

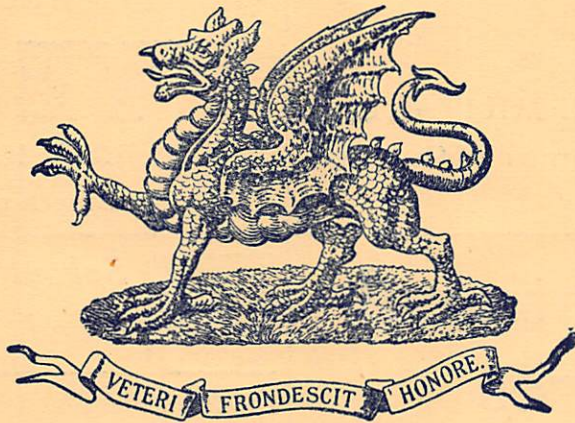
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Personalia.

COLONEL J. F. Whitaker Allen recently went by air to Palestine to attend an Administrative Conference. Whilst in Palestine he was able to make a brief visit to Sarafand, to lunch in the Headquarter Mess and to see the Sergeants' Mess and part of the Camp before proceeding to Lydda Aerodrome to embark for the return journey.

We congratulate Colonel H. C. T. Stronge on his promotion and appointment as Assistant Commandant in Nigeria. Formerly he commanded the 2nd Nigeria Regiment; recently he has been Military Attaché at Belgrade. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

We congratulate Lieut.-Colonel F. J. F. Edlmann on his appointment as High Sheriff for Kent for the forthcoming year.

Colonel Edlmann commanded the 12th Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers in the Great War, being twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O.

He takes a great interest in The Buffs, in which his nephew, E. L. C. Edlmann, is a Lieutenant.

Colonel H. Findlay has accepted the Honorary Secretaryship, East Kent, of the Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society. This is in addition to his duties as Secretary of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exhibition.

We are glad to hear that Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Hamilton, who has been seriously ill, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Major and Mrs. P. R. H. Fox have returned home on leave. We sympathise with them in that they have felt the cold climate of Scotland rather trying after that of the West Coast of Africa.

Major F. W. Tomlinson has returned to Sandwich after a most interesting and enjoyable trip to New Zealand.

We congratulate Major A. J. D. Rose on his appointment as Brigade-Major.

Captain and Mrs. Baird, who have recently returned to Sandwich, had a very pleasant trip to New Zealand and are now, we are glad to know, much better in health.

We congratulate Captain and Mrs. J. F. Connolly on the birth of a daughter.

Captain C. R. Tuff has recently been to Lisbon on a cricket tour with the Authentics. During his trip he stayed at Oporto, where he was most hospitably entertained by Captain G. M. Tait, late of the 7th Battalion, and his wife. Captain Tait has been living in Oporto for some years and is connected with the wine trade there.

Whilst in Oporto, Captain Tuff dined with the British Association at the Factory House. On looking through the visitors' book he found the signatures of officers of The Buffs who had dined there in 1812, during the Peninsula War.

We congratulate Lieut. D. G. Walker on his engagement to Miss E. A. Simonds.

We heartily congratulate Cadet Company-Sergeant-Major P. Chard, who has gained a free entry into the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and also a Kitchener Scholarship of £60. He first joined the Ashford Grammar School Cadet Corps in January, 1931, and soon became a keen signaller, later becoming a Sergeant in charge of the Section. In July, 1935, when the Signallers were broken up he joined the School B.P. Scout Patrol, where his experience and drive were a great asset. He became a King's Scout in 1937. At the beginning of 1936 he rejoined the Cadet Corps and rose rapidly to the rank of Company-Sergeant-Major, passing his "Certificate A" Examination in March, 1938.

Mr. C. Willmot, late 3211 Private, 1st Battalion, The Buffs, who has the I.G.S. Medal, 1895, with bars "Relief of Chitral" and "Punjab Frontier," writes in a stirring frame of mind from Saskatoon, Canada. He tells us of a great number of old soldiers residing in Canada who have in past days fought in various campaigns, who are eager once again to serve the Empire should the need arise.

Mr. F. Bovenzer died suddenly in the early hours of March 25th at the age of 85 at his residence, 9 Roper Road, Canterbury. We offer our sympathy to his widow in her loss.

3153 William Carver, a fine old member of the Regiment, died at Dunton Green on April 14th. His widow, to whom we offer our sympathy, is nearly blind, but in spite of this most devotedly nursed her husband in his last illness. We are glad to know that steps are being taken to try to make her future comfort assured.

Arthur Thomas Gillett and Alan Patrick McGahan have been selected for admission into the Duke of York's School.

Consequent upon a recent economic reduction, Miss Bailey has left the Staff of *The Dragon*, on which she had been since 1925.

We cannot be too grateful to her for the interest and hard work she has given to the Journal, the success of which is due in no small measure to her efforts.

We thank her and wish her good fortune in the future.

On April 15th the total number of Regular Army recruits at the Depot was 134 as opposed to 116 on the same date in 1938. Supplementary Reservists numbered 44 as opposed to 22. The increase in numbers is due to a recruiting campaign now being carried out in London where recruits seem plentiful.

Births Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Bridgman.—6282488 C/Sgt. W. Bridgman, "D," a daughter, Pamela Elizabeth, born at Ealing, London, on 28/1/39.

Calloway.—6284755 Sgt. R. Calloway, H.Q., a son, Roger Arthur Stewart, born at Pembroke Dock on 5/4/39.

Connolly.—On April 12th, 1939, at Little Waters End, Temple Ewell, Dover, to Veronica (*née* Spooner), wife of Capt. J. F. Connolly, The Buffs, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

King—Craig.—6282300 L/Cpl. G. King, "A," married to Mary Craig at Pembroke on 11/3/39.

DEATH.

Cowell.—6283814 Sgt. C. Cowell died at Canterbury on 5/4/39 from multiple wounds caused by a motor accident. Coroner's inquest held on 6/4/39, verdict, "Accidental Death."

Wedding.

Captain N. R. Reeves and Miss D. C. Barlow.

THE marriage took place on Saturday, April 15th, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Captain Noel R. Reeves, The Buffs, elder son of the late Major F. S. Reeves, The Buffs, and of Mrs. Reeves, of Oaklands, Rye, Sussex, and Miss Doris Cynthia Barlow, younger daughter of the late Mr. Keith Barlow and of Mrs. Barlow, of 3 Vicarage Gate, W. The Rev. E. K. C. Hamilton officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. K. Barlow, wore a classical gown of off-white satin, with a train cut in one with the skirt. Her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange-blossom and shell flowers, and she carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies. Michael Reeves (nephew of the bridegroom) and Michael Barrington (cousin of the bride) were pages. There were four child bridesmaids—Janet and Carolyn Evanson (cousins of the bride), Lindy Renner,

and Marigold Bridgman—and four older attendants—Miss Jean Barlow (sister of the bride), Miss Rosamund James, Miss Vesta Fitz-Gerald, and Miss Elizabeth Kitson. The pages had long trousers of off-white satin with crepe-de-Chine blouses, and all the bridesmaids were in full-length dresses of off-white slipper satin. The grown-up bridesmaids had top-knots of cream ostrich feathers, held by a bandeau of cream velvet ribbon, and the little girls wore floral wreaths in their hair. They all carried mixed spring flowers. Mr. H. C. F. Harwood was best man.

The reception was held at 23 Knightsbridge. Among those present at the church were:—

Mrs. F. S. Reeves, Mrs. Keith Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barlow, Mr. David Barlow, Captain and Mrs. George Gay, Mr. Tony Gay, Mr. W. Gay, Miss Gay, Captain George Reeves, Miss G. C. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Gay, Miss Muriel Gay, Mr. David Gay.

Captain G. Barrington, Mr. Sholto Barnes, Mr. Neville Ford, Mr. P. R. R. Coad, Miss Clara Andrews, Lady Bray, Miss Fowler, Mrs. H. Berkeley, Mrs. A. C. T. Evanson, Mrs. Marling Roberts, Mrs. Bellamy, Mr. Peter Bellamy, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bellamy, Mrs. John Kitson, Mrs. Martin Renner, Mrs. Robertson Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Compton, Miss Eleanor Wilkinson, Miss Foster Evans, Miss Brenton, Miss Greenwell, Mrs. Norman McLeod, Mrs. W. B. Hacking, Mrs. Hugh Johnson, Mrs. Gilbert McMicking, Miss Winsloe, Colonel and Mrs. A. French Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice FitzGerald, Mrs. Basil Chamberlain, Mrs. C. Murphy, Captain M. P. D. Dewar, Mrs. T. E. Bigg, Miss Bigg, Mrs. Guy Barrington, Mrs. H. B. Claris, Mrs. F. R. H. Macaulay, Miss Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Carlisle, Mrs. Rubel, Mrs. W. F. Tulloch, Mrs. Rapozo, Miss Thoms, Mrs. V. Pomfret, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Boyd, Mrs. Rodney Style, Mrs. Harvey Crombie.

Lady Stothert, Lady Daphne Russell, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady Gaskell, Mrs. R. L. Surtees, Mrs. Speed, Miss Finnis, Mr. R. Speed, Mr. J. D. Bowen, Mrs. Esmé Wingfield-Stratford, Miss Roshnara Wingfield-Stratford, Mr. R. S. Cobbett, Mrs. Geoffrey Tetley, Mrs. J. Crookenden, Mrs. J. H. Monins, Mr. Charles Kitchener, Mrs. Robert Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. John Hacking, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Farrow, Colonel and Mrs. Humphrey Snow, Dr. and Mrs. H. Mannington, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. L. Slazenger, Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Dalzell Hunter, Miss Hunter, Mrs. L. Ravenhill, Mrs. H. H. C. Baird, Major D. S. Lister, Colonel and Mrs. S. Adair, Miss Adair, Colonel and Mrs. Clive Murdoch, Mr. Kenneth Murdoch, Miss O'Loughlin, Dr. and Mrs. R. Comerford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Compton, Colonel J. Crookenden, Miss Iris Crookenden, Mr. George Crookenden, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Scott, Mrs. Laurence Tweedie, Mrs. R. W. V. Barclay, Major and Mrs. Foster Hall, Colonel and Mrs. E. G. Jones, Mrs. C. Catto, Mrs. Thomas Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mott, Commander Romney Evans, Mrs. D. M. Young, Mrs. Rivière, Mrs. Hammond Chambers, Miss Meade-Newman, Mr. Edward Gray, and Miss Hardy.

The Burial of Sir Henry Pellatt.

By Eric Acland.

THIS day, even in death, the old commander in rifle green carried the field.

The rumbling wheels of the gun carriage crowned by the wind swept plumes of a Major-General's hat and a sword of ivory and gold, and the empty charger's saddle, bore witness of the end of the path of glory.

But it was not so. Those who marched with him this day knew that. Major-General Sir Henry Pellatt, C.V.O., D.C.L., V.D., will live on, his life work threaded into the bright history of a glorious regiment.

The dreams of a financier, the wealth won and lost, the empty dream castle on the hill, even knighthood, would not alone have won the field this day. Only service and undying loyalty through fair weather and foul, made this old commander victorious in death.

Son Honoured.

Then, too, there was not only the regiment in rifle green on this last march, but there was the son. A soldier, his shoulder straps bearing the crown and two stars to tell of the fact that he, too, had won the command of his father's old regiment. At historic old St. James, long before this last march, where the dead commander lay in state guarded by Sergeants in rifle green, I had seen full evidence of the respect men held of a great commander.

It was during Sir Henry Pellatt's command that the expression "Once in the Queen's Own—always in the Queen's Own" had come into being and it was most evident on this day of sorrow.

Doctors and clerks, lawyers and teamsters walked out of their civilian ranks again and came to pay their last respects to the old commander who had led them when they were eager youths, proud of the green they wore so well.

"I was with him at the Jubilee—" or "I was with him at Aldershot" they would mutter one to another as they left the bier. Always "I was with him—".

Outstanding soldiers, these commanders in rifle green. One could not help remembering others who, like Sir Henry, have left their mark upon this land. Bouquet, who commanded the old 60th and defeated Pontiac on our west front. He it was who first laid down the principals of a rifleman in green long before the blunder-buss minded War Office ever heard of a rifle.

Hard Battle Won.

"A rifleman must be taught to think and act for himself as well as being disciplined."

Then there was old Colonel John Butler, who at the head of his hardy band of green riflemen fought so great a battle on the long flank from Montreal to Detroit and who was to live to hear his son's scalp had been taken in triumph through the streets of Albany.

Of mettle to command, hold respect and be loved by men come what may, are these commanders and Sir Henry Pellatt was one of them.

The service at St. James' this afternoon was fittingly enough a soldier's, such had John Butler been given and Henry Bouquet. No need of fulsome praise, just the magnificent simplicity of faith born of service.

The Regimental Chaplain, Major the Rev. Canon H. F. D. Woodcock, was in charge of the service, assisted by Colonel the Rev. Dr. H. J. Cody, Queen's Own Chaplain for many years, and by the dead commander's closest friend, Dr. the Rev. T. C. S. Macklem.

The opening sentences—"O God, our help in ages past," the soldiers' hymn, the Lesson, from I Corinthians, 15th chapter, then "Abide with me," and prayers.

The silver throats of regimental bugles giving out "The Last Post" and "Reveille" over a vast congregation of men, who having served, knew the price of service and were proud this day to say, "We were with him."

Many Outsiders.

The men of the Queen's Own looked with pride upon the fact that others came to honour their old commander. This feeling bred of comradeship that made them to know that they came not only to honour the dead but to honour the regiment that would live on.

His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, Brigadier R. O. Alexander, District Officer Commanding, their Brigadier represented by Major H. C. Mackendrick, the Brigade Major who was one of themselves. An officer representing the Colonel of The Buffs, one of Britain's finest line regiments, with whom the Queen's Own is allied.

Even the alliance, of which they are so justly proud, was of Sir Henry's making, for it came about when the Queen's Own were at Aldershot in 1910 and it would go on into history so long as the Empire stands free.

Stalwart bearers carried the flag-wrapped casket from the Pavilion of the Great Commander, out into the open where the gun team, restless, stood awaiting its honoured burden. The Queen's Own came down to the "present." The pall-bearers took their place beside the caisson. All these had commanded the regiment. Major-General Robert Rennie, Major-General John Gunn, Colonel George Royce, Colonel A. E. Kirkpatrick, Colonel J. W. Langmuir, and Colonel R. B. Gibson, and with them Colonel Percy Hampton, who commands to-day, and Major C. B. Lindsay, Adjutant to the dead for many years.

Muffled Drums.

With his whole regiment as escort the old commander commenced his last march with the drums muffled, hiding for now the hard won battle honours that rifle regiments bear not on colours, beating out the slow time of the "Dead March."

Along King Street they bore him, this corps of khaki and green, followed by dignitaries, civil and military who had come to sorrow with him, and men of the Queen's Own Association who thought of other days and tried to keep their minds off the rumbling wheels and their eyes off the empty saddle.

On University Avenue while the regiment stands at "the present," the casket with its General's hat and its sword of gold and ivory hilt, the gift of his regiment to the old commander after 50 years of service, is lifted from the gun carriage and transferred to a motor hearse.

From the regiment the old commander was taken, yet, in fact he will never leave them. The green ranks standing at the present seem to know.

Were Mere Boys.

At the Mausoleum buglers, who had served—they could not have been much more than boys—under Sir Henry when he took the regiment to England, almost 30 years ago, had the honour of sounding the Last Post and Reveille and the firing party fired their three volleys.

Thousands Watch.

The many thousands who stood outside the Cathedral or along the solemn line of march came not to see the farewell to a great financier or of a man who had built a castle deserted to the ghosts of yesterday. That was all forgotten for now.

"Daddy, was he a very great man?" I heard a small boy ask his father at the curb as the gun carriage came rumbling by.

"He was a soldier, son!" was the reply.

And that was as Henry Mill Pellatt, the old commander, would have wished it. Though he wore the

blue frock coat of a Major-General of the British Army on this, his last parade, in memory he will live on in the uniform of his old corps.

All Represented.

Every regiment in the Garrison was represented at the service. The District Officer Commanding, Brig. R. O. Alexander, was among the first to arrive; he was followed by Colonel George Alexander and Major John Chipman of the 48th Highlanders, Major Eric Machell and Major Eric Jones of the Royal Regiment of Toronto Grenadiers, Colonel C. C. Thompson of the Toronto Scottish.

Half-an-hour before the service commenced officials were forced to close the doors of the Cathedral and thousands who had hoped to enter the church seized points of vantage on the grounds and on the streets, where they were willing to brave the bitter winds to pay their respects.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada,
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Canada.

March 15th, 1939.

Dear Sir John,

I wish to acknowledge and thank you most sincerely for your condolences on the occasion of the death of Sir Henry Pellatt.

His passing was a severe loss to the Regiment and to the whole of Canada. During his lifetime he did more for the armed forces here than any other individual Canadian, past or present. His help, advice and support will be terribly missed for a long time.

I asked Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Cooper, V.D., to represent you and The Buffs at the funeral. Lieut.-Colonel Cooper commanded the 198th Canadian Buffs Battalion, C.E.F., during the war

Yours faithfully,

R. R. HAMPTON, Lt.-Col.,

Commanding Q.O.R. of C.

Major-General Sir John Kennedy, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.,
D.S.O.

Obituary.

Mr. F. Bovenzer.

BORN at Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, Mr. F. Bovenzer was descended from a Palatine family which fled from its home on the fertile banks of the Rhine in 1709 and settled in Ireland on Queen Anne's offer of British protection to Protestants. They lived in peace and quietness with the Roman Catholics and were well known for their military ardour. This characteristic led Mr. Bovenzer to join the British Army in the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs at Limerick in 1874. He served abroad in India, Singapore and Malta, and returned to England in 1889, being appointed to the Permanent Staff as Sergeant-Major at Canterbury in the 3rd Battalion. He left the Army in 1895. He will be remembered by contemporaries for the most efficient and conscientious way in which he conducted the "George and Dragon," St. Dunstan's Street, Canterbury, until 1909, when he retired from business and went to reside in Roper Road.

A Freemason, he was initiated in the Lodge of Fidelity No. 2,061 at Ranikhet E.J., and later joined the Royal Military Lodge No. 1,449, Canterbury.

Never losing his Irish brogue and spending most of the past 30 years in reading, he could discourse upon nearly any subject, to the delight and enlightenment of his many friends. He took no part in public life, but it was mainly owing to his efforts that the names of Hanover Place and Hanover Road were changed to Roper Road and Beverley Road respectively. A man of sterling qualities, he was well-known in the St. Dunstan's district, where he was highly respected. Having no family, children were his especially delight.

He leaves a widow, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell writes :—

I am afraid there are very few Buffs alive who remember that great Regimental character, Sgt. Bovenzer. I remember him very well indeed. He was in very young days a great musketry expert, and he drilled me as a Recruit Officer and jolly good he was. He was always thoroughly practical, and a great saying of his was: 'You hear a lot about the theory of musketry, but nothing matters except hitting the bulls'-eye.'

He was a wonderful instructor of young soldiers, and I can still hear him saying with his great Irish brogue: 'Don't forget, boys, that wherever you are you've got to keep up the name of the Regiment.' A very wise mentor whose advice has, I am sure, kept many Buffs in the straight path. He loved teaching the youth of our Regiment and they loved him."

A.L.B.

Sgt. Cecil Ernest Cowell.

"Sgt. Cecil Ernest Cowell died in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in the early hours of April 5th as the result of an accident in which he was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor car. A native of Ashford, Sgt. Cowell enlisted at Canterbury on August 21st, 1928, and served with the 2nd Battalion in Palestine in 1936. He was promoted Sergeant last October and has been at the Depot for the past eighteen months on a tour of duty. He was the son of a Buff, his father, the late Mr. F. Cowell, having served in the Regiment. His widowed mother, to whom we offer our sympathy, lives at 20 West Street, Ashford."

The Buffs Golfing Society.

THE Spring Meeting was held at Prince's, Sandwich, on the four days from March 30th to April 2nd, Our grateful thanks are due to the Prince's Club for their hospitality during the week-end and to Major Ward (Hon. Secretary) and Lieut.-Colonel L. Howard Smith (Assistant Hon. Secretary) for the excellent arrangements which made for a very pleasant meeting. The weather was most kind and whether in the rough or maybe a bunker, one's temper could not be ruffled on such glorious days.

There were sixteen entries for the Brinckman Cup. This competition was made memorable by the heroic efforts of Captain Lamarque, who having defeated in turn two doughty opponents at the 20th, himself fell gloriously to Hanley in the final, again at the 20th. They say it was a wicked putt which caused his downfall. However, such things will be.

Grace won the Lynden-Bell Trophy and the Trevor Cup; Scott leads with Hanley in the Bradley Dyne Salver and won the Senior Medal; Lieut.-Colonel Howard Smith and Major Clarke the foursomes tournament; Lieut.-Colonel Crookenden the Baird Cup;

Hanley the Brinckman Cup and the Junior Medal and so the victor's crown lies now upon the head of one who erstwhile held the Coupe des Lapins; thus are patience and determination rewarded.

We noticed with regret that no officers from the 4/5th Battalion took part in the meeting, and take this opportunity of saying how much we shall welcome, at future meetings, those officers who can spare the time to play. It was, however, pleasant to see present some non-playing members.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Lee very kindly presented the winners with their cups and trophies. We were all delighted to see Captain Baird looking much better after his trip to New Zealand.

Members are asked to note that the Society's tie can now be obtained from the Secretary, Past and Present Association, The Buffs, The Depot, Canterbury, as well as from the Hon. Secretary, The Buffs Golfing Society, St. George's, Sandwich.

The amount handed over to the Benevolent Fund as a result of the Eclectic Competitions was four pounds. The total which has been given to this fund by the Society is now £155 13s. 6d.

The results of the competitions, Spring Meeting, are as follows :—

Brinckman Cup.

1st Round : Lt.-Col. R. G. Stanham (6) beat Major B. E. Hammond-Davies (8) by 5 and 3; J. H. Hanley (18) beat Major E. Clarke (18) by 2 and 1; H. R. Grace (3) beat Capt. J. F. Connolly (18) by 8 and 7; Lt.-Col. L. Howard Smith (14) beat Major A. J. Peareth (26) by 7 and 5; Captain F. W. B. Parry (16) beat Major T. T. Oakes (8) by one hole; Capt. W. C. Lamarque (8) beat H. F. Whitfield (7) at the 20th; Capt. D. V. Cooté (16) beat Major C. E. Wilson (23) by 3 and 2; Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (10) beat Lt.-Col. H. de R. Morgan (16) by 5 and 3.

2nd Round : Hanley (18) beat Lt.-Col. Stanham (6) by 6 and 5; Grace (3) beat Lt.-Col. Howard Smith (14) by one hole; Capt. Lamarque (8) beat Capt. F. W. B. Parry (16) by 5 and 4; Lt.-Col. Crookenden (10) beat Capt. D. V. Cooté (16) by 5 and 4.

3rd Round : Hanley beat Grace by 4 and 3; Capt. Lamarque beat Lt.-Col. Crookenden at the 20th.

Final : Hanley beat Capt. Lamarque at the 20th.

Lynden-Bell Trophy.

H. R. Grace (3)	2 up
Major T. T. Oakes (8)	All square
W. R. Findlay (13)	All square
Eric S. Scott (2)	All square

Bradley Dyne Salver.

(Handicap Aggregate, Spring and Autumn.)

Eric S. Scott (2)	74
J. H. Hanley (16)	74
Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Stanham (6)	75
H. R. Grace (3)	75
Lieut.-Colonel J. Crookenden (10)	77
Lieut.-Colonel L. Howard Smith (14)	77
W. R. Findlay (13)	78
Lieut.-Colonel H. de R. Morgan (16)	79
Capt. W. C. Lamarque (8)	79
Capt. F. W. B. Parry (16)	83
Major B. E. Hammond-Davies (8)	86
Major Eric Clarke (18)	88
Major T. T. Oakes (8)	88
Major C. E. Wilson (23)	92

Coupe des Lapins.

(Handicaps 20 and over.)

Major A. J. Peareth (26)	84
Major C. E. Wilson (23)	95

Foursomes Tournament.

Final: Lt.-Col. L. Howard Smith (14) and Major Eric Clarke (18) beat Lt.-Col. R. G. Stanham (6) and Major T. T. Oakes (8) at the 19th.

Senior Medal.*(Handicaps 13 and under.)*

Eric S. Scott (2) 74

Junior Medal.*(Handicaps 14 and over.)*

J. H. Hanley (16) 74

Baird Cup.*(50 years and over.)**Eclectic.*

Lt.-Col. J. Crookenden (10) 66

Capt. W. C. Lamarque (8) 69

Major T. T. Oakes (8) 73

Lieut.-Colonel L. Howard Smith (14) 75

Lieut.-Colonel H. de R. Morgan (16) 77

Major Eric Clarke (18) 82

Major A. J. Peareth (26) 86

Trevor Cup.*(Under 50 years.)**Eclectic.*

H. R. Grace (3) 63½

Major B. E. Hammond-Davies (8) 67

Eric S. Scott (2) 68

Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Stanham (6) 68

J. H. Hanley (18) 68

W. R. Findlay (13) 71½

Capt. F. W. B. Parry (16) 75

The Army Golfing Society

THE Annual Meeting being held at The Royal St. George's, Sandwich, this year, it seemed only right and proper that the Regiment should be represented. It was fortunate that Captain N. R. Reeves and E. R. Scott should be home about now, or was their some design in this? However, Captain Reeves and H. R. Grace competed for the Championship, but although playing as well as horrid weather conditions would allow, neither could get near the figures of 149 for 36 holes required to challenge the winner.

In the Army Challenge Cup—Inter-Unit Team—the Regiment was represented by Captain N. R. Reeves, Lieut. E. R. Scott, H. R. Grace and Major B. E. Hammond-Davies, a strong side indeed considering the location of the two battalions. The first match against The Black Watch was a grim battle, the decision being in the balance to the very last. Eventually The Buffs won by 5 holes to 3. Our team had no opponents in the next round and faced The Coldstream Guards on the next morning, whom they defeated by 15 holes to 0. This put our team into the semi-final to face The Seaforth Highlanders, who were playing a level team of low handicaps. The task was formidable from the outset and play as we could, no impression could be made on our opponents, who played a strong game throughout to win 16 holes to 0. To have been able to put in a team is very satisfactory and to have reached the semi-final shows that our Regimental golf is still very much alive. So much depends upon the chances of station in such a competition but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have still a number of good golfers playing well.

At this meeting we were able also to enter a team of retired officers for the Argyll and Sutherland Cup. I am open to correction, but I think this is only the second occasion when the Regiment has been represented in both competitions in the Army Meeting. Our team consisted of H. C. F. Harwood, Lt.-Colonel J. Crookenden, Captain C. E. A. Terry and K. M. C. Mallam, and again we drew The Black Watch. The result was a win by The Black Watch by 4 to 1, which shews that our team

played exceeding well if the handicaps and golfing experience of our opponents counts for anything. It is not always an easy matter to collect a team for this competition, but we did so and it was well worth while. In the final Seaforth Highlanders beat The Royal Scots by 41 to 0, winning the Cup for the first time.

L.H.S.

Records of Other Regiments**THE 17th DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS.****BATTLE HONOUR.***"South Africa, 1900."*

During the royal visit to Canada, His Majesty the King will have the pleasure of personal contact with a distinguished Canadian cavalry corps of which he has been Colonel-in-Chief for the past thirteen years.

This regiment, universally acknowledged to be one of the finest and most efficient mounted units in the Dominion forces, traces its ancestry back to 1812, a year famous in Canadian history, for it was in this year that the last war between the British Empire and the United States of America took place. To stem the American invasion many volunteer units were raised by patriotic Canadians, including a troop of "Royal Montreal Cavalry," commanded by Captain George Platt. These volunteers were men whom any regiment might be proud to hail as ancestors; they were men of good family, holding in many cases substantial positions, and besides providing at their own expense "everything required to make them fit for service—their clothing, their accoutrements, and even their horses," it is estimated that every man was out of pocket to the tune of at least one hundred pounds, owing to absentsing himself from business to defend his country. But they had the reward of knowing that they had helped to save Canada, and established a tradition of loyalty, service and sacrifice which was to bear fruit in years to come.

On June 18th, 1828 (the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo) the Governor-General of Canada presented The Royal Montreal Cavalry with a handsome guidon (a swallow-tailed cavalry flag) of crimson silk with the monogram of H.M. King George IV in gold.

Between 1837 and 1839 there was a state of something closely approaching civil war in Lower Canada, and The Royal Montreal Cavalry lived up to their maxim of being "first into action and last out."

During the terrible civil war which devastated the States—no longer "United" but temporarily divided into "North" and "South"—the blue-uniformed men of the North and the grey-coated Southern "rebels" fighting one of the most costly civil wars in history—thousands of Irish emigrants fought in the American armies on both sides. The end of the civil war found large numbers of them "at a loose end," and Irish extremist agitators got busy organizing them into what was known as "the Fenian Army," which crossed the boundary line and invaded Canada. Once again, at the beginning of June, 1866, The Montreal Cavalry rode to the border-line to defend Canada, and once again they returned victorious, bringing with them many Fenian prisoners.

As a result of this invasion, the British Government decided to reinforce the garrison of Canada. Among the regiments sent out were the 13th Hussars, one of the famous "Light Brigade" regiments, who marched

from York to Liverpool and embarked for Canada, where they were stationed in Toronto and Montreal. During their sojourn in Canada, the 13th established a Cavalry School at which courses of instruction were given to Canadian mounted volunteers. An especially close friendship sprang up between the 13th Hussars and The Montreal Cavalry, whose uniform had for the past three years been modelled on that of "the heroes of the Balaclava charge—the 13th Hussars."

In 1870 there was another "Fenian Raid," and once again the Montreal Cavalry was hurriedly assembled to defend the border-line. The so-called "Irish-American Army" was heavily defeated and pursued right to the frontier; those of its members who escaped the swords of the cavalry being rounded up by United States Regulars and their leaders sentenced to terms of imprisonment for having raised an illegal army on American soil to wage war upon a friendly country.

In 1894 the old Montreal Cavalry became part of a new regiment known as "The Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars," but later severed its connection with that unit, and became a separate organization under the title of "The Montreal Hussars." June 1st, 1898 was a red-letter day, for on that day Orders were issued to the effect that "The Montreal Hussars will in future be known as The Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars. By permission of H.R.H. The Duke of York, The Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars is permitted to bear the badge and motto of His Royal Highness." Well might the keeper of the regimental records write with satisfaction that on this glorious 1st of June, "The old Royal designation granted to the Montreal Cavalry in 1813 has been saved and the Royal White Rose of Yorkshire has been transplanted to Canada." Incidentally the privilege of wearing the White Rose of York and the Coronet of the Duke of York is shared by no other Canadian unit.

During the Boer War almost half the active strength of The Duke of York's volunteered for active service in the various contingents which Canada sent to the front, and so the regiment was granted the Battle Honour "South Africa, 1900." In September, 1901 the regiment had the honour of furnishing royal escorts to the Duke and Duchess of York (later to ascend the Throne as King George V and Queen Mary) on their visit to Montreal. In 1908 the regiment, recently numbered "17th," met their future sovereign again, but this time he had become Her Apparent to the Throne and Prince of Wales, and was visiting Canada for the Quebec Tercentenary celebrations.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 the cavalry regiments of Canada's non-permanent active militia, unlike their comrades of the English Yeomanry regiments (whom their organization very closely resembled), were not allowed to volunteer *en bloc* for service overseas with their own units, and so the officers and men of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars went overseas in many different units. An especially strong contingent from the Duke of York's joined the 5th Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles on its formation at Sherbrooke, Quebec, crossing to England for training at Shorncliffe, and subsequently to France in the autumn of 1915, to serve as infantry for the rest of the war. Two officers of the 5th C.M.R. won the V.C., the highest military honour of the British Empire—Major G. R. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., and Lieut. C. S. Rutherford, V.C., M.M.

After the end of the Great War the regiment was reorganised, and by General Order No. 35 of 1925 it was announced that "H.M. The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars being allied to the 13th/18th Hussars." So the old friendship between the two regiments was

placed on a permanent basis. General Lord Baden Powell, Colonel of the 13th/18th Hussars, did everything possible to make the alliance between the "Lilywhites" and their Canadian comrades as close and enduring as possible. In 1926 H.R.H. The Duke of York (our present Sovereign) honoured the 17th by becoming their Colonel-in-Chief and presenting a fine autographed portrait of himself and the Duchess to the regiment.

On October 25th, 1927 (the 73rd anniversary of the Charge of the Light Brigade, in which the 13th Hussars had played such a prominent part) a detachment of the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars marched through Montreal to the Cenotaph to lay a wreath "In honour of those of our allied regiment who rode in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, and in memory of all those of the British Cavalry Arm who fell in past wars." The annual celebration of Balaclava Day has now become an established custom in the 17th D.Y.R.C.H., just as it is in the 13th Hussars.

In 1932 the 17th had the honour of furnishing the vice-regal escort for His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada at the Naval and Military Exhibition, Montreal, this being the first full dress escort since before the Great War. In December, 1933 the great leader of the Canadian Army Corps in the war, General Sir Arthur Currie, was given a State Funeral at Montreal, with all the high honours due to his military rank as General Officer Commanding a victorious army in a great war, and to his eminent civil position as the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. On this occasion the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars shared with The Royal Canadian Dragoons the honour of furnishing the mounted escort and troops for the procession. The smart turn-out and soldierly bearing of these men won the highest praise from all onlookers, and veteran officers expressed the opinion that the volunteer soldiers of The Duke of York's were in every way worthy to be compared with their regular colleagues of The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The uniform of the 17th is dark blue, with facings, busby bag and plume of white. The regimental badge shows the White Rose of York within the Garter, inscribed "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense," and surmounted by the Ducal Coronet of the Duke of York. Below are sprays of Maple Leaves and the number XVII, also ornamental scrolls bearing the title "Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars."

R. MAURICE HILL.

Army Shooting Matches

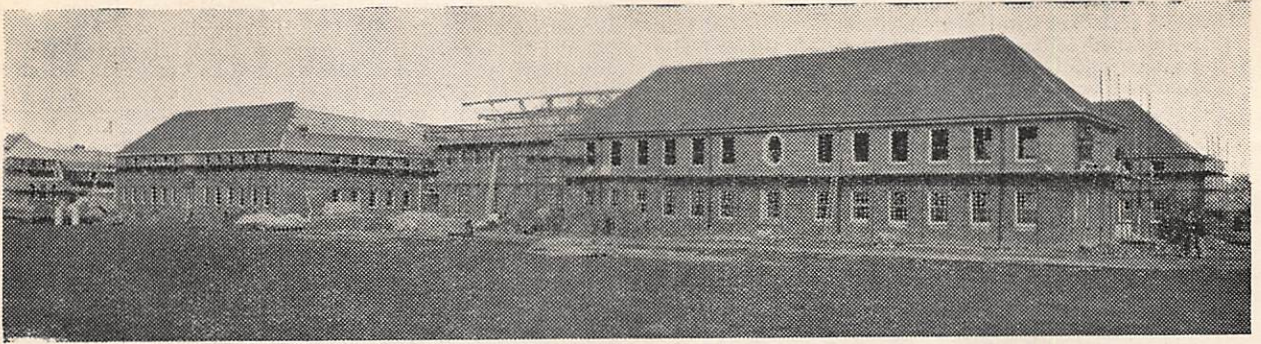
Changes in Conditions.

THE rules and programme of the Army Rifle Association for 1939, just issued, indicate many changes in the conditions of competitions made necessary to bring central and non-central meetings into line with the General Staff's policy for small arms training. The changes affect almost every competition.

The competition for the King's Medal and Army Championship is now to include light machine-gun (Bren) as well as rifle events. The best shot in the Army at home, winner of the King's Medal and the Watkin Cup, will be the competitor with the highest combined aggregate in both stages of the rifle and L.M.G. championships.

The rifle championship will consist, as usual, of the Roupell Cup and the Roberts Cup, together forming the first stage, and the Army Hundred Cup forming the second stage. The winner will be awarded the A.R.A. gold jewel, and there will be silver medals for the highest scorers in each class.

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(With acknowledgments to the "Kentish Gazette and Canterbury Press".)

New Buffs Depot.

PROGRESSING rapidly towards completion, at the top of St. Martin's Hill, Canterbury, are numerous blocks of buildings which, in due course, will be the new Depot of The Buffs. Apart from furnishings, the cost will be £160,000, and the ultimate result will be something in the nature of a home from home on first-class hotel lines.

It was early in 1938 that it was decided to build the new Depot. The old buildings at the present Depot are sadly out-of-date and out of tune with modern conditions. The site at St. Martin's Hill comprises an area of 34 acres, on which is being, or will be built, the main Sandhurst block of barrack rooms, the Regimental Institute, Gymnasium, Guard-room, Reception Station and Museum, Medical Inspection Block, Officers' Mess and Squash Court, Sergeants' Mess, three Married Officers' Quarters, 12 Married Soldiers' Quarters in three blocks, Warrant Officers' Bungalow, Quartermaster's Stores, Workshops, Central Boiler House, Drill Shed, and Miniature Ranges. In addition, 6½ acres are being laid out as a recreation ground for cricket, football, hockey and tennis.

Representatives of the Press were conducted over the buildings in course of construction by the Garrison Engineer, Mr. R. S. Carroll, A.M.Inst.C.E., who was accompanied by Major A. W. Andrews, of The Buffs. Although everything at the moment is in the stage which requires imagination to picture the finished result, it was possible to gain a conception of the comfort and aids to good soldiering which will eventually be the lot of fortunate modern day recruits.

Under One Roof.

It would be impossible, if not tedious, to describe in detail each particular building, but it is necessary to emphasise that, in the old barracks, all the various services and barrack rooms are scattered round the square. In the new Depot, in the Sandhurst block, all the barrack-rooms, dining-hall (to seat over 230 men), sitting-rooms, drying, cleaning and suitcase-rooms, education-rooms and cookhouse are under one roof. The two-storey building is in the form of a centre-piece joining to square U's. The kitchen arrangements, with all the latest appurtenances for cooking and mechanical washing up, would not disgrace a leading hotel.

All the barrack-rooms will be provided with through ventilation, steel hanging wardrobes, spring beds, and electric plugs for wireless. There will be polished hardwood floors and interior decorations will be light in colour to give a cheerful atmosphere. All lavatory basins, showers, foot and slipper baths will be provided

with hot and cold water the showers having blinding valves to regulate the temperature.

Another fine building will be the Regimental Institute, with every facility for indoor recreation and amusement and for refreshments. Not only are there planned billiards-rooms, reading- and writing-rooms, but there will be an up-to-date stage for entertainments.

Married Quarters.

Four unmarried officers will be accommodated in quarters at the Officers' Mess—yet to be built—while charming houses with garage accommodation are being provided for other married officers. The Sergeants will have a Mess which in the old days would have been the envy of Officers. Six single Sergeants will have their rooms in this building.

The Married Quarters are extremely well arranged for convenience. Built to accommodate 12 families, they can, by a system of doors on the first floor, be converted at will into one, two or three bedroom types. The quarters are nicely arranged with bright, airy and cheerful rooms.

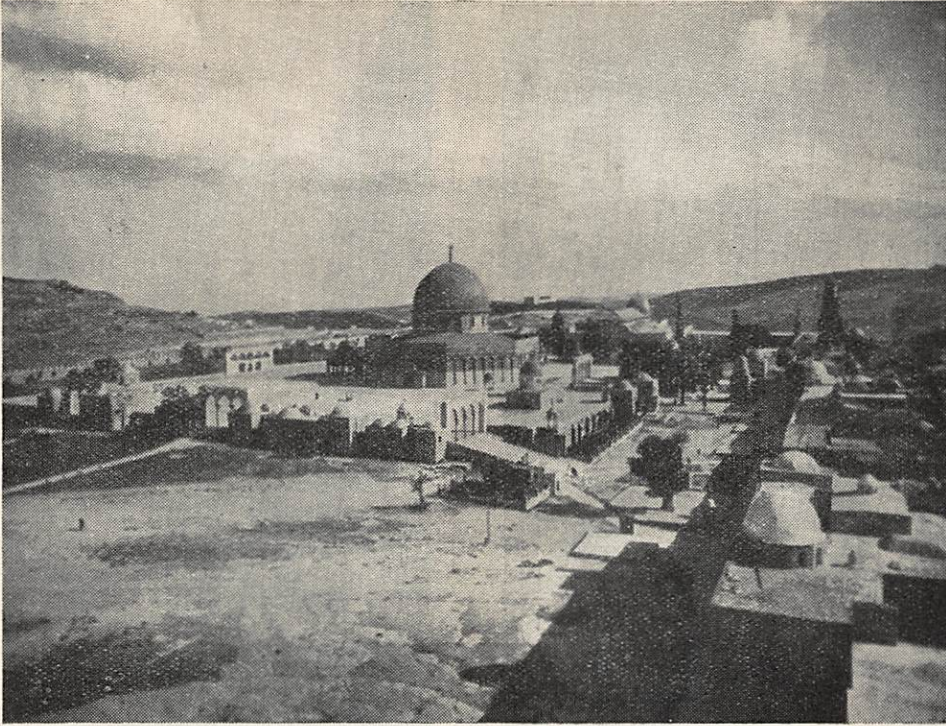
All the other necessary buildings and stores are constructed on the latest lines. Water, electric mains and drainage are being laid, and all roads and paths will be made of concrete, coloured cement being used for the latter. The barracks will be heated from the central boiler house by means of steam pipes underground to all the buildings. As the site at St. Martin's Hill is rather exposed, extensive planting of trees is contemplated as a protection.

The work was started on August 8th, and excellent progress is being made by the contractors, Messrs. Rice & Son, Ltd. The contract is for 18 months, but there are hopes that the Depot will be ready before the expiration of that period.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following journals:

"Aldershot Command News." "The Hampshire Regimental Journal." "The Tiger and Rose." "The Journal of The Honourable Artillery Company." "The K.S.L.I. Regimental Journal." "St. George's Gazette." "The Green Howards' Gazette." "The Snapper." "The Suffolk Regimental Gazette." "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette." "The Sapper." "The China Dragon." "The Indian Army Ordnance Corps Gazette." "The Gunner." "Defence."



The Mosque of Omar, Jerusalem.

Palestine Letter No. 3

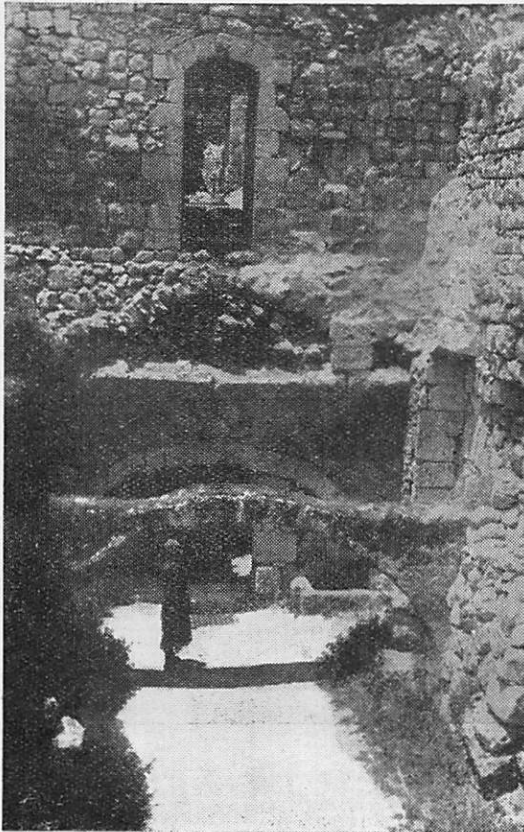
IN 1936, during the short period of "peace," the charm of Jerusalem lay in its sightseeing. One could wander, unarmed, anywhere within reason, shop in the old Arab bazaars, and see the places where Our Lord used to dwell, and where some of the great miracles were enacted. Only a few months ago, the Old City had to be reconquered from the rebels after an extremely difficult operation. Since when, sporadic bomb throwing and sniping has been taking place there. Imagine my surprise therefore when I discovered that one could still go anywhere, although armed and accompanied by two others. I took the chance to renew old acquaintance and went all over the Old City twice. Before doing a tour of the Old City, one incident during the height of the battle with the rebels is worthy of note. Reports came through that some of the inhabitants in the worst areas were starving. It was decided to try and get food through to them; but this could not be done by the soldiers without heavy fighting, so a party of women volunteered to go in. As an escort to accompany them would draw fire, these brave women went in alone and, unarmed, delivered the food and came out untouched.

As we walk in by the Jaffa Gate: we notice a huge stone building with a moat on our right. This is the citadel. The lower part of the walls date back to the time of Herod, during whose reign massive boulders were used in the construction of buildings. The Jaffa Gate is no longer a gate but a large gap in the outer wall through which the main road runs. When the Kaiser visited the city, at the end of the last century, it was decided that he should drive in state into the Old City, and so that his entry should be really regal the Jaffa

Gate was demolished and a road built through the gap in the walls.

We now start to descend by a narrow street—King David Street—which is no more than five yards in width, and every twenty yards or so is a step down. On either side are the small shops with the stallholders sitting in front entreating customers to buy their wares. A variety of smells, peculiar to the bazaar, assail us.

Vegetable, rug and meat shops are here in profusion; the carcasses in the latter hanging so far out into the street that care must be taken, otherwise the just reward is a smart slap across the face by a very cold, damp slab of skinned goat! The road is crowded, and what a crowd too! Arabs of all kinds, both rich and poor; women, many of them veiled, with veils of white, black, and often intricately embroidered designs; Jews with long hair, beards and side whiskers; peanut sellers from Somaliland, carrying their curious trays, with two funnels in the middle spouting forth smoke; Franciscan monks in their long robes and cowls; finally a few of the Sisters of Zion. As we force our way through this motley collection, a small crowd of Arab urchins follow behind intoning "Backsheesh" until the truth dawns on them that we are not generous Americans!! It is dark down here owing to the height of the buildings and narrowness of the streets; every now and again for long stretches the buildings join over our heads until we are virtually in small tunnels. Queer little alleyways run off each side, some of them dark and foreboding. The age of the place is proclaimed by beautiful old archways, and,



The Pool of Bethesda and the old Church over it.

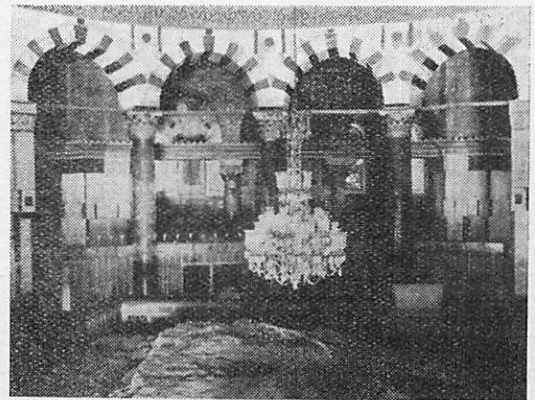


Ecce Homo Arch, Jerusalem

On turning off from King David Street and, after following a narrow winding alley downhill for a few hundred yards, we emerge at the bottom of the Wailing Wall—the outer wall to the Temple. Here the Jews come up and offer prayer, and work themselves into a



Church of Agony, Jerusalem, beside the Garden of Gethsemane.



Inside the Mosque of Omar.

here and there, old houses with their barred windows, also wells with Latin inscriptions written over them. We paused for a few moments in front of a couple of small shops, in one of which a bearded old "warrior" was making quilts of all sizes and colours and in the other a man was scraping down black and white sheep skins to soften them, while his son worked away lustily with a huge needle fashioning them into coats.

frenzy until the wailing can be heard from far away. They write down their requests, prayers, hopes and praises on small slips of paper which they push into the cracks between the stones of the wall. There is something fascinating yet infinitely sad about the scenes at the base of this age old wall, which cannot be more than fifty yards in length. The Jews will brave all the dangers of the present conditions just to come and pray here for a short time.

We leave the "Wailing Wall," and after traversing some side streets emerge into the Via Dolorosa, which we follow to Stephen's Gate. Passing outside the city walls, we turn into the Mohammedan Cemetery. Here the most wonderful view is obtained. On the far side of the valley our eyes are caught by the glinting of the sun on the lovely frescos adorning the church beside the Garden of Gethsemane. A rough road runs up the hillside past the Russian church to the Mount of Olives. Just below us in the valley the entrance to the Virgin's tomb can be seen through the cyprus trees surrounding it. The whole hillside, on the far side of the valley, is covered in tombs and graves, while on our side only a short distance away from us, is the famous Golden Gate, closed until the coming once again of Our Lord.

Passing back through the massive iron studded doors of Stephen's Gate, we proceed up the Via Dolorosa and enter the court yard that leads us to the pool of Bethesda. Here is a pure example of a Crusader church. The weight of the roof through the centuries has caused the massive stone pillars to warp outwards. Standing in the nave, one notices that the small window above the altar is not quite central—this was done deliberately in order to keep out the "evil eye." The sun shine through the old glass is fascinating, as unlike modern glass, the colours are reflected into the church. One window has been so built that a golden cross on a blue background is thrown by the light just above the door leading to a small chapel beneath the floor.

We leave the church and cross over to the porch leading to the pool of Bethesda. Here the miracle is written in a hundred and thirty-five languages for all to read—it is even recorded in Cornish! The pool was buried under sixty feet of rubble when discovered, so only a very small portion has been dug out; and built above it are the remains of an old church. Originally only a reservoir, it was converted into two pools and built over, under Herod's instructions, when reports of the miracles reached his ears. Now the small portion of the pools exposed are reached by a narrow slippery staircase leading below ground level.

Further up the Via Dolorosa we come to the Ecce Homo Convent, where the Sisters of Zion look after seventy orphan Arab children. Until recently there used to be Jewish children as well. This convent is built over the courtyard to the Judgment Hall from where Our Lord started on His way bearing the Cross. The courtyard is built of massive slabs of rock, on some of which are still marked the ancient games played by the Roman soldiers. One of the games was called Crown and Spear and was played by prisoners, the winner being given a crown and the loser being speared to death! There are various large holes into which big torches used to be placed after dark. One of the relics is a piece of the shroud which was supposed to have covered the Body of Our Lord, and on which has appeared a likeness of His Face—this can be seen most distinctly. It is hard to describe the wonderful peace and quiet and sanctity of the Ecce Homo, with its beautiful little church hewn out of rock, the orphan children and their protectors, the Sisters of Zion. It was round this building that the battle raged only a short time ago, but its immunity was respected by all sides.

We step out into the noise and bustle once more and make our way back by the Via Dolorosa, pausing at the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday the Franciscan monks make a pilgrimage, holding a short service at each Station. Finally we come to the bazaar quarter, and pass through the Copper and Silversmiths' market until we reach King David Street; our ears ringing with the sounds of hammers being applied lustily to molten metal. Everyone is scurrying by now as it is



Headdress worn in Bethlehem, dating from the time of the Crusaders.

almost curfew time—barricades have been drawn across the Jaff Gate and passers in and out are being searched. Regrettably we leave the Old City behind, hoping that once again it may be our good fortune to spend an afternoon down there.

H. DE L. W.

The Soldier.

(From "Natal Mercury".)

IT is eleven o'clock in Canterbury. Inside the Cathedral everything is quiet. Pale sunlight lights up the stained glass windows and fills arches with soft colour.

Within St. Michael's Chapel the figure on the tomb lies dark and silent. Above it hang the banners of The Buffs, scarlet, gold, tattered and discoloured. A glass case on a stand in the far corner gleams faintly in the half light.

At the entrance of St. Michael's Chapel stand three still figures. Two are black robed vergers with bent heads and calm expressions. One holds a key. The other stands by a ship's bell. Between them, shifty at ease, is a Private of The Buffs.

From far away eleven o'clock spills its sound into the silence. At the second stroke the verger strikes two sharps on the bell.

Everything springs to life.

The soldier comes to attention and marches into the chapel, halting in the far corner. Behind him walks the verger with the key. The small, seemingly praying crowd draws nearer.

After saluting the case—the Roll of Honour of The Buffs Regiment—the soldier removes his cap and one glove and lays them on the altar. Homage to the past and homage to God.

The case is opened by the vergers and both men stand quiet for a second. With careful hand the soldier turns over a page of the book. Complete peace follows for a moment. Then with cap and glove resumed comes a sharp salute as the soldier takes his leave. He marches heavily out of the Chapel and out of the Cathedral.

Quietly the vergers withdraw. Slowly the crowd disperse.

Canterbury Cathedral wears again its air of calm and sanctuary.

M.B.

Daughters of The Regiment.

A Visit to the Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home.
Happy Days at Hampstead.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

DAUGHTERS of the regiments, children of soldiers devoted to service of the State, are being trained in a school that is also a home, in the way of service to the community.

Some 140 girls, between the ages of six and sixteen, all born within sound of the bugles and the roll of drums, are living up to purpose in conditions and with benefits unexcelled in any "Seminary for Young Ladies," as the dear Victorians loved to name high schools for girls.

Pleasantly situated in Hampstead, London's most exclusive suburb, The Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home was founded in 1855 at the close of the Crimean War, and at a time when the Army had a special claim on the sympathy of the public from whom it at once received generous support.

The object of the Home, which is administered by a representative governing body and maintained by bequests and donations, is for the maintenance, clothing and education of the daughters of soldiers, orphans or not, a distinctive feature not applicable to any other military charity at the time of its foundation. The organization and administration of the Home from its earliest days have been superintended with a sagacity and efficiency that have assured its continued progress.

When I visited the Home, under the guidance of the Secretary, Major W. S. Wingate Gray, the girls were still thrilled with memories of the visit of Queen Mary, one of the patrons, whose personal charm and sympathetic understanding had deeply impressed the staff and girls alike.

Evidence of the Royal visit remained chalked on a blackboard in one of the classrooms: "The Queen Mary came to this Home on Friday. We were very glad to see her. We stood in the Colonnade to see her. We curtsied and the Queen smiled and bowed."

Soon I was becoming acquainted with the most polite and neatest little girls I have ever met. Some were fatherless; others motherless; and a few had lost both parents, but all were sisters in a happy community, imbued with a zest for work and play, having no sorrow for the day, and knowing no fear of the future.

Two chubby pink-cheeked girls of seven or eight, leaping with determined vigour over an extended rope,

had arrived from India only a couple of weeks ago. They were not as strangers in a strange country; they were at home among their own kind.

Lessons were over for the day, and in another cosy room half-a-dozen of the elder girls were busy sewing, and as they sewed their tongues were busily wagging and their heads wisely nodded after the manner of women folk at needlework in all time the world over.

I visited the kitchens and dining-rooms, the dormitories, the class-rooms, and everywhere I saw colour and brightness, paint and polish, neatness and orderliness, but nothing severe, naught austere. This was a home rather than an institution. Toys were everywhere, some presented by Queen Mary.

Major Wingate Gray explained that the general education of the girls was under the direction of the London County Council, whose teachers attended daily, and the technical instruction of the older girls in domestic science was also administered by the same authority. The Major took me through the spacious grounds to the new building that contains the domestic science school, a wonder kitchen for the working of domestic miracles. There were stoves that cooked by electricity, stoves that cooked by gas, and stoves content to cook in the old-fashioned way with coal. There were washing machines, baking ovens, ironing boards; and in a corner a complete kitchen where a girl was expected to prepare and serve a meal for four.

"Each of the elder girls in turn," said Major Wingate Gray, "take turns at being the housewife—buying and cooking meat and vegetables and serving it to the other girls, her friends and critics."

"Do all the girls take up domestic service?" I asked.

"By no means," he replied. "They are trained in house craft, but only about fifteen girls a year go out to domestic service as housemaids, parlourmaids, and nursemaids; others may win scholarships and take up scholastic work, and some return home. None is compelled to go into domestic service. Those who so chose are sent only to establishments where there are other maids. We make thorough investigations into all the applications for girls. The applicants are far more numerous than the girls available. We have a waiting list of about 200 potential employers."

Indeed, the popularity of the Home appears to be on a very high level, and the conduct of the girls placed in service has had much to do with raising the character and interest in the establishment to its present high standard.

Visiting doctors and nurses supervise the health of the girls. In addition the Superintendent is herself a qualified nurse, and there is a well-equipped infirmary for minor cases. Serious cases, if any, are taken to the neighbouring Hampstead General Hospital. The health of the children has, however, been uniformly good throughout the year. They are certainly bonny, well-behaved girls, and very smart they look in their red gowns and grey cloaks marching to church on a Sunday morning, proudly wearing the regimental badges of their fathers.

These soldiers' daughters, whatever may be their intermediate careers, should make excellent housewives. Their approved L.C.C. education finishes at fifteen, and for a further eighteen months or so they have a practical as well as a theoretical training in housewifery. They excel as cooks and parlourmaids, they can darn, knit or sew; and none of the mysteries of housekeeping is hidden from them. Those who go on to secondary school qualify as school teachers or obtain commercial posts, and some become skilled dressmakers.

Many of the girls come from stations overseas, and some have no relatives in this country. But they are not neglected. When the summer holidays come round, the girls who have neither parents nor guardians, have a month in a selected house in the country; and it may be that soon the Home will have its own summer holiday residence.

I left the spacious Victorian building on Rosslyn Hill with an impression of cheerful efficiency and genial companionship. Those rambling rooms and twining staircases echo with the gay laughter of happy children whose most impressionable years are spent in a comfortable Home set in spacious grounds amid the scent of flowers and the song of birds; their receptive minds trained by kindly guidance and sympathetic understanding.

The Home itself is a fit and proper Institution in which to perpetuate the memory of gallant soldiers who have given their lives for their country's good, or who have rendered eminent service to the State.

Contemplating the Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home, and all it stands for, I was comforted by the thought that one good thing had come out of the sufferings and privations of our soldiers in the Crimean War.

Army Shooting Matches—continued from p. 151.

The changes in rifle practices are mainly in the abolition of sighting shots. In previous years there were two compulsory sighting shots before each practice at the longest distance. For this year no sighting shots are to be allowed. In the Roupell Cup and Army Hundred Cup the first two shots will be signalled and spotted, but will count in the score. In the Roberts Cup there will be no sighting shots and no signalling of shot values throughout the three practices.

New Targets.

In the Army Hundred Cup the fire with movement practice will be from 500 to 200 yards. At 400 yards the target will be a figure 3, position prone. At 300 and 200 yards the target will be the new figure 4A, and the position kneeling or sitting at 300 yards and prone at 200 yards. Six shots will be fired at each range.

In the light machine-gun championship the First Army Cup has been allocated to the first stage and the Worcestershire Cup to the second stage. The competitor with the highest aggregate in both stages will be awarded the A.R.A. gold jewel.

A new set of rules has been drawn up for the Army Pistol Championship (the Revolver XXX Cup), and the old 50 and 20 yards deliberate and the 20 and 10 yards rapid practices have disappeared. The ranges are now 30, 20, 15, and 10 yards, and the targets and conditions of the practices more nearly approach war conditions than any previously in use.

The rules for the non-central matches have not been so extensively altered, but light machine-gun practices have been introduced into most of the matches which were previously purely rifle events.

Since the other Services concerned in the Methuen Cup and the events conducted by the National Rifle Association at the Imperial meeting have not consented to any changes these matches will be shot this year under National Rifle Association rules as in the past.

Correspondence.

The Churn, Painswick, Glos.

April 24th, 1939.

To the Editor, "The Dragon."

Dear Sir,

Some weeks ago it was my privilege to pay a long visit to our Regimental Museum and to note with what care the many exhibits are being catalogued and shown.

All, I feel sure, are deeply grateful, not only to the donors who have made possible such a splendid Regimental collection but also to those officers and other ranks who have bestowed much time and care in arranging the collection.

May I suggest that a Museum Book be started, in which any Buff or Friend of the Regiment having anything of Regimental interest can ask for their articles to be entered, with name and address of owner.

By this means a List of Articles with their present whereabouts will be established. In the event of the break up of a home or sale taking place it might give the Museum authorities an opportunity to secure them.

Some owners may care to "star" their entries as being left to the Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. PEARSON,

Colonel.

6 Cowley Road, Mortlake,
S.W.14.

April 16th, 1939.

Captain E. J. Enright.

Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter to you to let you know that I have obtained employment with the L.P.T.B. as a conductor, and I wish to convey my thanks to the Past and Present Association for the great help they have given me.

Trusting this letter will find you and all members well,

I am,

Yours truly,

D. DUNBAR.

85 Russell Rise, Luton,
Bedfordshire.

April 16th, 1939.

Captain Enright.

Dear Sir,

May I take this early opportunity of saying how very much I enjoyed my visit to the branch on the 15th instant, and how much I appreciated the atmosphere of comradeship and good feeling. I was made to feel at home from the moment I arrived and I voted it a bumper night and well worth travelling for two hours to attend.

I was very proud indeed to shake the hand of Mr. C. Vaughan again (there's not a Buff who would not feel the same), also my old C.S.M., Mr. Emery, together with C.S.M. A. Field, who was once my Signal Sergeant. The meeting flooded me with memories of the pre 1935 2nd Battalion at the top of its form and second to none. It was a really splendid night, but I was surprised that there was not a greater number of comrades who have left the Regiment recently; they are missing a most enjoyable evening with good beer served to the table and the pleasure that only meetings between old friends can bring.

May I wish the branch continued success and an ever increasing attendance each month.

Yours most sincerely,

GEO. F. KELLY,

5002 late Cpl., The Buffs.

Past and Present Association.

DONATIONS.

During the period 18/3/39 to 18/4/39 the following donation has been gratefully received :—

	£	s.	d.
G. Calder, Esq.	1	1	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

During the period 18/3/39 to 18/4/39 the following disbursements have been made :—

	£	s.	d.
Mar. 19. Grant	0	10	0
20. Grant	5	0	0
April 4. Grant	5	0	0
4. Grant	0	9	10
4. Grant	1	0	0
6. Grant	0	13	6
13. Grant	1	11	0
13. Grant	1	0	0
14. Grant	0	7	6
14. Grant	2	0	0

NEW MEMBERS.

Life Members.—Captain A. Howard Reed (Weald); L/Cpl. Capley; Ptes. Nye, Parkhouse, Quinnell, Bell (2nd Battalion).

Annual Members.—2/Lieut. J. Thompson (Weald); Ptes. F. Hoskins, S. Bartlett, S. Raggett, L. Shilling, C. Lee, W. Sweetman, J. Skinner, A. Greenshields, A. Stroud, S. Gravener, R. Payne, L. Fuller, W. Gibson, J. Dunne, G. Boreham, G. Wood, D. Brown, H. Williams, L. Trollope, C. Wren, G. Greenslade, J. Butterfill, G. Nichols, R. Clarke, E. Hamblin, H. Richardson (2nd Battalion), Mr. E. J. Ralph (Weald); Mr. E. A. Flicker (London); Messrs. T. Jones, R. Wood (Margate); Mr. O. A. Templeton; Mr. W. G. Halsey (Canterbury).

Branch Meetings, May, 1939.

- May 13. Ashford (Drill Hall).
 20. London (Prince Alfred Restaurant).
 12. Dover (Friendly Societies' Institute).
 26. Medway (Unity Club, The Brook, Chatham).
 5. Sittingbourne (Drill Hall).
 26. Ramsgate (Drill Hall).
 8. Margate (Drill Hall).
 27. Hythe (British Legion Hut).
 5. Canterbury (Rhodaus Town).
 9. Herne Bay Sub-Branch (Druid's Head and Drill Hall).
 8. Folkestone (Drill Hall).
 12. Sandwich (George and Dragon, Fisher Street).
 2. Deal (Working Men's Club, West Street).

Fixtures, 1939.

- May 6. London Branch Dinner, Thames House Restaurant.
 27. Annual General Meeting, Canterbury.
 June 4. Cenotaph Service, London Branch.
 14. Dragon Club Dinner.
 Aug. 13. Day of Remembrance, Canterbury.
 Sept. 9. 8th (S) Battalion Dinner (provisional).
 Oct. 14. 6th (S) Battalion Dinner (provisional).
 Nov. 12. Visit to Field of Remembrance.

Ashford Branch.

It is with great regret that I pen these notes this month, for I am sure we all will miss Mr. Court, who passed away after a short illness during March. Unfortunately the branch could not be represented at the funeral, although we sent a wreath.

We were all greatly shocked to hear of the untimely death of Sgt. C. Cowell, who was the son of our first Secretary and founder of this branch, the late Mr. F. Cowell of 20 West Street, Ashford. He was given a military funeral at the New Cemetery, Ashford, on Saturday, April 8th, the branch being well represented, led by our President (Colonel H. Findlay). There were many beautiful wreaths from all sorts and kinds of people, shewing the esteem in which Sgt. Cowell was held by all.

We had a poor meeting last Saturday. I suppose it was due to the holidays. We had a pianist after business and the few who were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to see more members at the next meeting.

WILKIE.

LADIES' GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held at the Drill Hall on April 12th. Mrs. King presided. The Minutes were read and signed.

Members were all sorry to hear of Mr. Hales being seriously ill, which prevented our Secretary from attending. We wish him a speedy recovery, all ladies sending the best wishes to him.

Our best thanks to Miss Constance for arranging the games competition, won by Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. King. Yes, we will have another such afternoon, and with a little more practice we shall be able to challenge the men's branch.

Raffles were given by Mrs. Shorter and Mrs. Coleman, which helped to swell our funds, for which we thank them.

Tea was then served, and enjoyed by all, not forgetting our hostess, Mrs. Coleman, who usually brings along something nice to eat, and all for the price of 1d.

The Chairman would be pleased if more members would come along to our meetings, especially the last two ladies joining. There is nothing to be shy about. We are quite a happy crowd. Meetings are held at the Drill Hall on the second Wednesday in each month.

L.K.

London Branch.

On the 15th ultimo the branch had a very enthusiastic meeting at the Prince Alfred, Tufton Street, with Captain E. A. Carter in the Chair. A pleasing feature was the attendance of a good muster of members who have left the Colours during the past few years.

DECEASE.—All stood in silence to the memory of the late General Sir Henry Pellatt and Reg. No. 3202 Pte. A. H. (Tinker) Ford, late 1st Battalion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.—Greetings and best wishes were received from Major-General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell, Colonel Sparrow, Major James, Messrs. Gordon Lindley,

A. Thornton and others. Letters of appreciation from Mrs. Sorrell and Mrs. Ford for floral tributes on the occasion of recent sad bereavements; also from Mrs. Lamb, thanking the members for their sympathy during her illness.

ANNUAL DINNER.—The Chairman requested all who had not taken tickets to do so that night.

CENOTAPH SERVICE.—Details in connection with the forthcoming Parade and Service were outlined by Captain Enright. Members were requested to be on their toes so as to prevent anyone breaking the Silence. The essential point is that the Colonel of the Regiment deposits a wreath in remembrance of all ranks who fell in the war or died from the effects of the war. The laying of individual floral tributes must not take place until the Colonel of the Regiment has resumed his position.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—The decision of the Branch Committee in nominating Captain Enright and Mr. Philpot as the Branch Delegates was confirmed.

WELCOME.—45041 Cpl. G. Kelly (late 2nd Battalion) and 6285203 Pte. R. W. Bryant (late 2nd Battalion) were given a warm welcome, and we trust they will be at the monthly meeting on every possible occasion.

The Chairman also welcomed Captain T. O. Cook and Mr. Austin after their prolonged absence through illness.

BUN PENNIES.—The Bun Penny Collection was taken by Captain T. O. Cook and amounted to £1 12s. 1½d.

After the meeting had been closed, a very interesting darts match took place between teams representing post war members, i.e. members who served after the conclusion of hostilities, as opposed to members who served before and during the war. The older wallahs strenuously protested that Captain Carter and Mr. (Molly) Marshall were not entitled to play for the post war team, but as both did actually serve after the war had finished, the objection was not entertained.

The teams were as follows:—

WAR-TIME.—Mr. (Buffy) Ward (Captain), Mr. (Ginger) Whiting, Mr. R. H. Blacker, Mr. Long, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. Martin, Mr. Saunders, In-Pensioner J. March.

POST WAR.—C.S.M. G. J. Emery (Captain), Cpl. G. Kelly, Pte. R. W. Bryant, C.S.M. Alf Tong, C.S.M. A. Field, O.R.S. S. C. Marshall, — Wilson, Captain E. A. Carter, C.S.M. G. W. Clayton (reserve).

A series of three games was arranged, each of 1,001 points. The first proved—much against the run of the play—a win for the post war team, owing to Captain Carter fluking a very lucky “double one.” But the second game—my word—the Contemptible Little Army put in rapid fire and “Was there a man dismayed?” We think the post war Army was not only dismayed by staggered. In fact, Alf Tong ran home and reserve Jock Clayton was called upon to fill the gap, which he did splendidly in the third game by carrying team on his back, thus enabling the post war team to win the match by 3 games to 2.

On the shove-ha’penny board there was also excitement, which arose over a 5th M.I. member mustering his section against the foot sloggers of the South African War. Here are the teams:—

5TH M.I.—Bill Elvey (Section Leader), Billy Everitt, Charlie Spears, Harry Havill.

FOOT SLOGGERS.—Geo. Cobb, F. Russell, E. Tong, A. N. Other.

The 5th M.I., we understand, had a good gallop, but the match finished in a draw.

We recently had a talk with “Floss” Firmin, whom many will remember in Kilkenny, Brighton and South Africa. Confined to his invalid chair since the South African War, “Floss” keeps smiling and sends his best wishes to all who knew him.

We have not heard of any bombs exploding at Twickenham, but there will be if our Mr. Pickwick (Hughie Borland) absents himself off parade again. One never knows what this young fellow is up to!

Joe Green has also missed twice and this young lad will excuse himself by blaming the allotment season. Seeing the sights and admiring pretty lights is catching.

What would happen if we had a “black out” on a meeting night? a member desires to know. My reply is: “What a crowded meeting it would be.”

We were pleased to welcome Cpl. Kelly and Pte. Bryant to Tufon Street. There is one thing the serving soldier is well-trained in and that is dart throwing, if these two members are representative of the whole.

Our champion thrower is 7044 Pte. T. Whiting, who possesses a splendid set of silver darts won in open competition. We have an idea that two or three other members are also experts.

We understand that Mr. E. Warren (Donkey) is shortly moving to North Devon, where he and Mrs. Warren are opening a boarding house. We shall miss them both very much. Donkey was one of the founders of the branch and one of the original members of the Salisbury Club, which was formed long before the war.

We were pleased to see the Bear’s Den looking its former self, with Captain T. O. Cook, Spud, Donkey, Jock Clayton, Harry Jacobs and others.

We note that in some cases at the meetings members have overlooked wearing their badges. It is requested that all should give this point their attention.

It would be nice to see all members wearing Regimental ties, which can be obtained from Captain Enright on meeting nights, or by post 2/9.

Mr. C. E. Vaughan was looking very fit and we think that his presence was a considerable contribution towards the darts success. With Messrs. Emery, Field, Kelly, Bryant, Clover, Petley, Stone and others, the future of the branch is assured.

Here is a good yarn we heard at the meeting. Adolf Hitler, having passed over, arrived at the Gates of Heaven and claimed admittance in view of the good he had done on earth. St. Peter said that admission was impossible, and on Hitler enquiring the reason, said that no less a personage than Joe Lyons was the caterer.

J.E.E.

LADIES’ GUILD.

The monthly tea meeting held at the Prince Alfred Restaurant, S.W.1, on Wednesday, April 5th, was not too well attended, owing to our heavy sick list, but the members were delighted to have Mrs. Crookenden with them, who was given a great welcome, as was Mrs. Field, recently home from Burma.

MINUTES.—The Minutes for the month of March were read, Mrs. Coley acting for the Hon. Secretary, who is still on the sick list.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Letters were received from the Hon. Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. Hukins and Mrs. Harris.

REGRETS.—Regrets at inability to attend were received from Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Lloyd.

SICK.—Our sick list is still heavy, and we wish the following a speedy return to health:—Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. E. Harris, Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Stewart and Major H. G. James (London Branch).

LONDON BRANCH DINNER.—Members were again reminded that the London Branch Dinner was on May 6th and that tickets were available at the meeting.

RETURN OF THANKS.—Return of thanks were sent from Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Redman for letters received during their illness, and from Mrs. Neale Dalton, Mrs. Charlie Harris, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Good for their children's presents, and Mrs. Willing for christening gift.

RAFFLE.—The raffle given by Mrs. Emerson realised 5/4, and was won by Mrs. Taylor (Pinner).

WHIST.—The Whist Drive prizes were given by Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Spinner. Our sincere thanks for these prizes monthly from members.

Dover Branch.

I am sure that all members of the branch and others who know Mr. A. Willson will join with me in expressing the greatest of sympathy to him in the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Willson, who was a well-known member of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. Willson, being a single man, feels it more, for she was a great pal to him.

I am thinking that this edition of notes is going to be a sporting bulletin, as most of the competitions in which The Buffs are interested are now finished.

First I have got to admit that our Dragons had to take second place to the Co-op team in the Dover and Folkestone Shooting League. Still, cheerio, Boys! More Guinness on the sights next year!

In the Friendly Societies Sports Cup, in which the branch have given assistance, the following are the scores:—Friendly Society 46 points, Conservative Club 39 points and the Dover Oddfellows 35 points. So that is one trophy back home again.

The next competition—the Mackeson Shield—has also arrived back home with the following scores:—Friendly Societies 72 points, Folkestone Oddfellows 62 points, Cheriton Oddfellows 58 points and Dover Oddfellows 36 points.

Another trophy arrived home to roost is the Euchre Cup. Scores as follows:—Friendly Societies 28 points, Dover Conservative Club 23 points and Dover Oddfellows 21 points.

The Euchre Cup played for between the Hand and Sceptre, Elms Vale, and the Friendly Societies has also returned home. What a record for the "Bulwark" moppers. Ask Matey, the Captain. Good boys, eh? and they can look it. Datie, the steward, is now wondering where he is going to place all the old iron, but Buffy George has got the positions well mapped out with the assistance of Dewberry, the "architect."

At the Branch General Meeting on Friday, April 14th, several casualties were reported—Dewberry with lumbago and the Assistant Secretary with a similar complaint. I must thank my friend Lottie Collins, for carrying on in the absence of the above two members. I hear that it was not a very strong meeting. Probably with this fine weather the boys are making up for lost time and are entrenching on their allotments. The Knock-out Darts Tournament was won by Mr. G. Newing, Lottie being the runner-up.

I am at present preparing plans for the visit of the Dover Cock and Hens' party to the Canterbury Branch, which will probably be in July or September, for we must not clash with the re-union in August. Still, further particulars later on.

Now, as Old Man Lumbago has not quite done with me, I must pack up and take my medicine, with "Here's to the next time."

DEWBERRY.

LADIES' GUILD.

Our March 23rd meeting was held at the Liverpool Street Drill Hall. It was well attended, Mrs. Crookenden (Chairman) presiding.

Most of our invalids are improving.

The year's Report was read and signed. The Committee are to be congratulated on the hard work they have done during the last year, and we hope whist drives will be part of the programme arranged for the future, for they have become very popular.

The election of officers took place. Mrs. Crookenden was re-elected Chairman. Mrs. Foster is Vice-Chairman, and we hope she will remain with us, for we have been rather unfortunate in the past, circumstances taking our Vice-Chairman away shortly after election. Mrs. Carter, 35 Priory Road, is now Secretary.

I am sorry to report the passing of Mrs. Willson on March 25th, the funeral taking place at Charlton Cemetery. Mesdames Carter, Hogben, Byrne, Moyes, Harris, Wraight and Evans attended. Although Mrs. Willson did not often attend the meetings owing to ill-health, she took a great interest in the Guild.

L.E.E.

Medway Branch.

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Unity Club, The Brook, Chatham, on Saturday, March 25th, 1939.

The Chair was occupied by Captain A. Barton, supported by Mr. F. Cox, Vice-Chairman, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, and a good gathering of members.

The Agenda was comprised as follows:—

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the February meeting were read, and on the proposition of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Shirley, were adopted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE.—A letter from General Sir Arthur Lynden-Bell was read. It contained a cutting from the *Gazette* re the award to L/Cpl. Carson for bravery in Palestine. Regrets for non-attendance were received from Mr. Sales (Gravesend). A letter was received from Mrs. Bamble thanking the branch for floral tributes sent.

MERITORIOUS BAR.—The proposal by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Gardiner, that Mr. A. Shirley should be the recipient of the Meritorious Bar for 1938-39, was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.—On the proposition of Mr. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Mills, a vote of thanks was accorded the Hon. Secretary for his work during the past twelve months. The Hon. Secretary responded accordingly. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. Chapman (Marden) for coming such a long distance to attend the meeting.

No further business arising, the collection was taken and realised 4/6. The meeting was then declared closed.

NOTES.—We were all very pleased to see our Chairman up and about again, after his very bad turn in bed.

Congratulations to Mr. Shirley on being selected for the Meritorious Bar. One of the originals of the branch, the award has gone to the member who has worked hard during the whole time that he has been connected with the branch.

Our return to the Unity Club proved a great success. It was very pleasing to see so many old faces once again. Members who had not attended a meeting since our removal to the Drill Hall in 1937 were there in force. Keep it up, Medway!

To celebrate the return, the cup that cheers was handed out to all members at the branch's expense, and the proposer of this motion was our worthy Hon. Treasurer. According to remarks heard round the room, everybody was surprised to hear our Treasurer throwing money about like that, as it is generally vice versa! Never mind, Mr. King-Holt, take no notice, because I could see you were enjoying that pint, eh? So ends this month's items.

A. J. M.

LADIES' GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 22nd. Mrs. King Holt (Chairman) presided.

Business was carried out and a letter was read from Mrs. Bramble thanking the branch for their kind sympathy in her sad loss, also for a floral tribute. Mrs. King Holt then asked all present to stand in memory of Mr. Bramble.

A Whist Drive was held, and many thanks are due to the friends who gave prizes, and also to Mrs. Snow, who kindly presented the prizes to the ladies and gentlemen who won them. A vote of thanks was passed to her for coming and also for the prizes she gave. Mrs. Snow replied that she was very pleased to come and hoped we would ask her again when we had a whist drive.

A basket given by our Treasurer (Mrs. Rowland) was won by Mrs. Potter (Vice-Chairman). Many thanks to Mrs. Rowlands, and also to Mrs. Mrs. French for kindly officiating as M.C. Those winning prizes were Mrs. Souter, Mrs. Ambler, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Wise and Mr. Cope, one of the members of the Men's Branch, Past and Present Association. After a very pleasant and successful afternoon, the meeting closed.

M.S.

P.S.—We congratulate Folkestone Branch on having obtained their emblem.

Ramsgate Branch.

The branch is becoming rejuvenated. At the last meeting there was an attendance of 33 members. Quite a good show. I was pleased to see our old friend Mr. Rose, who is always willing to help to make the branch a success.

Mr. Rose gave two pairs of cuff links for the best shooting on Sunday, April 16th. One pair was won by Pte. Hitch of "A" Company, 4/5th Battalion with a score of 18 out of a possible 20, and the other pair was won by Mr. Jarman of this branch with a score of 18 out of 20. The branch lost the Mullett Cup by 7. The total scores were "A" Company, T.A. 89 out of 100, Ramsgate Branch 82 out of 100. This is the first time for three years that the Ramsgate Detachment has won the Cup, so look out for scores next time.

Mr. Virch had a talk with the serving "A" Company Detachment, T.A., and I think a lot will come and join up with us at the next meeting.

We wish all members a good season and a happy re-union next autumn.

E. J. B.

Canterbury Branch.

The Annual Dinner of the Canterbury Branch of the Past and Present Buffs Association took place at their Rhodaus Town Headquarters on Saturday evening. Captain H. F. Whitfield (Branch Chairman) presided, supported by Major F. H. Keeler, 2/Lieuts. M. G. N. Moore and L. F. Parratt (of the 4/5th Battalion), Mr. W. Bigg, D.C.M. (Vice-Chairman), Mr. H. A. Newman (Secretary), Mr. A. Wigg (Sports Secretary), and Mr. Thorlow (Herne Bay). Nearly 50 sat down to a splendid repast, served by Mr. Arthur Loyns.

In an apology for absence, Colonel H. Findlay wrote: "Tell all I am sorry not to be with them, although it is pleasing to note that I am not forgotten by my old friends in Canterbury. I wish the members all the best, and hope they are all earmarked for useful work should the occasion arise."

Colonel Guy Lee also sent his apologies for absence.

Speeches were cut to a minimum, and after the Chairman had toasted the 4/5th Battalion, 2/Lieut. Moore replied. He said they always enjoyed their visits to the Club, more especially as they generally beat them all at darts.

Captain Whitfield said it was with mixed feelings that he heard of the impending departure from the Depot of Sergeant-Major Bill Wheeler. They were all sorry he was going back to his battalion, but were pleased to hear that he had been awarded his crown. A staunch supporter of their branch, the Sergeant-Major had probably made them alter their views with regard to the interest taken by the Depot in their branch. The Chairman said the 4/5th Battalion offered their congratulations, and also their thanks, to Sergeant-Major Wheeler, for the great assistance he had given them in his capacity as musketry instructor.

Sergeant-Major Wheeler said that, socially, he was very sorry to leave Canterbury, for he was sure he would find no better friends elsewhere. As regards their Branch and the Depot, he was certain that if they continued to push hard in that direction, they would find willing co-operation.

A splendid evening of harmony was contributed to by Messrs. Dusty Miller (Herne Bay), T. Todd, E. Long, G. May, A. Wigg, etc., with Mr. Joe Boyne as a capable accompanist.

LADIES' GUILD.

The branch held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th; owing to the Chairman being on the sick list, it had been postponed from the previous month.

Prior to the meeting the Committee met and settled certain business, after which the General Meeting commenced.

The Honorary Secretary read the report of the previous year. Mention was made of the valuable and voluntary services of Captain G. E. F. Olive, who audited the Accounts.

Before the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mrs. Howard Smith (Chairman) made a short speech in which she thanked Mrs. Andrews (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) for all she had done in her capacity as such. Special mention was also made of the services rendered by Mrs. Groombridge, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Lane and

Mrs. Newman. To the surprise of all, Mrs. Groombridge made a short and very interesting speech. She mentioned how the Branch had flourished since its inception. She quoted the first two or three years of hard struggle and how the funds stood at the end of each year, comparing them with the present time. She congratulated the branch on having a Chairman and Secretary who were ever looking after their interests and welfare. Then followed presentations to Mrs. Howard Smith and Mrs. Andrews.

The election of officers then took place, which resulted in nominating the outgoing members, who agreed to carry on.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to games and tea.

D.E.A.

Deal, Walmer and District Branch.

Our usual monthly meeting was held at Headquarters, West Street, Deal, on Tuesday, April 4th. Captain J. V. Hitchcock presided and was supported by Messrs. Maxed, Hunt, Orchard, A. Blown, Conway, Piddington, Oram (Hon. Secretary) and a few members.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Apologies were received from Mr. Collins.

The Hon. Secretary reported that as a result of the last Dance and Social, 10/- has been added to the branch funds. It was agreed to hold the next Dance and Social on Tuesday, April 25th.

During the meeting the Chairman presented to Mr. Dunster the Medal he had won in the quarterly shoot. It is now up to the other members of the rifle team to get their possibles.

A suggestion was put forward by Mr. T. Kingsland that we should enter a team for the darts competition that is being arranged in the district. This was agreed to and a team was selected.

The usual "whip round" added a further sum to our bank balance.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming concert in aid of branch funds and were asked to support it to their utmost.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on the Deal Rifle Range on Wednesday, March 22nd, when we met the Bank Clerks in a friendly shoot. We shot eight-a-side and after allowing the Bank Clerks 4 points per man we came out the winners by 14 points. They have now challenged us to a darts match, which we have accepted.

W.F.O.

LADIES' GUILD.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Rechabites' Hall on Wednesday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m. Mrs. L. H. M. Hulke presided and there was an attendance of 14 members.

The Chairman expressed her regret that Mrs. Taylor (Hon. Secretary) was unable to be present owing to ill-health.

A further discussion took place with reference to the Annual Outing, and as nothing definite was settled, it was left over until next month.

As there was no prize for a raffle, one member very kindly came forward and offered to put something up (no names, no pack drill!). This realised 3/7.

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The 1st Battalion.



OUR heartiest congratulations to L/Cpl. Carson on being awarded the Military Medal for his gallant conduct after having been blown up in a trolley car on the Lydda Railway line. His action was described in detail last month. This is the first award of the Military Medal to a Buff since the Great War.

On March 9th we were all pleased to see Colonel Whitacre Allen, who had come to Jerusalem on a conference, and came down for a couple of hours to see us before catching the aeroplane back to Egypt. Lewis and Clarke have both taken advantage of his kind offer to stay in Cairo, and have come back looking very fit indeed.

Captain Lynden-Bell has been away on leave to Cyprus, and, from his conversation, seems to have thoroughly enjoyed himself. Captain Reeves has gone home on leave before joining a course at Hythe. He is to be married, and we wish him the best of good fortune. We must emphatically deny the rumour that the Guard of Honour is being supplied from "Sarafand Hall."

Captain and Mrs. Williams and Captain Walters have been up in Jerusalem for the period of the promotion examination and took a day's leave (well-earned) in order to see the sights. The Commanding Officer went up once during the month on duty, and managed to do a trip round the Old City.

We were all very pleased to welcome Mrs. Webster to Sarafand, where she is staying with Captain and Mrs. Williams. At present there is a strong rumour that all the families are coming out during April and May. Let us hope it is true.

Two very exciting hockey matches took place during the month in the Flowers Cup Hockey Competition. In the first one we beat The Highland Light Infantry from Gaza by three goals to one. The second was the final of the area against the Wireless Company, who have a very big reputation out here. We lost by two goals to one, the deciding goal being scored in the last two minutes of the game.

In the Small Units Competition, all our teams survive in the football section, and Headquarter and "D" Companies in the hockey.

A boxing competition, open to all units in the Sarafand area, has just taken place. Our congratulations to Ptes. Chaffer, North and Gardner on winning their respective weights, and to Cpl. Faulkner and Pte. Fast on being runners-up. It is certainly a sign of the times—only a few months ago it would have been quite impossible to stage such a competition.

A few days ago a mine exploded on the railway under the last coach of a train, and Ptes. Clarke of "D" Company and Finn of "B" Company were slightly injured. The former hurt his foot, and the latter was suffering from shock.

The rebel commander-in-chief, Abdul Rahim el Haj Mohammed, was killed by The Border Regiment at a village called Sanur. The importance of this loss to the Mufti's cause can be appreciated when it is realised that the news caused all Arab shops in Haifa, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, Jaffa and Jerusalem to close down. This has been a most successful month, as two gang leaders have also been killed in action.

A long list of promotions has just been published. Our congratulations to all those who have been so fortunate as to benefit. Sovico, Patten and Goodsell have now become P.S.M.'s.



Left to Right: Maj. R. B. Sandilands, Lt.-Gen. H. R. Haining (G.O.C.), A.D.C. Lt.-Col. D. A. Wilkins.

Boxing in Sarafand.

The Garrison was treated to a good display of boxing, covering two afternoon and three evening sessions, on March 28th, 29th and 30th. It was a Garrison Novices' Competition interspersed with a few open bouts at different weights. We had a very good entry in both competitions and congratulate all those who entered and especially those who reached the semi-finals and finals. The Brigade Commander, who gave away the prizes at the conclusion of the fights, said he was very pleased with the clean, hard bouts, and remarked that the whole competition was a symbol. This he explained was two-fold. The first, that the competition indicated that the troublous times in this area have somewhat abated, to enable the boxing to take place at all, when only a few weeks ago it was a struggle even to find men for guards and essential duties, owing to the political situation. This was alone due to the hard work put in by all ranks. Secondly, that it exploded the fantasy of some foreign nations who consider Britons as a decadent people. Nothing was further from the truth, and one need go nowhere else than to an Army Boxing Competition to get proof.

A record and a short description of the fights, of the semi-finals and finals, in which Buffs took part, is given below:—

NOVICES' COMPETITION—FEATHERWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Chaffer (1/Buffs) *v* L/Cpl. Howe (1/R.N. Fusiliers). A very good fight, the first round of which was spent by both contestants sizing each other up. The second and third rounds were lively, with Chaffer just keeping in front with points. Chaffer's fight on points.

NOVICES' COMPETITION—FEATHERWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Chaffer (1/Buffs) *v* Fus. Hurst (1/R.N. Fusiliers). Fusilier Hurst had been picked by the audience, from his first fight in the preliminary rounds, as the eventual winner of the competition. He could box as well as fight and was a very hard hitter. Chaffer upset all calculations. He went after his man from the opening gong. An excellent battle ensued throughout the three rounds. Chaffer was awarded the fight on points and deserves great credit for his effort.

NOVICES' COMPETITION—WELTERWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Cpl. Faulkner (1/Buffs) *v* Tpr. Millbank (R.S. Greys). Millbank was confused by Faulkner's southpaw stance and was never able to unravel the puzzle. Faulkner scored as he wished with a straight right and was awarded the fight on points.

NOVICES' COMPETITION—WELTERWEIGHT (Final).—Cpl. Faulkner (1/Buffs) *v* Gnr. Blewett (R.H.A.). Blewett evidently made a study of Faulkner's peculiar frame-up and was able to score enough points to win. The decision was not a popular one, as Faulkner looked a winner all along.

NOVICES' COMPETITION — LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Gardner (1/Buffs) *v* Gnr. Tagget (R.H.A.). A good novices' fight with Gardner just the better man.

OPEN COMPETITION—FEATHERWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Fast (1/Buffs) *v* L/Cpl. Evans (1/R.N. Fusiliers). These men were identical in build and style and had a rare good tussle. Fast appeared to weaken suddenly in the final round, during which his opponent was able to score oftener and so win the bout on points. Both men were loudly applauded at the end.

OPEN COMPETITION—HEAVYWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. North (1/Buffs) *v* Gnr. Keeble (R.H.A.). North never had to extend himself and scored freely in every round whilst cleverly avoiding punishment. North won comfortably on points.

The ring, which was being used for the first time, was made by Pioneer-Sergeant Hopkins and his band of carpenters.

Major Rice, Captain Reeves, R.S.M. Williams and C.S.M. Duffy helped during the contests as officials.

Hockey.

Report on the Final of the Sarafand Group of the Flowers Hockey Cup between 1st Battalion, The Buffs and No. 2 Wireless Company.

The match was played on March 27th, 1939, on No. 2 ground at Sarafand. The weather was fine and sunny and the ground was in first class condition.

The two teams formed up and bullied off just after 3 p.m. For the first five minutes of the game The Buffs pressed their opponents hard, Lewis almost scoring from a pass sent in by Kennedy. After this, the Wireless Company rallied and there was some fierce play around The Buffs goalmouth, but with no result.

Fifteen minutes after commencement of play, Lewis made a very gallant attempt at goal, which was unfortunately deflected by the goalie's stick and struck the crossbar, the ball rebounding out of play. The Buffs were awarded a long corner, which was taken by Reeves, but was intercepted, and a breakaway was made by the Wireless Company's right-wing, who took the ball right up to The Buffs goalmouth, and after a sharp tussle, Hawkins scored a goal for the Wireless Company.

Shortly after resumption of play, Harboard made a very good attempt at goal which was frustrated by the opposing goalkeeper kicking the ball behind, resulting in a long corner taken by Reeves, which was intercepted by Lewis, who took a shot at goal and missed the upright by inches. For the next five minutes play was very fierce in front of The Buffs goalmouth and the Wireless Company almost secured another goal, but our defence proved a little too strong. Just before half-time Lewis made a breakaway and, playing a lone hand, took the ball to within a few yards of the opposing goal, but was crushed by weight of numbers and was robbed of the ball just as the referee blew half-time. All told, a very evenly contested half, with Lewis the shining light of The Buffs team. Half-time score: Wireless Company 1, The Buffs 0.

Play was resumed after five minutes' interval, The Buffs pressing hard with some noticeably good work being put in by Reeves, Harboard and Bell. On one occasion a goal was only averted by the Wireless Company's goalkeeper sitting on the ball.

Twenty-five minutes after resumption of play, Kille took a free hit which was collected by Kennedy and passed to Lewis, who made no mistake about putting it away for the equalising goal. The score was now even, and both teams were playing at the top of their form, The Buffs, if anything, being a little stronger than their opponents. A near thing took place 30 minutes after half-time, when Lewis, Kennedy and Bell tried very hard to retrieve the ball, which the goalie for the second time just as stubbornly sat on just in front of his goalmouth.

Shortly after this, the Wireless Company made a breakaway and a goal was very gallantly saved by Twyman, who made a full length dive and just managed to push the ball round the corner of the post. As a result of the long corner which was awarded, Harman scored the winning goal for the Wireless Company. The Buffs tried manfully, but did not score again.

Sergeants' Mess.

Apart from a few days of heavy rain during the first week or so, the month has been one of fine weather. Far from raising the spirits, this continued benevolence of Nature is viewed by not a few with something approaching resentment, the reason being that the battalion has introduced early morning P.T. parades into the daily programme of work. Since this form of compulsory exercise has been the vogue, Brickie has suffered more possibly than most of us. This pocket colossus finds it extremely difficult to control his over-generous figure at any time, but when it comes to a series of small jumps, his most valiant efforts only result in a very poor show of rapid "heels raise." Fred Turmaine finds this highly amusing, being of the opinion that if Brickie were really to let himself go, he would at the tenth jump at the very outside, disappear entirely into the depths of the earth. Brickie, coming back with no hesitation, states as his firm belief that if Fred were to indulge in but one genuine jump, neither law of gravity nor any other known force would succeed in fetching him down to earth again. Whatever their views on the subject, others get most fun out of this performance of Mutt and Jeff. Not alone are these two ill-assorted warriors on the occasions when manly forms are displayed. Someone was heard to beg the loan of C.S.M. Duffy's brassière for the daily event, but it seems that he has use for it himself. Tiny is the one abstainer whom we would all appreciate in this becoming garb, but to date he has managed to stay clear.

Recently Hanson, Chapman and Gunner Ivey (what a trier—eighth attempt!) sat for their First Class Certificate. Whether they get it or not, these worthy scholars have certainly learnt something as a result of their studies. Gunner maintains that "astrologer" is spelt "horoscope"; well, not perhaps that, but horoscope is his answer to the examiners' question re a man who views stars. Here's hoping they get it.

The promotion roll this month came thick and heavy, affecting thirteen already established members, and introducing seven newcomers. We congratulate C/Sgt. Sovico, C/Sgt. Patten and Sgt. Goodsell on their appointment to P.S.M., and Sgt. Sivers and Bridgman on their appointment to C.Q.M.S. To the newcomers—Turmaine, Tolhurst, Watts, Garratt, Jolley, Barker, Ringe and Cullen, we offer a warm welcome and hope to see those of them soon who have not to date paid us a visit. 'Ware Tiny and Ben; their list of promotion pints looks pretty heavy and it is to be suspected that they are not averse to coming the double. Nor are these two the only thirsty members.

Late in the month, Kille and C/Sgt. Farrell joined us, Kille automatically picking up promotion to Full as he entered the station. Good shooting, Bill! The "Quarter Bloke" is busy taking over from Lottie Blanch between the intervals of dart playing indulged in by this pair of would-be-champs.

Trinky is disconsolate. For hour after hour he has to throw out innuendo and bitter remarks before anyone can be sufficiently roused to give him a hand on the dart board. The self-styled champs hang tight to their chairs and hope he will overlook them, and when directly approached murmur something about having no truck with Third Division players. Tiny and G.O.M. on occasion oblige, but Trinky finds this monotonous. He says there's no point in whitewashing the same individuals every time and yearns for fresh fields to conquer. He has been known to win, but nothing official can be vouched for as to his standing in the championship class.

The "boat roll" has caused a stir, and Brickie once more finds room for complaint. For three months he has been sweating on a boat daily only to discover on publication of this ever welcome list that he lays 68 and has a long time to do. 1940 should see you home, Brickie, with luck! If all the members whose names are on the roll do eventually embark, the Mess will be seriously depleted at the end of the season.

Mahjong has made a re-appearance, introduced by P.S.M. Jones, who, alas! finds that ownership of the set guarantees nothing as to the winnings. Hoppo forgets play in his anxiety to teach the learners, whilst Paddy Curliss really gets down to it and proceeds to fleece the school.

One evening recently, Davo looked us up, and immediately shewed signs of ill-health on observing the lanky form of Turmaine draped over one of the cane chairs. Having unwrapped the legs and removed the pewter mug, recognition became mutual and the pair settled down to an evening of bitter jibes and thinly-veiled hostilities. Crowning point of the evening was loss of prestige by Davo, who in the dim past taught Fred all there was to know about cards and their manipulation. Having lost to the extent of a gallon or two, Davo was mortified to see Clarence produce the masters from various hideouts on his person. Fred then offered to teach Davo a couple of tricks, but this was too much for the latter, who retired to the bar and proceeded to forget his disgrace in a round of drinks. Since Fred made his appearance, Davo is no longer the same man.

Speculation is still rife as to whether the families will come out here or not. George Ireland feels more positive than ever. A few days ago he saw a string of lorries delivering wardrobes and chairs, with the result that he now, having received a tip in confidence from some mysterious personage, states that he will be installed in quarters by the 14th of next month.

The motor cyclists, Kennedy and Tiny, have passed out under the M.T. Officer, who gave Tiny the fright of his life by executing a sharp left turn in the middle of Ramleh's main thoroughfare, at about 40 to the hour. Tiny went his own sweet way and took his own time about executing the turn, but he got there. They now spend their time thinking out good reasons for motor-bike rides. Ken finds that his instruments—signalling on detachments—require a lot of attention, and who are we to dispute his word?

Duties still take up a little of our time, whilst one of our Lance-Sergeants got away with doing Section Commander on a picquet the other night, not that he would have preferred to do Platoon Commander. Platoon Commanders get a night's sleep. Hard lines, Ringe!

FYVEDUN.

Corporals' Room.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I open these notes this month, for it is my honour on behalf of the members of the Mess to associate with all other good wishers in congratulating L/Cpl. Carson upon the award of the Military Medal. It is, I believe I am right in saying, the first decoration won by an other rank of The Buffs since the Great War, and we feel doubly proud that it should have been a member of the Mess who obtained this signal distinction.

During the past month momentous changes have taken place in the Mess, many of the senior members having attained elevation to the Senior Mess and many of the junior members either receiving an extra stripe or pay of appointment. These promotions have been

far too numerous for me to list them individually or this would look like a gazette. To them all, therefore, congratulations, and may they have a continued climb.

With the above promotions, and the resultant loss of our President, the darts and board have assumed a most dejected air, and it remains to be seen whether George Faulkner has inherited the necessary mystic arts to restore them to their previous glory. Sad is the day that so proficient a sharpener and shaver of darts should be removed from our midst. No more in the idle hours of evening will we be able to sit in admiring envy watching George ply his nimble fingers to the rejuvenation of the little feather flights.

Marmoud the head syce has also been removed to more easy access to the stables, and no more will be head the illuminating addresses upon the vagaries of the Arab donkeys which he has tended with such loving care. Good luck, Wilfred! We only hope that with your rise a more interesting animal will be added to your stable and it is hoped to see you in the near future loping about at exercise upon a camel. We feel sure that anything less than one of these animals would be unsuitable.

It was erroneously reported in our last issue that a grand stand had been erected in the Mess, and we were expecting at least to be inflicted with all-in wrestling. It now transpires that the new addition was a table tennis table, and it must be confessed that this new pastime has not only brought forth many shining lights, but has also improved the physical condition of many of the members. No one, least of all the writer of these notes, ever thought that such a trifling article as a celluloid ball could be so elusive, and much labour has been spent in pursuing this little thing all round the Mess. Only one *faux pas* has been recorded to date, and that is one night this dear little thing dropped in Josie's beer and he, having failing eyesight, failed to see it first time and was consequently practically choked when it stuck quite tightly in his throat. Luckily, Dr. Carr was on the scene and his kindly ministrations managed to bring our diminutive friend back to normal.

Talking about the Doctor, his trip to Jerusalem the other day appears to call for a little explanation. A trip to Jerusalem is vastly different to a trip from London to Southend and we are all wondering how he managed to find so many "halfway houses." Our trips in this direction have always been on straight through tickets, and we should appreciate a little elucidation to this mystery.

In solitary state and splendour (until Rene walks in) sits von Himlein Brittain, of a night-time, and his learned and often brilliant comments upon the local and other situations have been somewhat curtailed. No longer can he maintain his peculiar type of repartee with the President and certain others with whom he used to indulge in talks of a highly educative type. We can only offer him the solace of his own reflected glory and hope that he will bask in it for some considerable time to come.

His comments upon the large emporium which is responsible for our needs is his total contribution to the conversation at the moment, and as this is nearly always of an uncomplimentary nature, we refrain from answering. With the advent, however, of Rene, he does manage to bring forth a half-hearted attempt at repartee, but with the loss of a few days' practice, the edge of his wit is somewhat blunted.

The practice of filtration does not seem to be one of the strong points of the Mess, and news of our confrères on detachment is remarkably meagre. Should we not know our Watts and Cullens, McVays and others so

well, we should not be so intrigued about this, but it is impossible to believe that they are living the life of celibates on detachment.

With the coming of spring flowers, P.T. has descended upon us, and in the early hours of morning long files of men may be seen making their way to the large open space opposite the Officers' Mess. After a long period away from this seductive exercise, much creaking and groaning was heard on the first day. However, with a little lubrication upon the more tender spots and a little more taken internally, the results are improving and we can almost walk normally once more.

The P.T. parades have, however, produced a really delightful line in scanty panties, and Baldie Belcher must really be congratulated upon his most becoming decorated kit. Great envy is expressed by all concerning these sartorial appendages, and should this continue it is feared that Mahjong will be relegated and the raffling of the much envied garments will provide a very lucrative and easier pastime.

In conclusion, we wish all those members whose names have appeared on the boat roll a speedy departure so that we can continue to climb, for rumour has it that beer is five mils cheaper elsewhere.

It has been suggested that owing to the slanders which I have often printed I am afraid to sign my name to these notes. To refute this statement and to avoid any complications with other correspondents, especially the older ones, I say *au revoir* and sign myself

NINE TO DO.

The Band.

Once again we have supplied an orchestra for the concert arranged by the Sarafand Amateur Dramatic Society. The concert went over very well. Owing to The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers taking part in several battles and skirmishes the rehearsals very seldom saw a full cast. It is surprising how we can supply the goods with 16 gone away to England and several away on detachment. Herewith the orchestra: Sgt. Ireland, M.D.; Sgt. West, principal clarinet and E flat alto; Bdmn. Ashdown, French horn and guitar; Bdmn. Franklin, violin; Bdmn. Courtney, clarinet and tenor saxophone; Bdmn. Southwick, second alto; Bdmn. Harwick, first trumpet; Bdmn. Bunnetta, second trumpet; Bdmn. Roberts, trombone; Bdmn. Ireland, bass; Bdmn. Frid, drums; Cpl. Hayden (R.A.O.C.), piano.

This month we have visited Lydda and Bir Salem Sunday evenings. We were very well received at both places and I think we and they look forward to the next visit.

Sgt. West is wondering which is more important, his boat or the re-armament programme. It is strongly rumoured that Tyneside are considering laying the hull of his boat 1940. His small friend the Provost Sergeant is also biting his nails, waiting expectantly.

Congratulations to the Band Sergeant and Cpl. Butler on their promotion, and best wishes to the Bandmaster and Boys; also to the Band of the 2nd Battalion.

T.U.B.

The Drums.

We commence the month by congratulating L/Cpl. Coade on his appointment.

Holness has joined us from Lydda Station and is anxiously awaiting his boat. The age-old phrases, "Roll on" and "Ain't got long enough to do" are very

prominent in his speech. Still, it's our turn next year, Bob; about nine of our names have appeared on the boat roll and have been thickly underlined. L/Cpl. Coade's name has a thick red line through it. Three guesses what that means.

The Garrison Boxing takes place during the next four days. Many of the Drummers were over-weight—due in all probability to cheese and salmon, and only four of them are left in. They are L/Cpl. Jones, Dmr. Gardner, Dmr. L. Green and Dmr. Welsh. We wish them the best of luck and trust that they will become "Champ," not "Chumps."

Cpl. Pawley has left us to perform the duties of cypher clerk at Jerusalem. Peace reigns once more!!

We escorted the Commanding Officer to Jerusalem a few days ago and he kindly permitted us to be shewn round the Old City. We had a very instructive and interesting morning, visiting every conceivable place of biblical interest.

This month's prize piece of stupidity is a toss up between Dodger Green and Wocking Welsh. The former is firmly convinced that a tadpole is a young goldfish, whereas the latter will not be shaken from his argument that a pig's trotter is a coco's foot. We've got 'em!!

Best wishes to the 2nd Battalion Drums. We are glad to see that "236" is following our example and supplying notes once more.

CHOTA HAZRI.

Signal Section.

I have often wondered why I stepped forward to wield this pen, and afterwards to bear the unjust criticisms and veiled sarcasm that is thrown at me. Some witty individual even informed me that I was a literature pirate and accused me of pinching a paragraph from *Punch's Almanack*. So with these blemishes on my previous notes I find myself in a very precarious position, and on the appearance of these notes I dearly hope that I shall be indisposed in the M.I. Room with some temporary ailment.

We congratulate the following on their appointments:—Sgt. Kennedy, L/Cpls. Williams, Stead and White, and wish them all further success.

L/Cpl. Heath has been selected to attend a course at Catterick. We hope that he will return with a coveted "D".

A remarkable change has taken place in front of the bungalow. What was once a weed-covered patch has now, under the loving care of Doc Foster, blossomed into a really good garden. It was all your work, Doc, and you have made a really good job of it. Sgt. Kennedy was seen carrying an armful of bricks one evening. These, I think, were removed from the garden and placed under the fire buckets. I don't wish to disappoint you, Bill, but you will never make a landscape gardener—probably a better hod carrier. Nevertheless, your small service was appreciated. Consternation was rife on the completion of this garden. The Drums commenced feverish operations under Drum-Major Toms, "C" Company produced gravel and gardening implements, and even the Carrier Platoon's lone aspistras has been receiving the attention of Cpl. Leeds.

George has been seen studying the B.O.'s a lot lately. It can't be the boat roll—he's got years to do, but he always returns with that "Cliffs of Dover reflection" in his eyes.

L/Cpl. Tookey has left us for the United Kingdom, and he will be missed by the section. We wish him all success in his new sphere of life.

There is little to be said about sport, except for one game. The section challenged the Carrier Platoon at hockey and emerged the winners by 2—0 after a very close game. The Carriers immediately retaliated by challenging the section to a boxing tournament, but lambs don't go to the slaughter as easily as that; besides, we would hate to cause such strained relations between two such loving neighbours. (Are you listening, Albert?).

Very little is heard of the Detachment Signallers, although tales of their misdeeds sometimes float through, but the law of libel forbids me to publish them.

We trust that the 2nd Battalion Signal Section is still running as efficiently as ever, and wish them all a 100% Classification.

JOE.

M.T. Section.

This month has been a very quiet one for a the M.T. Section and a few of the lads have managed to wangle a few days' leave in Tel Aviv. After being in some wild outpost for a couple of months they quite enjoyed themselves, returning to Sarafand (not Sarafand El Karab, but Sarafand Boat Crab) with empty pockets and a hangover such as Rishon Breweries alone can supply.

Cpl. Ringe is busy with his squad of would-be motor cyclists. They appear to be doing well, although our lofty Provost finds it very awkward to see where he is going "with his head tucked underneath his arm." The instructional bike was the first to suffer. Barron of the Regimental Police didn't like the rake of its front forks. These he tried to adjust with the aid of a car (head on). He found, however, that it is impossible to ride a motor cycle with the front wheel wrapped gracefully round the cylinder. It happened to be Tug's machine who, on receipt of the news, did a wrathful fan-belt, sorry, fan-dance around the Majdal perimeter. Tug, by the way, finds that particular spot extremely pleasant. He seldom visits Sarafand; if he does honour us with a visit, he never stays longer than he can possibly help.

Our six-wheelers are being gradually replaced by a new type which looks like a battleship and behaves like a crippled destroyer in a Pacific cyclone. However, when the diver gets properly acquainted with it, there is nothing to fear—not for him, anyway, but what of the pedestrian?

A few of us went to Haifa with the M.T.O. to collect a couple of vehicles last week. Ike, I believe, went for the sole purpose of inspecting the local Corporals' Mess, or that which can be had at the Mess (in glass jugs, capacity one pint). He enjoyed himself so much, he tells me, that he will volunteer for the next Haifa run.

It is rumoured that we are to be issued with ten carriers. I have decided that immediately these infernal (internal) machines are sighted from the Jaffa Gate I will install myself with a large supply of rations, a glass of water and a Mars bar, in the water tower, remaining there until either the carriers are out of action or they succeed in bringing me down plus the tower. I still haven't recovered the weight I lost in dodging the trucks on their arrival, and I do not relish being mangled in the tracks of an angry carrier.

Before going to press, we must congratulate Sgt. McCormack of the bald patch complex, Sgt. Ringe of the Rehovet complex, and he of the *Dragon* notes on their recent promotion. Now we can safely say "We'll push some poor unfortunate up the boat roll."

A.B.5(L).

No. 3 Group.

We welcome to the fold Sgt. Kille on his arrival from England, at the same time congratulating him on his promotion to Sergeant. I wonder what really caused the breaking up of that combination—the "Cadbury Twins"?

It is noticed that Baldy has already gripped our new O.R.C. for his hockey team. At last our intellectual merchant is acquiring a sense of proportion. In fact we may still see ourselves shine at the top of the league table yet!

Baldy has now completed the first part of his examination for the First Class Certificate and is anxiously waiting for the results to be published. In the meantime he regales us with exceptionally long words which, I think, nobody understands except himself. This, I was informed, is due to his Welsh temperament, and coming to think of it, I do remember seeing some long names on boards at Welsh railway stations.

Our Smudger recently lost a battle and found himself condemned to work for unlimited periods, not in the salt mines, but on that nasty thing known as the Stoppage Book. I must say though, whatever the circumstances he still smiles his way through. The only thing he actually misses is that afternoon's rest, but as he is ably replaced by Brown "V", who in spite of his phonetic duties still manages to get in 16 hours sleep out of 24, I think Smith should act like the sportsman he is, and hand over the laurels to Victor.

Higgs recently spent a week in that delectable and breezy Tel Aviv. A few days after his departure a message was received to the effect that the necessary was running low. I have come to the conclusion that our friend has always been grossly misunderstood, and that he is not as slow as he looks. Putting this aside, surely it is not essential, Harry, to take the family of that glamorous Tel Avivian out as well. After all, two is company, three is a crowd?

For health reasons, P.T. parades were started a few days ago. After about three false alarms owing to weather conditions, the group, less the "old crocks," are to be seen skipping down the road like fairies. It is a pity this elated feeling does not last for the remainder of the morning, as quite a number here have been seen wandering about in a tired and exhausted condition on their return.

One item which needs mentioning is the mechanization of the battalion criminologist. He may be seen, on application, speeding through barracks (I did not say barrack-rooms). The instructor cannot quite make his mind up as to whether the bike is proceeding under its own steam or is being pushed along. Anyway, a larger size of motor cycle has been indented for and it has been suggested that it should be housed in one of the hangars at Lydda Airport.

Here follows No. 2 of our series of Group Personalities.

Sgt. Hoy. Cook-Sergeant. Hobbies—Darts, hockey, training food spoilers. Occasionally can be seen at Rishon. Excuse given—"Watching football."

RENE.

Carrier Platoon.

First of all, I think our lads on these various detachments would like to know how their chums still in barracks are faring. Well chaps, all two of them still at duty are happy and contented on H.Q. Company's well-worn Guard Roll. Of course, they are scarcely noticeable on such a mighty list of approximately one

dozen duty men, but nevertheless they are doing their bit. Those of our men who are employed help out with the inlying picquet, with now and then an escort.

Jack Raine has seen quite a lot of S.D. recently; not that the dress is outstanding among so many soldiers, but that shining new dodger sure catches the eye and maybe needs airing. The same buddy has entered into a state of m— Ah, no! not what you think! but mechanisation. He is to be seen with his back well arched, burning up the roads on a racy green push bike. To prove just how much catching he takes, our local constabulary have all commenced a motor cycle course.

In the hope of enticing more permanent residents into our room, the Platoon Sergeant has purchased a brand new wireless set. By posting a paper megaphone over the keyhole we get a spanking reception, all bucks. We get the latest news, which saves us a piastre a day, and lots of lovely music, with now and then the "Lambeth Walk" for a change. Sometimes we get the local highway, but as they haven't yet devised a means whereby the M.T. can creep past on tip-toe, that cannot be helped. It was through the medium of this set that we learned of the existence of a lonely Corporal at Yibna. We hope the record they put over at his request helped to chase his blues away.

Bunny has left us for a spell with England, Home and Beauty. He has been selected to attend a daily dozen course at Aldershot. We hope the instructors won't make it too stiff for him for on his return he will no doubt be in a position to take it out of our hides. Spare the old 'uns, Bunny.

Our group was well represented in the mammoth list of promotions recently published. Our congratulations go to all who were mentioned in dispatches.

Jingles was in spending a week-end with us and, believe it or not, we did a spot of duty. We were sorry we failed to induce him to extend his holiday, so that our Guard Roll could have welcomed him as well as the B.O. List.

Tick came into barracks on escort to the leave party and it was noticed that the stitches retaining the sleeves of his tunic have been strengthened somewhat. I guess a dhurrie rope will be necessary to hold that crown in position, Peachy.

The Carriers' salaams to all our friends.

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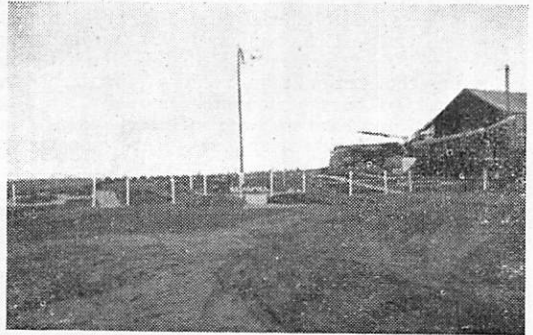
"A" Company.

Congratulations are due to P.S.M. Sovico, L/Sgts. Watts and Cullen, Cpl. D. Johnson and L/Cpls. Tucker and Finch on being promoted or appointed to the ranks stated and the two last-named to Paid Lance-Corporals.

ALLSOPP'S KENNEL CLUB.—This is a new business opened by the above-named. He commenced with five pups but the cold and wet weather claimed three of them; the other two are growing into fine animals. Allsopp, the proprietor of the concern, gave the three deceased a very good burial and each grave is marked with the name of the puppy.

LEDGERTON'S "TORTUGA GARDENS" are now under entirely new management. Sigm. McKay has taken over this flourishing business. He hopes to obtain the contract from the Zoological Gardens for supplying them with tortoise.

The spare ground within the perimeter of No. 7 Post is gradually being cultivated by the men—when they have a few minutes to spare they are out digging. It reminds them of their schoolboy days, when each boy was given a plot of ground to cultivate. Basil makes great efforts to bring his plot up to the same standard



No. 8 Post. Al Raidal. [Cpl. H. Lutter

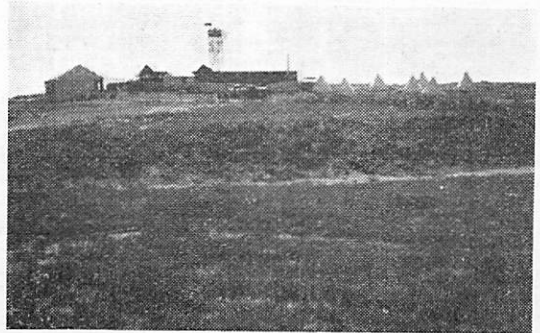
as Chinney's, but I'm afraid that I agree with the remainder of the platoon—that it is useless trying. Pack it up, Basil, or are you trying to get that bronze looking skin that all *Hansom* young men have? The females like it!

Entertainments are plentiful now. In the canteen we have a wireless set, darts and occasionally a whist drive is held with the C.S.M. as the able M.C. A certain person said that he looked like Ned Sparkes as he had a big cigar in the corner of his mouth. We still have the travelling cinema call on us about every ten days. This sometimes interferes with the whist drive, but as you can guess, the cinema comes first.

A little while ago a certain man thought that "Flysol" was meant to be used in high power lamps. He seemed quite indignant when he was told that Kerosene was the liquid used.

After a long absence of leave and hospital, Pte. Histed rejoined us from England. He has soon settled down to the routine again. Many of the last draft thought that he was a "Rookie" and was out of England for the first time. What a shock for some of them when they find out the true facts!

No. 1 is still trying to tell us that he is one of the seven wonders of the world. No. 1 is, by the way, a B/C. attached to us.



No. 8 Post. Al Raidal. [Cpl. H. Lutter

No. 8 Post.

This is No. 8 Post speaking. Yes, this is No. 8 Platoon of "A" Company, present occupants. We are situated on the Lydda—Kantara railway line on a rise some 250 yards from the line, surrounded by apparent desert in the dry season, but at present the view is composed of expanses of green which the "Locals" hope will prove a good harvest of corn later in the year. A larger "chunk" of blue Mediterranean



Cpl. H. Lutter.

Mess Room. No. 8 Post.

is visible beyond the coastal sand dunes and has proved to be an hour's walk from here. I have heard that several persons had a new lease of life when returning from a shore visit and couldn't resist sliding down the steep dunes, but one fellow's heart failed him when asked to climb up again "for another go."

In wet weather our only means of transport is the good old "Shanks' pony," or a lift on an occasional train. The nearest metalled road is some miles away.

It is quite comfortable here now. Having permitted No. 7 Platoon to build the post and endure the first few months of rain while living in tents, we relieved them when all was completed, huts erected, etc.

From time to time various articles have been sent out from the "Q" Branch, reluctant to part with them, and have helped to make life more bearable—such things as vapour lamps and petrol cooker, and best of all a radio, received from Company Headquarters a few days ago, and we are hoping that the battery will last "Forever."

The chief problem is the water supply. We have a large tank at the side of the line which is kept filled from water wagons on trains. A pipe one inch in diameter runs from the tank to the post, with many corner joints and bends, so that persuading the life-giving fluid to flow up the hill into smaller tanks in the post with the aid of a small hand pump is no easy job, and as the strong men of the platoon have shown, handles made of cast iron soon break. When this happens we have to rely on the motor tank. There have been awkward moments when the motor tank has been filled to capacity and the engine refuses to run, in fact one day the starting handle was turned so many times that I was sure that the main spring had been overwound. However, so far we have escaped the added pleasure of doing guard over vehicles which have become temporarily incapacitated.

Under the versatile guidance of P.S.M. Sirett we have created a large garden complete with flagstaff and paths laid down between the huts. The paths caused much labour, and cries of "More stones and toif here" were heard for several weeks. We christened the post "Seaview," and one could imagine R.A.F. observers in low-flying 'planes turning over all the pages in the code book and searching for the name "Seaview" during the first few days, as the H.K. had a back seat in things, but now it is included in the scheme suitably laid out with turf and stones in letters ten feet long.

To ensure the safe passage of trains, it is our job constantly to patrol the line looking for signs of sabotage. Recently one or two persons have been more concerned with looking for tortoises instead of land mines. There was one man who thought he saw a bomb between the rails and on closer inspection saw it was the dear old "torty" half buried in the sand. Another person recounting the exciting capture of a tortoise, firmly stated that it ran round a bush but he was too quick for it.

There are many hobbies here—breeding fowls and pigeons and training hedgehogs and tortoises. The fowls' eggs eaten at one sitting takes some beating, so we let Ossie win.

We are fortunate in having an able Canteen Manager who should do well in "grocery and provisions" in civilian life. He certainly mastered that secret method of transferring "Allsopp's" from bottle to tankard without spilling a drop of the precious liquid.

OTHER PEOPLE'S HUMOUR.

Voice at the end of the 'phone: "Can I see the P.S.M., please?" Guard Commander: "What do you think this is, a ruddy telescope?"

Who was the Guard Commander who 'phoned to Company Headquarters saying the signaller was trying to get through to No. 9 Post by Helio? Oh, it was a dark and stormy night. Smart work!

Who put the cartoon on "Hints about Gardening" on the P.S.M.'s table?

Who was so keen to get Sofia on the radio, and is she a blonde?

Who said "The Arabs have cut the wireless aerial"? No names, no gingernuts.

Guard Commander, bored by persistent Arab ringing on the 'phone and asking "Alloo Ramleh," said "Get off the line, the wires are cut," and sure enough the night patrol found this to be only too true when they walked to No. 9 Post and informed them the wires *had* been cut down.

While the cat plays the tortoises away, and is this cat a musician?

Doss.

P.S.—On No. 7 Post to No. 8 Post. Well, Well! Whitewash.

"B" Company.

No. 10 Post, YIBNA.

Although there have been many happenings in the world during the past month, I regret to say that there has been very little happening in Yibna.

We still do our "Landmine Stroll" and also our "Night Walks," with or without the aid of the moon.

Promotions were published the other day, and the post congratulate C.Q.M.S. Siverson on a well-earned Crown to add to his stripes; also L/Sgt. Barker, attached to us from H.Q., on entering the Sergeants' Mess. Two other N.C.O.'s of the company were also mentioned, Cpl. Champion and L/Cpl. Green, the

former to full rank and the latter to Paid Lance-Corporal. Both these N.C.O.'s belong to the platoon although they have been "loaned" (press gang methods) to Bir Salim. Once again, congratulations.

This, I am afraid, concludes our notes. I could, of course, write quite a lot on such things as "Spring Madness of Gore" and "Poynter's quest for Miss Rehovot." These things, I am afraid, will not be read in our notes.

NO. 11 POST, BIR SALIM.

Same address as last month and "Situation normal". Section posts are still maintained and patrols and guards shine forth at regular intervals on our daily detail. A monotonous life and many of us yearn to go back to "Romantic India." However, occasional picture parties and local football matches with our Jewish neighbours help to keep us from getting bored.

L/Cpl. Tookey and Pte. Collison have departed from our midst, both bound for the "Pukka Promised Land."

Sgt. Ivey, who has been suffering mental anguish, has sat for his First Class Certificate. Here's to success. He is still young and frisky, so we hope the War Office will order a baton from Ordnance for him.

Congratulations to the N.C.O.'s who have been promoted and others who were paid for their Lance stripe.

During the month the detachment were visited by the D.A.Q.M.G. and the C.O.

NO. 12 PLATOON, LYDDA STATION.

There has not been a great deal of interest this month, and not having yet completed my correspondence course as an author I find it a little difficult to reel off one of those bright and snappy compositions that delight our readers.

The radio refuses to break down in spite of a working programme of 25 hours per day.

None of our platoon have bitten our dog yet, and the cat has given up the idea of using Bryant's kit-bag as a nursery. The lads of the village don't seem very enthusiastic about getting their names in the papers these days.

Most of the platoon have had their three days' spree at Tel Aviv. We are fortunate in that respect, having been given permission to proceed via the Tel Aviv train, instead of M.T., therefore benefiting by an extra night at Tel Aviv.

Whilst writing of trains, I would like to take this opportunity of joining the platoon in congratulating L/Cpl. Carson on being awarded the Military Medal. No doubt there will be a description of the act for which the award was made elsewhere in this issue. However, as L/Cpl. Carson was a member of this platoon at the time, we repeat, heartiest congratulations!

In addition to a Sergeant of "B" Company purloining our gunfire at odd hours from 3 to 6 a.m., we are now obliged to supply a grocer from "A" Company on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He, however, pays for his liquid refreshment, and at least refrains from passing caustic remarks about hospitality.

Our Platoon Commander is very happy now. His knees have acquired the requisite shade of tan and he no longer feels uncomfortable in shorts and putties. Query—shortage of iodine?

We are looking forward to a change of quarters in the near future. There has been intensive hammering and sawing going on at the end of the platform, much to the annoyance of our night-lurkers. But it is a

cracked pitcher that blows nobody any stitches, and the din has been caused during the erection of a nice new bungalow. It is almost complete, and there is much speculation among the enterprising members of our community. Patterns of wall-paper and materials for curtains have all been discussed vividly. Boxall was heard to say that there is some lovely cretonne in Tel Aviv at one and eleven three!

One of our number, a true son of Kent, both by name and nature, has left us joining his brother in our sister regiment. We wish him all success and happiness in his new surroundings, and trust that he has some pleasant memories of his short stay with us.

SHORT, SHORT STORY.

"Oi, Porky! How do you spell Elizabeth?"
PORKY: "M-I-R-I-A-M."

NOTICE.

Any person or persons unknown wishing to see the original manuscript of "The Man who Slept through Pay Parade," please apply to L/Cpl. Sims on the 32nd of any month with a z in it, till I return from hiding.

B.A.S.L.

"C" Company.

Our hearty congratulations go to L/Cpl. Carson, who has been awarded the Military Medal. It will be remembered that he was blown up by a landmine on the Lydda—Jerusalem railway line. "C" Company are justly proud of him as he is the first Buff to be awarded the Military Medal since the Great War. It gives me great pleasure to be able to relate that he is rapidly recovering and will soon be back in the company once again.

We welcome to the company C.Q.M.S. Farrell, who has taken the place of C.Q.M.S. Hicks. I am afraid that he will miss the once familiar faces, but it is hoped that he will soon get to know the new ones. I see that he has soon settled down, and it is hoped that his stay will be a pleasure in the "land of milk and honey."

Lieut. Rawlings has been attached to "A" Company for a period. It is hoped that he will enjoy his stay in the wilds of Al Majdal. Of course, the faithful servant, "Fats" Waller has gone also. I suppose he will return with hair-raising stories of great battles, etc.

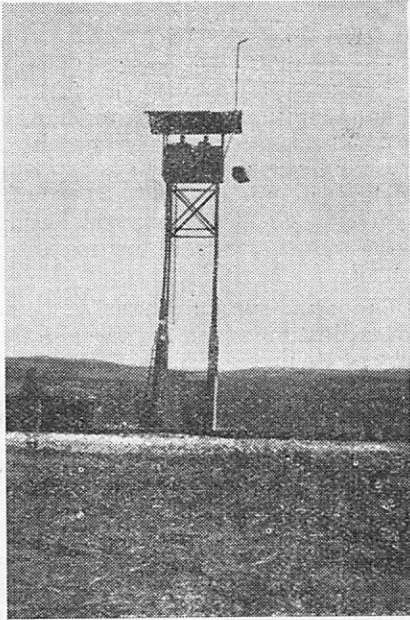
Ptes. Abel and Co. have had quite a busy time, what with escorts, kit inspection and drill parades, and soon realised that they were in barracks. Ptes. Clark and Mitchell have very often been seen near the Company Office; I believe they were enquiring into the subject of boats, but unfortunately they are none the wiser now. Mitchell said that if something did not happen soon about his going home he would have to borrow the small boat from outside the Signal Section Store and trust to luck.

At last the company has been able to arrange two games of football and two of hockey. The results were as follows:—

FOOTBALL.—v "Z" Company, R.N.F., draw 3—3; v "W" Company, R.N.F., won 2—1. The match against "W" Company, R.N.F., was in the Small Units Knock-out Tournament, so "C" Company live to fight another day.

HOCKEY.—v "Z" Company, R.N.F., draw 1—1; v "A" Company, Beds. & Herts., lost 4—1. The match against "A" Company, Beds. & Herts. was in the Small Units Knock-out Tournament. "C" Company were rather unlucky, and it seemed that we simply could not get the ball into the net, whereas The Beds. & Herts. missed none of their chances.

G.E.J.J.



Watch Tower. Kafr Sirkin.

“D” Company.

During this month we have been very fortunate in the small units football and hockey, our football team winning 2—1 against our camp companions, the 8th Railway Company, R.E.'s, and the hockey team winning 4—1 against “B” Company, Beds. & Herts. Regiment. Both teams are now waiting anxiously for the second round draw, so good luck and may they win.

One very important event this month was the arrival of our late C.O., Colonel Whitacre Allen, at Lydda Airport, on his way to Jerusalem. He was met by Major Penlington, Commanding the Lydda Detachment.

We must heartily congratulate L/Cpl. Carson of “C” Company on being awarded the M.M., a very fine example from a very young soldier. Well done, Carson!

We welcome to this company Pte. Barnes from the M.T., who we hope will enjoy his stay. Cpl. Gray and Pte. Roots have gone home to Netley. We wish them both *bon voyage* and a speedy recovery. Cpl. Hurley has gone to Bovington on a Maintenance Course (some people certainly know how to do it!). When you come back we all expect you to show us the correct way to pump tyres and wash cars.

Once again rumours have developed into reality and since Part II Orders arrived yesterday quite a lot of activity has taken place around the area of the Tailor's Shop. On information received we must congratulate P.S.M. Pattenden, C.Q.M.S. Bridgman, Sgt. Howe and Cpl. Ray on their promotions; and also L/Cpls. Johnson and Smith on gaining their pay of appointment. To help matters along, our Armourer-Sergeant Gibbs happened to be making a tour of Lydda, so with some help from the members of the 8th Railway Company Mess we were able to wet the stars and stripes. Sgt. Howe has suddenly realised that he is entitled to a

free issue sash and 1d. per month allowance for it, so believe me, the Quarter Bloke got no rest until the necessary forms were completed.

P.S.M. Hills is busily spending his time flying to Kafr Sirkin and back. What the company would do without this very active member is hard to say. The storeman is now out of hospital, so once again we hear the old favourite “No, we haven't got any,” which reminds me, talking of the storeman, he wants to know the whereabouts of the late C.Q.M.S. Crump. So please, Editor, would you help?

Having at last come to the end of my tether, I will ring off, but before I finally close, would someone please inform Sgt. Buffy Howe what a “forks flesh” is—he thinks it's his fingers.

H.A.P.

New Uniform for A.T.S.

ISSUES of uniform for the Auxiliary Territorial Service (women) have now begun, and in a short time all the members of this Service will be clothed in it. Members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service wear this uniform when assisting at the Territorial Army information bureau at the Mansion House, which was opened recently. Since the serge which is used for the uniforms issued to troops was considered unsuitable for wear by the Auxiliary Territorial Service a special cloth had to be manufactured for the new uniforms.

These uniforms are made of what is officially described as a drab material, but its shade is exactly the same as that of any other khaki Army uniform. The cap, jacket and skirt are all of the same shade, and their pattern is that shown in the Auxiliary Territorial Service recruiting poster. The cap allows plenty of room for the wearer's hair, while affording ample protection against the elements. The jacket is cut on the same lines as that of an Army officer, with ample room in the pockets. A plain cloth belt of the same material is attached to it. The skirt is a plain one, gored, with one side placket with pocket incorporated. It hangs 13½ in. from the ground.

Free of Cost.

In addition to the main articles of uniform, a shirt, collars, and tie are provided. These are in a shade similar to that of the jacket and skirt. Stockings and brown leather shoes are also provided. A raincoat with a detachable lining is issued for wear in bad weather, and all members will receive an overall for wear when engaged on duties which might involve dirtying the khaki uniform. Motor-drivers will also receive a pair of stout gauntlet gloves.

The whole of this uniform is provided free of cost to members. It should be both effective and serviceable. Its design and details were carefully considered in the first place by a committee of women with experience of active service conditions in the Great War.

Past and Present Association, Deal and Walmer Branch—LADIES' GUILD, *continued from page 162.*

The members were asked if they would care to have a hand of whist after the business of the next meeting. All hands went up for this, so the Assistant Hon. Secretary promised to bring the cards along.

Tea was then served and a very happy meeting came to a close.

G.M.

The 2nd Battalion



THE climate peculiar to Pembrokeshire has given us a foretaste of the warmth to come. So much so, that picnics and bathing parties have already started, at which the more enthusiastic of us have attended.

The golf course at Tenby has also come into frequent use and on a fine day with no wind is a delightful spot.

In passing, we would like to congratulate Lieut.

H. R. Grace on retaining possession of the trophies he won at the Buffs Golfing Society Meeting in October.

It is good news to hear that a team has been entered for the Army Golf Championship this year, and we wish them every success.

Hunting has been drawing to a close with two or three most delightful days in the country and two most excellent hunts, whilst Captain Craddock and Mr. Edlemann have been preparing their horses for the local point-to-points, one of which, the South Pembrokeshire, took place on Easter Monday. It was a grand day, not a cloud in the sky and very little wind. Capt. Craddock's "Jane" and Mr. Edlemann's "Tommy" had been entered for the members' race, and although there were six horses entered, there was only one other starter.

"Jane" took the lead at the start and was going well for the first six or seven fences, when Capt. Craddock was seen to part company for some reason. Then followed a close race between "Tommy" and the other horse until they both refused a nasty bank, one from the last. After many efforts and the borrowing of a spectator's stick, "Tommy" got over first, followed closely by the other horse and although "Tommy" was leading at the last jump, he was beaten on the run in. Meanwhile, Capt. Craddock was again seen to be in difficulties when his horse lay down on top of a bank (by the way, all fences are banks in this part of the country), but nothing daunted, Capt. Craddock remounted to finish third a distance behind the other two. An excellent effort, considering neither horses nor jockeys had raced over banks before. These two horses have also been entered in the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-to-Point on 20th April. We wish the riders the best of luck.

Lieuts. Nash and Bossom paid us a visit for three weeks. We hope their stay was a pleasant one.

The Regimental cross-country team must be congratulated on coming in fifth in the Army Championships. The team had a very difficult task this year, partly through losing some of their best runners and partly owing to the difficulty in finding suitable grounds for training over. The latter was a considerable set-back as there is nowhere but roads to train on here.

The Band, under Bandmaster W. B. Foster, gave an excellent Concert in the Gymnasium one Sunday evening. This was attended by members of the Royal Artillery and Royal Air Force and also many others from outside. It was appreciated by all very much indeed.

Capt. Bruce and Lieut. Anderson went to Chester for their Promotion Examination. We hope they will not have to take it again.

Territorial expansion has made its weight felt here as in other parts. Lieut. Anderson has been selected to go to Canterbury to assist in the raising of another battalion. We shall miss him here and hope that he will enjoy his stay in Canterbury as much as his few months at Pembroke Dock.

Boxing.

A Novices' Boxing Competition was held on March 28th and 29th. A total entry of 35 provided some spirited if not always skilful boxing. At the conclusion of the competition the Commanding Officer presented medals to winners and runners-up. Pte. Creswell, "B" Company, was awarded the best losers' prize.

The following were the results:—

MIDDLEWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Wood, "C" Company v Pte. Ealdon, H.Q. Company. First round went to Ealdon, who proved stronger than Wood. Both used their left to advantage. The second round was rather dull, neither appearing to take the initiative. Ealdon soon had his opponent tired and won on points. Woods is to be congratulated on a very good fight against a stronger opponent.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Lucas ("D" Company) v Pte. Creswell ("B" Company). A real hard-hitting fight with Lucas a little stronger in the opening round. There was too much wild swinging and their guards were not high enough. Both should learn to box with their brains. Considering that these two men knew practically nothing of the finer points of the game, both put up a really good show, Creswell eventually tiring Lucas out and winning by a narrow margin.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (1st Series).—L/Cpl. Copley ("A" Company) v Pte. Russell ("D" Company). A very good fight during the short time it lasted, but Copley, being the more experienced, won on a knock-out in the first round.

WELTERWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Cookham ("C" Company) v Pte. Parkhouse (H.Q. Wing). Two very good men who were as keen as mustard. Both used their

lefts well but were inclined to leave their bodies uncovered, thus presenting considerable targets. Parkhouse must learn to use his left more and stand in closer. This was a real fast and well-contested fight and both shewed signs of making really good boxers. Cookham, who used his left to advantage, won by a slender margin on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Finnigan ("D" Company) *v* Pte. Bing (H.Q. Wing). Two men who were very evenly matched and of the fighter rather than the boxer type and put all they had into it. Finnigan lost. He should learn to stand more erect rather than crouch right down.

LIGHTWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Young (H.Q. Wing) *v* Pte. Dancer ("C" Company). A very good fight, and closely contested. Both made use of their lefts and both shewed good footwork, especially Dancer, who quite lived up to his name. He narrowly won on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT (1st Series).—Boy Woods (H.Q. Wing) *v* Pte. Perrin (H.Q. Wing). Woods fought very well against a man who appeared to have some experience of the ring. The standard of boxing in this fight was very good and both are to be congratulated on a really good show. The left lead was used to advantage by both men, and Woods, who seemed to punch harder, was a narrow winner. Both should do well in the ring.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Bailey ("B" Company) *v* Pte. Pearce (H.Q. Wing). A real hard-hitting fight between two very heavy men who had plenty of stamina but have a lot to learn about boxing. Pte. Bailey won on points.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (1st Series).—Pte. Banyard ("D" Company) *v* L/Cpl. Parish ("A" Company). This started in promising style, but eventually the fight was stopped in the second round, L/Cpl. Parish, a much heavier man, proving the stronger.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Fisher ("B" Company) *v* Pte. Hart ("D" Company). They should learn to keep their guards up and use their lefts more. Fisher, who won in the second round, should try not to crouch too low as he might hurt his opponent with his head or catch a nasty one himself.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Coe ("D" Company) *v* Pte. Fenwick ("C" Company). Not a very interesting fight. Pte. Coe, who used his left to advantage, scored well and easily against a very slow opponent, and eventually won on points.

WELTERWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Frost ("B" Company) *v* Pte. Woods (H.Q. Wing). A jolly good fight. Woods, being the better boxer, gave Frost some very hard punches and won in the second round with a right swing to the jaw.

WELTERWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Raines ("A" Company) *v* Pte. Crumplin ("D" Company). Crumplin hit very hard and kept his man on the move all the time. He put up a very good show and won in the second round, the fight being stopped.

WELTERWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Crew ("A" Company) *v* Pte. Rowan ("C" Company). Crew won in the second round with a right to the jaw. He was fast and punched hard and should try to box.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (2nd Series).—L/Cpl. Doyle ("C" Company) *v* Pte. Ealden (H.Q. Wing). Both boxers are to be congratulated on a very good fight, especially Ealden, who had already had one hard fight earlier on in the evening. He appeared to be tired against Doyle, who was very fast and used his left very hard and quickly. Doyle won on points.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Cresswell ("B" Company) *v* L/Cpl. Copley ("A" Company). Both

boxers had already had one fight in the evening and Pte. Cresswell is to be congratulated on putting up such a plucky show against a much more experienced boxer, L/Cpl. Copley winning on points.

WELTERWEIGHT (2nd Series).—Pte. Penn ("A" Company) *v* Pte. Cookham ("C" Company). Penn, who appeared much stronger, knocked-out Cookham, who had already had one hard fight, in the first round.

LIGHTWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. May ("C" Company) *v* Pte. Bing (H.Q. Wing). A well-contested fight between two keen men who boxed very well. They used good straight punches, which is a change from the usual swinging one sees in Novices Competitions. May won by a knock-out in the second round, but it seemed a lucky punch to the jaw.

LIGHTWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Dancer ("C" Company) *v* Boy Woods (H.Q. Wing). Woods kept his man going from the first and not even the ring craft of Dancer saved him. He followed Dancer round the ring, punishing his man heavily, and eventually won in the second round with a knock-out. Dancer did not do so well as in his fight of the previous evening, but he might have done better if he had kept up to Woods.

WELTERWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Woods (H.Q. Wing) *v* Pte. Crumplin ("D" Company). Woods had Crumplin well in hand, but hit a little low. He should try and keep his punches higher up in the body. Crumplin did very well, scored well with his left, and put up a good show against a better boxer. The third round was very furious and both men put up a good fight. Woods won on points, but he should learn to keep his head when things are mixed.

WELTERWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Crew ("A" Company) *v* Pte. Penn ("A" Company). An excellent fight between two men who put all they had into their boxing. Crew was a little erratic and should try not to swing his punches as they seldom score and waste energy. Penn boxed well against a more forceful man, but they are both to be congratulated on fighting almost to a standstill. Penn won on points.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Fisher ("B" Company) *v* Pte. Coe ("B" Company). In this fight Fisher almost telegraphed his punches, and did not take advantage of leading at a slower man. Coe boxed exceedingly well and was able to keep out of Fisher's reach and that hard right punch which won him his fight in the final. A good fight which Fisher won.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (Semi-final).—L/Cpl. Doyle ("C" Company) *v* L/Cpl. Copley ("A" Company). Another good show, but Copley keeping his head, had Doyle on the defensive all the time. The second round was more interesting and Doyle took some heavy punishment, but kept going. In the third round Doyle tried to gain some extra points but rather forgot to punch straight and most of his punches failed to meet the target. Copley won as the result of good boxing.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Bailey ("B" Company) *v* L/Cpl. Parish ("A" Company). Both men boxed well, but Bailey scored more points by using his left. Parish hit hard but lost a lot of time and energy from keeping his guard very low. Bailey won by a knock-out in the second round from a real hard punch to the jaw.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. Wills ("A" Company) *v* L/Cpl. Sherman ("B" Company). Sherman won with a knock-out in the first round. He had the advantage of reach and Wills could not get near his opponent.

FEATHERWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Birt *v* Pte. Holbrook ("C" Company). Two well-matched men who fought

extremely well all the time. Holbrook had a tendency to swing his punches, which would have been dangerous against a faster man. Still, he won by some good points scored on the body. Quite a good fight and both should be worth watching in the future.

LIGHTWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. May ("C" Company) v Boy Woods (H.Q. Wing). A real hard fight, but May proved too strong for Woods, who was knocked out after having taken some heavy punishment on the face. Woods should prove a good boxer with a little more experience.

WELTERWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Woods (H.Q. Wing) v Pte. Penn ("A" Company). Another excellent fight, but Penn had Woods on the defensive all the time, and neither gave away too much. It might have proved a little more interesting if Woods had not crouched too often, which rather upset his man and slowed up the fight. Woods was rather tired from his previous hard contest and Penn was awarded a win.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Fisher ("B" Company) v L/Cpl. Copley ("A" Company). In the first round Fisher had to make use of ring craft to keep out of Copley's reach and useful left, but went down in the second round from a heavy right from Fisher. He shewed great stamina and got up to carry on. Fisher produced a deadly right later on and had Copley down again and won by a knock-out. A really good fight which proved the excellent spirit of both men.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Bailey ("B" Company) v L/Cpl. Sherman ("B" Company). Sherman again won with a knock-out in the first round.

Cross-Country Running.

As the cross-country running season has now finished I should like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the team for the support they have given me during this season. Training has not been easy by any means, but they have all rallied round as a team, and as the results of the Army Championship shew, we were not far behind the winners.

In particular I should like to thank P.S.M. Hurley for his invaluable assistance, and for all the hard work he has put in by helping to train the team.

The Army Championship was held at Windsor on March 23rd, over a very fast course. Although the journey to and from Windsor by 'bus was a little shaking for some people, a most enjoyable three days was spent at Windsor, due largely to the very kind hospitality of The Scots Guards with whom we stayed. I think the race can best be summed up by giving the individual performances of our team.

P.S.M. HURLEY.—Had a brilliant day, and ran one of his finest races. He was the first man home of the battalion team.

PTE. SWAINE.—Ran a good race, but the pace proved too fast for him.

PTE. HOLDSWORTH.—Ran a great race. This is his first appearance in an Army Championship and next year he should do even better.

L/CPL. PEARCEY.—Ran well, but was not as far up as I expected.

L/CPL. HARRISON.—This runner has improved this year. He should do well for many more seasons yet.

L/CPL. THOMPSON.—A newcomer to Army running. Ran a very fine race for his first performance. With experience he will improve even further.

L/CPL. DEVINE.—Although he has run well throughout the season, he was not quite up to his usual form.

CPL. TATE.—Ran a very good race indeed. He has improved marvellously throughout the season through sheer doggedness and determination.

PTE. McDONALD.—A newcomer from abroad who ran very well.

PTE. SAXBY.—Usually a very good runner, he had the misfortune to be off form slightly on the 23rd.

L/CPL. LINFIELD.—A good strong runner when fit. Ran quite a good race.

PTE. BELL.—A plucky and good race. He had an unfortunate accident shortly before the race which affected him.

PTE. GRAHAM.—A brilliant runner who has had a good season. Unfortunately he was far below his usual standard at Windsor and failed even to score. If he had been running well, he should have been well up near the first fifteen.

PTE. HEAVER.—Not yet strong enough for this kind of running. He does better on a heavy course.

PTE. HAMMOND.—Ran well, but I expected to see him higher. A good strong runner when fit.

Result of Army Championship :—

1. 2nd Battalion, D.C.L.I....	...	...	420
2. 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshires	...	...	494
3. 2nd Battalion, Hampshires	...	...	521
4. 2nd Battalion, Lincolns	...	...	570
5. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs	...	...	593
6. 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards	...	...	689
7. 1st Battalion, Royal West Kents	...	...	887
8. 2nd Battalion, Gloucesters	...	...	974
9. 2nd Battalion, Cheshires	...	...	998

2nd Battalion, The Buffs team placings :—

P.S.M. Hurley	... 13	Pte. Swaine ...	... 17
Pte. Holdsworth	... 22	L/Cpl. Pearcey	... 29
L/Cpl. Harrison	... 40	L/Cpl. Thompson	... 50
L/Cpl. Devine	... 56	Cpl. Tate	... 57
Pte. McDonald	... 61	Pte. Saxby	... 70
L/Cpl. Linfield	... 81	Pte. Bell	... 90

Did not score :—

Pte. Graham	... 94	Pte. Heaver ...	... 114
Pte. Hammond	... 120		

To The D.C.L.I. I should like to offer our heartiest congratulations on their great victory.

In conclusion, may I express the gratitude of the team and myself to Mr. Ongley, our late trainer, who cycled over to Windsor from Borden to be present with us on the night before the race, and also to assist us on the day of the race. His advice and encouragement were greatly appreciated by all the team. Although we were unable to win, at least he had the satisfaction of knowing that we had done our best.

A.S.K.A.

Sergeants' Mess.

We have had a really hectic month in the Mess trying to house and feed our friends who had come to attend the Carrier Course. I never knew there were so many regiments in the British Army, and many of us were convinced that our knowledge of the Army List was sadly neglected. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and soon found themselves at home, and Leslie Cole, our chef de cuisine, is to be congratulated (I do like to praise this lad as he is my only hope of existence) on a gallant effort to satisfy such a host of hungry workers. Poor old Steve looked very pained at times when he found someone had encroached upon his end seat and thereby cramped his style.

Word has arrived from our friend Bill Kille that he and Amy Farrell had a most interesting trip, though somewhat rough at times, and not forgetting that nightmare journey through the Holy Land in a third class compartment. They were met by Nobby Goodsell and Lottie Blanch. We offer our congratulations to the former on his promotion to Warrant Officer, Class III.

Billy Beal has now taken up employment as a W.D. Constable at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and we wish both him and his family the very best of good fortune in the future. Our ranks of veterans are gradually thinning out, which is rather sad, but to most of our junior members it means just "one up the roll."

We welcome P.S.M. Wheeler, Sgt. Johnson and L/Sgt. White to the Mess and hope their stay with us will be happy; and also Sgt. Trebilcock, A.E.C., our new Schoolie, who is showing latent powers both on the snooker table and the ballroom.

The single members are still surviving the competition of "getting their feet under the table," and in Pembroke Dock it is very difficult to retain that glorious birthright of being a bachelor. In one case it has reached the stage of dropping in for a cup of Horlick's in lieu of remaining on the doorstep, and even mother sends eggs for tea now.

The R.A. Garrison Mess invited us to a very nice dance at their Mess and gave us a jolly fine evening. It seems as if we are almost doomed to wake up on Saturday morning feeling heavy and cursing the folly of walking home, especially when you knew she lived miles out of your way. My praise goes out to Moggy Catt and his super strength. The very sight of him heading the ball on the soccer field on a Saturday afternoon sends cold shudders down my spine.

We played our annual game of hockey against the Corporals and won 2-1 after a very interesting game, and now look forward to our match with the Officers on the new hard ground which has been put down in barracks.

The billiard handicap is going well and a certain amount of subtle "nattering" from the spectators keeps the games from becoming too serious. Tiffy Shoosmith and Moggy have been at great disadvantage and the sympathies of all have been aroused. Some generous fellow offered a fag box, but Tiffy swears he will invest in a step-ladder before the next tournament.

A shoot has been held in the Miniature Range and P.S.M. Osborne obtained the top score, but we were very sorry to see that the Sergeant-Major had a night off. Knowing my Depot reputation, one Company Sergeant-Major put up a small packet of cigarettes as a wager, and I hope he remembers my score. I can still hear him whispering words of gentle encouragement into my ear when I used to close my eyes and pull the trigger.

It might be of interest to know that the Drum-Major has at last broken his 15 years record. He actually went off on a week-end, but such is the price of fame and he will now have to think of another story to uphold his reputation as a pukka sahib.

Our Annual Ball is to take place on April 21st, and already the Committee has set to work. It is most gratifying to know that these functions are much appreciated by our local guests, and I am convinced that we will be sorry to leave Pembroke Dock when the time comes along, but perhaps, being a single member, I am a little optimistic, as I know the feelings of my fellows, and the back seats in the cinema are most comfortable too.

Sunday rambles have now become a regular feature amongst our more energetic members, but really the countryside is most inviting and the absence of long lines of cars on the roads makes a stroll very pleasant.

Several people in their efforts to go further afield have bought cars, but the real bargain was a delightful orange-coloured affair (the owner may have been seen polishing and tuning in candle-light) which still had the petrol alleged to have been there when the car was put on blocks four years ago. What an advertisement—we should have had some of the stuff in our trucks during the frost last December, and well I remember Slim Belson's words.

Fishing is another new pastime and Bandmaster Salmon is to be seen dashing off with a neat bundle of worms under his arm. They are almost human and I have imagined that I heard them talk and say that after all the papers are right about the Army and life is good.

Our Ordnance friends are still much alive, and one is to be congratulated on his recent marriage, but we are still at a loss to know what made Fairy return with such a long face. Perhaps it was just a warning!

By the time these notes are in print we shall have had our Easter holidays, and I hope my readers will have all had a jolly good time and feel ready for the coming training season.

Before closing, I must put on record a most amazing feat which has come to my notice. Even our Wa-Wa expert was overwhelmed and we would like to know if it is true that a certain gentleman of our Regiment, when attacked by a King Cobra, had the presence of mind to tighten his muscles so that the fangs of the deadly creature were unable to harm him?

DORK.

M.T. Section.

The section has been very busy during March training young hand drivers. Indeed, we seem to be always on driving instruction or maintenance.

The Carriers have been to the fore during the month as we have had four courses for Territorials, and I understand they did very well. Cine cameras are now to be included in a Carrier Course. That is a deep one, but I think it will be well understood in the right places. The meandering purveyor of personality "The Dook," is going to the Promised Land as promised, and everyone here hopes he will find the atmosphere congenial. The ladies are very coy in the East, Ted, but I will leave you to find out things for yourself.

Congratulations to "Toik" on his promotion. How do you like being a film star, "Turk"? It must be very boring, all this fame, but perhaps you will get used to it.

The section are losing the eight Austins at long last, and in their place we are getting eight trucks. Somebody will be alright on training, for they are good to sleep in.

Next week the Signals are going to ride motorcycles as it is part of their training.

A couple of minor accidents have occurred, but they are not worth mentioning.

We shall soon be losing some of our oldest drivers to the Army Reserve, but as they go we seem to find more, so don't worry, 50 days to do.

Cpl. Creed and L/Cpl. Willoughby are back from their respective courses, and both appear to have done well.

L/Cpl. Skinner has gone to Feltham for a Driving Course, and we hope he does very well.

In conclusion, if anyone has an adding machine to spare, would they please send it along to the M.T. Office, where it will be very much appreciated?

STINKER.

Signal Section.

Well, it appears that during my last few months of honourable service I am destined to "shadow" many of our amusing personalities of the Signal Section to gather some of the unusual tit-bits for the readers of *The Dragon's* amusement and the Editor's "vetting."

To open, we deem it necessary to tell of the most unusual method our esteemed Signal Sergeant had of short circuiting our old friend D.III. He decided to short by connecting the Line terminal with the C.L. terminal. The outcome is best left to our Signal friends' imagination. Someone kindly but very tactfully suggested a perusal of the latest edition of S.T.A.A. with reference to D.III. Tests. It is reported, however, that to impress the section in general he has apparently introduced the idea of strengthening the brooms sweeping soft by an ingenious method of attaching coils of wire fixed with brass screws at the business end. This idea met with everyone's approval except our dear old pal Billington, who very explosively remarked, "Coo! More to blooming well clean."

Our educated friend Chuff, who by the way has applied to be a sub-editor of the L.L.B., after numerous afternoons walking round the country looking very business-like, devised a really wonderful map-reading scheme. His second class candidates were very enthusiastic until the opening of the scheme. Certain N.C.O.'s were to be seen perspiring very profusely and shaking their heads as if to remove some of the cobwebs which had apparently gathered round the map-reading portion of the grey matter. There were six clues which had to be reached via the most tedious routes hidden beneath stones in very neat envelopes. Now we know why the Corporals' Room was short of stationery. After quite a long struggle, all clues were found and the first pair to return to the fold were Ward and Ransom, who were rewarded by the small sum of 2/-. This undoubtedly accounts for the huge clouds of smoke issuing from their bed cots on a Thursday evening. Champ Parkhouse and Billington were a close second. Billington during the heat of the chase had the misfortune to get his glasses misty, which deterred the pair greatly. The discussion next day conducted by our learned "Professor" Chuff brought forth many interesting points which I am afraid if disclosed would cause much blushing among our worthies. Chapman, however, thought that being an old soldier he and his partner were above the walking stage, so elected to hop a car ride. This was really a good idea and being interested in the wonderful scenery apparently forgot all about clues until they discovered that they were a few miles out of their way. They decided to leave the comfortable car and promptly sat down by the roadside to hold a conference. Imagine their surprise when they were hailed by the very loud voice of Chuff, who launched a most vigorous attack on the unfortunates. He did, however, put the offenders once more on the right track with varied whispered words of encouragement. When they eventually arrived in barracks, they discovered they had missed their dinner. To this they gave vent to the Mess Orderlies and gave a very vivid account of the map hunt and its originator.

Our benevolent friend Billington, on being asked to explain a certain thing on a map (a tunnel), eager to show his skill, promptly said: "Sergeant, that is an underground tunnel." This caused Chuff to tear hard at his bald patch and take Billington in further map-reading lessons.

We are glad to welcome back from their various employed jobs our old hand Signallers for this training.

We are very pleased to say that we had three representatives in the Army Cross-Country Running. Their placings were as follows:—Cpl. Tate, 57th; Pte. Heaver, 114th; Pte. Hammond, 120th. The latter, however, we regret to say, is now unfortunately in hospital with appendicitis. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Recently, however, Big Ray was promoted to full rank, and we congratulate him. He did proceed to a mystic place called Awbert-on-Sea, accompanied by "Sarah" Simmonds, Cox and Nye. This mission caused quite a stir among the section as nobody knew what it was all about. It appears that all communications were admirably maintained all around, especially with the fair sex. Simmonds seemed to be getting his usual heap of mail. It is rumoured that he had no sooner got into his lodgings than he was seen writing pages and pages, and also enquiring as to mail timings, etc.

Taffy, when he is not studying the correct method of filling in his AFB2517 for a Vocational Course, has co-partnered with Big Ray in throwing the hammer. Ray threw it 48 ft. the other day, which is a stupendous effort. He says this is due to the excellent cuisine at a farm named "Waungelod." It was noticed that our blue-eyed baby had a few holes in his cardigan, and when he was questioned he said: "Well, they are only on the inside yet."

THINGS WE HAVE HEARD.

Nye is walking about absent-mindedly murmuring "Ada" since he received a letter from Cardigan. Who is she? It is rumoured that she is a certain fair milkmaid.

Ray is always saying "Goo Goo" in his sleep lately. We wonder if this is a fair damsel or not.

Our friend "Widow Joe" was asked to test a drum of cable the other day. The Signal Sergeant said "Get the Test Set ready," so our worthy very casually pulled out a bulb from a Lucas lamp and was trying to connect it to the Q. and I. detector. "Too long in the Mess-room!" promptly said the Signal Sergeant.

Why does "Sarah" blush at the mention of "Rocks Gallery" and fish and chips? Has this anything to do with a stay at Whitland? We always thought "Rocks Gallery" was a collection of stones. "Sarah" has, however, discovered a new version though.

Well, to conclude this month's notes, we send our greetings to Sgt. Kennedy and all 1st Battalion Signallers.

"A" Company.

We commence this month by congratulating L/Sgts. Surridge and White on their promotion. Well done, both of you, and may you soon get the full rank.

The second Field Engineering Course has just come to a satisfactory close. We understand the N.C.O.'s thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact, a certain P.S.M., not of this company, has since been seen building a cut and cover in his garden, apparently putting into practice what he has been taught before he goes to Hythe to attend another course. We understand that a bite in barbed wire is a tough proposition to some people, and that it is a good job some half-filled sandbags were needed for the revetment of a trench, otherwise some people would not have been able to carry out their task in the time allotted. Our C.S.M. was seen chuckling to

himself again as he watched us carrying our sandbags. He has been seen chuckling quite a lot lately, and seems to have a particular interest in the month of July. What it is we cannot really understand. Still, time will tell.

Sport this month has occupied quite a lot of our time. We had a friendly game of football with "D" Company and after a good game won two goals to nil. Pte. Saxby took over the whistle in the unavoidable absence of the C.S.M., and considering he had not had the honour before, he did very well, but he must remember to return the whistle when he has finished with it.

Our cross-country runners—Saxby, Graham, McDonald, Bell and Cpl. Saffrey—went to Windsor for the Army Championship Run, the results of which appear elsewhere, and we hear they had quite a good time *after* the run.

The Novices' Boxing was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21st and 22nd. The entries from this Company numbered six. Ptes. Crewe and Penn met one another in their first fight, in the welter class. This was rather unfortunate for them (being pals), but they gave us a grand display—in fact, according to general opinion, the best fight of the competition, Crewe being awarded the best loser's medal and Penn winning his weight (welter). L/Cpl. Copley gave us a good display of boxing when he beat L/Cpl. Doyle, this being his second fight, as he had already beaten Pte. Russell. But in the final he was beaten by Pte. Fisher, who managed to find him in the way of his right swinger. Pte. Wills met a man with rather more experience when he fought L/Cpl. Sherman of "B" Company, and didn't really get a chance to make a start. Still, he's a trier, and after all, these are the sort of men we like to see. Better luck next time, Wills. L/Cpl. Parish won his first fight versus Pte. Banyard of "D" Company by a knock-out, but was knocked-out himself in his next fight with Pte. Bailey of "B" Company. The same to you, Parish! Better luck next time!

The last item of sport this month is the hockey, which we won, playing three games, winning two and drawing one. In our first game we played "B" Company and won by the odd goal in three, both our goals being scored by Lieut. Grace, and the one goal scored against us being a very fine effort by L/Sgt. Woods.

In the second game we were without the services of Captain Bruce (who was also unable to play in the first game) and Lieut. Grace; Captain Bruce being away on a promotion examination (which we hope he passed with the green flag flying) and Lieut. Grace was away at a golf tournament (with a view, we hope, to playing against that man Cotton in the near future). We met our strongest opposition, "D" Company, and drew a goal-less match.

The third and final game started very disastrously for us. L/Sgt. Dawson, rushing straight through in the first minute of the game, scored the one and only goal for "C" Company before anyone realised the game had really started. Our team then came to the conclusion that the game had really started, and proceeded to score four goals in magnificent style. The whole team are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts. Well done, "A" Company!

We congratulate Sgt. Howe on obtaining a First at the School of Education, and hope he found the Field Works Course just as interesting.

SPARKS.

"B" Company.

Not a great deal has happened during the month, the N.C.O.'s and men doing duties and a spot of weapon training.

We are now looking forward to a fortnight's preliminary weapon training before proceeding to the Musketry Camp at Penally, which they tell me is not so bad. Also, the Officers', Sergeants' and Corporals' Weeks are now at hand.

We welcome Mr. Ravenhill back to the fold after a strenuous course at the S.A.S., Netheravon, and also L/Sgt. Harris after a course of Recreational Physical Training at Aldershot. Results are not yet to hand, but we trust they did well.

We also welcome to the company the Malplaquet and Oudenarde Squads from the Regimental Depot. We have great hopes they will be seeing them in the company a bit longer than we have recent squads.

The Inter-Company Hockey Tournament has been completed and we finished third—not a bad effort, as we had to find a team from those whose speciality is not hockey in the real sense, and we congratulate them on putting up a fine show, although some of our opponents did not think so. We lost to "A" Company 2—1 and to "D" Company 1—0, and won against "C" Company 1—0. L/Sgt. Woods played finely throughout and the goals he scored against "C" and "A" were really fine efforts. Old man Taylor also put up a good show and showed the young 'uns how it should be done and could be done.

The Novices' Boxing Tournament also took place, and the following of the company competed:—L/Cpl. Sherman, Ptes. Birt, Coe, Fisher, Bailey and Frost. All are to be congratulated on putting up a good show and the talent available augurs well for the Inter-Company Boxing to be held in the near future. L/Cpl. Sherman and Pte. Fisher both won their weights with Ptes. Birt and Bailey runners-up in their weights. Fisher in particular is to be congratulated as in the final he fought with a damaged wrist, but a plucky display earned him the fight with a knock-out against a rather stylish boxer. A word of advice to Bailey. You are a big fellow, and don't forget you can hurt him as much as he hurts you.

Some are now enjoying a spot of leave and those not so fortunate to get home are enjoying themselves at six-a-side hockey and football.

Ptes. Hoyle and Gill return shortly from a tour of duty at Lichfield, and we trust the former, with his kind heart for stray animals, has not led him to start a dogs' home.

We have heard good news from hospital from Cpl. Wight, and understand that he has received treatment which has completely cured his ailment from which he had suffered for so long.

STAND IN.

"C" Company.

Arrivals and departures. Major Rowe has returned from a spell of sick leave and has taken over the company from Lieut. Anderson. We hope that the new Company Commander will stay put for a time, for in the last six months we have had three Company Commanders. Pte. George, who was attached to us for completion of S.R. Training, has enlisted into the Regular Army (The Welch Regiment). L/Cpl. Royce will have departed to the C.M.P. by the time these notes appear in print. To L/Cpl. Royce we must say farewell and hope that he has a successful career in the C.M.P. Lieut. Bossom has enlightened the hours of labour on a

Field Works Course by his smiling countenance. This is not a farewell, but Cpl. Delves is getting married during Easter and he will be missed from the barrack-room. To Cpl. and Mrs. Delves we wish the best of luck in their new venture. Remember it is team work that counts!

SPORT.—During the month sport has been more to the fore. Championship hockey has been played off with the following results:—v "D" Group, won 2—1; v "B" Group, lost 1—0; v "A" Group, result awaited.

BOXING.—Novices' Boxing took place on March 28th and 29th. Nine men entered from the company, which was a good effort considering our small numbers. The following are the results:—

LIGHTWEIGHT (Semi-final).—Pte. May knocked-out Pte. Bing, H.Q. Pte. Dancer lost to Boy Woods on points.

MIDDLEWEIGHT (Semi-final).—L/Cpl. Doyle lost to L/Cpl. Copley on points.

FEATHERWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. Holbrook beat Pte. Birt on points.

LIGHTWEIGHT (Final).—Pte. May knocked-out Pte. Woods.

The medals were afterwards presented to the winners and runners-up by Colonel Hamilton, who complimented all responsible for the good show.

The following N.C.O.'s are at present in the throes of a promotion examination:—Cpl. Church, L/Cpls. Friend, Bonham, Blake, Decent and Doyle. We hope that they pass, although if they fail it will give them an idea of the next one.

To L/Cpls. Blake, Cropton, Hessell, Decent, Doyle and Drury we extend our compliments on the first "tape."

To-morrow several of the company are proceeding on leave, leaving the remainder to carry on.

This is, I think, all for this month.

SUBSTITUTE.

"D" Company.

This month has been rather hectic owing to the N.C.O.'s being on a Field Works Course, but in spite of this, we managed to turn out twice for both football and hockey.

The return football match with the R.A. resulted in a 5—0 victory for us, but what a disappointment we had when we played "A" Company in a friendly—they succeeded in beating us by three goals to two.

At the present moment most of the company are looking forward to Easter leave and those Easter "eggs," but I am afraid the "egg" in many cases will follow you forever, as I see many in the company have entered for the Matrimonial Stakes, including our Bobbie.

Cpl. Frizel, is running around with a worried look. I wonder, Frizzie, what ails you?

We must take this opportunity of congratulating P.S.M. Hurley on his remarkable performance in the Army Championship. After eleven years to come in 13th is a really good effort. Well done, Sir, you have certainly upheld the tradition of the company!

Our first Harris Shield hockey match was played against "C" Company, and in this I think that we were rather unlucky to lose, as the greater part of the play was in our favour. Major Willows and L/Cpl. Seymour played their usual sound game.

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Beneath Bell Harry.



A NEW job, and I feel very uncertain of myself and sorry for my unfortunate readers. However, it is something to have the blessing of one's predecessor in these uncertain times.

Easter is once again behind us, but everyone who went away reported having enjoyed themselves in their various ways.

We congratulate Capt. and Mrs. Connolly on the birth of a daughter. The female of the species seems very popular amongst officers at the moment.

Capt. and Mrs. Atkinson have now left us and we hope they will have a successful sojourn at Pembroke Dock.

Major Tomlinson and Capt. Baird, back from their cruise, have paid us a visit. Both looked very fit from their stay in the sun.

Lieut.-Col. Procter has left us and we wish him every success with his new regiment.

Col. and Mrs. Hamilton and Major and Mrs. Hammond-Davies have been down to see us. They report Pembroke Dock rather cold, but everyone seems to have settled down and the new officers' quarters are now occupied.

The Depot at the moment resembles a large co-ed school. The A.T.S. are to be found in all offices with heads bent over old ledgers: they even descend in the Cook House to prepare lunches.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the relations of Sgt. Cowell, who met his death in a motor accident recently.

Sergeants' Mess.

It is, I am afraid, on a sad note that I open this month's notes, in recording the death of one of our members—Sgt. Cowell—by a motor accident that took place on the night of the 4th. He left the Mess and was going out of the back gate when he was knocked down and died at 2.30 a.m. the following morning. We offer our very deepest sympathy to his mother and family on this great loss.

Sgt. Cowell—"Snipe," as he was known to all his many friends—was a true Buff, his father having already served in the Regiment. I can assure all readers that he is greatly missed by us all, in both his work and in the Mess. He was a good, keen soldier and had always a smile and a joke to help things along.

The funeral took place at Ashford, his home, on Saturday, April 8th. His popularity can be judged from the following list of those who attended:—Colonel Findlay, Major G. R. Howe, Major A. W. Andrews, Captain J. F. Connolly, a bearer party from the Mess of eight under C.S.M. Papworth, firing party of the Depot Staff under Sgt. Hobson, two Sergeants of the 59th Field Company, R.E.'S, Sgt. Walsh of the 4th Division Signals, Sgt. Cunningham of the R.P.D. Depot, Sgt. Fear of the Pay and Record Offices, C.S.M. Wilkins of the Ashford Platoon, 4/5th Battalion, R.S.M. Fawcett and R.Q.M.S. Hall of the Depot, Mr. Mould, Mr. Miles, Mr. King and Mr. Halliday of our Civilian Staff. I am afraid that for want of space I cannot put in all the names of senders of floral tributes to his memory, but I can only thank them one and all on behalf of his relatives. In all there were 41 wreaths and crosses, including one from Colonel A. S. Turnham, Commanding Troops at Canterbury.

Other news is brief again this month. We held our usual monthly dance on the 24th, prior to Sgt. Johnson leaving us for duty with the 2nd Battalion. It was, as usual, a great success. We hear now that Johnson is doing his bit in London raking in the recruits for us. P.S.M. Wheeler has also left the fold on promotion and joined the Home Battalion. To both him and Johnson we wish all the best of luck, and add that if at any time they are this way, we shall always be pleased to see them.

We welcome to the Mess L/Sgt. Clarke on promotion, and hope that his stay will be a happy one.

To L/Sgts. Hall and Rackley we also offer our congratulations on promotion to full rank. Another addition to our Mess is L/Sgt. Day, who has joined us for a tour of duty. Get down to it, Day, and you will find that we are a very happy family.

STOP GAP.

Corporals' Room.

It is with profound regret that we heard of the untimely end of Sgt. Cowell. The members of the Corporals' Room wish to express their deepest sympathy to the relatives of Sgt. Cowell in their sad bereavement.

There has been an argument as to whom should write the notes of the junior non-coms. It seems that everyone wants the job, and so each month we have decided that a different member has the chance of making a name for himself. We all know that "Butch" is longing for his turn.

It seems to suit "Freddie," "Bloi" and our worthy "Chas" of the police to know that in future they will be allowed to look down to fix and unfix bayonets.

We have all just returned from Easter leave which, judging by the looks on faces, was enjoyed by all. Of course, this is not including "Bloi" and "Buffy." The latter tells me that there is nowhere in particular that he wanted to go to. Ever tried the U.J. Club, "Buffy"?

We have challenged the Sergeants' Mess to a game of football and it is hoped that we can record the results in next month's notes.

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Cpl. Clarke on his becoming a member of the Sergeants' Mess; also L/Cpl. Kraling on his promotion to Corporal.

MOONEY.

The 4/5th Battalion

THE BUFFS



Officer 1801

DOUBLE UP TO DOUBLE THE T.A. This is the slogan produced by the War Minister and we are trying to carry out our part in the new expansion scheme. Last month in these notes we were bewailing the fact that we could not take in any more recruits since we had filled our quota of 20% over Peace Establishment. We appealed for permission to be allowed to continue recruiting so that those who had volunteered should not

be turned down, and it was clear that the idea of a waiting list did not appeal to the men. We did not dream that we should be told to raise another battalion at once, and it is a stiff proposition now we are tackling it. The idea is to raise the new battalion in the present Drill Halls and not to split at present. In the first week we managed to raise about 58 recruits, which is more than double the usual intake at this time of the year. It is, however, far too slow, and if we do not increase the pace we shall have another system sprung upon us in no time. The Easter holiday probably caused the trouble, as few people attempted to join up at that time.

We, of course, were busy, as usual, at Easter. We had Easter Training going on at many places and were not able to take any kind of holiday.

A good deal of propaganda is shortly to be carried out to make sure that the general public realise what is required.

Brigadier Friend, a brother of Col. Friend, late of the Regiment, who has lately been commanding the Mobile Brigade in Egypt, has been appointed Public Relations Officer at the Kent Territorial Association Headquarters at Maidstone, and has already commenced to get things moving in the right direction as regards publicity.

We are trying to attract some attention by a recruiting march at Ramsgate in connection with the film "The Gap" which is being shown at Ramsgate on 17th April. Again at Ashford, as the result of a big recruiting meeting held there a few days ago, a big recruiting march is being carried out on 23rd April, in which "C" Company and the Drums will take part. Ashford and the Weald generally is not very responsive at present to the needs of the

Infantry, and every effort must be made to induce the men there to wake up. They are magnificent men when you get them. Capt. West of Benenden Place, who is on the T.A.R.O. of the battalion, is doing all that he can to help us, also Colonel Burns has sent us some very useful suggestions which we hope to make use of.

Sgts. Rackley and Paramour from the Depot and the 2nd Battalion have reported to join the permanent staff as the first increase in our staff. We expect an assistant Adjutant shortly from the 2nd Battalion.

The international situation should give us all the propaganda we require to raise the numbers, but it is strange how slow people are to realise the attractions of the modern infantry battalion. One of our officers in Ashford the other day opened a recruiting office on his own in a shop in the town, which was a good effort, but after being there all day himself he had only one enquiry and that was from a lad who wanted to know where the Anti-Aircraft Battery was. A rule has just been made that no man under the age of 25 may join the A.A.R.A. and that those who have joined will be transferred to the Field Force units. This may stop the rot. The men sign the same agreement in the A.A.R.A. as we do with the addition of an extra one, that they can be called up before the rest of the T.A. are called up; so the idea that they will be able to stay at home is an illusion.

The office at Battalion Headquarters is a hive of industry, not only are we busy with the new expansion scheme, but new Mobilisation Schemes and P.A.D. Schemes are being turned out.

Major James has very kindly taken over the administration of the National Defence Company and gives up a great deal of his time without any remuneration to putting the company on a thoroughly organised footing. Mr. Tyrrell is also here as Assistant Adjutant and works from nine to late in the evening on the complicated schemes which are under way. The assistance rendered in all this work by the A.T.S. Companies at Canterbury is invaluable. In addition to all this extra work we are plugging away with the arrangements for Camp, which should have a record attendance this year.

We have had a good many visitors lately, among them being Major Haddock, G.S.O.2 at 44th Division, who came with the Brigade-Major to hear our troubles, which were many, on 15th March. Capt. Jackson, the G.S.O. W.T. at Eastern Command, visited the two

ranges which we use at Brewers Wood and Conyer on 17th March, and as a result we are to get many improvements added.

Whitstable Platoon held their annual dinner and price distribution in their Drill Hall on 18th March and a cross-country run at the Depot was carried out in preparation for the Divisional run by the probables and possibles for the team. The results at the Divisional Cross-Country Run held at Knowle Park, Sevenoaks, on 26th March, exceeded all our wildest dreams. Despite the loss of Mr. Newcome, who was our principle runner last year, we managed to retain our position of second place in the result, and we also managed to gain second place in the individual result. The 4th Q.O.R.W. Kent Regiment retained the cup, but they were badly shaken by our team this year. We were only twelve points behind them. The course was five miles, and in the practice run on the 18th the result was as follows:—1st, Pte. Brett; 2nd, Pte. Spicer; 3rd, L/Cpl. Foxely; 4th, L/Cpl. Kirkman; 5th, Pte. Horne; 6th, L/Cpl. Glenn. These were the runners at Sevenoaks, with 2/Lieut. Macaskie and Pte. Bringer as reserves. In the final at Sevenoaks, despite a cold day and five teams starting, the results were excellent. The time of the winner was 34 mins. 1½ secs. and close behind him was Pte. Brett of Sittingbourne in second place. The order was as follows:—2nd, Pte. Brett; 8th, L/Cpl. Kirkman; 11th, L/Cpl. Foxely; 12th, L/Cpl. Glenn; 13th, Pte. Horne; 16th, Pte. Spicer. Total points, 62, against the winners' 50. After the run there were baths and a most welcome tea in the Drill Hall of the Sevenoaks Platoon of the 4th Q.O.R.W. Kent Regiment. We hope to win the cup next year. The Divisional Commander, Major-General Osborne, was present and presented the prizes. Our team were presented with medals as runners-up. Major-General Osborne very kindly invited the officers to tea after the run.

A Training Conference was held at Brigade Headquarters on 22nd March at which the Adjutant attended.

On the 26th "C" Company held a T.E.W.T. in Hothfield Park.

We were very pleased to see Col. Hamilton down here on 27th. He came down to the Drill Hall and saw all the P.S.I.s who happened to be in that day.

On April 1st and 2nd a Brigade Signal Exercise was held at Crowborough at which the whole Signal Platoon, Motor Transport, Quartermaster and Cooks, P.S.I.s and Adjutant,

and two officers who came for experience, attended. It was an all-night exercise and was most interesting from the point of view of the Signal Platoon, who have not previously had such an opportunity of learning their job in a defensive position. The weather was very trying and the cold and wet added to the difficulties of maintaining communication. The Brigade Signal Section were also present with their wireless cars which were most helpful in their assistance. At the end of the exercise we were all tired out and the Adjutant unfortunately crashed his car on the way home, but without injuring himself. The Motor Transport had plenty of work in taking up rations at night, and the Quartermaster and cooks worked like slaves to produce the excellent food on the new petrol cookers and containers.

We saw Capt. Parry, who is the Adjutant elect for the battalion, on 3rd April and were able to tell him some of the glories of a T.A. Adjutant's life in these times of stress.

An interesting P.A.D. Test was carried out by "D" Company at Liverpool Street Drill Hall on April 4th in which the Stretcher-Bearers of the Drums were able to exhibit their new found skill in first aid gleaned from the lectures that Capt. Hamerton has given them lately.

On 5th April we had a visit from the Brigade Commander, who came down to talk about the new expansion programme.

Easter Training was carried out on different lines this year. The 3" Mortars worked at Dover, the signallers at Chartham, the M.T. at Canterbury and in transporting the Carrier and Pioneer Platoons to Shorncliffe, The Rangetakers at Dover, and the Carrier and Pioneer Platoons at Shorncliffe. The Rangetakers have been reduced now to one for Battalion Headquarters, and one for the 3" Mortar Platoon. The Carrier and Pioneer Platoons were put up at Moore Barracks and instructed by the D.C.L.I., who very kindly took endless trouble over them both. They thoroughly enjoyed their stay and learnt a lot. Both Platoons are new units in the battalion and were most interested in the work that they found they had to do. The Pioneers were very relieved to find that they were not concerned with Sanitation as they seemed to expect.

During Easter "D" Company held a Tactical exercise at Temple Ewell, and "A" Company held one half way between Margate and Ramsgate.

On the 15th the Adjutant and Quartermaster will go down to Wannock to make the first Camp Reconnaissance.

COMING EVENTS.

- Apr. 17. "A" Company Recruiting March ;
"The Gap," at Ramsgate.
- 19. "C" Company P.A.D. Test, Ashford Drill Hall.
- 23. "C" Company Recruiting March with the Drums.
- 28. A.T.S. Dance, Canterbury Drill Hall.

"C" (Weald) Platoon.

CRANBROOK PLATOON.

On Friday, April 14th the Cranbrook Detachment held a recruiting rally at Sissinghurst. The platoon paraded at the Drill Hall 33 strong the men in musketry order with gas masks and taking with them two Bren guns with their tripods and magazine boxes one Lewis gun anti-tank rifle dummy 2-in. mortar and a Service bicycle for the Cycle Orderly.

The platoon was formed up at war strength all in uniform and led by the Officer-in-Charge ; the Platoon Sergeant brought along the remaining five men (recent recruits) as a separate squad in the rear.

On arrival at Sissinghurst where a large crowd had collected the platoon was inspected by Major-General L. Drummond (late Scots Guards) who then made a short speech congratulating the detachment on its turnout and appealing to the public to join the T.A.

Mr. Boyd thanked Major-General Drummond for his considerable help in making known locally the proposed recruiting rally. He pointed out that Miss Tyrwhitt the Commander of the A.T.S. at Cranbrook was present and also the Recruiting Sergeant (Sgt. Thorndycroft) and invited the men and women present to enlist.

The detachment spent about an hour at Sissinghurst, during which time the various weapons were on view.

One Bren gun was fixed on its A.A. mounting and the other on the normal tripod mounting. The A.T. rifle was placed on the roof of a car, where it could be clearly seen.

Several enquiries were received both from the A.T.S. and the T.A., and we hope we shall have recruits coming in shortly.

Recruiting rallies will be held in Cranbrook and Goudhurst in the near future.

"D" Company.

Quite a lot has happened to us since the beginning of the year. Our contemplated move to Liverpool Street Drill Hall has been accomplished and we have now settled down in our new home. The P.S.I.'s name-plate now adorns the front door of the "desirable detached residence" at the front of the Hall.

We have almost a resident officer in the Dover Detachment. Mr. Wilson has spent most of his time at the Drill Hall and the adjacent "caves" recently, and rumour has it that he is contemplating marriage in the near future and has decided to take up residence in them!

We welcome Mr. Fraser to our company and hope that he will have a long and enjoyable stay with us. We regret to learn he was unfortunate enough to sustain injury whilst on a course at the Depot, but are pleased to note that he has now fully recovered.

Whilst on the subject of courses, several members of the company have been on Mortar and Gas Courses and we have no doubt that they have derived a great deal of benefit from them.

The Company Office is a centre of attraction on drill nights since some five members of the A.T.S. (Folkestone) took possession. It is surprising how many N.C.O.'s and men call at the Office to speak to the Sergeant-Major! However, we must congratulate and thank the members of the A.T.S. for the very valuable assistance they render in the Office. We are confident that our amendments are more up-to-date than most of the other companies'.

Easter training found the Mortar Platoon up by Swingate Aerodrome loosing off bombs. The Rifle Platoon, however, were very disappointed that their Easter Training had been curtailed this year. Training for them consisted of a T.E.W.T. on Ewell Minnis on Good Friday for all N.C.O.'s and selected Privates. This proved to be a very instructive and enjoyable day's work.

Shooting during the month has, on the whole, been very satisfactory. There are, however, a good many men who have not yet completed their firing on the miniature range. This should be done as soon as possible. Sunday firing at Lydden Range has been well-attended and we hope that this beginning will be maintained.

Recruits are coming in fairly regularly nowadays, but members of the company are encouraged still to continue their efforts to bring all their pals along.

One sad feature of the recruiting is that on the Sergeant-Major's command "Recruits, fall out on the left," the entire parade moves with the exception of about three N.C.O.'s and half-a-dozen men. This non-attendance must be remedied immediately as camp is only about eight weeks ahead and there is new drill to be learnt and a state of proficiency to be obtained.

40th Kent Company, A.T.S.

I AM glad to be able to report that the monthly strength return for the end of March showed the 40th Kent Company up to establishment with 53 members and 2 officers. Together with Bromley and Folkestone we hold the distinction of being the first companies in Kent to get up to establishment. At present we do not enrol above this figure, but have a waiting list and applicants on the waiting list receive training but no uniform and grants.

Indents for uniform have been sent up and we hope to get our uniforms next month.

In addition to the weekly parades, members are doing courses of specialised training at the Depot to enable them to take up their work immediately, if called out in a National Emergency. Clerical personnel are working in the C.S.M.'s Office, Orderly Room and Q.M.S.'s Office, and Cooks and Storewomen are going to the Depot also.

Major Howe has very kindly allowed us to have two drills in May at the Depot and is going to lecture to our members.

We have done First Aid, Hygiene and Anti-Gas courses, and in March Major J. H. B. Lowe, R.E., Garrison Engineer at Wana, N.W.F., gave us a very interesting lecture on "Life on the North-West Frontier." Major Lowe had flown home on leave before taking up a Staff appointment, and as he was only in Kent two days, we were very grateful to him for giving up his time.

On the same night we had an informal visit from Lady Harris, the Chief Commandant. Lady Harris is coming on an official inspection when uniforms are issued.

N. H. SWIFT, Company Commander,
Commanding 40th Kent Coy., A.T.S.

Birth of an Army.

THE most distinguished thing that any officer can do in his career is to raise a new unit of the British Army, says Lieut.-Colonel T. A. Lowe, D.S.O., M.C., Military Editor of *Defence*—the Territorial Magazine, writing in the May issue. The privilege does not often occur, but when it does, it affords an individual a rare opportunity of having his name recorded in history.

For this reason it behoves the War Office at the present time to be cautious—nay, jealous—in its selection of new commanding officers to form the new Second Line of the Territorial Army. They must primarily be men of character and courage. Napoleon said: "In war it is the man who counts, not the men," and the principle has not changed. The psychology of an infantry battalion revolves round the personality of its C.O., and its members are either happy or miserable, fighting-fit or weak and ill-trained, physically strong and well-fed or sickly and ill-nourished, entirely according to his leadership.

A new unit is therefore well on the way to success when the right man is found for its Commanding Officer; and his first duty is to find the right Quartermaster. Quartermaster-blokes, as everyone knows, are born rather than made; they are men who can fashion bricks without straw, who can bring water from the rocks like Moses, and food, like manna, from the ether. Clothing and equipment in the hands of a good Q.M. can magically transform squads of recruits into the appearance and bearing of trained soldiers; the same clothing and equipment "issued" by a bad Q.M. makes them look like something that has been washed up by the tide.

Don't ask me how a good Quartermaster works; I don't know, and I've always had the good sense not to enquire. The fact is that many men have a flair for the job, and this is the time to seek them out. They should be men of middle-age because only after years of experience in life's banter can they learn how to handle the "tough guys" with whom they will have to wrestle in the cause of their battalion's well-being.

After the Quartermaster, the next most important person in the raising of a new unit is—in my opinion—the Cook-Sergeant. Lots of people would put the Regimental Sergeant-Major first, but I wouldn't because I believe that plenty of good well-cooked food is the very foundation of happiness and well-being in every unit, new or old. The rations are plentiful and of a quality unknown in any other army in the world, but the manner in which they are cooked and served varies with every unit in the British Army. Some battalions live like lords, and others are offered food which looks as if it had come from the swill-tub—and there is only one reason for this differentiation—the cooks!

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Officers.

REGULAR ARMY.

The following to be Col. :—Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. C. T. Stronge, D.S.O., M.C., Empld. List, late The Buffs (March 15th).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (now Col.) H. C. T. Stronge, D.S.O., M.C. relinquishes the appt. of Mil. Attaché, Belgrade (March 15th).

MEMORANDA.

Col. H. C. T. Stronge, D.S.O., M.C., to be Asst. Comdt., Nigeria R., R.W.A.F.F. (March 15th).

Staff Capt., appointment vacated :—Major A. J. D. Rose, The Buffs (March 28th).

Brigade-Major, appointment made :—Major A. J. D. Rose, The Buffs (March 28th).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS—REGIMENTAL LIST.

INFANTRY.

4/5TH BN., THE BUFFS.—Capt. G. D. James, from T.A. Reserve of Officers (Gen. List), to be Captain (March 8th).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

INFANTRY.

THE BUFFS.—2/Lieut. F. G. B. Willis to be Lieutenant (March 21st).

The 1st Battalion.

EMBARKATION.

STRENGTH—INCREASE.

6286137 Dmr. K. Evans, H.Q., and 6285783 Bdmn. A. Reid, H.Q., embarked at Southampton on H.T. *Lancashire* on 16-2-39; disembarked at Port Said on 26-2-39.

EMBARKATIONS.

The undermentioned B.O.R.s departed Sarafand on 21-3-39 *en route* to Haifa for embarkation on H.T. *Dunera* sailing for the United Kingdom, on 22-3-39, for reasons as stated :—

Transfer to A.R.

6285220 L/Cpl. C. Tookey; 4744782 Pte. D. Sheehan.

Vocational Training.

6285262 Pte. J. Collison.

Change to England.

6282360 Sgt. F. Brabon; 6284106 Cpl. E. Gray; 6285699 Pte. C. Roots.

RE-ENGAGEMENT.

6340567 C/Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Pattenden, "D," re-engaged for The Buffs at Sarafand for such a period as will complete 21 years with the Colours, on 6-3-39.

STRENGTH—DECREASE.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Army Reserve, 15-2-39 :—6285096 Pte. A. Avis, "A"; 6285210 Pte. G. Moore, H.Q.; 6283600 Bdmn. W. Woolnough, H.Q.

DISCHARGE.

6282122 Pte. D. Wilson, "C," 20-2-39.

TRANSFERS—INTER-UNIT.

5949188 Pte. S. Smith, "A" and 6287135 Pte. R. Kent, "B," transferred to the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, 17-3-39.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The undermentioned are promoted W.O. III and appointed P.S.M. :—6281634 C/Sgt. L. Sovico, "A," 11-1-39; 6340567 C/Sgt. H. Pattenden, "D," 11-1-39; 6280529 Sgt. L. Goodsell, "B," 18-1-39. The undermentioned are promoted Colour-Sergeant and appointed C.Q.M.S., 11-1-39 :—

6279236 Sgt. T. Silvers, "B"; 6282488 Sgt. W. Bridgman, "D," 6284659 L/Sgt. (O.R.C.) W. Kille, H.Q., promoted Sergeant, with the appointment of O.R.C., 11-1-39.

6280742 L/Sgt. G. Ireland, H.Q., promoted Sergeant and appointed Band-Sergeant, 11-1-39.

6284608 L/Sgt. W. Kennedy, H.Q., promoted Sergeant and appointed Signal-Sergeant, 11-1-39.

The undermentioned are promoted Sergeant :—

6282784 L/Sgt. F. Howe, "D," 11-1-39; 6284425 L/Sgt. W. Cole, H.Q., 18-1-39; 6285573 L/Sgt. F. McCormack, H.Q., 1-2-39; 6284237 L/Sgt. A. Wells, "B," 1-2-39; 6283629 Cpl. F. Turmaine, "C," 8-2-39.

The undermentioned are appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant :—

6283219 Cpl. A. Tolhurst, "C," 11-1-39; 6282351 Cpl. E. Watts' "A," 11-1-39; 6283735 Cpl. C. Garratt, "C," 11-1-39; 6283487 Cpl. W. Jolley, H.Q., 18-1-39; 6284102 Cpl. A. Barker, H.Q., 26-1-39; 6285415 Cpl. L. Ringe, H.Q., 1-2-39; 4741764 Cpl. F. Cullen, "A," 8-2-39.

The undermentioned are promoted Corporal :—

6285675 L/Cpl. D. Johnson, H.Q., 11-1-39; 6285437 L/Cpl. A. Leeds, H.Q., 11-1-39; 6284467 L/Cpl. P. Champion, "B," 11-1-39; 6285623 L/Cpl. G. Wainwright, H.Q., 11-1-39; 6284951 L/Cpl. H. Butler, H.Q., 18-1-39; 6283334 L/Cpl. J. Ray, "D," 26-1-39; 6285469 L/Cpl. G. Abel, H.Q., 1-2-39; 6284773 L/Cpl. D. McVay, "C," 8-2-39.

The undermentioned are appointed Paid Lance-Corporal :—

6284035 L/Cpl. S. Finch, "A," 11-1-39; 823616 L/Cpl. W. Johnson, "A," 11-1-39; 6284355 L/Cpl. C. Tucker, "A," 11-1-39; 832181 L/Cpl. E. Ratcliffe, "C," 11-1-39; 6285629 L/Cpl. J. Pullen, "B," 18-1-39; 6283743 L/Cpl. G. Jeffrey, H.Q., 19-1-39; 6285921 L/Cpl. G. Heath, H.Q., 21-1-39; 839758 L/Cpl. J. Snapes, "C," 26-1-39; 830381 L/Cpl. G. Smith, "D," 1-2-39; 6284936 L/Cpl. F. Green, "B," 8-2-39; 6286193 L/Cpl. N. Side, H.Q., 29-3-39.

The undermentioned are appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal :—

6284374 Pte. F. Clark, "A," 8-2-39; 4745924 Pte. J. Ward, "C," 11-2-39; 6285536 Pte. C. Vernal, "A," 11-2-39; 6285298 Pte. L. Gardner, "B," 11-2-39; 6285599 Pte. C. Coade, H.Q., 24-3-39; 6286225 Pte. J. White, H.Q., 23-3-39.

The 2nd Battalion.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The undermentioned are promoted Corporal :—

6285749 L/Cpl. F. Devine, 13-3-39; 6285757 T/Cpl. A. Curnick, 28-3-39; 6284653 L/Cpl. A. Leney, 8-3-39.

6283746 L/Cpl. W. Eggleton appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 28-3-39.

6284439 L/Cpl. G. Cox, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 13-3-39.

The undermentioned appointed Temporary Corporal :—

6285260 L/Cpl. H. Goodman, 28-3-39; 6285757 L/Cpl. A. Curnick, 13-3-39; 6285749 L/Cpl. F. Devine, 8-3-39.

792462 Cpl. H. White, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 13-3-39.

6284667 L/Sgt. H. Rackley, promoted Sergeant, 13-3-39.

6284250 L/Cpl. T. Atkinson, appointed Temporary Paid Lance-Corporal, 28-3-39.

6286803 Pte. A. Grant, appointed Drummer, 21-3-39.

6286822 Boy F. Knox, appointed Bandsman, 27-3-39.

The undermentioned have been appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 31-3-39 :—

6287190 Pte. J. Blake; 6284404 Pte. R. Cropton; 6285834 Pte. W. Decent; 6287055 Pte. D. Doyle; 862697 Pte. M. Drury; 6286261 Pte. P. Hessel.

ENLISTMENTS.

6287600 Boy G. Mattock, for 1st Battalion, The Buffs, 29-3-39.

6287601 Boy A. Revill, 29-3-39.

EDUCATION AWARDS.

5336235 Pte. W. Crumplin, awarded Third Class Certificate, 14-3-39

TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6285159 Pte. L. Brown, 3-4-39; 6285187 Pte. T. Lavery, 14-3-39; 6285183 L/Cpl. T. Cowell, 21-3-39; 6285200 L/Cpl. F. White, 18-3-39; 6285164 Pte. V. Mitchell, 26-3-39; 6285022 Pte. T. Fanning, 8-3-39; 6285100 Pte. Mephm, 28-3-39; 6283833 Dmr. F. Charlton, 15-3-39; 6283154 L/Cpl. A. Garratt, 20-3-39; 6285176 Cpl. R. Lenard, 27-3-39; 6285207 Pte. F. Best, 23-3-39; 6285162 Cpl. E. Osborne, 8-3-39.

DISCHARGE.

6279041 Sgt. W. Beal, 13-3-39.

POSTING.

2043651 Pte. V. May, from Regimental Depot, 7-3-39.

COURSE RESULTS.

6284205 L/Cpl. W. Cowley, attended 18th Mortar Course, at S.A.S., Netheravon, and Qualified.

6285271 Bdmn. A. Richardson, attended a Course of Instruction on the E♭ Bass and String Bass at R.M. School of Music, and attained Very Good.

6283429 Sgt. W. Howe and 6283501 L/Sgt. J. Dawson, attended Course No. 83 at the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, and classified "First Class," 10-3-39.

6286667 L/Cpl. W. Willoughby, attended Course of Instruction in Driving and Vehicle Maintenance and qualified, "Q.2."

The Depot.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6284604 Pte. T. Coles, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 3-3-39.

6285480 Cpl. N. Clarke, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 21-2-39.

6283862 Cpl. E. Austin, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 6-4-39.

6654830 L/Sgt. H. O'Leary, promoted Sergeant, 6-4-39.
6284959 L/Cpl. P. Smith, promoted Corporal, 28-3-39.

TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned are transferred to Army Reserve:—

6734794 Pte. W. Hogg, 10-3-39; 6285032 Pte. B. Corby, 16-3-39;
6285058 Pte. G. Giles, 16-3-39; 2025660 L/Cpl. E. Hope, 16-3-39;
813883 Pte. A. Saint, 16-3-39; 6285051 Pte. A. Sullivan, 16-3-39;
6285039 Pte. D. Wilkms, 16-3-39; 6285194 Pte. H. Marsh, 29-3-39;
6285095 Pte. F. Adams, 2-4-39; 6285325 Pte. W. Davies, 2-4-39;
6285054 Pte. C. Mason, 2-4-39.

POSTINGS.

The undermentioned were posted to 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 28-3-39:—

6287199 Pte. S. Bartlett; 6287309 Pte. J. Bishop; 6287307 Pte. G. Boreham; 6287185 Pte. J. Dunne; 2050011 Pte. L. Fuller; 6285847 Pte. W. Gibson; 6287317 Pte. S. Gravener; 6287019 Pte. A. Greenshields; 6287196 Pte. F. Hoskins; 6287304 Pte. C. Lee; 6397394 Pte. R. Payne; 6287301 Pte. S. Raggett; 6287303 Pte. L. Shilling; 2037406 Pte. J. Skinner; 6287312 Pte. A. Stroud; 6287305 Pte. W. Sweetman.

The undermentioned were posted to 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 4-4-39:—

6287084 Pte. D. Brown; 6287077 Pte. J. Butterfill; 6287091 Pte. E. Hamblin; 6287080 Pte. G. Nichols; 2046308 Pte. H. Richardson; 6287090 Pte. L. Trollope; 6287079 Pte. G. Wood; 6287089 Pte. H. Williams; 2045284 Pte. C. Wren.

6285878 L/Cpl. H. Copley, posted to Depot for a tour of duty from 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 9-1-39.

6282164 L/Sgt. C. Day, posted to the Depot for a tour of duty from 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, 13-3-39.

6284667 L/Sgt. H. Rackley, reposted to 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, on promotion to Sergeant, 13-3-39.

The undermentioned are posted to 2nd Battalion, The Buffs:—

5949702 Pte. R. Clarke, 11-4-39; 6086559 Pte. G. Greenslade, 12-4-39; 6399967 Pte. T. Payne, 4-4-39.

RECRUITS.

Attested a shewn:—

69224 Pte. R. D. Timberlake, 13-3-39; 6287387 Pte. A. Dutton, 16-3-39; 6287386 Pte. R. V. Fautley, 16-3-39; 6287389 Pte. H. C. Perry, 16-3-39; 6287390 Pte. F. Reason, 16-3-39; 6287396 Pte. W. H. Brown, 17-3-39; 6287393 Pte. A. Meredith, 22-3-39; 6287395 Pte. D. Harris, 22-3-39; 6287396 Pte. C. E. H. Bailey, 24-3-39; 6087602 Pte. L. W. Beadle, 30-3-39; 6287603 Pte. W. A. Knowles, 1-4-39; 6287604 Pte. C. G. Baldry, 27-3-39; 6287606 Pte. P. E. H. Dale, 4-4-39; 6287605 Pte. W. T. Devonport, 30-3-39; 6287607 Pte. R. Forster, 4-4-39; 875464 Pte. L. G. Koseley, 31-3-39; 6202633 Pte. R. Bailey, 28-3-39; 6287612 Pte. F. Currie, 3-4-39; 6287613 Pte. J. H. W. Day, 4-4-39; 6287614 Pte. D. Sheehan, 5-4-39; 6287615 Pte. A. E. Marsh, 11-4-39; 6287636 Pte. J. J. Hendon, 4-4-39; 6287616 Pte. T. M. Maguire, 30-3-39; 1428856 Pte. L. H. Cooper, 5-4-39; 6287617 Pte. R. Graham, 4-4-39; 6287627 Pte. D. J. Cadogan, 11-4-39; 6287619 J. L. Holliday, 4-4-39; 6287628 Pte. A. L. Else, 11-4-39; 6287619 Pte. G. E. A. Bruce, 5-4-39; 6287629 Pte. J. Kenny, 11-4-39; 6287621 Pte. T. Bates, 6-4-39; 6287630 Pte. A. L. O'Brien, 11-4-39; 6287622 Pte. J. E. A. Goddard, 6-4-39; 6287631 Pte. R. R. Page, 11-4-39; 6287623 Pte. W. E. Kisby, 6-4-39; 6287632 Pte. H. I. Routen, 11-4-39; 6287624 Pte. H. Wilderspin, 6-4-39; 6287633 Pte. J. Titton, 11-4-39; 6287625 Pte. V. A. Allison, 11-4-39; 6285889 Pte. G. H. Dwyer, 14-4-39; 6287634 Pte. R. F. Knowles, 14-4-39; 6287608 Pte. A. A. Turner, 3-4-39; 6287609 Pte. S. S. W. Shephard, 3-4-39; 6287098 Pte. J. R. N. Hoddy, 14-4-39; 6287610 Pte. R. A. E. Walker, 3-4-39; 6399643 Pte. M. H. Mann, 14-4-39; 6287611 Pte. A. E. Watson, 3-4-39; 6287636 Pte. A. R. Smith, 11-4-39; 6287611 Pte. L. C. Brooks, 11-4-39; 6968247 Pte. T. Law, 12-4-39; 6287647 Pte. B. H. Day, 12-3-39; 6287637 Pte. J. H. Atherton, 13-4-39; 6287642 Pte. D. C. Jackson, 12-4-39; 6287638 Pte. T. W. Callaway, 13-4-39; 6287648 Pte. F. C. Ward, 12-4-39; 6287639 Pte. L. F. Mansfield, 13-4-39; 6287645 Pte. P. Dolan, 13-4-39; 6287640 Pte. M. W. Pearson, 13-4-39; 6287644 Pte. H. A. Davies, 14-4-39; 6287641 Pte. V. V. Cobb, 15-4-39; 6204380 Pte. G. F. Hester, 14-4-39; 6287649 Pte. H. R. Best, 17-4-39.

DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned are discharged:—
6287349 Pte. V. Bailey, 17-3-39; 6287346 Pte. W. Joynson, 17-3-39;
6287343 Pte. E. McPherson, 17-3-39; 5949921 Pte. F. Young, 25-3-39;
6287500 Pte. J. Pitt, 2-4-39; 6287129 Pte. J. Weston, 31-3-39; 6287352 Pte. A. Smith, 18-4-39.

ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned enlisted into the Regular Army (The Buffs) from the Supplementary Reserve:—

6287520 Pte. C. Stoner, 17-4-39; 6287509 Pte. L. Madren, 18-4-39.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.

6287019 Pte. Greenshields and 6086559 Pte. G. Greenslade, awarded Second Class Certificates.

The undermentioned are awarded Third Class Certificates of Education, 31-3-39:—

6286096 Pte. C. Addley; 6287333 Pte. E. Brown; 6287325 Pte. T. Brown; 6287334 Pte. R. Croft; 6286784 Pte. H. Godfrey; 6287098 Pte. J. Hoddy; 6287323 Pte. J. Rogers.

The 4/5th Battalion.

PROMOTIONS.

The undermentioned are promoted Sergeant:—

6283311 Cpl. H. Martin, "B" (S), 9-11-38; 6282873 Cpl. E. Constable, "D" (D), 21-12-38, and appointed Band-Sergeant; 6282734 Cpl. (L/Sgt.) J. Blake, "A" (R), 22-3-39; 6284344 L/Sgt. T. Corrigan, "B" (C), 1-4-39; 6286752 Pte. F. Carlton, "B" (C) (Sgt. Clerk), 19-4-39.

The undermentioned are promoted Corporal:—

6281241 L/Cpl. W. Pascall, "D" (D), 8-3-39; 6285400 L/Cpl. A. Fuller, "D" (F), 27-10-38; 6285126 L/Cpl. J. Jones, "A" (R), 20-12-38; 6283062 L/Cpl. J. Cadman, "B" (L), 9-11-38; 6285810 L/Cpl. A. Tansen, "B" (S), 27-10-38; 6286349 L/Cpl. G. Antricham, "B" (S), 17-3-39; 6191167 Dmr. C. Cook, "D" (D), 21-12-38, and appointed Band-Corporal; 6284577 L/Cpl. S. Rogers, "A" (R), 22-3-39; 6286245 L/Cpl. B. Kirkman, "A" (M), 1-4-39; 6283630 L/Cpl. G. Dixon, "B" (C), 1-4-39; 6281005 Pte. L. Carter, "D" (F), 19-4-39; 6284412 Pte. A. Martin, "D" (F), 19-4-39; 6286318 L/Cpl. E. Glen, "A" (M).

The undermentioned are promoted Lance-Corporal:—

2971307 Pte. F. Mennie, "D" (F), 25-1-39; 6285887 Pte. G. Page, "D" (D), 24-7-38; 6286338 Pte. S. Smithers, "B" (W), 11-10-38; 6286345 Pte. B. Kirkman, "A" (M), 27-10-38; 6286318 Pte. E. Glen, "A" (M), 21-11-38; 6283459 Pte. S. Bishenden, "B" (Ch), 27-10-38; 6286323 Pte. S. Austen, "B" (C), 8-3-39; 6286587 Pte. J. Ryan, "B" (W), 17-3-39; 6285104 F. Moat, "B" (HB), 17-3-39; 6286332 Pte. F. Grace, "B" (S), 17-3-39; 6286789 Pte. H. Stephens, "A" (R), 22-3-39; 6285861 Pte. F. Foad, "A" (R), 1-4-39; 6286357 Pte. D. Last, "A" (R) 1-4-39; 6286783 Pte. H. Copping, "D" (D), 1-4-39; 6284559 Pte. A. Douglas, "A" (S), 1-4-39; 6286306 Pte. S. Coombs, "B" (CH), 1-4-39; 6839897 Pte. C. J. Carter, "B" (C), 19-4-39; 6286365 Pte. H. Ayres, "B" (C), 19-4-39.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. A. Trice, appointed Part-time Instructor at the Herne Bay Detachment, 22-3-39.

1038907 C.S.M. T. Player, "D" (D), appointed Part-time Instructor at Folkestone.

ENLISTMENTS.

The undermentioned recruits have been attested and posted to companies as shewn:—

6287482 Pte. G. P. Luff, "B" (L), 13-4-39; 6287481 Pte. W. R. Dixon, "B" (HB), 13-4-39; 6287478 Pte. A. G. Savage, "D" (D), 13-4-39; 6287480 Pte. S. Stags, "B" (S), 13-4-39; 6287479 Pte. A. F. J. Scott, "B" (S), 13-4-39; 6287490 Pte. A. G. Wade, "B" (L), 14-4-39; 6287484 V. A. Cheeseman, "B" (C), 14-4-39; 6287487 Pte. G. W. Bing, "B" (L), 14-4-39; 6287488 Pte. E. F. Delo, "B" (L), 14-4-39; 6287485 Pte. R. J. Lusted, "D" (D), 14-4-39; 6287486 Pte. E. R. Hodgson, "D" (D), 14-4-39; 6287489 Pte. A. J. Ford, "B" (C), 14-4-39; 6287494 Pte. C. R. Cockburn, "A" (R), 6287493 Pte. R. S. Cannon, "D" (D), 15-4-39; 628741 Pte. L. A. Bootes, "A" (R), 15-4-39; 6287492 Pte. H. T. Butcher, "B" (S), 15-4-39; 6287706 Pte. C. T. Miller, "A" (R), 19-4-39; 6287709 Boy F. Mould, "B" (C), 19-4-39; 6287704 Pte. S. J. Weekes, "C" (C), 19-4-39; 6287701 Pte. L. R. Collier, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287703 Pte. E. W. Amos, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287707 Pte. H. J. Porter, "A" (M), 19-4-39; 6287708 Pte. E. A. Towndrow, "C" (C), 19-4-39; 6287702 Pte. C. L. Pendle, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287700 J. S. T. Hooker, "B" (C), 19-4-39; 6287705 J. W. Taylor, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287496 P. B. James, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287497 Pte. V. J. Woolls, "A" (M), 19-4-39; 6287499 Pte. H. Hollingsbee, "B" (C), 19-4-39; 6287495 Pte. T. M. Gawler, "B" (C), 19-4-39; 6285819 Pte. E. J. Foreman, "B" (W), 19-4-39; 6287498 Pte. T. H. Rumbold, "B" (HB), 19-4-39; 6287483 Pte. N. E. McKeen, "D" (D), 19-4-39; 6287710 Pte. E. J. S. Moore, "C" (A), 15-4-39; 6287711 Pte. C. G. Ashdown, "B" (L), 18-4-39; 6287712 Pte. G. Henson, "B" (C), 6-4-39; 6287713 Pte. E. V. Little, "D" (F), 3-4-39; 6287714 Pte. L. R. Sharpe, "D" (F), 17-4-39; 6287715 Pte. R. F. Davidson, "D" (F), 17-4-39; 6287716 Pte. Wilkinson, "D" (D), 18-4-39; 6287717 Pte. H. C. Pearce, "A" (R), 18-4-39; 6287718 Pte. C. J. Askan, "B" (S), 18-4-39; 6287719 Pte. W. T. Bushrop, "B" (S), 18-4-39; 6287720 Pte. D. Edwards, "B" (S), 18-4-39; 6287721 Pte. A. Shilling, "B" (S), 18-4-39; 6287722 Pte. E. G. E. Hodgman, "B" (C), 4-4-39; 6287723 Pte. E. Turner, "B" (C), 13-4-39; 6287724 Pte. B. E. A. Parker, "A" (M), 18-4-39; 6287725 Pte. K. Smith, "B" (L), 18-4-39; 6287726 Pte. E. Brazier, "B" (L), 18-4-39; 6287727 Pte. L. W. H. Smith, "A" (M), 18-4-39.

TRANSFER.

6286945 Pte. G. P. West, "B" (C), transferred from London Rifle Brigade, 24-3-39.

DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned are discharged:—

6286593 Pte. P. G. Price, "A" (R), 2-4-39; 6284529 Pte. G. W. Abbott, "D" (D), 5-4-39; 6284851 L/Cpl. W. H. Page, "D" (D); 6283277 Pte. F. G. Pilcher, "B" (CH); 6286969 Pte. F. A. Chidwick, "A" (M), 11-4-39; 6286080 Pte. F. A. Irons, "D" (D), 17-4-39;

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2nd. Bn. D. Coy.—continued from page 178

Our second game was with "A" Company, and in this we forced a draw. The game itself was certainly well worth watching, and it is very rare that one sees such a fine inter-company game, but in one or two cases it was seen that individuals did forget to play the ball. Still, all these faults are put right with practice.

We must congratulate Miss Gwen Gillett on being elected May Queen of Pembroke Dock from 32 entrants.

Congratulations to L/Cpl. Cox on receiving the pay of his appointment; also to L/Cpl. Fitzjohn on getting his foot on the first rung of the ladder.

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6284529 Pte. G. W. Abbott, "D" (D), 5-4-39; 6285865 Sgt. E. Blake, "C" (A), 31-3-39; 6287416 Pte. J. Turner, "A" (R), 31-3-39; 6286737 Pte. A. C. Newman, "D" (D), 31-3-39; 6286343 Pte. H. G. Harvey, "D" (D), 31-3-39; 6282843 Sgt. Rowley, "A" (S), 31-3-39; 6284860 L/Cpl. Byrne, "A" (S), 31-3-39; 6284900 Pte. A. K. Love, "A" (R), 31-3-39; 6280537 Pte. E. F. Hatcher, "C" (C), 25-3-39; 6285388 Pte. C. R. Field, "B" (HB), 25-3-39; 6284047 Pte. S. R. Chapman, "C" (C); 6286937 Pte. J. T. Goldfinch, "A" (R), 24-3-39; 6286509 Pte. W. W. Campbell, "A" (M), 24-3-39; 6287263 Pte. F. E. Church, "A" (R), 5-2-39; 6286990 Pte. R. R. Collett, "C" (C), 30-3-39; 6286919 Pte. L. W. Burchett, "C" (A), 29-3-39; 6286529 Pte. J. H. Rodgers, "A" (M), 6-2-39; 6286917 Pte. G. A. Laker, "B" (CH), 9-1-39; 6286715 Pte. R. J. White, "D" (D), 26-2-39; 6286998 Pte. F. Waters, "C" (C), 2-3-39; 6286924 Pte. F. C. Daniels, "B" (CH), 2-3-39; 6284849 L/Cpl. G. Chaplin, "D" (D), 14-3-39; 6287216 Boy Abbott, "C" (T), 23-10-38; 6284023 Pte. F. Curtis, "D" (F), 30-3-39; 803595 Pte. A. C. Smith, "C" (C), 30-3-39; 6286009 Pte. F. Mills, "D" (D), 2-4-39; 6287259 Pte. A. Day, "B" (S), 11-4-39; 6286069 Dmr. F. J. Hunter, "D" (D), 11-4-39.

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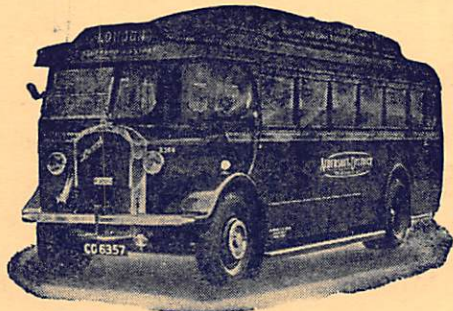
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