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EDITORIAL

It is sad news, yet good news, that the Colonel of the Regiment has decided to sell his farm and move to London. We must all sympathise with him in his decision to give up his lovely country home, but from the Regimental point of view the fact that he is moving to London must be for our good. There were times when the O.C. Depot was an officer of considerable age and service and, under the conditions then existing, could adequately represent the Regiment in the absence of the Colonel. Now the demands of the County have increased whilst the Depot resources have shrunk and the need for the Colonel to be in the proximity has become of great importance.

The raising of a cricket side to represent the Regiment against the usual array of first-class clubs is a difficult problem these days and we therefore congratulate all concerned on the splendid results achieved this year.

There is no doubt that a successful Cricket Week is good propaganda for the Regiment and certainly this year the ground looked in every respect up to its most attractive best and all arrangements were thoroughly appreciated by the guests.

The return of the 1st Battalion even on a fleeting visit is a great event and we have no doubt that arrangement will be made to make their short stay memorable.

There is one way certainly in which to celebrate their arrival home. The target of £400 required to supply the Battalion with Silver Bugles has not yet been reached and £50 is still required. Might we suggest that by a slight increase in your overdraft you can help to reach the target before the Battalion arrives home.

The Appeal was to the County and that includes all those who have and are serving with the Regiment.

"London Gazette," April 4, 1952

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period of July 1 to December 31, 1951:

Lt. L. E. B. Adamson.
2/Lt. R. D. H. Wilson.

"London Gazette" Supplement, May 8, 1952:

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Cadet Forces Medal upon: A/Lt.-Col. F. L. Pettman (formerly commanding a Battalion of the Middlesex County Army Cadet Force, which had always formed a part of the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and

wore our badge until the recent re-organisation of the County Cadet Force).

Forthcoming Events

Arrangements have been approved for the O.C.A. Reunion Dinner to take place at the New Hall Restaurant, Royal Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Victoria, S.W.1, on Saturday, November 1, 1952, at 7 p.m. Tickets are now available from the Secretary, Regimental Association, price 10s. It is hoped that as many officers as possible will attend. The Old Comrades appreciate meeting their old officers on these occasions. It would assist the Committee if those able to attend will apply for their tickets by October 10 next.

Dance

An EL. BODEN All Ranks Dance will be held in the Gymnasium at the Depot on Saturday, September 27, 1952, from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Come if you can.

A New Regimental Author

A book written by a past or present member of the Regiment is an event. We therefore have pleasure in calling attention to "KHAKE AND BLUE" by Col. R. S. Sherbrooke-Walker, T.D., D.L.

This is not likely to be a best-seller since its subject does not lend itself to thrills or wide public interest. It is, however, an honest and sympathetic story of the author's experiences in the early days of aerodrome defence, in the formation of the R.A.F. Regiment and with the R.A.F. Regiment when formed.

As one would expect, there is a certain amount of critical study of R.A.F. discipline and organisation—from the ground defence point of view—but it is typical of the author that it is always sound, reasonable and impersonal. It is often interspersed with touches of humour and its criticism is always constructive. We have known many Army officers who gravitated into the R.A.F. Regiment when age ruled them out of active command of Companies and Battalions of Infantry but whose experience and energy could not be and fortunately was not wasted. Their verbal stories all bear out Col. Sherbrooke-Walker's account and it is fortunate that someone has come forward to put on record, in readable form, the lessons and historical records of at least part of the work these Army officers did.

This is a book which should be in all Army libraries since it is probable that no other book will cover the same ground and for students it is full of lessons learnt by the Army and R.A.F. alike at a time when our precious aerodromes, now airfields, were likely and tempting targets all too hard to defend.

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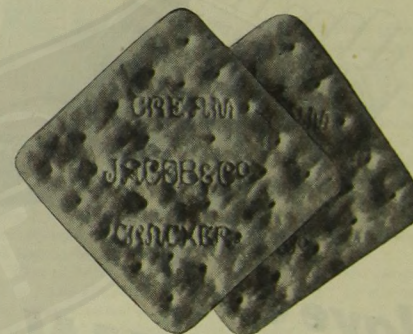
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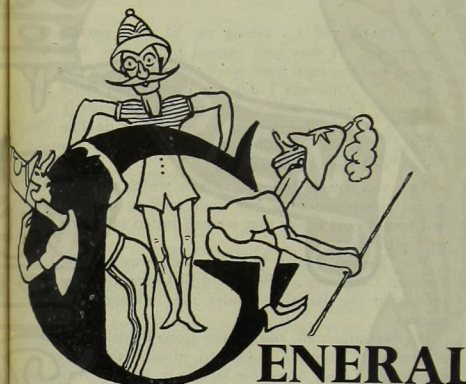
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1st Battalion Notes

BATTALION EDITOR:—MAJOR D. C. L. NOLDA



On Thursday, May 15, the Band and Drums beat Retreat on the Nottingham playing fields—the name Nottingham was the American code name for the 27th Infantry Brigade in Korea and serves now as a perpetual reminder of our service in that theatre. For the first time the Corps of Drums wore white with specially designed epaulettes on the jackets, the work of Drum Major Holford. The drums had been newly emblazoned and all we lacked were the set of silver bugles which we look forward to receiving from the County of Middlesex on our return to England.

The large crowd of soldiers with their friends and families were much impressed with the smart performance of the Band and Drums. After the evening hymn the officers gave a large and most successful cocktail party in the Mess.

Albuhera Day itself was given over to potted sports in the morning. A high standard of seven-a-sides in football and hockey was reached, while the basket-ball matches were a revelation to the ill-informed, who were under the impression that only a very few of the élite of the Battalion played. During the morning we were visited by the C-in-C. Far East Land Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., who was delighted with the keenness and enthusiasm he saw displayed everywhere.

The morning finished with the sergeants playing the officers at football. Once again, as at Christmas, both sides introduced much humour and imagination in their costumes and play to the very evident enjoyment of the spectators. Despite the valiant efforts of both sides, the match was abandoned as a goalless draw. The acting M.O. of the day, Dr. Tarrant, planned to remove all opposition for the sergeants with the aid of a large wooden mallet and a stretcher. The mallet proved ineffectual and the stretcher was used to carry off the only casualty of the match—Dr. Tarrant. After the match the officers entertained the sergeants, both sides drinking an unconscionable amount of beer.

That night 14 Regular Middlesex officers were sworn in as "Die-Hards." After the "Die-Hard" ceremony the officers assembled in the Sergeants' Mess to drink with them the traditional toast from the Albuhera Cup.

Present, both at dinner in the Officers' Mess that night and later in the Sergeants' Mess, was Major Rosel of the French Army, who had come from Indo-China to do a three months' attachment with the Battalion. He was thus undoubtedly the first French officer to have drunk from the Albuhera Cup, a cup which was fashioned from the breastplates of former "Die-Hards" who gallantly withstood the assaults of his French forbears 141 years ago—so were the dead, both

The re-organisation of the Battalion which was forecast in last quarter's notes took place in May. "B" Company was reduced to a small skeleton staff and placed in suspended animation, while Support Company was reduced to a minimum working strength compatible with likely operations. In addition, all Norfolk reinforcements were concentrated in "D" Company, thereby enabling "A" and "C" Companies to be made up to strength entirely with Middlesex personnel, an eminently satisfactory arrangement. "H.Q." Company, alas, continues to be as ungainly as ever, with a population of over 200, an ever present reminder of the enormous overheads that are required for maintenance in these advanced days of military progress.

Although the new organisation is readily workable and is in fact exactly similar to that which obtains in Austria, the lack of a fourth rifle company would be a serious handicap in the event of operations, a fact which is well remembered by those who fought in Korea in the early days. However, should the necessity ever arise, no doubt the hard core of "B" Company (euphuistically known as the "six oily rags") could be readily expanded into a fourth company.

Our inability to celebrate Albuhera Day last year was more than offset by the celebrations this year. A two and a half day programme drew forth a puckish remark from the Brigadier that whereas the Battle of Albuhera only took three hours to fight, the Middlesex were taking three days to remember it!

friend and foe alike, remembered silently that historic night.

The following passage is an extract from a letter written to the C.O. which shows how much Major Rosel was moved by our Albuhera celebrations. With the letter came a present to the Officers' Mess of a handsome hand-beaten silver cigarette box of Indo-Chinese design.

"J'ai été extrêmement heureux de passer ces trois semaines au milieu de vous, d'apprendre ce qu'était la vie d'un officier anglais et très ému de participer à la commémoration du combat d'Albuhera qui est le plus beau fait d'armes de votre Régiment."

On the day following Albuhera, the Battalion paraded with four Companies in line, attended by the Queen's and Regimental Colours. It was inspected by Maj.-Gen. R. C. Cruddas, D.S.O., the General Officer Commanding Landforces, Hong Kong.

After the inspection Gen. Cruddas made several presentations:

The Albuhera Shield, 1951-52: "H.Q." Company (C.S.M. Tarrant).

The Colony M.M.G. Cup: Sgt. Thorogood.

The Lisbon Maru Drill Shield: Support Company (C.S.M. Budden).

Mention in Despatches: Cpl. Fields, L/Cpl. Mead, Drm. Matthews.



The replica of a Korean A-frame presented by the Battalion to the 1st Battalion The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medals: R.S.M. Weller, C.S.M. Tarrant, C.S.M. Copper, C/Sgt. Firman.

The Commanding Officer's Bugle: L/Cpl. Rudd.

The Adjutant's Bugle: Drm. Humphries.

The Battalion then marched past by Companies in line, thus concluding a most spectacular parade which was conducted with excellent precision and steadiness. This view was more than borne out by the General, who conveyed the following to the Commanding Officer:—

"Thank you for asking me to your parade this morning. It was well carried out—arms drill was good and the men were steady on parade—a pleasure to see. Although I did not inspect the Band and Drums, I noted their smart turnout particularly."

"It is very heartening to see a parade like this when I know the difficulties you have to contend with and have to overcome."

This was a well-deserved tribute which rebutted the earlier scepticism of a few high ranking officers who had been heard to say that we had bitten off more than we could chew.

The Lisbon Maru Shield, which was awarded to Support Company as the best drill Company, was presented to the Battalion under the following circumstances:

On September 28, 1942, some 1,900 British prisoners-of-war were forcibly embarked aboard the Japanese cargo ship *Lisbon Maru* for labour in Japan. Amongst these P.O.W.s were 300 men of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment under command of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. "Monkey" Stewart, D.S.O., O.B.E.

During the early morning of October 1, while off Shanghai, the *Lisbon Maru* was torpedoed. All hatches were at once battened down by the Japanese guards, thus trapping the half-starved P.O.W.s, many of whom were suffering from dysentery, into total and suffocating darkness.

Lt. Howell, an officer of the R.A.S.C., discovered that Pte. Speight (the Battalion butcher) of the Middlesex Regiment was in possession of a long knife that he had managed to smuggle on board. Taking this knife Lt. Howell climbed up an iron ladder inside one of the hatches and after three hours' work managed to cut through the canvas, lever up the bars and prise open one of the hatch covers.

A handful of desperate men then broke out of the hold, only to receive a hail of bullets from the Japanese machine guns trained on them from the bridge. Eventually, but not without considerable loss, the brutal guards were overpowered and the trapped men were able to escape from their sinking prison. In all, some 900 P.O.W.s lost their lives in this gruesome episode.

On Albuhera Day this year H. M. "Hatch" Howell, Esq., who was awarded the M.B.E. for his outstanding gallantry, presented the "Die-Hards" with a beautifully carved silver and blackwood shield in memory of those who lost their lives in this notorious hell ship.

The photograph recently taken at Sham Shui Po (the P.O.W. camp) shows Mr. Howell with the five

survivors who are still serving with the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

Yet another reminder of those disastrous times in 1941 was the recent discovery of a Vickers machine gun which was dug up at Stanley, where it had evidently been buried by our predecessors before the fall of Hong Kong. The gun, now burnished bright, is with Support Company, who hope to take it back with them so that it can be placed in the Regimental Museum as a permanent remembrance of the gallantry displayed by the Battalion in those far-off days.

On June 21 the Sergeants' Mess held a belated Albuhera Ball at the Kowloon Dock Club, which proved to be a great improvement on previous occasions when it had been held at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The dance band were in strong voice and played with great energy for a large number of dancers, whose very evident enjoyment was a tribute to the excellent work of the committee who worked extremely hard to give us all a most enjoyable evening.

The weather, which had showed signs of stoking up in the first few days of May, miraculously eased off during Albuhera week. No sooner, however, had we finished our celebrations than it turned on us again with scorching suns and enervating humidity to produce the hottest June for 80 years. With the dismal prospect of another three months of summer to follow, we at least had the comfort of sending a number of men, who were in the fourth summer of their tour, to Japan in H.M.S. *Unicorn* on a well-earned leave.

Not so successful was Brigade's attempt to alleviate the rigours of the climate by introducing a Brigade leave camp at Lan Tau Island. The camp staff was provided by "H.Q." Company, who in their own words found it "a most perilous place where the air was thick with flies by day and mosquitoes by night, while a heavy surf kept the salt content of the rations up and most visitors away." The decision to evacuate the island followed three weeks later, but owing to the waywardness of R.A.S.C. water transport a number of unhappy soldiers are still marooned there.

Having taken a lion's share in the King's Birthday Parade last year, we stepped down this year to allow the more recently joined units to take part. We were, however, represented by the Band and Drums and a contingent of 14 carriers from Support Company commanded by Lt. Kyle Milward. Not only were the carriers gloriously spruced up with all the artifice of paint and brush but due regard was paid to mechanical performance, thus avoiding any lame ducks during the march past, a fitting tribute to the efforts of Cpl. Warner and the drivers.



Left to right: L/Cpl. A. Jackson, Drum-Major Holford, B.E.M., Cpl. J. Fields (who received a Mention in Despatches in Korea), Cpl. R. Dickens, Cpl. F. Hazlewood.

Changes in the garrison continue as unit after unit leaves for England, barely concluding their Python tours. With the departing units go a steady flow of staff officers, and soon the Battalion will be the sole survivors of the early reinforcements which were rushed out to Hong Kong in the summer of 1949.

In a few weeks now, the Argylls are due to leave for home. We shall grieve to see them go, for we have remained close together during these three long and momentous years. As a reminder of our close association, particularly in Korea, the Battalion will shortly present them with an exquisitely fashioned replica of a Korean A-frame, which has been carved from a single piece of blackwood and adorned with silver strands to represent the original straw.

Due to leave with the Argylls next month is our Brigade Commander, who is going on home leave preparatory to taking up a new appointment in Malaya. Brigadier Burke took over command of the 27th Infantry Brigade in Korea and we all had great hopes that in time he would take us back to England as a Brigade, but unfortunately this is not to be. He will, however, have the pleasure of being attended by one of his Battalions on his voyage home and the comfort of knowing that when it is our turn to step ashore in England we shall surely seek him out.



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Training

The only concession to training this quarter has been a series of cadres for junior N.C.O.s and specialists—for the rest it has been intensive drill for the first part and ceaseless wiring and improving of our operational positions during the last six weeks.

Cadre training, other than drivers, is being undertaken by Support Company under the able direction of Capt. B. K. Clayden, who recently returned to the Battalion fresh from his success at the School of Infantry. Already the first course for junior N.C.O.s has been completed, with a second well under way, while large numbers from "A" and "C" Companies are about to finish six weeks' M.M.G. and mortar courses. With the likelihood of having to maintain four anti-tank guns on arrival in Austria, a cadre was recently started to train additional gun numbers. We shall have to plug away at anti-tank training for in the past we have made do with one detachment to man the single gun we possess.

On June 10 the Battalion found itself once again on Force Guards, with almost certainty that it would be the last time they would be called upon to perform these duties.

The honour of mounting the ceremonial guards at Government House and Flagstaff House fell to "A" Company. Great credit goes to C.S.M. Cooper whose Herculean efforts with, to all practical purposes, a new Company met with great success. Once again we took over from the 45th Field Regiment, R.A., and, attended by the Band and Drums, the first guards were mounted with much ceremony. A noteworthy feature was that the majority of the guards were young National Servicemen who had only joined the Battalion a few weeks previously, but nevertheless, due to the unflagging efforts of the Company Sergeant-Major, stood up excellently to the exactness of their first public duties.

A memorable incident during Force Guards was the

near arrest of the Chief of Staff by Pte. Turner, a young National Serviceman of "A" Company. The Chief of Staff, in civilian clothes, was hurrying to his office one morning when he was stopped by Pte. Turner, who was on sentry duty outside Combined Services Headquarters. Unable to produce his identity card, the Chief of Staff announced his identity but to no avail, for Pte. Turner remained resolute and would not allow him to pass. The Chief of Staff was then forced to find a staff sergeant to establish his *bona fides* before he was eventually allowed to enter his office.

While "A" and "C" Companies were still on Force Guards, the Battalion received the order to wire. Then started a race, at present temporarily halted but which shows no real sign of abating, to protect our operational positions with a sea of wire. Day after day, ceaselessly, trucks, mules and men toiled up jeep tracks and footpaths to dump ever increasing quantities of wire and pickets.

On the return of "A" and "C" Companies from Force Guards, wiring began in earnest. To start with, "A" and "D" lived on the hills with "C" remaining in camp and going out each day. Later "A" and "D" returned to camp and "C" took to the hills. For the first fortnight it rained incessantly. Tented camps became quagmires, while tracks and slopes became treacherous overnight with certain hurt to any who made a false step. Events were to prove later that, despite the treacherous slipperiness of the ground, rain produced the best wiring weather, and much more was accomplished in these wet days than in the torrid, humid days which followed.

With unbelievable rapidity lane after lane of wire appeared on slopes, ridges and valleys, with Companies vying with each other in making bigger and better efforts. "A" Company introduced a modification to General Staff blue print, which they declared to be impregnable. Rumour has it that, not to be outdone, one of the other Company Commanders would not accept any wiring unless he was able to pluck a pure "G" from every strand!

While the Rifle Companies continued to wire feverishly, Support Company devoted its energies to camouflage. The M.M.G. Platoon, with truck and airborne trolley, denuded the lower slopes, cutting great turfs out of the ground which they carried to the mountain tops to change large areas of arid baked earth into rolling grassland. The Mortar Platoon, with equal zeal, set about hiding their enormous weapon pits with the use of wire wool. So successfully did they achieve their object that one day they claimed an unwary sapper officer who, in search of water, walked into the wire wool and disappeared with a shriek, to the very evident delight of the onlookers.

The Drums, too, were put through their paces: beautifying Battalion Headquarters with sequestered, walks and arbours of wire wool flanked by delicate traceries of wire to keep the uninitiated off the grass. In all, a very fine achievement which occasioned the following remark from a soldier in "A" Company. "Looks like blooming Kew Gardens." Perhaps the days to come will complete this simile with rustic benches and tags with Latin names to help us tell the

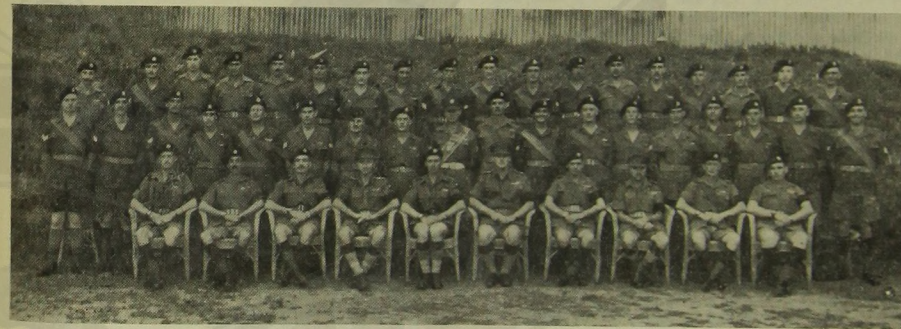


THE OFFICERS, 1st BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DCO). ALBUHERA DAY, 1952

Back row (left to right): 2/Lt. I. S. Rutherford, 2/Lt. A. H. Catchpole, 2/Lt. B. C. Eady, 2/Lt. E. Starr, 2/Lt. J. S. B. Pollard, 2/Lt. B. R. England, Lt. S. H. Fothergill, Lt. G. Kitchener, Lt. A. R. F. Smith, 2/Lt. C. L. Goodwin, 2/Lt. R. K. Collins, 2/Lt. R. M. Fox, 2/Lt. G. R. Chadwick.

Second row (left to right): Lt. J. Stevens (R.A.M.C.), Lt. W. I. Kyle-Milward, Capt. G. C. D. Wheeler, Capt. A. N. Jordan, Capt. R. A. Hodge, Lt. H. J. Evans, 2/Lt. M. T. Beagley, Capt. J. S. C. Flavell, Capt. J. B. Mathews, Lt. N. F. Legge, Lt. C. L. Lawrence, M.C., Reverend W. E. B. Jones.

Front row (sitting, left to right): Major C. A. Trestian, M.B.E., Major D. C. L. Nolda, Major G. C. Dawson, Major G. B. Ayre, Lt.-Col. R. A. Gwyn, Capt. C. N. Clayden, Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Major V. A. Thomas, M.C.



1st BATTALION W.O.s. AND SERGEANTS

Back row: Sgt. R. Jessup, Sgt. D. Walters, Sgt. F. Walden, Sgt. J. Street, Sgt. A. Slocombe, Sgt. J. Potter, Sgt. C. Forster (A.C.C.), Sgt. J. Parker, Sgt. C. Burgess, Sgt. R. Smith, Sgt. G. Gramlick, Sgt. M. Bermingham, Sgt. D. Bayton, Sgt. S. Reynolds, Sgt. R. Gould, Sgt. G. Smith, Sgt. D. Dallimore (R.A.E.C.), Sgt. R. Sharpe.

Middle row: Sgt. G. Beale, Sgt. D. Dutch, Sgt. J. Bowyer, Sgt. G. Walsh, Sgt. G. Bartholomew, C/Sgt. V. Corner, C.S.M. I. Soreman (A.P.T.C.), C.S.M. G. Copper, D/M. C. Holford, B.E.M., C.S.M. A. Green, C/Sgt. D. Cranfield, Sgt. R. Simpson, Sgt. P. Ross Gower, Sgt. J. Smallwood, Sgt. D. Deamer, Sgt. W. Wright, Sgt. P. O'Neill, Sgt. C. Small.

Seated: C.S.M. R. Budden, C.S.M. R. Tarrant, B/M. W. Jackson, Capt. C. N. Clayden (Adjutant), R.S.M. S. Weller, M.M., Lt.-Col. R. A. Gwyn (Commanding Officer), R.Q.M.S. F. Griffiths, Major (Q.M.) C. Trestian, M.B.E., C.S.M. I. McMillan, C.S.M. A. Cooper.

difference between the various laureolas which people Battalion Headquarters.

No wiring, however, could have been attempted without the tremendous assistance given by the trucks and mules who toiled ceaselessly each day to keep the wirers supplied with their many wants. Despite the difficulty of the conditions there has not been a single truck accident, a very high reflection on the quality of our drivers.

For the moment wiring is temporarily in abeyance, but it is feared that we have not yet seen the last of pickets long and short, and soon the hills will be studded again with bronzed soldiers stripped to the waist stretching more and more wire along the mountain tops.

At present "C" Company is at Tai Lam for ten days' training, where it will be followed by "A" Company. The camp, which is by the sea, was impeccably laid out by Major Waller and bears all the splendour of a pre-war T.A. camp. Tents stand rigidly to attention in serried lines and even the beach has a strangely regimented air about it. Nothing has been forgotten and there is a place for everything, clearly marked by a profusion of signs.

Training here should prove excellent. The 24th Engineer Regiment, who live nearby, are giving valuable instruction in mine laying and watermanship, while the Tai Lam valley provides ideal ground for section and platoon training. In all, time spent here will be invaluable both as a respite from wiring and a prelude to field firing next month.

With the emphasis on drill and wiring, there has been little time for shooting other than the monthly Brigade .22 competition. We were unfortunate not to repeat our early success when "D" Company won the competition in April. In May and June we lost each time to a very superior R.U.R. team.

On June 4 we entertained H.M.S. *Unicorn* at San Wai, when we enjoyed a very leisurely and informal shooting match. A team of ten, captained by Lt. A. R. F. Smith, defeated the sailors by 779 points to 730. Sgt. Da Costa of "A" Company gained the highest individual score.

A week later two teams of four spent the day at the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit in Lyemun Barracks on the island. We won both the .22 and .303 matches by healthy margins. Teams: .303—Sgt. Harris, L/Cpl. Hearne, Pte. Brumpton and Pte. Thornton. .22—2/Lt. Beagley, Cpl. Pegg, Pte. Milligan and Pte. Pegg.

We take this opportunity to digress in order to tell our readers something about the little-known Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit which plays a very important part in providing a supply of manpower to many of the Services. In most overseas theatres the Army resorts to employing locally enlisted personnel to fill the gaps in the under-strength Services. Here in Hong Kong local Chinese are enlisted and trained in a variety of trades to be later employed as clerks, signallers, drivers, medical attendants, muleteers, etc. Initially they all undergo basic infantry training at Lyemun Barracks under the direction of Capt. Livemore of this Regiment. Because of this connection the Regiment takes an interest in all they do, and on June 18 a full-day "At Home" was staged with the H.K.C.T.U. at

Lyemun Barracks. In the morning the C.O., accompanied by the Adj. and S.O., inspected training. In the afternoon there were sports and in the evening the Drums beat Retreat, which was attended by all the Chinese recruits. It is of interest to note that Drum Major Holford has composed a Regimental Call for the H.K.C.T.U., which is shortly to be followed by a Regimental March from Bandmaster Jackson.



Sport

Although sport in the main has been confined to swimming this quarter, football, cricket and hockey have continued whenever the opportunity has presented itself.

As a result of the re-organisation it was decided that the Albuhera Shield would be held in abeyance this year, although the trophies for each sport would be competed for in the normal way. Due to a surprising and incomprehensible decision taken at a meeting of the Battalion Sports Board, "H.Q." Company is only finding one team this year from its very large numbers. This has resulted in the formidable "H.Q." 1 and "H.Q." 2 teams of last year combining to produce an unassailable front this year. It is not surprising, therefore, that already they have won both the swimming and water polo cups.

P.S.—This decision has now been rescinded.

Swimming and Water Polo

The inter-Company swimming and water polo competitions were held early this year so that the better swimmers could be chosen and trained in time for the Land Forces competition in August.

On June 24, at Victoria Barracks swimming pool, the first games of the water polo knock-out competition were played off. "S" Company beat "A" Company in the first game and "C" Company beat "D" Company in the next. "H.Q." Company, who had drawn a bye, then came through to beat "S" Company, leaving "H.Q." v. "C" in the final. This was played off at the Battalion swimming meeting on July 8. The first half was an even game during which both "H.Q." and "C" scored once. During the second half "H.Q." went ahead and the final score was 4-2 for "H.Q." Company.

Since then the Battalion team has played three friendly games. The first one, against the R.A.F. Kai Tak, who are the Colony water polo champions, resulted in a defeat for us, 9-4. In the next game we beat H.M.S. *Cossack* 4-2 in a very interesting game which was played in Tai Po harbour alongside the destroyer. At Victoria Pool we won 4-3 against the Wiltshire Regiment and we are hoping for another game with them in the near future.

At the Battalion Swimming Meeting held at Victoria Pool on July 8 competition ran high. The first race was a medley relay, consisting of back stroke, breast stroke and free style, and was won by "D" Company. The six lengths' free style was won by Pte. Anderson of "A" Company, and the inter-Company relay, a team of three using free style, was also won by "A" Company.

In the diving event each competitor did three dives and there were two competitors per Company. We saw some very fine diving, and victory went to "H.Q." Company.

The three lengths back stroke was won in good style by L/Cpl. Shepherd of "S" Company, and the three lengths breast stroke by "H.Q." Company.

In the plunging event the total distance of both competitors was added together. "H.Q." Company won, with an aggregate distance of 96 feet 3½ inches, closely followed by "C" Company with 93 feet 7 inches.

The inter-Company rank relay included a team of four, one officer, one senior N.C.O., one junior N.C.O. and a private, and was also won by "H.Q." Company.

The final event in the competition was the 12 lengths free style, well won in a tough fight by "S" Company's Pte. O'Rawe, whose stamina and tenacity kept him in the lead from the very start.

The final placings were:

1st	..	"H.Q." Company	..	68 points
2nd	..	"D" Company	..	54 "
3rd	..	"S" Company	..	52 "
4th	..	"A" Company	..	48 "
5th	..	"C" Company	..	48 "

"H.Q." Company owed much of their success to Drum-Major Holford's first-class diving, C.S.M. Tarant's fast breast stroke and Major Dawson's plunges, one of which carried him a total distance of 53 feet 4½ inches.

At the end of a vigorous afternoon the Commanding Officer presented the swimming and water polo shields to "H.Q." Company and cups to the individual team winners.

The Battalion swimming and water polo teams are now training for the forthcoming Land Forces Competition.

Basket Ball

The main event during the last quarter has been the Nine Dragons Competition, which was mentioned in the last edition. Owing to the fact that many teams fell out for various reasons, we reached the final without much effort, having beaten 6 F.O.D. and 1 R.N.F.

In the final we played 56 R.A.S.C. Company, composed of Chinese locally employed personnel. They beat us after a very hard-fought game, 38-37.

Throughout the year the keenness of the team has been exemplary, but unfortunately we shall be losing many of our players who are returning to civilian life. Cpl. Burke of "S" Company and Pte. Ashenden of "H.Q." Company, to name only two, have been pillars of the team and will be hard to replace, but with the Brigade and Land Forces competitions coming off very soon we will do very well as there are several promising newcomers to the ranks of the team.

Golf

There has been a considerable improvement in both the numbers and standard of play in the Battalion this year. Sgt. Potter announced himself a golfer and proved that he was a player of considerable merit and will be a great asset when the Battalion is at home. Both R.Q.M.S. Griffiths and C/Sgt. Firman strike the ball very firmly, but unfortunately not with the same consistency in direction.

In the inter-unit competition we beat the Hong Kong Defence Force in the preliminary round by two holes. This was in fact a formidable achievement against what amounted to a well-experienced civilian team. We then beat the Royal Engineers quite comfortably, but met with defeat against Headquarters Land Forces. (When one considers the wealth of material they had to choose from this is not surprising.) The team in each round consisted of Lt.-Col. Gwyn, Lt. Wollocombe, 2/Lt. Catchpole and Sgt. Potter.

One good thing has resulted from our defeat—the Colonel has bought himself a new set of clubs, so next year we should be invincible.



Personality Parade



Despite the Python freeze there has been a steady trickle of departing Regulars who have finished their colour service. Whereas most of the senior N.C.O.s and Warrant Officers have re-engaged, the response from the rank and file has been disappointing.

The reorganisation of the Battalion in May caused much uprooting. The earlier misgivings this produced have long since evaporated and all are now happily reconciled to new friends and surroundings. In both "A" and "C" Companies is to be found an old soldier's Platoon, composed almost entirely of soldiers who previously had hidden themselves away as only old sweats can. After their initial bewilderment at having to become riflemen again, they soon accepted facts and now their *esprit de corps* is second to none.

Of all the upheavals which resulted from the reorganisation, the most painful must have been that of C.S.M. Macmillan, who was uprooted from his beloved "D" Company whose destinies he had guarded so closely during the last four years, both in peace and in war. However, whatever his feelings were, his energy and bite remain unimpaired and already both subalterns and men alike in his new Company know what it is to be chased by the Sergeant-Major with the fierce eyes and rigid stance.

The recent departure of 129 Royal Norfolk soldiers to Korea and the advent of the first Royal Fusilier draft is a reminder of the passage of time. Royal Norfolk reinforcements have now been with the Battalion for very nearly a year. During this time they have identified themselves completely with us, taking an equal part in all our activities and have cemented yet another infantry bond between two Regiments of the Line. To those who have left us we wish every success in the line and a safe homecoming.

Back again with the Battalion after their courses in England are Capts. B. K. Clayden and Mason, Lts. Wollocombe and Kitchener, Sgts. Michele, Moyse, Smith and Eastap, and Cpl. Fisher. With fresh thick

blood coursing through their veins they will no doubt make themselves strongly felt throughout the Battalion.

We were delighted to see the return of Major Porter to the Battalion. After innumerable changes it would appear that the command of "D" Company is now to rest firmly on his shoulders. With his past experience of training National Servicemen at the Depot he is eminently suited to watch over the destiny of the large numbers of Korean reinforcements for the Royal Norfolk and Royal Fusilier Regiments.

A notable social affair this quarter was Padre "Guz" Jones's wedding, yet another tribute to his eloquence as he persuaded his bride to come out to Hong Kong at the height of the summer. Despite the heat and the rigours of treatment for monkey bite, "Guz" put up a brave front in the cathedral, where the Colonel gave away an even more composed and charming bride. Patience Ayre and Rosemary Nolda were quite delightful as flower girls.

Once again success has attended us in the educational world and we congratulate R.Q.M.S. Griffiths, C.S.M. Cooper and C.Q.M.S. Corner on obtaining their first-class certificates. Also successful were eight who sat for the third-class certificate.

There has been a spate of promotions this quarter, a full list of which appears below. By far the most deserved is that of Sgt. Burgess, who has given his all for so long as C.Q.M.S. of "A" Company.

Promotions and Appointments during the Quarter

"H.Q." Company

To C/Sgt.: Sgt. D. Dutch, wef June 9, 1952.
To C/Sgt. (Band): Sgt. D. Street, wef June 14, 1952.
To Sgt.: Cpl. E. Dawtry, wef April 24, 1952.
To Cpl.: L/Cpls. A. Wright, wef May 24, 1952; L. Mead, wef May 24, 1952; J. James, wef April 1, 1952; G. McLoughlin, wef April 18, 1952; B. Jelley, wef May 14, 1952; W. Rawlinson, wef May 14, 1952.
To L/Cpl.: Ptes. J. Rudd, wef April 18, 1952; A. Jackson, wef April 22, 1952; P. Ansell, wef May 5, 1952; L. Chappell, wef May 5, 1952; A. Freeman, wef May 24, 1952; L. Young, wef May 24, 1952; R. Marsh, wef May 26, 1952; F. Beasley, wef June 3, 1952; R. Hale, wef June 3, 1952; B. Clark, wef June 3, 1952.

"S" Company

To Sgt.: Cpls. P. Dive, wef April 1, 1952; J. Moyse, wef April 1, 1952.
To Cpl.: L/Cpls. L. Dench, wef April 22, 1952; J. Swift, wef April 22, 1952; G. Young, wef June 1, 1952; A. Forward, wef April 18, 1952.

To L/Cpl.: Ptes. D. Galvin, wef April 22, 1952; W. Osborne, wef April 22, 1952; R. Barker, wef April 22, 1952; C. Jacobs, wef June 3, 1952.

"A" Company

To C/Sgt.: Sgt. C. Burgess, wef February 2, 1952.
To Sgt.: Cpls. M. Glazier, wef April 1, 1952; S. Da Costa, wef April 1, 1952.

To L/Cpl.: Ptes. B. Crawley, wef April 21, 1952; A. Rayworth,

wef April 21, 1952; C. Wonnacott, wef June 3, 1952; J. Page, wef June 3, 1952; J. Digby, wef June 3, 1952; R. Brocklehurst, wef June 3, 1952.

"C" Company

To Sgt.: Cpls. N. Ramsdale, wef April 1, 1952; G. Simmonds, wef April 1, 1952; W. Smith, wef April 1, 1952.

To L/Cpl.: Ptes. M. Norman, wef April 22, 1952; C. Hart, wef April 22, 1952; J. Kerr, wef April 22, 1952; D. Lagden, wef June 3, 1952; S. Hawkins, wef June 3, 1952; M. Mitchell, wef June 3, 1952; A. Milligan, wef June 3, 1952; R. Dormer, wef June 3, 1952.

"D" Company

To W.O.2 (C.S.M.): C/Sgt. J. Thom, wef June 9, 1952.
To L/Cpl.: Pte. D. Rogers, wef April 22, 1952.



Left to right: Lt. Evans (Queen's Colour), C/Sgt. Cranfield, C/Sgt. Thom, Drum-Major Holford, 2/Lt. Beagley (Regimental Colour), C/Sgt. Firman.

If you have enjoyed reading this issue of "The Die-Hards," will you recommend to non-readers of your acquaintance that they should take it in. Please support us, in order that we may achieve our ambition, which is to publish the finest service magazine—Second to None.



We Salute

O.R.Q.M.S. Redpath on his well-deserved award of the B.E.M. in this year's Birthday Honours List.

Pte. Franks on his determination in finding a wife.

Capt. R. A. Hodge on the birth of a daughter, his appointment as Honorary A.D.C. to H.E. The Governor and his success in being the only officer to get two home courses in the same overseas tour.

Bandmaster Jackson and the Band for valiantly climbing Cloudy with their instruments to play for "C" Company.



R.Q.M.S. Griffiths, C/Sgt. Firman, R.S.M. Weller, C.S.M. Tarrant and C.S.M. Copper on their award of the L.S. and G.C. Medal.



The brothers L/Cpls. Beasley for keeping together up the ladder of success.



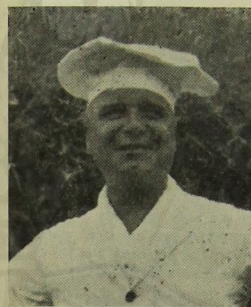
The brothers Cpls. Rawlinson



Pte. Smart for being the smartest soldier in the Battalion with the distinction of being selected as the Commanding Officer's Orderly for the Albuhera Parade.



C/Sgt. Burgess on his well-earned promotion.



Sgt. Royle, our new Cook Sergeant, who restored messing in the Battalion to its proper level within the first week of his arrival.



Pte. Turner for being the perfect sentry.



C.S.M. Macmillan, as the only C.S.M. now remaining with the Battalion who originally came out with it to Hong Kong, having served throughout the Battalion's tour in this capacity.



Sgt. Beale on his becoming a "Die-Hard."



C/Sgt. Corner for his indefatigable zeal not only in the Company Stores but also in the swimming pool.



L/Cpl. Rudd on his award of the Commanding Officer's bugle.

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

The 1st Battalion Wives' Club

The Wives' Club, tentatively formed in January to greet the New Year with the best of resolutions, has taken root and flourished.

It came into being initially as a social club since, far-flung as we are, with some families living on the island, others in different parts of Kowloon, a few 20 miles away at Fanling and, recently, some at the new quarters at Sek Kong, there was little or no chance of our getting to know each other.

From a few of the founder members a committee was formed with Mrs. Gwyn as President, Mrs. Bellers as Chairman, Mrs. Jackson as Secretary, Mrs. Weller as Treasurer and Mrs. Tarrant as Entertainments Officer. Of these, Mrs. Jackson has undoubtedly been faced with the greatest difficulties, since without telephones or a central committee room means of communication are such that slips twixt cup and lip are almost inevitable. If she sends out communications by civil post a proportion will fall into the hands of a Chinese postman fluent only in Cantonese who, rather than lose face, delivers them to any personally-selected address en route; if sent via B.A.P.O. they are liable to be sorted and resorted with such loving care for weeks at a time that they are delivered accurately some days

after the meeting has taken place. An alternative method, by hand of husbands, has been tried, and although proportionally more successful than the former methods, there is still a tendency for some letters to come to light from the depths of a trouser pocket only when the suit involved is about to be sent to the cleaners.

However, these and bush telephone methods have resulted in several successful morning meetings in the Chatham Road NAAFI, which has been most accommodating in allowing us the use of one of their rooms, and in some evening whist drives.

As the school holidays are now upon us a families' outing to the sea by Regimental bus has been planned for August 31. A similar outing, arranged for June 12, encouraged the advent of the first typhoon of the season, but we feel that fate cannot be so unkind as to play the same nasty trick twice, and hope for a fine, but not grilling, day.

Club members wear a maroon and gold enamel brooch with a silver 57 embossed upon it which has been produced both imaginatively and economically by the contractor Au Wai Lam.

The club will continue its activities in Austria, where we all look forward to a better climate, a more concentrated environment and to welcoming new members who accompany their husbands abroad with the Battalion.



CORPS OF DRUMS, 16th MAY, 1952

Depot Notes

GENERAL

The Depot continues as ever. We are still organised on a two-Company basis. Training continues under the aegis of Lt. G. Norton, while the Holding element just continues. The arrival of soldiers ex-1st Middlesex is always welcomed and e'er long small clusters are seen round barracks discussing the latest news from the Battalion.

The plans for the Welcome Home of 1st Middlesex grow daily. The Silver Bugle Fund does well. The latest count is £350. We all look forward to seeing the 1st Middlesex once more march through the streets of London—shades of 1948.

We now boast an R.Q.M.S. (Etheridge), much to the relief of the Quartermaster and a staff to administer the 98 married quarters here in the Depot.

C/Sgt. F. Redpath, B.E.M., has taken over the duties of Orderly Room Sergeant while O.R.Q.M.S. Waldron shortly flies out to 1st Middlesex.

Many have passed through the Depot recently. They include Major Marsh, Capt. Clayden, Alexander, Phillips, Gray and Mason, and Lts. Pike, Evans, Thomas, T. M. H. Wollocombe, Mitchell, Lawrence and Laurence, the latter two being most confusing to the uninitiated.

Our new C.O., Major P. D. H. Marshall, has just arrived and the patter of tiny feet is once more heard around the C.O.'s Quarter.

TRAINING COMPANY

Since the last edition of *The Die-Hards* two more Recruit Intakes have completed their basic training at the Depot. The first of these, our 7th, passed out on May 14. R.S.M. P. Donovan has revised our Passing-Out Parade, which now lasts over an hour and includes a march past in slow and quick time and an advance in Review Order. This was the first parade of the "New Era." Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E., took the salute and expressed himself well pleased with their standard of drill and turnout.

The Band of the East Surrey Regiment provided the musical accompaniment and the result was both impressive and satisfactory. The medallists for this intake were:

Best Recruit	Pte. A. Burrow.
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. V. Humphries.
Best L.M.G. Shot	Pte. C. Raeburn.
Best Recruit P.T.	Pte. W. Martin.

Of the 56 Middlesex recruits who passed out, 19 were Regular soldiers or 34 per cent. of the Middlesex intake.

It was unfortunate this year that Albuhera Day should fall on the second day of a recruit intake. However, the usual football and cricket matches were organised, and since the Messing Officer had been saving hard, the

recruits fed exceedingly well. They were served by members of the Sergeants' Mess with bacon, eggs, chicken, ice cream, jellies, etc., in plentiful supply. It was surely the kind of introduction to the Army that few recruits could ever have experienced.

However, with such a start it is perhaps not surprising that the 8th Intake proved to be the best we have had so far. The Intake passed out on June 25, the salute being taken by Brigadier D. S. Gordon, C.B.E., D.S.O., Deputy Director of Infantry, the War Office. The Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards provided the music and a real splash of colour to the parade with their "scarlet" and "bear skins." Later in the evening they beat "Retreat" on the Square. Brigadier Gordon said he was most impressed by the standard of drill attained on the parade after only five and a half weeks' training. He also said that he would take up the matter of our Regular soldiers continuing to wear Middlesex cap badge and titles during their attachment to 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment in Germany, until the 1st Battalion arrives home. This will be a great concession and has now been finally approved.

The medallists of this Intake were:

Rest Recruit	Pte. B. Chinn.
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. J. Southern.
Best L.M.G. Shot	Pte. R. Newton.
Best Recruit P.T.	Pte. B. Chinn.

Of the 77 Middlesex recruits who passed out, 53 were Regular soldiers or 69 per cent. of the Middlesex Intake.

During this quarter, Lt. G. G. Norton and R.S.M. P. Donovan have paid a number of "good-will" visits to all the Recruiting Offices in the County and London area, where we were fortunate in having a majority of the Recruiting Sergeants. It is hoped these visits will pay dividends.

On June 12 the recruits provided a Guard of Honour and a small party for the Proclamation Ceremony, in Finchley. The result was a credit to the extra tuition given by the R.S.M. and delighted the Mayor.

After a short break we are now well in the 9th Intake. This has proved to be the largest we have had so far in the Depot, over 100 recruits arriving on July 3. Since 21 are Regular volunteers, it is hoped that with this as a start we may equal or better our record for the 8th Intake.

Our congratulations for this quarter go to Cpl. J. Harwood on the birth of a daughter, Jean Harwood, on June 2, 1952.

Our best wishes go with Cpl. E. Foster to his new civilian career and we hope he will be a regular visitor in the future.

We have been pleased to welcome 2/Lt. P. B. Laurence and 2/Lt. T. M. H. Wollocombe to the Depot. The latter is to remain with us until the 1st Battalion arrive home.

SERGEANTS' MESS

On May 16 we held our first function for many months. It was a great success and we were honoured by the presence of Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P., the officers of the Depot, and the C.O., officers, W.O.s and Sergeants of 7th Middlesex. On June 21 we held our Albuhera Ball. This was a huge success at which many old faces appeared.

We say "farewell and good luck" to O.R.Q.M.S. Waldron who has left us for 1st Middlesex and to Sgt. (Punchy) Lowe who was honoured with a salute by a W.O. of the R.E.s the first day he appeared in his bus conductor's uniform. We welcome R.Q.M.S. Etheridge, C/Sgt. Redpath and Sgt. Kennett and hope their stay will be a long and pleasant one. Sgt. Bermingham arrived for discharge, but after three days' leave he decided to sign on, and has now joined C.S.M. Wild at the 6th Surreys.

Ex-R.S.M. P. McLoughlin visited us and many tales of old times were swapped in the "Glory Hole." He is Mine Host at the Railway Tavern, Shepherds Bush.

All members are looking forward to the return of 1st Middlesex.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM NOTES

The addition of five further show cases has enabled many of the smaller exhibits to be housed under cover. New glass panelled doors have been fitted to the Museum itself giving more light, and several of the show cases now have electric lights installed.

A special medal case is now under construction. It is arranged in three tiers and will be provided with a register for easy reference.

Various minor improvements in lay-out have been carried out, but there is still much to be done. Mr. Smith, who looks after the Museum, is always full of ideas, and much credit is due to him for the improved appearance of the place. This seems to have been appreciated by visitors, who have written many complimentary remarks in the visitors' book.

The following items have been added since the last Journal was sent to print.

From Mr. J. C. Crisp

Further cuttings from the *Illustrated London News* of 1863-64, giving an account of the 57th in the Maori Wars, and the erection of the monument in St. Paul's Cathedral to those of the 77th who fell in the Crimea, and other interesting Regimental events including a cricket match played by the 57th in Corfu in 1853.

From Depot Sergeants' Mess

A copy of the *Illustrated London News* at the time of the lying-in-state and funeral of His late Majesty King George VI.

From Col. J. M. Lamont

A framed enlargement of a photograph of the Albuhera Memorial, taken by himself on March 12, 1952, whilst visiting "La Albuera."

From Mr. George H. E. Duffield

A collection of photographs, cuttings, programmes, invitation cards, certificates, etc., mostly concerning the 4th Battalion, and the forms of service at the un-

veiling ceremonies of the War Memorials, both at the Depot itself and in the Church of St. Paul's, Mill Hill. Mr. Duffield also presented three framed photographs of Col. G. Barker, Col. C. R. Dyer and Capt. D. C. Owen.

From Ex-C.Q.M.S. W. J. Hall

Medals of the late C.S.M. A. Dorricott, who was killed on the Somme. (M.C., Queen's South Africa, 1914, G.S. and Victory.) Mr. Hall's grandfather was Sgt.-Major Fallon, 57th Foot, who was killed at Sebastopol.

From Ex-C.S.M. A. J. Burton

Photograph—International group with the 3rd Battalion in Peking, 1907-08, and a typhoon edition of the *South China Morning Post*, giving a full report of the typhoon which occurred on July 27/28, 1908.

From Mr. J. H. Edwards, M.C.

One hockey medal—77th India, 1904-5 (Inter-Company).

From Lt. G. G. Norton

A North Korean identity card.

We are most grateful to all the above donors for their gifts to the Museum.

It is with much regret that we have to report that the Alexander the Great coin, presented to the Museum by Mr. V. Chapman a year ago, has disappeared. It is a great pity that some misguided individual should have thought fit to remove this interesting relic.

Steps are being taken in an endeavour to prevent such pilfering, and as many small articles as possible are being placed in locked cases; it is, however, a grievous pity that this should indeed be found necessary.

Balances Due to Estates of Deceased Officers and Soldiers

In pursuance of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased Officers and soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice in the *London Gazette*.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to "The Under Secretary of State, War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1" and marked outside "Effects."

	£	s.	d.
Groves, A. A., Pte., Middlesex Regiment	16	9	11
Ramsden, H. R., P.S.M., Middlesex Regt.	60	8	3
Barnes, W., Pte., Middlesex Regiment	96	11	6
Tait, F., Pte., Middlesex Regiment	80	16	1

Back Numbers of 'The Die-Hards'

Can anyone send to the Secretary of the Regimental Association the following back numbers of the Journal to complete some sets for binding for a reader:

September, 1945; December, 1945; September, 1947; December, 1947; March, 1948?

Officers' Club Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club took place at the Junior United Service Club on Friday, June 20, 1952, under the chairmanship of Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., Colonel of the Regiment. The following attended:

Brigadiers H. A. B. Murray, N. P. Procter, B. B. Rackham and O. H. Tidbury.

Cols. M. Browne, G. Beach, W. D. Coles, M. Crawford, A. H. Farley, H. W. Gray, S. F. Hedgecoe, J. N. Lamont, A. M. Man, N. Moller, A. M. O. A. Passingham, W. A. Stewart, R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker and G. P. L. Weston.

Lt.-Cols. J. H. Clowes, H. Cook, D. Y. Cubitt, G. L. Fox, A. E. Green, T. A. Hall, L. H. J. de la M. Herepath, A. K. Johnson, J. James-Crook, G. Lerwill, J. W. G. Ormiston, F. Gordon Parker, W. Pringle, G. Rapson, T. H. Reddy, W. L. Roberts, J. D. Robbins, E. W. F. de Salis, D. J. Scott and T. S. Wollocombe.

Majors R. Barr, F. J. Bennett, G. A. H. Bower, I. R. Burrows, A. C. Buckland Nicks, B. K. Cattell, F. W. Chattey, J. G. Chiverall, A. W. Clark, J. P. Coubro, R. J. P. Cummins, C. F. Denton, A. D. C. Eales, W. D. Ellis, H. Farrow, H. K. Hardcastle, J. A. Hamilton, E. L. Heywood, G. W. P. Hodding, A. T. Jones, R. A. Kaye, H. M. F. Langley, D. V. Littlejohn, H. Marsh, J. Mayhew, J. Millard, P. F. Newman, R. E. Orr, C. C. V. Parsons, H. T. Pemell, H. M. L. Price, D. B. Rendell, G. C. D. Scott-Lowe, C. T. Whitney and E. A. M. Williams.

Cpts. C. H. T. Barber, D. K. Cattell, P. Collins, W. R. Dawe, L. C. D. Doidge, R. E. Guest, J. de Gaye, H. J. A. Moore, N. B. McIvor, E. A. H. Jeffcoat, P. L. Pearce-Gould, A. G. Petrie, D. A. Phillips, J. N. Shipster, E. F. Thompson, W. Ward, C. G. Webber and J. A. Williams.

Lts. R. M. Cain, R. T. Douthet, G. C. Foreman, E. C. Graham, J. D. Gunnell, A. R. K. Hardcastle, P. C. Kay, R. J. Leighton, R. E. Newbery, G. G. Norton, J. D. Pike, J. R. Spooner and W. R. Tomkinson.

2/Lts. B. St. G. A. Reed and P. J. T. Lane.

Mr. O. G. Johnson and five non-member guests.

During the Dinner a presentation was made to Col. M. Browne by the Colonel of the Regiment of a gold watch subscribed to by members of the Officers' Club.

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August 4, 1952.

Dear Mr. Editor,

You are aware of the splendid gold watch and vest cheque for £200 presented to me at our annual officers' dinner last June as a token of the affection of the officers of the Regiment and to mark the ten years I have held the high post of Colonel.

Our two permanent Lt.-Colonels to whose help I owed so much, as indeed I do to all officers past and present, who supported me so well during those momentous years, decided to keep this gift a secret from me, very rightly, because they knew I was ever opposed to rewards, so they kept me in ignorance of that decision until I could only accept and say how very unworthy I was of such a great reward.

I have always tried to live up to the words "Ich Dien," and have often fallen far short of that sense of duty.

I trust you will find space to publish this letter so that all may know how filled was my heart with joy for I would be inhuman if that were not so.

I trust I may still give service to the Regiment and thus repay in a very small way all that the officers have done for me.

Yours sincerely,

MAURICE BROWNE.

Inglis Barracks,

Mill Hill,
N.W.7.

Officers' Club "At Home"

The Officers' Club "At Home" took place on the Cricket Ground on Wednesday, June 18, 1952, during the cricket match *v. I. Zingari*. Approximately 100 members, their wives and friends attended. Among the visitors were the Mayors and Mayoresses of Hendon and Finchley. The Band of the East Surrey Regiment played during the afternoon.

Old Comrades' Gathering

The weather might have been kinder and might have been much worse, according to the forecast, than it was for the Old Comrades' Gathering on June 14. It would have been pleasanter to have had more sun, particularly on the cricket ground, but although the ground has seldom looked more pleasant few of the Old Comrades were attracted to the match *v. the Free Foresters*.

This is not surprising because the geography of Mill Hill places the cricket ground at the bottom of a hill, whilst all the attractions are at the top, and regrettable though it may be from a cricket point of view, the Old Comrades gather to meet Old Comrades. Nevertheless, it is a pity that more do not do as we did and start at the bottom of the hill. Down there they might have seen Mr. Stevens looking with pride at his table and his daughter occupying the scorers' box, and out in the field they might have recognised such middle-aged Comrades as Joe Worton, Jack Stephenson, Jimmy Unwin, still displaying all the enthusiasm, even if lacking some, but very little, of the sting.

Realising that the "main body" were up aloft and unlikely to descend, we went up to the Barracks and within a few moments were back 20 or 30 years ago.

Having just left the cricket it was right to run into Shamus O'Brien almost at once—what a delightful bowler he was and apparently he is still playing, which makes the veterans we saw on the ground mere boys! There was unchanging "Boy" Gilbert, this time accompanied by a son whose pangs of hunger reminded us of his father's tales of years ago of the height of relaxation for band (and drummer) boys—kippers for tea eaten in bed and the bones pushed to the bottom of the bed with their feet. There was "Boy" Cox (now Sgt. Cox of the Rifle Brigade) and disguised by a moustache, and Drummer Breen and "Boy" Jones as dapper as ever. Going further back in time there was Mr. Tulley and Mrs. Tulley and ex-R.S.M. Davis and Mrs. Davis, and lo and behold, Angus McKenzie Mason bursting with good health and asserting that he could still strike the attitude of the snapshot he carries of himself 30 years ago.

This at random is just a few we met, and having to go to work and leave early we could not help wondering how many immediate recognitions would be the average for each old Comrade and how many we failed to recognise at all owing to the camouflage of advancing years.



OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER, 1952

Field of Remembrance

The Colonel of the Regiment has decided to repeat arrangements made in 1951. Saturday, 8th 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.

Regimental Cricket Week

By YOUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

The Regiment had another pleasant and successful cricket week. Indeed, from the point of view of results, it was the most successful since the war. On the whole the weather was good and your correspondent, with the few faithful spectators and the Band of the East Surrey Regiment, witnessed some good cricket. Of the five matches played, the Regiment won three, lost one and drew one; the drawn game was a virtual victory. This good record was well merited and was a fitting reward to Jimmy Unwin's first year of captaincy.

Perhaps this is a good place to put on record the Regiment's appreciation of all that the former captain, Pat Weston, has done. It was he who reconstituted the cricket week after the war and who, by his boundless enthusiasm, laid the foundations of the strong team which the Regiment now fields.

One of the most noticeable features this year was the improvement in the square itself and in the lower outfield. The sight-screens have also been mobilised. (One of the advantages of having a Lt.-Colonel in A.G.5 (Mob.)?) All concerned deserve to be congratulated on these improvements. Except for an occasional ball which popped at the Depot end, the wicket was docile to the pleasure of the batsmen and of your correspondent.

The outstanding events of the week were John Phillips' hundred against the Cryptics, David Pike's inspired bowling against the same side and Jimmy Unwin's splendid captaincy and brilliant left-handed catch which disposed of Gillett in the I.Z. match.

The Regimental team was certainly one of the strongest since the war, better than last year in all departments, except behind the stumps where the regular wicket keeper was absent. The batting was strengthened by the return of John Ormiston, who has been too long absent from this week, and the arrival of two new-comers, John Phillips and Wollocombe the Third (or should I include their distinguished father and write the Fourth?). The fielding sometimes left a lot to be desired, but the bowling was full of zest and fire. However, the absence of a right-arm spin bowler was very noticeable.

The week opened with the Free Foresters and the less written the better. The Regiment had a strong batting side which collapsed before the bowling of Chaddick and Auster. The redeeming feature of the innings was a gallant stand by Willie St. George and Pat Weston, who both demonstrated what can be accomplished with a little courage and a certain amount of good fortune. The Free Foresters knocked off the runs for the loss of one wicket and Hopwood, hit on the nose. The rest of the day was spent in each side having 15 overs, the Free Foresters made 136 for 4 and the Regiment 122 for 7, Sandy Kay making 55 mostly in boundaries.

On Sunday rain held up play until after lunch. The Hampstead Heathens batted first and made 187 for 8 wickets declared. Frankie Mennim made 59 (12 boundaries) and Morgan 78. The Regiment made the runs for the loss of only three wickets; John Ormiston

making a fine and typical 83 not out and Jimmy Unwin an equally stirring 60 not out.

Against the Cryptics on Monday the Regiment won the toss and batted first. At lunch-time, and in spite of a determined innings by John Ormiston, who reached his fifty for the second day in succession only, unaccountably, to be caught off a full toss, the scoreboard read 115 for 5. After lunch we witnessed a fine 7th Middlesex, or possibly I should say Old Rossallian, stand for John Phillips (115) and P.G. (64 not out) proceeded to hit the bowling in all directions to the tune of 147 runs in 70 minutes. John Phillips gave an almost chanceless display of batting which was a great pleasure to behold and gave a demonstration of running between the wickets which was an education for all and a considerable strain for his partner. The innings was declared closed at 262 for 5. The Cryptics then went in and their opening batsmen set about their task in a determined fashion. However, they had to reckon with David Pike, bowling far better than last year and with fire and venom, who collected 6 wickets for the cost of nine runs each. This fine effort was of no avail because the Regiment was unable to break the last wicket partnership. This was a pity because they deserved to win. Let it be a warning to them in future years not to play 12 a side.

On Tuesday the Regiment played the Incogniti, who batted first. At lunch they were 123 for 5 and but for a courageous eighth wicket stand by Brigadier Bavin and Widlake, they would have not topped 200; as it was they were all out for 209. The Regiment's batting was solid. The opening pair, John Worton and Martin Wollocombe, saw the fifty up. The former batted splendidly, occasionally worrying spectators and opponents alike by giving the impression that he thought he was back at Twickenham diving at Welshmen's legs but only in fact running top heavy short ones! There was another fine stand by John Phillips and P.G., which brought 94 runs in quick time and which vividly reminded your correspondent of the old fable of the hare and the tortoise.

The last game of the week was against the I.Z. (Editor, please note that this stands for I Zingari!) Teddie Remington-Hobbs brought down a strong side and, having won the toss, elected to bat. There was drama at once. Lord Cobham (better known as Hon. C. J. Lyttleton) was almost caught off the first ball; as it was, 3 wickets were down for 9 runs. Carter was brilliantly caught and bowled by Jimmy Unwin off his first ball, whilst the last ball of Jimmy's first over proved to be the best of the day and far too good for the Old Harrovian, M. J. Turnbull. In the very next over Jimmy Unwin made the brilliant catch in the gully to which I have referred, a catch which for the most people would not even have been a chance. Only Lord Cobham was able to deal with the Regiment's attack and he played some noble strokes, especially off his back foot which left the offside fielders gaping. In the end he was caught in David Pike's leg trap. The I.Z. innings was brought to an end at lunch by some accurate bowling by Cullen, who throughout the week was unlucky not to garner a larger harvest of victims. The

Regiment could be well pleased with having dismissed a strong side for 143 runs.

The Old Guard opened the Regiment's innings, John Worton and Jackie Clowes. The latter struck two boundaries and was then himself struck on the temple and forced to retire for a short while. The main events of the innings were a dashing and lucky 56 by Martin Wollocombe and a whirlwind 16 by Sandy Kay which made victory sure. Finally, it only remains to record that the winning hit was made this year as last by Pat Weston. The Regiment may well be satisfied with this five-wicket victory.

The preparation for and the running of a Regimental Week entail much thought and hard work. The Secretary of the Cricket Committee, Stumps Green, who, sad to relate, in all his three games never had a knock and indeed only once got as far as his pads, the Secretary of the Officers' Club, Nobby Clark, and the Staff at the Depot are to be congratulated and thanked for an enjoyable Regimental occasion.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS

Saturday, June 14, 1952

Free Foresters won by nine wickets.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston, b Auster	19				
Major J. R. B. Worton, b Auster	2				
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips, b Auster	19				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, b Auster	0				
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson, b Chaddick	19				
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe, b Chaddick, b Henry	13				
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Chaddick	0				
W. A. W. St. George, b Chaddick	31				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, b Chaddick	21				
Capt. D. J. Pike, b Chaddick	0				
Drum. J. Cullen, not out	0				
Extras (b. 11, l.-b. 1, w. 1, n.-b. 1)	14				
Total	138				

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Noble	9	2	27		
Auster	13	5	37	4	9.25
Chaddick	81	1	33	5	6.6
Henry	4		27	1	27.0

FREE FORESTERS

M. D. Corke, not out	66				
A. Gibson Watt, b Unwin	22				
J. A. Hopwood, retired hurt	22				
M. A. Pugh, not out	24				
Extras (b. 5)	5				
Total (for 1 wk.)	139				

B. R. Beskely, R. R. Shorts, J. D. H. Noble, P. W. Auster, D. P. Henry, R. A. Shouldice, T. H. Hardy—did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Pike	7	1	19		
Stephenson	9		20		
Unwin	8	1	41	1	41.0
Cullen	7	1	4		
Weston	1		4		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

Sunday, June 15, 1952

Regiment won by seven wickets.

HAMPSTEAD

F. Mennin, b Stephenson	59				
A. W. E. Morgan, c Ormiston, b Unwin	78				
G. M. Shuttleworth, b Unwin	12				
G. N. Peters, c and b Cullen	1				
A. Bush, c Hay, b Cullen	0				
D. Masey, b Stephenson	6				
M. Makkin, lbw, b Stephenson	11				
G. F. H. Park, b Cullen	9				
P. B. Berliner, not out	0				
E. Blain, not out	2				
Extras (b. 6, l.-b. 3)	9				
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	187				

J. Sainsbury did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Stephenson	17	2	36	3	12.0
Unwin	9	4	24	2	12.0
Pike	5		22		
Cullen	22	6	72	3	24.0
Weston	3		24		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, c Mennin, b Peters	7				
Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston, not out	83				
Major J. R. B. Worton, b Peters	12				
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson, b Shuttleworth	16				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, not out	60				
Extras (b. 14, l.-b. 3)	17				
Total (for 3 wks.)	195				

Lt. P. C. Kay, W. A. W. St. George, Col. G. P. L. Weston, D. Cattell, Drum. J. Cullen and Capt. D. J. Pike did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Sainsbury	7	1	23		
Peters	17	3	81	2	40.5
Shuttleworth	7		46	1	46.0
Mennin	5	1	27		
Parks	1		1		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. CRYPTICS

Monday, June 16, 1952

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston, c Gunn, b Musk	50				
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe, c Yeldham, b Melhuish	6				
A. Goldman, b Gunn	9				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, c Carroll, b Melhuish	0				
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips, c Gunn, b Boston	115				
Major J. R. B. Worton, c Morgan, b Melhuish	7				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, not out	64				
Extras (b. 6, n.b. 5)	11				
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	262				

Col. G. P. L. Weston, Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, Capt. J. D. Pike, Drum. J. Cullen and Cpl. J. Marable did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Melhuish	31	8	87	3	29.0
Walker	6		14		
Gunn	13		69	1	69.0
Musk	9	3	46	1	46.0
Morgan	2		5		
Moss	8		22		
Boston	1		8	1	8.0

CRYPTICS

R. F. B. O'Callaghan, b Pike	17				
G. L. Walker, b Unwin	41				
H. D. Bidwell, b Pike	9				
A. W. E. Morgan, b Cullen	24				
N. Haslam, c Phillips, b Pike	16				
A. Gunn, b Pike	0				
D. Carroll, b Pike	17				
G. F. Boston, b Cullen	42				
Lt.-Col. R. E. Moss, c Wollocombe, b Marable	0				
Col. Yeldham, c Phillips, b Pike	38				
A. W. Musk, not out	1				
G. Melhuish, not out	0				
Extras (b. 18, l.-b. 4, n.b. 1)	23				
Total (for 10 wks.)	219				

Unwin 15 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 80.0 |

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Pike	16	1	59	6	9.5
Cullen	12	4	39	2	19.5
Marable	2		18	1	18.0

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. INCOGNITI

Tuesday, June 17, 1952

Middlesex Regiment won by six wickets.

INCOGNITI

R. F. B. Callaghan, b Pike	20				
D. Lomax, run out	3				
Brigadier K. P. Dhargalkar, lbw, b Pike	5				
T. Q. Abell, b Marable	33				
K. Vane-Percy, c Pearce Gould, b Pike	33				
J. F. Durnford-Slater, c St. George, b Cullen	19				
Brigadier A. J. V. Bavin, lbw, b Unwin	44				
G. Melhuish, b Pike	1				
B. Widlake, b Unwin	16				
A. Musk, not out	4				
A. S. Young, b Marable	3				
Extras (b. 15, l.-b. 4, n.b. 1)	20				
Total	200				

Unwin 15 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 80.0 |

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Pike	20	5	52	4	13.0
Unwin	9	2	36	2	18.0
Cullen	20	4	64	2	32.0
Marable	7		29	2	14.5
Weston	2		8		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Major J. R. B. Worton, c Vane-Percy, b Melhuish	39				
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe, c Lomax, b Vane-Percy	38				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, b Widlake	47				
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips, c Melhuish, b Melhuish	59				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, not out	13				
W. A. W. St. George, not out	8				
Extras (b. 4, n.b. 2)	6				
Total (for 4 wks.)	210				

Col. G. P. L. Weston, Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, Capt. D. J. Pike, Drum. J. Cullen and Cpl. J. Marable did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Widlake	13		71	1	71.0
Dhargalkar	4		21		
Melhuish	10	6	56	2	28.0
Vane-Percy	10		53	1	53.0
Abell	1		3		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. I ZINGARI

Wednesday, June 18, 1952

Regiment won by four wickets.

I ZINGARI

Capt. G. Carter, c and b Unwin	0				
Lord Cobham, c Cullen, b Pike	47				
M. T. Turnbull, b Unwin	0				
Major Gillett, c Unwin, b Pike	0				
M. H. Kinsley, lbw, b Unwin	4				
M. Dennis, lbw, b Cullen	17				
A. McQuorkadale, b Cullen	8				
Lt.-Col. E. Remington-Hobbs, b Unwin	17				
A. G. Pelham, c Wollocombe, b Unwin	17				
R. Parker-Jarvis, b Cullen	0				
Hon. R. Nivison, not out	0				
Extras (b. 1, l.b. 2)	3				
Total	143				

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Pike	11	1	36	2	18.0
Unwin	9	1	40	5	8.0
Cullen	10	4	45	3	15.0
Phillips	2		19		

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Major J. R. B. Worton, c Vivison, b Pelham	7				
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, c McQuorkadale, b Dennis	11				
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe, c and b Dennis	56				
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips, b Parker-Jarvis	16				
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, lbw, b Parker-Jarvis	9				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, not out	13				
Lt. P. C. Kay, b Parker-Jarvis	16				
Col. G. P. L. Weston, not out	4				
Extras (b. 8, lbw. 3, n.b. 3)	14				
Total (for 6 wks.)	146				

Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, Capt. J. D. Pike and Drum. J. Cullen did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
McQuorkadale	10	1	48		
Pelham	15	4	41	1	38.0
Dennis	8	2	25	2	11.0
Parker-Jarvis	5		20	3	5.3

AVERAGES

	BATTING	INNOS.	N.O.	Total	H.S.	Avg.
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould	3	2	124	64*	124.0	
Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston	3	1	152	83*	76.0	
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips	4	4	209	115	52.25	
W. A. W. St. George	2	1	39	31	30.0	
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe	4	1	113	59	28.25	
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin	5	2	82	60*	27.3	
Col. G. P. L. Weston	2	1	25	21	25.0	
Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson	2	3	35	10	17.5	
Major J. R. B. Worton	5	5	67	39	13.4	
Lt. P. C. Kay	2	16	16	8.0		
Also batted: A. Goldman, Drum. Cullen, Capt. D. J. Pike, Drm. J. Cullen						
* Not out.						

SCORES

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston, b Hardy	29				
Major J. B. Worton, b Jenkins	9				
Capt. P. L. Pearce Gould, c Lane, b Buttle	29				
2/Lt. J. M. Phillips, lbw, b Hardy	17				
2/Lt. M. Wollocombe, c Hardy, b Buttle	18				
Major M. Tate, lbw, b Jenkins	22				
W. A. W. St. George, b Lane	0				
Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, c Mennin, b Hardy	31				
Pte. J. L. Price, not out	32				
Capt. D. J. Pike, b Peters	8				
Drum. J. Cullen, b Morgan, b Hardy	17				
Extras (b. 17)	0				
Total	212				

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Peters	10		53	1	53.0
Jenkins	10	2	37	2	18.5
Buttle	8		36	2	18.0
Lane	8	2	18	1	18.0
Hardy	12		51	4	12.75

LT.-COL. A. E. GREEN'S XI v. HAMPSTEAD

Your correspondent was invited to attend what was virtually a Regimental match against Hampstead, played on the attractive Hampstead ground in glorious weather on Sunday, June 29, 1952.

Stumps Green performed that not unimportant duty of a captain; he won the toss, and elected to bat. John Ormiston and John Worton started off well but at 24 the latter was bowled by a fierce break-back. A good stand followed, but P.G. was unfortunately out caught off his thumb whilst attempting to hook. John Phillips and Martin Wollocombe both looked as though they were about to collect a lot of runs, but were both out before they had got set. Major Tate, of London District, kept the score moving, but even so 7 wickets were down for 136. That brought the skipper and Price together and they proceeded to give an appreciative audience a most entertaining display of batting. They hit the tiring bowlers to all corners of the field

HAMPSTEAD					
J. R. Gardiner, b Cullen	..	..	..	..	28
A. A. Morgan, b Price	..	..	..	..	1
J. Houghton, b Cullen	..	..	..	..	80
M. J. Hardy, b Price	..	..	..	..	24
G. N. Peters, b Price	..	..	..	..	0
H. W. Buttle, b Cullen	..	..	..	..	10
J. L. Lane, not out	..	..	..	..	35
P. B. Berliner, b Cullen	..	..	..	..	0
I. Crawford, c Wollocombe, b Price	..	..	..	..	6
F. Mennim, not out	..	..	..	..	11
Extras (b. 17, l.-b. 3, w. 1)	..	..	..	..	21
Total (for 8 wks.)	..	..	..	..	216

D. C. Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Pike	..	15	1	49	-
Price	..	15.3	2	76	19.0
Cullen	..	14	2	70	17.5

June 23, 1952.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
T.A. Centre, Hornsey, N.8.

A LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE I.Z. XI

Dear Stumps,

I am not quite sure to whom to write, but as it was you who so kindly wrote to Ronnie Aird in the first place, I thought you would be the most appropriate person. May I say how very much indeed we all enjoyed ourselves last Wednesday, and on this count, I am writing not only on behalf of the members of the I.Z. team, but also on behalf of our ladies, whom you were kind enough to invite along as well.

The game itself was as usual a most enjoyable one—the Regimental "At Home" a most delightful occasion, and the hospitality you so kindly gave us, could not possibly have been better. I shall be most grateful, therefore, if you would convey our sincere thanks to those concerned.

With kindest regards,

Yours ever,
TEDDY.

Lt.-Col. E. Remington-Hobbs, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
30 Chapel Street,
London, S.W.1.

June 18, 1952.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Green,
T.A. Centre, Hornsey, N.8.

A LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE CRYPTICS XI

Dear Col. Green,

I write to say how much I enjoyed our match last Monday and how grateful we all are for the kindness and hospitality extended to the Cryptics. Please accept my most hearty thanks on behalf of all the side to you, to Col. Unwin, and to everyone. It was great fun and I am glad our side was strong enough to make a game of it, at any rate.

I hope we shall meet again next year.

Yours sincerely,
GRAINGER BOSTON.

111 Harley Street,
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7th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)



Our last notes were written with the death of H.M. King George VI still heavy upon us. It is our sad duty to start yet another series of notes under the shadow of death, for on Friday morning, July 11, 1952, Sir Edwin King passed away quietly. Without doubt he was the greatest, the most loyal and the most devoted servant this Battalion has ever had. His merits are disclosed elsewhere in this Journal. It was our sad privilege to supply the bearer party and the bugler at his funeral and we are indebted to the Depot for providing a firing party. Thus fittingly was laid to rest a great man, a trusted friend and, in every sense of that poem—Happy Warrior.

The gloomy know-alls who prophesied that the new set-up of the Territorial Army would be a failure have been proved as conclusively wrong as they have ever been. Camp this year has demonstrated that the 7th Middlesex and the Territorial Army are on the threshold of an existence more martial and more valuable than was ever dreamt for their predecessors. Never before in peacetime has this battalion embarked on such ambitious exercises and accomplished such advanced manoeuvres as it did this year. This is not an idle boast but the confirmed opinion of an experienced eye-witness. There are indeed many improvements that must be made, but the results achieved at Camp augur well and are a tribute to all ranks, especially to the non-commissioned officers, a number of whom were promoted only a short while before Camp, and the National Servicemen who have brought with them a wealth of talent and experience from all theatres and all regiments. Provided men are willing to give up that extra time to fit themselves for promotion to non-commissioned rank, nothing will prevent the Battalion from becoming a fine fighting unit capable of fulfilling its motto. We have been handed an inheritance of honour which we must increase with splendid avarice.

In conclusion we would refer to the very sad incident at Camp which resulted in the death of Pte. George Jeffries. Reference is made elsewhere to his sterling qualities. He was a "Die-Hard." We tender to his young widow and his aged mother our sincere condolences.

"H.Q." COMPANY

As the main event of the past quarter, as far as the Company is concerned, was the annual camp, it will not be inappropriate to give a brief account of our activities at Barnard Castle. The camp, which followed the usual ugly pattern of squat bungalows associated with war-time building, was, nonetheless, comfortable and reasonably spacious, and provided among other amenities, unknown in the pre-war Army, constant hot

water. The camp was strenuous but enjoyable and we know that the Intelligence Section, Signals, Band and Drums and Admin. Platoon all played their parts in making it so. As usual the Corps of Drums beat Retreat and Reveille in their own inimitable and excellent style. However, I think it can be said that the Band may have possibly stolen the honours with its lunch-time concerts given in the Central Mess. They were certainly very much appreciated.

By the very nature of things, the Company is seldom ever all together at the same place and time (with the exception of pay parade) and one of these rare occasions was the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and even so it was not possible for the Band and Drums to attend. Nonetheless, the Company more than held its own, considering our large entry, and it is possible that if the greater experience of the Bandsmen and Drummers had been available we should have finished higher in the average placings. However, we congratulate Pte. Sylvester on winning the Corporals' and Privates' Individual Competition and also C.S.M. Harris in gaining second place in the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Shoot, and Lt. Blackler in obtaining third place in the Officers' Event.

We should also like to congratulate L/Cpl. Iddeton on his promotion, also Pte. Morrell of the R.A.P.C. to the same rank, and Ptes. Rhodes and Sylvester on their appointments to Lance-Corporal. Also to Lt. Phillips on representing the Territorial Army at cricket, who, incidentally, gained their first victory against the Regular Army since before the war.

Corps of Drums

The principal event since our last notes was the period spent at annual camp, which was at Humbleton Camp, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

During this period (15 days) we were not interfered with in any way and this enabled us to continue daily practice, which most of us need, owing to the fact that a number of drummers are shortly finishing their service with the T.A. Everyone knows it is not easy to replace a 1st B flute or F flute player. This cannot be done unless some very hard musical training is put in.

It is a great pity that we never seem able to get the complete "Corps of Drums" at Camp for the whole period. Owing to this we cannot really do justice to the Battalion or ourselves.

Owing to the amount of practice we were able to put in at camp we saw great improvements, especially by the young hands. This also applies to a few National Servicemen. Unfortunately some of this time must be wasted as we shall probably not see them again until next camp.

Both Drms. Smith and Desdale have volunteered for the T.A. and are going to make two good men in the Corps of Drums. They have been attending regularly.

The bugling at camp showed a great improvement. We played with the Band (which is just forming) to the Station and it was a great treat to see Band and Drums, with a good number of the Battalion, marching along Hornsey High Street, especially as this was the first time since before the 1939-45 war.

We congratulate Bandmaster Gilyatt on his promo-



"On the Carpet"

tion and trust he will have every success, which he so richly deserves for the hard work he has put in to build up the Band from nothing.

Since our return from camp we have played on two occasions at a fete held at Edmonton and we were given a great reception. On the second night, which was a Saturday, we had two coach-loads of friends go from Hornsey with us.

Drum. Farr sounded the "Last Post" and "Rouse" on the sad occasion of the burials of the late Col. Sir Edwin King and Pte. Matheson, the former having died suddenly and the latter through a motor cycle accident. Our deepest sympathy goes to their relatives.

Regimental Band

For the move to annual camp on Saturday, May 31, the Battalion marched off to the strains of the well-known "Marching Through Georgia," played by the combined Band and Drums, this being the first appearance of the Band on parade.

On arrival at Barnard Castle camp the Bandmen quickly settled in and got down to some real hard work which produced some noticeable improvement in all sections. Programmes were given for the Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess and also two performances during dinner time in the men's Mess Room, the troops joining in the singing of the choruses. Thanks go to

Sgts. Gribble and Sayers and Drum. Reynolds for their able assistance.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bdsman. Lewis and Stanford, who have joined us since camp.

Band rehearsals are held at the T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, on Wednesday evenings at 8, and Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Vacancies exist for clarinet players and other instrumentalists. Come along and look us up and continue your association with the Regiment.

"S" COMPANY

This issue, insofar as the 7th Battalion is concerned, deals entirely with annual camp, the climax of the T.A. year. "S" Company, militarily, had a very successful camp and all ranks have returned to Hornsey with many lessons learned.

A goodly number of National Servicemen have become T.A. volunteers and to them we extend a welcome to National Service of a different but more desirable nature.

The death of Pte. Jeffries was a tragic blow to us and we would extend to his widow and mother our deepest sympathy.

Once again "S" Company was Champion Company, as the photograph (below) will show our shooting prowess has not diminished and Rifle Companies are invited to try and wrest it from this very smug Company of "specialists."

Congratulations to Sgts. Bawden and Laroche, Cpls. Jones and Seymour on their promotion; also L/Cpls. Fraser, Langton and Humphries on their appointments. All well deserved.

M.M.G. Platoon

On May 31 the half-dozen enthusiasts normally to be seen on Tuesday evenings hurling gun, tripod and themselves with equal ferocity about the drill floor, were observed to have grown into a fine body of soldiery nearly 20 strong. This was a wholly satisfactory development, and from a position behind the rear rank the mind was carried pleasantly back to the pig-tails and full-bottomed wigs of the old 57th by the generous bunches of hair picturesquely sprouting from beneath various berets.

To begin with, at Barnard Castle, the Platoon fell into the baffling grip of beginning-of-camp inertia and it was with some difficulty on the first Monday that we reached the training area in time to start back to camp again. All ranks, however, passed through a severe acquaintance—either at first- or second-hand—with the hazards of active service, as Pte. Burt dauntlessly aimed his carrier at all the edges of the local precipices and walls that we passed. Due to this and the virile activities of Sgt. Simmonds, Cpl. Seymour and Mr. Bush (who was temporarily lent to the Platoon by the Class "Z" Reserve) the inertia was promptly dispersed, and for the rest of camp the Platoon Commander found himself in the equally disconcerting position of arriving at the training area at least half an hour too soon.

The training itself was carried out with great zeal

and increasing spirit on various wind-swept moors. It was during a night attack on the bleakest of these that the M.G. Recce Group, under Mr. Clutson, tired of following the distinctly haphazard route of the Company with which it was to re-organise, made the snap decision to take the objective on its own. This was discreetly and unobtrusively accomplished unnoticed by the umpires, and the rest of the night was comfortably spent in the shelter of a wall listening to the sounds of the Rifle Company assaulting various unoffending heights to the north.

Perhaps the most realistic enemy provided on training was a herd of bullocks that stalked the Platoon during field firing on the last Friday. Bold spirits with a reckless devotion to duty drove them off in confusion, but not before the Sergeants' attractive sandwiches had been consumed to the uttermost tomato.

The record must not omit that Pte. Leggett by winning the Battalion "Smart Soldier" competition became "Mr. Middlesex, 1952." The Adjutant was heard to observe that it was "an absolutely outstanding turnout", and we all felt grateful to him for omitting to notice that the winner's beret concealed one of the most "full bottomed" hair styles in the Company.

Finally, tribute must be paid to all the machine gunners, volunteer or no, for the really excellent spirit which was developed at camp, making the writer, for one, proud to be in the Platoon.

Anti-Tank Platoon

Camp this year was marred by a very unfortunate accident when Pte. Jeffries was killed when his carrier overturned. Pte. Jeffries, a National Service volunteer, will be very much missed by the Platoon and we send our deepest sympathy to his young widow and his mother.

On the whole, this year's camp was a great success from the point of view of practical experience in handling the gun, firing and maintenance. But owing to the gun being "lost en route" we were not able to do as much gun drill as we had hoped. However, as we are to get a gun shed we hope to make up for this on the "cold winter nights" and also do some .22 shooting.

We should also like to welcome Capt. Record, King's Own, on attachment and also 11 new National Servicemen. We hope they will all come down to Lulworth in September with us to fire during the Brigade Anti-Tank Week-end. We also hope that the Army will manage to find us more than the two rounds each we had at camp.

Lastly we should like to congratulate Cpl. Jones on his promotion, and L/Cpls. Langton and Fraser on their appointments.

Mortar Platoon

The climax of the whole year's training came in the attendance of the Platoon at annual camp for a fortnight. This took place at Barnard Castle in Co. Durham, a place to be remembered by most of the men for its fish and chip shops and pubs. (We are still trying to find out if the Town Picquet was for the protection of the civilians from the T.A. or the T.A. from the civilians).



Into Action.

Training was pretty tough and as we had a Platoon of four mortars operating with mostly trained mortar men we went straight to tactical training which was both interesting and lively. Only one thing spoilt it and that was the vehicles; they were too few and this caused some confusion. When we reached the level of one complete section on one carrier, it looked a mountain of equipment with an occasional head jutting out here and there. However, we got over the shortage and more carriers arrived in the end.

Quite a lot of driving under instruction on carriers and motor cycles was carried out, mostly in the men's spare time. We are still trying to find the Platoon 2 IC's whip (Mr. Reed), for after seeing him on a motor cycle we feel sure he was trying to break it in and not ride it. Still he mastered the beast in the end.

The Platoon's recruiting seems to be going very well, so much so that we must form ourselves into a Platoon of six mortars. As we are now up to the 30 mark, we should, with any luck, be up to full strength by next camp. Our recruits have come mainly from National Servicemen, although we have received one or two from other Platoons in the Battalion, so much so in the latter case that there has been a cry of halt and on approaching the C.O. on the matter, he stated that it seemed as difficult to get into the Platoon as it was to get into the Boodles. The entrance fee for the Platoon is now 10s., payable to the Platoon Commander in advance.

The Platoon had an outing to Morecambe whilst at Camp and a good time was had by all. Our sympathy goes to the Platoon Commander, however, who had the gigantic task of getting all the men on the coach in the evening. It roughly resembled a pack of hounds (wolves would be more appropriate). The door finally bolted we left the weeping widows of Morecambe behind.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Pte. A. J. Matheson of the Platoon, who was killed quite recently in a motor-cycle accident. The sympathy of the whole Platoon is extended to his parents in the moment of their sorrow.

Until the next issue, *au revoir* and good "mortaring."

"A" COMPANY

Since last going to press we have been away for our annual camp on the borders of Durham and Yorkshire. The training areas, which consisted in the main of vast expanses of Yorkshire moors, were rather far from camp, but the M.T. Platoon did us well and we lost little time waiting for transport in either direction.

Our numbers are unfortunately still small and as a result we had to train as a Platoon instead of as a Company. This, however, was probably a good thing as we have in the Company several new-comers to the art of the infantryman and most of the first week was usefully spent in section and platoon tactics. For the purpose of Battalion exercises "A" Company formed a Platoon of either "B" or "C" Companies.

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting the Company was placed second, and in the Battle Practice Competition third.

During the first night exercise in camp, which involved a night approach march, followed by a Battalion attack, "A" Company provided the navigating party and the light-laying party. It is understood that a certain officer is now known as "Twinkle" by his more irreverent friends. It was a cold night and when the position had been taken, the lighting party, who now formed Battalion H.Q. defence platoon, were ordered to dig. Dig they did and in a remarkably short time they were giving excellent imitations of moles. When the time came to abandon the position, Marsh was most reluctant to leave his new home.

The second week in camp was mainly spent on Battalion Exercises, during which "A" Company did their best to show the Platoons of "B" and "C" Companies how things should be done. After the first week-end, the M.T. Platoon found itself short of drivers and Merritt became the proud owner of a jeep for the rest of camp and it is rumoured that he asked the M.T.O. for permission to take it home with him.

The Company as a whole worked hard and well in camp and although they admired the beauties of the local countryside, if not that of Barnard Castle, it must be admitted that many yearned for St. Martin's Plain with its accompanying pleasures of the "Star" and Folkestone itself.



On the last night in camp we had an impromptu Company party, laid on at short notice by 2/Lt. Brown, L/Cpl. Jackson and the Merritt brothers. The party was a great success and phenomenal quantities of ale were consumed. It is rumoured that Pte. Roberts aspired to great heights that evening and has already learned to wield a walking-stick.

We welcome Ptes. Morant and Linden to the Company as T.A. volunteers and we congratulate L/Cpls. Crawford, Honeybun, Jackson and Pearson on their appointment.

We have now settled down once more to civilian life and our weekly training in preparation for next camp.

"B" COMPANY

The main news item for this edition is quite naturally annual camp. Being somewhat early this year it was not possible to complete all intended training beforehand. Once settling-in had taken place the Company got down to training and without exception everyone worked hard, cheerfully and in good spirit. By the second week we were ceasing to be so many individuals, transposing ourselves into a Rifle Company.

Since returning to Enfield most of our time has been spent on the miniature range, again our efforts being rewarded, winning both our matches, one against H.Q., R.A.O.C. 16th A/B Division, and the other against "Y" Division, Metropolitan Police.

The Company held an informal Social on July 4, which was very well supported. We were pleased to see so many ladies present. We look forward to seeing them again in the future.

Congratulations to Lt. M. McDavid on winning the Officers' Rifle Competition at camp. Also to the following on their promotion or appointment: Cpl. Rider to Sergeant; L/Cpl. Leighton to Corporal; and Ptes. Charge, Harris and Patterson to L/Corporal.

Before the winter arrives it is hoped to have a Company Week-end Exercise in the Farnham area as opposed to the normal visits to the W.E.T.C.

"C" COMPANY

Up to the time of annual camp the Company was engaged upon as comprehensive a training programme as is possible with the vastly varying numbers on parade each Tuesday.

Annual camp this year went off in great style and was a vast improvement, though very much harder work, on last year's camp at Folkestone.

Both the T.A. volunteers and National Servicemen worked extremely well under not always very promising conditions and we believe gained far more in knowledge and fitness than they lost in weight and forced absence from the more shallow joys of civilian life. One evening in Barnard Castle was enough to drive anyone back on to the barren moors in despair and disillusionment. A word of well-earned praise is also due to both N.C.O.s and officers, whose efforts undoubtedly did much towards the success of the training.

We have lately bid farewell to Capt. Jid Pike, who has relinquished the command of the Company in order to join the 1st Battalion of the Regiment as a regular

officer. Capt. Pike was in truth a "colourful character" and will be missed by all of us. We wish him well on his return to his admitted "Utopia."

Command of the Company has been passed on to its late 2 IC, one Lt. P. J. A. Pielow, whose only claim to (somewhat dubious) fame is to being the brother of Capt. B. A. M. Pielow (late 1st Battalion, now War Office).

Congratulations are offered to L/Cpls. Gardner and Soames on their appointment and a welcome to the Company to Lts. Berry (late of the "Glorious Gloucesters") and Wignens.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes we welcome the following new members to the Mess: Sgts. Bawden, Carnie, LaRoche, Lee and Rider.

Annual camp has come and gone and most members will agree that we had quite a successful fortnight. The highlights were, of course, our annual Mess outing and the two Mess dinner nights. We were lucky, enough to get away shortly after lunch for our outing this year, but on the outward journey the party could hardly be described as lively, in fact anyone looking into the coach could have been excused for mistaking it for a cheap "doss house." However, despite the "fillibustering" efforts of the driver we eventually arrived at that magnificent North East Coast resort, Seaton Carew, and the party came to life again, no doubt to cast interested eyes over the glamorous bathing belles (all two of them) that graced the beaches and promenade. The sea air was pleasant, but unfortunately the place was "half as big as our local cemetery but twice as dead" and so, after tea we embussed and descended upon a pleasant hostelry on the outskirts of West Hartlepool called the "Travellers' Rest."

After a quiet start the evening developed perfectly. The ale was good and the company was excellent. Several members contributed to the entertainment, notably Sgt. Marshall and Mr. Whitcombe, and when we eventually left we came away with the best wishes of all the locals and with the sure knowledge that the "Die-Hards" will long be remembered in West Hartlepool.

We held one Dinner Night during each week of camp and they were both outstandingly successful. The credit for this must go to Mr. Whitcombe and his Mess staff, and all members will, I am sure, endorse a vote of thanks to them for their efforts. On the second Dinner Night we were entertained during the meal by the Band. This was the first time that the majority of members had heard the Band and all will wish to congratulate the Bandmaster and his men on their performance. After dinner we had the honour of entertaining the Commanding Officer, 2 IC, Adjutant, Quartermaster and the Company Commanders, and once again Sgt. Marshall was prominent.

We were also glad to see C.S.M.s Fuller and Maloney, both "Old Die-Hards", together with other members of the 5th Queen's Royal Regiment advance party.

On the middle Sunday, after Church Parade, we were honoured by an invitation to visit the Officers' Mess for

an hour before lunch, when we were entertained in regal fashion, and no doubt there was much "charpoy bashing" in the Sergeants' quarters that afternoon.

Before closing this account of our main activities during camp, mention must be made of the member who took it upon himself to cancel a Commanding Officer's parade. We imagine that Battalion Standing Orders will very shortly be amended to include a clause to the effect that "The Cook Sergeant will not in future take it upon himself to serve dinner when the C.O. wishes to speak to the Battalion, even if Napoleon did say that an army marches on its stomach."

We returned from camp to find the Drill Hall looking like a relic of the blitz, but when the builders have finished we hope to start social activities once again, and we look forward to being able to entertain members of other "Die-Hard" Messes, in particular that of the 1st Battalion when they return from Hong Kong before going to Austria.

Obituary**Sir Edwin King**

In the early hours of Friday, July 11, 1952, and at the age of 75, occurred the death of Col. Sir Edwin King, K.C.B., C.M.G., T.D., D.L., J.P., a death which robbed the Regiment of a true son, the 7th Middlesex of a great commander and benefactor, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem of a worthy Knight, and many of a trusted councillor and friend.

The three principal activities of Sir Edwin's life may be traced back to his early years. History was his "darling passion." He sought to obtain from history an interpretation and a guide for the future. He was a Fellow of the Society of Arts and of the Royal Historical Society. He was also historian of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of the 7th Middlesex and of the Middlesex Territorial Air Force Association.

His second love was the Territorial Army. His volunteer service began in 1896 and his official connection with the 7th Middlesex continued for 52 years without break and his unofficial connection was broken only with his death.

His third love was for the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, an Order which he joined shortly after coming down from Oxford. An Order of such antiquity was bound to arouse his enthusiasm and he entered into its activities wholeheartedly. In 1912 he was made a member of the Order of Mercy. After the First World War he wrote a number of books on the history of the Order, ending with the official history; all these works showed a high standard of scholarship and gathered together much information that had not previously been readily available. From 1945 to 1951 he was Chancellor of the Order and in 1945 was created a Bailiff Grand Cross.

Throughout his long life these three threads were closely inter-woven, but it is with his outstanding service to the Regiment and in particular to his old Battalion that we are most concerned here.

On coming down from Oxford Sir Edwin was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, and it was whilst he was



Colonel Sir Edwin King and Prince Alphonse de Chimay, Count de Caraman

working for the Bar Examination that he was gazetted in 1896 a second lieutenant in what is now the 7th Middlesex. He formed the Cyclist Section and dressed them in the distinctive uniform of the Oxford University O.T.C.

During the South African War he took part in the operations in Bechuanaland, including the action at Falser's Puts. He later served with the Rhodesia Field Force in the Western Transvaal, and took part in the attempt to relieve Col. Hore's garrison at Eland River, and the subsequent retreat to Mafeking. He had been promoted Lieutenant in 1897 and at the end of the war Captain.

In 1907, on the retirement of Col. Collinson and when none of the serving Majors would accept command, he was offered and accepted command of the 7th Middlesex.

He commanded the Battalion for eleven years: momentous years for the Battalion, for during that period the Territorial Army was founded and the Great War fought. Sir Edwin effected the transfer of his Battalion to the Territorial Army with conspicuous success and he was the inspiration behind the acceptance of the liability of Imperial Service. No other unit obtained 100 per cent. acceptance and this achievement was rewarded by the 7th Middlesex providing a Guard of Honour at the coronation of H.M. King George V.

There will be many who can testify to Sir Edwin's ability as a Commanding Officer from first-hand experience. He was not only a man of strong character and a leader of men, but he was also a man who knew what he wanted and whose knowledge was founded on active service and careful thought. He realised from the start that marksmanship, which had been allowed to lapse seriously, must be raised to a high standard and that the young officers and non-commissioned officers must be proficient. He worked hard to both these ends. He instituted a number of medals and awards for shooting and under his direction the Battalion won for three years in succession (1911-13) the "Q" Club Cup—a cup awarded to the Battalion which had the highest proportion of officers to pass the promotion examinations.

During the First World War, after a brief visit to Gibraltar, Sir Edwin took the 7th Middlesex to France and Flanders. In 1915 he commanded the Battalion in the battles of Aubers, Givenchy and Bois Grenier, forming part of the Battle of Loos; in 1916 he was still in command on the Somme in the battles of Gommecourt, Ginchy, Flers-Courcelette and Morval, and in 1917 at Arras at the battles of the First Scarpe, Arleuse and the Third Scarpe.

An incident in this battle of Arras exemplifies his splendid moral courage which characterised his whole life. A second battalion had been put under his command to occupy a sector of the battlefield. This sector was thought by Divisional H.Q. to be in our own hands but was in fact strongly held by the enemy. He pointed out to the Divisional Staff that such a movement as they demanded would mean the destruction of this Battalion. Twice he resisted their instructions, pointing out that he was on the spot and had reconnoitred personally the position. He then ordered his Signal Officer

to cut the telephone line to prevent any further suicide orders.

In 1918 he was posted to the Staff of the XV Corps, with the rank of Colonel, graded as an Assistant Adjutant General. After the Armistice he was appointed Commander of the Lille Sub-Area and then the Ypres Sub-Area.

Sir Edwin was three times mentioned in dispatches and in 1916 he was appointed C.M.G. In 1936 the Earl Marshal authorised Garter and Clarenceux King of Arms to grant and assign to him and his family a special badge, commemorating his services in command of the 7th Middlesex in the first battle of the Scarpe, when the 7th Middlesex completely destroyed the 31st German Regiment; the badge is the severed claw of a German Eagle, charged with the figures 31.

In 1935 Sir Edwin King succeeded the late Sir Henry Bowles as Honorary Colonel of the 7th Middlesex. He held the appointment for 23 years and throughout never ceased to play an important part in determining the course the Battalion should follow. He was a munificent benefactor; it is impossible to look anywhere in the Battalion H.Q. at Hornsey without finding some trace of his generosity. He was untiring in seeking out ancient relics and the Battalion is proud to possess, through his efforts, the sword of the Tottenham Association of 1782 and the medal of the Hampstead Association dated 1798. He also donated a large number of cups for various sporting activities.

In 1931 Sir Edwin was appointed aid-de-camp to H.M. King George V and he served both King Edward VIII and King George VI in the same capacity. He retired in 1941 after 10 years' service in that role.

He also served for 39 years as a military member of the Middlesex Territorial and Air Force Association and was its Chairman from 1937 to 1945. He was also Chairman of the Middlesex Cadet Committee from 1930 to 1945. In recognition of his services he was appointed C.B. in 1939 and advanced to K.C.B. in 1944.

During the Second World War Sir Edwin served as a zone Commander in the Middlesex Home Guard. He was a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex. He was High Sheriff in 1935. But perhaps the honour that pleased him most and about which the world knows least was his position of Liveryman of the Pattenmakers' Company and as Freeman of the City of London.

No outline of a life, however detailed, can show the Man. With Sir Edwin it was the Man that was important. He was described by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, East Finchley, as a "Good Man" and he was, in every sense of the word.

Whatever impression was given, he was essentially modest. He never doubted where true riches and true nobility lay. He sought for neither in this world or from men.

He set himself a high standard from which he never faltered. He was grieved only when others failed to reach an equivalent height. He was intolerant of idleness and carelessness in deed and thought. He demanded that things should be just so, whatever was done was to be done rightly. In that respect he was one of the last of his generation.

He was a true and generous friend; where his old Battalion was concerned he was more than generous. Many old officers and men of the 7th can testify to this. His affection was infectious. His birthday parties will be remembered not only for their good cheer but more especially for his obvious delight in having round him old comrades.

The final memory is of a welcoming smile, a kindly twinkle of the eye and a warm hand of friendship on the shoulder, a memory which will remain with many as they tread their paths through life.

EDWIN KING
REQUIESCAT IN PACE

11th PARACHUTE BATTALION (Middlesex) T.A.

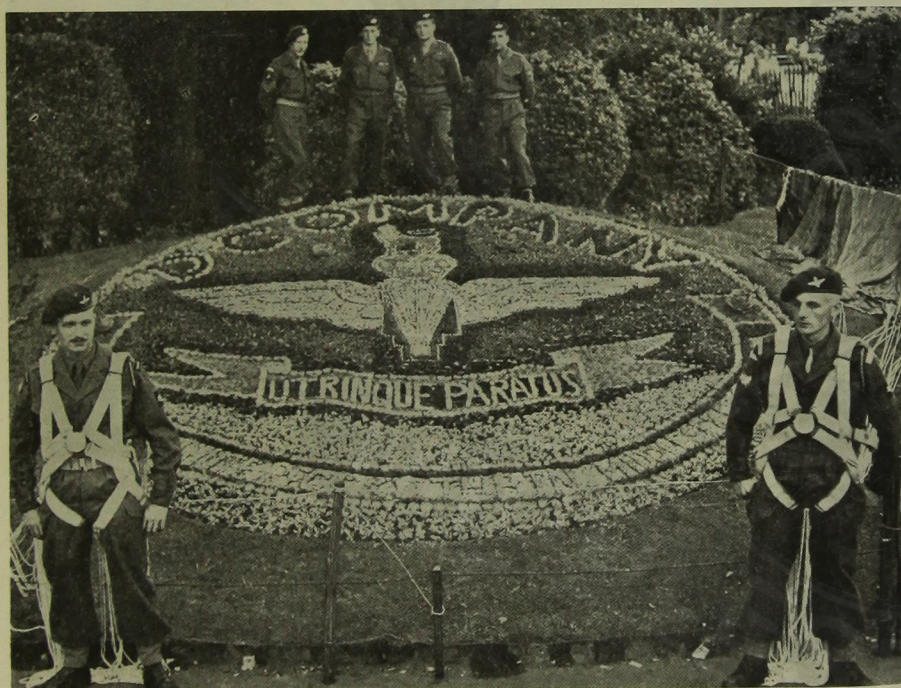
During the late spring and early summer this year the Battalion has been very busy. Boxing, parachuting, shooting, open and miniature range, marches part, dances and sports in addition to normal infantry and support company training, have featured in the programmes of all Companies.

The T.A. boxing season closed with the T.A. Boxing Championships on April 18 and 19. These were held at the London Scottish H.Q. in Buckingham Gate and were won by 16 Airborne Division, T.A. Pte. Brown of "H.Q." Company was judged the best loser of the meeting after being narrowly defeated by the eventual T.A. heavyweight champion. Pte. Haines, "C" Company, was a light-welter finalist, only losing after a close fight. Our Band played during the evening.

Parachuting, as usual, played a prominent part in the summer training. On April 19 the whole Battalion emplaned at Blackbushe to learn how to jump from the new American double-door aircraft. This is now considered easy and straightforward, not unlike a balloon jump.

On April 26 a composite force from 10 and 11 Parachute Battalions attacked Mildenhall Airfield in Suffolk. The drop was from American aircraft and was slightly inaccurate, some men being dropped in a local village street, but, nevertheless, the assault, led by Lt.-Col. S. Terrell, went in with considerable dash and was adjudged successful by the umpires.

During the week June 16-20 we had a balloon moored at Wormwood Scrubs, and in spite of bad weather during



two nights of the week no less than 216 descents were made. Our next period of balloon-jumping was unfortunately ruined by the thundery weather on July 5-6 and no descents were made.

Shooting has recently been much to the fore. The Battalion, Brigade, Division and T.A. rifle meetings have been held in turn.

In our own meeting "C" Company won the shooting cup and "B" Company the W.T. cup. At Brigade, 11 Battalion won the Rifle Rapid, but otherwise 14 Battalion again collected most of the honours. At the Divisional Rifle Meeting we were runners-up to the S.A.S. in the L.M.G. match by only one point and were fourth in the China Cup. In the miniature range greater success has been attained. On July 24 the Shield given by the Justices of the Peace of Middlesex was presented to Capt. Barber, the "H.Q." Company team captain, with the other members of the team at the Middlesex Guildhall in Parliament Square, S.W.1. This shield is presented to the unit which wins the "knock-out" miniature range contest in competition with all the other T.A. units of Middlesex. We are glad to say that "H.Q." Company is still in the 1952 Competition and is hoping to collect the shield again next year.

All the Companies have now held their parades to mark the Anniversary of their Adoption by their local Boroughs. These have all consisted of marches through their respective boroughs followed by highly successful dances. One of the highlights of the Adoption celebrations was the arrangement by the Edmonton Council of the Regimental badge and motto in flowers. With great skill this was laid out in Pynes Park for all to see. A picture of this showing members of the Company is attached.

"C" Company held a successful week-end training in the Aldershot area which coincided with the Parachute Regimental week. "C" Company also took part in a Harrow Territorial sports day at Wealdstone Manor on July 19. 593 H.A.A. Regiment, R.A., and two other R.A. units took part. "C" Company won by a clear margin with 31 points. 593 H.A.A. gained 17 points and the other two units even fewer. "C" Company won the tug-of-war in two straight pulls.

For "C" Company: Lt. Brooks won the 220 yards, high jump and long jump; Cpl. Wheeler won the putting the weight; Pte. Scott won the javelin and Pte. Llewellyn won the 100 yards.

The Band has been in great demand this summer. It has played at all the Company adoption ceremonies, the T.A. Boxing Championships and Marlow Regatta. It has also fulfilled various other engagements at Radlett, Lampton Park and other places. The Bandmaster, Mr. Snare, is to be congratulated on the excellent form the Band has shown.

Our notes would not be complete this time without mentioning the return of the Battalion, now changed to 11 Parachute Battalion from 8th Middlesex, of Capt. Michael Ashby. He has returned to the fold as O.R.Q.M.S. of 11 Parachute Battalion, T.A., and has joined quite a few old 8th Middlesex boys, notably Capt. Ian Brotherton and F. G. Barber, Drum-Major Wales and the inseparable twins, Sharp and Warner.

Michael Ashby joined the 8th Battalion on Albuhera Day, 1939, and curiously enough, or was it done on purpose, rejoined the 11th Battalion on Albuhera Day this year.

Our next notes will include an account of the Battalion's drop in Germany during camp.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes very little social activity has taken place in the Mess, owing to the members being on holidays at various times. We have, however, agreed on another Sergeants' dance to take place after Camp, and are anticipating even a greater success than our last dance.

The great achievement of the Battalion in winning the Middlesex T.A. Shield was helped immensely by the Sergeants' Mess, which supplied five members of the team of eight.

We are looking forward to our period at Camp, where we hope to meet all the new members of other Sergeants' Messes and renew old acquaintances.

595 L.A.A./S.L. REGIMENT, R.A. (9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, D.C.O.) T.A.

The Regiment attended Camp early this year, being one of the first units to go to Cleave Camp, Bude, Cornwall, April 12, for training.

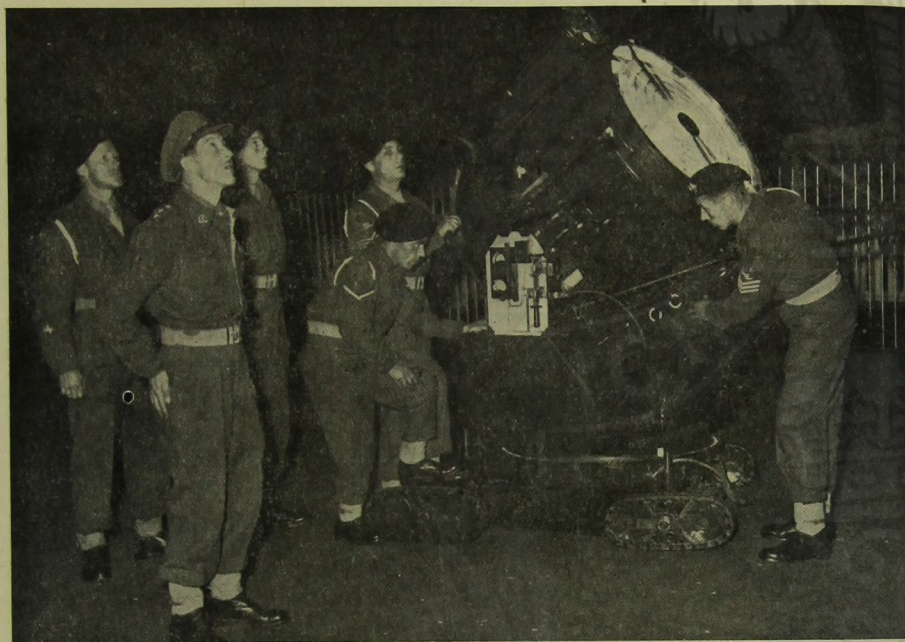
The Regiment's strength was much improved on the previous years, due to an increase of National Servicemen and "Z" Reservists, and amounted to 450 all ranks, of which approximately 350 were Reservists.

The Band, which had only just been recognised, although it has been in existence unofficially since the re-formation of the T.A. in May, 1947, visited the Regiment for the middle week-end, playing at the Officers' Mess guest night on the Friday and the Regimental Parade and March Past on the Saturday, and at church parade on the Sunday morning, before returning to London on the Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to Bandmaster Turner and the members of the Band on their very creditable performances. Now that the Band has been authorised and is established we are looking forward in future years to having them with us for the duration of Camp. We are also hoping that it will become a feature of this Regiment's activities and eventually be as renowned as was the old 9th Military Band.

A year ago Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., resigned the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the "old 9th Battalion" after 51 years' service with the Regiment. He joined in 1900, served in 1914-18 War, commanded from 1922 to 1929, and held the appointment as Honorary Colonel from 1939 to 1951. We would like to thank Col. Beach for the great interest he has always taken in the activities and welfare of the Regiment and for the benefit of his advice and experience, which was always very readily given when sought.

He is succeeded as Honorary Colonel by another "old 9th Battalion" officer Col. J. N. Lamont M.C., T.D., who joined the Regiment in 1914 and commanded



SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO

Left to right: A Bsm. R. W. J. Hughes, Capt. G. Stanhope-Gant, Gnr. S. R. Kerwill, Sgt. A. H. Mitchell, L/Bdr. H. J. Daniels, Sgt. L. Biddlecombe.

Photo: Desmond O'Neill

from 1933 to 1937, and we were all very sorry that, owing to illness, he was unable to visit us in Camp in this his first year as Honorary Colonel. So far, the Regiment has always been able to find its own Commanding Officers and Honorary Colonels, and long may this happy state of affairs continue.

We were, however, honoured by a visit by Col. H. W. W. Gray, M.B.E., T.D., who commanded from 1947 to 1950, and who was accompanied on his visit by Dr. F. McConnell-Thomson, who has acted as this Unit's Honorary Medical Adviser since 1947, and also by Capt. F. P. Smith, O.C. 33rd Middlesex (Independent) Cadet Battery, R.A., the Cadet Unit affiliated to our Regiment. These guests all arrived in time for the Officers' Guest Night and stayed until Sunday, and we hope they took back happy memories of their visit.

Players for certain instruments in our Band are still required, and applications to join should be made to the Adjutant at the T.A. Centre, Honeypot Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO—WHITE CITY

July 14, 15 and 16, 1952

Once again London's skies were lit by searchlights, this time to give pleasure and pride to many thousands of citizens as enemy aircraft were illuminated and engaged by 40 mm. guns, and thrills to many hundreds of children as searchlight beams lit up a helicopter landing an enemy spy in the centre of that vast White City arena.

The Ack Ack gunners were on duty again, and we are pleased to record that one of the units of 82 A. Brigade which were chosen was our Regiment.

The following special message of congratulations has been received:

"Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Appeals Director, S.S.A.F.A., has written to express his thanks for the magnificent show the officers, W.O.s and men of your Regiments put up at this Tattoo. The hard work put in by all ranks and the turn-out of the searchlights was much appreciated."

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

Last year the Regiment held its first Athletic Meeting, and in spite of our field being a little uneven, some good times were returned and enthusiasm was pretty high. We therefore decided that this year we would make every effort to form a Regimental athletic team and enter for local athletic events and T.A. athletic championships.

Success might almost be said to have crowned our efforts, for our old runners, backed up by some grand young new blood brought back trophies from each of the three athletic meetings we attended.

Results:

QUEENSBURY AND DISTRICT SPORTS AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

Sports and Athletic Meeting, June 14, 1952

100 yards: 1st, Gnr. P. T. P. Page; 220 yards: 2nd, Gnr. P. T. P. Page; 880 yards: 3rd, Gnr. K. C. H. Cornes; 1 mile: 1st, Gnr. D. J. Linton; Mile Relay: 1st, 595 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) (T.A.)).

Congratulations to all those who competed on their fine running and jumping, also on the sportsmanship displayed. A special word of congratulation to Gnr. Linton on his splendid effort in the Mile Medley, which helped the team to bring back the Crewe Challenge Cup, which will be held for one year.

T.A. ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 28, 1952

1 Mile: 2nd, Gnr. D. J. Linton; 3 Miles: 3rd, Gnr. K. C. H. Cornes.

The Regimental team performed with great credit in a field of very experienced runners, who came from Units all over the country. We quite expected to find some of the 7th Battalion at Aldershot again. We hope you will be there in 1953.

A special mention and congratulations to Gnrs. Linton and Cornes. These two young runners ran two really magnificent races. Well done! and hearty congratulations to both; and also to the other members of the team, B.S.M. Hughes, Gnrs. Page and Perkins.

HARROW BOROUGH T.A. SPORTS MEETING

July 19, 1952

100 yards: 2nd, Gnr. P. T. P. Page; 220 yards: 2nd, Gnr. P. T. P. Page; 440 yards: 3rd, Gnr. K. C. H. Cornes; 1 Mile: 2nd, Gnr. D. J. Linton; 3rd, Gnr. K. C. H. Cornes. Putting the Weight: 3rd place to L/Bdr. L. G. Butler. Inter-Regimental Challenge Shield: 2nd place to 595 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.).

This was a good result, as we were unable to take part in several events which were organised, such as mixed races or races for W.R.A.C. We do not mind this as we are still rather pleased and proud to be one of the few all-male R.A. L.A.A./S.L. Regiments in A.A. Command.

SERGEANTS' MESS

As this is the first article we have submitted to *The Die-Hards* for sometime, it may be of interest to mention one or two items which have occurred during the first six months of this year.

On February 22 we held a Mess function to say farewell to R.S.M. and Mrs. Avis. R.S.M. Avis came to the Regiment in 1947 and during that time has seen the Regiment grow in numbers, strength and stature, as successively the Regiment absorbed firstly National Servicemen and more recently "Z" Reservists. It was not unnatural that his ability should not pass unnoticed, and this, together with his seniority as an R.S.M. in the Royal Regiment, found him recommended for duties as a Quartermaster. He first disappeared on a three months' attachment, then, in June, we saw him launched as a full-blown Lieutenant Quartermaster. His first appointment is with 247 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), in Ireland, and to him and his wife and family, Brian, Daphne and Valerie, we say *au revoir* and good luck.

The successor to R.S.M. Avis is R.S.M. T. A. K. Hunt, who arrived from 53 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (B.A.O.R.). His wife and family of three boys are now snugly settled in the very lovely flat which the T.A. give their R.S.M.s. To them we say "Welcome."

As stated elsewhere in these notes, the Regiment was at Annual Practice Camp in April. The training went exceptionally well and the Sergeants' Mess was functioning at a very high standard. During the first weekend, the Regimental Bandsmen were welcomed into the Mess, and containing as it does a high proportion of wine connoisseurs, the Mess was not dissatisfied with the congratulations which were passed on the splendid standard of the beer, and on dealing with brewers who have good supplies of whisky available. The verve with which the "Die-Hards" song was sung by officers and Sergeants in the "Get Together" in the Mess during the first week proved that Bandsmen and Sergeants were quite correct in their judgment of the beverage disposed of.

The highlight of our Mess entertainment in Camp was another "Get Together" of the officers and Sergeants on the last Thursday. By way of a change, the rendezvous was "The White Hart," an old-world hotel in a nearby village. Between Sgt. Higgins' appreciation of the buffet (the chicken sandwiches in particular), the flow of liquor and the bowling alley, run under the dual control of Major Price and Major Grey, we all had a wonderful time. Incidentally, it was during this party that a certain officer—Lt. Bell—was overheard being introduced to a third party as Lt. "Ding-Dong." Was this also a result of the quality of beverage, or an old warrior of a "Z" Sergeant putting a young N.S. officer at ease?

Since return from Camp we have been taking life quietly, apart from a "new look" that the Bar has taken on in the Mess. (No, not what you are thinking, readers!) It was just our new R.S.M. having the brush applied. Wrong again, readers—it's the paint brush. How nice it looks!

So on Sunday, July 20, we decided to have an outing to Margate. About 54 Sergeants, wives and children were in a two-decker bus for this novel trip. We understand the children preferred the top deck; the Sergeants preferred the lower deck, as there was less beer spilt in transit!

Congratulations go to B.S.M. Hughes for his fine

show of sportsmanship and example in taking part in the T.A. Athletic Championships, held at Aldershot recently, and secondly on his untiring effort and hard work over three months whilst taking a Senior Cadet N.C.O.s' Drill and Discipline Course. The high standards achieved, culminating in their passing out parade on Sunday, July 20, were a great credit to the powers of leadership that this Sergeant-Major was able to exercise over the young gunners of the Cadet Battery.

33rd MIDDLESEX (INDEPENDENT) CADET BATTERY, R.A.

On Sunday, May 18, 1952, at the T.A. Centre, Kingsbury, five Senior Cadets of the 33rd Middlesex (Independent) Cadet Battery, R.A., were presented with "Cadet Gunnery Classification Certificate" by Lt.-Col. J. H. E. Nash, O.B.E., Assistant Commandant, Western Area County of Middlesex Army Cadet Force.

During the last seven months these Cadets have regularly attended a Gunnery Course on Tuesday evenings, organised by their parent T.A. Regiment, the instructor being B.S.M. T. McCarthy, on whom the results reflect great credit.

The Classification Test is divided into two parts and all the Cadets on the course gained the necessary 60 per cent. of the total in the 1st Examination last December, entitling them to continue on the second part of the Course in the New Year. The 2nd Examination took place in April, and again all Cadets gained the necessary percentage of marks for a pass. Cadet Sgt. Cornes, now a volunteer in this Regiment, gained 93 per cent. in Part 2.

On Sunday morning, wearing for the first time the gun on their left sleeve, these Cadets gave a demonstration of Gun Drill. Among those present to view, with Col. Nash, was Major J. Mayhew, representing the Commanding Officer of 595 L.A.A./S.L. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), together with the Adjutant, Capt. C. H. T. Barber, and officers and Cadets of 33rd Middlesex (Independent) Cadet Battery, R.A. All present were impressed with the fine display of drill, and felt that without doubt these Cadets have fully justified the reward of being allowed to wear the coveted Gun, and also of being the first Cadets in the County of Middlesex, as well as, it is believed, in the country, to pass this Cadet Gunnery Classification Test on the 40 mm. Anti-Aircraft Gun. Well done, Cadets! for the honour you have brought your Battery, and the T.A. Regiment to which you are affiliated. We always look on you as the little Gunners, and the future and best Territorials of the next generation.

Special congratulations to Cadet Sgt. Shaw for coming out top on the Senior N.C.O.s' Drill and Discipline Course, and receiving the award of a silver knobbed cane presented by the Adjutant of your T.A. Regiment.

The standards achieved and fine spirit and loyalty shown by these Senior Cadets during the course was most impressive and credit and thanks must go to B.S.M. Hughes, P.S.I. in the parent T.A. Regiment, for his devotion to the Cadets during the course.



Inspection of 33rd Middlesex (Independent) Cadet Bty RA. Gun Detachment by Lt.-Col. J. H. E. Nash, O.B.E., Assistant Commandant, Western Area County of Middlesex Army Cadet Force.

Front rank (left to right): Fx. Cadet/Sgt. Cornes, (Now Gnr. TA). Cadet/Sgt. Piper, Cadet/Sgt. Newstead. Rear rank: Cadet/Sgt. Shaw, Cadet/Sgt. Ryan.

The Douaisis British-Club

Readers of *The Die-Hards* may have wondered at the significance of the exchange of telegrams, reported in the last number of the journal, between the Douaisis British-Club and the Regimental Association. It echoes the capture of Douai by the Second Battalion in 1918 and brings to mind the historic flag, now in the Officers' Mess at Mill Hill, presented to the Battalion by the citizens of Douai to commemorate this link between the Middlesex Regiment and their ancient city.

The British-Club has its origin in the hospitality given by the people of Douai to British pilgrims to war graves in France after the First War, for more than 800 of whom they provided free lodgings and transport to the cemeteries. Curiously enough, except for a few honorary members, this "British" club consists entirely of Frenchmen. It was founded by Capt. Alfred Cordonnier and membership at first was limited to French ex-servicemen, mainly those who had entertained our pilgrims. Lady Haig (widow of the Commander-in-Chief) accepted an invitation to be its Patroness. The good services of its members were recognised by various branches of the British Legion to which some of our pilgrims belonged and an exchange of honorary membership has grown, whereby members of the Club are given honorary membership of the Legion and Englishmen are made honorary members of the Union des Poilus, the French equivalent of the Legion. Since the Second War membership of the Club has been confined to honorary members of the British Legion and is awarded only to those who have done special service in the cause of Franco-British friendship. Capt. Cordonnier has the exceptional distinction of full membership of the British Legion, a well-deserved mark of recognition. We are pleased to report that he was promoted from Chevalier to Officer

in the Legion of Honour at the New Year and we offer him our congratulations.

The friendship of Douai for England dates from the Reformation, when refugees from England settled in Douai. They founded an English school, which was later moved to Paris and about 60 years ago it was brought to England and established near Reading. This connection still lives in the names of some of the streets of the City.

New links have been forged this year with our Regiment when Capt. Cordonnier and Monsieur Deledique (another member of the Club) paid a visit to the Depot in April. They saw again the Douai flag, visited the Museum and the Sergeants' Mess, watched some training with an experienced eye and took luncheon in the Officers' Mess. They showed great interest in everything and especially in the fact that the Commander at that time, Major G. O. Porter, had been educated at Douai School. A month later Monsieur E. Pelletier, Clerk of the City, together with Monsieur J. Coge (both members of the British-Club) also paid a visit, when Col. M. Browne received them and conducted them round personally.

Members of the Club take great pride in their efforts to further the friendship between our two countries. Under their auspices the first memorial service in France for our late beloved Sovereign was held in Douai and they provided a Guard of Honour at the catafalque which was set up in the Cathedral. The sermon, preached by Monsieur L'Abbé Flayelle, was an eloquent testimony to a crowded congregation of the affection and admiration in which our King was held and of the sense of personal loss felt by the citizens.

The Regiment is indeed fortunate that its Service has brought it this priceless gift of friendship from abroad. Surely we should do all in our power to foster it in every way.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1952, AT 2.15 p.m.

Present—Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., A.D.C., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Brigadier N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Col. M. Browne, M.C., D.L., J.P., Col. G. Beach, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. C. P. Roe, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major W. D. Ellis, T.D., Major A. D. C. Eales, R.S.M., P. Donovan, Sgt. R. A. Bullock, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Col. M. Crawford, D.S.O., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. G. P. L. Weston, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D. In attendance—Major A. T. Jones, M.B.E., T.D. Before the normal business of the meeting the Chairman said he would ask the Committee to place on record a message of welcome to Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall on his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment. He felt sure that the new Colonel would achieve a great success during his tenure of office.

The Chairman said he would also ask the Committee to place on record a tribute to Col. Browne for the services that he had given through the ten years he was Colonel of the Regiment. There were few instances in the history of the Regiment where any individual has shown such devotion and heartfelt sincerity in the conduct of his duties as had been exemplified by Col. Browne.

Unanimously approved by the Committee. Col. Browne thanked the Committee for the honour they had bestowed upon him, and said that it was a pleasure for him to do anything he could for the Regiment.

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

2. Secretary's Report.

(a) The Secretary's report having been circulated with the Agenda was approved by the Committee.

(b) The Committee approved that the Secretary be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £100 in assisting necessitous cases during the quarter ending June 30, 1952.

3. Finance Committee's Report. Lt.-Col. Fox moved the Finance Committee's report which was placed before members at the meeting. He explained the statements of the Memorial Cottages Capital and Maintenance Accounts, prepared by the Secretary. As an amendment it was recommended that the repayment of the Loan be met from the Income Account and not from Capital. He also informed the Committee that if and when a new Auditor had been appointed he would arrange for the War Memorial Fund to be audited, the result of which would be notified to the Executive Committee.

The report was approved by the Committee.

4. Memorial Committee's Report. Col. Beach explained the financial position of the account and after discussion it was approved that a temporary loan of £250 be made from the Association Funds to the Memorial Fund to meet the final Contractors' and Architects' Accounts. Col. Beach stated that he estimated that there would be a credit balance of approximately £300 in the Memorial Fund after all liabilities had been met and after receipt of certain Covenant contributions. Brigadier Baker asked that a policy statement by the War Memorial Sub-Committee, in respect of the upkeep of the Cottages, should be prepared and submitted to the Executive Committee at a future meeting. Col. Beach agreed to convene a meeting of the Memorial Sub-Committee in order to draw up a policy statement for ratification by the Regimental Association.

Major Jones, the Manager of the Memorial Cottages, was invited by the Chairman to report to the Committee on the management and general conditions at Albury House.

Major Jones stated that the occupants are happy and very grateful for being selected as tenants. The majority are desirous of effecting their own repairs and renovations within their abilities and are in general taking the greatest care of the property. In reply to a question, Major Jones stated that he did not anticipate heavy maintenance liabilities for at least ten years or even longer.

The Chairman thanked Major Jones for the manner in which he was discharging his stewardship.

Lt.-Col. Roberts then asked the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to consider whether the Mrs. Mabel Renny Fund of £2,000 be established as a Reserve Fund for the maintenance of the Cottages, and if so to submit a recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval. Col. Beach agreed to do so.

Lt.-Col. Roberts also emphasised the necessity of limiting any further expenditure on the Estate to essential items only, so that a reserve fund may be built up in order to provide for the future when maintenance charges would be high. The Executive Committee unanimously agreed.

5. Regimental History Committee's Report. Lt.-Col. Green informed the Committee that the progress of production of the history would be considerably delayed due to the illness of Commander Kemp, the author, and also owing to lack of material from Units and individuals. He had written to 40 officers and other ranks for more data to assist the author in his compilation. He also asked that an appeal should be made for more script through the medium of the Journal. Brigadier Procter said he would arrange for this to appear in the September copy. Major Ellis suggested that an appointed individual from each Battalion be asked to organise and edit contributions from selected individuals. Lt.-Col. Green agreed to take steps to arrange this.

Lt.-Col. Roberts asked Lt.-Col. Green to submit a draft letter for signature by the Colonel of the Regiment to be sent to various individuals asking them to produce items of interest, anecdotes and special incidents for inclusion in the History.

6. Journal Committee's Report. Brigadier Procter informed the Committee that the financial position of the Journal was unchanged, and that the cost of production was increasing. He asked a letter from Lt.-Col. Gwyn asking whether the Battle Honours could be deleted from the first page and also suggesting that the names of Officers Commanding Regular and T.A. Battalions be inserted.

The Committee decided that the Battle Honours would remain, but that the names of the Commanding Officers would be added.

The Committee also approved that a roll of W.O.s and Sergeants be published in the Journal half-yearly commencing with the September, 1952, issue.

7. Old Comrades' Gathering and Reunion Dinner. The Chairman reminded the Committee of the Old Comrades' Gathering at the Depot on June 14, 1952, and urged that as many officers as possible would attend. The Old Comrades particularly appreciated meeting their old officers on these occasions. He also notified the Committee that it had been arranged to hold the O.C.A. Reunion Dinner at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Victoria, on Saturday, November 1, 1952.

Brigadier Procter was asked and agreed to publish this function in the September issue of the Journal.

8. Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on September 25, 1952.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1952, AT 3.45 p.m.

Present—Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C. (Chairman),
Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L.,
J.P., A.D.C., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.,
Brigadier N. P. Procter, C.B.E., M.C., Col. M. Browne, M.C.,
D.L., J.P., Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P.,
Lt.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. A. E. Green, D.S.O.,
O.B.E., Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L., Major H. K. Hardcastle,
T.D., Major W. D. Ellis, T.D., Major A. D. C. Eales, Major
A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. M.
Crawford, D.S.O., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. G. P. L.
Weston, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., 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.

3. Cocktail Party. The Chairman informed the Committee that
a credit balance of 15s. 9d. resulted from the Cocktail Party held
on April 25 in the Depot Officers' Mess. He complimented the
O.C. Depot on the success of the party and requested him to thank
the Mess Staff and all those who had assisted to make the party a
success. Minor alterations were suggested for the next Cock-
tail Party.

4. Regimental Dinner and "At Home." The Chairman reminded
the Committee of the dates of these functions and produced the
menu selected for the Dinner. The latter was approved.

5. Other Business. The Committee agreed that a donation of
£5 5s. 0d. be made in response to the Wellington College Appeal.

6. Contribution to Depot Officers' Mess. The Committee approved
that before a grant is made to the Depot Officers' Mess from Officers'
Club Funds for 1953, it would be considered by the Finance Com-
mittee at a later date, and their recommendation will be placed
before the Executive Committee for their consideration.

7. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place on
Thursday, September 25, 1952.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 4 p.m.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club.

Major L. Dawes

Information is required regarding Major L. Dawes,
who served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment in 1908.
Will anyone who has any information regarding him
please communicate with the Secretary of the Regi-
mental Association, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Deaths

Extract from "Daily Telegraph" of July 14, 1952.

KING.—On July 11, 1952, at the Old House, East
Finchley, Colonel Sir Edwin James King, K.C.B.,
C.M.G., A.D.C. to his late Majesty, Bailiff Grand
Cross and formerly Chancellor of the Order of St.
John of Jerusalem, late Hon. Colonel 7th Battalion
Middlesex Regiment, formerly High Sheriff of
Middlesex, aged 75 years, eldest son of the late Edwin
King, of The Elms, Highgate, and dearly loved
husband of Dame Genevieve King.

LANGFORD.—We have recently heard of the death
of Ex-Sgt. R. F. Langford, who was a prisoner of war
in Japan with the 1st Battalion. He died on March 24
last through the effects of his experiences as a P.O.W.

We regret to announce the sudden death on August 7
of ex-C/Sgt. J. Adcock, late of the 4th Battalion. A
representative of the Regiment attended the funeral
and laid a wreath on behalf of the members of the
Association.

Correspondence

July 4, 1952.

The Secretary,
The Middlesex Regimental Association.

MALAYAN BRANCH

Dear Major Clark,

I have to apologise for the long delay in sending you
a report on the Dinner which was held in Kuala Lumpur
on Albuhera Day. The delay is due to the fact that
Capt. Chris. Mievill, M.C., who had so willingly carried
out the duties of Hon. Secretary of the Malayan Branch,
now reformed since it was rendered *hors de combat* by the
Japanese occupation, had to hand over his duties to the
new Secretary on posting to Europe, and to the fact
that my letter to the local press did not appear in the
Straits Times as I had written it in the original, and I
had to send to the new Secretary for a copy, in order
that I could report who was present.

I was greatly impressed by the turn-out, considering
that this was the first Dinner since the Japanese occupa-
tion of this country. *Esprit de corps* in the Regiment is
strong and full here, in the list of those present from all
over the country. This is as under:

Pahang Bentong—Major Kendall-Sadler.

Singapore—Capt. St. Clair.

Johore, Kota Tinggi—Capt. Bellers.

Selangor—Sgt. Stewart, Ptes. Morgan, Moss,
Tomlin and Stevens.

Batu Caves—Mr. D. F. I. (Drummy)
Drew.

Kuala Lumpur—Capt. G. H. Mievill,
Capt. Gordon Kent, Pte. McKenzie,
Messrs. L. L. Brighton and K. C.
Chia.

Negri Sembilan, Port Dickson—Mr. J. Clegg.

Perak, Taiping—Major G. Stewart Sutherland.

A total of 16 I consider was an excellent attendance, in
view of the fact that this is the first assembly since
before the catastrophe of 1942.

I had the great honour of presiding at this function,
and the opposite end of the table was occupied by
"Drummy" Drew, who was the sole surviving member
of the original Malayan Branch besides myself. The
usual toasts were honoured and telegrams exchanged.
The function developed into a most enjoyable evening,
and many tales of "Old Comrades and Days" were
banded about.

This news is primarily intended for the Journal, and
I wish to stress the fact that when I promised Col.
Maurice Brown that I would exert every effort to revive
the Malayan Branch, that I was limited in my powers
of movement about the country by my own job in the
north of the Peninsula, that Capt. Chris. Mievill came
so nobly to my assistance with willing and arduous co-
operation, that I have been able to fulfil my promise.
I would like to place on record the heartiest thanks of
members of the Malayan Branch to Capt. Mievill.

Capt. Mievill will now have handed over the duties
of Secretary to Mr. K. C. Chia. Mr. Chia is a barrister-
at-law and served in one of our Home Guard Battalions.
With his office staff and his central position in the Penin-
sula, he is the very man for the job; I am confident that,

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I am writing a separate letter to Col. Browne, as I think he would like to know of various details which would be more of an administrative nature and of no interest to the Journal.

Yours sincerely,
G. STEWART SUTHERLAND.

P.S.—Please forgive my typographical errors; I have not typed for years, but it will be easier to read than my handwriting.

Sungei Limau Estate,
Trong, Perak, Malaya.

The 43rd Wessex Division at War

The Trustees of the 43rd Wessex Division Memorial Fund are now able to announce that the **WAR HISTORY OF THE DIVISION**

by Maj.-Gen. H. Essame will be published by Messrs. William Clowes & Sons, Limited, Little New Street, London, E.C.4, on October 16, 1952.

This book will contain twenty-one maps and sketches and thirty-six illustrations.

The price of a comprehensive book of this nature, purchased in the open market, would be very considerable and so the Trustees have decided to distribute it at the nominal charge of ten shillings to both past and present members of the Division and 8th Armoured Brigade and the relatives of the fallen. They also propose to bear the cost of packing and postage of the books direct from the publishing office to individuals' home addresses.

In particular, they request the co-operation of all ranks in ensuring that the widows, parents and children of those commemorated on the Division's memorials are given the opportunity of securing a copy of the permanent record of the campaign in North-West Europe.

A TRIBUTE

Extract from a letter sent to Col. M. Crawford by Maj.-Gen. H. Essame, Fudge House, Honiton, Devon, concerning the announcement above:

"Your Diaries have been invaluable and I hope, so far as your Regiment is concerned, have enabled me to do you and your troops justice. In actual fact I have said a lot about '8th Middlesex' and stolen a good deal of your local colour. Your diary was a wonderful check on the rather slipshod Divisional War Diary."

Extension of Naafi Privileges Civilian Clothes and Guests

Members of the Territorial Army, Auxiliary and Reserve Forces in the United Kingdom below commissioned rank may now use Naafi Clubs in civilian clothes, during full-time training of not less than seven days, and are authorised to introduce guests under the same conditions as for regular personnel of the Navy, Army and Air Force, subject to the agreement of the Advisory Committee of each Club.

Announcing this extension of "regular" Navy, Army and Air Force privileges to members of the Territorial Army, Auxiliary and Reserve Forces, Naafi Headquarters points out that a decision regarding guests must be left to the individual Club Advisory Committees to ensure that Club amenities and facilities are not spoilt by overcrowding.

Permission to use Naafi Clubs when in civilian clothes and to introduce guests does not extend to the Sea Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force. Cadets must still wear uniform when they visit the Naafi.

To simplify the problem of identification, a briefly worded certificate will be issued by Naval Commanders and Army Units giving the starting and finishing dates of the period of training. R.A.F. Units will provide Reserve and Auxiliary personnel with Identity Cards stamped "Reserve Forces." These documents, plus Navy and Army pay books, must be shown on demand when visiting Naafi Clubs in civilian clothes.

Regular Forces Employment Association

We are constantly coming across ex-Regulars who, having failed to realise that this Association exists for no other purpose than to help resettle them, had not availed themselves of our services. With employment easy to get it probably did not occur to them that anyone could place them better than they could place themselves, but in numbers of such cases the jobs they took have come to an end or turned out to be "not my cup of tea."

No compulsion is on anyone to come to the Association, excepting for certain forms of Government employment, including Post Office, nor is there any question of people registering being, in any way directed into jobs. The thing is that in each area of the country there is a Jobfinder who is out and about the whole of that area, looking into every kind of vacancy, so that he has first-hand knowledge of what the job is and the conditions under which it is done. Each man or woman registered has a personal interview and is considered with this knowledge of the vacancies available in mind and it is only after discussing it all thoroughly that arrangements are made for applicants to be interviewed by the prospective employer. It must be remembered, however, that just as the applicant has the right to accept or refuse the job so the employer has the right of choice as to whether to offer it.

This careful selection both as regards vacancies suggested to applicants and recommendations to employers is one of the secrets of success. If one Branch of the Association is unable to fill a vacancy the details of it are circulated throughout the country to all other Branches. Similarly, if there is a job abroad or in the Colonies this is circulated to all Branches.

There are some areas, such as those near the Naval ports, where industry is very limited, and people living in those areas cannot always be found suitable jobs. Unfortunately, so long as the shortage of living accommodation continues it is not possible to transfer them

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NOMINAL ROLL OF W.O.s AND N.C.O.s

Extracted from particulars circulated by Officer I/C records

Number	S/Rank	A/Rank	Name	P.E.S.	R.O.D.	Location
W.O.s I						
6200191	W.O.I	—	Weller, S., M.M. (Edn.: 1st Class)	—	20.8.52	1st Middlesex.
6198725	W.O.I	—	Britton, F.	—	—	E.R.E., Japan.
W.O.s II						
6193916	W.O.II	—	Maloney, P.	—	—	5th Queen's (T.A.).
3768525	W.O.II	—	Dillon, P.	FE	31.1.54	Adm., Warwick.
6200143	W.O.II	—	Fuller, E.	—	—	7th Queen's (T.A.).
22221840	W.O.II	—	Lane, W.	—	7.3.53	Hong Kong Regiment.
6398348	W.O.II	—	Graham, L.	FE	24.2.50	East Africa.
6200783	W.O.II	W.O.I	Rose, A.	—	21.2.55	H.Q., Aldershot Garrison.
6200940	W.O.II	—	Blacknell, S.	—	—	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
6201852	W.O.II	W.O.I	Donovan, P.	FE	20.8.55	Depot, Middlesex.
6200112	W.O.II	—	Tarrant, R.	—	7.4.53	1st Middlesex.
6207112	W.O.II	W.O.I	Pike, —	—	17.11.52	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
6197047	W.O.II	—	Etheridge, A.	FE	30.4.54	Depot, Middlesex.
6342035	W.O.II	—	Copper, C.	—	2.10.53	1st Middlesex.
COLOUR-SERGEANTS						
6199252	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Ure, W.	FE	7.3.53	H.Q., FARELF.
2751320	C/Sgt.	—	Murphy, J.	LE	27.4.52	O.C.S., Eaton Hall.
6200790	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Hastie, A.	—	—	H.C.B.D.
6284936	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Green, F.	—	6.10.56	1st Middlesex.
6199259	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Tostevin, L.	—	20.11.52	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
6201070	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Griffiths, F.	—	14.5.55	1st Middlesex.
6398998	C/Sgt.	W.O.II	Seabrook, T.	—	10.8.59	1st Middlesex.
SERGEANTS						
4342582	Sgt.	—	Armstrong, G.	FE	4.1.54	1st R.W.K. (FARELF).
5837545	Sgt.	W.O.II	Wild, M.	—	—	6th East Surreys (T.A.).
4122954	Sgt.	W.O.II	Ridgeway, A.	FE	8.10.54	E.R.E., M.E.L.F.
5010855	Sgt.	W.O.II	McMillan, T.	—	12.9.58	1st Middlesex.
6200175	Sgt.	W.O.II	Jacques, F.	LE	5.8.53	E.R.E., M.E.L.F.
6199270	Sgt.	W.O.II	Burrell, A.	—	6.12.52	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
3957645	Sgt.	W.O.II	Reece, H.	FE	27.1.54	E.R.E., Home.
6200702	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Hockley, G.	FE	11.1.55	1st R.F.
6197310	Sgt.	—	Love, A.	—	2.5.50	E.R.E., B.A.O.R.
6198742	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Phillips, E.	FE	24.1.53	Depot, Middlesex.
6200351	Sgt.	W.O.II	Perry, T.	FE	15.12.52	E.R.E., FARELF.
6199228	Sgt.	—	Plummer, G.	FE	22.5.54	E.R.E., FARELF.
6200180	Sgt.	—	Biggell, G.	FE	17.8.52	Depot, Middlesex.
4267949	Sgt.	—	Goodge, A.	—	—	H.C.B.D.
6202942	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Lemaitre, B.	FE	20.3.58	E.R.E., East Africa.
6202735	Sgt.	—	Colebeck, E.	FE	5.12.57	Depot, Middlesex.
6539821	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Whitehead, G.	FE	30.11.60	Depot, Buffs.
864814	Sgt.	W.O.II	Budden, R.	—	2.5.61	1st Middlesex.
1420025	Sgt.	—	Thom, J.	FE	28.10.58	1st Middlesex.
6205008	Sgt.	—	Shrubbs, L.	FE	21.3.61	Depot, Buffs.
6550324	Sgt.	—	Powell, F.	FE	20.10.62	Depot, Middlesex.
6201815	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Martin, C.	FE	4.7.50	E.R.E., Singapore.
6200370	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Firman, F.	—	14.3.57	1st Middlesex.
6200915	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Cornier, V.	—	—	E.R.E., FARELF.
4124485	Sgt.	—	Landrith, W.	FE	18.6.55	Depot, R. Sussex.
6205077	Sgt.	—	Taylor, A.	FT	17.1.61	1st Middlesex.
6210526	Sgt.	W.O.II	Cooper, A.	—	22.8.58	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
6211991	Sgt.	W.O.II	Kirkland, J.	—	31.12.52	1st R.F.
6200531	Sgt.	—	Theed, A.	FE	21.4.54	E.R.E., East Africa.
6049742	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Davis, H.	FE	20.10.60	Depot, Middlesex.
6403001	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Redpath, F.	FE	22.3.58	H.C.B.D.
4268547	Sgt.	W.O.II	Renwick, R.	HO	13.8.53	E.R.E., Home.
6201425	Sgt.	—	Barren, P.	FE	25.1.55	Depot, Buffs.
6203413	Sgt.	—	Bartle, S.	FE	10.4.60	Depot, Middlesex.
6197647	Sgt.	—	Markham, F.	LE	20.12.52	E.R.E., FARELF.
6205018	Sgt.	—	Preston, J.	LE	8.9.53	1st Middlesex.
6088002	Sgt.	—	Poole, A.	—	16.1.60	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
6201818	Sgt.	W.O.II	Morgan, J.	—	9.7.50	H.C.B.D.
6200952	Sgt.	—	Irons, B.	—	—	1st Middlesex.
14857327	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Dutch, D.	—	25.2.58	E.R.E., Home.
40880	Sgt.	—	Crittenden, L.	FT	17.7.55	A.F.D., Aldershot.
21014183	Sgt.	—	Waterfield, F.	—	—	5th Queen's (T.A.).
6084078	Sgt.	—	Saxby, F.	—	—	1st Queen's.
22221076	Sgt.	—	Rodgers, G.	FT	6.4.53	E.R.E., East Africa.
4031660	Sgt.	—	Millington, W.	FE	10.5.54	Depot, Middlesex.
6068442	Sgt.	—	Dodkins, R.	—	28.1.50	1st Middlesex.
6217070	Sgt.	—	Thorogood, W.	—	30.4.58	Depot, Middlesex.
14452058	Sgt.	—	Drew, A.	—	3.9.51	1st Middlesex.
6206327	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Burgess, C.	—	27.8.58	1st Middlesex.

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6202997	Sgt.	—	Mansfield, J.	—	—	A.F.D., Aldershot.
14470433	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Soper, B.	FE	2.12.52	E.R.E., East Africa.
6217107	Sgt.	—	Bayton, D.	—	—	1st Middlesex (Band).
5104261	Sgt.	—	Bently, L.	—	—	1st Middlesex (Band).
CORPORALS						
6204927	Cpl.	C/Sgt.	Breame, J.	FE	16.3.61	Lang School, Bodmin.
6339246	Cpl.	—	Bailey, G.	FE	5.12.53	Emb. Est., Harwich.
14846491	Cpl.	Sgt.	Warren, D.	FE	16.2.53	1st R.F.
14488019	Cpl.	Sgt.	Ross-Gower, T.	—	29.4.58	1st Middlesex.
14407178	Cpl.	Sgt.	Spenceley, K.	FE	31.3.53	1st E. Surreys (M.E.L.F.).
21014017	Cpl.	Sgt.	Masters, G.	HO	6.10.52	Depot, Middlesex.
6480606	Cpl.	C/Sgt.	Cranfield, D.	FE	7.4.53	1st Middlesex.
14304045	Cpl.	—	Parke, J.	FE	22.12.52	Depot, Buffs.
6019760	Cpl.	Sgt.	Bullock, R.	FE	17.10.54	Depot, Middlesex.
6200385	Cpl.	Sgt.	Turner, W.	FE	4.12.55	M.E.L.F.
14410539	Cpl.	Sgt.	Deamer, D.	—	13.1.53	1st Middlesex.
6202089	Cpl.	Sgt.	Hanlon, D.	FE	6.4.58	Depot, Middlesex.
6584906	Cpl.	Sgt.	Stone, J.	—	1.6.53	O.C.S., Eaton Hall.
848455	Cpl.	Sgt.	Toms, W.	—	—	Parachute Regiment.
5250805	Cpl.	—	Willison, W.	FE	6.11.61	E.R.E., Home.
6215551	Cpl.	—	Purdon, N.	—	10.9.53	1st Middlesex.
14458631	Cpl.	Sgt.	Grazier, M.	—	17.1.52	1st Middlesex.
6203405	Cpl.	Sgt.	Cubitt, R.	FE	10.9.60	Depot, Middlesex.
14066481	Cpl.	Sgt.	Potter, J.	—	2.1.52	1st Middlesex.
14802617	Cpl.	Sgt.	Wright, W.	—	1.11.51	1st Middlesex.
14454852	Cpl.	Sgt.	Ellis, D.	FE	31.10.51	1st Middlesex.
5781748	Cpl.	Sgt.	Moyse, J.	—	10.1.55	1st Middlesex.
14066639	Cpl.	Sgt.	Dive, P.	—	29.12.52	1st Middlesex.
14458432	Cpl.	—	Neal, R.	HO	15.11.52	E.R.E., Home.
6198700	Cpl.	—	Hazlewood, F.	—	—	1st Middlesex (Band).
6217749	Cpl.	Sgt.	Hannam, D.	—	—	1st Middlesex (Band).
6021525	Cpl.	—	Salmon, S.	LT	28.1.52	E.R.E., Home.
14460113	Cpl.	Sgt.	Gramlick, G.	—	18.2.52	1st Middlesex.
5215997	Cpl.	—	Morton, W.	—	—	Depot, R.F.
14452790	Cpl.	—	Simpson, D.	FE	25.9.51	Depot, Middlesex.
14471662	Cpl.	—	Weller, D.	FE	5.12.52	E.R.E., H.Q., Hong Kong.
3852333	Cpl.	Sgt.	McGowan, T.	FE	28.4.51	H.Q., Brighton Garrison.
1490109	Cpl.	Sgt.	Carroll, P.	FE	28.10.52	Depot, Middlesex.
6197804	Cpl.	—	Beedle, G.	FE	18.1.54	—
6200376	Cpl.	Sgt.	Palmer, G.	—	21.6.53	1st Middlesex.
6090043	Cpl.	Sgt.	Gould, R.	—	11.11.51	1st Middlesex.
6201812	Cpl.	—	Dickens, R.	—	—	E.R.E., Home.
14466655	Cpl.	—	Holley, E.	BE	20.5.52	E.R.E., Home.
6197742	Cpl.	—	Ellis, A.	—	—	E.R.E., Home.
14487010	Cpl.	Sgt.	Birmingham, E.	—	6.3.51	En route U.K.
14188539	Cpl.	Sgt.	Jessup, L.	—	17.3.53	1st Middlesex.
6201260	Cpl.	Sgt.	Page, B.	FE	29.8.55	E.R.E., East Africa.
6216348	Cpl.	—	Purdon, S.	—	—	—
14453275	Cpl.	—	Brigger, C.	—	20.9.51	1st Middlesex.
10036074	Cpl.	Sgt.	Bowyer, J.	—	18.11.51	1st Middlesex.
10039445	Cpl.	—	Nicholson, A.	—	20.1.52	1st Middlesex.
14411881	Cpl.	Sgt.	Parker, W.	—	22.8.51	1st Middlesex.
21014180	Cpl.	Sgt.	Michel, S.	—	18.11.59	1st Middlesex.
6202142	Cpl.	—	De Veuve, A.	FE	13.2.57	1st R. Sussex.
14457448	Cpl.	—	Whitely, H.	FE	6.12.51	1st Middlesex.
20433595	Cpl.	—	Sayers, H.	—	13.7.50	1st Queen's.
6215553	Cpl.	Sgt.	Walden, C.	—	10.2.50	1st Middlesex.
10136022	Cpl.	Sgt.	Smith, W.	—	15.12.53	1st Middlesex.
10039053	Cpl.	Sgt.	Da Costa, A.	—	10.1.52	1st Middlesex.
6203237	Cpl.	—	Moran, J.	LE	3.9.58	Depot, Middlesex.
10044565	Cpl.	—	Mitchell, C.	FE	1.5.52	1st R.W.K.
6200322	Cpl.	Sgt.	Snell, W.	—	10.3.55	7th Middlesex (T.A.).
4134045	Cpl.	—	Davies, J.	FE	20.12.52	E.R.E., B.A.O.R.
14474106	Cpl.	Sgt.	Ramsdale, N.	—	25.10.52	1st Middlesex.
6203485	Cpl.	—	Mallen, J.	—	—	—
22202349	Cpl.	—	Cord, C.	—	7.3.53	1st Middlesex.
6023739	Cpl.	Sgt.	Steward, E.	—	4.6.50	1st Middlesex.
21014126	Cpl.	—	Mason, H.	—	—	—
11819653	Cpl.	—	Le Fevre, W.	BT	7.12.52	Depot, Middlesex.
22221320	Cpl.	—	Partridge, C.	—	20.7.53	1st Middlesex.
6203011	Cpl.	—	Walker, P.	—	22.8.59	1st Middlesex.
2718503	Cpl.	Sgt.	Simpson, R.	—	11.10.58	1st Middlesex.
2041210	Cpl.	—	Poss, G.	—	2.3.52	Depot, Middlesex.
14795788	Cpl.	—	McCormick, J.	FE	2.4.50	Depot, Queen's.
21014210	Cpl.	Sgt.	Reynolds, S.	—	—	—
22248076	Cpl.	—	Spicer, H.	—	4.10.53	1st Middlesex.
6398671	Cpl.	Sgt.	Butters, F.	FE	1.1.50	E.R.E., FARELF.
2035025	Cpl.	—	Bird, R.	FE	30.10.51	Depot, Middlesex.
6402025	Cpl.	—	Hope, R.	—	10.3.58	1st Middlesex.
22233774	Cpl.	—	Walker, D.	—	26.8.60	1st Middlesex.
37467	Cpl.	—	Browne, W.	FE	30.3.51	E.R.E., Home.
6089806	Cpl.	—	Urburge, T.	—	3.9.51	1st Middlesex.
22211009	Cpl.	—	Bailey, D.	FE	14.4.60	Depot, Middlesex.
22220344	Cpl.	—	Simmons, G.	—	12.5.53	1st Middlesex.
10033337	Cpl.	Sgt.	Smith, C.	—	2.10.51	1st Middlesex.
14104233	Cpl.	—	Armstrong, G.	—	15.7.51	1st Middlesex.
22247081	Cpl.	—	Cheeseman, P.	—	14.9.53	1st Middlesex.
10133915	Cpl.	—	Cripps, G.	—	27.7.52	1st Middlesex.
6201236	Cpl.	—	Marable, J.	FE	10.6.53	Depot, Middlesex.
22248009	Cpl.	—	O'Grady, F.	FE	20.10.53	1st Queen's.
14406536	Cpl.	—	Harmer, —	—	10.6.52	1st Middlesex.

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10032802	Cpl.	—	Cooper, P.	—	—	1st Middlesex.
10030472	Cpl.	—	Foster, H.	—	9.9.51	1st Middlesex.
14467922	Cpl.	—	Taylor, R.	FE	8.7.52	1st E. Surreys.
6200999	Cpl.	Sgt.	Adams, E.	FE	16.5.55	1st Buffs.
14467216	Cpl.	—	Leat, J.	—	6.6.52	1st Middlesex.
6217110	Cpl.	—	Cook, R.	—	—	—
22306470	Cpl.	Sgt.	Clay, H.	FE	4.1.55	E.R.E. Bermuda.
10033309	Cpl.	—	Main, D.	—	29.9.51	1st Middlesex.
6342543	Cpl.	—	Gurr, S.	—	3.1.55	1st Middlesex.
22230447	Cpl.	—	Claydon, A.	—	9.6.53	1st Middlesex.
22276203	Cpl.	—	Clements, R.	—	3.5.54	1st Middlesex.
22202514	Cpl.	—	Gover, C.	—	4.3.53	1st Middlesex.

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Bandmaster	W.O.I	—	Jackson, F.	—	—	1st Middlesex.
5382114	Band Sergeant	—	—	—	—	—
4122234	Sgt.	C/Sgt.	Street, J.	—	—	1st Middlesex.
Drum Major	C/Sgt.	—	Holdford, C.	—	—	1st Middlesex.
4199886	Orderly Room Sergeant	—	Waldron, A.	FE	28.5.55	1st Middlesex.
6201203	W.O.II	—	—	—	—	—

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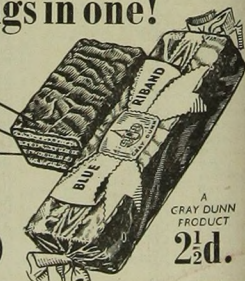
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