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EDITORIAL

At about the date this issue reaches the subscribers in this country a very great achievement will have become an accomplished fact. On September 15, 1951, the Regimental Colony of Homes will have been officially opened and actually occupied.

That this little Regimental estate should have reached its "opening night" is due to the grand assistance rendered in subscriptions from the county, but the magnificent sum reached would never have been achieved had it not been for the support of the Mayors of boroughs, chairmen of councils, the committees of clubs and numbers of people who have toiled to raise money, or having money, have by their generosity acted as a magnet and led others on to subscribe. In these days, however, money does not mean houses and that our War Memorial has become a real live colony is due to the Lord Lieutenant, whose interest has been all and more than one could hope for, the local authorities, the architects, the contractors and our honorary solicitor.

We are omitting names as far as possible, but it is impossible to leave out mention of Col. Roberts, chairman of the Regimental Association, and Col. Beach, whose wholehearted devotion to the project has been priceless—we can think of no other term.

Having given their due, however, to everyone who has contributed in any way to this great project, we have no hesitation in saying that never would such a success have been made had it not been for the efforts of the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. Maurice Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P. September 15 will indeed, we hope, be a happy day for him.

The costs of production go up and up and the Journal has now had to cast its last reserve into the "kitty" to meet the overdraft. Reluctantly, therefore, we have got to economise still more and we can only do this by cutting down the size of the Journal. Much therefore, as we hate doing it, we must ask Units to edit their contributions more carefully and this will mean a great cutting down of reduplication in Company notes, where accounts of games in particular are so frequently duplicated.

The Editorial will be reduced to a line or two in future, and we regret to inform all those who send long appeals to us that they can only be reproduced in a form of "Agony Column" and reduced to the minimum.

We commend the following to your notice:—

Burma Star Association. Anyone who is entitled to wear the Burma Star is eligible to join. Inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, 26 Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

Eastern Epic. Compton Mackenzie's *History of the Indian Army's War Effort* is appearing in the autumn. We are asked to call the attention to this of all those who served with or alongside Indian Army units in the war.

Boys' Town—Moderna. On April 28, 1951, *Everybody's* published an article on "Boys' Town" and on May 5 an article on "Moderna," and at the same time *Everybody's* appeals for donations to Boys' Town, particularly from those who wish to show their gratitude for assistance given when they or their relations were assisted in their escape when prisoners-of-war. We regret we cannot avail ourselves of *Everybody's* permission to reprint the articles, but they are available at the Journal Office and donations can be sent to *Everybody's*, 114 Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Forthcoming Events. The O.C.A. Dinner this year will take place on October 20, 1951, at the Royal Horticultural Hall (New Hall Restaurant), Greycourt Street, S.W.1 (at the back of the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria Street, S.W.1). Tickets are 10s. each.—fuller particulars from the Secretary of the Middlesex Regimental Association.

FROM THE COLONEL'S NEWSLETTER

News from Individuals

I have had an opportunity of seeing a letter from L/Cpl. A. E. Sills serving in "H.Q." Company, 1st Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment, in Korea. He narrowly escaped being killed or captured in recent operations, and that he did so was due to his excellent work in charge of the Officers' Mess. This soldier saw service in the 7th Battalion and was in that Battalion in 1939 in the Drums. He then became a Regular soldier and after discharge joined the 7th Battalion again in their Drums. He likes Army life. He says Pte. Osborne (late 1/7th Middlesex) is missing in the same operation in the same Regiment. He says in his own words, which interested me for they were so typical of our men: "Myself fared a lot luckier. I was running the Officers' Mess, which I have done since December, 1950. On the eve of the battle I heard the guns start, so I said to myself, 'Whipper,' it's time you packed all the Mess up. This I did through the night. In the morning the second in command told me to get packed as things were not so good. I told him I had done so. At 11 a.m. he sent me to 'B' Echelon with the Mess 30 minutes before H.Q. was surrounded, so once more I was lucky."

On June 6 I received from Capt. S. G. Parry, now in R.A.O.C., a letter dated June 1. He has been serving at H.Q. British Troops in Austria as Staff Captain Ord. 3 (Personnel and Policy). As a Q.M.

he also assists in that work at H.Q., and his experience in our Regiment was mainly in that quarter. He has been in touch with friends in the 1st Middlesex in Korea as his rank service was eight years in our Regiment, and he received his commission in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Whilst in Trieste he met Capt. Driver, S.O.P.T., who was in our Regiment.

Mrs. Ellen Cook, wife of R.S.M. Cook, 1st Middlesex, wrote to me on May 18 having seen in the *Evening News* mention of our 1st Middlesex in Korea. I last met her in Aldershot at Maida Gym., on the occasion of a Ball given by the 1st Battalion in commemoration of Albuhera. Mrs. Cook lives at 100 St. George's Road, Aldershot, and is now of great age. I do hope people living locally will look her up sometimes.

HONOURS, PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

"*London Gazette*," May 18, 1951.—Jeremy Robin Hare to be Second-Lieutenant (N.S.), March 10, 1951.

"*London Gazette*," May 8, 1951.—S.S. Commission. From R.A. Emergency Commission, R. Stapleton to be Lieutenant, March 27, 1951 (seniority March 4, 1947).

"*London Gazette*," May 22, 1951.—Regular Commission N. F. Legge, B.A., university candidate (from Emergency Commission) to be Lieutenant, March 19, 1951, with seniority September 17, 1949 (now serving in 1st Buffs).

"*London Gazette*," May 25, 1951.—Lt. R. B. L. Garbett granted acting rank Captain, March 1, 1951.

"*London Gazette*," May 29, 1951.—Anthony Brian Downs to be Second-Lieutenant, March 24, 1951. William Aubrey Ellis to be Second-Lieutenant, March 24, 1951. Lt. A. R. Cowan to be Captain, May 31, 1951 (S.S. Commission).

"*The Times*," June 12, 1951.—Birthday Honours List: Major A. G. Hewitt, M.C., to be M.B.E.

Supplement, "*London Gazette*," June 5, 1951.—S.S. Commission. Lt. K. G. Harvey to be Captain, June 3, 1951.

"*London Gazette*," June 8, 1951.—Lt. R. B. L. Garbett to be Captain, June 6, 1951 (seniority March 1, 1951).

"*London Gazette*," June 19, 1951.—Lt. Warwick Michael Mortimer Deacock, from T.A., to be Lieutenant (Regular) in Middlesex Regiment from May 3, 1951, with seniority December 15, 1948.

"*London Gazette*," June 22, 1951.—Capt. D. H. Tipping relinquishes his S.S. Commission on account of disability from June 23, 1951, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain. 2/Lt. M. F. Lutter to be Lieutenant, June 21, 1951 (S.S. Commission).

"*London Gazette*," June 15, 1951.—2/Lt. P. A. Stocken, from Regular Army N.S. List, to be Second-Lieutenant in T.A. (7th Middlesex), May 16, 1951 (seniority November 12, 1949).

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to award the 1st Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration to Capt. L. C. D. Doidge, T.D. (retired).

"*The Times*," May 4, 1951.—Mention in Despatches: Citation states that during the night of February 14-15, 1951, his Company was in action in Korea,

considerably outnumbered and suffering casualties, Pte. Cobby, a stretcher bearer, moved from trench to trench administering morphine, dressing wounds, and collecting casualties together for evacuation. His courage and determination under fire set a fine example of devotion to duty.

Marriages

On May 19, 1951, Capt. P. Collins married Daphne, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. H. L. Chasman, in St. Andrew's Church, Watford.

Korea Comforts Fund

Due to 1st Battalion being withdrawn from Korea and returning to their normal station at Hong Kong, the Lord Lieutenant's Comfort Fund is being closed and it has been agreed by the Lord Lieutenant and myself that the balance remaining will be transferred to the C.O.'s Fund of the 1st Battalion for the benefit of Other Ranks serving under his command. The total collected up to June 30, 1951, was £4,320 1s. 11d.

In a letter dated June 18, the C.O. relates how the Battalion marched to the King's Birthday Parade on June 6, in pelting rain, over a distance of three miles through dense crowds. The Band and Drums marched with the Battalion, despite orders that neither should accompany the Battalion for fear of damage to Drums, and Drum Major Holford threw up his mace 36 times, and the C.O. says he marvelled how he caught it every time in spite of drenching rain. On return a river across the camp entrance had swept over the bridge, and all had to swim or wade home.

Major Willoughby's departure route was lined by the Battalion. Mounted officers accompanied his jeep as outriders, Band and Drums moved ahead and played all his favourite tunes. Thus it is that our men treat those officers they love and admire. Col. Gwyn says that he had been a wonderful companion to him in the Korea campaign, and an inspiration to all ranks and especially to the junior officers. He is now holding the post of G.S.O. (1), 3rd Division, a first-class appointment worthy of his skill. Aymar Clayton has replaced him as 2IC, and I always consider him the perfect staff officer and a wise counsellor. The Battalion is certainly still in good hands, although it has lost a C.O. we all can admire and are grateful to for his command.

I am proud to relate that for the first time our Regimental Flag was flown at the Middlesex Guildhall in Westminster on Albuhera Day, May 16, and I understand a similar honour will be paid each year on that date. I went down to view it, and felt very honoured to have initiated this act with the Clerk to the County Council.

TO OUR READERS

Considerable inconvenience is caused to both the Editor and to the Reader owing to the fact that changes of addresses are not notified at once. If you change your address please let us know and so be sure of receiving your Journal regularly

1st Battalion NOTES

EDITORIAL

The story of our last six weeks in Korea is being included elsewhere in these notes and therefore it only remains for me to give a brief description of our activities since our return to Hong Kong.

After an uneventful but comfortable voyage from Inchon in the United States' transport *Montrail*, we arrived at Hong Kong on May 18. On arrival we were met by both His Excellency, the G.O.C.-in-C., Lt.-Gen. Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and the G.O.C., Major-Gen. G. C. Evans, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. We were delighted to see the Pipes of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in addition to our own Regimental Band, on the quay to greet us.

Within a few days of our arrival we were involved in a short Exercise and in practising ceremonial drill. Both these activities were a welcome change after Korea.

On June 4 His Excellency the Governor honoured us with a visit and gave us a very warm address of welcome. After a short ceremonial parade he was entertained in the Officers' Mess.

On June 7 we took part in the King's Birthday Parade in Kowloon. This took the form of a March Past by a column of both marching and mechanised troops, representing the garrison of Hong Kong. Unfortunately it rained heavily both before and during the parade, and everyone was soaked through by the time they returned to camp—only to find it was flooded.

On June 15 a short parade was held at which the Commanding Officer presented his Certificates of Merit to Other Ranks who had given outstanding service in Korea—and had not been awarded a decoration or been Mentioned in Despatches.

From mid-June, for a period of nearly six weeks, the Companies in turn went on leave for ten days.

On June 2 the Hong Kong Regiment held their annual ball at which various cups and trophies awarded during the previous year are normally presented. On this occasion the Regiment took the ball as an opportunity to welcome back the Battalion. A number of all ranks were invited to the ball and were most hospitably entertained by members of the Regiment.

Elsewhere in these notes mention is made of another very successful "Welcome Home" Party which was organised by a group of Kowloon businessmen, and was held in the camp on June 10. The party was very much appreciated by every member of the Battalion who was able to attend. It puts us still further in debt to the people of the Colony who have been so generous and hospitable both while we were in Korea and since.

A Battalion golf team, consisting of Lt.-Col. R. A. Gwyn, Lt. G. Mason, 2/Lt. P. A. S. Wollocombe and Bdsm. Smith, were beaten recently in the Land Forces Golf Competition by the 3rd Battalion The Royal Tank Regiment, who have since qualified for the final. Although we were not particularly successful on this occasion we do feel that we have some golfers in the Battalion who will be able to play in future Regimental Golf Meetings.

We were delighted to hear that Lt.-Col. R. A. Gwyn had been appointed to command the Battalion. He had been second-in-command for nearly a year and is well known to all of us.

We were all very sorry to bid farewell to Lt.-Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., who left us owing to ill-health, shortly after Easter. We were relieved to hear that he has completely recovered and is now reunited with his family in England. We were pleased, too, to hear of his promotion and posting to a staff appointment in Catterick.

Our best wishes go to Lt.-Col. C. H. Nicholson, M.C., who commanded us during the "interregnum" in Korea, after Lt.-Col. Man left us and before Lt.-Col. Gwyn took over command. He is now commanding a Territorial Battalion of his own Regiment.

DETAILS OF OTHER RANKS AWARDED A COMMANDING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN KOREA

"H.Q." Company
C/Sgt. J. Thom, O.R.C./Sgt. F. Redpath, Sgt. C. Burgess, Sgt. S. Michel, Cpl. C. Stubbs, Cpl. W. Giles, Cpl. C. Leete, Cpl. S. Gurr, L/Cpl. A. Collins, Pte. W. Rawlinson, Pte. F. Coles, Cfm. T. Carlisle (R.E.M.E.), Pte. D. Craddock, Pte. G. Farmer, Pte. G. Lammis (late Royal Leics.).

"A" Company
Sgt. D. Deamer, Pte. E. Moss, Pte. G. Chamberlain, Cpl. T. Payne, Pte. G. Swain, L/Cpl. J. Tinkler (late Glosters).

"B" Company
Sgt. S. Reynolds, Cpl. B. Clements, Pte. J. Street, Pte. K. Ward, L/Cpl. J. Ridge (late South Staffs.).

"C" Company
C.S.M. F. Wickens, Sgt. J. Potter, Cpl. V. Anderson, Cpl. C. Howrihane, Pte. G. Young, Pte. C. Aldred, L/Cpl. D. Mardle.

"D" Company
C.S.M. T. McMillan, C/Sgt. A. Cooper, Cpl. G. Simmons, Pte. H. Clinch, Pte. P. Bailey (late South Staffs.).

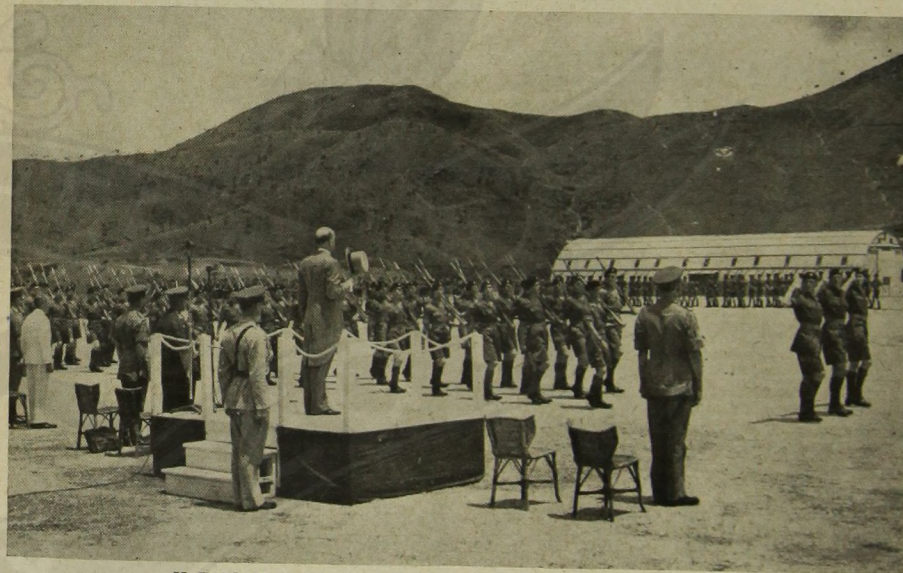
"S" Company
C/Sgt. D. Cranfield, Sgt. R. Dodkins, Sgt. W. Thorogood, Cpl. J. Brazil, L/Cpl. J. Swift, Cpl. B. Barrett, Cpl. J. Moyse.

"H.Q." COMPANY

These notes are being written in the middle of a typhoon warning, so reader be prepared to take off at a moment's notice. So far there has been no real damage save that the newly painted Company notice-board (in



H. E. The Governor's visit to the Battalion on return from Korea. Major Dowse, O.C. "A" Coy., Lt.-Col. Gwyn, H. E. The Governor, Sgt. Eastap.



H. E. The Governor's visit. The Battalion ("D" Coy. leading) march past.

maroon and old gold) lies flat on its face in the road.

Since arriving back from the "Land of the Morning Calm" we have noticed on these mornings in Hong Kong that things are anything but calm. It is not an unusual sight to see post corporals, grooms and many others doubling past with rifles on their way to early morning P.T. and weapon training, endeavouring to reach a high standard for the annual range classifications.

We have started cricket in earnest under Cpl. Eldridge and have played two matches, one against "C" Company, which we lost by 30-odd runs, and the other against Support Company which we won by 5 wickets. We have the nucleus of a good side and should acquit ourselves well in the Albuhera Shield.

Since the last publication of "H.Q." Company notes we have reluctantly said good-bye to Major A. S. J. de S. Clayton, but we congratulate him on his elevation to Battalion 2IC. However, he is still to be seen in the office keeping a fatherly eye on his successor.

C.S.M. Copper, who has served the Company so well during all the hard times in Korea, has left us for "B" Company; he carries all our best wishes with him to his new Company. We welcome C.S.M. Tarrant, an old friend, completely recovered from his Korea injury, and hope he will be with us for a long time.

Many others, too numerous to mention, have joined us or left us—to all these friends, old or new, *salve* or *vale*, whichever fits.

Lastly, before closing these notes, we should like to thank all our friends who may see them for the gifts, the magazines, the food, which they sent to us, and which helped us feel the link with home whilst we were in Korea.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

In our final months in Korea the "I" Section continued its activities in the familiar pattern. There is enough said in the rest of this issue about those days so we pass on quickly to the more congenial topic of our return to Hong Kong. When we arrived back the Orderly Room at once reclaimed Pte. Restell, who had been lent to us "for the duration." Pte. Chester, of the K.S.L.I., came in to replace him and to reintroduce us to the mysteries of "civil labour." Since then we have said good-bye to Cpl. Leete and Ptes. Tunstall, Brooks and Herbert, who have all returned to U.K. on release. We are sorry to see them go and wish them the best of luck in the future. Cpl. White from "B" Company has now joined us and Sgt. Jessup is still with us.

We were all very pleased when Cpl. Leete was awarded a Commanding Officer's Certificate of Merit for outstanding service in Korea, and took great pleasure in a similar award to L/Cpl. Collins who was with us for much of the time in Korea.

Signal Platoon

Ever since we had withdrawn from Seoul in the New Year the value of signal work was gradually changing. In the central sector the roads started diminishing, and then finally fading out altogether, thus making all types of signal work harder.

It was the Company operators who took the weight of the burden. Often after climbing the mountain for the day it was one on and one off till the lines came in from Battalion H.Q. It would be unfair to name any particular person with Companies, for they were all equal in their effort.

In Battalion H.Q. the line parties had an unending task. At times one Company line would be almost four miles long, to say nothing of maintaining it. Towards the end the Platoon was very under strength and it was great credit to all concerned that the line and wireless worked so successfully during that period.

In April-May we lost L/Cpl. Barber after Wilson, Stracken, Hogg, Robinson, Burgess, Smith, and some through release and some we left behind to the K.S.L.I.

We had sent an advance party to Hong Kong to take over from the K.S.L.I. in San Wai Camp. From the signal aspect we are well set out, but a lot of work had to be done. Complete new equipment had to be drawn—the camp rewired and the thousand and one things that are entailed when changing from war to peace-time soldiering.

We were very sorry to lose Ptes. Rogers and Lammas to the South Staffords and Ptes. Spieby and Taylor to the Royal Leicesters. They had all been with us for a long time and had given sterling service. Ptes. Hailstone, Boxwell and Maylon went home on release, making the Platoon strength very low indeed. But still everything is in order to date and very soon we hope to start signal cadres so we will be fully operational again.

Our heartiest congratulations to L/Cpl. Mead who was awarded a Mention in Despatches in Korea, and Sgt. Michel and Pte. Coles who were awarded the Commanding Officer's Certificate of Merit.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

It is some time since Band notes appeared in the Journal, and since the last edition we have been fairly busy. On the departure of the Battalion to Korea we moved into the 40th Divisional Leave Centre in Chatham Road, and there we were able to get down to serious uninterrupted rehearsal. During this period the Band improved tremendously, and we were able to start a dance band which was soon competing with rival bands in the colony.

In the Military Band field our most important engagements were playing at a Government House dinner and for the presentation of new Colours to the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force. For the latter we were fortunate in having the valuable services of Drum-Major Holdford who was on leave from Korea at that time. We also took part in two massed band displays one in Hong Kong in December, 1950, and the other in Kowloon two months later.

In the middle of March we saw the sight most of us had been longing to see—Hong Kong from the rear of a ship. But alas! it was not on a troopship homeward bound, but aboard the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Unicorn* steaming northwards to Japanese waters. We supplied music during the voyage, but it was definitely a case of weather permitting.

After calling at Sazebo on our way, we disembarked at Iwakuni to find that our destination was J/R.H.U. at Kure. We spent a very pleasant but busy month there, during which time we entertained members of the Commonwealth forces. Our Sunday evening concerts at the Empire Club were a popular feature, and we made numerous appearances at 29 General Hospital where we found Major Willoughby. We simply had to play "Lily Marlene."

We had hopes of getting to Korea to entertain the Battalion (in a rest area, no doubt), but it was not to be, and even our proposed trip to Tokyo to take part in General MacArthur's farewell parade came to naught. Instead, at the end of April we found ourselves bound for Hong Kong on our old friend the *Dunera*, and we arrived here in good time to welcome the Battalion back from Korea.

Since then we have been kept fairly busy but are looking forward to a spell of leave shortly. This coincides with the arrival here of the families of Bandmaster Jackson, Sgt. Bayton and Bds. Smith. Also included in the party is Miss Constance Ricketts of Wood Green, and wedding bells will chime for L/Cpl. Pantrini soon after the *Dilwara* docks. Our hearty congratulations to both. Bds. Wood also took the plunge earlier this year, and we offer him and his bride our sincere, if belated, wishes for all future happiness.

Promotions have been in the news lately, and we congratulate Sgts. Bayton and Bently, Cpls. Hannam and Cook, and L/Cpls. Pantrini, Stevens and Forsythe on having taken a step in the right direction.

Sgts. Bayton and Bently distinguished themselves on the Pupils' Course (1949-50) that they attended at the Royal Military School of Music and came back to us covered in 1st prizes and parchments. Well done. We hope that similar success will meet the efforts of Bds. Dawson and Wood attending the current course.

At the end of May we said good-bye to one of the stalwarts of the Band—Sgt. Hymas. We were sorry to see him go, but wish him every success in civilian life. Cpl. Hazlewood is now the only survivor of the old 1st Battalion Band.

In the world of sport we are engaged in competition with the other bands in the colony as a rule, but shine only in basketball at the moment. However, in due course we hope to avenge defeats at soccer and hockey administered by our neighbours the South Staffords.

In conclusion we would like to send greetings to all past members of the Band, and hope that you will come along and give us your support when we are playing on the steps of St. Paul's or in St. James's Park in the summer of next year.

"A" COMPANY

The Company first assembled in a peace-time setting on the docks in Kowloon. We all felt very glad to be back.

We soon settled down in our new camp, which in spite of the fact the huts are hardly more rainproof than our erstwhile "Pup Tents," is really very compact and boasts of many more luxuries than the old Beas Stables. Soon, however, the old call of drill and

frantic cleaning was heard, and we started to train for the Governor's Parade and the King's Birthday Parade.

Both went off very well except for the rain on the King's Birthday Parade which rather dimmed the splendour of the occasion, especially as we had to wade up to our necks in water to reach the Company lines again, due to the flooding of the camp lines.

The Company left camp on June 16 on ten days' leave and was soon lost to sight amid the excitement of city life.

Some of us did not take all our leave this way but spent a few days at the Battalion leave camp, near Clear Water Bay.

At the end of June we were very pleased to welcome C.S.M. Donovan, who has rejoined us from Singapore. We also extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Donovan and the family, and we hope they will have a pleasant stay in Hong Kong. Our pleasure at gaining C.S.M. Donovan was marred only by the loss of C.S.M. Cranfield whom we had all come to like so much; he has become Colour-Sergeant of "S" Company.

As yet there has been no "Albuhera" sports. However, the Company has always held its own whenever "friendly" games have been arranged against other Companies; our soccer team in particular has shown great promise.

As these notes are written we are embroiled in Force Guards in Kowloon and, from all reports the Company has already made a name for itself by arresting a record number of vagabonds.

"B" COMPANY

Easter Sunday found us east of Uijongbu climbing the hills and scouring the valleys. One feature, Hill 1131, will be remembered for a long time by those of us who climbed it. At the beginning of April Lt. Swarbrick took over the duties of M.T.O. He changed places with Capt. Flavell, who joined the Company as 2IC, together with 2/Lt. Brown, whose stay with us was short, being wounded on April 24. Also wounded were Sgt. Perkins, Cpl. Sutton, Ptes. Carroll (47) and Myatt. We were glad to see 2/Lt. Brown, Sgt. Perkins and Pte. Carroll as they passed through Hong Kong on their way to U.K. In mid-April, with the advance party preparing for the journey to Hong Kong, we felt that rumours of being relieved were at last taking on the shape of fact, but with the new Chinese offensive we found ourselves back in the fray once again. We were relieved from our final defensive position by 3rd R.A.R. on May 12 and the 1st Battalion K.S.L.I. took over the next day. On May 14 we boarded the *Montrail* and were sorry to leave behind Sgt. Cooper, L/Cpl. Biggs, Ptes. Garrigan, Myatt, Regan and Taylor (a great man with the frying pan). They were all reservists who joined us last Christmas. Sgt. Cooper, "Aubrey's little brother," is now on the training staff in Kure. Once on board the supreme moment arrived when hot showers were enjoyed by all. Albuhera Day was celebrated with a special menu for the occasion. We landed at Hong Kong on May 18, and were greeted by the Regimental Band and the Pipes of the Argylls, who played the Battalion to the train. Then

to San Wai Camp which had been prepared by the advance party.

Within a week of our return an Exercise had taken place, on which Cpl. Barrett had the great misfortune to get wounded in the hand by a blank round. He came out of hospital and stayed with the Company for a few days before returning to the U.K. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him together with Sgt. Reynolds, Cpl. Clements, L/Cpl. Ridge (South Staffs.), Ptes. Ward and Street, and Cpl. Moyse on being awarded the Commanding Officer's Certificate of Merit. Cpl. Moyse is also to be congratulated for the excellent result he obtained on an anti-tank course recently.

Later two ceremonial parades took place, one when the Governor welcomed us back to Hong Kong, and the other, the King's Birthday Parade, which took place in Kowloon, three days later. The weather was kind to us on the first parade, but on the second so much rain fell during the day that some of us were obliged to swim a swollen river to get back to our huts.

Shortly after this members of the 1st Royal Leicesters and 1st South Staffs. Regiments rejoined their Battalions. Amongst them L/Cpl. Ridge, Ptes. Bethell, Church, Richardson and Taylor from this Company. We are glad to have had them with us and wish them the best of luck.

For the past two months we have been getting re-equipped, having leave, doing guards, fatigues and patrols. The two patrols found by this Company, and led by Lt. Milward and 2/Lt. Lancaster (K.S.L.I.), each succeeded in capturing a prisoner. Reorganisation has caused many comings and goings to and from the Company. We were sorry to see Lt. Kitchener leave the Company, but are glad to hear that he has obtained a Regular commission in the Middlesex Regiment. 2/Lt. Lawrence, M.C., has gone to "H.Q." Company as Sports and W.T. Officer. We also say good-bye to C.S.M. Perry who has gone to the Chinese Training Unit in a job he had before the war. Sgt. Reynolds (M.M.G.), Cpl. Moyse (Anti-Tank), Cpl. Partridge (M.M.G.) and Pte. Jenner (Pioneers) have now joined "S" Company. Sgt. Small (Sniper Section), Cpl. White (No. 1 Section), L/Cpl. Swindells (Snipers), L/Cpl. Mathews (Signals), Ptes. Thomas and Ward (94), (Drums) Waters and Ward (42) (M.T.), Dent (Q.M. Stores), Ayers and Prouse (batmen) and Mankelov, all to "H.Q." Company. We welcome Lt. Milward, who joined this Company in Korea, and say hail and farewell to 2/Lt. Lancaster (K.S.L.I.) who has now left on release. Others who have joined us are C.S.M. Copper from H.Q., Sgt. Humphries from "S" Company, Sgt. O'Neill from the K.S.L.I., and Sgt. Steward who has rejoined us from the Training Brigade, Shorncliffe.

We have lost a large number of National Service men on release and wish the following good luck on their return to "Civvy Street": L/Cpl. Marshall, Ptes. Topp, Newton, Paget, Gilbertson, Keeley, "Daisy" Potter, Stemp, Corrie, Freeman and Beech. From K.S.L.I. attached Ptes. Bull, Jones, Beach, Hudson, Balderson and Evans.

Finally, we are glad to hear that Cpl. Potts and Pte.

Drury, who were both wounded last year, are well on the way to recovery.

"C" COMPANY

The Company has now settled down at San Wai Camp in the new territories to a life of training, sports and comparative comfort. After climbing countless hills and undergoing numerous and practically soul-destroying disappointments in Korea, there was not one man in the Company who, on May 18, viewed the green and friendly hills of Hong Kong without a feeling of relief and thankfulness.

On landing we all thought that the "powers-that-be" might send us to the pre-war barracks of Stanley or Lyemeun on the island, but this was not to be. We were hustled on to the "Fanling Flyer" and within three hours of landing we found ourselves installed in the old K.S.L.I. Camp near Fanling. Although we were far from the ideal of Mr. Billy Butlin, at least we were living the life of human beings again.

Capt. J. B. Mathews took over command of the Company in June and we send our very best wishes to Major Bellers on his new appointment of second-in-command of the Battle School. Very shortly after this change-over, the command altered once again, Capt. B. K. Clayden taking over from Capt. Mathews. We take this opportunity of congratulating Capt. Mathews on well-earned promotion to Major.

Courses have depleted the Company, making the life of C.S.M. Wickens a little more difficult in an already difficult day-to-day routine of fatigues, guards and outside commitments. Cpl. Farrow, Ptes. Law, Maycock and Butters did extremely well on a 3-in. mortar course at the Battle School and no doubt "S" Company will claim them in the near future.

To Cpl. Gould we offer our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to Sergeant, and from the dark precincts of the Sergeants' Mess we welcome Sgt. Saxby back to the Company.

At the time of writing we have the makings of a first-class sporting Company. In friendly cricket matches we have beaten not only "A" and "S" Companies, but also "H.Q." Company—that bogey of all the Companies last year.

C/Sgt. Corner, Ptes. Law and Martin have batted very well indeed, Sgt. Potter in particular has bowled with much venom and accuracy. In Pte. Wood we have a wicket-keeper far above the average of Company players in the past. At times he has kept wicket brilliantly in addition to making robust scores.

The soccer team is as good as, if not better, than the team that won the shield last year. L/Cpl. Mardle in goal has shown surprising agility for one employed in such a staid and dignified office as his. Ptes. Wood, McLatchie and Tullett have all played well.

2/Lt. Hardcastle is training the Company swimming team; any day now we expect to have a Marshall in the Company.

To 2/Lt. Cartledge, Ptes. Gilham, Outhwaite, Mitchell, McLatchie and Woodruff, who have just sailed for home, we send our very best wishes and good luck for the future.

"D" COMPANY

The beginning of the quarter found the Company in an assembly area, after 14 days in reserve, prior to going into the attack again. Six days later the Company took Hill 1036 (the highest we went up). On April 10 we crossed the 38th Parallel, and after No. 11 Platoon had taken the first of a series of hills with fishy code names, No. 10 Platoon, despite two attempts, failed to capture the second. On that day the weather was absolutely foul, with rain, snow and mist, which limited visibility to about 10 yards. On the 13th No. 12 Platoon succeeded in taking the hill, after other Companies had tried to do so from other directions.

On the 17th we thought we were going into reserve for the last time, prior to leaving Korea, but luck seemed against us and six days later we were sent to cover the New Zealand guns, which had been threatened. After a withdrawal behind the Australians for the night, the Company was sent up to reinforce them. We were nearly cut off and after a long cross-country march, which included wading a river and climbing a steep hillside under fire, we rejoined the Battalion.

After being relieved by the K.S.L.I. on May 13 we sailed for Hong Kong.

Since returning we were on parade with the Battalion for inspection by the Governor, and we were also on the King's Birthday Parade in Kowloon.

Several swimming parties at Castle Peak have been organised by the Company, which have proved a success and we hope to have more. On the training side we have concentrated on getting to know the colony and several exercises with that aim in mind have been carried out.

At the time of writing the Company is providing the Force Guards. The day we took over we had a ceremonial mounting with the Band and Drums playing. This is a new idea and we hear that other units are following our example.

2/Lt. Ramsay sailed for home on the *Empire Pride* a few days ago. Our best wishes to him in civilian life.

Major D. C. L. Nolda, who was our Company Commander in Korea, was appointed Adjutant on our return. Major J. E. F. Willoughby, who we were glad to see looking better, has left us and we congratulate him on his appointment as G.S.O.1 in U.K. Capt. R. A. Hodge is now commanding the Company. He joined us as 2IC in Korea. To those who have left us we wish the best of luck and to the arrivals we extend our welcome.

In conclusion, our congratulations to C.S.M. McMillan and C.Q.M.S. Cooper on their being awarded the Commanding Officer's Certificate of Merit.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Support Company, in the shape of the Machine Gun and Mortar Platoons, became part of "H.Q." Company for the Korean campaign. The Machine Gun Platoon was noticeable in the closing stages of the campaign, when with their four guns they gave very adequate support to "A" Company on to C.O.D. in conjunction with the guns of the Heavy Weapons Platoon of an

American unit. They further supported "B" and "C" Companies forward on to C.O.D.

On the return from Korea of the Battalion Support Company was reinstated. The rebirth went unheralded, in the rush of reorganisation and settling in to our new surroundings. A number of men have been earmarked for training and eventual posting to the Company from the Rifle Companies. A handful of reinforcements were received from R.E.M.E. and the R.E. These include Ptes. Brown, Cole, Martin, Heath, Roberts, Sambridge and Wharton from the R.E., and Ptes. Blunt, Carrol and Cooper from R.E.M.E.

The Anti-Tank Section was sent to the Divisional Battle School for training where they obtained an excellent report. They include Cpl. Moyse, Ptes. Higgins and Armstrong, with Cpl. Fisher driving the tractor.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon is in the process of being formed under the direction of Lt. Mason and assisted by Sgt. Smith (70) and Cpl. Dive. They have been fully employed in camp repairs and improvements since returning from Korea.

We welcome C.S.M. Budden and C.Q.M.S. Cranfield with Sgts. Reynolds and Bowyer to the Company. Also joined since our return are Cpls. Walker (11), Walker (74), Partridge and Moyse. Sgt. Palmer has left us for duties in Malaya; whilst Ptes. Ward and Stubblings have been released to the U.K.

We look forward to a period of training when all the newcomers to the Company will have a chance to settle down and accustom themselves to riding in carriers as opposed to walking. All ranks without exception welcomed the return to Hong Kong from Korea, where the lessons learnt and experiences gained will be invaluable. We must ensure that these lessons are passed on to those less experienced, for already the faces in the Battalion are rapidly changing.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

This quarter must be classed as an auspicious one, containing, as it did, the departure of 1st Middlesex from "The Land of Morning Calm."

But let us start from the beginning. March 23 found the Battalion in corps reserve at Chipyong. The Mortar Platoon, needless to say, had made themselves quite comfortable in four "Gook" huts—one for each Section and an outhouse for Platoon H.Q.

Easter Day was upon us; a special day, therefore a move. We were once more on our way up a long valley to Hill 1036. Some eight bombs were fired, but not in anger, only as a precaution. There was no trouble until the very end. The mortars, unfortunately, were not able to help on the summit of 1036 owing to the range and shortage of porters. They were, however, used to "plug" the valley and assist in a clearing patrol.

On April 24 we were once more in reserve. Spirits were high as our relief must surely come about at any moment. The Argyls sailed and we were to follow shortly. Another Chinese push and once more the Mortar Platoon climbed into its very weary carriers and sallied forth. The Platoon rôle was "not in the book" this time. For some four hours we acted as gate

attendants at a function reminiscent of Cup Final days, passing a myriad of very bewildered soldiers through our lines and suggesting, at times rather forcibly, that it would not be wise were they to try and take our transport.

Then the great day dawned. May 14 saw the arrival of 1st K.S.L.I. and the departure of 1st Middlesex. There were no stragglers! The handover was smooth but rapid; rather on the lines of "Here you are. Good luck. Good-bye." We were sorry to leave our faithful liberated "Gook" truck. It had done us well and, with Cpl. Fisher's coaxing, had never let us down.

Thus to Hong Kong and the delights of San Wai. "S" Company was re-formed, and we felt that we were no longer something of an orphan. The Platoon flag was soon flying outside our billet. The return, however, had its bad moments as the team soon started to break up. Sgt. Sly and L/Cpl. Rendell returned to their parent unit, the South Staffords, and Spiby, our signaller, to the Royal Leicesters. No doubt many were the war stories heard in the N.A.A.F.I. of the 1st Royal Leicesters. Cpl. Stone and Pte. Mitchell, one of the most stalwart of our drivers, departed on demob.

We are now reasonably well settled in and the old, old battle of duties versus training is in full swing.

Not one of us can honestly say we were sorry to leave Korea, but at least life was simple. Everybody knew they had a job to do and they did it.

M.M.G. Platoon

At Easter, while in corps reserve, Sgt. Cooper joined us from "B" Company and took over command of No. 1 Section. Shortly after which No. 1 Section experienced the "joys of mountaineering" during the Battalion's operations on "1036." No. 2 Section, being more fortunate in only having the low hills at the sides of the valley to climb. For about a week after "1036" the Platoon was not committed at all, until the names "Dab," "Kipper," "Cod" and "Sardine" filled everyone with an everlasting aversion for fish. The notable thing during the taking of these hills was that in five days the Platoon fired 104 belts. This created plenty of work for our "Gook" train men, Ptes. Smith 98, Lacey and Dawson, and it was during this period that we fired in conjunction with our American Allies of 24th Division.

Late in April found us busy cleaning vehicles to hand over, but unfortunately our departure was delayed. That is with the exception of our Platoon Commander, Lt. G. G. Norton, who was posted to Mill Hill. Our best wishes for his future went with him.

The Platoon successfully weathered the storms of our last few active service days. Finishing in defensive positions, with No. 1 Section commanded by Cpl. Brazil and No. 2 Section by Cpl. Walker (74). The Platoon is now back in Hong Kong, has settled down and is waiting reinforcements to make it up to strength. The following have departed for U.K. since our return here: Sgt. Finnis, Ptes. Tuffnel, Clapham, Ward, Nunn, Downs, Higgs, Coleman, Blackford, to all of whom we extend our very best wishes for "Civvy Street." New arrivals include Sgt. Reynolds and Cpl. Partridge from "B" Company, and Sgt. Bowyer from "A" Company, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

During the month of July we said farewells to C.S.M. Perry, Sgts. Callaghan, Palmer, Simpson and Landreth on posting to Singapore, and our Armourer, Sgt. Simmonds, on reversion to U.K. on a course. We welcome back to the Mess C.S.M. Donovan from Singapore and C.S.M. Tarrant from the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit, whose place was taken by C.S.M. Perry. On returning to Hong Kong we were also rejoined by C.S.M.s Seabrook and Budden and Drum-Major Holdford. We also welcome as new members to the Mess Sgts. Reynolds, Potter, Gould, Steward, Bowyer, Small, Bentley and Bayton.

Owing to enemy action in Korea we were unable to meet with the other Messes of the Brigade prior to our relief and departure for Hong Kong, a circumstance which we deeply regretted. We have, however, despatched to the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes of the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and 16th Field Regiment, R.N.Z.A., the funds we had raised for a farewell party, and have no doubt that they will put them to very good use when the opportunity presents itself.

On our return to Hong Kong several members distinguished themselves on "lost week-ends," but that era has now passed and the Mess has settled down to a more staid and regular existence.

On June 16 we held a belated Albuhera Ball at the Kowloon Cricket Club, which was a very enjoyable and successful function.

On June 30 we held a Rifle Meeting with members of the Hong Kong Defence Force Ladies' Section, at which the Mess triumphed and we afterwards entertained the ladies to dinner in the Mess.

SPORTS NOTES

Very little sport has taken place since we returned to Hong Kong as it is the close season.

The Brigade Swimming Meeting and the Army Water Polo Competition took place recently, but the results were disappointing. We were a poor third in the Brigade Meeting and we were defeated by two brilliant, if lucky, goals by 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment in the second round of the water polo. Incidentally the Royal Leicester team won the competition. Our one highlight was, as always, the diving of Drum-Major C. Holdford, B.E.M., who once again carried off the Brigade and Army diving championships.

We were challenged to a match by H.M.S. *Unicorn* very soon after our return and before we had had time even to think of picking a team. Their combination proved too good for us and we were beaten by four goals to one. Later we played the Gurkha Engineers and managed to beat them by four goals to nil.

At the moment we have two football pitches available but they are hardly worthy to be called pitches. Three new football/hockey pitches have been built and turfed but we cannot use them for about another six weeks when we shall be extremely well off. We have been indulging recently in "self-help"—a new army term in Hong Kong which means that no money or local labour is available but that the unit is given the materials and told to make the best of it. As a result we have two

quite excellent concrete basket-ball pitches and two tennis courts.

We feel confident of doing quite well in all the Brigade and Army Competitions, though we doubt if we will produce any world-heating team. At the moment we think that boxing, hockey and athletics should be our strongest games.

ENTERTAINMENTS

During our period of service in Korea organised entertainments were perforce very limited. In fact, we saw only two films presented by the Americans and one "live" show. The latter deserves more mention. It was the celebrated 29th Brigade Concert Party which arrived complete with grand piano and a Korean tenor of La Scala standard. We were, however, very grateful for the two hours of excellent entertainment and for our first glimpse of the "Phantom Brigade."

Depot Notes

During the past three months the re-organisation of the Home Counties Group, whereby the Regimental Depots of the Group have been "reactivated" and the Group Training Centre at Shorncliffe has been disbanded, has become an accomplished fact. At the same time as the Group Training Centre disappeared, a Brigade Depot was established at Canterbury and a Brigade Colonel appointed. Our first Brigade Colonel is Col. F. W. B. Parry of The Buffs.

Very briefly the functions of the Brigade Depot at Canterbury are:

- Six weeks' Basic Training for recruits of The Buffs.
- Ten weeks' Basic Training for Potential Leaders of all the Home Counties Regiments.
- Ten weeks' Continuation Training for recruits from Regimental Depots whose Battalions are in the Far East.
- Preparation and despatch of drafts to Battalions in the Far East.

All the other Regimental Depots of the Group are responsible for the initial six weeks' Basic Training of the intakes of National Service men which join Regimental Depots every six weeks and their own Regular Army recruits, before they pass on to the Brigade Depot or Battalions, as the case may be.

Under this new system we received our first intake of N.S. men on June 21 and they passed on to the Brigade Depot on August 2. Eight Regular recruits also completed their Basic Training with the N.S. recruits.

By the end of their six weeks at the Depot no less than fourteen of the N.S. recruits enlisted on Regular engagements. This is indeed a very high proportion of Regular enlistments from a single N.S. intake, the full credit for

In this column must be mentioned the enormous number of parcels from well-wishers all over England and from Hong Kong. They helped us on more than anything else. It was wonderful to think that we hadn't been forgotten even after the initial glamour had worn off. To those whom we were unable to thank at the time we say now, "It was good of you and we are all deeply grateful."

Our return to Hong Kong brought with it a flood of private invitations and one to the whole Battalion.

This took the shape of a mammoth party to all ranks of the 1st Middlesex who had served in Korea and was given by the people of Kowloon. Many firms provided gifts both in cash and kind. The ladies spent many hours in preparing the food and later entertaining throughout the evening. The chief organiser was Mr. Gerrard and our thanks go out to him and his helpers for a first-class Welcome Back Party.

which must go to Capt. V. A. Thomas, M.C., and his training staff, who were as follows: 2/Lt. P. J. T. Lane, R.S.M. Britton, C.S.M.I. Curruthers and C.Q.M.S. Phillips.

"A" Platoon—Sgt. Carroll, Cpls. Harwood, Bird and Chase, Pte. Cunningham.

"B" Platoon—Sgt. Finnis, Cpls. Foster, Salmon, Weller and Lefevre.

A.P.T.I.—Cpl. Walker.

The Passing-out Parade of the recruits took place in the afternoon of August 1. In the absence of the Colonel of the Regiment, the Brigade Colonel took the salute at the march past. His Worship the Mayor of Hendon and the Mayoress also attended the parade, and His Worship presented the following recruits' prizes:

The Outstanding Recruit—Pte. W. Neethling.

The Best Rifleman—Pte. H. Perkins.

The Best Light Machine Gunner—Pte. D. Barker.

The Physical Training Prize—Pte. B. Moore.

The Brigade Colonel and His Worship complimented the recruits on their smartness and drill on parade.

We are very grateful to Lt.-Col. J. F. Connolly, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion The Buffs, for letting us have his Corps of Drums for our first Passing-out Parade. After tea in the Gymnasium, the Corps of Drums beat Retreat on the Parade Ground, which made a very fitting end to the afternoon.

This Passing-out Parade also brought to an end the tour of duty of Capt. Thomas at the Depot. During the past two years Capt. Thomas has given a great deal of loyal service and hard work to the Depot, and it is quite certain that we shall feel his loss very much. He is due to go to the 1st Battalion in the near future, and to him and his family we wish the very best of luck.



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Colonel F. W. B. Parry and his Worship the Mayor of Hendon inspecting recruits on "Passing-out Parade."

At the same time as the recruit training has been going on, we have been receiving a steady flow of N.S. men from the Battalion due to go on to the T.A., and also Regular N.C.O.s who have elected to serve their last six months in the U.K. Of the latter we still have with us Sgt. Finnis, Sgt. Bailey and A/Sgt. Hymas.

To each departing batch of N.S. men going to the T.A. the Colonel of the Regiment has delivered a farewell address.

Amongst a long list of visitors who have come to the Depot recently from overseas we would mention particularly Major J. C. N. Grenham, O.C. Home Guard, Hong Kong, and formerly of the Hong Kong Regiment; and also Capt. G. Langhorne of the 50th H.A.A. Regiment, Peterborough, Canada. Capt. Langhorne was very interested to see the beautiful model canoe in silver which was presented to the 1st Battalion in 1911 by his Regiment, which was then the 57th Regiment, Peterborough Rangers. (Much of the 1st Battalion's silver has been left at the Depot since they went to the Far East and hence the presence of this particular piece here.)

On June 22 the Officers' Club held a highly successful "At Home" and Dinner at the Junior United Services Club. At the latter our Regimental guests were: Mr.

John Craig, High Sheriff of Middlesex, Lt.-Col. Nicholson, Royal Warwicks, the last C.O. of the 1st Battalion in Korea up to embarkation, Brigadier Lorne Campbell, V.C., D.S.O., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Major Grenham, The Hong Kong Regiment.

On Saturday, June 30, we had a great gathering at the Depot of Old Comrades, both past and present. The weather could not have been more perfect for such an occasion with sun and blue sky all the afternoon.

It is estimated that quite 750 people sat down to tea on this afternoon, and although two sittings were necessary owing to the large number, everyone had a good tea. The presence of the recruits at the Depot, who also attended the tea with their parents and friends, and a draft of N.S. men recently arrived from the 1st Battalion, greatly added to the success of the Reunion this year.

Cricket

The Depot has played a number of cricket matches, but we are woefully in need of further talent; at present R.S.M. Britton and Cpl. Marable have to carry most of the weight on their shoulders. The results are given as follows:—

May 23. *Depot v. Police (Caledonian Road):* Middle-

sex 62 (Major Heywood 32), Police 138 (Cpl. Marable 4 for 32, Mr. G. Clark 3 for 7). Lost by 6 wickets.

May 30. *Depot v. Depot Royal Fusiliers:* Royal Fusiliers 107 (Major Ralph 42), Middlesex 66 (Mr. G. Clark 19, R.S.M. Britton 17, and Pte. Mann 17). Lost by 41 runs.

June 2. *Depot v. Home Postal Depot, Royal Engineers:* Middlesex 122 (Cpl. Marable 47, R.S.M. Britton 34), Home Postal Depot 82 (Cpl. Marable 7 for 16). Won by 40 runs.

July 11. *Depot v. Police (Caledonian Road):* Middlesex 55 (R.S.M. Britton 36), Police 160. Lost by 9 wickets.

July 18. *Depot Staff v. Training Company:* Training Company 34 (Cpl. Marable 4 for 14, Pte. Cave 6 for 20), Depot Staff 143 for 5 declared (R.S.M. Britton 44, Pte. Gould 27 not out, Pte. Brown 4 for 65).

Training Company, second innings, 39. Six new bowlers produced remarkable analyses. Perhaps we are at last discovering bowling talent, but where are the batsmen?

Civil Employment

The following vacancies at present exist at the Depot, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, for suitable civilian employees:—

Vacancy	Weekly Wage
	£ s. d.
Officers' Mess Steward (1) ..	6 1 0
Sergeants' Mess Caterer (1) ..	5 16 0
Museum Orderly (1) ..	5 8 0 (plus)
Driver, M.T. (1) ..	5 18 0
Batman (1) ..	5 8 0
General Dutyman (1) ..	5 8 0
Sanitary Dutyman (2) ..	5 8 0
Groundsman (1) ..	5 13 0
Cooks (3) ..	5 16 0

Any increase of pay in respect of the Museum Orderly is dependent upon the amount of responsibility he is required to undertake.

If any member of the Regimental Association is desirous of being considered for employment at Inglis Barracks in any of the above vacancies, will they please submit an application as early as possible to the O.C. Depot, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

It is pointed out, however, that accommodation cannot be provided except for perhaps persons filling the vacancies of Officers' Mess Steward and Sergeants' Mess Caterer.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM NOTES

The following interesting additions have recently been made:—

1. From Korea. Captured by 1st Battalion: A Russian machine gun, .762 cm. Maxim (medium). (This gun is believed to be the one that killed Lt. G. White, R.A.O.C., attached Middlesex). Two Russian sub-machine carbines (commonly known as "Burps" on account of their rapid rate of fire). One Russian

L.M.G. Also two North Korean Communist flags, one of which was presented by Lt. G. G. Norton and was taken from the dead body of a North Korean officer. Lt. Norton also gave a pair of 27th Brigade signs—the three 9s.

2. A sampler recording all the names of the 1st Middlesex personnel who were killed in operations in Hong Kong or who died as prisoners-of-war in Japan. Brought home by Lt.-Col. A. N. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E. This was made by one or more members of the 1st Battalion whilst prisoners-of-war in Japanese hands. Can anybody supply the name or names?

3. Col. Lamont obtained from Mr. Ramsay—father of 2/Lt. Ramsay now with 1st Middlesex—a copy of a sound film taken when the draft commanded by Major Bellers was embarking at Southampton for Korea, and this is now lodged in the Museum.

4. Mr. V. Chapman, who joined the 4th Battalion in 1909 and served with the 3rd Battalion from 1910 to 1918, has presented an Alexander the Great silver coin, about 2,300 years old, which he dug up on Balza Ridges just outside Salonika in 1916. The coin is in a remarkable state of preservation.

5. Col. G. P. L. Weston, D.S.O., O.B.E., has handed over to our care three small 77th saluting base flags which were made by the inhabitants of Fontenay for a special parade which was due to take place on September 16, 1944. The parade was never actually held because on September 15 the Division was moved to the Escaut Canal to support the Arnhem airborne operations.

6. We are indebted to ex-R.S.M. R. F. Wright, M.B.E., for a copy of *The Story of the Middlesex Regiment* by C. L. Kingsford.

7. Lt.-Col. J. S. Cunningham's papers, including Commissions signed by Queen Victoria.

8. From Mrs. E. N. Appelbe—Capt. E. N. Appelbe's collection of arms, swords and spears.

9. Mr. George Duffield, one time Orderly Room Sergeant to both the 4th and 6th Battalions, has sent the original telegram, dated February 11, 1908, addressed to the Officer Commanding the 4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment (Col. G. B. Lempriere) on their departure from Ireland. This reads: "I am directed by General Lord Grenfell to inform you that he regrets the departure of the 4th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment from Ireland and wishes the Regiment luck in the future.—Assistant Military Secretary, T.C." Mr. Duffield also sent a 6th Battalion Christmas Card for the year 1915.

LANDING AT SUVLA BAY

The following Officers of the 2/10th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment who landed originally at Suva Bay with the Battalion held a reunion at the Junior United Services Club on Thursday, August 16: Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A.D.C., The Honourable Mr. Justice A. W. Lewey, K.C., M.A., Capt. N. B. McIvor, M.C., Lt.-Col. D. B. Watson, M.C., Major D. Topham, and Brigadier N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C. It is hoped that another year others will be contacted who still survive.

7th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

These notes are written at the conclusion of our Annual Camp. We have been most fortunate with the weather, except for one occasion. Mid-camp we had arranged for about seventy members of the families to come down and see us and also for some sports. The under-fives had just scampered home when the heavens opened and we had a tropical downpour. Many parts of the camp were flooded and several coast roads were rendered impassible. However, all remained cheerful; none more so than the Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt. F. Carter, who had so much to do that he hardly saw his family at all. We hope that next year more families will come.

At annual camp we not only had the pleasure of the presence of our popular Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Fuller, but also that of a Drum-Head Service in glorious sunshine on the mid-Sunday. This worship of the Battalion together helped to set the seal of success upon the whole camp.

We are glad to report that at the end of camp twenty-three of our National Service men had volunteered to become full members of the T.A. That augurs well for the future and they all carry our good wishes for a happy and useful time with us.

After two pioneering years with us, Capt. E. A. H. Jeffcoat has left the Battalion and gone to Mons Officer Cadet School as an instructor. He takes with him our gratitude for his hard work on our behalf, our best wishes for the future and our congratulations on passing the Staff College examination. His place as Adjutant has been taken by Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould.

Our Intelligence Section has come to life. We congratulate the Intelligence Officer, 2/Lt. (or should it be Lt?) P. C. Kay on his recent success in the honours school of Philosophy, Politics and Economics. In the Territorial Army he will find ample scope for philosophic acceptance, political moderation and economic improvisation. The Intelligence Section has a very important part to play in war and we hope that its members will be able to attend the winter training which is being arranged.

The Battalion still needs men of experience and specialists of all kinds. We are the only Territorial Infantry Unit left in the County and a great responsibility rests upon us, who served in the Regiment during the War, to bring it up to strength. Enquirers will receive a warm welcome at the T.A. Centre, Hornsey, at any time. Our drill nights are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The Battalion's rifle shooting is improving. In the Home Counties Competition we were fifth out of the Regular and Territorial units taking part. Of the Territorial units only the London Scottish were better. They also defeated us in the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Camp. The Battalion has still a long way to go. The rifle is our basic weapon and one and all must be able to shoot well with it. We hope that all ranks will bear this in mind

and that next year we may see the Battalion winning these handsome trophies which, this year, went to our rivals in Buckingham Gate.

We congratulate Sgt. G. D. Howland on being selected to represent England and Wales in the pole vault in the triangular meeting against Ireland and Scotland and also as reserve for Great Britain in the Athletic match with France.

"H.Q." COMPANY

It is particularly opportune that this issue of notes has to be written in the last week of annual camp because this year, with our N.S. men with us, we have got to know each other a good deal better.

We are also pleased that, with the exception of two sick men, we had 100 per cent. attendance at camp, but it was unfortunate that our better shots had only stayed for the first eight days. This affected our shooting in the Battalion Rifle Meeting held on the last Friday in camp, when we were unplaced.

Following a week of very fine weather, came Families Day and a thunderstorm, consequently washing out the Inter-Company sports. The events are going to be run later in camp, but, with Sgt. Howland picked to represent England and Wales in the Triangular Athletic Meeting in Glasgow, our hopes are not great.

Much hard work has been done by all and it has been very gratifying to see the way our N.S. men got down to their jobs. History was also made in that "H.Q." Company have, at long last, found a storeman in the person of "Nicks," whom we are hoping will stay with us for our normal training in the T.A. Centre.

Signals Platoon

Our Signals Platoon is now the largest in the Brigade and at last we have been able to progress in our training. The week-end scheme which took so much planning, was, of necessity, combined with the M.T. and was hailed by all as being the best scheme for some time. Even the steep sides of the Devil's Punch Bowl did not deter the spirit with which the outstations hunted and reported back their efforts to find the two escaped prisoners. Soon after that all available time was devoted to the packing for camp, under the expert control of L/Cpl. Jackson, who has since, at camp, proved himself to be a very able and efficient storeman. There seems to be very little that he cannot "fix."

Training throughout camp went well. The N.S. men, within the first week, proved themselves to be very useful signallers. Some have volunteered already for the T.A. and we still have hopes of even more. Although the training was hard, everyone has enjoyed themselves and there will even be some feelings of regret at leaving this rather pleasant spot.

M.T. Platoon

The most important event since the last issue has been our annual camp, once more at St. Martin's Plain, Shorncliffe. Pte. Blumson, who has been in hospital suffering from appendicitis, was the only member of the Platoon, which is now 22 strong, who

was unable to attend camp. We wish Blumson a speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us soon. Our commitments in camp were heavy and, as a result, we were unable to do very much training, but our carrier drivers, Court and Game, have made great strides and should soon be fit to take the road unaccompanied. The M.T.O. took several classes in motor cycling and it is understood that he was the only person who managed to fall off his machine. We congratulate Wilson on his appointment as a Lance-Corporal, and welcome L/Cpl. Stimpson back to the M.T. from "S" Company where he was a carrier driver. On the middle Saturday in camp the Platoon held a supper, which was very well attended; it was held in the "Star" and so it was very easy to sample the local brew afterwards. We are happy to report that it was found to be quite satisfactory. Pte. Moran entertained us in his own inimitable way, and it was a very merry party that "marched" back to camp at closing time.

Corps of Drums

At camp we had one of the best attendances ever and we were able to put in a lot of hard work which has been of great benefit. Each day we marched the Battalion out to the training areas and we also led to and from the station at the beginning and end of camp.

The highlights, however, were on July 18, when we beat Retreat before a large gathering and received many expressions of praise, and on July 22 when we were honoured to lead a large R.A.M.C. parade past their inspecting General. Afterwards we were invited into the Mess for refreshments, where we were congratulated on our turn-out and playing. People were surprised to learn that we were Territorials and not a Regular Corps of Drums.

On July 26 we held Drummers' Dinner in the "Star" Inn. This was a great success, especially for L/Cpl. Caddis as it coincided with his birthday. Four boys came to camp and are to be congratulated on completing the marches and parades as if they were men. They enjoyed themselves and did not want to leave the camp at the end.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have completed our engagement in the Festival Gardens. We hope to put up a first-class show and are practising hard for this event at the moment.

We had a letter from ex-Dmr. Sills, now serving with the Glosters in Korea, and we were glad to learn that he should be home in September. We all look forward to seeing him again and to hearing his adventures.

We congratulate Dmr. Goulston who, we understand, is getting married shortly. We wish him and his fiancée the best of good luck.

Mr. Gilyatt has recently been appointed Bandmaster. We congratulate him on his appointment and hope that he will soon be able to get a Band together. We were most grateful for the help of the Bandsmen in camp and indeed at all times. All members and ex-members of the Corps of Drums can be sure of a warm welcome whenever they can spare the time to visit the T.A. Centre in Hornsey. So come along and let's hear your news!

"A" COMPANY

On the Pirbright Ranges in June we held a Classification Shoot which was attended by our National Service men.

In camp we had varying success both in the field of training and sports, our chief handicaps in these connections being lack of members compared with the other Companies.

In ideal weather we have put in much useful training, the most encouraging feature being the enthusiasm displayed by the Company. So far we have got some of our N.S. men to volunteer and cherish the hope that the rest will follow their good example.

Owing to his duties as Messing Officer we have not seen much of Lt. Baldwin, but the gap left in our ranks has been filled by 2/Lt. Scott who joined us in camp and to whom we offer a hearty welcome.

"B" COMPANY

As forecast in the last notes, the Company has paraded with other local T.A. units in Enfield to mark the passage of the Adoption Resolution by the Town Council. The parade was commanded by Capt. H. E. Rawles, T.D., "B" Company Commander. Headed by the Corps of Drums, the units marched through the town to Chase Green and were inspected by the Chairman of the Council, who afterwards took the Salute at a march past. The parade was followed by the Corps of Drums beating Retreat, and a jeep-assembly competition between teams of local R.E.M.E. units. The Company was "At Home" to those taking part in the parade and their wives and friends at the conclusion of the competition.

The quarter has been taken up with normal training, including a week-end at Montreal Park for annual classification and with preparations for camp. Training at camp, with the Company 37 strong, though never later than tea-time and at times earlier, was quite hard and enjoyable. The early finish enabled most to pay frequent visits to "haunts" in Folkestone, as a result of which Pte. Ray Jordan sustained a first-class "shiner" disturbing an Officer from a quiet Sergeants' Mess party to organise medical attention. Others receiving medical attention were Pte. Alec Patterson and Pte. "Nobby" Spencer, who both fell out of stationary trucks. At the rained-off sports meeting Cpl. Charlie Barnard was easily successful in the 100 yards and would have run in the 220 yards final but for the fact that he was at camp for only eight days. Several other members reached the finals of other events.

At a Company party in the "Star" Inn Pte. "Mac" McIntyre proved a sweet tenor, Pte. "Colonel" Williams was lost for words, and L/Cpl. Worrall and others confirmed their reputations as entertainers.

These notes are being written on the last Friday in camp and the Battalion Rifle Meeting has been held today. L/Cpl. Rider distinguished himself by becoming Battalion Champion with a very good score, the Company becoming a close second in the inter-Company competition. Other individuals put up a good show, notably 2/Lt. "Tony" Dix, a National Service Officer who has recently joined us. It is pleasing to note

that at the end of camp the following ten N.S. men enlisted as volunteers: Ptes. Benham, Bowker, Boxall, Broom, Chester, Dymock, Hull, Jordan, Spencer and Skipper.

"C" COMPANY

Numerous details associated with the move and administration at camp has taken up most of the time of the Company since the last issue, and our P.S.I. (C.S.M. Burrell) and his few gallant band of helpers are to be congratulated on their hard work in this respect. Time was found, however, to spend a week-end on Pirbright Ranges on June 15-16, where valuable practice in shooting was obtained before the actual camp.

The Company had a very successful camp amidst the pleasant area of Folkestone, and the weather, apart from one notable exception, proved very considerate indeed. Much valuable training was achieved, with everyone working hard and making the most of the time allowed. Although we did not achieve any outstanding result in any of the shooting meetings, special mention must be made regarding Pte. Richardson for continually returning good scores and obtaining second prize in the Battalion Champion Shot Competition. The social side of camp also went off very well, and the Company party held in the "Star" Inn prior to our return to civilian life was a complete success with everyone enjoying themselves. Mention must also be made of Ptes. "Jezz" Capon and "Twinkle-toes" Walker for their great value in the entertainment world.

We have learnt, with great regret, that our popular O.C., Capt. "Bob" Garbett, will very shortly be leaving us for Australia, and we sincerely hope that he will leave with many happy memories of his stay with the Company and that he will find "down under" to his liking.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of extending a welcome to our new O.C., Lt. David Pike, who has joined us from the 11th Parachute Battalion, and hope he will have a long and happy stay.

"S" COMPANY

"S" Company paraded for annual camp with three "workable" Platoons and much benefit and enjoyment were derived from the really hard training which we tried to concentrate into "mornings only," leaving afternoons free for administration, gun cleaning, etc. We can now start next year's work with many lessons learnt and the Platoons functioning more independently than hitherto.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting the Company managed to win three of the four cups displayed, and the team is to be congratulated on very steady shooting.

All our N.S. men who attended camp have volunteered and to them we extend a sincere welcome, also congratulating them on the fine "volunteer" spirit which they showed during camp.

A very good party was enjoyed by the Company at the "local," many of the old songs being sung by our usual artistes and, to our delight, much talent was

found amongst our recruits. Across the latter part of the evening a discreet veil should be drawn; suffice to say that it ended in a true Territorial way, but everyone was very much on parade the next morning.

M.M.G. Platoon

During annual camp, at which we were allotted a very fine training area, we managed to put in some hard and interesting training under the Company P.S.I. (C.S.M. Kenrick). We managed to fire frequently and have learnt much that must be rectified during the winter training. To our N.S. men volunteers we extend a warm welcome.

Anti-Tank Platoon

The Anti-Tank Platoon spent a profitable and enjoyable camp. As last year we were brigaded with the London Irish and London Scottish, this time with 17-pdrs.—last year 6-pdrs! Who knows, next year may be 25-pdrs.!

We have managed to get in much more driving than last year and some of the Platoon are so brown that, when they go home, people will think they are from the 1st Battalion!

We have lost Cpl. Hollis and Ptes. Fairclough and Kybert to the Assault Pioneer Platoon and we welcome Pte. Jeffries. We are now a Platoon of "all volunteers," our four N.S. men having seen "the light." We congratulate Sgt. Brooks and L/Cpl. Jones on their promotion.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

The Mortar Platoon arrived at camp this year much stronger in numbers than at any time before, in fact we had chaps actually standing by watching section drill. The Platoon now numbers 17 in all and everyone a volunteer.

The weather at camp was very kind to us; this is one of the main factors in our outdoor training. Even though the Platoon has taken a bashing as far as work goes, there has been no grouching (apart from the normal amount from the chaps on training) and the spirit of the Platoon has never flagged. During the first week the Platoon spent an enjoyable evening at the "Star" Inn where a rival for Cpl. Marshall's rendering of "Mammy" has been found in Pte. Humphreys' "Jezebel." Pte. Vincent has firmly convinced us that he hails from Texas by his performance in "Old Dan Tucker" and "Chisholm Trail." Indeed, it seems that the Platoon is becoming more Americanised every day by the accent used in giving fire orders!

Towards the end of the second week a dinner party was held for the Platoon Commander and N.C.O.s at Folkestone.

We have not decided yet whether Pte. Tooby drives the carrier or the carrier drives Tooby, but with the increasing number of instructors in the back progress will soon be made—if they live!

The progress made by the Platoon at this stage has been most marked and there are no complaints from anyone. Even the Platoon Commander grudgingly had to admit that "we were fair." Best wishes to all other

3-in. mortarmen in the Middlesex Regiment from all in the 7th Battalion Mortar Platoon.

Assault Pioneer Platoon

The Assault Pioneer Platoon, recently formed, was sent on a course during camp with the London Irish, during which they learnt the rudiments of their practical work.

2/Lt. Henderson has been appointed Platoon Commander with 2/Lt. Fox as his assistant. Cpl. Hollis and Pte. Kybert complete the Platoon.

SPORTS

Since the last issue of *The Die-Hards* this Battalion has done very well in sports. A team of four was entered for the T.A. Athletic Championships at Aldershot in June and did very well, winning the following prizes—Hurdles, 110 yds.: Sgt. Howland 2nd, Cpl. Barnard 3rd; 880 yds.: Lt. Bird 3rd; High Jump: Sgt. Howland 1st, Cpl. Barnard 3rd; Putting the Weight: Sgt. Howland 2nd.

For camp this year a lot of hard work was done by Sgt. Howland and the 2IC and all kinds of sports were laid on. But because of various duties and the weather very little was actually done. At cricket the Officers beat the Sergeants 87—63, and then proceeded to beat the rest of the Battalion 56—28. In the latter match Pte. Price, who is on Lord's Staff, took 9 wickets for 15 runs, and 2/Lt. E. Clarke made a hat-trick.

Families' Day, which this year was combined with an inter-Company Sports Meeting, started off very well but was washed out by a very heavy thunderstorm which drove everyone into the Sergeants' Mess. Fortunately the sports were concluded on the last Saturday at camp. Sgt. Howland was selected to represent England and Wales (pole vault) in the Triangular Tournament against Ireland and Scotland.

ROLL OF W.O.s AND N.C.O.s OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) SHOWING SHADOW RANKS AND POSITION ON H.C.B. ROLL AS AT APRIL 2, 1951

Number	Name	Position on Roll
W.O.s I (R.S.M.):		
(E) 6200191	Weller, S. (M.M.)	21
W.O.s I (B.M.):		
5182114	Jackson, F.	7
W.O.s 2:		
6199260	Overy, R.	11
6193916	Maloney, P.	22
6200343	Fuller, E.	30
6198725	Britton, F.	58
22221849	Lane, W.	78
6198348	Graham, L. (M.M.)	85
6200783	Rose, A.	94
6200042	Jennings, H.	106
(E) 6200940	Blacknell, S.	111
6201203	Waldron, A.	112
(E) 6201852	Donovan, P.	118
(E) 6200112	Tarrant, R.	121
(E) 6197047	Etheridge, A.	122

COLOUR-SERGEANTS:

6207112	Pike, E.	10
6200107	Freshwater, C.	55
6199252	Ure, W.	65

SERGEANTS:

6200798	Hastie, A.	14
6201070	Griffiths, F.	38
6199250	Tostevin, L.	49
5837545	Wild, M.	75

SERGEANTS (continued):

5619855	McMillan, T.	79
6197632	O'Keefe, C.	88
6200175	Jacques, F.	91
6199276	Burrell, A.	99
3957645	Reece, H.	100
6200792	Hockley, G.	104
6197602	Fletcher, E.	105
6197310	Lowe, A.	109
6197742	Ellis, E.	112
6200351	Perry, T.	113
6199261	Finnis, W.	114
6199228	Plummer, G.	118
6200180	Biggell, G.	122
4267940	Googe, A.	128
6202942	Le Maitre, E.	133
6202735	Colebeck, E.	145
6530821	Whitehead, G.	154
864814	Budden, R.	156
1520025	Thorn, J.	164
6205098	Shrubbs, L. (M.M.)	165
6559324	Powell, F.	186
6201815	Martin, C.	191
6200915	Corner, V.	201
6205744	Dew, A.	204
6124485	Landreth, W.	211
6205977	Taylor, A.	212
6216346	Bentley, H.	225
6210526	Cooper, A.	238
E/P 6211991	Kenrick, A.	251
6200531	Heard, A.	254
7261321	Pointer, A.	255
(E) 6403001	Redpath, F.	259

CORPORALS:

6204927	Breame, J.	7
4268547	Renwick, R.	24
6201425	Barron, P.	29
6339246	Bailey, G.	31
6203433	Bartle, S.	36
6205018	Preston, J.	37
46880	Crittenden, L.	38
6201818	Morgan, J.	59
6398357	Avery, A.	60
6199425	Whitfield, G.	79
4132315	Vestray, W.	89
5949791	Bartholemew, G.	93
6208536	Critchley, A.	103
21014183	Waterfield, F.	106
6216093	Webb, D.	125
6968442	Dodkins, R.	131
3596131	Cleland, J.	139
14488019	Ross-Gower, T.	153
14407178	Spenceley, K.	154
6480606	Cranfield, D.	164
6217070	Thorogood, W.	176
6206327	Burgess, C.	228
6202997	Mansfield, J.	247
6200385	Turner, W.	248
14476433	Soper, P.	257
14410639	Deamer, D.	264
6202959	Hanlon, D.	274
6212028	Elliott, L.	276
6197647	Markham, F.	280
6215551	Purdon, N.	317
14458631	Glazier, M.	327
6203495	Cubitt, R.	331
14447992	Epps, T.	379
6217107	Bayton, D.	397
6108799	Hazlewood, F.	408
5104261	Bentley, L.	411
6217109	Hannan, D.	412
6021525	Salmon, S.	416
6215997	Morton, W.	422
14470962	Weller, D.	434
3852333	McGowan, T.	449
6197864	Beeble, G.	467
6200376	Palmer, G.	471

TIME PROMOTION ROSTER

BAND SERGEANTS:		
4122234	Street, J.	5

DRUM MAJORS:

6199886	Holdford, C.	1
6200579	Firman, F.	5

VEHICLE MECHANICS:

6200952	Irons, B.	1
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(E) Denotes that Educational Certificate is required (A.C.1349/49, para. 12).
E/P Denotes that N.C.O. has retained position on roll pending establishment of having obtained Educational qualification claimed.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1951, at 2.15 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P. (Colonel of the Regiment), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., Brigadier N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Colonel G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major G. O. Porter, R.S.M., F. Britton, Sgt. E. Fletcher, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollock, M.C., Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major W. D. Ellis, T.D.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary's report circulated with the Agenda was accepted by the Committee, who authorised the Secretary to expend a sum of not exceeding £600 during the quarter ending September 30, 1951, in assisting necessitous cases.

3. **Finance Committee's Report.** Lt.-Col. Robbins informed the Committee that a Finance Meeting was held on July 18, 1951, and that nothing abnormal had occurred during the half-year ending June 30. The Finance Committee recommended for approval of the Executive Committee that a sum not exceeding £30 be allotted to subsidise the O.C.A. Dinner on October 20. This was approved by the Committee.

4. **Journal Committee's Report.** Brigadier Procter reported to the meeting that the production costs were steadily increasing, mainly due to wages and printing costs.

In order to keep the Journal in circulation he informed the meeting that he was reducing the size of the Journal and reducing the duplication of notes in Battalion and Company's script.

Col. Man suggested that more news of other ranks be inserted. The Secretary was instructed to have copies of the September issue available for sale at the O.C.A. Dinner. The Committee approved that the method of subsidising the Journal be brought before the Finance Committee at a later date.

5. **War Memorial Committee's Report.** Col. Beach explained to the Committee the report circulated with the Agenda. It was resolved and carried unanimously that the necessary application to the High Court for its consent to the mortgage securing the loan from the Enfield Urban District Council and to do all things necessary and incidental to the making of the application;

(b) Col. Browne, Brigadier Rackham and Col. Beach be authorised to execute the Counterpart Lease of the land at Enfield and War Memorial Homes from the Middlesex County Council;

(c) When the consent of the High Court is obtained the mortgage securing the loan from the Enfield Urban District Council should be executed by Brigadier Procter, Col. Beach, R.S.M. Britton, Sgt. Fletcher and Major Hardcastle.

The following voted in this last resolution: Brigadier Procter, Col. Beach, R.S.M. Britton, Sgt. Fletcher, Major Hardcastle, Lt.-Col. Roberts, Major Porter and Colonel Man.

Colonel Beach further informed the Committee that he had received an estimate for the construction of a Children's Playground at a cost of approximately £400. This estimate, however, was for constructing the Playground on the western site of the Close; the Architects had been instructed to send a further estimate for the construction on a site to be selected by them on the north side of the Close as it would then be more central. He also informed the meeting that the cost of installing sand, swings, etc., would be approximately another £100. Brigadier Procter asked if application had been made to the National Playing Fields Association for assistance. Col. Beach replied in the negative but promised to visit their headquarters in order to seek a grant.

Proposed by Brigadier Procter, seconded by Brigadier Baker, and approved by the meeting, that the War Memorial Committee's report be adopted.

Major Hardcastle then explained to the meeting the method of collecting rents, rates, etc. The Committee approved of the arrangements.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Major Hardcastle and Mr. Williams for the amount of work they had put in in the compilation of Tenant's Agreement, Rent Cards, etc. All the tenants are expected to be in occupation of the Cottages before the official opening by the Lord Lieutenant on September 15, 1951.

6. **New Members.** The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Col. A. M. Man and Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, both recently returned from the 1st Battalion, and paid a tribute to their distinguished services in Korea.

7. **Regimental History Committee's Report.** Brigadier Procter informed the meeting that two chapters of the 1939-45 History had been received from Commander Kemp and were at present being circulated to the Committee before being accepted for publication. Members of the Committee who had read the chapters are agreed that it is being written satisfactorily.

8. **O.C.A. Dinner.** The meeting approved that the O.C.A. Dinner for 1951 be held at the Royal Horticultural (New Hall

Restaurant), Greycoat Street, S.W.1, on October 20, 1951. Cost of Dinner to individuals 10s. each, exclusive of drinks. The extra cost of the Dinner to be met from the £30 subsidy from the Regimental Association as approved in Minute 3.

9. **Chapel, Mill Hill Barracks.** The meeting considered an application for funds to help in furnishing the Chapel at the Depot. The Secretary was instructed to approach other units in the Barracks to co-operate. It was agreed that an annual subscription of up to £5 be made from the Regimental Association.

10. **Appreciation by Col. Man.** Col. Man addressed the meeting and thanked them, as the late Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, for the help given to the Battalion whilst they were serving in Korea. Lt.-Col. Roberts suitably responded.

The next meeting will take place at the Guildhall, Westminster, S.W.1, on Thursday, October 25, 1951.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45 p.m. A. W. CLARK, Major.

Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1951, at 3.45 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P. (Colonel of the Regiment), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., Brigadier N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major G. O. Porter, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollock, M.C., Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major W. D. Ellis, T.D.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary's report having been circulated with the Agenda was accepted by the Committee. With regard to the 19 members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year, the Chairman agreed to draft and sign a letter to be sent by the Secretary to these members.

3. **Autumn Golf Meeting.** The Committee approved of the arrangements made by Brigadier Procter for the Autumn Golf Meeting which is being held on September 22 and 23, 1951, at the North Hants Golf Club, Fleet.

4. **Royal School for Daughters of Officers.** The Committee considered an application from the Chairman of the Chapel Committee requesting assistance towards the purchase of chairs for the renovated Chapel. After a short discussion it was approved by the Committee that before a decision was made the Chairman write to ascertain what was the expectation of the seven children now shown on the waiting list being accepted into the school in the near future.

5. **King Edward VII Hospital for Officers' (Sister Agnes).** The Committee considered an application for a subscription and it was approved by the Committee that the Chairman should draft a letter for signature by the Colonel of the Regiment, emphasising the scarcity of funds to meet all appeals, and suggesting that if 450 copies of the appeal were sent to the Secretary of the Officers' Club they would be circulated to Club members together with a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment emphasising the advantages to subscribers. It was thought that such individual subscriptions would be preferable to a collective subscription.

6. **Dinner and At Home, 1952.** The Committee approved that the Officers' Club Dinner and At Home for 1952 be held at the Junior United Service Club on the same day to coincide with Cricket Week.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m. A. W. CLARK, Major.

Secretary, Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club.

Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7. August 7, 1951.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK

BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

It was certainly *per ardua* but not always *ad astra*, or at any rate not to the right ones, for the Regimental cricket team which on each occasion had to field first. This may have been due to the fact that their true metal only appears when backs are firmly pressed to the wall or to a hope that that impartial twelfth man, the mid-day port, would take his three quick wickets after lunch from the opponents rather than from the home side.



Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club v Free Foresters.

[Photo: Crain, Roche & Co.]

The three spectators, your correspondent and the Band of the Queen's witnessed some enjoyable cricket in mainly clement weather. Of the matches, only two were affected by rain. The Regiment won two matches, lost three matches and drew one. At long last the 1st Zingari, who for several years have defeated the Regiment, were themselves laid low.

There were a number of pleasantly familiar faces. Two, however, were missed by one and all—C.M.M., the late secretary and wicket-keeper, suddenly removed to Cyprus, and J.G.O., "that gay Maltese socialite" who, we are happy to understand, should be playing again next year. J.W.A.S. played once before lumbago laid him low; E.J.U. flung himself into the game with his usual zest; so did J.B. but cricked his neck in doing so. Neither a pulled muscle nor the cares of parenthood seemed to daunt A.E.G., the new secretary, but it was sad to see J.C. batting without his familiar Wanderer's cap. He and J.W. lent a distinguished air to the proceedings and your correspondent hopes that their threatened retirement will be postponed for a while. The Regiment was particularly fortunate to find R.W. in form and unlucky that J.C.'s spin and speed off the pitch captured so few wickets. G.P.L.W. was a veritable Brown capturing a number of valuable wickets, and on two occasions two in two balls.

The batting was well up to standard and the bowling better—E.J.U. is particularly to be congratulated on his 9 wickets for 75 against 1st Zingari. D.I.P., who is a newcomer to the Regiment, also proved a valuable opening bowler and filled a much-needed want.

The fielding appeared to be tempered by the rising cost of laundry. Your correspondent soon gave up counting the number of runs saved by the outstretched boot and lost by those last two or three inches!

The extracts from the score book (following pages) indicate how the matches went. It is appropriate for me to mention only a few of the highlights. The Hampstead match was one of the most exciting seen on the ground, the winning hit coming in the last over from D.I.P. The Regiment captured 6 Cryptics' wickets for only 63 runs. The tail wagged. The bowling of Letts was the Regiment's undoing and the tail didn't wag. The Incogniti match was most exciting. Rain had interfered with the Regiment's innings and 17 runs were wanted in 8 minutes; 16 runs scored. The last ball was bowled. To the spectators it appeared a tantalising half-volley, but to the batsman it swung in and broke away at just that length to defy contact. All would not have been lost had not P.G. remained stoutly in his crease, little Horatius on his bridge, and firmly shouted "No." The chief event of the Free Foresters' match was a fine century by R. H. Hewetson; but a better one was to follow next day. I. P. E. Gay, opening for 1st Zingari, made 130 of their 189 runs. It was as good a century as one can expect to see outside first-class cricket. Bowling honours went to E.J.U., who in 81 balls despatched 9 batsmen, 2 of them caught and bowled. He followed this up with a brilliant 72 which was supported by an equally good 75 from R.W. The less said about the match with the Romany the better. Gilmour (5 for 18) and Fitzgerald (3 for 22) were too good.

When considering the week your correspondent cannot escape the nostalgic thoughts of those days when Regimental cricket was a more zestful and joyful affair and of those other regiment's weeks, which he occasionally frequents, where on one day at least the grounds are full of past and present members of the Regiment with their wives and families.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS C.C.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Major M. P. Weedon, c Bush, b Shuttleworth	6				
Capt. W. A. W. St. George, c Sainsbury, b Smith	33				
R. H. Wollocombe, b Smith	56				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, b Marrable	68				
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson, c Ingram, b Marrable	28				
D. K. Cattel, st Ingram, b Marrable	10				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, c Shuttleworth, b Smith	6				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Smith	9				
C. L. Lloyd, b Shuttleworth	3				
J. I. D. Pike, c Morgan, b Smith	8				
W. Cullen	did not bat				
Major J. Bywaters	did not bat				
Extras (b. 4)	4				
Total (for 10 wks.)	231				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Sainsbury	8	2	6	—	—
Shuttleworth	10	4	42	2	21.0
Smith, N. B.	18.2	5	74	5	14.8
Berliner	2	—	32	—	—
Smith, P. I.	3	—	31	—	—
Marrable	12	4	42	3	14.0

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

A. E. Morgan, b Stephenson	3				
C. M. Shuttleworth, b Unwin	61				
R. Ridgewell, b Wollocombe	42				
A. D. Massey, lbw, b Lloyd	25				
A. Bush, b Lloyd	34				
N. B. Smith, st Bywaters, b Unwin	31				
P. B. Berliner, c St. George, b Weston	18				
P. Ingram, b Wollocombe	6				
P. I. Smith, lbw, b Wollocombe	0				
E. Blain, b Unwin	0				
J. Sainsbury, st Bywaters, b Weston	0				
J. Marrable, not out	0				
Extras (b. 5, 1-b. 1)	6				
Total	229				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Stephenson	10	2	31	1	31.0
Pike	7	2	37	—	—
Cullen	3	—	15	—	—
Wollocombe	12	3	51	1	51.0
Unwin	13	—	57	2	28.5
Lloyd	7	—	31	2	15.5
Weston	4	—	1	2	0.5

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. CRYPTICS

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, b Melluish	18				
Major E. L. Heywood, b Scott-Browne	0				
A. I. F. Goldmab, c Carrolls, b Letts	23				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, hit wkt, b Letts	14				
R. H. Wollocombe, st Carrolls, b Fairburn	14				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Fairburn	3				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, c Fairburn, b Allen	5				
J. Cullen, b Letts	21				
J. I. D. Pike, not out	14				
J. Marrable, b Letts	0				
Major J. Bywaters, c Letts, b Melluish	1				
Extras (1-b. 1)	1				
Total	114				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Scott-Browne	6	1	24	1	24.0
Melluish	13.2	3	20	2	10.0
Letts	6	1	20	4	7.25
Fairburn	9	1	26	2	13.0
Allen	7	1	14	1	14.0

CRYPTICS

J. S. Pearcall, c Pearce Gould, b Cullen	25				
D. C. Carr, b Cullen	0				
R. E. Moss, b Pike	24				
J. Scott-Browne, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	0				
R. F. B. Letts, b Wollocombe	0				
A. N. Buckmaster, c Pearce Gould, b Unwin	54				
D. Carrolls, lbw, b Wollocombe	0				
A. P. Tate, c Cullen, b Marrable	12				
G. C. Melluish, c Pearce Gould, b Marrable	20				
N. Fairburn, b Cullen	12				
T. A. Allen, not out	6				
Extras (b. 6, 1-b. 2)	8				
Total	166				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Unwin	12	4	30	1	30.0
Pike	8	3	10	1	10.0
Cullen	14	2	45	3	15.0
Wollocombe	5	1	24	3	8.0
Lloyd	3	—	16	—	—
Marrable	11	2	24	2	12.0

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Unwin	12	4	30	1	30.0
Pike	8	3	10	1	10.0
Cullen	14	2	45	3	15.0
Wollocombe	5	1	24	3	8.0
Lloyd	3	—	16	—	—
Marrable	11	2	24	2	12.0

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. INCOGNITI

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, b Mathews	2				
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Lomax, b Maclure	12				
R. H. Wollocombe, c Melluish, b Duncan	61				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, c Bavin, b Roberts	48				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, not out	24				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, not out	18				
J. Cullen, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	1				
J. I. D. Pike, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	1				
J. Marrable, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	1				
Major J. Bywaters, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	1				
Extras (1-b. 1, w. 1)	2				
Total (for 4 wks.)	167				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Mathews	2	—	18	1	18.0
Cook	10	1	38	—	—
Maclure	4	—	20	—	—
Duncan	6	—	36	1	36.0
Melluish	5	—	33	—	—
Roberts	5	1	20	1	20.0

INCOGNITI

J. S. Cook, c Bywaters, b Unwin	2				
D. Lomax, run out	33				
P. F. Mathews, st Bywaters, b Marrable	27				
P. J. S. Moon, b Weston	41				
D. Roberts, b Weston	34				
J. S. Maclure, b Weston	0				
P. S. Duncan, b Weston	13				
A. J. W. Bavin, c Pearce Gould, b Wollocombe	6				
G. C. Melluish, not out	2				
A. S. Young, run out	2				
E. S. Snell, st Bywaters, b Wollocombe	1				
Extras (b. 5, 1-b. 1)	6				
Total	167				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Unwin	8	1	30	1	30.0
Pike	14	6	20	—	—
Marrable	7	—	25	1	25.0
Cullen	7	—	43	—	—
Weston	12	4	18	4	4.5
Wollocombe	5.2	2	16	2	8.0

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c & b Gardner	23				
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, c Hewetson, b Gardner	8				
R. H. Wollocombe, c Gillett, b Gardner	37				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, hit wkt, b Henry	7				
R. W. Jupp, c & b Gardner	7				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, st	0				
Lt. J. Scott, b Henry	3				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, c Gardner, b Grace	3				
J. I. D. Pike, not out	0				
Major J. Bywaters, c Henry, b Grace	5				
J. Cullen, b Grace	5				
Extras (b. 1, 1-b. 0)	10				
Total	111				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Gardner	18	4	41	4	10.25
Morton	9	3	20	—	—
Henry	10	1	38	2	19.0
Grace	6	5	2	4	0.5

FREE FORESTERS

D. Lomax, c Green, b Pike	9				
R. E. Prince, c Pike, Allen, b Pike	19				
R. I. Palmer, c Jupp, b Unwin	0				
A. Gillett, b Jupp	47				
K. E. Berkeley, c Cullen, b Unwin	10				
A. Hewetson, st Bywaters, b Weston	102				
D. Gordon, c & b Unwin	11				
C. W. Grace, c Bywaters, b Jupp	26				
F. Gardner, not out	24				
J. Morton, not out	3				
Extras (b. 3, 1-b. 8, n-b. 6)	17				
Total (for 8 wks dec.)	268				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Unwin	16	2	42	3	14.0
Weston	8	—	36	1	36.0
Pike	12	1	51	2	25.5
Wollocombe	4	—	34	—	—
Cullen	9	—	50	—	—
Jupp	5	—	38	2	19.0

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. I ZINGARI

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Turnbull, b Lyon	14				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, c Gaye, b Wheeler-Bennett	0				
R. H. Wollocombe, c Williams, b Lyon	75				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, b Williams	72				
R. W. Jupp, c Leaf, b Williams	10				
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, b Lyon	1				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, c Turnbull, b Lyon	0				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, not out	13				
J. Cullen, b Williams	0				
J. I. D. Pike, not out	0				
Major J. Bywaters, did not bat	—				
Extras (b. 4, w. 1)	5				
Total (for 8 wks)	192				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Williams	0	8	45	3	15.0
Wheeler-Bennett	8	1	47	1	47.0
Lyon	20.2	5	62	4	15.5
Howard-Dobson	4	—	22	—	—
Gay	2	—	11	—	—

I ZINGARI

I. P. E. Gay, b Pike	130				
Capt. W. S. P. Lithgow, c & b Unwin	13				
M. T. Turnbull, c Pike, b Unwin	0				
Y. Collins, b Unwin	0				
Leaf, c Bywaters, b Unwin	0				
E. L. Williams, c Wollocombe, b Unwin	0				
Col. Remington-Hobbs, c & b Unwin	0				
Major P. S. Howard-Dobson, c Pike, b Unwin	24				
M. E. H. Linton, b Unwin	4				
R. C. Wheeler-Bennett, not out	0				
Major Lyon, b Unwin	0				
Extras (1-b. 5, n-b. 1)	6				
Total	189				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Unwin	13.4	1	75	9	8.33
Pike	10	3	49	1	49.0
Cullen	7	—	34	—	—
Wollocombe	5	—	25	—	—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROMANY

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT					
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, b Carter	1				
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, c Percival, b Fitzgerald	28				
Capt. W. A. W. St. George, c Fitzgerald, b Carter	0				
Lt. J. Scott, b Gilmour	0				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, c Percival, b Fitzgerald	14				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, b Gilmour	0				
D. K. Cattel, st Young, b Fitzgerald	5				
Major E. L. Heywood, b Gilmour	1				
J. Marrable, b Gilmour	0				
Major J. Bywaters, b Gilmour	4				
Capt. R. E. Orr, not out	4				
Extras (b. 4)	4				
Total	61				

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Gilmour	11	5	18	5	3.6
Carter	5	2	17	2	8.5
Fitzgerald	5	—	22	3	7.33

ROMANY

L. Darcy, lbw Pearce Gould	49				
J. B. Robinson, st Bywaters, b Orr	49				
A. E. Prince, c St. George, b Marrable	87				
J. D. Percival, c Heywood, b Orr	18				
T. K. Stafford, c St. George, b Marrable	12				
R. C. A. Fitzgerald, not out	21				
D. D. Watney, b Marrable	11				
T. W. D. Percival, c Marrable, b Orr	2				
Lt. P. B. Gilmour, c Weston	26				
C. L. Carter, c Green, b Weston	0				
A. S. Young, did not bat	—				
Extras (b. 10, w. 2)	12				
Total (for 9 wks dec.)	287				

Extras (b. 10, w. 2)	12
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A Colour, worked by their Royal Colonel-in-Chief herself, and mounted on a staff cut from a tree in the grounds of Government House at Ottawa, was presented to the regiment by Princess Patricia of Connaught. This was intended as a Camp Colour and was not consecrated until after the Armistice, but it was taken to France, where the custom grew up of treating it with the honour usually accorded to a Regimental Colour. It was the only Colour in the Armed Forces of the British Empire to be actually in the fighting line during the 1914-18 war, being buried by a direct hit on Battalion H.Q. (where it was usually kept when in the line) at Sanctuary Wood, and hit by shrapnel or bullets on at least two other occasions.

Towards the end of September, 1914, the P.P.C.L.I. sailed for England, and after a short spell of training on Salisbury Plain, joined the 27th Division, then assembling at Winchester. This Division was composed mainly of long-service Regulars brought back from British garrisons in India and the Far East to reinforce the B.E.F. in France. On December 21, 1914, the Patricia's landed in France, the first Canadian unit to set foot on the soil of that country in which so many thousands of Canadian soldiers were to win immortal fame. Few, if any, of the "Originals" who landed that day can have guessed how long their regiment was destined to spend on the fields of France and Flanders—fifty long months, a longer term of service on the Western Front than any other fighting unit from the Overseas Dominions.

The 2nd Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, 1st and 9th Battalions Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (now Royal Ulster Rifles) were in the 27th Division with the P.P.C.L.I. in 1914, and each of these regiments now has a battalion fighting in Korea alongside the Patricia's.

At the holding of the Bellewaerde Ridge in May, 1915—an action in which the Patricia's suffered very heavy casualties, and displayed unsurpassable courage and determination—they also fought alongside the 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment; in Korea to-day they are fighting alongside the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Their Divisional Commander (Maj.-Gen. Sir Thomas D'Oyly Snow) wrote of the work of the P.P.C.L.I. on this occasion: "No regiment could have fought with greater determination or endurance."

The allied regiment of the P.P.C.L.I. is The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), with whom they were brigaded in 1914-15. Thereby hangs a tale! Older readers will remember the remarkable legend of "The Angels of Mons," who were supposed to have come to the aid of hard-pressed British troops. This story was on a par with the present-day "Flying Saucer" stories. At a party held in Shorncliffe on the first birthday of his regiment, a wounded Sergeant of the Patricia's said in a speech: "We saw the Angels all right on May 8, and they wore the letters R.B. on their shoulders; and the biggest Angels of all were those who bore machine guns on their shoulders, too!" This was a reference to the company of The Rifle Brigade who "pushed forward with magnificent courage through the barrage to strengthen the Patricia's, and

reached the line most opportunely while the German attack was in progress," bringing with them much-needed further supplies of ammunition and "above all, machine guns."

Up to this time the Patricia's had been composed mostly of tough old soldiers, with ex-Regulars predominating; but from now onwards the reinforcements joining the battalion consisted largely of a new type—young men from the Dominion's Universities, native-born sons of Canada. No higher tribute can be paid to them than to say that all through the long grim years of war they always lived up to the very high standard set by the "Originals."

When the 27th Division was ordered to leave France for the East, the P.P.C.L.I. left that Division (and the 80th Brigade) to join the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the new 3rd Canadian Division. They got a great send off from their English comrades. The farewell Order of the 80th Brigade recalled how "On May 8 the Brigade stood firm against tremendous odds, and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry by their dogged resistance made a reputation that will never die in the annals of the British Army." The Divisional Band played them off to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," and their comrades of the British regiments of the Division lined the streets "to salute the Princess's Colour for the last time, to shout good-bye and wish good luck."

Space forbids a full account of the work done by the Patricia's, but mention must be made of Lt. Mackenzie, a P.P.C.L.I. officer serving with the 7th Canadian Brigade Machine Gun Company, "killed at the head of the men he had inspired with his own magnificent courage"; and Sgt. Mullin who "actually performed the incredible feat of taking a pill-box single handed," after destroying a sniper's post in front of it with bombs, shooting two machine gunners with his revolver, and taking ten prisoners. These were the first two V.C.s won by Patricia's. Both were earned at Passchendaele in October, 1917. The third and last V.C. of the P.P.C.L.I. was won by Sgt. Robert Spall in August, 1918. He was a Lewis gunner who climbed on the parapet and with his fire held up the enemy, sacrificing his own life to cover the extraction of his platoon from a very difficult situation.

Like the R.C.R., the P.P.C.L.I. had fought their way to Mons on Armistice Day. A fitting climax that this battalion, whose "old originals" had been drawn from all (except one) of the regiments of the British Regular Army, should, on the last day of the war, march through the town where the British Regular Army had first gone into action in August, 1914.

The Patricia's had been raised for the duration of the war only, but the Canadian Government wisely decided that a regiment which had established such a fine reputation was too valuable to be lightly allowed to fade into oblivion; so Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry became part of the Permanent Force.

In World War II the movements of the Patricia's closely resembled those of the R.C.R. An early arrival in Great Britain, months of training followed by what the Canadians themselves called "the Cook's tour" to France with the 2nd B.E.F. in June, 1940, more

training in England, then the invasions of Sicily and Italy, followed by the long journey across France and Belgium to Holland, there to participate in the final knock-out. In all these days of battle, the Patricia's showed themselves well able to maintain the proud name won by the regiment in the earlier war as "one of the greatest fighting units ever raised in Canada."

The original cap-badge of the Patricia's was the head of a marguerite (or large daisy) with petals outspread, within a circle bearing the name of the regiment and surmounted by a crown. The reason for the choice of this flower instead of the maple leaf more usually chosen for Canadian regiments, was that the wife of the Founder of the regiment, Mr. (now Brigadier) Hamilton Gault, was called Margaret, and the badge of her name-flower was chosen as a compliment to that lady. The cap-badge now worn has the coronet and cypher of Princess Patricia in place of the marguerite.

(To be continued)

Romford "Die-Hards" Club

Chairman: Mr. L. Timson, B.E.M.

Dear Members, July, 1951.

This month the circular letter is being written by me, to inform you that our Secretary has agreed to continue in office for a further period of about three months, and will give his final decision at our next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 1951, at the Eastbrook Hotel, Dagenham, at 8 p.m.

Of late our meetings have not been as successful as we would wish, and Mr. Pratt and myself have been visiting several members who names appear on our books, and some whom we know are "Die-Hards" but are not members. So far, we have met with quite good success, and we are hoping that our next meeting will show a big improvement in numbers attending. It seems that many of you are under the impression that our meetings are an excuse for a "beer-up," but I can assure you that it is not so. If a member wants a drink he buys one for himself, and is certainly not expected to treat all round. After all, we are all in the same boat and just cannot afford to "beer-up."

At our last meeting it was decided that no meetings would be held during July and August owing to the holiday season, and that's why the next meeting is not until September.

On June 30 we ran a coach to Mill Hill for the Old Comrades' gathering, and I must say it was really disappointing as only 10 made the trip in a 32-seater coach. However, we all had an enjoyable and interesting time. It was good to see so many of our old pals again. An interesting hour was spent in the Regimental Museum too; among the exhibits was the Roll of Honours made by some of our lads from socks, hose-tops and comforts whilst prisoners in Japanese hands during the last war.

Well, that's all in this letter, and now I'm hoping to see some of you on Wednesday, September 26. Don't forget the date, time and place, will you?

All the best to you all.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. BURTON, Assistant Chairman.

2/7th BATTALION REUNION

The Reunion Dinner of the 2/7th Battalion will take place on Friday, October 5, this year. Particulars can be obtained from R. E. Robotham, 39 Cyprus Avenue, Finchley, N.3.

Correspondence

16 St. Aiden Road,
Bridlington,
East Yorks.
June 2, 1951.

Dear Sir,

It may be of interest to my friends of the 2nd Battalion to hear that I was elected to the Bridlington Town Council at the recent municipal elections.

At 33 I am the youngest member of the council, of which I stand as an independent.

The following was the return: Harrison, 1,077; Briggs, 455; Helliwell, 285.

I served in the 2nd Battalion from June, 1940, until I was wounded on D-Day 3, eventually to be discharged on April 1, 1945.

Yours very sincerely,

R. A. HARRISON
(late L/Sgt. 6211282, Signals).

OLD "DIE-HARDS"—MEMORY

The 1st Battalion was stationed in Southern India at Wellington over 50 years ago, with three of its Companies on detachments at Cannanore, Calicut and Malaporaum. Do you remember the Battalion's composition and some of the events?

Here is its front line: Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Grove-White; Second in Command, Major Bellars; Adjutant, Capt. Finch; Q.M., Lt. Daw. O.C.s: "B" Company, Capt. Jones, C/Sgt. Steed; "C" Company, Capt. Woolright, C/Sgt. Farrow; "D" Company, Lt. Pemberton, C/Sgt. Morris; "E" Company, Capt. Stevenson, C/Sgt. Broadbent; "F" Company, Capt. Rowley, C/Sgt. Jefferies; "G" Company, Major Hayes, C/Sgt. Scrivens; "I" Company, Lt. Couchman, C/Sgt. ?; "K" Company, Major Lumley, C/Sgt. Palmer. Sergeant-Major, Fulcher; Q.M.S., Hammond; Bandmaster, Imbush; O.R.S., Blackwood; Sergeant-Drummer, Deacon. (Subject to correction.)

What Companies were on detachment at Cannanore, Calicut and Malaporaum?

Eventually the Battalion went to Secunderabad and upon arrival were put in Segregation Camp. During that period the C.O. carried out one of his inspections and observed several large birds were on the camping ground searching for food, and he inquired of one of the officers accompanying him, "What are those chickens doing in the camp—whose are they? Find out and get them removed at once." The officer replied courteously, "They are hawks, Sir." Amidst much suppressed laughter the inspection was continued.

For years after these hawks were always referred to by the troops as the "Colonel's Chickens," which caused much amusement.

F. ENDICOTT,
No. 5202, "D" Company.

OBITUARY**Pte. A. R. Berkes**

We regret to report the death of the late Pte. A. R. Berkes, who was buried at All Saints' Cemetery, Boreham Wood, on May 25. A wreath was sent from the Association, and an N.C.O. from the Depot attended the funeral.

Capt. W. R. Rosam

Capt. W. R. Rosam, T.D., died on June 24, 1951, from a heart attack. His funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley, on June 28, and Capt. R. W. J. Smith attended on behalf of the Association and placed a wreath on his grave. Capt. Rosam had been looking forward to the Old Comrades' Gathering where he hoped to meet a few of the older "Die-Hards."

Mr. A. W. Berwick

Mr. A. W. Berwick died on August 1, 1951, and his funeral took place at the Honor Oak Crematorium on the 7th. A wreath was sent from the Association. Mr. Berwick served with the 4th Battalion.

Capt. A. Regan

We regret to announce the death of Capt. A. Regan, "Pat" or "General John" to those who knew him as a Company Commander, and later as Transport Officer, of the 11th Battalion in World War I.

"General John" was attending the Albuhera Day luncheon of the remaining officers of the Battalion at the Connaught Rooms, London, when he was stricken with a heart attack. He was taken to Charing Cross Hospital, where he died on Thursday, June 21.

Aged 73, he was a retired head schoolmaster, and spent the later years of his life in hard work for that

great craft in which he held rank in Grand Lodge. In more quiet times he enjoyed playing bowls.

He was a regular attendant at the 11th Battalion lunches, where his personality and cheerfulness will be much missed.

The cremation was at Golders Green on Tuesday, June 26, when Messrs. Hunt and Spalding, on behalf of the remaining officers, paid the Battalion's last tribute to "General John."

Lt.-Col. Cyril Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D.

Lt.-Col. C. Jarrett, who died on July 3, was an enthusiastic Volunteer and Territorial soldier of whom many members of the old 10th Battalion will have happy memories. He joined the 2nd South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers about 50 years ago, and served with the C.I.V.'s in the South African War. Thereafter, he continued with the "2nd South" until they were disbanded on the formation of the T.A. in 1908 when he transferred to the then newly formed 10th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. When that unit went to India in September, 1914, Major Jarrett was detached to remain behind and assist in the formation of the second line of the Battalion.

As 2IC he served with the 2/10th Battalion at Suvla Bay and in Egypt and Palestine. He was awarded the D.S.O. after the first battle of Gaza and subsequently held several administrative staff appointments and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The end came swiftly and peacefully at his home at Middleton-on-Sea, and with the death of Cyril Jarrett there passed a man who was unswervingly loyal, not only to his Regiment and his friends but also to the Church which he served so faithfully.

A wreath was sent on behalf of the Officers' Club of which he was a member.

Field of Remembrance

The Colonel of the Regiment has decided to repeat arrangements made in 1950. Saturday, 10th November has been chosen for members of the Regiment to assemble at Westminster Abbey. The memorial space will be marked by a Regimental Flag, and it is requested that all attending will be present there before 10.45 a.m.

The Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, Chairman Middlesex County Council, all Mayors of Boroughs and Chairmen of Urban District Councils have been invited to be present with us.

The Colonel trusts all ranks past and present will endeavour to attend and thus pay homage to those who have given their lives to defend their land and uphold the honour of their Regiment.

He also hopes that serving officers will wear uniform and decorations on this occasion.