938. Captain A. Barton presided, supported by Mr. F. Cox, Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. King-Holt, Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary and a good gathering of members.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the January meeting were read and on the proposition of Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Daw, they were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.—The usual letter from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was read. He gave us some very interesting items concerning the battalions, a very optimistic and cheery letter in every respect.

MERITORIOUS BAR.—The selection of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. King-Holt, to receive bar was proposed by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. French, and carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.—Mr. S. Chambers was selected to represent the Branch at all future Sub-Committee meetings, proposed by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. French.

No other business arising, the meeting was declared closed, after the box had realised the sum of 8/2.

NOTES.—Congratulations to our Hon. Treasurer on being nominated for Meritorious Bar, at the second time of asking. I am sure that all present were agreed that he is well deserving of the honour and everybody appreciated his kindly thought in filling the cheery cup.

We were disappointed in not having Mr. Potter with us. We hope his health is not retarding him from attending. He can be sure of a welcome from Mr. Cox and Mr. Shirley on his next appearance.

So ends this month's report, not very inspiring I admit, but we hope for better results next month.

A.J.M.

### LADIES' GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held on February 23rd, Mrs. King-Holt presiding.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Rowlands, Treasurer, who we are pleased to say is recovering from her illness.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Potter on being Vice-Chairman for another year.

There being a good number present, a vote was taken for the summer outing to be Brighton.

We were very pleased to have Mrs. Morey with us and trust we shall soon enrol her, as her husband is Secretary to Medway Men's Branch.

At our March meeting we are holding a Beetle Drive and hope that our members will turn up in good numbers.

Games were enjoyed, Mrs. Skinner winning the competition prize and Mrs. Fawcett darts.

Tea was served during interval. After a very happy time the meeting closed.

M.S., Hon. Sec.

### Margate Branch.

Members are requested to make a note of the Branch Meeting to be held on May 9th and to make a special effort to attend. Our President, Captain L. W. Barber, has promised to bring a team of sports along and give us a return match at darts, also on the miniature range, and anything else that requires skill and judgment or a lot of luck. The Branch Committee look forward to a bumper evening.

We are sorry to report that our Chairman, Mr. R. H. Harman, has been ordered three months' complete rest; very galling to one who takes such an interest in the Branch. We hope he will be completely restored to health. Mr. W. G. Stewart is acting as Chairman during his absence. The Branch has awarded the Meritorious Bar to R. Q. M. S. Johnson for services rendered, all done very quietly, and perhaps the members don't realise how much they are indebted to him and Mrs. Johnson.

The "Rogers" Cup Competition finishes this month and it's very gratifying to see how some of the competitors have come on in the shooting, we have quite a good team now, and the leader in the "Rogers" finds it is not such a soft thing as it looked at the start; still, that is all for the best.

It's a long way off, but we are discussing the Group Rally to be held at Margate during the autumn. We hope to put up a good show, but more of this later on. Congratulations to the 2nd Battalion Cross-Country team on their win.

Mr. Kennett is giving up the agency of *The Dragon* after seven years' service. Mr. H. West, "San Douci," Arlington Gardens, Margate, has taken over, all enquiries should be sent to him.

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### Canterbury Branch.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Guild was held at Rhodaus Town on Wednesday, March 16th, 1938. There were thirty odd members present.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer read the Report which was as follows:—

The year which is now closing has again been most successful.

There are 39 paying members.

Five new members have been enrolled during the year and two have resigned through leaving the station, Mrs. Bell to Corsham and Mrs. Stone to India.

The outing this year was once more a great success. The monthly meetings have been well attended and our Vice-Presidents have occasionally visited us.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our Vice-Presidents for their kindness and generosity. Due chiefly to their great help and kindness our funds, as shown on the Statement of Accounts, appear healthy.

I should like to thank Captain W. H. Rowe of the Depot for so kindly auditing our accounts.

Finally, our Chairman, Mrs. Howard Smith, deserves the thanks of us all for the way she has so ably looked after us. We owe her a great debt of gratitude. (Applause.)

Prior to the General Meeting a Committee Meeting was held. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—

Chairman: Mrs. Howard Smith, "The White Oast," Wingham.

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. C. Wilson, "Thangool," Sturry.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Andrews, Depot, The Buffs.

The retiring Committee offered themselves for re-election and were accepted.

During the afternoon we were very pleased to see Mrs. Morgan, who made a surprise visit. It will be remembered that Colonel H. de R. Morgan was given command of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, during 1936.

A few games were played, including darts and egg blowing, after which tea was served.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon closed at 4.30 p.m.

### Folkestone Branch.

#### LADIES' GUILD.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended during the new year, our members being so keen that a request was made that the Committee run two meetings each month. Two meetings were held in February, on the second and fourth Wednesdays and were very successful, and this arrangement will be continued as long as the members support it so well.

March meeting was a very jolly one. Our usual popular Whist Drive was held and the Committee is very grateful for the splendid prizes so many of the members gave. The successful winners were Mrs. Wanstall, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Butterworth. Mrs. Wanstall and Mrs. Smith also carried off the travelling prizes, Mrs. Hawkes darts, Mrs. Fuhrburg lucky draw and Miss Cannon sealed number.

Our annual outing this year takes place on June 1st, when we go for a trip to Warwick, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage, etc. All are looking forward to a good time and we are hoping to make up a big party again.

A.L.F.

### Sandwich Branch.

On Thursday, February 17th, 1938, the Branch held their Annual Supper at the Guildhall, Sandwich. Our Chairman, Major F. W. Tomlinson, presided, supported by the Mayor and Mayoress (Lieut.-Col and Mrs. Prescott-Westcar), Capt. J. E. Lewin (Deputy Mayor), Major A. J. Peareth (General Secretary), Mrs. Bland (Deal Ladies' Guild), Mr. Oram (Deal Branch), Mr. and Mrs. C. Marshall, Mrs. H. Taylor, and about 50 members and their ladies.

After the toast of the King and the King of Denmark and Iceland (our Colonel-in-Chief) had been duly honoured, the Mayoress presented to Mrs. Taylor (wife of the Secretary) a vase of tulips as a mark of appreciation for her services to the Branch.

The Chairman thanked the ladies for their help in preparing the supper, and the four members of the Sandwich Cadet Company of the Buffs.

The toast of the Association was proposed by the Mayor, who said he felt that such gatherings were among the nicest one could attend. They brought ex-Servicemen together. There was a period just after the Great War when it was the fashion to decry anything to do with soldiers and soldiering; he was glad it was dying off. It was fostered by those people who did not go to the war, but soldiers realised their duty to the Country. In every regiment one saw generation after generation of men in the ranks, as well as officers serving their Country. There was no doubt that keeping up the spirit of the Regiment and keeping the men together did much towards retaining the proudest privilege of Englishmen—our Freedom.

In reply Major Peareth thanked the Mayor for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, he was delighted with his remarks about young men and the Army, it was true that many sons of Buffs went into the county regiment, but he thought it lamentable that the 2nd Battalion at home was so much under strength. He was encouraged when he saw the cadets, and he hoped that some of them would go to fill the gaps in the Regiment.

He knew Sandwich Branch was a small one, but it was a very happy one, and ably guided by the Chairman, Major Tomlinson.

The toast of the visitors was given by Mr. C. Marshall and responded to by Capt. Lewin.

Then followed a good concert given by Mrs. Smith, Messrs. R. Shaw, A. T. Cullen, F. Powell, C. Marshall, C. Smith and C. Powell, with Mr. Yeo at the piano.

Thus ended a very enjoyable evening.

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### Deal, Walmer and District Branch.

Our monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 1st, at Headquarters, West Street, Deal. Present:— Captain J. V. Hitchcock (Chairman), Captain R. M. Bourne, Messrs. Maxted, A. Blown, Conway, Hunt, Collins, Piddington, Oram (Acting Hon. Secretary) and the usual number of members.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Pope and Kingsford.

The observations of the Committee on the Financial Report were put before the members and they fully endorsed their findings.

A very lengthy discussion took place with reference to the forming of a Rifle Club and it was proposed and seconded that enquiries should be made at the Deal Rifle Club to find out what facilities could be arranged, so that those wishing to join could get their eye in again.

I am more than pleased to record that a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Maxted and Mr. Hunt for the work they have done (and are doing) in connection with the delivery of the monthly notices and *The Dragons*, which is a big financial asset to the Branch.

I do wish that those members who are in arrears would come along to the next monthly meeting, as I am sure that something can be done to help them.

We were very pleased to have Major A. J. Peareth with us, who very kindly answered several questions concerning the Branch, in particular, the position of Annual Members who have lapsed in their subscriptions.

Our sincere thanks go to the Sandwich Branch for their kind invitation to us to attend their Annual Dinner, which was held in the Guildhall, Sandwich, on Thursday, February 17th. Several of us went over and a right royal time we had, everything was excellent, including the beer; our only regret was, that we had to leave before the end, as our "car" would not wait for us. (Can anybody explain why certain people have thick heads after such functions?)

It was decided not to hold a Social in March owing to Lent, but we do hope to have one soon after Easter.

Our Chairman, Captain J. V. Hitchcock, extended a very hearty welcome to one of our oldest members, Mr. Thresher, who has been unable to attend the meetings owing to pressure of work, but we were glad to hear that he now hopes to be a regular attendant.

I feel that I cannot close these notes without wishing all branches (including the Ladies' Guilds) a very Happy Easter, with fine weather.

W.F.O.

## The 1st Battalion.



TO begin with, we must offer our very hearty congratulations to the 2nd Battalion on their recent splendid victories in the Aldershot Command Cross-Country Run, Young Soldiers' Cross-Country Run and Boys' Boxing. It is a list that they may well be proud of.

Our last notes ended with some "Stop Press" News of the Battalion Rifle Meeting. This was followed almost at once by the Brigade Rifle Meeting, details of the results of which appear later. The battalion carried off the Revolver Team prize and the Company Cup. This year the M.G. and L.M.G. matches were fired on the field firing ranges and there is a project to hold the whole meeting there next year. The battalion rifle team under Captain Walters afterwards travelled to Meerut for the Army Rifle Championships there. They had a few minor individual successes but nothing outstanding was achieved.

The Brigade Meeting was held in Civil Service Week, which was, as usual, a busy period. Our polo team took part in the local tournament and later in the Infantry Tournament at Bareilly. For this latter only five teams entered and one had to scratch at the last minute owing to illness among the ponies. I fear that this poor attendance, partly, no doubt, due to the new charger scheme (that is, the issue of eight Government chargers per battalion) spells the eventual doom of this meeting. We did not have any luck in either tournament. In the Lucknow Hunt Point-to-Point, however, our only entry (Mr. Samuelson) won the Infantry Officers' Race. Riding "Poker," his seven-eighter, which has now been with the battalion on hire from the 14/20th King's Hussars for over a year but which he has just taken over, he took the lead early. Riding a good race on a horse which tried hard to take command and leave the course, he won by five lengths.

The team boxing which took place early in the month provided some extremely interesting fights. In our match against The South Staffords we were up against a number of extremely plucky fighters, and every fight was well worth watching. Between us and The Warwicks there was very little to choose, and

five or six of the fights might easily have gone the other way and reversed the verdict. The most exciting fighting of all was in the final between The Royal Warwicks and the 14/20th King's Hussars, when the issue was in doubt up to the last fight.

The Brigade Commander's Inspection took place on February 23rd, and he seemed quite satisfied with what he saw. It came in the middle of a week devoted to individual and Harris Shield sports. The weather, which a week before had been very cold and wintry, turned back to its February normal, and summer is now in view. The sports results are given elsewhere. Several close finishes occurred and H.Q.1 (Band and Signals) scored top points towards the Harris Shield. The inter-company relays especially were closely contested. Mrs. Whitacre Allen kindly gave away the prizes on the final day.

Apart from sports, we are well on with Harris Shield events. H.Q.2 (Drums and Employed) won the tug-of-war, "C" Company being runners-up. In a further pull, H.Q.2 beat the Indian Platoon. The cricket has also been finished. Time compelled this to be on a knock-out system and in consequence it has had to be omitted from the Harris Shield this year. "S" Company won the Cricket Shield by beating H.Q.1 in the final. Good progress has also been made in football and a start in hockey.

This gives the impression that sport has been the order of the month, and to a certain extent this is true. The departure of the first detachment to the Hills on April 1st has made it necessary to hasten up our programme, but training has also been carried out. Bangs and noises can be heard every day from the rifle range, where Casuals' Courses and A.R.A. Competitions are going on. In addition, the Young N.C.O.s Section Leader Course has begun and is, in fact, well on its way.

Captain Dewar arrived in the middle of the month and has taken over "B" Company in place of Captain Spear, who is now at District Headquarters. Captain Dewar, in company with Captains Williams, Bruce and Lynden-Bell, have been busy with the Staff College Entrance Examination, and the last-named was most unpopular with the supervising board by choosing a voluntary subject which necessitated the presence of two of them for a whole afternoon, and a Saturday at that, to watch him work in solitary state. Lieuts. Kenward and Harris-St. John are back from courses at Roorkee and Pachmarhi. It is rumoured that the former is most skilful at digging and night wiring.



Married Families Group. 1st Battalion The Buffs. 27th February 1938.

2/Lieuts. H. C. Badhwar and J. Ross of the Special List Indian Land Forces have left us to join their regiments and have been replaced by 2/Lieuts. K. C. Dube and K. L. Thapan, whom we welcome. In order to catch the first-named pair, before they left, all officers of the U.L.I.A. and S.L.I.L.F. were dined in the Officers' Mess on February 11th. Another guest night was held on the 25th as a farewell to Major-General Sir Clement Milward, who leaves early next month; and one is projected for March 8th to entertain His Excellency Sir Harry Haig, Governor of the U.P.

On the last Sunday of the month the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Whitacre Allen held a happy party for the married families. The children were kept fully occupied with games, chute, swing and sandpit and seemed never to be silent except for a brief moment during tea. They were tired but happy when the time for bed came round.

Our programme for March has already been published. It has been altered in detail but not to any great extent. The main features are the District football, hockey and athletics competitions and our own Novices' Boxing, to say nothing of three days' company field firing and a Brigade Day with the 1/18th Punjab Regiment, when we are to march 16—19 miles and do some digging, being photographed at intervals by an aeroplane specially brought over for the occasion!

#### Army and R.A.F. Team Boxing.

The Lucknow District eliminating rounds began at Lucknow on 8th February and the results were as follows:—

1/Buffs	1/Buffs	1/R. Warwicks.	1/R. Warwicks.
2/S. Staffs.	20—13		
1/R. Warwicks.	1/R. Warwicks.	18—15	17—16
2/R. Berks.	18—15		
1/Queen's		14/20 Hussars	
14/20 Hussars			

The 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, after strengthening their team from a newly arrived draft, went on to meet the 1st Battalion, Cameronians, in the Eastern Command final, but were beaten by 17 points to 16. I cannot do better than reproduce, with permission, the accounts of our two matches, which were published in the *Statesman*.

#### BUFFS v STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

**BANTAMWEIGHT.**—L/Cpl. Moore (South Staffords) beat L/Cpl. O'Keefe on points. O'Keefe tried to rush his man off his feet but Moore weathered the attack and a hard-hitting first round ended in favour of Moore. O'Keefe fought back in the next round which went to him, but in the final round Moore scored heavily to the face and head and deservedly got the verdict.

**FEATHERWEIGHT.**—Pte. McLeavy (Buffs) beat L/Cpl. Youens on points in an excellent bout. Youens started in aggressive fashion and McLeavy was in difficulties, but The Buffs man recovered and floored his man for a short count towards the end of the first round. Youens took heavy punishment in the next two rounds but managed to last the three rounds and was given an ovation when leaving the ring.

**LIGHTWEIGHT (First string).**—Pte. Brookman (Buffs) beat Pte. Wood on points. Brookman was the more experienced boxer and was unlucky not to win on a knock-out as he floored Wood in the second and third rounds the gong saving the South Staffords' man on both occasions. (Second string).—Pte. Watford (Buffs) beat Pte. Dodd on points. Dodd, who had an unorthodox style, kept Watford out in the first round,

but in the next two rounds Watford chased his man round the ring and won easily on points. (Third string).—Pte. Adams (Buffs) knocked out Pte. Hill in the second round. It was a good fight while it lasted, both men exchanging blow for blow. Adams got home with a right hook towards the middle of the second round and Hill dropped for the full count.

**WELTERWEIGHT (Second string).**—L/Cpl. Fairbrother (South Staffords) beat Pte. Reynolds on points. An even bout with Fairbrother winning by a narrow margin. (Third string).—Pte. Marsh (Buffs) beat L/Cpl. Heyward, the referee intervening in the second round.

**MIDDLEWEIGHT (First string).**—Pte. North (Buffs) beat Pte. Richmond on points. North held the advantage in height and reach and scored points in all three rounds, but Richmond fought pluckily to the end. (Second string).—Pte. Johnson (Buffs) knocked out Pte. Jackson in the first round. After a few sharp exchanges Jackson was floored with a beautiful right to the point.

**HEAVYWEIGHT.**—L/Cpl. McKay (Buffs) beat L/Cpl. Hall on points. McKay was the more experienced boxer and staggered Hall with a heavy right in the first round. Hall fought pluckily in the next round but was outgeneralled in the third round and was practically out when the final gong sounded.

**WELTERWEIGHT (First string).**—Pte. Harrison (Buffs) beat Pte. Perkins on points. It was a close fight with Harrison taking the points in the last round.

#### BUFFS v ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

In the second semi-final in the Lucknow District Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships, 1st Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment (Fyzabad) beat 1st Battalion, The Buffs, by 18 points to 15 or seven fights to four.

A large crowd witnessed last night's boxing and the first half of the programme produced some splendidly contested bouts. The Buffs opened well to win with O'Keefe, but Paul (Warwicks) won a great fight after being practically out on his feet in the second round and put the visitors on level terms (3—3). Then Brookman and Watford obtained the maximum number of points to put The Buffs two points ahead, but the Warwicks won the next two bouts and at the interval the teams were on level terms (9—9) again.

In the second half the Warwicks proved too good for their opponents and lost only one fight while Falconer, their first middleweight, was responsible for the solitary knock-out of the evening.

Results :—

**BANTAMWEIGHT.**—L/Cpl. O'Keefe (Buffs) beat Pte. Maxwell on points. A hard hitting fight between an evenly matched pair. O'Keefe used his left to advantage throughout the three rounds and deservedly gained the decision.

**FEATHERWEIGHT.**—Pte. Paul (Warwicks) beat Pte. McLeavey on points. An excellent fight. McLeavey opened well and got in some telling blows to the face, but Paul retaliated and the first round ended with honours even. A hard hitting second round saw Paul groggy when the gong sounded. McLeavey tried hard for a knock-out in the final round, but Paul by clever ducking avoided The Buffs man's heavy swings and took points to win by a close margin.

**LIGHTWEIGHT (First string).**—Pte. Brookman (Buffs) beat Pte. Leonard on points. Using both hands to advantage, Brookman scored heavily in the three rounds and was an easy winner. (Second string).—Pte. Watford (Buffs) beat Pte. Kirkwood on points. The Warwicks' man forced the fight in the first round but Watford fought back splendidly in the next two rounds and his aggressive tactics won him the bout. (Third string).—Pte. Harris (Warwicks) beat Pte. Adams on points. A close fight, the men exchanging blow for blow from the start and Harris being slightly ahead when the final gong sounded.

**WELTERWEIGHT (Second string).**—Pte. Pearson (Warwicks) beat Pte. Reynolds on points. Reynolds opened with a hurricane attack but Pearson by clever ringcraft evaded his opponent and The Buffs representative wasted his punches. Pearson scored heavily in the second and third round against a tired opponent. (Third string).—Pte. Cloves (Warwicks) beat Pte. Marsh on points. Marsh kept chasing his man round the ring but was met by a straight left which gained Cloves the decision. The referee announced at the end of the fight that it was a near thing for the winner.

**MIDDLEWEIGHT (First string).**—Pte. Falconer (Warwicks) knocked out Pte. North in the third round. After an even first round Falconer carried the fight to his man and with nasty rights and lefts dropped North for the full count. (Second string).—Pte. Johnson (Buffs) beat Pte. Stanley on points. Another great scrap. Stanley was floored for a short count early in the first round but rose pluckily and made a good recovery to win the second round. The final round saw Johnson slightly ahead and he rightly earned the decision.

**HEAVYWEIGHT.**—L/Cpl. Morris (Warwicks) beat Cpl. McKay on points. Morris took the first two rounds with the third going to McKay. Morris was warned in the final round for hitting with an open glove but had piled up sufficient points to win.

**WELTERWEIGHT (First string).**—Cpl. Jones (Warwicks) beat Pte. Harrison on points. Although opposed to a far more experienced boxer, Harrison fought magnificently to the end.

#### Rifle Shooting.

The results of the Battalion Rifle Meeting on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th February were briefly reported last month. This meeting was followed by the Brigade Rifle Meeting in which representatives of three British and three Indian battalions, a cavalry regiment and the A.F.I. took part. The first two days were devoted to L.M.G. (Vickers Berthier) and M.G. firing on the field firing ranges, in neither of which did the battalion meet with success. The Individual Rifle and Revolver Championships fell to N.C.O.'s of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and the Brigade Unit Championship, based on the award of points for the rifle and revolver matches, was carried off by the 1/9th R. Jats with ourselves second. We also won the Team Revolver Match and H.Q. Wing the Company Rifle Match. The conditions were not good. There was a strong wind and the Company Rifle Match was fired in a good imitation of a dust storm.

The battalion results were :—

**INDIVIDUAL RIFLE.**—6th, Pte. Priestley, H.Q. ; 10th, Bt.-Major E. Foster Hall, "A" ; 11th, L/Cpl. Courtney, H.Q. ; 12th, L/Cpl. Sinclair, "A."

**INDIVIDUAL REVOLVER.**—2nd, L/Cpl. Belcher, "C" ; 3rd, Arm.-Cpl. Gibbs, attd. H.Q. ; 8th, Major B. E. Hammond-Davies, H.Q.

**TEAM REVOLVER.**—1st, 1st Battalion, The Buffs.

**COMPANY MATCH.**—1st, H.Q. Wing ; 6th, "A" Company ; 8th, "C" Company.

**FILE SHOOT.**—2nd, "C" Company ; Semi-finalist, "S" Company.

**HAY (CHAMPIONSHIP) CUP.**—1st, 1/9th R. Jats ; 2nd, 1st Battalion, The Buffs.

General Milward in giving away the prizes forecast that this may be the last meeting on the classification range basis and that next year's meeting, as also next year's W.T. Courses, will be more on field firing lines.

This will indeed be an innovation and I foresee more of the youngsters coming to the front and us older and less active hands retiring to the committee tent, where

we can bemoan the good old days when rifle shooting was rifle shooting. However, the change hasn't come yet and H.Q. Wing demonstrated this by winning next day the East Indian Railway A.F.(I.) Open Challenge Cup for the second year in succession. The results were :—

H.Q. Wing (No. 2 team), 1/Bufs (holders) ...	397
H.Q. Wing (No. 1 team), 1/Bufs ...	345
"B" Company, 2/Royal Berkshire Regiment ...	325
"A" Company, 1/R. Jats ...	307
"C" Company, 1/Bufs ...	305
Highest individual score : Pte. Priestley, H.Q., 79.	

ARMY RIFLE MEETING, MEERUT.

This year we sent the following team to compete in the A.R.A. Rifle Championships at Meerut :—

RIFLE.—Captain H. de L. Walters, C.Q.M.S. Field, Cpl. Jolley, L/Cpl. Sinclair, Pte. Matfin.

REVOLVER.—L/Cpl. Belcher, L/Cpl. Phillips, Pte. Matfin.

We arrived at Meerut after a most uncomfortable all-night train journey on Friday, 18th February. Practice shooting took place on the Saturday and Monday, the competition proper starting on Tuesday.

The first practice day was most disappointing, as a howling gale blew which made conditions almost impossible for accurate shooting besides covering the working parts of the rifle with layers of sand.

Monday's practice was better and on Tuesday the wind had quite died away, so we were all confident of good scores. The rest of the week was sunny and extremely hot, especially as the order is now cardigans.

The scores made by the team in the Roupell Cup were excellent and were as follows :—

Cpl. Jolley, 117; C.Q.M.S. Field, 111; L/Cpl. Sinclair, 110; Capt. Walters, 99; Pte. Matfin, 84.

The next day was rather disastrous and the very difficult conditions of the Luckcock Cup proved too much for the majority of the team. The scores were :—

C.Q.M.S. Field, 100; Capt. Walters, 71; L/Cpl. Sinclair, 70; Cpl. Jolley, 61; Pte. Matfin, 60.

Our team of four with a total of 739 easily qualified as one of the teams to take part in the Birdwood Vase Competition. C.Q.M.S. Field must be congratulated on getting into the Army Hundred. Unfortunately, he had a bad shoot in this competition which spoils his final placing.

Two of our revolver team did very well indeed. L/Cpl. Phillips with 64 was counted out for last place in the revolver thirty, whilst Pte. Matfin was only one point behind with 63. L/Cpl. Belcher couldn't reproduce the form which made him runner-up in the Brigade Meeting as his score of 41 shews. Our revolver team requires practice at fifty yards and this was rather overlooked this year.

Although nothing startling was accomplished the team's shooting was of quite a high standard and with a little more practice and that essential small slice of luck, should do very well indeed next year.

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Annual Athletic Sports Meeting.

This year two and a half days were allotted to individual events, with the usual Harris Shield Day to follow, and the whole fixture went well. Weather conditions were practically perfect; Pte. Berry and his "staff"—for whom, by the way, a hundred yards "dash" was arranged on the last day—had all done marvels in the way of preparation of the ground; the Royal Berkshire's Band played us some tuneful music; and altogether—whether you like the expression or not—an enjoyable time was spent by all.

H.Q. Wing, split asunder by a Regimental Games Meeting, entered two "half-company" teams, resplendent in red and blue diamonds; the former found no difficulty in winning practically all the track events, and acquitting themselves more than averagely well in the field events, to win by the substantial margin of 22 points from their nearest rivals, "C" Company. Detailed results will be found elsewhere in this article.

The Cup, kindly presented every year by the Colonel and Mrs. Allen, for the best athlete in the Individual Sports, was this year won by Pte. Johnson of "B" Company, who is to be congratulated on a very fine throwing performance. The scoring was 3, 2, 1 for all events, and most of Johnson's eleven points were made up of wins in throwing everything he could lay hands on, further than anyone else. He was run very close by Cpl. Wells, also of "B" Company, who Pole Vaulted and Long Jumped in addition to throwing hammers, etc. From the more "athletic" stand-point, Pte. Downs, of "C" Company, put up a good performance in winning the 880 yards and the mile, while Pte. Ashdown, of H.Q.1, was prominent in winning the 100 yards and being second in the 220 yards; Pte. Kelly of "A" reversing this.

The standard in the field events has gone up since last year on the whole, though there is still room for progress. In the track events we ought to do well, both in long and short distances, in the Brigade Meeting on March 18th and 19th. Training must definitely be got on with, between now and then, so that we are a well-moulded "team" and not a collection of individuals.

The detailed results, both of the Individual and the Harris Shield events, are given below; they speak volumes for themselves.

HARRIS SHIELD ATHLETIC SPORTS.

WINNER OF ATHLETIC CUP.—1st, H.Q.1, 119 points; 2nd, "C," 97 points; 3rd, "B," 87 points; 4th, "A," 67 points; 5th, "S," 65 points; 6th, H.Q.2, 46 points.

WINNERS OF EVENTS AND POINTS OBTAINED :—

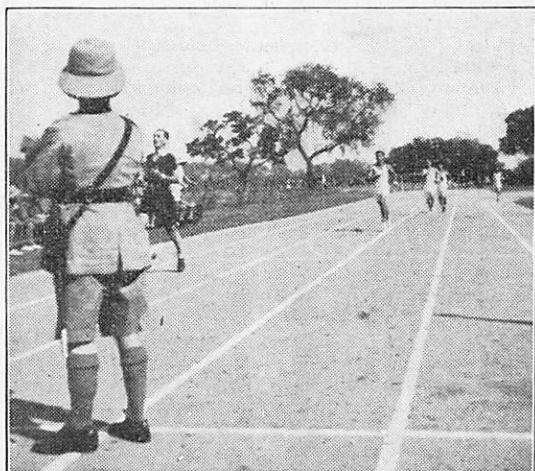
Event	Winning Team						
	H.Q.1.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"S"	H.Q.2.	
3 Miles, Team	... "C"	10	2	8	12	4	6
Long Jump ...	... "B"	5	3	6	1	2	4
1 mile, Team	... "C"	10	2	4	12	8	6
High Jump ...	... H.Q.1	6	4	5	3	2	1
Hammer ...	... "A"	1	6	4	3	2	5
Pole Vault ...	... "B"	2	4	6	3	5	1
880 yds., Relay	... H.Q.1	12	4	8	10	6	2
Putting Shot	... "B"	4	5	6	3	2	1
440 yds., Relay	... H.Q.1	12	8	2	6	10	4
Discus ...	... "B"	5	4	6	3	2	1
2 mile, Relay	... H.Q.1	12	2	6	10	8	4
Mile Medley ...	... H.Q.1	12	6	2	10	8	4
Javelin ...	... "B"	4	5	6	3	2	1
480 yds. Hurdles, Relay ...	... H.Q.1	12	6	10	8	0	4
1 mile, Relay	... H.Q.1	12	6	8	10	4	2
Total Points ...	...	119	67	87	97	65	46
Place ...	...	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	5th	6th

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS.

100 YARDS.—1st, Pte. Ashdown, H.Q. (10 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.); 2nd, Pte. Kelly, "A"; 3rd, Boy Bunnetta, H.Q.  
 220 YARDS.—1st, Pte. Kelly, "A" (24 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.); 2nd, Pte. Ashdown, H.Q.; 3rd, L/Cpl. Warne, "B."  
 440 YARDS.—1st, Bdmn. Green, H.Q. (56 $\frac{1}{4}$  sec.); 2nd, Cpl. Whaley, "B"; 3rd, Pte. Blake, "C."  
 880 YARDS.—1st, Pte. Downs, "C" (2 min. 13 sec.); 2nd, L/Cpl. Palmer, "S"; 3rd, Cpl. Whaley, "B."

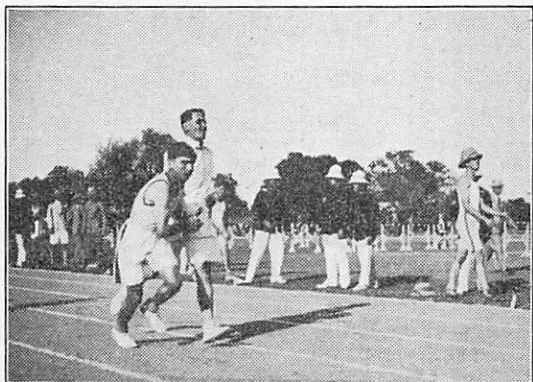


Lieut. Grace wins the high jump at 5ft. 1 inch after a tie



Major Wilkins watches the finish of the 1 mile Team Race

1st, 2/Lieut. Campbell; 2nd, Pte. Downs;  
3rd, Pte. McDonald, all of "C" Coy.



Lieut. Horley hands over to Pte. Leftly in the 2 miles relay



Lieut. Grace, 2nd in Hurdles to Pte. Blake (C)



1 MILE.—1st, Pte. Downs, "C" (4 min. 56 sec.); 2nd, Pte. McDonald, "C"; 3rd, Bdmn. Jones, H.Q.

3 MILES.—1st, Mr. Campbell, "C" (16 min. 34 sec.); 2nd, Bdmn. Jones, H.Q.; 3rd, Pte. McDonald, "C."

120 YARDS HURDLES.—1st, Pte. Blake, "C" (18 sec.); 2nd, Mr. Grace, H.Q.; 3rd, L/Cpl. Horn, "S."

HAMMER.—1st, Pte. Terry, H.Q. (76 ft. 2 in.); 2nd, Pte. Brabham, "A" (67 ft. 11½ in.); 3rd, Cpl. Wells, "B" (67 ft. 8½ in.).

THE SHOT.—1st, Cpl. Wells, "B" (35 ft. 9¼ in.); 2nd, Pte. Johnson, "B" (32 ft. 9 in.); 3rd, L/Cpl. Dines, "A" (31 ft. 11½ in.).

DISCUS.—1st, Pte. Johnson, "B" (102 ft. 2 in.); 2nd, L/Cpl. Pullen, "B" (91 ft. 0¾ in.); 3rd, L/Cpl. Donovan, "C" (89 ft. 3 in.).

POLE VAULT.—1st, Cpl. Wells, "B" (9 ft. 3 in.); 2nd, Pte. Fagg, "S" (9 ft.); 3rd, L/Cpl. Brice, "C" (8 ft. 9 in.).

HIGH JUMP.—1st, Mr. Grace, H.Q. (5 ft. 1 in.); 2nd, Cpl. Wells, "B" (5 ft. 1 in.); 2nd, Cpl. Faulkner, H.Q. (5 ft. 1 in.). All three failed at 5 ft. 2 in., and counted out on number of jumps; Cpls. Wells and Faulkner tie 2nd Place.

LONG JUMP.—1st, Pte. Johnson, "B" (18 ft. 8½ in.); 2nd, Cpl. Wells, "B" (18 ft. 2¾ in.); 3rd, Pte. Ashdown, H.Q. (18 ft. 1 in.).

JAVELIN.—1st, Pte. Johnson, "B" (137 ft. 4 in.); 2nd, Pte. Packman, "B" (137 ft.); 3rd, Mr. Plumpre, "A" (128 ft. 5½ in.).

BOYS' RACE, 220 YARDS.—1st, Boy Marshant; 2nd, Boy P. Burt; 3rd, Boy Riley.

I.O.R.'s INTER-PLATOON MEDLEY.—1st, No. 15 Platoon; 2nd, No. 13 Platoon; 3rd, No. 14 Platoon.

Cup presented by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. J. F. Whitacre Allen for the Best Individual Athlete: Pte. Johnson, "B," 11 points; Cpl. Wells, "B," 10½ points.

### Football.

There has been a lot of football during the month, what with Harris Shield matches and three battalion games. One great thing is that a number of players are having practice three times a week and with this we should be able to pick a well-trained and balanced team very shortly. The Harris Shield matches will be mentioned, no doubt, by companies, but I must say that the football is still as good as ever, although we have lost some good players during the trooping season.

The 1st Battalion game was against The Queen's Royal Regiment. The scribe had to pick a team very quickly and it did not do at all badly, although it had a few new faces in it. We lost by 2—1, after a very even game. Our late goal-keeper scored our goal and it was one of the best.

The second match was against The Royal Berkshire Regiment on their ground. We lost by 6—0. The game was very even and the score is a bit flattering.

The third was against The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I. This was a very good game, our players being a bit slow and not getting rid of the ball quick enough. We lost by 2—1.

By the end of this year's Harris Shield football we should have quite a selection of players to pick a battalion team from.

W.D.

### Sergeants' Mess.

Like the muezzin calling the faithful to prayer the notification of a mess meeting is a command not to be ignored. Some of us attend with many good intentions and a note book full of questions, only to find that the points to be raised are more skilfully delivered by someone else. Having had past experience of this, at the last meeting I sat in silence, voting for or against

as the case may be, when, without any preliminary warning I found myself the subject of debate, and before I fully realised the dangerous position I was in, found that I had been duly elected correspondent for the Mess. I cannot but think that some agency was working against me for the satanic grin on Davis's face savoured of a dark conspiracy, with him as the shining light. In any case, the alacrity with which he relinquished the job points very much towards this view.

Such small points as Kansamahs being dispensed with the meeting closed, and I sought to put my journalistic nature into practice forthwith. I was met with an impasse. No matter which table I sat at conversation was kept to generalities and those spicy items which delight the soul of a correspondent were studiously avoided in my presence. Thinking the matter over I decided upon a new course of action and met with success forthwith.

My first really spicy item was an introduction into a new game entitled "strip euchre." Not liking the title of this at all I (thank goodness) decided to view the game for a while as a spectator. The gladiators took the arena in the shape of Slim Davis, Paddy Curless, Shylock de Vroome and Bunter West. How a man of Paddy's experience became caught on one like this I do not know. The cards having been cut and dealt to the mutual satisfaction of all the game commenced in earnest. Bunter, whose hand I was watching, appeared to my lay eyes to be entrenched in an impregnable position. Allowing the discard to go, however, he was politely euchred by young Paddy and was ordered to produce a shirt. The caterer acting like the true Jew he is accepted this article of clothing and one could see at a glance that he was working out his 5% on one shirt. The game continued fast and furious until it looked at times as if it would develop into a strip tease competition. The more intimate details can now be spared for having in his possession everything with the exception of a hat belonging to Paddy and a shirt belonging to Davis, Shylock, the Caterer, declared the mess as closed. Everyone then departed. At this juncture, however, Uncle Tom, who had been out searching for criminals, arrived in a thirsty condition. Finding the caterer in possession of so much wearing apparel his criminal mind jumped immediately to the wrong conclusion and he was stopped just in time from incarcerating the caterer. When the position was explained to him he made a rapid exit complete with Idgit (the bloodhound). Fortunately, West, by reason, no doubt, of previous practice, managed to elude pursuit, and his Lady Godiva episode was brought to a conclusion without the derisive remarks of the Provost.

Some evil work, I am afraid, is afoot, for reports reach me of an Aunt Lillian acquired by no other than Bob Sovico. Having due regard to his ascetic mode of living this is hard to believe, but to send photographs of poor old Jim is, I think, rather a mean way of putting the poor lady off. Having due regard to previous notes and his constant inclusion I had hoped to exclude the one and only Gunner Ivey this month, but I find it an impossibility. He will always intrude and thrust himself forward to such an extent that his inclusion is essential. Such a challenge as he issued the other day in any case could not be passed over, for I know of at least thirty other sergeants of this battalion with a knowledge of tent pitching. I will not say that they are as adept at the art as our hero, for without a pipe the majority would start off with a handicap, and I can only suggest that his superior knowledge of tents I.P. gained, no doubt, in many foreign climes is the real reason for his constant selection for this brand of military duty. However, now that Chapman has returned, bursting with knowledge, from Roorkee,

I should think that two masters will not be required to his many successes on Battalion Sports Day the rest. Latest reports have now reached me that owing Corporals are applying for him to pitch the tents at their social. Such is fame.

The award of a medal to the recipients must always be regarded as a day of rejoicing and having partaken of the beer that flows on these occasions I can vote them good shows. Why it should be necessary for them to be inconsiderate enough to have them presented after a Church Parade on a Sunday, however, defeats me and, though we all feel thoroughly proud of our R.O.M.S. and Sir of H.Q. Wing on their latest acquisitions, we would like them to bear in mind that drawing these things from the Company store in the silent watches of the night would meet with the approval of all members instead of having to break the day of recreation to see them presented. Joking aside, Here's luck and may you serve to obtain some more.

The Mess just lately has obtained a depleted look about it for several of our members have departed or are busy packing for an early departure.

Wickens, Kinsella and Hopkins have already gone to the U.K. for a spot of leave and rumours have it that Wick intends to develop his fish and chip shop on Dover seafront and will not be joining the flock again. Let's hope that the fish trade will not be too flourishing, for dinner without Wick's constant little repartees would indeed be a dull meal.

Paddy has gone to Ireland and we can only pray for his safe keeping in such a foreign country.

C.S.M. Dolbear and Sgt. Miles are eagerly awaiting their orders for the U.K. and C.S.M. Wickham has decided that a little of the rough life of Australia will suit him. Bearing in mind his stories of the illimitable spaces and beauties of this country we presume that he has already a strong knowledge of what he is in for. For me a nice easy chair and a walk along the promenade at Folkestone.

For entertainment this month we have had a very successful dance, run by the new indoor committee with C.S.M. Duffy at its head. The evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one and left nothing to be desired. In addition we have had a revolver shoot against the Corporals which we lost by 28 points. Looking at it from a strategical point of view it might have been better to have invited the Corporals to a convivial hour before the shoot instead of afterwards.

To the following on promotion we offer all good wishes: C/Sgt. Hicks, Sgt. Solway, Sgt. Chapman, L/Sgt. Howe, L/Sgt. Bartlett and L/Sgt. Ireland.

In conclusion I would like to remind Woods that he has escaped with the fair sex cannot go on much longer without becoming dangerous and that my finances at the moment will not permit of large grants towards wedding presents.

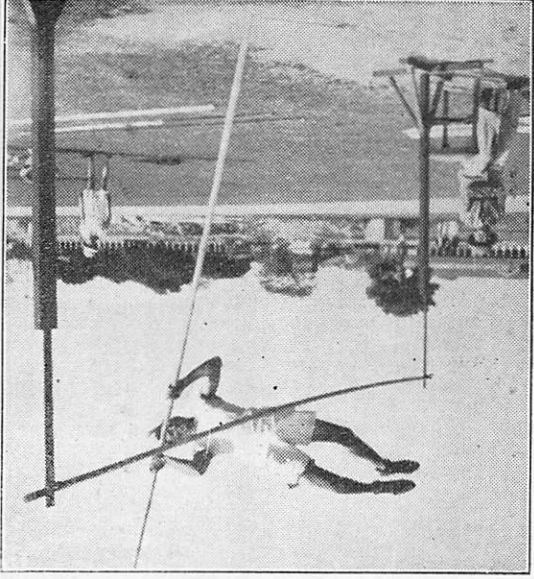
**Corporals' Club.**

It notes this month seem a little disjointed and spasmodic, your humble scribe apologises and, in the same breath, hastens to explain that he is due to appear on the guard mounting square in the early hours of the morn despite his worthy (some would uncharitably say discreditable) efforts to dodge same; hence a little labour is indicated.

To break the monthly ice, I'll commence by congratulating those of our members, Cpls. Howe, Bartlett and Ireland, who have recently entered the Senior Mess, and with them L/Cpls. Lowder, Rose and Rush on attaining full rank; L/Cpls. Baker, Horne, Edwards,

Excell, Reeve, O'Hara, O'Keefe and Flood on receiving pay of appointment and L/Cpls. Dines, Goldsack, Tucker, Ellington, Gatsby, Cador, Hills and Ratcliff on their entry into the Club. We wish them all the best of luck and to the latter-named N.C.O.'s we offer a hearty welcome.

During the course of the month still more of our members have left us and more are due to go. To "pani" Cpl. Wells will be greatly missed during the greater portion of the present year since he, having "qualified" as he modestly puts it, is taking a holiday in England at the Government's expense. In the Battalion Athletic Meeting, held from Tuesday, 22nd, to Friday, 25th, he came second with 10½ points to Pte. Johnson, who gained 11 points in the competition for the Best Individual Athlete's Cup, presented by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Whitacre Allen. Well done "Bomber".



**He did get over!**  
Cpl. Wells (B) was unbeaten at 9 ft. 6 ins.

For the past fortnight, 38 of our junior members in company with nine selected privates, and helped out by two or three of our senior members, have been making the early mornings hideous with tortured cries to "Move to the right in fours," etc. After breakfast, silence descends on the Cadre lines and one thinks of them sitting there, massaging their aching throats whilst they absorb knowledge of interior economy, tactics and map reading in the lecture room, till they turn out once more, and the sorely tried vocal chords come into play once again. Keep going fellows, virtue earns its due reward.

Many of our members these days have been making quite a name for themselves by representing the battalion at shooting, with rifle and revolver, some even going as far as Meerut in search of laurels, whilst others are even now out on the sports field practicing for the Brigade Athletic Meeting. We are, indeed, a busy set of individuals; ask the Cadre.

Whilst on the subject of "courses," we wish to cheer and encourage those who are undergoing them out of station. L/Cpls. Reeve and Drury are on a Transport Course at Bareilly and Cpl. Swain is on Short P.T. Course at Ambala. If wishes were the only qualifications required, ours for them would assure three d's, but since hard work is the more normal requirement we would say "Go to it lads and drag 'em back." Hurry up back "Swannie," Bob is developing congestion of the bronchi and paralysis of the tongue since you deserted your fortnightly post under the bright lights and the torture of the bugs and monsoon flies.

On 3rd March, at eleven of the clock, there begins a battle royal. The Sergeants, it would appear, have not learnt their lesson and are now eager to try their skill in opposition to ours at the ancient game of cricket. That the game will be enjoyed, goes without saying, but the result, well, though it may be a source of much satisfaction to us, will not, I fear, be of much comfort to the Sergeants. Confident? Of course we are and I don't mind saying so, since these notes will not be read by those we play for a long time after the game is played, and if we lose, I hope forgotten.

And now, since only a few hours are left to me before the dread "Quarter for Guard!" I'll repair to bed and dream of next month and its Garrison duties.

FOREDUN.



Pte. Terry (H.Q.) wins the Hammer with 76 ft. 2 ins.

#### Headquarter Wing.

I must start off by explaining that after many years we are now divided into two companies for the purpose of competing in the Harris Shield Competition. The reason for the change is not hard to seek; we have had practically a monopoly of the Shield for many years and the powers that be decided that it was high time something was done to break the monopoly. So putting on their thinking caps they said, "Ah! How about the 2nd Battalion's idea of splitting the Wing into two companies." "Ho! Ho!" chuckled the C.S.M.'s of "A," "B," "C" and "S" Companies, "got 'em at last." And so it was decided that in future we should compete as two companies, but, and it was a very big "but," the actual division of the Wing was left to us. After much hard thinking it was decided that the Band and Signals should unite as No. H.Q.1 Company, and the Drums and No. 3 Group style themselves H.Q.2. Up to the time of going to press both companies are doing as well as expected in the

competition. H.Q.2 having won the tug-o'-war and obtained second place in the shooting, and H.Q.1 having won the sports by a very wide margin; in the sports H.Q.2 came rather a cropper and were a poor last, but this was expected.

I will not bore readers with a long list of the results of the sports as I expect they will be fully reported elsewhere in this issue.

In the company sports Bdmn. Satterley carried all before him in his final effort, as he was leaving for home about two days after the sports and was thus unable to compete for his company in the Harris Shield events. He put in some great efforts and was successful in four events—a great show. He will be sorely missed, both in the Band and on the sports field.

We again entered a team in the A.F.(I.) Open Challenge Cup Competition, which we won last year, in fact we entered two teams, and both came up to our expectations, the No. 2 team winning the competition by a margin of 52 points from the No. 1 team. Pte. Priestley of the No. 2 team won the cup for the highest individual aggregate with a score of 79. Priestley is another of our stalwarts who left with Satterley for home—we hope to see him shining at Bisley. In the Central Meeting at Meerut the Wing provided all the Regiment's competitors with the exception of Capt. H. de L. Walters and L/Cpl. Sinclair. The following were the lucky ones:—C.Q.M.S. Field, Cpl. Jolley L/Cpls. Belcher and Phillips and Pte. Matin. At the time of writing no results are to hand. We hope they all figure in the prize lists. In the Brigade Rifle Meeting our crack shots did not come up to expectations, but in the Battalion Meeting L/Cpl. Jones of the Drums surprised everyone by winning the Battalion Championship; it was at this meeting too, that L/Cpl. Belcher and Priestley borrowed a V.B. Gun from one of the companies and entered in the V.B. Competition and did extremely well to tie for second place. When you consider that the Wing are not equipped with V.B. Guns and that both men had had only a couple of hours' instruction the performance is even more meritorious.

The C.S.M. is very busy preparing for his leave in Australia, but up to date there is no sign of a relief.

CRIPPEN.

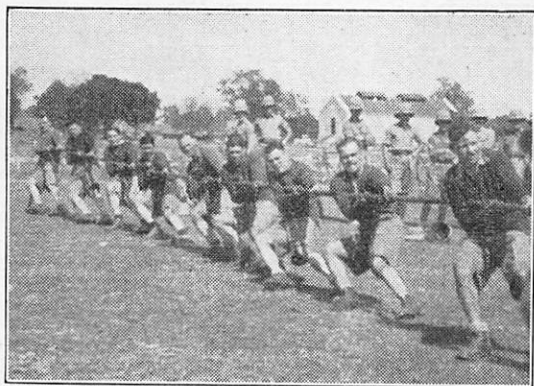
#### "A" Company.

The coming warm weather is enticing me from my den and like a startled rabbit I have been glancing at the company during the month.

I saw some very good teams leave the company lines to compete in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. With the active and moral support of Major E. Foster-Hall and Capt. H. de L. Walters we had visions of winning at least half the trophies. Unfortunately, the wind prevented us. No. 4 Platoon won the Tile Shoot under the command of Lieut. B. M. Horley. Captain H. de L. Walters nearly won the Battalion Championship. Gus Sinclair turned out to uphold his reputation and made some of the prospective champs. shake.

Our tug-of-war merchants have been training very hard, with one eye on the Shield. Unfortunately, the results have not been very encouraging. Still, that has not stopped them yet. Our only victory was when we beat H.Q.1. The hockey team is doing very well and by the time next month's notes are due I hope they are able to prove themselves worthy of the new pitch they have acquired.

Company sports were held on Friday, 18th, and Saturday, 19th. The weather was not so good, but, in spite of that, the competition towards the Lucas Shield was very keen. No. 3 Platoon came top in sports towards it for the second time. Everyone of the platoon turned out and did their bit, from Mr. Plumtre, the Platoon Commander, to our latest addition from the



"A" Company Tug-of-War Teams

boys. After the second day's sport we had tea in the Company Reading Room. Mrs. de L. Walters very kindly presented the prizes.

100 yards, Pte. Kelly; 220 yards, Pte. Kelly; 440 yards, Cpl. Rose; 880 yards, Pte. Marton; High Jump, L/Cpl. Dines; Long Jump, Sgt. Hanson; Pole Vault, Cpl. Cullen; Discus, Pte. Brabham; 1 mile, Pte. Quinton; 3 mile, Cpl. Rose; Shot, L/Cpl. Dines; Hammer, Pte. Brabham; Javelin, 2/Lieut. Plumtre; Throwing the Cricket Ball, Pte. Cook; Slow Bicycle Race, Cpl. Arnett; Husbands and Wives' Race, Sgt. and Mrs. Hanson; Wheelbarrow Race, Pte. Rumble and Pte. Williams; Three-Legged Race, Pte. Cook and Pte. Harrison; The Best Athlete's Cup was won by L/Cpl. Dines.

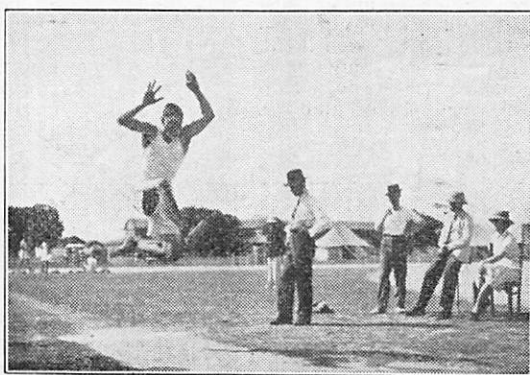
We congratulate Mr. Ross on his appointment to the Rajputana Rifles at Hong Kong. We wish him every success and "Bon Voyage." While congratulating people it is time to mention the N.C.O.'s who have been promoted: Sgt. Chapman and Sgt. Solway, Cpls. Lowder, Rose and Rush and L/Cpl. Reeve. More trade for the Company Dhurzi. I see that our "Squeaker" has gone into the restaurant business. You can see him on parade any meal time, complete with the traditional growth on the upper lip and that famous family smile. If he has learnt any tips from his brother he should be our No. 1 "Maitre d'Hotel."

We tried very hard at the Battalion Sports Meeting and in spite of everything, we put up a good show. The star performers were Pte. Brabham, who won the first prize for throwing the hammer, with the able assistance of L/Cpl. Tritton, Cpl. Cullen and L/Cpl. Dines, who did very well on the Pole Vault and, incidentally, our Pat put up a sturdy effort when it came to the hurdles. If there was such an honour as a sportsman's V.C. I think it should have been given to Pte. Marton. He was running well in the lead on the second hurdle when he tripped and damaged his side, but, in spite of that, he did not give in, but finished the course and gave the company a chance to add another much needed point. Pte. Kelly was our leading light as far as track events were concerned and we made very good use of his ability. At the conclusion of the day's meeting he was only five points behind the winner of the C.O.'s Cup. During the last day Lucknow Aerial Adventurers tried to attract our attention with a spot of sky writing, but we were either too interested in the sports or else they put up a rotten performance as I didn't notice many people who were particularly keen on the show.

I am very amused at the antics of our twins "George and Lakery." They both live in the same bunk and you can hear them all day and night arguing about Field Engineering and Stripping and Assembling. After all "Twins," you should know all about it, you did the courses, not us. Still, cheer up, I heard that you were both going home this year, so you can tell your mothers all about wire and all that.

It was said in the higher circles that we poor scribes were to get a course on our own to write *Dragon* notes, but courses are so popular that they are afraid the local rag will hear of it and offer to buy us out as sub-editors. Still, I doubt if that will happen as our latest "Education Wallah" hasn't finished answering the applications for his service as a local instructor in the Thanet seaside resorts yet. So I expect I will still be watching the old company next month.

KIKI.



Only 2nd this time  
Cpl. Wells (B) jumped 18ft. 2½ins

#### "B" Company.

This being the first time that I have acted as *Dragon* note correspondent I ask my readers to be lenient with their criticism, of course, I cannot hope to be in the same class as the "Rambling Rooke," but, nevertheless, I will do my best.

The month started with the departure of Pte. Williams to the U.K. and later in the month the following departed also: Ptes. Epps, Campbell, Foulsham, Milham, Browning, Hannan, Huntley, Searle, Streater, Watson, Kennaird, Duncan and the blind boy, Tunncliffe. Acting as spokesman for the company I wish them all the very best of luck when they do eventually arrive in civvy street and hope that they will have no trouble in obtaining situations in their respective qualifications. No doubt, however, that some will be up for extension when they find that the outer world is too much like hard work. Of all the departures this month none will be felt so much as that of our leader in sport and the man who showed the V.B. Gunners how to get their pay. I know that I have no need to mention a name, it is too obvious who I mean. I am sure that we are very sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Badhwar and hope that he will be happy with his new unit.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting proved, as usual, a great success. The conditions were not too favourable, but we managed to place Cpl. Munday and Ptes. Arnold and Streater in the Battalion 24. Our V.B. Gunners did better; No. 8 Platoon came first with Pte. H. Brown and Pte. (Bung) Stupples; No. 5 Platoon, with L/Cpls. Cullis and Winter, tied for second place with

H.Q. Wing. No. 5 Platoon would have won it easily, but, of course, "Baldy" would have to double tap and have 15 points knocked off.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting followed and again Cpl. Munday and Ptes. Arnold and Streater performed without success. Teams from the V.B. Sections of Nos. 5 and 8 Platoons were entered to represent the battalion and No. 5 Platoon came fourth, and the winners of the battalion shoot came last. I must remind my readers that it was No. 8 Platoon, and I wish further to remind Pte. H. Brown that it is very difficult when firing at a 1½d. stamp at 800 yards. When I met him on the range he said that it was a 2d. one. After the completion of the morning's firing at Kukrail the team proceeded to the canteen for the usual "Char and Wad," but our Jacky was missing. A search party went out and they found him on the range firing rapid at imaginary targets and vowing that the V.B. was a wash-out. Never mind, Jack, old boy, we do make allowances for you, look at the service you have done abroad.

Sport this month has been very competitive owing to the Harris Shield and the following games were played:—

Hockey—

- v "C." Won 4—0.
- v "S." Draw 0—0.
- v H.Q.1. Lost 1—0.

Football—

- v "C." Won 5—1.
- v "A." Won 4—0.
- v H.Q.2. Draw 2—2.

Of the above games the hockey match with "S" Company stands out as being the best. It was a fast game from beginning to end and only the superb goal-keeping of Pte. Miles kept the score at zero. Time and time again battling "B" were in the circle, but Miles frustrated them at every shot.

Our Harris Shield team in athletics fared badly in the Battalion Sports Meeting, but not because of the want of trying as even the Rs. 80/- spent on running shoes failed to get us more than third place. Outstanding performances were made by Cpl. Wells and Pte. G. Johnson; they seemed to win almost everything in the way of Cups for the field events. Congratulations to Pte. Johnson on winning the C.O.'s Individual Trophy for being the best individual sportsman of the day. It's a pity that he cannot run, but there, I forgot about the old chest trouble, "ikma" is a very bad complaint, eh, Johnson?

Next year perhaps we shall have some new blood to bring our track talent up to standard.

In the Brigade Boxing Meeting Pte. G. Johnson and Pte. (Stacker) E. Marsh represented the battalion. The former won by his usual K.O., but the latter, although one of the K.O. kings, failed to thrill his fans when he lost on points in the semi-finals with The Warwicks.

We welcome Captain Dewar, who is acting in the absence of Captain Spear, and hope that success in his Staff College Examination will accompany him to the precincts of "B" Company lines. We also welcome 2/Lieut. K. P. Dube and hope that he will soon settle down and carry on where 2/Lieut. Badhwar left off in No. 8 Platoon.

#### HEARD IN THE COMPANY LINES.

1st N.C.O. (carrying camera): "Hullo Bob, have you been sitting outside the Mess Room all the afternoon?"

2nd N.C.O.: "Yes." "Why?"

1st N.C.O.: "Well, I have been walking all round barracks looking for something unusual to take a photograph of with my camera, and I never noticed you till now."

2nd N.C.O.: "Why, you etc., etc."

1st N.C.O. (on the run as usual): "I can't make out how I missed you."

1st Mess ORDERLY (in Cookhouse): "Has Bob gone for the fish?"

2nd Mess ORDERLY: "Yes, but he has forgot to take the mixing bowl with him."

1st Mess ORDERLY: "That's alright mate, he has got his topee on, same thing."

BALDY.

#### "C" Company.

Like the editor of a big daily with two brand new murders in his "in" basket to satiate the hunger of the multitude, the call for *Dragon* notes produced from me only a satirical chuckle. This in itself is unusual, for as a rule the day of writing is one dreaded and certainly not one to cause joy. My chuckle is caused, however, by the fact that no matter which way I have turned for the past month, *Dragon* notes have been showered upon me. Football, cricket, hockey, athletics and even point-to-point races have come my way to be duly recorded and it is a sore trial to such a mediocre scribe as myself to do them all full justice. However, as a commencement to what I hope to be a comprehensive chronicle of the company's happenings I give firstly the results of all hockey matches played by the company.

Harris Shield Matches. Only one match for the Shield versus "B" Company has been played to date and the result, though not flattering, is really all that could be expected. Unfortunately, it seemed to be one of our off days and we simply just could not work as a team. Result, lost 0—4.

Three other matches have been played, all these being friendlies. Against "W" Battery, R.A., we lost 0—3 and a similar fate was also meted out to us by "A" Company. However, we did at last make up for this by defeating the Royal Corps of Signals by three goals to one a few days afterwards. Considering that the Signals have one of the best sides in Lucknow it follows that we must have put up a very good show.

Football next claimed our attention and I am sorry to say that our success as a football team depends upon two persons only. If one of these has an "off" day our side seems to collapse immediately and a poor game invariably follows. Full results, however, are appended and we can only hope for a better showing in next year's competition.

Harris Shield Matches. v "S" Company, lost 0—3; v H.Q.1, lost 0—2; v "B" Company, lost 1—4.

In the shooting line we excelled ourselves by winning the Inter-Company Competition by 130 points and our hearty congratulations go to 2/Lieut. White and his team, also to Pte. White, who won the Young Soldiers' Competition. A photo of the team is attached.

As a result of these successes our company was selected to represent the battalion in the Brigade Rifle Meeting. No. 12 Platoon, having all the best shots, was chosen to produce a team for the Tile Competition and did remarkably well in tying for first place. A shoot off was arranged and unfortunately, we were just beaten by the 9th Royal Jat Regiment, obtaining, therefore, second place in the Brigade.

L/Cpl. O'Hara gave a good account of himself firing for the battalion team and managed to figure in the prize list. Sgt. Curliss also was doing exceedingly well, but went down badly in one practice.

A team was also selected to represent the company in a shoot organised by the East India Railway A.F.I., in which we were successful in obtaining fifth place, a very creditable performance considering there were over twenty teams entered.

**Inter-Company Shooting Competition. Winners "C" Company, 1st Battalion  
The Buffs. Lucknow, February 1938.**



*Standing : Ptes. Killick, Newing, Abel, L/Cpl. Ellington, Ptes. Whitehead, White (Winner Young Soldier's Cup), Smissen, Ruane, Desjardines, Shrubsole.*

*Sitting : L/Cpl. Edwards, Sgt. Curliss, Major R. W. M. Webster, 2/Lt. J. R. B. White (U.L.I.A.), C.S.M. Duffy, L/Sgt. Howe, L/Cpl. O'Hara.*

During the whole month the Harris Shield tug-o'-war has been in progress, each company pulling each other once. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the team, for it was only beaten once, and that by the eventual winners, for the good performance they put up and also for the very valuable five points their victories secured for us towards the Harris Shield. The full results were: *v* "S" Company, won by two pulls to nil; *v* "B" Company, won by two pulls to nil; *v* "A" Company, won by two pulls to nil; *v* H.Q.1, won by two pulls to nil; *v* H.Q.2, lost nil pulls to two.

In the cricket field we have also been rather unfortunate, losing our only Cricket Shield match played to "S" Company by the large margin of 83 runs.

Amazing though it may seem, horse racing next appears on my diary for laudatory comment and this time our congratulations are for 2/Lieut. Samuelson on being placed first in the Dismounted Units event in the recent point-to-point. Unfortunately, at the moment this officer is in hospital and we can only hope for his speedy recovery and return to military duty.

Athletics. I have purposely left this item of my news until last because it has been the chief event of the month. Space will not permit of all I would like to write, but I must, on behalf of the company, thank Mrs. Webster for her kindness in presenting prizes at the company sports which were held on 16th February. For her to accept this duty so soon after her arrival from England is a further demonstration of the unflinching interest she takes in all that the company does. The sports were held on two ideal days and a departure was made from the usual procedure of producing a team per platoon for each event, by conducting the whole on an individual basis, individuals counting points

towards their platoons. By this system it was possible to obtain the best performers in each event and facilitated the selection of the company team for the Inter-Company Athletic Meeting.

During the meeting on the second day, tea was served on the ground and it was voted by all one of the best days spent in India. Before giving the full results we should like to offer congratulations to No. 11 Platoon for winning the Inter-Platoon Shield for the third year in succession; to Pte. Blake for his consistently good performances (he captured one first and five second places) and also to 2/Lieut. Campbell, C.S.M. Duffy and the Committee, whose efforts produced such a well-run and enjoyable two days' sport.

The full results were as under.

- 100 YARDS.—L/Cpl. Martin, Pte. Blake. *Time* : 11 sec.  
 220 YARDS.—Cpl. Gammon, Pte. Blake. *Time* : 24 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.  
 440 YARDS.—Cpl. Gammon, Pte. Blake. *Time* : 58 sec.  
 880 YARDS.—Pte. Downs, 2/Lieut. Campbell. *Time* : 2 min. 19 sec.  
 1 MILE.—2/Lieut. Campbell, Pte. McDonald. *Time* : 5 min.  
 3 MILES.—2/Lieut. Campbell, Pte. McDonald. *Time* : 16 min. 5 sec.  
 HURDLES.—Pte. Blake, 2/Lieut. White. *Time* : 15 $\frac{1}{4}$  sec.  
 LONG JUMP.—Pte. Wraight, Pte. Blake. 17 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
 HIGH JUMP.—L/Cpl. Brice, L/Sgt. Turmaine. 5 ft. 1 in.  
 POLE VAULT.—L/Cpl. Brice, Pte. Blake. 9 ft.  
 JAVELIN.—L/Cpl. Donovan, Pte. Foster. 111 ft. 6 in.

DISCUS.—L/Cpl. Donovan, Pte. Mills. 90 ft. 9 in.  
 SHOT.—L/Cpl. Edwardes, Pte. Mills. 28 ft. 3½ in.  
 HAMMER.—Pte. S. Wilson, Cpl. Punnett. 66 ft. 6 in.  
 SLOW BICYCLE RACE.—L/Cpl. Donovan, Pte. Wraight.

For the ordinary reader my notes this month must appear to be of the "trumpet blowing" variety, for they seem to be nothing but congratulatory, and even now there is another such paragraph. This time it is for the company athletic team for their excellent performance in the Inter-Company Athletic Meeting, where "C" Company obtained second place after an afternoon of thrills, thus putting us well in the lead for the Harris Shield. Our outstanding performers were 2/Lieut. Campbell, Pte. Downs, Pte. McDonald, Pte. Morris and Pte. Barrett, whose efforts gave us first place in the mile and three miles, and Pte. Blake, who competed in several events and whose fine hurdling brought us to third place in that event. A really fine finish to the two miles relay was provided by Lieut. A. C. Rawlings, who ran a magnificent half mile, to be beaten into second place by Cpl. Luscombe, who breasted the tape a matter of inches in front of our representative.

Lieut. Rawlings also gave another excellent performance in the one mile relay, running a quarter mile in beautiful style. Unfortunately the opposition in H.Q.1 was too hot for us and we had to be content with second place again. In the Battalion Individuals, which took place on 24th and 25th February, 2/Lieut. Campbell, L/Cpl. Brice, Pte. Downs and Pte. Blake all figured in the prize list. Pte. Downs also secured third place in the Championship for the best athlete.

Full results appear on another page, so I will content myself in a concluding note of thanks to C.S.M. Duffy, who, though in the veteran class, turned out and ran as good a hundred as many a younger man.

Finally, we wish all success and a continual climb to the following, who recently appeared in the promotion columns of B.O. s:—

L/Sgt. Howe to paid L/Sgt. ; L/Cpls. Edwardes and O Hara for pay of their appointment.

Our best wishes for the future also go to those 22 in all who have left us this month for England, either for posting to the Home Establishment or for transfer to the Army Reserve.

### "S" Company.

February has been rather an eventful month for the company, quite a lot of sports having been crowded into 28 days. First of all came the Company Sports, to which the whole day, Saturday, the 5th, was devoted. The organisation was perfect and everybody, competitors and spectators, enjoyed a good days sport. The following are to be congratulated on winning their events and we hope they put in bags of training and help us to creep nearer to the Band after the Harris Shield events are completed.

3 MILES.—Pte. Whitmarsh. LONG JUMP.—Pte. Ripley. HIGH JUMP.—Cpl. McKay. DISCUS.—L/Cpl. Palmer. PUTTING THE SHOT.—L/Cpl. Coleman. 100 YARDS AND 220 YARDS.—Pte. Ripley. 1 MILE.—Pte. Fast. HURDLES.—L/Cpl. Horn. HAMMER.—Pte. Davis. 440 YARDS.—Pte. Fagg. JAVELIN.—Pte. Griffin. POLE VAULT.—Pte. Fagg. 880 YARDS.—L/Cpl. Palmer. CYCLE RACE.—Pte. R. Miles. INDIAN PLATOON RACE.—No. 15 Platoon. INTER-SECTION MEDLEY.—No. 4 Section. BLIND-FOLD DRILL.—No. 1 Section.

The most popular event of all, judging by the number of entries, was the tea at which our champion eaters had to admit themselves licked. At the termination of the Sports, Mrs. Penlington presented the prizes. Everyone now is looking back on Sports Day as a day well spent, while the memory of the blind-fold squad drill is still able to cause laughter in the barrack rooms. The Battalion Sports were held on Thursday, 24th. Our fellows did well by trying hard, but we didn't exactly shine there. The Harris Shield Sports were held on Friday, 25th; again our fellows tried hard, Sgt. Twyman having some hard luck on the hurdles.

At cricket, ah, not only did we try hard, but we hit hard too, as these results will go to prove. We beat "C" Company by a hundred runs, Pte. Jackson bowling very well for our side. H.Q.2, the renowned old staggers team, failed before our willow wielders, to the score of 40 runs, our bowlers again doing the trick. In the finals we met H.Q.1 team; we thought this would be rather close, but we again emerged victorious by 30 runs. Lieut. Lewis scored 56 runs for us. Jackson again bowled extremely well, while that catch of Shilling's did the trick. On each occasion we batted first.

The tug-o-war results were as follows:—

Lost to "C" Company; lost to H.Q.2.

The last was a good pull, the team worked much better for the remaining three pulls, beating "B" and "A" Companies and H.Q.1 with two pulls each.

Before leaving you this month I have a few revolver range rumours. One is that our C.S.M. has been getting his hand in at paper hanging. The other, that "Spike's" revolver is to be fitted with telescopic sights, before he again attempts to score 8 out of 36.

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## The 2nd Battalion

THE BUFFS



Officer 1801

THE temporary editor of the 2nd Battalion notes appears to have written in somewhat prophetic vein in the last Editorial, for not only has he been able to hand back his duties to the editor, but the cold spell, which caused him such misgivings, came to the abrupt end that he wished for it, and we have been having a miniature summer, which though welcome to the majority, has brought to the fore that well-known

British characteristic of being able to grouse at all times and under any conditions. Already we hear complaints of "Oh! we shall have to pay for it later on!"

Our visitors during the month have been our Divisional Commander, Major-General the Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander, who visited us shortly after taking over command of the Division; our Colonel, Major-General Sir John Kennedy; and Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, who lunched in the Mess prior to the Army Cross-Country Run.

We welcome to the battalion, 2/Lieuts. Lucas and Norris, who have joined us from the R.M.C., 2/Lieut. Bossom, S.R., The Buffs, and 2/Lieut. Loos, R.A.S.C., who are attached to the battalion for training.

At the present moment, companies have just completed Individual Training and Officers' Week is in full swing, with Sergeants' and Corporals' Weeks to follow.

By the time these notes appear, Captain Milton, Lieutenants Oliver, Scott, Edlmann, Edmeades and Howard will have completed their written examination for promotion, and Captains Lister and Knocker will have faced the examiners in the practical. To all of them we wish the best of luck and hope that they may come out of the ordeal with flying colours. All these officers, with the exception of Lieut. Howard, have spent the past week attending a Brigade Officers' Duties Course, designed to assist them in the examination.

Turning to other subjects, we must offer our congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Ongley and his running team on their success in the Aldershot Command Championship. The team put up a splendid show in defeating the 2nd Battalion, D.C.L.I., and the 1st Battalion, The South

Staffordshire Regiment, the former by 40 points and the latter by 129 points.

We have also to congratulate Captain Lister and his fencing team on defeating the R.H.A. in the semi-final of the Command Championship by 16 wins to 11. In the final they were defeated by the 2nd Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment.

As we go to press, the result of the Army Cross-Country Championship is to hand. Again the battalion was successful, and it is interesting to note that the first three in the Army Championship were the same as the first three in the Command Championship. The result this time was:—1st, 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 316 points; 2nd, 2nd Battalion, D.C.L.I., 486 points; 3rd, 1st Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment, 581 points. Once more our heartiest congratulations to O.R.Q.M.S. Ongley and his team, on a unique achievement—for the winning of the Young Soldiers', Aldershot Command and the Army Championships in the same year sets up a record which will stand for all time.

### Cross-Country Running.

So far, so good. For during the past month the battalion team have succeeded in bringing the title of Command Cross-Country Champions to the battalion once more. This effort completes a very successful "double," in which I hope readers of these notes will gain as much satisfaction as I have.

Before coming to the Command Championship I would like to cover some of the ground since our last notes.

One very unfortunate setback was experienced early in February. Playing in an Inter-Company football match, Pte. Swaine, who was definitely our second best runner, had the misfortune to break his leg. Had this been a man towards the end of the team he could easily have been replaced, but this was a different problem. Fortunately, this has had no ill effect on the team, and to their credit all have made a very great effort to fill the gap.

Further, our running officer damaged his knee playing rugby. This, also, ruled out any prospect he had of running in his first Army Championship.

For these accidents I am partly to blame. In previous years the "ban" was placed on such efforts earlier in the season and should have been this. After all, it's no use starting the season with a definite object in view if one has not the strength to put one's plans into action. In these efforts it's the team that counts, and each individual must play his part in it.

Apart from these misfortunes, the team are very fit and training hard for the great race which is bound to come in the Army Championship on 15th March. The result will be known in time for inclusion in the same issue of *The Dragon* as these notes, but owing to the work that follows an effort of this kind, they will be written later.

On 17th February we had our eagerly awaited return fixture with the 2nd Battalion, The D.C.L.I., holders of the Command Championship, 1937. The race was run at Bordon over our six mile course. A snow storm helped to make the conditions ideal, and it was a good test for two excellent teams.

Our opponents reported two casualties from a full team. We ourselves had Sgt. Trinkwon away. Other-wise full teams turned out.

Ptes. Jewell and Curtis of the D.C.L.I. were soon in the lead. Pte. White was in close attendance. The majority of our team were early to the front, our opponents being grouped a little further back.

After about two miles, Ptes. Jewell and Curtis and Pte. White were still leading, then we had the pleasure of seeing many of our men go by with just the odd man of the D.C.L.I. If they could keep this up we should register a good win.

After about four miles Ptes. Jewell and Curtis, D.C.L.I., were running strongly and drawing away from Pte. White. Pte. Alnwick had now come up to fourth place and was running very well indeed. Pte. Clarke, our very excellent young soldier, came next, and readers will note that this man is fast making history at Cross-Country Running so very early in his service. L/Cpl. Dudley, L/Cpl. Devine and Pte. Graham, another very excellent young soldier, came by, going well for home. These were closely followed by Sgt. Hurley and Pte. Skinner, making a total of nine of our men to the two D.C.L.I. This was great running and did much to inspire our efforts in the Command Championship a week later. Pte. Hessell, L/Cpl. Harrison and Pte. Miles all occupied good places to complete our scoring twelve.

Pte. Rider, a useful runner of our opponents', damaged a foot early in the race and had to give up. This, no doubt, had some effect on the result.

An excellent race, which gave us a certain amount of confidence for the Command Championship a week later.

#### RESULT.

<i>2nd Bn., The Buffs.</i>		<i>2nd Bn., The D.C.L.I.</i>	
Pte. White ...	3	Pte. Jewell ...	1
Pte. Alnwick ...	4	Pte. Curtis ...	2
L/Cpl. Percy ...	5	L/Cpl. Johns ...	12
Pte. Clarke ...	6	Pte. Mathews ...	13
L/Cpl. Dudley ...	7	Pte. Smith ...	14
L/Cpl. Devine ...	8	2/Lieut. Vawdrey ...	16
Pte. Graham ...	9	L/Cpl. Bennett ...	17
Sgt. Hurley ...	10	C.Q.M.S. Hook ...	19
Pte. Skinner ...	11	Pte. McKay ...	20
Pte. Hessell ...	15	Pte. Chivers ...	22
L/Cpl. Harrison ...	18	Cpl. Poole ...	23
Pte. Miles ...	21	Pte. Toon ...	25
Total ...	117	Total ...	184
Not counted in—			
Pte. Hammond ...	24	L/Sgt. Lemmon ...	29
L/Cpl. Linfield ...	26	Cpl. Boscombe ...	33
Cpl. Winch ...	27	Pte. Lucas ...	34
Pte. Saxby ...	28	Pte. Rider.	
Cpl. Frizel ...	30		
Pte. Knight ...	31		
Pte. Payne ...	32		

Now we come to the Aldershot Command Championship on 25th February. Fifteen teams and three individuals had entered, making a total of 228 runners.

The course was one of seven miles, starting from the Queen's Avenue to the Queen's Hotel, North Camp—Cove Reservoir—Ively Farm—Pystock Wood—Norris Bridge—Miles Hill—Cocked Hat Wood—Long Hill—Outriden Hill, turning to Eelmoor Plain—Breakstep Bridge—School of Farriery—Queen's Avenue. Many readers will have indifferent memories of many of these well-known places.

The ground was dry, and having walked the course prior to the race, it was considered that the pace would be a fast one.

A large number of spectators, which included many serving and past officers of the Regiment were at the starting point to see the team start on what was to be a very hard, keen and well-contested race. A race which at all times our men had well in hand. Although I must admit that at one period I was temporarily of the opinion that our opponents, the D.C.L.I. and South Staffords were better placed; but after checking the positions, it could be seen that our men were just the better placed.

After about 3½ miles, Pte. White was running seventh in the race, not quite what we had expected, White did not have a particularly good day on this occasion. However, I am sure he will return to form in time for the Army.

Then came a group of our men which included Pte. Alnwick, Pte. Clarke, L/Cpl. Percy and L/Cpl. Dudley, running between 14th and 17th in the race. Our next man was at 20th, followed by one at 22nd. This meant at 3½ miles the three leading teams were filling the leading places as follows: 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 7; 2nd Battalion, D.C.L.I., 4; 1st Battalion, South Staffords, 6. After this they came by fairly bunched and it was not possible to note the places accurately.

At 5½ miles Pte. White was still 7th in the race (6th team place). Pte. Clarke had now come up after an excellent effort to 9th place. L/Cpl. Dudley was going well at 12th place, followed by L/Cpl. Percy going well for home at 16th place. Then appears Pte. Alnwick, Pte. Graham, Sgt. Hurley and L/Cpl. Devine, all close together and moving up for a great finish. A slight gap and Sgt. Trinkwon and L/Cpl. Linfield appear, striding hard with a number of the D.C.L.I. Although a little back Pte. Skinner and Cpl. Winch completed our scoring twelve.

L/Cpl. Harrison, Pte. Hessell and Pte. Miles, our non-scoring members, were all going well and quite handy should they be required. Pte. Hessell in particular had a bad day, a severe cold accounted for this; I am sure he will have better luck in the Army on 15th March.

Over the last mile most of our men continued to pile on the pace and moved up several places to remove any anxiety we may have had of gaining the Command Team Championship.

The final positions were as follows:—

Pte. White ...	6	Sgt. Hurley ...	20
Pte. Clarke ...	8	L/Cpl. Devine ...	21
L/Cpl. Dudley ...	9	Sgt. Trinkwon ...	28
L/Cpl. Percy ...	13	L/Cpl. Linfield ...	29
Pte. Alnwick ...	16	Pte. Skinner ...	38
Pte. Graham ...	18	Cpl. Winch ...	49

Not counted in.—L/Cpl. Harrison, 58; Pte. Hessell, 70; Pte. Miles, 78.

#### TEAM RESULT.

	<i>Points</i>
1. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs ...	255
2. 2nd Battalion, The D.C.L.I. ...	295
3. 1st Battalion, The South Staffords ...	384
4. 2nd Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment ...	752
5. 1st Battalion, Scots Guards ...	1,052
6. 3rd King's Own Hussars ...	1,059
7. 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment ...	1,094
8. 2nd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment ...	1,104
9. 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers ...	1,256
10. 2nd Battalion, Royal Tank Corps ...	1,445
11. 2nd Battalion The King's Own Royal Regt.	1,561
12. 1st Brigade R.H.A. ...	1,662
13. 6th A.A. Brigade R.A. ...	1,916
14. 2nd Div. Signals	} Failed to finish.
15. 1st Div. Signals	

After the race the G.O.C.-in-C. Aldershot Command, Lieut.-Gen. Sir John G. Dill, presented the Shield to

Colonel Hamilton, each member of the team receiving the winners' medals from their G.O.C.-in-C.

The following gained the Command Cross-Country Badges for 1938: Pte. White, Pte. Clarke, L/Cpl. Dudley, L/Cpl. Pearcy. These badges are awarded for the first fifteen in the Command Championship.

Our thanks are due to all who so kindly sent telegrams and messages on the result of our efforts; these were much appreciated.

In describing the efforts of the battalion team to regain a Championship we held in 1935 and 1936, I hope I have not unduly mentioned any particular member of the team, for all had played their part in an excellent manner, and those who did not gain a Command Badge, did not fail for the want of trying. The older members who just missed one will not mind, as they already have several, and no doubt are pleased to see some go to the younger members of the team. The young members that just missed one will surely have their day to come if they continue on the same lines. In most cases their running is already making history.

From now until 15th March, when the battalion will compete in the Army Cross-Country Championship for the eleventh successive year, the team will continue to train in earnest.

A.V.O.

### Army Cross-Country Championship, 1938.

The Army Cross-Country Championship was held at Aldershot on Tuesday, 15th March, 1938. Starting and finishing on the Queen's Parade, opposite the Command Central Ground.

There was a large gathering of spectators to witness the event. Amongst whom were all our serving officers and their ladies, and a large number of past officers and friends of the Regiment.

The Colonel of the Regiment was present, as also were Major-General Sir Guy Bainbridge, Capt. and Mrs. Wale, Capt. Coates and many others.

Twelve teams and thirty-two individuals had qualified to compete in the Championship. These representing the winners and runners-up of each Command, with the exception of the Aldershot Command which are allowed three teams.

Each team consists of fifteen runners, with the first twelve home to score. So some 212 runners faced the starter.

It was an ideal day for the race, and at 3 p.m. the competitors faced the starter, Major-General E. K. Squires, Director of Staff Duties at the War Office. They were soon away on their journey of about 7½ miles.

Owing to our excellent race with our friendly rivals, the 2nd Battalion, The D.C.L.I., in the Command Championship, and the good form shown by the 1st Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment, I was of the opinion that the three teams from the Aldershot Command would once more fight it out for the first three places in the Army Championship. At the same time I had expected a much closer race than it turned out to be. I really think that our team had succeeded in making more of our training in the period between the Command and Army Championships. Although our team were seen to perfection on this occasion, I am of the opinion that the D.C.L.I. did not do as well as they did in the Command race.

After about three miles, Pte. White was our leading man, running eleventh in the race. This was an excellent position to be in at this stage; just in rear of the leaders and ready to make the effort when the right time came. White was certainly going well on this occasion.



Photo: Sgt. Osborne

### Pte. White, 2nd Battn. The Buffs Finishing fifth in the Army Championship, 1938

Just in rear came Pte. Clarke, L/Cpl. Dudley, L/Cpl. Pearcy, Sgt. Hurley and Pte. Alnwick, all being in excellent positions at the three mile stage. Then appears L/Cpl. Devine, Sgt. Trinkwon, Pte. Graham, L/Cpl. Harrison, Pte. Skinner and Pte. Hessel, all going well and looking set for a good race. Quite close came Cpl. Winch, Pte. Hammond and L/Cpl. Linfield, and this was much better than we had expected. At this stage our men had the race well in hand and no team was seriously challenging them.

At the next point, about 5½ miles, Pte. White had gone up to fifth place. Good going this. This position he was able to maintain to the end, thus gaining his Army Cross-Country Badge and the right to represent the Army in the Inter-Services Cross-Country Championship, for which he will be awarded his Army Colours.

Next appears that excellent young soldier, Pte. Clarke. He was in about the 22nd position, a position he improved on over the last two miles to gain 18th place in the race. For a young soldier in his first year of Army running this was excellent. Readers will remember that this runner was 3rd in the Aldershot Command Young Soldiers' Championship and 8th in the Aldershot Command Championship. It was a pity he just failed to gain his Army Badge (they are awarded to the first 15). However, there is plenty of time, and should he continue in the way he has started, many honours will come in future Army running.

Next, none other than that excellent runner, Sgt. Hurley, who has now assisted the team in ten Army Championships. Sgt. Hurley had once again put in some excellent running and finally gained eleventh team place. This runner has had a very good season, and I think really regrets that his old rival (both in appearances in the Army Championship and performance), Sgt. Trinkwon, will not be here next year to continue the battles.

Then comes L/Cpl. Dudley and Pte. Alnwick, both just near to Sgt. Hurley and going well for the winning post. After these two comes Sgt. Trinkwon, having run an excellent race. A race which did much towards the team's success. Sgt. Trinkwon has now assisted



[Photo: Sgt. Osborne]

**2nd BATTALION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, 1938**  
**Winners Army Cross Country Championship, 1932, 33, 34, 36, 38**

us in nine championships (I think this is correct, Sgt. Hurlley will correct). Most of these have been excellent performances, and I should think no runner has so narrowly missed his Army Cross-Country Badge on so many occasions. However, although he may now never gain that badge, his numerous successes should be ample compensation. Sgt. Trinkwon has now sailed to join the 1st Battalion and we take this opportunity to wish him every success.

L/Cpl. Pearcy and L/Cpl. Dudley go by just in rear of Sgt. Trinkwon, both being well up in the race and looking fit enough to improve their positions over the last two miles.

Now comes another of our young soldiers making his first effort in an Army Championship, Pte. Graham. It is difficult for one to realise the responsibility that these young soldiers knew they had on this day. This did not appear to affect them in any way, and one could see them racing it out with many very experienced runners.

L/Cpl. Harrison had put in one of his best races to date, and I think he even surprised himself on this occasion. I was particularly glad to see him going so well, for his perseverance really has deserved such a result.

Our tenth man had now passed the  $5\frac{1}{4}$  mile mark. If our last two scoring men would soon appear, the day would be ours. Shortly Pte. Hessell, a young soldier in his first Army Championship comes in sight, and as he was overtaking men all the time, the position was looking bright.

At last our twelfth man comes; none other than Pte. Skinner. In this case competing for the last time. At least, so he says. He apparently goes to the Army Reserve in ????? days' time. Pte. Skinner was just a little back, but quite a capable runner to be in charge of our twelfth team place.

Pte. Hammond, Cpl. Winch and L/Cpl. Linfield were soon in sight, and for non-scoring members of the team, were all quite handy should they be required. On this occasion L/Cpl. Linfield was not at his best. A few days' excused duty with a cold which only ended on the day of the race was the cause for this.

Now over that last two miles our men really went out for the Championship, and the final result will show how well they succeeded. The whole team had made an excellent effort and well deserved their win.

RESULT.

	<i>Points</i>
1. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs ... ..	316
2. 2nd Battalion, The D.C.L.I. ... ..	486
3. 1st Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regt.	581
4. 2nd Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment	740
5. 2nd Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regt.	780
6. 2nd Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters	803
7. 1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards	879
8. Guards' Depot ... ..	1,000
9. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment ... ..	1,226
10. 2nd Battalion, King's Shropshire L.I. ...	1,242
11. 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I. ... ..	1,247

## TEAM PLACES, 2ND BATTALION, THE BUFFS.

Pte. White ...	3	L/Cpl. Percy ...	22
Pte. E. Clarke ...	8	L/Cpl. Devine ...	25
Sgt. Hurley ...	11	Pte. Graham ...	31
L/Cpl. Dudley ...	15	L/Cpl. Harrison ...	36
Pte. Alnwick ...	18	Pte. Hessel ...	58
Sgt. Trinkwon ...	20	Pte. Skinner ...	69
Non-scoring members—			
Pte. Hammond ...	72		
Cpl. Winch ...	96		
L/Cpl. Linfield ...	100		

Pte. White was fifth in the individual race, third team place.

At the conclusion of the race Major-General Squires presented the Challenge Cup to the Commanding Officer and each member of the team received the Army Cross-Country Association Silver Medal.

This latest win completed a very successful "treble" by our Cross-Country teams.

Congratulatory messages have been received from the following:—

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell; Brigadier the Hon. P. G. Scarlett; Major G. R. Howe; Captain A. F. St. A. Turner; O.C., Depot and all ranks; London Branch, Past and Present Association; Running Team, 4/5th Battalion, The Buffs, T.A.; Lieut.-Col. Ozanne and all ranks, 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; Major-General Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander, Comdr. 1st Division; Brigadier H. O. Curtis, Comdr. 3rd Infantry Brigade, Bordon; Mr. C. E. Vaughan; Ex-Sgt. H. Bell.

Our record in Army Cross-Country Championships is now as follows:—

Year	Points	Place in Army Championship
1928	779	5th
1929	787	5th
1930	629	3rd
1931	439	2nd
1932	274	1st
1933	288	1st
1934	219	1st
1935	362	2nd
1936	298	1st
1937	663	4th
1938	316	1st

During the evening of 17th March the team were entertained to Dinner in the Sergeants' Mess, during which the Commanding Officer and officers visited us and expressed their appreciation of the successes gained during the season.

Our thanks are due to the P.R.I., R.S.M. Ransley, and the W.O.'s and Sergeants for making the evening a great success.

A.V.O.

## Sergeants' Mess.

Spring, season of Easter eggs, poets and weapon training courses, is here again, and for once I can write these few words without the aid of half a dozen spot lights of doubtful candle power. Very soon we shall be immersed in the tactical problems set to jog our brains out of their winter stagnation, Sergeants' Week being very near, and the pity is that it is so late this year that sore throats and pains in the tummy (and neck?) will not be very adequate reasons for "going sick" at the time. Of course, my words are written before, but will not appear until after the week is over, so any remarks will have to bide a while, when perhaps the intricate machinery of the modern tactical exercise, comprising Mortars, A/T. Rifle and Gun, L.M.G. Guns, Gas, A/T. mines, etc., may so test the brains of some

of us as to produce a "howler" or two to go down to posterity.

However, pleasure does get a look-in, hence the final of the Snooker Tourney spoken of last month is now almost stale news, but will fill some space! Hats off to "Slim" Belson, who has added a fine trophy to his wedding presents on the mantel-shelf. Aye, he and the R.S.M. battled valiantly before a critical crowd to become cock-of-the-Mess, but the R.S.M.'s mind must have been full of euhre problems and availability of N.C.O.'s and men for duty, because he had to give best to "Slim's" excellent handling of "them thar balls." Incidentally, on this occasion a most excellent "Mike" contrivance was erected, thanks to the Bandmaster, upon which Lew Glazier performed in capable and witty manner. We're sure that had the Big Bugs of the B.B.C. been around they would now have a successor to Brian Michie (softly—and I might be one up the roll!!). Such a large crowd of onlookers was very complimentary to the finalists, especially in view of the fact that it was Monday night and Judy Shirley was holding Court at the B.B.C. Perhaps not a few of them were watching points for a future occasion. The occasion has arisen in yet another tournament, for which, in deference to Alf. Trice's wishes regarding the giddiness of the existing balls, new ones were procured. Be it noted that at present these new balls run very true, but there's no accounting for their actions when some of our gallant cue-ists get going. To date, the sensation of the tourney has been the inspired play of the O.R./Q.M.S., who lived up to his name as a dark horse by roundly trouncing (in company with Frank Hobson), C.S.M. Marsh and Cutlet Crouch—stamina will always tell, you know, Cutlet! Slim Belson has again got well off the mark, and has an able partner in Nobby Goodsell—indeed the long and short of it. A shock has been the rapid exit of Bricky West, whose cue must have let him down for once, but it is untrue that the fire was lit with it the next morning.

The football pools craze is as intense as ever, and many dreams are dreamt of wealth beyond measure, until 5.30 p.m. on Radio Normandy shatters them for a further seven days. Patience is indeed a virtue, no less than the super-optimism of Thomas Hurley, who is delaying signing-on until the end of the football season. Should he win a few "thou" I tremble to think of what might happen to this grand old army of ours! In passing, hearty congratulations, Tom, on the arrival of a little No. 2—but it was an anxious two minutes or so on the telephone, wasn't it?

And now for a cry from the wilderness—a veritable wail of eternal misery. In short, our "Tiffy" (Jun.) is "d...d well fed up about this coal business." To you, oh, scion of the crank spanner and grease pot, we have composed an ode (Copyright by the B.C.C.—all rights massacred)—

To be without a fire  
On frigid winter days,  
Arouses Tiffy's ire;  
For warmth he daily prays.

On Thursday morning every week,  
The Coal Brigade is on its beat,  
Yet, sad to say,  
That self-same day,  
As Tiffy reads his Henty,  
The coal-box still, to his dismay,  
Is absolutely empty!

(Brickbats, ripe tomatoes, etc., thankfully "perceived.") We feel that having worn out fifteen cap-comforters, six pairs of gloves and three scarves, the least we could do was immortalise your martyrdom in verse.

We were delighted to find that our hopes expressed last month regarding the result of the Command Cross-Country were fully realised, the Shield again resting in

its correct place! Our team ran like heroes, and are to be heartily congratulated on a splendid effort against formidable odds, but in order to make that effort hard training was necessary, and their having carried that out is due to O.R./Q.M.S. Ongley, who with his renowned tact and persuasiveness, got every ounce out of each individual. Well done, all. And now for the Army! Congratulations also to the Boys on repeating their last year's success in the Command Enlisted Boys' Boxing Championships.

The close of the Trooping Season sees another new face in the Mess—Sgt. Cole, who joined from the 1st Battalion at the end of February and is enjoying a month's furlough until the end of March. Having had personal experience of his yarn-spinning powers, we vote him a jolly good fellow, and have little doubt that he will soon fit in with the general scheme of things.

Quite a lot of activity lately regarding moves. We have to say cheerio to C.S.M. and Mrs. Marsh, both of whom, during their short stay with us, have become very popular and have taken a leading part in Mess functions. They are off to Dover on a T.A. job (looks of envy from less fortunate mortals!), and if the phrase may be a trifle hackneyed it is now written in all sincerity, that "our loss is their gain." We can thoroughly recommend C.S.M. Marsh as a "pepper-up" at parties, dances, etc.—his "Housey-Housey" School becoming quite famous here.

Sgt. and Mrs. Martin have now taken up residence in gay Bordon, after a spell at the Depot, and it is hoped they will soon settle in. George Saunders and family have again been taken unto the bosom of the 2nd Battalion, and we are pleased to welcome such an old friend and comrade. "Into the gym.—double!" C.S.M. Allen, our Ambassador-at-Large, has peeped into the old homestead occasionally and it seems that P.H.D. appears on the menu pretty frequently just now. Soon he should be back to the fold, and Lew Glazier can then go away for his cruise! Calling Bill Bailey. Calling Bill Bailey. Alf. Trice, having completed his collection of spoons, has decided views on departing from us at the end of April. As there's many a slip, we will refrain from further comment until the event occurs, but in any case our best wishes go to C.S.M. Trice should he land the job. Harry Rackley is now on a short course at the School of Military Engineering, learning something about Passive Air Defence. Now that sounds suspiciously to me like lying on one's bed and pushing one's tongue out at wicked looking bombers. I'm all for that course—where's the R.S.M.? John Taylor, having successfully carried out his probation as a member of the Great Downtrodden, has posted Mrs. Taylor to the North Pole, and proceeded (in true military style) to Porton to recover from the process!

The number of potential stations to which we may move next Trooping Season are legion, according to those whose job it is to produce Parts III and IV Orders. The old and satisfying habit of guessing is now in full blast, and one rumour rapidly succeeds another. One young gent. of Irish extraction insists that it will be Belfast (Bell Harry is more like it!). Incidentally, same young gentleman must have plenty of money to spare, as he has been observed to watch the Stock Exchange market very closely of late, especially the tanning industries, and (to a lesser extent) breweries. He was shocked to hear one evening that "Braces had a decided fall this evening" and that "Milk Stout was also falling."

With that, I must depart.

WHANG HO.

### Corporals' Room.

Once again it is time to lift the pen and this time there seems to be so much to record that it is hard to know where to begin.

Bordon is, as is the rest of the British Isles, experiencing beautiful weather at the time of writing, and reminds us of the coming summer, with the crack of leather against willow, and figures in white speeding across a carpet of green, and all that England in the summer means. I expect all our illusions will soon be shattered by semi-arctic weather in a few days' time. This, too, is the season when a younger man's fancy turns lightly to other thoughts (of love?), most probably that is why Friend is seen so frequently of late in Farnham. Our old "communicant with nature" must also find the countryside most interesting from the point of view of a naturalist.

The high light of the month was, of course, the dance, which was held at the Married Families' Club on 25th February. It was a great success, and we thank particularly Mrs. Dawson for acting as hostess and also Cpls. Paramour and Catt and Cpl. Berry and his Indoor Committee for making the arrangements for such an enjoyable evening. Quite early on the evening in question a few of the senior members were seen to be wending their way to the Club, with a view, no doubt, to sampling the brews and finding out whether they were fit for their guests and comrades. A pleasant task, eh, George? When the R.S.M. arrived one of the said gentlemen tried to persuade him to cancel his parade the next morning with no avail. A.P.T. parade was threatened in its stead. Moggie had an exciting time sprinkling the polish on the floor and sliding from one end of the room to the other. By 9 o'clock the bar was doing a brisk trade, the various brews disappearing with alarming rapidity. Even George, who has told us so many times he has seen "the light," broke out, and was in very convivial mood long before the end. The Amber and Green lights must have shone too dazzlingly for him? Anyway, he gave us an excellent turn on the jazz drums toward the end of the dance. "Chuff" staked his claim (a seat in the bar) very early and hadn't any earthly idea what the dance hall looked like during and at the end of the dance. Paddy also put in some training. Johnawanzie brought a bevy of beauties all the way from the Camberley District. Well done, Steeple! But it's a shame they told us your non-de-plume. One of them sang two songs which were rendered admirably well. Carroll Levis unfortunately was absent. The Boston Two-Step proved too much for some of us moderns, but one corporal was told by a C.S.M. to "follow Father and you'll be alright." To begin with there was a spot of difficulty in getting some of the younger "Noncs" to take the floor, but thanks to the efforts of Jack Dawson and a Paul Jones the ice was soon broken and the party got moving. Perpetual motion was then the thing until 2 a.m., when everyone went home to bed having had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Before proceeding further we would like to ask Friend what difference there is (if any) between the Boston Two-Step, Rumba, Fox-Trot, Waltz and the numerous other dances.

On the day after the dance a number of the members went to Portsmouth to see the Arsenal and Portsmouth match at Fratton Park. Big Bill was in great form that day. He called a halt at the "Anchor" to help us on our way rejoicing. On reaching Pompey there was a general scramble for the ground and once inside it was every man for himself. A few, however, managed to cling together and saw a thrilling game, after which they made their way to various places of amusement and refreshment, to meet again at the Guildhall for the return journey. Many were the tales

that were told of the adventures of the party during the evening. Taffy and Godfrey made friends with some members of the Senior Service and also with members of the German Navy, who were paying a visit to Pompey. It's a pity that diplomatic "Chiff" was not also present, but he was in the company of the younger Clem and Ilearnalot, who it was said, led him astray(?) although I don't think they strayed further than Commercial Road. The best story of the day is of the young "Nonc," who called a fair supporter of the Arsenal such nice things that her fiancé was told by her that she'd had more compliments paid her in five minutes than he had paid her all the time she had known him. Well, there's another trip soon, so I hope the party will be more decorous this time.

Friedman, it is said, is following the National Fitness Campaign with avidity and is teaching his room all the strong man tricks with rifles and barrack furniture generally. While on the subject of fitness our friends have come back from the School of Muscle Busting to teach us the P.T. and club-swinging for the Tattoo. At the demonstration the other day we were told that it was easy, well, that's a matter of opinion, but personally, I think it's going to cause a few broken skulls and grey hairs.

We wish "bon voyage" to "Young" Tinkle and "Oldman" Lee, who leave us for the 1st Battalion. Good Luck! Moggie and George have been giving them plenty of tips for their stay in the Garum country. We also wish Oscar the best of luck, he having left us for a Voca. at Aldershot.

At the time of writing there is a snooker tournament in progress. It's a little early yet to forecast the finalists, but the usual snooker giants are battling their way to the top. There are no signs of anyone following the advice of York.

Big Bill was standing on the touch line at a recent hockey match and in his excitement when Jack got near the goal he shouted "Come on the old man," not knowing that the said gentleman's wife was nearby, and she jocularly gave him a severe wiggling.

N.C.O.'s promotion exams. are now in full swing, and we wish every one taking part the best of luck, perhaps next month we shall be able to quote a few howlers. We all make them sometime in the examination room and then proceed to kick ourselves all round the barracks after we have been chipped about them.

The girls at your old laundry in Eastbourne send their loving wishes to you Saff. How I wonder how they got hold of last month's *Dragon*.

Congratulations to Darkie and Ronnie on their recent promotion to full rank.

Now I must leave you for another month. Cheerio!

ILEARNALOT.

#### "A" Company.

This month has been devoted chiefly to individual training, but owing to the lack of N.C.O.'s and men not much could be done. Those who were present, no doubt, found the training very interesting, as we had a certain amount of training with the new weapons, the anti-tank rifle and the Bren Gun. The company bungalows have seemed empty during the month, for the draft have spent the best part of it on leave. But they are now back within the fold preparing for their departure, and by the time these notes appear in print will be on the high seas.

So we take this opportunity of bidding them "au revoir" on behalf of the company, and wishing them the best of luck for the future with the 1st Battalion.

Also, since the last time of writing, we have lost C.S.M. Marsh, Cpl. Bean, L/Cpl. Church and Ptes. Fairweather and Ratcliffe.

The C.S.M. has left us for a tour with the Territorial Staff, and it is with much regret we bid him good-bye. For although his stay has been very short, it has been of the happiest for all concerned, and we do heartily wish him all the success he deserves.

Sgt. Goodsell has taken the tiller temporarily in his place, so we can rest assured that good hands will be guiding us until a new C.S.M. appears.

Cpl. Bean has departed for the long cherished "voca." at Aldershot; good luck "Flo" and may you be one of the lucky ones to click a good berth.

L/Cpl. Church and Pte. Fairweather have left the fold and entered the den of iniquity, the M.T. Section, and Pte. Ratcliffe has departed for a course on hygiene at Aldershot.

We welcome to the company 2/Lieuts. Lucas and Wills, and we hope their stay will be a long and happy one.

Sporting activities have been few and we have but two games of soccer to be recorded.

The first was a return match with Headley on their own battle-field. We were well and truly beaten by a much better team, owing chiefly to the fact that many of our stars were absent. They did well return the trouncing we gave them at home and were the victors by eight goals to nil.

The other match was a Harris Shield one against "B" Company, and in the absence of the Bowling-Krailing-Church combination we suffered defeat once more, to the tune of 4-0.

We would like to congratulate Pte. Bryant on his grand display between the sticks, but for him the score would have been much heavier.

We were able to provide two members of the Battalion Cross-Country team, who won the Aldershot Command Cross-Country Championship. They were Sgt. Hurley, who finished twentieth and Pte. Graham, who was eighteenth. Good show you greyhounds; how about the Army Cross-Country Championship now?

Our congratulations this month to L/Cpl. Ashby on his promotion to Corporal, and to L/Cpl. Bligh on obtaining his pay of appointment.

Also to Ptes. Bryant and Ratcliffe on their award of 2nd Class Education Certificate, and to Ptes. Langley and Cook for obtaining their 3rd Class Certificate of Education.

GANGA WALLAH.

#### "B" Company.

It is surprising how difficult it is to be able to sit and write *Dragon* notes. Have a go and try for yourselves. I think there ought to be an award for the best attempt. What say Cads?

The company has been at individual training this past month. It has been hard to abide by training programmes, as the strength of the company has been so small.

The Indian draft have just returned from leave, and are all looking forward to their trip on the *Queen Mary*. If what!! We wish them a pleasant voyage, and a happy term of service abroad with the 1st Battalion. C/Sgt. Cross will be among them, and we wish him and his wife and family good luck. His work for the company I feel sure has been appreciated by all. I cannot pass over our "beloved" Tinkle, who also is a member of the draft. His dual personality and general knowledge of all things will be sadly missed. Our loss is certainly the 1st Battalion's gain.

I hear we are to lose C.S.M. Brophy, who is leaving us to go to H.Q. Wing. His stay with us has been all too short, as we were beginning to realise him as "one of the best." Anyway, he still is, and we wish him all the best in his new company.

Not much has taken place in the way of sport. Two football matches have been played: against "A" Company we were successful by 4 goals to nil; we being much the better team.

The other match was against H.Q. and I am sorry to say we were trounced by 8 goals to 2. My word, what a beating. The first half was fought at a great pace and ended with the score at 2 all, Tiley netting both our goals. The second half found us all to pieces, and were well and truly beaten. Our position in the company league is second, which is quite good.

No further hockey matches have been played yet, but hope to be able to publish a couple of victories in next month's issue.

A N.C.O.'s promotion examination is going on this week, and several of our "Noncs" are sitting. There has been much ado about the names of "Army Forms" lately. There have been no enquiries as to the name of A.F.B. 252. Perhaps they all know it. Here's hoping they all get through, as you can take it from me it is a relief to one's mind.

There being nothing further to discuss I declare these *Dragon* notes closed.

TOOT-TOOT.

### "C" Company.

Having finished Individual Training, the company have settled down to a spot of duty with the available personnel: Cpls. Berry, Sutton and Delves, L/Cpls. Leney, Winterbottom and McCormack; Men, nil.

We welcome to the company the following and hope that there stay with us, however short, will be a pleasant one:

Sgt. Martin (Wu) from the Regimental Depot.

Pte. Simmonds, from the Regimental Depot.

Sgt. Cole, from the 1st Battalion. The air affected him the first night in Bordon, resulting in him having to be assisted home to his bunk. He has now gone on a spot of leave. We hope that he will not again be affected with the same complaint. This we doubt.

2/Lieut. Norris, from the R.M.C.

2/Lieut. Loos, from the R.A.S.C. for a short spell of duty, which he is quite enjoying by his remarks.

Departures are again to the fore. These are not so nice as the above. However old a pair of boots are, one is loath to part with them.

2/Lieut. Bell to "D" Company. He was taken suddenly away from us, making the blow more severe.

Ptes. Phipps, Moore and Ealdén to H.Q. Wing. This is Ealdén's spell in H.Q., so he should know the ropes there.

Cpl. Sutton has returned from Aldershot where he has been under instruction in how to swing clubs. He in turn has to impart this knowledge to the remainder of the N.C.O.'s who in their turn will pass it on to the men for the Aldershot Tattoo. Remarks to date from the N.C.O.'s are far from complimentary.

2/Lieut. Bell has returned from the Gas School at Porton and as before mentioned, gone to "D" Company.

L/Sgt. Rackley has gone to Chatham for a spell of Anti-Gas Measures.

L/Cpl. Jordan, tiring of a soldier's life, has flown to the A.V.T.C., Aldershot.

Sports have come to the fore more recently, with the following results:

### HOCKEY—HARRIS SHIELD.

v "D" Company. Draw 0—0.

This was a good performance on the part of our team as "D" Company have some quite useful players. For this match we were fortunate in having the services of Sgts. Martin and Cole and Lieut. Norris. A good match.

v H.Q.2. Draw 1—1.

### BOXING.

L/Cpl. McCormack fought his way to the finals of the Army Welterweight. A good show, bearing in mind that this is his first year and he was up against a former champion.

Pte. Blake was unfortunate in being disqualified after having beaten a couple of useful opponents.

The following are to be complimented on obtaining their 3rd Class Certificate of Education: Ptes. Grima, Mason, Hukins, Heasman, Pearce and Drury. An extra threepence per day has been obtained also by the following: L/Cpl. Leney, Ptes. Pigney, Chambers and Martin. All this talent has been discovered by the new addition to the staff. None other than our "Bill" Paramour.

For my first attempt I think that I have said enough, so will conclude, hoping that "Nottus" will oblige next month.

LENA.

### "D" Company.

During the past month our budding N.C.O.'s have been hard at work swatting up for promotion. The results are not yet published, but we hope they have succeeded. One or two of them are rather concerned, and are trailing around barracks with faces full of hope.

Whilst on the subject of N.C.O.'s, we would like to know what "Lindy" goes to Alton for, maybe he has fallen in with the new marriage allowances, and wants a companion to help him spend it.

Our representatives in the Battalion Cross-Country team are doing exceptionally well, and we hope they put all they have got into the Army run. We wish to congratulate L/Cpl. Linfield and Sgt. Trinkwon on their fine performance in the Command run.

We still remain unbeaten at hockey, and we have very high hopes of keeping at the top. We have played "C" Company since our last notes and after an exciting and clean game, we drew 0—0.

At football we have not done so well, but this is because we have not been able to field the team we would have liked to. The results of our matches so far are: v "B" Company, lost 1—4; v "A" Company, won 3—0; v H.Q.1, lost 0—6; v H.Q.3, lost 1—5.

Now that the winter sports are drawing to a close, some of our athletes have started training, and we feel sure that unless we are very unfortunate in losing any of the backbone of the team, we will repeat our performance of last season.

We wish "bon voyage" to the men of our company who are proceeding to India, especially Sgt. Trinkwon, who has always done his utmost for us in every sport.

Although he is getting near the age of retiring from sport, he still keeps going, and we hope to read of him doing well in the 1st Battalion.

We also welcome to the company the men who have returned from the 1st Battalion, and hope they are successful in obtaining employment on leaving the Colours.

We wish all the best to Pte. Worton, who has now obtained employment in civvy street.

My final words are in reference to our C.S.M., whose first words to us in this company were: "Why do you breathe?" Well, now I have the answer. It is to see him break records when he throws the discus in our company sports, he hopes to sling it far enough to get first place, we wish him luck, and he certainly needs it.

DODGER.



### The Band.

We are busy getting together for the coming season and are sorry to lose Minard and Lawson and hope that the new course goes well with them. They will be hard to replace, but several of the boys will get their chance in the Band earlier than is usual.

Herewith a full list of engagements for the coming season :—

May 15th—21st	Eastbourne.
June 19th—25th	Worthing.
June 26th—July 2nd	Paignton.
July 3rd—9th.	Plymouth.
July, 10th—23rd	Torquay.
July 24th—30th	Folkestone.
August 1st—6th	Canterbury Week.
August 7th	<b>Memorial Service.</b>
August 14th—27th	Herne Bay.
September 5th—10th	Empire Exhibition, Glasgow.
September 18th—24th	Southend.

We are going to the West Country for the first time for many years and hope that any old Buffs will come along and see us and hear the Regimental Marches once more.

On February 25th we gave a Band Concert for the Grayshott British Legion in the Village Hall and according to the local press the concert was very much appreciated. The Bandmaster was away with influenza and the Band-Sergeant stepped nobly into the limelight and handled the whole show very well.

There has been more sport this month with Harris Shield football on and we have had three matches to date. We are H.Q.1 under the new company scheme and combine with the Signals.

Results—

- v H.Q.3 (Employed Group). Lost 1—2.
- v H.Q.2 (Drums and Mortars). Won 1—0.
- v "D" Company. Won 6—0.

We have also had several matches against the other bands in the Garrison for the benefit of those who only play occasionally.

Our best wishes to the 1st Battalion Band and to Pompey.

LEADING NOTE.

### The Drums.

We welcome back to the Drums Pte. Eggleton, who after a brief spell at duty decided that "tootling" on his flute is more like life. Also to Boy Bassam, who joined us recently.

And now the Drummers would like to hand it out to the Boys' Boxing team on becoming "Champs." for the second year and also to the Battalion Running team and Young Soldiers' team on their wonderful performances. We hear that they run next at the White City in lieu of greyhounds.

Dmrs. Wright and Webster have gone to hospital and Dmr. Beal has joined us after his short stay. We hear that the "Handing over Statements" were correct.

We have fared none too well in the Inter-Company Sports. At hockey we managed to get a point from "C" Company, the score being 1—1. At football we lost to H.Q.1, 1—0 and beat "A" Company 9—0.

Friendly matches have taken place against the D.W. Regiment and the games have been very enjoyable. We lost the first by 4—3, but the return was won by us, 9—3.

During the month the drummers have been hard at work. At least, I should say the Intelligence Section. They worked that hard that they were always late for Weapon Training.

We hear that one of our ex-Drummers has now become a Stoker in the Navy. We hope that he will pay us a visit when his ship puts in at Liphook Harbour during Navy Week.

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### Signal Section.

It was a strange and heart-breaking sight to see the "Old Hands" give up cushy employed jobs to return once again to Flag Bashing, much to the annoyance of Wraight, Moore and Perfect, but to the delight of Holdsworth and Blaker, who were fed up (yes, I said fed up) with "Mucko."

Mitchell and Davidson are now back members after creeping down to the Employed Group.

We seem to have a fine body of men as far as sport is concerned, with the aid of our musical friends we gathered eleven men to form a football team and believe me, we gave H.Q.3 a hard time, but lost by the odd goal in three after playing with only nine men for the first 25 minutes. Our next was a win for us against H.Q.2, the outstanding feature of this game was L/Cpl. Rix, who could not keep on side. I suggest he looks up the amendments to this rule, I'm sure he has had enough experience with amendments during the last two months.

"D" Company were our next victims, the score being 6—0. Our inside left had to retire three minutes before the end with a split head after bagging a couple of goals.

I'd like to add that all the members of the section who took part in these matches played very well, especially Finnis.

Apart from our footballers our cross-country runners are doing well. Keep it up Hammond.

Early one cold Friday morning the section turned out for the annual P.E. test. Perfect earned the name of "Percher" after squatting on the bar of the high jump which, of course, broke under his terrific weight. That's the result of a few months in the Sergeants' Mess. Aindow cut some comic capers whilst attempting the long jump, also trying to do the 100 yards in the stipulated time. I hear he is purchasing a motor bike, a Red Panther, but I'm sorry to say, Aindow, that motor bikes, like spike shoes, are barred in P.E. test.

Lessons on motor cycle driving can now be obtained from Messrs. Holdsworth, Wraight and Percher.

M. PAD.

### M.T. Section.

During the last month the members of the section have been very careful to hide their doings from the ears and eyes of our tame reporter. They are an ungrateful lot, and delight in making news-gathering as difficult as possible. In spite of their efforts, however, we cannot let our public down. The show must go on and all that. Our usual procedure is to offer a lot of excuses for the lack of original news. This idea, we find on analysis, as an admission of a lack of imagination. We'd hate to fool all the readers who send this paper home to their children, so always endeavour to make our corner the last word in truth and accuracy.

Having broken the ice, words simply flow from the keys of this typewriter, and so our monthly article is born.

The approach of spring coincides with the increase of night frosts, and general activity in the section. Those of you who have stuck to reading this rubbish for the last two years, through sheer tenacity on your part, may remember that at this period each year we herald the approach of spring with a fanfare of motor horns and an upheaval of earth known as the M.T. Garden. The section parade *en mass*, and armed with spades and things, attack the surface of the earth in the immediate vicinity. With no little amount of zeal our chappies dig their way through layers of waste cotton waste, only to reveal large quantities of dormant flora of all calibres. This stuff was duly arrayed in lines and made to look as if it had been above ground all the time. The plants on their part, having consumed volumes of petrol and kerosene-soaked earth, let the fresh air into their systems with fatal results. It took no end of coaxing to get them to stand upright, and stop swaying about in an alarming manner. The baker explained that this was the usual result of fresh air on any form of absorbed alcohol. We never argue with those so well informed, so we let the matter drop.

Queer things are said to happen to mere man at this time of the year, and the section are no exception to the rule. There are one or two lads with a far away look in the old eye. In fact, we hear that Dorothy Dix has been consulted. We do not wish to press the matter as the news reached us quite by chance. One young N.C.O. makes frequent journeys to the Soldiers' Home. He is working out a plan of attack against a Blonde-Bombshell in the foreground, bless his Liddell Hart. Of course, he has reserves in our own canteen. So much for this month's heart interest.

We have, on many occasions been asked the meaning of some of the highly technical phrases we are apt to use in this column. It has led us to a minor brain storm. The direct result being a dictionary of our own. It is to be published for our own exclusive use only. This should enable us to find out what all this means after we have finished. Therefore, it follows that if we know what we are gabbling about, our readers should. Q.E.D., it is an absolute masterpiece (we wrote it). Having made all and sundry envious of our great gift to the Nation we propose to give you a few tit-bits.

**CARB.**—A gold coloured fish with scales. Also a container that mixes petrol with air. Some trucks have them.

**STARTER.**—An expression used commonly in the section implying the vehicle concerned should be made capable of moving.

**WHEEL.**—A long slippery fish. Also metal discs which go round. Trucks have one at each corner.

**COIL.**—Woman under the age of twenty-nine. A piece of wire wound round and round.

**DUMB-IRON.**—The only piece of the vehicle that makes no noise.

**SPLIT-PIN.**—Same as a split hair only made of iron. Etc., etc., etc.

Before we go any further we think it only right to welcome the new hands to the section. The following promotions have been made. Ptes. Berry, Clarke, Ealdon and Fairweather, to be drivers forthwith. They have been presented with trucks, and are rapidly acquiring the oil on their clothes, which is the outward and visible sign of the M.T. Clan.

Strange as it seems, the section are obliged to perform some few minutes' weapon training three times per week. It is at times such as these that we begin to realise some of the hidden talent in the section. We have a number of men who, in our opinion, stand a good chance as lecturers in The Royal Military College of Science.

We hear that :—

- (1) A rifle weighs some fourteen pounds.
- (2) The second rule in aiming, is quick manipulation of the bolt.
- (3) There are three kinds of fouling: Superficial, Artificial and Corrosive.

In spite of the above gems we find the section doing very well on the miniature range. Considering each and every member has his own pet theory on the third rule in aiming, this is pretty good.

It is worthy of mention that Pte. Clarke can run. He does this fairly well over long distances. Those who have ever had to use this energetic exercise will realise the feat when we remind them that he has won his Command Cross-Country Colours, besides several metal discs, engraved with his name. If time continues to march on in its leisurely manner it looks as if young Clarke will overtake it. What then? You tell us.

Petrol is very scarce in the section at this time of the year. This has caused a number of minor things in the section to change hands. Young Snipe has, after many hours' thought, managed to dispose of his cigarette lighter with as much personal gain as possible. This machine, plus the sum of sixpence, obtained him about half an hour's bliss. Several lighters are laying idle at this time of the year, but we seldom see them swapped. We think now that Snipe has had his fun he will regret the loss of his fire-box. With the manoeuvre season ahead he could have easily filled it. Perhaps he prefers to rub two bits of wood together.

The section have been well represented at the miniature range. Last week they went down to the range and came away with the range. In fact they won everything. Team and individual practices mean nothing to us. Rapid and practice shoots learn their stuff from us. In fact, rifles were born in our hands. Do you know that last year we were all marksmen except one. No names no P.D. We have heard lots of rude people mention something about the fourth rule in aiming. Think nothing of it, we shall do the same this year. We think.

CRANKSPANNER.

### No. 3 Group.

The situation of the Inter-Company Football and Hockey leagues is as under :—

		FOOTBALL.				Goals		
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
H.Q.3	...	3	3	0	0	16	4	6
H.Q.1	...	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
"B" Company	...	3	2	0	1	10	9	4
"C" Company	...	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
"D" Company	...	3	1	0	2	4	10	2
H.Q.2	...	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
"A" Company	...	3	0	0	3	0	11	0

		HOCKEY.				Goals		
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
"D" Company	...	4	3	1	0	7	0	7
H.Q.3	...	3	2	1	0	10	4	5
"C" Company	...	4	1	2	1	5	7	4
"B" Company	...	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
H.Q.1	...	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
H.Q.2	...	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
"A" Company	...	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

There are still quite a number of football and hockey games yet to be played, but in spite of this, H.Q.3 hope to be placed at the top of the football league and make a repetition of last year's result in the hockey, *ie.* first place.

We understand that "Ray" has been doing quite well in the fencing business, but, I think, amorous nights in the vicinity of "Primrose Patch," and the Kennels is not what one might call Fencing Training. "Beware of the Dogs."

Any person who has lost heart or self-control please write to "Uncle Gus," Moral Adviser, No. 3 Group, when the worst possible advice will be given. Hmm!

Who was the short-sighted member of our clan when told to hand in to Company Stores his Anti-Dimming Outfit and who did not discover until told by the Company Storeman that it was his shaving soap he was handing in? I suppose it is possible that this person had been using his anti-dim to shave with! Who knows?

"Uncle Gus," our moral adviser, has at last decided to answer to correspondents:—

To "Cautious."—Every time he wants to kiss you, remember your respectable upbringing. Aw! Forget it!!!

To "Etiquette."—So you don't know her name. On no account must you address her as "Barmaid"—they are so touchy. Start your letter with "My darling Licensed Victualler's Assistant."

To "Refined."—If you're definitely referring to a female dog, the word is quite all right in any society.

To "Newly Wed."—I'm not qualified to advise about that sort of thing.

Au revoir,  
Mog.

**The Boys.**

Boxing is all over and black eyes, etc., are things of the past. We should like to record our appreciation of the good work of Captain Lister and Sgt. O'Leary while they were training us and to L/Cpl. McCormack for looking after us with the sponge and towel. As is known, we beat the R.E. boys in the final rather fortunately, but were very pleased to meet such a sporting lot. The wireless (a reward for bringing home "the bacon" with gloves) is going at full strength in both rooms and if we could arrange to listen in at five each evening on the Regional things would be almost blissful.

There seems to be quite a lot of the seaside to be seen this year and quite a few of us will be pulling the Band through.

Dinsdale and Veasey have decided that the life in hospital is not all that it is painted and are now away on sick leave.

Once more we have won the Boys' Football league for the Bordon district and this gives us the right to play off amongst the Aldershot teams for the Boys' Command Cup. The team has really been playing good football all this season and *Dragon* notes about 1940 should show a Regimental team made out of our present one.

Best wishes to the boys in the 1st Battalion.

THE GANG.

**Beneath Bell Harry.**



WE face this month's Editorial with rather less fear and trepidation than usual, knowing that the Hardy Cup Boxing Competition against the Depot The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment will provide us with copy.

Visitors this month included Mr. H. Bellenger, the Member for Bassetlaw, who lunched in the Mess

after visiting the Recruits' Physical Development Depot. This modern Cinderella will not outshine us so much in the future, however, if the present rate of beautifying the "Ugly Sisters" is maintained. For some months a horde of decorators has been at work carrying out reconstruction and renewal of the rather dilapidated Regimental nursery.

Following the statement by the Secretary of State for War, all the officers at the Depot were fortunate enough to hear a lecture by the Military Secretary on the System of Promotion and Appointments and the forthcoming reforms. It was all the more gratifying by reason of the favourable nature of the horoscope which the Military Secretary cast.

At the time of going to press we have five squads at the Depot. With this number of recruits we had plenty of material from which to select a team to represent us in the Hardy Cup. About 100 recruits went over to Maidstone by bus to see the competition—as guests of The Queen's Own—in addition to a good contingent from the Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes. Boxing commenced at 7.30 p.m. on March 10th.

The teams were as follows:—

<i>The Buffs.</i>		<i>Queen's Own.</i>
Rct. Ross.	<i>Bantam.</i>	Pte. Bidmead.
Rct. Oakes.	<i>Feather.</i>	Pte. Rednall.
Rct. Hurst.	<i>1st Lightweight.</i>	Pte. Spellman.
Rct. Johnson.	<i>2nd Lightweight.</i>	Pte. Wall.
Rct. Copley.	<i>1st Welter.</i>	Pte. Hawke.
Rct. Dudley.	<i>2nd Welter.</i>	Pte. Duckworth.
Rct. Milton.	<i>Middleweight.</i>	Pte. Bayliss.

Encouraged by the form shown by those who took part in the Novices Competition, we travelled to Maidstone with more confidence than hope. We were not to be disappointed, for we won by four bouts to three—and what is much more important—we witnessed seven evenly contested fights. Here is a short analysis of each fight.

**BANTAM WEIGHT.** Rct. Ross *v* Rct. Bidmead. Both men were cautious at the outset of the first round. Ross scored with his left but was open to two-handed attacks by Bidmead who appeared to score freely. The second round was a repetition of the first with both sparring for an opening. In fact neither man scored decisively. In the third round however, both men opened up and attacked strenuously from the commencement. Bidmead scored with his left and Ross landed some swinging blows which had a little effect on his opponent, but Bidmead's defence was good and the fight finished with both men still aggressive. This was a very close fight with Ross getting the verdict.

**FEATHERWEIGHT.**—Rct. Oakes *v* Rct. Rednall. From the beginning of the first round both men went hard at it. Oakes landed some good punches with both hands, but the main characteristic was wild slogging. The second round was fought at a good pace and with Oakes taking up the offensive, Rednall was forced to cover up repeatedly. The third round was something of an anti-climax with both men tiring rapidly, but Oakes continued to land some telling punches with both hands. Oakes was given the verdict.

**LIGHTWEIGHT—1st String.** Rct. Hurst *v* Rct. Spellman. Hurst was fighting in place of DeKoch who was unable to take his place in the team. In the first round Hurst scored freely with his left, and compelled Spellman to carry the fight into his opponent. This produced a certain amount of holding and leaning. The second round was fought at a good pace with both men scoring well, but Hurst had the heaviest punch, and this told in the long run. Spellman tired in the third round, and Hurst followed up his advantage by landing several heavy blows to the head and body. With Spellman taking heavy punishment, the Referee stopped the fight and awarded Hurst the verdict on a technical knock-out.

**LIGHTWEIGHT—2nd String.** Rct. Johnson *v* Rct. Wall. After a rather cautious beginning, both men opened a two-fisted attack, and Johnson landed a good left to the jaw which visibly shook his man, but was unable to follow up his advantage. Both men attacked vigorously in the second round, but Johnson dominated the fight with the clever use of his left hand, frequently landing on his opponents jaw. Both men threw caution to the winds in the third round, and wild swinging with both hands which produced little effect on either man was the salient feature. Both men tired at the close, but Johnson boxed on to run out a good winner.

At this stage a good deal of the piquancy had been removed from the Competition as we had won four fights—ensuring that we retained the Hardy Cup for another year. Nevertheless, the best fight of the evening was yet to be seen.

**WELTERWEIGHT—1st String.** Rct. Copley *v* Rct. Hawke. This was a really good fight, combining speed, hard hitting and skill. Hawke had the advantage in inches, but Copley made up for this with his fleetness of foot. In the first round Copley repeatedly jabbed his left into Hawke's face, and the latter retaliated by forcing Copley to the ropes with determined two-fisted attacks. The second round was fought at the same fast pace, and one got the impression that one was watching experienced fighters trained to perfection. Early in this round Hawke landed several good blows, but Copley managed skilfully to avoid punishment by ducking and clever footwork. Again and again Copley scored with his left. Round three was as good as the others. Copley seemed to be wearing his man down, but Hawke boxed on skilfully. In what must have

been a very close affair, Hawke was awarded the verdict. But both men must be congratulated on putting up an excellent performance.

**WELTERWEIGHT—2nd String.** Rct. Dudley *v* Rct. Duckworth. Though fought at a fast pace, this contest seldom rose above a sparring match, in fact, practically no points were scored in the first round. Round two was very similar but Duckworth did manage to pin Dudley to his ground with powerful rights. There was still little difference between the two men on points, but Duckworth was definitely the more aggressive of the two. Round three found the boxers little disposed to throw off their caution, and apart from a few lefts by Dudley and some body blows from Duckworth this round was as uneventful as the others. These men must learn that attack is the best means of defence. Duckworth was awarded the verdict.

**MIDDLEWEIGHT.** Rct. Milton *v* Rct. Bayliss. Milton opened with a strong attack and led with his left persistently but only a few of the blows landed—Bayliss' defence being good. This first round was very even. The second round opened in terrific style, Milton swinging with both hands but not doing much damage. Bayliss carried the fight to his opponent and scored freely at close quarters. In the third round both men were very tired, but though Bayliss seemed to last the better, he could not get a knock-out—Milton hanging on well. Bayliss was the winner.

So ended another Hardy Cup. The Queen's Own entertained us very well and everyone enjoyed the evening. Brigadier Whitty, who presented the Cup to C.S.M. Soper Dyer and shields and medals to the competitors, said "It doesn't really matter who wins, so long as the right spirit was there. This there was in abundance." While thanking the Queen's Own for a most pleasant evening, we must congratulate Captain Andrews and C.S.M. Soper Dyer and their Staff on their efforts which proved so successful, and not less the boxers who put up such a good show—winners and losers alike.

#### Sergeants' Mess.

In my last notes I mentioned that there was a dance being held on the 18th. This went off with all the usual gaiety etc., and was considered by all as a Good Show. This I am afraid has ended our activities in the social world for a while, as the Powers that Be have at last decided to get on with the alteration of the Mess. For those who have never visited the Nursery Mess I will explain. We have had two rooms, one below as the Ante and Billiards Room and one above that we have used for Dances etc. About two years ago it was put up for us to have two bottom rooms and the R.A.P. Corps who occupy the other bottom room to take over our top one. This is at last being carried out, and all who have been here will realize how nice this will be for us. Now it means that we have two really large rooms in one, for they will make a large arch for us in place of a door. I think we must consider ourselves very lucky for I think that for actual floor space we shall have a far larger mess than the 2nd Battalion have. During the alterations we cannot of course have any social events, but the time lost is well worth it.

We are running a Sweep on the National and the draw takes place on the 24th. We shall run a Social evening for this and I feel sure that our worthy O.R.Q.M.S. will want an impromptu dance afterwards.

This will be quite easy now as we have purchased a new Radiogram. It is a very nice H.M.V. machine, so for a small show we are never at a loss for the necessary music.

Sgt. Martin and his wife have left us for the Btt. since we last appeared in print, and we all wish them a successful and happy stay in their new home. I believe this is the first time Sgt. Martin has served in this Battalion for a considerable period and I hope that he will soon settle down to any changes that there may be.

One more very important item of news must be recorded:— Our worthy R.Q.M.S. was seen the other day, minus his Great Coat, but plus a Pair of Putties. On enquiry being made it was found that he was for a Court of Inquiry at the R.P.D.D. hence the putties. An operation was necessary in the evening to remove these unusual articles of clothing.

STOP GAP.

### Corporals' Room.

How the months fly by! I shall be an old man too soon the short time there seems between one month's notes and another. However, with sun shining brightly in the midst of a long spell of glorious weather and with everybody merry and bright, here goes.

We had a very nice trip to Maidstone, to cheer the Depot Boxing Team, fighting against the Queen's Own Depot for the Hardy Cup. Our team won a very good contest by four fights to three and we congratulate them on putting up such a fine show. It is "little wonder" Jerry got so excited. He sat next to me and my arm was black and blue at the end.

L/Cpl. Levemore has just returned from a P.T. and club-swinging course looking fit and well and ready to teach our lads the gentle art in preparation for the Tattoo. We are wondering what his theme song will be and take a wild guess it might be "Darby and Joan."

Another promotion exam. is due to take place in the near future and it grieves us to see our sleuth Pepper worried about something else besides his heavy duties of stemming the crime waves. Confidence! Charles, my boy, Confidence!

Our sporting activities have been confined to one football match against the Trained Men, which we lost by 4—2 after a terrific but friendly battle. There were many hidden smiles next morning when a couple of our N.C.O.'s were seen to be limping, but the hard state of the ground had a lot to do with it. Sez who!

L/Cpl. Tift had unfortunately to spend a short spell in hospital and we are pleased to see him fit and well and back in harness again.

Professor II, L/Cpl. Gosby has just returned from a spot of leave with the pensive look that is becoming general to our single ranks down here, so I won't enlarge on the subject, but just watch points folks, just watch 'em. Clarke seems to be the only bloke with a light and carefree heart. They do say "as 'ow e'll never get caught," but we are sure that that is a very vain boast.

Congratulation to L/Sgt. Hall on his recent promotion. We shall miss his cheerful countenance from the Mess, and his tips on "Nursery Cannons."

Congratulations also to Cpl. Cooper on his happy event. He certainly has a proud look and a springy step these days!

And so until the Easter Eggs start hatching—

RIGDEN.

## The 4/5th Battalion.



AS the news from abroad gets worse, the weather seems to improve. So it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. We have been basking in the sun lately, but we hope that this good weather now is not going to cramp our style at Easter and in early June, when we want all the sun that we can get for our Easter Training and Camp.

The two Levees this month gave us an opportunity of submitting a number of names for officers who wished to be presented, but we have been bitterly disappointed since the authorities have not given the battalion a single vacancy on the list. We hope for better luck next year.

We congratulate Cpl. Corrigan of Canterbury on passing his promotion examination from Corporal to Sergeant.

Sandwich and Sittingbourne Platoons have held their annual dinners and prize distributions on February 16th and 19th respectively, and Sittingbourne followed their dinner by a most successful dance in the Drill Hall. More details of these events will be found in the company notes.

Extra training for Rangetakers and Signallers has been held at Charttham, Folkestone and Dover on 20th and 27th February and 6th March respectively. The weather was kind enough to allow the work to be done in the open, and attendances were pretty good.

Our new Brigade Commander, Brigadier Whitty, visited us for the first time at Canterbury on February 21st and at Cranbrook on the 25th.

The Margate Platoon, who were chosen to fire for the Brigade Miniature Range Competition Cup, and who are the present holders of the Challenge Cup, fired for it again on February 25th, but could not get anywhere near their last year's score of 634 out of a possible 650. This year they only managed to score 350.

All the N.C.O.'s Cadre Courses have now been completed, and we hope to see the results in Camp of the new system of concentrating all N.C.O.'s of each company for this course. Although this method is much more expensive, there should be a considerable improvement in

the instruction given and results should justify the extra expense.

The Brigade Major visited Sittingbourne and Chartham Drill Halls on March 3rd and 7th respectively.

On March 6th, the C.O., Adjutant, Captains Iggulden, Parish and Jackson attended a very interesting T.E.W.T. at Dunton Green, embracing a good many of the more recent ideas. This exercise should be most useful to Captains Parish and Jackson, who will be sitting for their promotion examination in May.

Several officers attended the written examination in Certificate "A" held at King's School, Canterbury on March 8th. They were very delighted to find that they had only got to take one paper. If they succeed in defeating the examiners they will be very lucky, since this is the last time that Certificate "A" will be allowed to count as a qualification for promotion from 2/Lieutenant to Lieutenant. A new examination for promotion from 2/Lieutenant to Lieutenant has been introduced which compares in standard with Certificate "B" practical, and is much more comprehensive. This will be carried out in Camp each year.

A first class boxing tournament was organised and carried out by "C" Company at Tenterden on March 9th. Some of the best boxing we have ever seen at a Regimental affair was witnessed. Many congratulations to all concerned on the hard work put in and the good results produced. We hope that recruiting will improve in Tenterden as a result of this meeting.

We welcome Mr. P. R. T. Daniel, who has just been gazetted to the battalion, on March 11th. We hope he has a long and pleasant stay with us. He will be posted to Ramsgate.

We still require one or two officers at Dover, but find they are hard to find in that town which produces so many of our other ranks. We have four other prospective officers coming along soon.

A cross-country run organised by Mr. Newcome was carried out at Dover on Sunday, March 13th, in preparation for the Divisional Run at Knole, which will be held on March 27th. A team from "A" Company ran against "D" Company over a 4½-mile course. The race was well supported, there being 20 starters. Pte. Howard, who is now at the Depot as a Regular soldier, also ran and came in fifth. He was a member of our battalion team last year, and we shall miss his help this year. The results were as follows:—

Placing	Station	Time
1. Lieut. Newcome	Folkestone	29.56
2. Pte. Kirkman	Margate	30.21
3. L/Cpl. Foxley	Dover	30.4
4. Pte. Glenn	Margate	31.9
5. Pte. Richardson	Margate	33.50
6. Pte. A. Townley	Dover	35.19
7. Pte. R. Townley	Dover	36.19
8. Pte. Berry	Dover	39
9. Pte. Egan	Margate	39
10. Pte. Wright	Folkestone	41.19
11. Pte. Mace	Folkestone	41.42
12. Pte. Frodsham	Folkestone	41.42
13. Pte. Finnis	Margate	43.30
14. Pte. Jordan	Margate	43.32
15. Pte. Adams	Margate	43.38
16. Pte. Decent	Dover	44

One of Dover and three men of Margate did not complete the course.

Winners of Team Race: Dover, 40 points; Margate, 53 points.

The proposed team for the Divisional Run has been chosen as follows:—1, Lt. Newcome, 2, Pte. Kirkman, 3, L/Cpl. Foxley, 4, Pte. Glenn, 5, Pte. Richardson, 6, Pte. A. Townley; reserves, Pte. R. Townley, Pte. Berry.

Mr. Newcome sent a telegram on behalf of the battalion team to the 2nd Battalion team to wish them luck in the Army Cross-Country Run on March 15th.

We have not increased in strength since we reached full Peace Establishment in December. Last month we got seven recruits and lost six; this month we got 13 recruits by lost 14. We have gained one officer during this period. So our strength is:—Officers 26, Other Ranks 588. Thus 5 Officers and 59 Other Ranks are required to reach our first limit. All readers are asked to help us to increase our strength before Camp. We are 153 stronger than any other infantry unit in our Association area, and have four prospective new officers, but we want 118 more men as soon as possible.

The Colonel of the Regiment has approved of the affiliation of the Cadet Battalion commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Guy Lee to us, and we hope that the result will be more recruits. We are very pleased to see that they are going ahead.

The National Defence Company remains up to strength.

We have several officers affiliated to us in the Officers' Emergency Reserve, and more coming in.

During February we had to say farewell to Brigadier R. M. Birkett, who has come to the

end of his time as our Brigade Commander. We were most awfully sorry to lose him, and wish him all good luck in the future. We hope not to lose sight of him, as he has taken up residence in the area. The following letter was received from him on leaving the Brigade :

" On relinquishing command of the 133rd Infantry Brigade, I want to thank the 4/5th Battalion, The Buffs for the assistance given me during the last four years, in making the 133rd Infantry Brigade an efficient formation of the Territorial Army.

" Both as regards training and administration I feel that we have made progress in spite of many difficulties, and we have certainly worked as a team ; those with war experience know that the latter is essential : a battalion is too small to fight by itself and it is necessary in peace time for units of a brigade to know and trust one another.

" I have had a wonderfully happy time with you all, and after much experience of the Territorial Army (as Adjutant, Brigade Major, Battalion Commander in France, and Brigade Commander) I respect more than ever all of you who are prepared to give your time (mainly voluntarily) to this work for the Country. Had it been necessary to mobilize during my period of command here, I am sure that we could have built up a first class Brigade.

" I also want to take this opportunity of thanking the 4/5th Battalion, The Buffs for their hospitality to me and the Brigade Major on many occasions ; I am sorry that the very scattered nature of this brigade has made it difficult to return it.

" I hope that recruiting difficulties will get smaller and smaller, now that the general feeling of the Country as regards Territorial Service has recently so much improved.

" I wish all ranks of the battalion all good fortune in the future ; I shall be keenly interested to hear and read of your doings and as I am living in the district I hope to continue to meet many members of the battalion."

We congratulate Captain Hamerton, our doctor, on passing his Certificate "A", Part II.

C.S.M. Saunders leaves us this month to return to the 2nd Battalion at Bordon. We are very sorry to lose him, and wish to thank him for all the hard work he has put in in the Dover and Folkestone area. We hope that we shall hear from him in the future. He is being relieved by C.S.M. Marsh, who is no stranger to us, having been P.S.I. at Ramsgate in the past. We wish him good luck during his tour of duty at Dover.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Gawler on passing his promotion examination ; and Cpl. Connors on his promotion to A/L/Sgt. ; and Ptes. Ryan and Sadler on their promotion to A/L/Cpl.

We have to say farewell to Sgt. Bunch, who has left the battalion on the termination of his engagement. He has served with this battalion for 16 years. We wish him all good luck in the future.

We congratulate the following on their promotions :—L/Sgt. G. Brazier to Sergeant ; L/Sgt. Rowley to Sergeant ; Cpl. Corrigan to P/L/Sergeant ; L/Cpl. Hyde to Corporal ; Pte. Byrne to P/L/Corporal ; L/Cpl. Clarke to Corporal ; Pte. Chaplin to P/L/Corporal ; Cpl. Butcher to Sergeant ; Cpl. Blake to P/L/Sergeant ; Cpl. Thompson to U/L/Sgt. ; L/Cpl. Thomas to Corporal ; Pte. Harding to P/L/Corporal ; L/Cpl. Kitchener to Corporal ; Pte. Cloake to P/L/Corporal.

#### Coming Events.

- Mar. 16. Ashford Platoon Annual Dinner.  
 19. Cross-Country Run v Depot, Canterbury, 3.15 p.m.  
 22. "B" Company Concentration, Canterbury.  
 24. Herne Bay Annual Dinner.  
 27. Divisional Cross-Country Run, Knole Park, Sevenoaks, 3 p.m.
- April 10. "B" Company Concentration, Canterbury.  
 15.  
 16. } Easter Training, Dover, Chartham.  
 17. }  
 18. }
- May 7. Practical Promotion Examination, Officers.  
 22. Signal Classification.

#### "A" Company.

We finished our Cadre Course on Sunday, February 27th, and again would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the R.S.M. for his most valued assistance. The course was greatly enjoyed by those who attended and the company should benefit in due course.

On February 16th we attended Sandwich Platoon's Annual Dinner and Prize Distribution, held at the Bell Hotel. They are to be congratulated on a most successful evening. This was, no doubt, due to the vocal efforts of the R.S.M. and members of the platoon. It is regretted that the Adjutant and the Quartermaster were unable to be present on this occasion, a full account of which, no doubt, is published elsewhere.

We should like to congratulate the following members of the company on their recent promotions and appointments : Sgt. Rowley, L/Sgt. Blake, L/Sgt. Connors and L/Cpl. Byrne.

It was very pleasing to see the Regiment so well represented at the Territorial Officers' Ball held at the Queen's Hotel, Margate, on Friday, March 11th. All "A" Company officers were present, also Major C. S. F. Witts, Capt. Rowe and ladies. The band of the Berkshire Regiment provided a most excellent programme of music which, judging by the applause, was greatly appreciated.

Capt. Hamerton, our M.O., was very noticeable among the guests, making the most of the occasion.

On Sunday, March 13th, at the invitation of the officer i/c running, we sent a team to Dover to compete in a run against that company. The weather was very kind, it being an ideal day. Our team numbered nine, two members turning up too late for the bus. The run was very successful and the result not too bad. Our men, Kirkman and Glenn, were again well to the fore with Richardson not far behind. Richardson is a newcomer to the front ranks. It is to be hoped that they put up as good a show at Sevenoaks on the 27th.

We should like to thank Mr. Newcome and C.S.M. Saunders for the refreshments which were enjoyed by all, but regret we missed the darts match and the refreshments provided for that event. I understand C.S.M. Saunders had all his reserves out and the darts well sharpened. Just too bad we had to let you down George.

While on the subject of Dover, we welcome back to the fold our old friend C.S.M. Marsh, and sincerely hope that his tour with the Support Company will be as pleasant for him as was his tour with this company.

We wish bon voyage to C.S.M. and Mrs. Saunders, wishing them all the best on their return to the 2nd Battalion.

M.M.

#### CANTERBURY PLATOON.

Many a man whistles blithely before walking into an unpleasant ditch which he had unfortunately overlooked. So it was with the shooting team. People had been going about looking extremely pleased with themselves, complaining that the bulls were too large and throwing a chest, like persons accustomed to shooting the pip out of the ace of spades before breakfast. Then dawned a Sunday morning when they arrived at the range, a collection of spavined, knock-kneed, bleary-eyed, myopic, astigmatic physical and nervous wrecks (with the notable exception of L/Cpl., Acting Unpaid, Blake). As the writer was one of the worst delinquents, a veil shall be drawn over their exploits.

Hearty congratulations to our newly-appointed Lance-Sergeant Corrigan, whose promotion is richly merited. We are looking forward with thirsty anticipation to offering congratulations in person. Another item on which we may pat ourselves, metaphorically, on the back is the acquisition, in the club-room, of a small keg (known as a "pin," I believe) of extremely superior bitter beer. This was the outcome of a meeting of the club, presided over by Captain Mount and attended by sundry genial Gunners. There was a proposition that a social evening between members of the two arms should take place—wives and sweethearts being invited. This should not be read as including the girl you met in Brighton last year, even if she is a clergyman's daughter. It was felt that such a function would assist materially in creating a better feeling between the Gunners and ourselves. We are all hopeful that this event will come to fruition, as well as several other projects which the Committee will have in hand.

In connection with the actual training, we have of late been subjected to a series of ear-splitting noises on the bugle, arms-drill goes on with the rhythmic clash

of a crack detachment of the Prussian Guard (well, they had to start too, didn't they?) and, best of all, the R.S.M. has been letting fall many pearls of wisdom, such as this:

Q. "What number are you B? Odd or even?"

A. "Don't know, Sir."

Q. "—! Then you're blinking *odd* aren't you?"

Two or three new recruits have recently joined the Platoon, and they all work very hard, with the possible exception of certain gents, who manage to acquire arduous jobs such as giving out rifle bolts! The greatest achievement of all is that we can now do "at the halt on the left, form platoon," a manoeuvre previously thought to be impossible.

There are misgivings, however, in our otherwise cheery outlook. Having learnt how to form fours, the War Office are now issuing a decree that we shall shortly form threes. As the *Daily Mail* itself can't offer a satisfactory solution to the problem, we shall probably have to work it out by "trig" or differential calculus.

Lastly, if you don't like these notes, you are welcome to the job at the same stipend as is paid to the present incumbent.

W.

#### SANDWICH PLATOON.

The Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes of the Sandwich Platoon of "A" Company, 4/5th Battalion, The Buffs, was held at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich, on Wednesday, 16th February. Lieut. W. E. Williamson (Platoon Commander) presided and among others present were Lieut.-Col. D. J. Dean, V.C. (Officer Commanding the Battalion), Major C. S. F. Witts, Major F. W. Tomlinson, Capt. D. P. Iggulden ("A" Company Commander), Capt. Coveney, R.A., Capt. J. E. Lewin (Deputy Mayor of Sandwich), Lieut. Walker (Margate Platoon), Lieut. Taylor (Ramsgate Platoon), Lieut. McTusk, Ald. G. T. S. Martin, Lieut. Field (Sandwich Cadets), Mr. F. Brett, R.S.M. Burt, R.Q.M.S. Johnson and C.S.M. Elvery.

The Chairman, welcoming the guests, referred to the support the platoon had had from Margate and Ramsgate. He was sorry the Mayor could not be present, but he expressed his pleasure at seeing Capt. Lewin, who took a great interest in Territorials. He was pleased to see Lieut. Field and they looked to him and the cadets for supplying recruits to the platoon, which originated from the cadet company. The platoon had done quite a lot during the year but it had not secured many recruits through it. There had been some very good parades, especially on Armistice Sunday, when the Battalion Drums and strong detachments from Margate and Ramsgate attended. The platoon attended the Coronation Parade at Margate and the Annual Church Parade at Ramsgate. The drills on the whole had been well attended, especially considering half of the men came from long distances and worked on varying shifts. He congratulated Sgt. Elvery on his promotion to Company Sergeant-Major and referred to the fact that Cpl. Beer had passed the examination for promotion to sergeant. C.S.M. Elvery and Sgt. Rowley had been awarded the Territorial efficiency medal. They could not be awarded before as the platoon had not been formed long enough. Both the recipients were in the original cadets. Thirty-three out of the 34 members of the platoon went on annual training. It was difficult to keep up strength when large numbers of men went into the Army or Navy, but at all events they went to the right places. He thanked Permanent Staff Instructor Farrel and Part-time Instructor Johnson, who had helped the Sandwich Platoon considerably. Mr. Williamson thanked the employers for allowing the men



to attend and take part in the various activities and those who had contributed towards the prize fund.

The prizes, a list of which is given below, were presented by Capt. Lewin, who said he hoped the prizewinners would earn more distinction during the coming year. It was a privilege to be present and to see so many prizes won by so many people.

The prize list was as follows:—Collins Efficiency Shield: Pte. Collyer; runners up: Cpl. Beer and Pte. Stringer. Musketry Cup: Sgt. Street; runners up: L/Cpl. Nutley and Pte. J. Bent. Recruit Open Range: 1, Pte. Cocking; 2, Pte. Coomber; 3, Pte. Gisby. Lewis Gun awards: Ptes. G. Bent and J. Hart. Miniature Range: 1, Pte. R. Byrne; 2, Pte. Silk; 3, Pte. Douglas. Attendance: Sgt. Rowley, Pte. Baldock and Pte. Godfrey. Attendance in Uniform: Pte. Oliver, L/Cpl. Byrne and Pte. Orr. Special awards: C.S.M. Elvery, Sgt. Farrel and R.Q.M.S. Johnson. Section Trophy (No. 13 Sec.): Sec.-Com. L/Cpl. Nutley, Ptes. Gee, Shelvey, Silk, Douglas, Collyer and Hart.

Thanking the Deputy Mayor, Capt. Iggulden said he was glad they had Capt. Lewin with them. He had carried out his duties extraordinarily well and they thanked him for what he had done and for what he had said. The company, of which Sandwich was No. 4 Platoon, had a strength of 180, of whom 30 came from Sandwich and district. Many of them were miners, who put up a wonderful show in attending drills considering the difficulties of their shift work. They wanted to get more men into uniform on parade nights. The uniform was not well enough known throughout the county and many people did not realize the county Regiment had a county battalion which was now up to full strength. On June 12th the battalion was going to camp in the county for the first time for many years and they were anxious to see as nearly 100 per cent. attendance as possible. That was where they were in the hands of employers of labour. They were indebted to the corporation for giving a lead, but some others were inclined to shrink back. Unless a man went to camp the training he had had during the year was as good as wasted.

Col. Dean said a Cadet Battalion had been formed in East Kent and it was affiliated to the Territorial Battalion. Every assistance would be given to the cadets, and Mr. Williamson would be glad to help the Sandwich cadet commander. The Territorials felt it was their duty as well as pleasure to afford any assistance they could to the cadets. The question of recruiting was a difficult one. The Battalion was up to strength at the moment, and they were proud of it, but the average wastage in the battalion was about 140 a year. That had to be made good. Some of the men were time expired, others joined the Regular Army, and some left the district, so that in order to keep up to strength 140 to 150 fresh men had to be found every year. He was glad to see that in the Sandwich Platoon they were getting the right type of men. They looked a good, fighting lot (hear, hear) and he felt they had some of the finest material in the district. Some years ago "A" Company was the weakest company in the battalion and for many years suffered under serious difficulties in consequence. When Major Witts took over the company it was under 100 men, but now it was up to 180, which reflected great credit on the town. But he did not want them to sit back and take it easy, otherwise they would slip downhill. Good efforts must be kept up. As to the camp at Shornciffe they had been told that to go to camp near home was not popular, but he did not see why. They were hoping to get a considerable number of local supporters to visit the camp. It would be open to visitors of both sexes (laughter) and it would be a good

opportunity to get wives and sweethearts interested in Territorial work. It would be an interesting experiment to see whether a camp in one's own county would or would not assist recruiting.

Major Witts said he was reminded it was 13 years ago in April that he came to Sandwich and helped in the forming of the Sandwich Detachment from the remnants of the cadet corps, which was then in a shaky condition. Then he never thought the detachment would be going hale and hearty to-day. It was a great pleasure to hear of some of the original fellows being awarded the efficiency medal. (Applause.)

Major Tomlinson, on behalf of the guests, spoke a few words of thanks. The platoon seemed to have the spirit of comradeship and they had spent a pleasant evening. Excellent entertainment was provided by R.S.M. Burt, C.S.M. Elvery, Sgt. Farrell, Mr. Brett, L/Cpl. Byrne, and Ptes. J. Bent and J. Orr.

### 'B' Company.

#### SITTINGBOURNE PLATOON.

A gathering reminiscent of the "good old days," when the Territorials' night was an event in the local calendar, took place at the Co-operative Assembly Room, Sittingbourne, on Saturday night, 19th February, under the auspices of the Sittingbourne Platoon, "B" Company, 4/5th Battalion, The Buffs.

It is an old and a true saying that an army marches on its stomach. Therefore, the young Territorials who sat around the festive board at the appetising dinner to which they were entertained should go far.

The new platoon officer, 2/Lieut. J. E. Wills, with the forethought of a veteran, arranged for the Annual Prizegiving to be preceded by a dinner. This was a move in the right direction, for with a well-lined stomach the young Territorials were in a receptive mood, profiting by the advice given them and resolving to do their best to bring the platoon up to full strength.

Sittingbourne's own officer, who belongs to a well-known and patriotic family, 2/Lieut. John E. Wills, was in the chair, and he acquitted himself with distinction. He was supported by that brilliant soldier, another Sittingbourne man, Lieut.-Col. D. J. Dean, V.C. (who commands the battalion), Capt. Reid, Capt. G. H. Mount, Councillor Baker (Chairman of the Sittingbourne-Milton Urban District Council), Mr. G. H. Wills, Mr. A. A. Richards, Mr. T. B. Bishop, Mr. E. Packham and Mr. W. R. Sinclair (Hon Secretary to the Association of Past and Present Buffs). With N.C.O.'s and other ranks the company numbered about 50.

After the dinner the toast "The King" was loyally observed.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation of the presence of the visitors and of all the people who had helped to make the dinner a success.

Apologies were received for absence from H. E. Andrews, Esq., Wilfred Andrews, Esq., R. B. Miller, Esq., Hedley Peters, Esq., Lieut. F. F. Boucher, Lieut.-Col. H. Lumley Webb, W. R. Elgar, Esq., J.P. C.C., Major C. S. F. Witts, Capt. A. J. Bedelle, Superintendent E. E. Hoare and Capt. F. C. Rogers.

The Chairman said he was glad to see Councillor Baker, and thanked him for kindly consenting to present the prizes. "This is the first time that I have presided at one of these Annual Dinners," he said, "but I hope that it is the forerunner of many such functions." (Applause.) He was sorry that Capt. Rogers had left the platoon, and wished him the best of luck in the new corps to which he had been promoted.

Councillor Baker said that it gave him great pleasure to be present. In urging the need for more recruits he said that it was pleasing to see so many young members of the platoon, but he would like to see more.

He was glad that the platoon had a local man to succeed Capt. Rogers and said that he would be a credit to the town as well as to the Buffs.

#### THE PRIZE LIST.

He then presented the prizes to the following successful winners:—Attendance at Drills: 1st, Pte. Sinclair; runner up, L/Sgt. Martin. Turn-out Competition: 1st, Pte. Johnson; runner up, Pte. Jordan. Snelling Cup, Recruits: 1st, Pte. Gasson; runner up, Boy Stevens. Billiards Competition: 1st, Pte. Grace; runner up, Sgt. Edwards. (Prize given to Pte. Overy, who was the most improved recruit since date of enlistment.) Badminton Competition: 1st, Cpl. Mockler; runner up, Sgt. Edwards. (Prize given to Pte. Godfrey for most attendances at drills since enlistment.) Uniform Drills: 1st, Pte. Sinclair; 2nd, Cpl. Mockler; 3rd, Pte. House. Marksman's Cup: 1st, C.S.M. Davis; runner up, Pte. Bunting. *East Kent Gazette* Cup: 1st, Pte. Bunting; runner up, C.S.M. Davis; "Lumley Webb" Cup: 1st, Pte. Sinclair; runner up, L/Sgt. Martin. Tradesmen's Prize Shoot: C.S.M. Davis, Pte. Bunting, Pte. Sinclair, L/Sgt. Martin, L/Cpl. Burnett, L/Cpl. Antrichan, Pte. Albrow, Pte. Cooper, Pte. Sellen, Pte. Dives, Pte. Johnson, Pte. Wheeler, L/Cpl. Stevens, Pte. Jordan, Pte. Spicer, Pte. West, Pte. Fane, Pte. Gasson, Pte. Austen, Pte. Cherrison, Cpl. Mockler, Pte. Whiskin, Pte. House, Pte. Kemp. The Wooden Spoon (for nothing on the target) was won by Pte. Fane.

After the prizes had been distributed the Chairman asked Councillor Baker to present a consolation prize to Sgt. Edwards, who had worked so hard in connection with the platoon.

Councillor Baker then handed the prize to Sgt.-Instructor Edwards amid loud applause.

#### DONORS OF PRIZES.

Donations and prizes were kindly given by the following:—David Greig, Ltd., Mr. H. E. Andrews, Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, Mr. E. Packham, Mr. G. H. Wills, Mr. A. A. Richards, Mr. R. B. Miller, Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., Mr. Hedley Peters, Lieut. F. F. Boucher, Lieut.-Col. H. Lumley Webb, Mr. T. B. Bishop, Mr. W. R. Elgar, Shepherd Neame, Ltd., Capt. A. J. Bedelle, Montague Burton, Ltd., Mr. Buggs, Streeter and Son, Freeman, Hardy and Willis, Messrs. Owen, Bata Shoe Co., B. and A. Meat Co., Messrs. Waters, Messrs. Golding, Messrs. Blunt, Cigar Box, Mr. G. L. Dean, Mr. M. Bunting, Mr. E. F. Handcock (deceased), Mr. W. J. Peacock, Mr. E. Thomas, *East Kent Gazette*, Messrs. Whittaker Bros, Mr. Woods, Mr. G. Birch, Mr. T. Buggs, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Nokes, Sittingbourne Co-operative Society, Ltd., The Odeon Cinema, Mr. J. Rate, Messrs. Wickenden, Messrs. Birkett, Messrs. Pearce, Sams, Ltd., Mr. H. F. Ambrose, Messrs. Henry Filmer, Ltd., Messrs. John Peters and Son, Messrs. Hulburds, Messrs. G. Prentis and Son, Messrs. Thomasson, Mr. McCartney, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Bartlett, the Plaza Cinema, Messrs. Wetherall, Mrs. Burgess, the Prince of Wales, the Golden Ball, Mr. Forster, Messrs. W. H. Smith and Sons, Mr. B. Cattermole, Messrs. Knowles, Messrs. Bows and Son, Messrs. Carter, Shakespeare Hotel, the Pie Shop, Mr. Mount, Mrs. Sutton, the Queen's Picture Theatre, Messrs. P. S. Payn, Ltd., Messrs. Woolworth, Ltd., and Messrs. Featherstone, Ltd.

#### HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Lieut.-Col. Dean said that he appreciated the interest Councillor Baker, an ex-Serviceman himself, had taken in the local detachment. One of their chronic troubles was recruiting, for they needed a constant influx of men. "In the *East Kent Gazette* '25 years ago'

column," he said, "I see that Col. Honeyball made exactly the same appeal for recruits as I am making to-night, but I am sure that we have the right type of fellow in this platoon to deal with an emergency should it arise." He explained that Captain Rogers could not be present at the dinner as he had to attend a dinner given by his new unit, and concluded by thanking all those concerned in making the evening a success.

Attention was called by Captain Reid to a poster at the end of the room on which was printed "Are You Pulling Your Weight?" He said that it would be a suitable motto for the platoon. Conscription was not carried out in this country, and therefore, Britain was entirely dependent on her enlisted forces. The days were past when war was declared and men rushed to join up. There would be no time nowadays for recruits to be trained in an emergency. Twelve recruits a month were needed to fill the gaps in their ranks and to keep the platoon up to full strength. The Annual Report that had been submitted recently had been a very good one and no criticisms of it had been offered. He could see no reason why soldiers could not go on parade with black buttons, and boots that did not have to be cleaned. The uniform was to advertise the fact that there was an Army in the country, and it should be worn in the streets to encourage recruiting. He said that each man ought to try to obtain more recruits, and concluded by reminding them, "Are You Pulling Your Weight?"

Captain G. H. Mount informed the platoon that they had helped the company win the Harris Shield last year and every other year since 1928 or 1929, but they had never won it in consecutive years and he asked for a special effort to be made this year. The company were going to be tested in "Officer's Patrols" and trained for defence against air raids. He thanked the platoon for the way they had worked during the past year, and hoped they would do equally as well in the ensuing year.

After the dinner and prize-giving, dancing took place in the Drill Hall, where an enjoyable time was had by all.

Among those who attended the dance were Mrs. A. A. Richards, Miss Sheila Richards, Mrs. D. J. Dean, Mrs. A. W. Dean, Mrs. G. H. Wills and Miss Lindsay Wills.

During the evening Lieut.-Col. D. J. Dean presented Private Cooper with the T.A. Efficiency Medal.

The spot prize during the dance was won by Mr. L. F. George and Miss J. Chapell.

The dance was brought to a close at midnight with the singing of the National Anthem.

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#### "C" (Weald) Company.

The time soon comes round again for the rather arduous task of composing *Dragon* notes. Apologies are offered for our rather infrequent excursions into print. There is little doubt that the instrument used by the "sweed bashers" in the Weald is mightier than the pen!

There has been considerable activity in the company during the past month, or so it would seem from the number of occasions one has sallied forth on Sunday mornings! On February 21st the first Company Concentration was held at Bethersden on Mr. Boyd's farm. A lot of very useful training was put in, including a few company drill movements, which were very well done in spite of the ground being rather sticky after the recent snow. A good number turned up to this, and at the conclusion the question most frequently heard was "when are we going to have another one?" We hope to hold the next on March 27th at Hole Park, Rolvenden, through the kindness of Colonel Barham,

who is letting us have the use of his park-land. This form of training out in the open on a Sunday morning is rather an innovation to most members of the Weald Company, but all are agreed that much more can be done in this way than by meeting in a drill hall on a week-day evening.

On 28th February a social and games evening, arranged by Mr. Bourne and his Recruiting Committee, was held at the War Memorial Hall, High Halden. We are very grateful to the local branch of the British Legion for their hospitality to us on this occasion. The idea of this evening was for members of the Tenterden Platoon to meet and mix with the youth of the locality and try and get some of them to join us. Unfortunately there were not very many young fellows there, but we hope to get one or two of those who were before long.

The biggest social event of the month was a boxing contest versus the Tenterden and District Boxing Club, at the Tenterden Drill Hall, on Wednesday, March 9th. There was a very good attendance, and those who took part certainly gave us our money's worth. A very nice Challenge Cup, kindly subscribed for by local residents, was won by the Boxing Club by a margin of only one point. The last fight of the evening decided who was to be the winning team, points being equal up till then. We are very grateful to Major-General Yorke for distributing the Cups and Medals and for the encouraging words he gave us. Our thanks are also due to Captain Andrews, who came all the way from the Depot to act as referee, and also to R.S.M. T. Burt, who does the job of M.C. so well. We were very pleased to have with us Colonel Findlay, who had also made the journey specially from Canterbury, and his brother, Mr. W. Findlay, who now lives in Tenterden. Also present were Captain Reid, Captain Verlander and Mr. Newcome. We missed the Commanding Officer, but the date coincided with a previous engagement of his. There are many people to whom thanks are due for the help given in making a show of this kind a success, but a particular word must go to our P.S.I., Sgt. Thorndycroft, who always puts in so much hard work.

We still appeal to the youth of Tenterden to come and join us in our work as well as our play. We sincerely hope that this last effort will produce some recruits.

### "D" (S) Company.

#### DOVER DETACHMENT.

The last month has been very quiet, and so have very little to report.

Drills have been well attended and N.C.O.'s and men still retain their interest and through this we hope to obtain still more recruits.

Rangetakers and Signallers have been doing extra training on Sundays during the month. The weather has been excellent and in consequence attendance has been good as regards the Rangetakers, but we do hope to see a few more of the Signallers taking this opportunity of getting in a little practice for their Annual Test.

Rangetakers were able to get outside in the country and therefore obtained first class instruction in the use of the Rangefinder, which cannot be done during the evenings in the Drill Hall.

The company will soon be firing their Annual Weapon Training Course and so all the preliminary practice needed to undertake this can be carried out now (so non-attenders please note).

The Cross-Country Runners have been hard at it every Sunday and it appears that the ambition of everyone seems to be that he should be in the team to represent the battalion on Sunday, 27th March, in the Divisional Run at Sevenoaks. The detachment will be running against the Margate Detachment on Sunday, 13th March, and we hope to do the same as years past, *i.e.* leave them where they were.

The P.S.I. naturally hopes that R.Q.M.S. Johnson has improved in darts during the past year, it seems a shame to continually take free drinks.

The answer to this question will be duly answered next month, it all makes notes, and saves too many challenges being issued to the wrong person.

Members and Honorary Members who read these notes are please asked to note that Dover Detachment run a small Whist Drive every Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room, and are asked that they will kindly pass on this information to those who are not quite so fortunate in being able to get hold of *The Dragon*.

We congratulate the following on their promotion: L/Sgt. Brazier to Sergeant; L/Cpls. Clark and Kitchener to Corporals; and Ptes. Cloak and Chaplin to Lance-Corporals.

We welcome Mr. Tyrrell to the company and hope his application will be successful, and that we see a lot of him, as we shall need him if the rumours are true that Mr. Newcome is leaving us after camp.

We would like to congratulate the 2nd Battalion on winning the Aldershot Cross-Country Run, and trust now that they will be as successful in the Army Championship.

We are now looking forward to Easter Training and hope for a 100% attendance, remembering one gets full pay and ration allowance and free membership to the "Keep Fit Campaign."

And so enough for one month.

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### Officers.

#### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Off. :-

THE BUFFS.—Lt. G. W. Harttrup (March 1st); 2nd Lt. G. H. Gettings (March 6th).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following to be 2nd Lts. (March 2nd) :-  
THE BUFFS.—D. Montgomery (late Cadet, Eton Coll. Contgt., O.T.C.).

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY.

4/5th BN., THE BUFFS.—P. R. T. Daniel (late Cadet) Sgt., St. Edward's Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd Lt. (March 12th).

### The 1st Battalion.

#### MEDALS—AWARDS.

The undermentioned are awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with Gratuity :-  
6279308 R.Q.M.S. H. Shorter, H.Q.; 6279322 C.S.M. R. Wickham, H.Q.; 6279236 Sgt. T. Sivers; 6279243 L/Cpl. H. Spice, H.Q.; 6279450 L/Cpl. Whittington, H.Q.

#### SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION—AWARDS.

The undermentioned B.O.R.s passed in subjects *To Complete for the Second Class Certificate of Education*, held at Lucknow on 20-12-37 :-  
6285634 Pte. J. Ashdown, H.Q.; 6286806 Pte. R. Baldwin, "B"; 6286102 Pte. E. Divers, "S"; 6285390 Pte. D. Grieves, "C"; 6285730 Pte. L. Key, "S"; 6286206 Pte. P. Murphy, "A"; 6286119 Pte. D. Murtagh, "B"; 6342961 Pte. N. Ripley, "S"; 6285953 Pte. J. Rowe, "C"; 6285198 Pte. H. Warren, "B".

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6283754 P/A. Sgt. A. Paramour (Sup. Estb.), promoted Sergeant in the Indian Army Corps of Clerks, 24-12-37.

The undermentioned are appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 4-2-38 :-

6286139 Pte. V. Dines, "A"; 6285424 Pte. S. Goldsack, "A"; 6284355 Pte. C. Tucker, "A".

The undermentioned are appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 5-2-38 :-

6285902 Pte. C. Ellington, "C"; 6286129 Pte. E. Gisby, "C"; 6286146 Pte. A. Cadour, "C"; 6285949 Pte. D. Hills, "C"; 832181 Pte. E. Ratcliff, "C".

6280922 Sgt. A. Hicks, "S," promoted Cr./Sgt. and appointed C.Q.M.S., 3-12-37.

6284978 L/Sgt. G. Chapman, "A," promoted Sergeant, 3-12-37.  
6282581 L/Sgt. C. Solway, "A," promoted Sergeant, 1-2-38.

The undermentioned are appointed Lance-Sergeant :—  
6282784 Cpl. F. Howe, "C," 3-12-37; 6284460 Cpl. W. Bartlett, "S," 15-12-37; 6280742 Cpl. C. Ireland, H.Q., 1-2-38.

The undermentioned are promoted Corporal :—  
6285438 L/Cpl. C. Lowder, "A," 3-12-37; 6285395 L/Cpl. J. Rose, "A," 6-12-37; 6283594 L/Cpl. F. Rush, "A," 1-2-38.

The undermentioned are appointed Paid Lance-Corporal :—  
6285076 L/Cpl. C. Baker, "S," 2-12-37; 6285372 L/Cpl. F. Horne, "S," 3-12-37; 6284003 L/Cpl. W. Edwards, "C," 6-12-37; 6285617 L/Cpl. F. Excell, "B," 12-12-37; 6631119 L/Cpl. W. Reeve, "A," 15-12-37; 6284903 L/Cpl. A. O'Hara, "C," 22-12-37; 6284217 L/Cpl. J. O'Keefe, H.Q., 25-12-37; 6285609 L/Cpl. H. Foord, "S," 11-1-38.

### The 2nd Battalion.

#### ENLISTMENTS—Boys.

6086997 Boy H. Bassam, H.Q., enlisted at Woolwich for 2nd Bn., The Buffs, on 14-2-38.

6286479 Pte. L. Parkhouse, "D," enlisted into Regular Army (The Buffs), on 15-2-38.

6286478 Pte. H. Chapman, "D," enlisted into Regular Army (The Buffs), on 8-3-38.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

6284254 L/Cpl. R. Ashby, "A," promoted Corporal, 9-2-38.  
6284205 L/Cpl. W. Cowley, "C," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 9-2-38.

6282630 L/Sgt. F. Brabon, "D," promoted Sergeant, 9-2-38.

6283765 Pte. F. Catt, H.Q., appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 7-2-38.

6285942 L/Cpl. J. Bligh, "A," appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 26-2-38.

6285201 L/Cpl. J. Corps, H.Q., promoted Corporal, 26-2-38.

#### EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6286645 L/Cpl. D. Royce, "B," awarded Second Class Certificate of Education at an examination held at Bordon on 25-11-37.

The undermentioned were awarded Third Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Bordon on 14-2-38 :—

6286626 Pte. G. Cook, "A"; 6286622 Pte. R. Langley "A"; 862697 Pte. M. Drury, "C"; 6286801 Pte. A. Grima, "C"; 6286809 Pte. A. Heaseman, "C"; 6286504 Pte. H. Hukins, "C"; 6286805 Pte. W. Pearce, "C."

#### DISSEMBARKATION.

6281466 Sgt. W. Cole, "C," disembarked at Southampton on 26-2-38 per *H.T. Lancashire* and taken on strength.

#### TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve :—  
6284788 Pte. J. Collins, "C," 7-2-38; 6284778 Pte. F. Watson, "D," 11-3-38.

#### DISCHARGE.

6283123 Cpl. C. Gilding, "B," 25-2-38.

### The Depot.

#### RECRUITS.

Attested as shewn :—

Pte. G. W. Purvis, "A'shot," 7-2-38; 6287199 Pte. W. S. Hawkins, "A'shot," 15-2-38; 6287110 Pte. G. W. White, "A'shot," 21-2-38; 6287111 Pte. C. R. White, "A'shot," and Pte. R. Gibbs, "A'shot," 21-2-38; 2045104 Pte. H. Heard, "P," enlisted into the Regular Army (The Buffs) from Supp. Reserve, 23-2-38; Pte. C. R. Austin, "A'shot," 23-2-38; 6287114 Pte. C. Kane, "A'shot," 28-2-38; Pte. J. E. Goddard, "A'shot," 28-2-38; Pte. L. Burton, "A'shot," 25-2-38; Pte. P. R. Finnigan, "A'shot," 1-3-38; Pte. G. A. Ford, "A'shot," 1-3-38; 6287118 Pte. W. Curzon, "A'shot," 2-3-38; Pte. T. W. Cresswell, "A'shot," 2-3-38; 6286490 Pte. W. A. Geddie, "P," enlisted into the Regular Army (The Buffs) from Supp. Reserve, 3-3-38; Pte. J. G. Coveuey, "A'shot," 3-3-38; Pte. A. C. Bing, "A'shot," 3-3-38; 2045677 Pte. T. W. Benford, "A'shot," 7-3-38; 6287122 Pte. G. F. Lyons, "A'shot," 8-3-38; 6287123 Pte. G. A. Plummer, "A'shot," 10-3-38.

#### APPOINTMENT.

6281909 Cpl. H. Hall, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 9-2-38.

#### EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

The undermentioned were awarded Third Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Canterbury on 4-2-38 :—

6286832 Pte. A. Hoyle, 6286865 Pte. J. Baird, 6286864 Pte. J. Hurst, 6286855 Pte. A. Langridge, 6286854 Pte. C. Stone, 6286840 Pte. R. Quinnell, 6286848 Pte. R. Collins, 6286859 Pte. F. Jarman, 6286842 Pte. F. Randall.

#### POSTINGS.

The undermentioned disembarked at Southampton from 1st Bn., The Buffs, India, ex-*H.T. Lancashire* on 26-2-38; joined Depot on 26-2-38 :—

6284737 Pte. C. Bicker, 2025368 Pte. W. Hare, 6284736 Pte. R. Newton, 6284738 Pte. A. Sutors, 6284729 Pte. F. Williams, 6284730 Pte. W. Greengrow, 6284695 Pte. J. Kibler, 6283705 Dmr. F. Supple, 6284728 Pte. S. White.

6285682 Pte. R. Maltby, disembarked at Southampton on 26-2-38 from 1st Bn., The Buffs, India, ex-*H.T. Lancashire*. Admitted R.V. Hospital, Netley, 26-2-38.

6285705 Pte. N. Lord, "A'shot," posted to 2nd Bn., The Buffs, 1-3-38.

The undermentioned from 1st Bn., The Buffs, India, disembarked at Southampton ex-*H.T. Nevada* on 8-3-38; joined the Depot on same date :—

6284752 Pte. A. Austin, 6284761 L/Cpl. S. Battams, 6284796 Pte. B. Bergin, 804778 Pte. L. Biggs, 6284766 Pte. W. Burton, 6284915 Pte. T. Campbell, 6284741 Pte. E. Chapman, 6284769 Pte. F. Claydon, 766794 Pte. F. Daniels, 6284745 Pte. H. Epps, 6284779 Pte. J. Fitzsimmons, 6284901 Pte. J. Foulsham, 6284913 Pte. A. Friend, 6284905 Pte. T. Gatwood, 6284785 Pte. G. Gibson, 6284786 Pte. R. Griffiths, 6284759 Pte. G. Hance, 6284649 Pte. F. Harris, 6284775 Pte. J. Herbert, 6284768 Pte. R. Hoare, 6284910 Pte. G. Jordan, 6284763 Pte. C. Lancaster, 6284789 Pte. R. Lloyd, 6284918 Pte. A. Milham, 6284794 Pte. J. Minns, 6284666 Pte. L. Mills, 6284778 Pte. F. Nelligan, 6284586 Dmr. A. Pennells, 6284758 L/Cpl. S. Pipkin, 6284743 Pte. R. Russell, 6284793 L/Cpl. E. Slater, 6284902 Pte. F. Stilgrove, 6284787 Pte. G. Webb, 6284565 Pte. E. Williams.

6285947 Pte. A. Woolford, disembarked at Southampton ex-*H.T. Nevada* from 1st Bn., The Buffs, India on 8-3-38. Admitted to R.V. Hospital, Netley.

6286867 Pte. A. Benning, "A'shot," and 6286836 Pte. R. Jackson, "A'shot," posted to Depot from R.P.D.D., Canterbury, on 11-3-38.

6286622 Pte. R. Langley, posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 13-3-38.

796224 Pte. W. Slater, re-posted to 2nd Bn., The Buffs, 13-3-38.

#### TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve :—

6284363 Pte. H. Mansbridge, 6-2-38; 6284357 L/Cpl. E. Cox, 10-2-38; 6284366 L/Cpl. W. Ship, 10-2-38.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve, 15-2-38 :—

6284416 Pte. S. Arber, 6284405 Pte. E. Claringbould, 6284387 Pte. A. Davis, 6284406 Bdmn. I. Davis, 6283964 Pte. F. Holness, 6284397 Cpl. E. Kirby, 6284411 Pte. H. Leach, 6282579 Bdmn. S. Martin, 6284393 Pte. F. Milgate, 6284372 Pte. R. Parker, 6284380 Cpl. W. Pitkin, 6284417 Pte. H. Snook, 6284422 Pte. W. Townsend, 6283457 Pte. K. Watcham, 6284371 Pte. F. Williamson.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve :—

795942 Pte. F. Samuel 15-2-38; 6284428 Pte. T. Keeler, 19-2-38; 799307 Pte. E. Newbury, 19-2-38; 6282742 Pte. J. Ross, 19-2-38; 6284704 Pte. W. Ellett, 20-2-38; 6284455 Pte. T. Twelvetree, 16-2-38; 6284171 Pte. F. Smith, 23-2-38; 6516198 Pte. A. Ford, 28-2-38; 6284654 Pte. T. Roberts, 2-3-38; 6284679 Pte. W. Marchant, 1-3-38.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve, 25-2-38 :—

6284442 Pte. H. Brett, 6284429 Pte. C. Howard, 6550654 L/Cpl. S. Plumb, 6284443 Pte. G. Sargent.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve, 28-2-38 :—

6284474 Pte. W. Bagwell, 6284490 Pte. A. Butcher, 6284456 Pte. W. Dennis, 6538736 Pte. T. Gill, 6284468 Pte. T. Hutton, 6284498 Pte. W. Hotchkiss, 6282825 Pte. W. Longman, 6284486 Pte. J. Morrissey, 6284432 Pte. G. Mason, 6284626 Pte. J. Smith.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve, 6-3-38 :—

6284631 Pte. J. King, 6284633 Pte. P. O'Grady, 6284643 Pte. C. Rayner, 6284645 Pte. G. Swift, 6284725 Pte. H. Ward, 801841 Cpl. W. Wase.

#### DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned are discharged :—

6287102 Pte. E. Cope, "A'shot," 16-2-38; 6285033 L/Cpl. W. Goldbourn, 18-2-38; 6286814 Pte. F. Neame, "R," 19-2-38; 6286827 Pte. F. Stanford, "R," 19-2-38; 6286828 Pte. F. Payne, "R," 26-2-38.

### The 4/5th Battalion.

#### ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruits have been attested and posted to companies as shewn :—

Boy A. MacKelden, "B" (C), 3-2-38; Pte. A. Daniels, "B" (CH), 7-2-38; Pte. R. Goodban, "B" (C), 10-2-38; Boy C. Smith, "D" (F), 7-2-38; Pte. R. Reiph, "A" (M), 8-2-38; Pte. S. Chapman, "C" (T), 17-2-38; Pte. W. Broad, "B" (C), 22-3-38; Pte. J. Bentley, "B" (C), 17-2-38; Pte. J. Faucha, "D" (D), 3-2-38 (Trained Man on enlistment); Boy S. Reid, "D" (F), 28-2-38; Pte. G. Godden, "B" (W), 28-2-38 (Trained Man on enlistment); Pte. W. French, "D" (D), 17-2-38 (Trained Man on enlistment); Pte. J. Goldfinch, "A" (R), 1-3-38; Boy A. Howard, "A" (R), 1-3-38; Pte. B. Collins, "B" (W), 7-3-38; Pte. A. Hinder, "B" (C), 8-3-38; Pte. G. West, "B" (C), 8-3-38; Boy P. Burt, "A" (M), 4-3-38; Pte. L. Gibbs, "A" (R), 8-3-38; Pte. G. Russell, "B" (S), 8-3-38; Pte. J. Wylie, "A" (R), 8-3-38; Pte. A. Hubbard, "B" (C), 10-3-38; Pte. F. Fletcher, "A" (R), 10-3-38; Pte. R. Johnston, "A" (R), 10-3-38.

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**PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

6283445 I/Sgt. G. Brazier, "D" (F), promoted Sergeant, 11-12-37.  
723505 I/Cpl. M. Clark, "D" (F), promoted Corporal, 11-12-37.  
5944389 I/Cpl. R. Kitchener, "D" (D), promoted Corporal, 9-2-38.  
6284849 Pte. G. Chaplin, "D" (D), appointed Paid Lance-Corporal,  
11-12-37.  
6284318 Pte. J. Cloake, "D" (F), appointed Paid Lance-Corporal,  
9-2-38.  
6282843 I/Sgt. R. Rowley, "A" (S), promoted Sergeant, 24-2-38.  
6282857 Cpl. H. Butchers, "C" (C), promoted Sergeant, 24-2-38.  
6282734 Cpl. J. Blake, "A" (R) and 6284344 Cpl. T. Corrigan, "B"  
(C), appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 24-2-38.  
1412732 Cpl. H. Thompson, "D" (D), appointed Unpaid Lance-  
Sergeant, 24-2-38.  
6286341 I/Cpl. E. Hyde, "C" (C) and 6286342 I/Cpl. C. Thomas,  
"C" (C) promoted Corporal, 24-2-38.  
6285866 Pte. A. Byrne, "A" (S) and 6283054 Pte. S. Harding, "C"  
(A), appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 24-2-38.

**TRANSFERS.**

6399611 Pte. D. Malgarin, "A" (R), transferred from 5th Bn., The  
Royal Sussex Regiment, 14-2-38.  
6286077 Pte. R. Frost, "B" (W), transferred to 212th (N) Battery,  
R.A., 10-2-38.  
6286393 Pte. V. Link, "C" (T), transferred to 386th Field Battery  
R.A., 4-3-38.

**DISCHARGES.**

The undermentioned are discharged:—

6281530 Sgt. C. Bunch, "B" (C), 16-2-38; 6285885 Pte. C. Beach,  
"B" (W), 9-2-38; 6285817 Pte. B. Webb, "B" (W), 9-2-38; 6286088  
Pte. F. Pyle, "D" (D), on joining Royal Navy, 13-2-38; 6284832  
Dmr. L. Abate, "D" (D), 19-2-38; 7577136 Pte. W. Benn, "D" (D),  
19-2-38; Pte. A. Reid, "D" (D), 9-2-38; 6286340 Pte. B. Darby,  
"A" (HB), on joining Royal Navy, 20-2-38; 6285851 Pte. M. Kemp,  
"D" (D), on joining Royal Navy, 20-2-38; 6286562 Pte. E. Russell,  
"D" (D), on joining Royal Navy, 20-2-38; 6286925 Pte. A. Champion,  
"A" (HB), on joining Supp. Reserve (I. of Line), 27-2-38; 6286520  
Pte. G. Fuller, "B" (C), on joining Supp. Reserve (I. of Line), 7-3-38;  
6285812 Pte. R. Iverson, "D" (D), 11-3-38.



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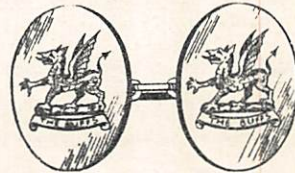
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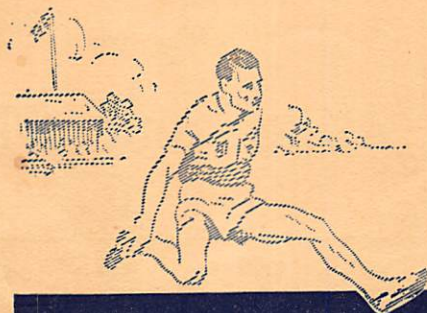
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