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Christmas and all Good Luck in the New Year 1956

EDITORIAL

In this year that marks the Bicentenary of the raising of the 57th Foot, the deepest root in our Regimental History, it is perhaps understandable that we should reflect awhile on the long and distinguished role it has played in the history of our land. We might wonder even how much of its earlier history and that of the 77th Foot is known.

Some of their achievements and many of the events of the past are recorded in our histories, commemorated in trophies captured on the field of battle or in pieces of plate, and in some these are testified to in the archives of the imposing, constantly increasing collection that forms the Regimental Museum at the Depot, the home of the Regiment.

Would there were more records from the past, but two centuries ago and later even few practised the art of writing or could execute the elaborate flourishes that characterised the use of the quill-pen.

As time progressed, however, more enlightened generations learned to use the pen, until finally there were few unable, if required, to contribute in some modest degree to the literature of their time. Many such for a considerable period have written for this Journal. Not often in these pages will you find the polished phrases of the professional writer, but you will read the ably compiled contributions of many members of the Regiment, of varying ranks, age, service and experience; some writing as a labour-of-love, some as a duty, a few perhaps under a measure of compulsion, but still fulfilling the important task of producing a Regimental Journal that can bear comparison with any other, and with which those closely connected with its management can be justly proud.

Because it is thought that by so doing even better results can be obtained, a Journal Committee, headed by the Officer Commanding the Depot, has been formed.

So writers, please, whether you be writing from the tropics or a more temperate climate, in a company office, a pensioner's cottage or a country house, give us of your best, remembering always that you and, in the past, others like yourselves have made this Journal what it is today, and that you alone can maintain it.

This is no overstatement, neither are we insincere when we thank our sub-editors and contributors for their splendid work which goes far beyond the present—for posterity will read them with the same interest with which we recall Col. Arabin and the early days of the Regiment, 200 years ago.

G. W. K.

B.E.M. FOR AUSTRIAN

VIENNA (Sept. 21).

The British embassy announced here today that the Queen has awarded the British Empire Medal to Herr Franz Ornezeder, of Mattighofen, Upper Austria, in recognition of his distinguished services in saving the lives of a number of British soldiers in the fire at Mattighofen on March 11 of this year.

The Austrian authorities have given their concurrence to the award and arrangements are being made for its presentation to Herr Ornezeder by the British Ambassador here, Sir Geoffrey Wallinger.

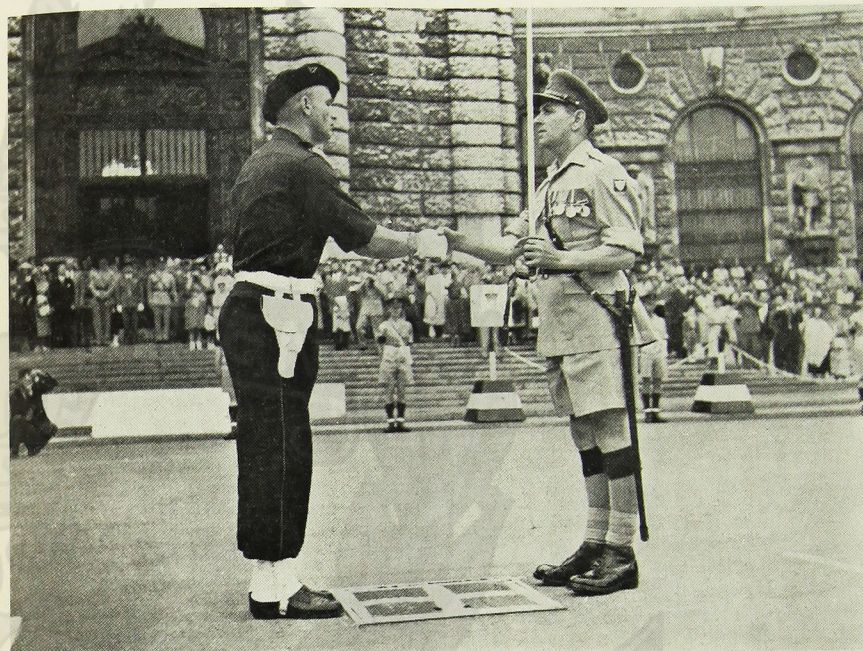
The fire broke out in a storage barn in the centre of the village in which a number of British soldiers were resting and eating during joint manoeuvres with the United States forces in Austria.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Golf. Spring Meeting—Hendon Golf Club, Thursday, May 3, 1956. Autumn Meeting—North Hants Golf Club, Fleet, Saturday-Sunday, September 22-23, 1956.

Cricket Week. Saturday, June 16, to Wednesday, June 20, 1956.

Officers' Club Dinner. United Service Club, Friday, June 29, 1956.



THE FINAL GUARD CHANGE, JULY 1, 1955
Major T. W. Chattey hands over the International Guard in front of the Hoffburg.

1st Battalion Notes

By the time that these are read in the Journal, the Battalion will have been in Cyprus for over a month and may well have been employed in aid of the civil power. Unfortunately, the printers' dates are like the laws of the Medes and Persians, and details of that island must await the next issue of the Journal.

Although it is a platitude to say that with our departure from Austria a chapter of our history has closed, nevertheless it is true, and it is a chapter that is unlikely to be repeated. Our occupation of Austria has been unique, even though it was the fourth time that the Battalion had been used in such a role. It was unique firstly, for the relations established with the local population; secondly, for the opportunities of training and sport; and thirdly for the pageantry involved. And it is probably for this last that the Battalion will be most remembered in Austria. Pageantry is not without meaning; properly used it is a symbol, an outward and visible form of something inward and intangible, and the Austrians were quick to interpret

and appreciate the meaning of the last ceremonies in which the Battalion was involved.

The last few months were mainly taken up with ceremonies and with the preparation for them. There was the final guard change, the ceremony connected with the ratification of the Austrian Treaty and the evening receptions given by the G.O.C.-in-C.

THE FINAL GUARD CHANGE

On July 1 the International Guard duties in Vienna were handed over to the French. Since this was to be the final guard change, the guard was selected from the whole Battalion and hammered into shape by the R.S.M. This did not meet with universal approval but it was more than successful, for the G.O.C.-in-C. wrote after the event that the guard produced "was excellent, and the drill and procedure adopted could not have been bettered. It was a credit not only to your Battalion but to the British Army generally."

The guard was commanded by Major T. W. Chattey



THE FINAL GUARD CHANGE, JULY 1, 1955

The guard marches past in slow time.

and Capt. M. F. Leonard was commander of the left division. The Queen's Colour was carried by Lt. A. E. McManus and the Regimental Colour by 2/Lt. I. M. E. Lloyd.

The guard wore khaki drill jackets and shorts, white belts, bayonet frogs and rifle slings, maroon hose tops and white tapes to the puttees. This dress, as will be seen from the photographs, was most effective. The Band and Corps of Drums wore No. 3 dress jackets and No. 1 dress trousers.

RATIFICATION OF THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

On July 27 the Austrian Treaty, which at the beginning of May had looked as far off as ever, was ratified and came into force. In the morning the Allied Control Council met for the last time and dissolved itself. To mark the occasion there was a parade on the Stalinplatz, during which the flags of the occupying powers on the Allied Council Building were lowered.

Although the French were nominally responsible, the R.S.M. organised the parade. Not even the Russians were permitted to form up on the wrong alignment, and it was interesting to note that they had no equivalent to "Four paces—Right close—March."

Each occupying power provided a band and a detachment of 30 rank and file. The British detachment was provided by the Battalion and commanded by Capt. H. J. Evans. There was much fear lest his voice would vanish, but the broadcast revealed that throughout it was "loud and clear"—"strength 5" for those whose signalling ended with the war.

In the afternoon the Chancellor of the Austrian Republic, Herr Raab, visited the Schonbrunn Barracks. A guard of honour, with the Regimental Colour, was provided by the Battalion. Capt. H. J. Evans was in command and Lt. D. E. Lobb carried the Colour. The British Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Wallinger, K.C.M.G., was received with a Royal Salute and Lt. Lobb reminded us just how stirring a movement it is when the Colour is dipped in salute.

EVENING RECEPTIONS

The G.O.C.-in-C. gave farewell evening receptions at the four main centres garrisoned by British troops—Graz, Zeltweg, Klagenfurt and Vienna—and with each the Battalion was concerned. At Graz and Klagenfurt the Colours and some of the silver were displayed, whilst in addition the Band and Corps of Drums played.



Guard of honour being inspected by the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Raab, who is accompanied by the G.O.C.-in-C., B.T.A., Maj.-Gen. R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O.

At the Vienna reception, which was held on September 1, only the Band was involved.

The reception at Zeltweg was held on August 23. Just over a hundred guests attended and were received by the G.O.C.-in-C. and Mrs. Urquhart in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess. The decoration of the Mess which had been in the hands of Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Barker could not have been bettered. The display of silver at the end of the room beneath the Colours and flanked on either side by two sentries in full dress made a most effective setting.

At 10 p.m. the buffet was opened. This had been prepared by Sgt. Medlock, Cpl. Burdett and the other cooks of the Battalion, and was a sight for sore eyes. A small pig was much admired but not eaten, to the chagrin of several wives who felt that they had been cheated of their due.

After the buffet a tattoo was presented in front of Battalion H.Q. It opened with a fanfare, which was the signal for lights to reveal, standing on the balcony, a soldier in full dress holding the Union Jack and a gendarme with the Austrian flag.

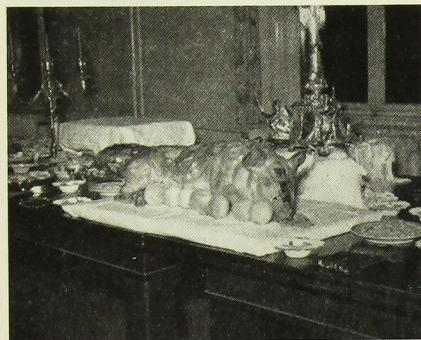
The Band and Corps of Drums then marched into the arena. They played a number of pieces, concluding with Drum-Major Holford's *Drum Fantasy*. Then followed a *tir de prises d'armes*. To the tune of *Kaiser jager* two detachments, each of 40 other ranks (provided by "A" and "S" Companies and commanded by the R.S.M.), marched on from opposite directions, halted,

faced their front and dressed—together and without word of command. Five tunes were then played: *Rule Britannia*, *St. Patrick's Day*, *Men of Harlech* and *Auld Lang Syne*, representing the four countries of the United Kingdom, and the *Radetzky March* representing Austria—after each of which a volley was fired in salute.

This was followed by *Nightfall in Camp* (*Evening Hymn and Last Post*), the Styrian Hymn and the British National Anthem. After the R.S.M. had received permission from the G.O.C.-in-C. to march off, the lights were switched off. As the Band and Corps of Drums began to move off, the lights went on again to reveal the gendarme standing alone. At this symbolic representation of Austria, free and alone, several of the audience unashamedly wept. As the Band reached the end of the Battalion H.Q. building, a model of the Gloriette, a triumphal arch in Vienna, on top of the Control Tower was illuminated and, on the flagmast behind, the Austrian flag was hoisted. The Gloriette, which seemed to hang in the sky, had been designed by 2/Lt. V. G. Brown and constructed by L/Cpl. Usher.

DEPARTURE FROM ZELTWEG

On August 31 a company of Gendarmes arrived. There was no room in the barracks and so they occupied Hangar II and soon made themselves at home there. The company was commanded by Major Kagara, who, on being complimented on his excellent English, explained that he had learnt it at our expense. He had



G.O.C.-IN-C'S RECEPTION
The sideboard.

been made a prisoner at the battle of El Alamein.

Their company was to take over the camp when the main body left. In Austria, possession is rather more than nine points of the law and the Austrian authorities were worried lest squatters should occupy the barracks and the quarters. There were also rumours of Communist demonstrations—these did not materialise.

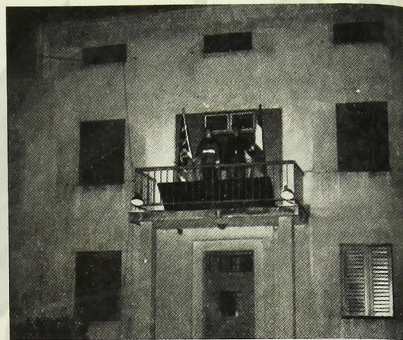
The morning of September 2 broke fine and warm. At 1045 hrs. there was already a big crowd assembled to watch the final ceremonies. At that hour the parade formed up. Outside the barrier was drawn up the Gendarmerie band and the Company in two ranks, behind were jeeps, each mounting a machine-gun. At the barrier a reading desk had been provided. Inside the barrier, the British guard, found by "B" Company and commanded by Sgt. Callaghan, and the Austrian guard were lined up facing two flagmasts. On one the Union Jack was flying; the other was empty.

Promptly at 1100 hrs. the *Landesampts president* arrived and to the strains of the Austrian National Hymn he inspected the troops. He then addressed the parade. In the course of his speech he said that this was a happy day for Austria because the withdrawal of the last British fighting unit symbolised the end of the British occupation. No one liked being occupied, but he wanted the British to know that their courtesy and sympathy had made the occupation as pleasant as possible. He welcomed the new Austrian army to Zeltweg airfield, and finally, he congratulated the Battalion on its fine record in Austria and wished it good fortune in the future.

The parade presented arms, the Austrian National Hymn was played and the Austrian flag, was hoisted to fly alongside the Union Jack.

The guard of Zeltweg camp was handed over. The British National Anthem was played and for the last time a British guard marched away from the Guard Room.

The *Landesampts president* was then led to the saluting base outside Battalion H.Q. The Gendarmerie Company then proudly marched past, followed by their



ZELTWEG TATTOO
Opening scene.

transport. After the march past the officers of the Battalion and a number of distinguished Austrians were entertained by the *Landesampts president* in the Officers' Mess garden.

The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant were entertained to luncheon by the Burgomeister of Judenburg. In the speeches afterwards it was made clear that the Battalion had been popular in the district. The local deputy, who also attended the luncheon, hoped that the new Austrian Army would model itself on the British and would adopt their principles of chivalry and discipline which had moulded and still guided the British Army.

JOURNEY HOME

The main body of the Battalion left in two special trains. The first, containing "S," "A" and half "B" Companies, went via St. Michael. The second, with the rest of the Battalion (less "D" Company and the rear party), went via Klagenfurt. The G.O.C.-in-C. was there to see us off, and so was the television cameraman.

The trains arrived in Zeltweg sidings just over an hour late. Entrainment was accomplished smoothly though the Band and the Orderly Room staff had hard benches in their coach. The trains left the sidings not more than half an hour late. At Zeltweg station the Werks band was in attendance—the members had more than they bargained for, because the second train was delayed in the station for three-quarters of an hour and made two false starts before it finally left. However, this allowed time for a bouquet to be presented to the Bandmaster for Bds. Ingram and Torrie to receive liquid and other refreshments from their admirers on the platform.

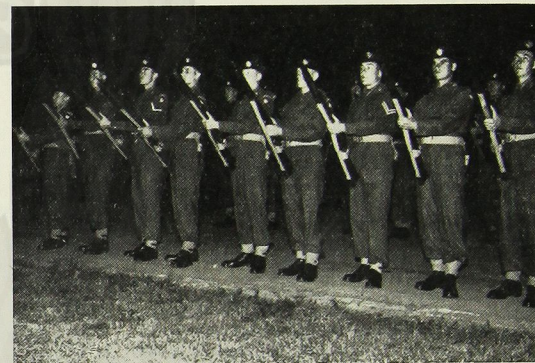
Both trains arrived at the Hook of Holland over two hours late. A good deal of trouble was then caused by the fact that everyone had to carry their own baggage on to the ship. The embarkation staff said that this was requested by the Customs at Harwich; the Customs at Harwich denied this. The arrangements at both



G.O.C.-IN-C'S RECEPTION

Herr von Thalheimer, H.E. the British Ambassador, Princess Sikolsky, Gen. Urquhart and the C.O.

ZELTWEG TATTOO
Standing load.



G.O.C.-IN-C'S RECEPTION
The Colours.

ports left a great deal to be desired and did not appear to be designed for the convenience of those travelling.

At Harwich the Battalion was met by Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., representing the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. P. M. Allen, M.C., A.Q.M.G. Eastern Command, Major A. R. Waller, M.C., and the Depot staff, and Col. Cresswell Rooke, D.S.O. After what seemed interminable delay the Battalion got through the Customs and proceeded to Colchester. Our home there was Meeanee Barracks—an old acquaintance of the Regiment. It is scheduled for pulling down on our departure, and the Battalion will no doubt shed a crocodile's tear.

Somehow the Press got hold of a rumour that the late arrival of the Battalion was due to mislaying its Colours. Fortunately this was scotched before printing time.

DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA

On August 3, "D" Company was reconstituted as a rifle company to carry out Vienna duties, and on August 15, under the command of Major G. C. Dawson, it took over from "A" Company.

On September 17, in a simple but impressive ceremony, the Quarter Guard at Schonbrunn Barracks was handed over to a Company of the Gendarmerie Battalion stationed at Linz. As was customary in Vienna, a short programme of music, played by the Gendarmerie Band, preceded the ceremony.

Promptly at 11 o'clock "D" Company marched on to the parade ground, followed at a short interval by the Gendarmerie. The two Companies drew up, facing each other. After compliments had been paid, the two Company commanders, Major G. C. Dawson and Reitmeister Geldern, shook hands and agreed to the hand-over.

The Union Jack, which had flown over the barracks for ten years, was then lowered for the last time. The Austrian Quarter Guard took over the gate and sentry duties from the "D" Company Guard, which then rejoined the Company on the parade ground.

The Austrian flag was then hoisted over the barracks and the ceremony concluded by the two Companies marching past the British Garrison Commander, Brigadier E. A. Howard, and the Austrian Minister of Defence, General Liebitzky.

Afterwards "D" Company entertained the Gendarmerie Company in the NAAFI and the Sergeants' Mess. A reception was also held in the Officers' Mess at which the Gendarmerie Battalion commander, Major Birsac, presented Brigadier Howard with a regimental pennant.

"D" Company finally left Vienna on September 19 and arrived in England two days later.

TRAINING

In spite of the fact that the Adjutant had *practically* the whole Battalion *practically* all the time preparing for some ceremonial parade or other, it was surprising how much training was done during the last few months in Austria.

N.C.O.s' cadres continued as usual and in August a useful Sergeants' cadre was also run. At the moment the Battalion has a slightly higher proportion of N.C.O.s

than the other Battalions in the Home Counties Brigade, but this is only achieved by putting N.C.O. training as the first priority.

All Companies have been practising aid to the Civil Power—wild and wild shrieks have emanated from all parts of the campas crowds demonstrated and were dispersed. During a two-day study period on this subject "C" Company gave an excellent demonstration of a mob and how to deal with it. A realistic and repulsive beggar turned out to be L/Cpl. Mundy.

Cross-country marches have continued to be the order of the day and most platoons carried out 36-hour and longer exercises.

The Command Rifle Meeting, which was organised on a minor unit basis and in which Companies competed as minor units, was held in July. The standard of shooting was low. This may have been due to the fact that there had not been an opportunity of holding a Battalion meeting beforehand. The Battalion successes were:

B.T.A. Championship	..	..	"H.Q." Company
Young Soldiers' Rifle and L.M.G.	..	..	"A" Company
L.M.G.	..	..	"B" Company
Individual Rifle Champion	..	..	Sgt. Harris
Individual Sten Champion	..	..	Sgt. Harris
Inter-unit Falling Plate	..	..	"A" Company

VISITORS

In June the Battalion was visited by Air-Commodore Bowen, M.B.E., who is the European representative of the Forces Savings Association. He found that "C" Company had a Forces record in that 75 per cent. of the Company was saving, and that the Battalion as a whole had a higher percentage of savers than any other unit which he had visited.

The Inspector of Physical Training, Brigadier F. P. Barday, D.S.O., M.C., passed through in the course of a holiday in Austria and stayed the night.

In July the Battalion was honoured by a visit from the Chaplain-General, Rev. V. J. Pike, C.B., C.B.E., D.D. He preached at an evening service in the Cinema, which was attended by over 400 members of the Battalion. Afterwards he visited the Sergeants' Mess and later dined with the officers, where it was rumoured that the 2IC led him into heresy! The following morning he addressed all officers on leadership, stressing the need for sincerity, the immense opportunities in the Army, and the fact that the only *real* leadership was *Christian* leadership.

OTHER JOTTINGS

We have had to say farewell to a number of tried and familiar friends. Lt.-Col. Clayton has gone with our best wishes to command the Hong Kong Regiment. The Battalion will never be quite the same without "O.C. B. and Mrs. C." And then Major P. D. H. Marshall, who has had the rotten misfortune to fall into the hands of the doctors only a month or two after joining. Capt. R. M. Cain has left to become I.O. of our Brigade in Cyprus—25th Lorried Infantry. Capt. W. M. M. Deacock has rejoined the parachutists. His cryptic and *unstamped* postcards are always welcome. Lt. J. S. B. Pollard has joined the Depot and Lt. W. G. A.

Crumley has become Signals Officer in his place. We congratulate him on gaining an almost outstanding report at Hythe.

When we reach Cyprus we shall have said farewell to Major G. C. Dawson who goes as a Company Commander to Mons Officer Cadet School, Capt. M. F. Leonard for the Malayan Forces, Capt. C. H. Mievile, M.C., for the Hong Kong Regiment, and the following for civilian ease and contentment: 2/Lts. Norsworthy, Andjel, Highton and Haydon.

Two others whom we shall miss greatly are C/Sgt. Dive, who leaves for the 7th Middlesex, and Sgt. Harris, our Armourer, who leaves to become a chicken farmer and part-time gunsmith. Their cheerful efficiency is going to be greatly missed. Sgt. Harris has almost grown up with the Battalion, for he has been with us for nearly seven years. We are also losing one of the most promising of our younger N.C.O.s, Cpl. Cromack, to the Infantry Boys' Battalion, but fortunately this is only a temporary loss.

Others will join. Before leaving England, Major Nolda, Capt. Marciandi, C/Sgt. Shrubbs, M.M., and Sgt. Field, well known for his grasp of Korean, and a number of subalterns will have been welcomed. Major Doyle will be awaiting our arrival (though owing to the troubles he is being held on the staff for a further three months), and others are due to join us in the New Year.

The news of the award of the M.S.M. to Lt. R. J. Tarrant has been received with the greatest pleasure. He is in the great tradition of Major Newman and Mr. Tostevin, and we wish him continued success.

Another welcome piece of news was the grant of a regular Q.M.'s commission to Lt. A. E. F. Waldron.

Of Cyprus there is little to write. Capt. H. J. Evans has been out there since the middle of August, acting as house agent, and very well has he performed that task. As a result 28 families have been able to accompany their husbands. The advance party, after two false starts, flew on October 5. Its safe arrival was heralded in the Press and on the B.B.C.

"A" COMPANY

The first thought on receiving our Journal is, "Is our name in it?" We have therefore done our best to please. Those whose names are not mentioned must now excel themselves before next January.

We said good-bye to Major R. K. B. Allott, M.C., who was replaced by Major P. D. H. Marshall, from the Depot, as Company Commander. Half-way through our stay in Vienna, however, Major Marshall was unfortunately compelled to leave us for a spell in the British Military Hospital, Klagenfurt, and the duties of Company Commander were taken over by Capt. P. G. V. Bellers. Other departures included Sgt. Warner, who has gone to the Depot, Cpls. Steadman and Friggins to civilian life and L/Cpls. Howling and Humphrey to pre-release courses. In addition we are about to lose Cpl. Makins and L/Cpl. Savery, who are to become training N.C.O.s at the Depot.

Capt. Bellers, now commanding the Company, arrived in June, closely followed by 2/Lts. K. C. Hayward and D. A. Prettyman. Since our last issue we

have "welcomed" two new drafts—one in Vienna, one in Colchester.

We must congratulate Cpl. James and L/Cpl. Goad on their excellent cadre results.

On July 15, we left Zeltweg with tears in our eyes—kindly manufactured for us by Capt. Bellers—and proceeded to Vienna for the last time.

The next five weeks proved to be happy and eventful ones. The climax of the stay was the International Handover—watched by many thousands—though doubtless some will argue that events in the NAAFI, Sergeants' and Officers' Messes after a rehearsal of the parade held at Schonbrunn remained unequalled. It was on this occasion that the Russians proved that they were quite as capable—probably more so—of enjoying a party as we ourselves were.

On the same day as the parade we were visited by the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Raab, Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Wallinger, and Gen. Urquhart, who inspected our lines. The Company provided most of an excellent guard of honour for them.

Internal Security has been well to the fore in our training programme. We did, however, find plenty of time to practise for the B.T.A. Shoot, and acquitted ourselves very well, winning the "Falling Plate" competition, and the "Young Soldiers" Cup.

In addition to this, there have been the seemingly endless hours on the square, rehearsing for the ceremonial parades. The hours were well spent, as was proved by the Company's performance in the Floodlit Tattoo, which took place at Zeltweg at the end of August.

The Company has kept its head well above water in the sporting world. At the B.T.A. Athletics Championships, L/Cpl. Mimms was first in the 400 metres, and L/Cpl. Savery second in the 800 metres.

In the inter-Company Cricket competition, despite lack of practice, we won three of our matches, beating "D" Company, "C" Company and "H.Q." Company, and losing to "B" and "S" Companies. L/Cpl. Munds and Pte. McCoubrie must be congratulated on their performances.

In Vienna we beat a Royal Signals team in a competition which included soccer, hockey, basket ball and .22 shooting. But once again we were beaten by our old rival, the R.M.P., 2—1 in a friendly soccer match.

Our congratulations go to Cpl. Hersant, Ptes. Ridpath, Cunningham and Philpott on their marriages, and to Pte. Gale, who became the proud father of a son.

We left Austria on September 2, amidst much cheering from the Zeltwegians, and arrived at Harwich two days later. We all went through the customs—some more successfully than others—and proceeded to our temporary home at Colchester.

All that remains now are our memories of Austria and our thoughts of Cyprus.

"B" COMPANY

In June, the Company visited Warmbad to fire the annual range course. We went by train, which involved a long and tedious journey. At Klagenfurt, Major Clayton signed for a train consisting of one engine and two coaches and although he tried hard on arrival at Warmbad to get someone to take them back he was



THE FINAL CEREMONY IN VIENNA
Marching on to the parade.



THE FINAL CEREMONY IN VIENNA
The detachments on parade.

unsuccessful and still has them on his charge.

The weather was excellent but unfortunately the brilliant sun did not give good shooting light and accurate firing after midday was almost impossible owing to heat haze. In consequence, we commenced firing at an early hour. Cpl. Tarry (who has recently gone to the Depot as an instructor) was the best all-round shot and was the first person to be awarded the "Thom" trophy. Apart from shooting, the Company used the excellent local swimming baths in the afternoon. This pool is fed from Warm Springs and it was most pleasant to swim there after a hot day on the range. Pte. O'Rawe found it so attractive that he even did without meals in order not to waste a moment's sun-bathing.

At the end of our stay, we marched the majority of the way back to Zeltweg. We went by train to St. Veit, and then on foot via Bad St. Leonard, Richenfels, Obdach and Weiss Kirchen. The weather was excellent most of the time and everybody enjoyed the march. We were four days on the move and each evening were well fed and housed thanks to the efforts of C/Sgt. Moyse. The Colonel marched with us during the whole of one day but was unfortunate to choose the only time when it rained very heavily.

Shortly after our return from Warmbad we sent the Company Shooting team back again to compete in the B.T.A. Rifle Meeting. They shot quite well and we came fourth in the meeting. Sgt. Steward and Cpl. Tarry won the L.M.G. Team Cup in spite of the fact that within a few yards of the start of the "run down" they both fell flat on their faces. No more need be said about that. L/Cpl. Stuttaford and Pte. Mynors shot well in the L.M.G. pairs competition and had the highest score. Unfortunately we were not successful in this event.

In August, Major Clayton was appointed to command the Hong Kong Regiment. He had commanded the Company for a long time and everyone was sorry to learn that he was going although it was a great honour for him to have been selected for this job. Thanks to contributions from all members of the Company we were able to present him with two splendid engraved silver cigarette ash trays as a memento of his stay with the Company. We held a small farewell party in the NAAFI and the presentation was made whilst it was in progress. Capt. Carter then took over command from Major Clayton.

At this time we started our preparations for the return to England and thence to Cyprus. The Company Stores reverberated with the sounds of hammering and sawing as C/Sgt. Moyse crated up his G.1098. He and his staff (Cpl. Aylward, Ptes. Snell, Warcken, Greenland and Priest) have worked very hard to get us away.

Before leaving Zeltweg camp there was a final handing over ceremony. The Company provided the guard (commanded by Sgt. Callaghan), which changed with a guard of Austrian Gendarmier. The ceremony is written up more fully elsewhere.

We had an uneventful trip back to Colchester and a very smooth crossing.

Since our return everyone who is going to Cyprus has been on embarkation leave and the Company has now re-formed ready for the move.

Major Nolda, our new Company Commander, has just taken over the Company and we look forward to serving under him.

We were sorry to learn that Cpl. Westfall developed polio whilst on leave. However, he is now on the road to recovery and we hope to see him back in the Company soon. A number of our oldest members have recently left us on release. 2/Lt. Highton, Cpls. Conway, Dixon, King, Donnelly and Newland, Ptes. Aylward, Whitbread, Mynors, Tuffnell, Bell, Green, Impey, Gwen, Parnell, Sewell, Smith, Thatcher, Warcken and Pick. We shall miss them in the Company for they were all good soldiers.

We are now looking forward to our tour in Cyprus. It should be most interesting!

"C" COMPANY

The period we are now writing about is divided into two parts. That is, firstly, the closing stages of our stay in Austria and, secondly, our brief stay in Colchester.

As our departure from Austria drew nearer, most of us realised that we would miss some of Austria's advantages when we reached Cyprus. Even the most unresponsive of us began to appreciate the beauty of the mountains and friendliness of the majority of the Austrians. We took every opportunity to get out into the mountains and, although the labour involved was often exhausting, the training was of a very pleasant nature and we all learnt a good deal about looking after ourselves in the field.

The final packing and the journey back to Colchester was a very busy period and Sgt. Simmons, as acting C.Q.M.S., lost a good deal of sleep. Apart from the minor and inevitable exasperations, the Company arrived at Colchester in excellent spirits. 2/Lt. Andjel and C/Sgt. Wright had made the best of the limited amenities offered by Meeanee Barracks, and we settled down quickly.

The six weeks in Colchester have been extremely active for all those concerned with "Q" matters. C/Sgt. Wright, particularly, has had plenty of problems to solve. However, the majority of us were interested only in the plans for leave. As these notes go to press we are engaged in the final stages of packing for Cyprus. Leave is finished and we are concerned only with the move and our new role.

Sport

Unfortunately, this season's cricket for the Company has not been as successful as we had hoped. In Vienna the team began their matches quite well by winning two and losing one in the Garrison League. But the Albuhera League was a different story. The nearest we came to success was in the match with Support Company, which we all thought was a draw—until the scorers checked their books. We were greatly handicapped by the loss of two good players, Ptes. Hannibal and Holmes, who joined "D" Company and played against us for the rest of the season. 2/Lt. V. G. Brown captained the side, and 2/Lt. Talbot never failed to be the source of much amusement on the field.

Our other sporting activities can be summed up very briefly. We were well represented at the B.T.A. Rifle Meeting in July. Cpl. Harper, Cpl. Watson and Pte. Hughes (209) took part in the B.T.A. Athletics Championships, the latter running a fine 800 metres; and 2/Lt. Andjel and Pte. Hannibal played tennis for the Company. We hope that in the coming season our luck will change and the trophies will be inscribed, once again, with the letter "C" as they have been so often in the past.

Personalities

It is impossible to avoid a long list of arrivals and departures. The faces are forever changing and never more quickly than in the last two unsettled months in Austria. In the past three months we have seen three different 2/Cs, Cpts. Turner, Leonard and Mieville and, as the last of these leaves us with the best wishes for Hong Kong, we welcome Capt. B. H. Marciandi from the Depot and hope he will be as happy as the others, but give us more time to get to know him. 2/Lts. J. M. A. Talbot and R. Andjel go respectively to Cambridge and Oxford after many months with the Company and their places have been taken by 2/Lts. J. N. A. Syers and M. R. Tubbs. 2/Lt. H. E. Couch, who joined the Battalion on its return from Austria, has been attached to the Company until he joins "D" Company in Cyprus.

Sgt. J. C. Martin, M.M., who distinguished himself in Malaya by winning the Military Medal with The Royal West Kent Regiment, has left Kent and crossed the Thames. He now puts fear in the hearts of 9 Platoon. Several corporals have left us: Cpl. Meekins for home and Cpls. Hardcastle, Whitbread and Eales to bide their time in the Regimental Police or at the Depot. Cpl. Adams has gone "Red" and is spending his last few months speaking Russian in Berlin. Several members of the Company have gone to other companies or are finishing their service in England and have been replaced by new drafts, whom we welcome.

"D" COMPANY

In August the old "D" Company, which had grown by stages until at times it was the strongest company, numerically, in the Battalion, was disbanded, and a new company, for duty in Vienna, was formed. From being responsible for many of the employments and much of the accommodation of Zeltweg, "D" Company became again a rifle company, and was to be the last body of British Infantry in Austria.

About half of the Company were those who, because of termination or impending postings from the Battalion, were not due to go to Cyprus. At first it was thought that we would spend some three months in Vienna but, in the event, we were to remain only three weeks after the Battalion left Austria. However, we were faced with the problem of completing the run-down of Vienna Garrison in that time. Most people who were with the Company during those busy weeks are now highly experienced furniture removers and incendiaryists; the latter after many tons of secret "waste" had been destroyed by fire.

Each day the Company paraded for drill, and, due largely to C.S.M. Thorogood's efforts, a collection of individuals became a well-drilled body of men, able, at the end of our stay, to give a good account of themselves at the final handing-over ceremony.

On September 19 the Company rose early to begin its journey to England. Before we left we paraded for the last time for a farewell address by His Excellency The Ambassador, and a few parting words from Brig. E. A. Howard, Commander, Vienna Garrison. No doubt, in time, many will come to realise just how good a station Vienna was and will recall His Excellency's words with not a little nostalgia.

On arrival at Harwich, "D" Company's brief existence came to an end. The Company divided itself into those for Mill Hill and Cyprus, and those for Colchester and civilian life. Those who are not remaining with the Battalion send their best wishes to the new "D" Company for a successful tour of duty in Cyprus.

SUPPORT COMPANY

Much of the time since our notes for the last edition of *The Die-Hards* were prepared seems to have been taken up with moving from Austria and in preparing for the move to Cyprus.

However, during the weeks immediately preceding our departure from Austria we achieved much. Every man in the Company carried out at least one month's concentrated specialist training, and in addition we tramped regularly over the mountains in the Zeltweg locality. These marches were great successes, and although at the time they were extremely wearying and arduous, in retrospect they bring a sense of achievement which does not necessarily follow the more routine and humdrum route marches.

The Company found its quota of men for ceremonial duties in Vienna, both for the final guard change and for the guard of honour for Herr Raab, the Austrian Chancellor. In addition, half of the guard for the searchlight tattoo which was put on for the G.O.C.-in-C.'s farewell reception at Zeltweg was found by the Company. This was a great success, and although the keener critics from the rifle companies, who were not privileged to take part, claim that the night cloaked many faults, we are confident that our drill and turnout on this occasion would have stood up equally to inspection under the full light of day.

In the world of sport, we are glad to be able to say that we have won the cricket competition again this year, although this is a success which we have to share with "H.Q." Company. Our team was strengthened by the presence of Lt. Woollocombe, who arrived most opportunely in time for the competition.

We have undergone many changes among members of the Company during this period. Capt. Mieville handed over the Company to Major Hutchings, who is himself leaving for another staff appointment when the Battalion moves to Cyprus. Lt. Woollocombe now commands the Anti-Tank Platoon. We have said good-bye to Ptes. Clayton, Cookson, Shearing, Blinko, Carey, Strickland, Hayward, Swainson, Mackie, Ward, Chipp and Shepherd, Cfmn. Barnes, Cpls. Woolley and Evans,

Ptes. McGregor, Sparkes, Kent, Harrison, Beck, Miles, Castle, Parry, Amer, Tapmer and Lakin, L/Cpls. Griffin-Smith and Smith, Cpls. Edwards and Ball, and Ptes. Bass and Blackwell. In addition, we were very sorry to part with C/Sgt. Burgess to "H.Q." Company, but were glad to welcome back C/Sgt. Dive in his place. He again is not coming to Cyprus with us, as he is joining the permanent staff of the 7th Battalion, but we are glad to see that C/Sgt. Shrubbs has rejoined us after a long absence from the Battalion.

In addition, we welcome Ptes. Karaolis, Ayto, Bunton, Thomas, Wooldridge, Hoy, Mulquin, Seabridge, Carey, Strickland, Boxer, Lipton, Phipps, Powell, Rose, Ling, Cluderay, Glover and Harte, and Cfmn. Smith.

We congratulate the following on their promotions: To Sergeant—Cpls. Rock, Taylor, Green and Biggs; to Corporal—L/Cpls. Peters, Edwards, Harris and Wadmore; to Lance-Corporal—Ptes. Plumb, Smith, Greenland and Denning.

In conclusion, we may say that although we are sorry to be leaving England so soon, we are looking forward to the activity which Cyprus promises.

Mortar Platoon

The Platoon did not seem to have suffered from its trek over the Zirbitzkogel in a blizzard, and started eagerly on its first live firing at Schmelz the next day. The week's training there was of great value with preparation and firing both in sunshine and snowstorms. The Platoon also gave a demonstration of firing to the M.M.G. Platoon, who afterwards fired the mortars themselves.

To round off this comparatively long period away from Zeltweg we marched back to camp from Schmelz with the Mortars, by what Sgt. Gibbs described as a "short route"! By the time we reached camp in the evening, two hours after the remainder of the Company, the shortness of the route was open to some severe criticism by many members of the Platoon, including the Platoon Commander, wilting visibly under the weight of a bipod.

A very instructive and pleasant week was spent by six of the Platoon in June at Schwabenberl Hütte in the Hochschwabegebiet, under the expert guidance of Walter, our Austrian mountain guide. We tackled the fundamentals of rock climbing as well as walking over miles of some of the most beautiful scenery in Austria. One accomplishment was the climbing of the Hochswab itself (2,200 m.) in bad weather, where we spent the night in a mountain hut. Other members of the Platoon also benefited from Walter's tuition on successive weeks.

The remainder of our stay in Austria was spent in packing stores and preparing to move back to England. However, we did manage to spend two more days walking over hills before regretfully leaving them all behind for ever.

The Platoon have now had leave in England and are ready for whatever may be in store for them in Cyprus. Ptes. Bass, Blackwell, Giles, Bradley, Cox and Shepard have left and we wish them the best of luck in civilian life. We welcome new members of the Platoon who

take their places, and hope they will enjoy their times with us.

M.M.G. Platoon

In early June the Platoon spent a fortnight with the remainder of the Company at Schmelz, during which time we were able to do three days' live training. This period was very valuable to the new people as pre-cadre training.

After a week-end climb to the Zirbitzkogel we marched down to Zeltweg by way of the "Dree Larchen."

The cadre started within a few days of our return. During the first two weeks we trained in the area around the camp. The Platoon then went to Schmelz to spend a further two weeks at the Winterleiten hut. The most vivid memories from there are probably those of Sgt. Young watching Pte. Hudson, through a rangefinder, as he climbed the near vertical Kreiskogel as a punishment, and of Pte. Hartley climbing a hill with a fire bucket of lake water and his razor to shave on the top, because he had failed to shave in the morning.

Immediately on our return we went to Warmbad Ranges, where the Rifle Meeting was in progress, to fire the Machine Gun Cup Competition. Our score was 376. The remaining week of the cadre was spent in firing at Schmelz and doing the T's O.E.T.

We were lucky enough to be able to send Cpl. Ball, Ptes. Hudson, Bracey and Chamberlin to the Hochschwab mountain range for ten days' climbing with Walter during the August Bank Holiday period.

Lt. I. M. E. Lloyd joined the Platoon for two hours each evening during August for pre-Netheravon training. His course starts on October 24.

For about a week before we left Austria life was fairly hectic. Innoculations one minute and packing the next. However, on arrival in England the Platoon were able to enjoy a month's leave before embarking for Cyprus.

We have to say good-bye to Cpls. Cromack and Ball and Ptes. Amer and Castle, and wish them the best of luck in their various postings and civilian jobs.

"H.Q." COMPANY

Corps of Drums

Seldom can the Regiment have taken part in so many memorable occasions as during the last three months in Austria. Memorial occasions call for much sweat, toil and sometimes tears from the Drums—but we are proud to have had a leading part in the final guard change, the Ratification Ceremony and the Zeltweg searchlight tattoo. For those who enjoy ceremony, they will look nostalgically on Austria and it is unlikely that we shall have again so much publicity—films, broadcasts and even T.V., though not yet I.T.A.

We have said farewell to Austria and also to Drms. Stannard and Fletcher. By the time these notes appear in print, Drm. Tollafeld will also have left. To them we wish the best of luck and look forward to seeing them again after our tour in Cyprus.

On October 13, in the Corporals' Club at Meeanee Barracks, Mr. Barrett, formerly in the Corps of Drums, of 11th Battalion, presented to us a splendid Leopard's



Corps of Drums, 11th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)

Skin which he himself had worn nearly 30 years ago. We are most grateful for this gift for we badly needed another skin.

Mr. Barrett joined the 11th Battalion early in the Great War and remained with them until their disbandment in 1918. He then served with the 4th Battalion until his demobilisation, after which he was in the Police. We spent a very pleasant evening with him and his wife, and we hope that one day they will visit us again.

We publish an interesting photograph—The Corps of Drums of the 11th Battalion in 1917, with Mr. Barrett wearing the Leopard Skin. Col. Wollocombe, father of our Anit-tank Platoon Commander, C.O. of the Battalion, is in the centre. We wonder how many of the others are still taking this Journal and remember this picture.

M.T. Platoon

Towards the end of our tour in Austria, Capt. Cain, the M.T.O., left the Battalion to undertake fresh duties as I.O. in Cyprus.

We wish his successor, Capt. Turner, the best of luck in this new and difficult appointment.

A driving cadre took place in August and almost everyone came through with flying colours, and undamaged vehicles.

L/Cpl. Hitch is to be congratulated on his well-deserved promotion.

We welcome to the Battalion Sgt. Hooper, our new Vehicle Mechanic Sergeant, and Cfmn. Short, who has come to join his brother. We trust that he will not regret this move.

Since our return to England, Ptes. Beckley, Bush,

Cross and Eastwood, have left us for civilian life. We wish them every success, and clean licences.

Signal Platoon

We welcome to the Platoon, Lt. W. G. A. Crumley, fresh from his highly successful Hythe course and Ptes. Aldridge, Branford, Fuller, Fierheller, Greenwood, Hawkins, Deas (and two more!), who joined us in Austria from the Depot. We have had to say farewell to Lt. J. S. B. Pollard who has gone to the Depot, to Sgt. Bailey, who is now "H.Q." Company's Duty Sergeant, and to Cpls. Small and Young, and Pte. Harvey, now enjoying civilian life. Before we leave for Cyprus, we shall have to say goodbye to Cpl. Poole and Ptes. Ball, Bastone and Copping. Gook luck to them all.

We left Austria with mixed feelings, the majority were perhaps sorry to leave. Warmbad was as enjoyable as ever, the weather proving exceptionally kind and equalled only by the shooting results. We returned to Zeltweg and found ourselves busily employed in one of three activities—the N.C.O.s Cadre, the Signals Cadre or, perhaps the worst headache of all, the packing of stores. The Signals Cadre is as yet unfinished—a pleasure in store to be sampled soon after our arrival in Cyprus, no doubt.

Due to the calls of the Battalion advance party, rear party, and, of course, leave it will be some time before we are together again as a Platoon and no doubt by that time there will be many new faces. We all join in congratulating Sgts. Cheesman and Mead, Cpl. Poole and L/Cpls. Clarke, Mullan, Yates, Lennon and Bovis on their promotion. L/Cpl. Clarke goes to Hythe in September; we wish him luck.

Finally, we wish ourselves good luck in Cyprus!

Shooting

In spite of the many difficulties involved in getting suitable training—and such difficulties are accepted as normal by "H.Q." Company—we produced a team which was determined to show the rifle companies that we are by no means inferior when it comes to shooting. The Company team consisted of Lt. Lobb, R.S.M. Wild, C.S.M. Bartle, Sgt. Bailey, Cpl. L'Estrange, Cpl. Carter, Dmn. Gifford, Ptes. Potter and Dunnnett.

The shooting was consistent throughout, and we gained at least a "place" in each event at the B.T.A Rifle Meeting. We were runners-up in the "Victory" Cup match and the Young Soldiers competition. We also did very well in the L.M.G. and Sten shoots and we finally triumphed over all other units in B.T.A. by winning the "Services" Cup for the best all-round team. Well done "H.Q." Company!

BAND NOTES

It seems strange to write these notes in unfamiliar surroundings—ENGLAND. At this moment Zeltweg and Vienna, schnitzels and steak, beer at 6d. a bottle and cigarettes at 1s. for 20 seem very remote, but we will do our best to recall the events during our closing few months amidst the mountains of Styria.

The end of July found us in Vienna for the final parade of the occupying powers. It was a great thrill to take part in such an historic occasion and it will long be remembered. The rehearsal before the actual parade was a great event, as it was the first time that we had been on parade with the Russians. They really "mucked in" at the get-together that followed the rehearsal, and after they had left Schonbrunn it was discovered that most of the Band had "lost" a cap badge and we had "found" various Russian and French insignias. At a clothing exchange later, C/Sgt. Burgess was heard to remark: "Don't try it again."

After the ratification of the Austrian State Treaty the G.O.C.-in-C. gave a series of farewell receptions in each of the four garrison towns. Most took the form of a cocktail party followed by a tattoo, but each show gave us something different to remember: Graz (on August 11) because it was the first of the series, and went so well that it was a good omen for those that followed; Zeltweg (on August 23) because it was by far the most spectacular, as we had the assistance of two Companies in the tattoo; Klagenfurt (on August 25) because it was the most difficult, as we didn't have room to swing a cat, let alone a bass drum; and Vienna (on September 1) because it was our last performance in Austria. Needless to say our final item was the Radetzky March!

We enjoyed our short stay in Graz very much and were greatly impressed by the beauty of the city. The evening following the G.O.C.-in-C.'s reception we gave a concert to the civilian population in the Stadt Park, and to say that they gave us a wonderful reception is an understatement. They were by far the largest and most enthusiastic audience we have ever played to, and we responded by giving them all the Austrian marches, waltzes and tunes to which we could lay our hands.

During our last visit to Vienna we had our last game

of hockey, versus Vienna Garrison. In spite of help from "D" Company they were unable to beat us, and we finished close winners by 4—3.

Our departure from Vienna was a bit of a scramble, but we managed to get back to Zeltweg, pick up what was left of our kit and join the Battalion in time for the journey home. The send-off from Zeltweg was more than we had expected—it seemed as if the whole village had turned out to bid us "bon voyage," not to mention the two bands who played us off in rousing style. It was quite an improvement compared with our departure from Hong Kong, where, after playing almost every Regiment out of the Colony, we finished up playing ourselves out when it was our turn to leave!

Bdsm. Marriot left us in July to try his hand with the Fire Brigade (due, no doubt, to the good training he received in the famous Zeltweg NAAFI Bookshop fire!).

As we prepare to depart for Cyprus we leave behind a few of the older members of the Band—Sgt. Searle and Bsm. Patrick for regular release, Cpl. Beechey who will do his best to improve the standard of the Grenadier Guards Band, L/Cpl. Hiscock who should do very well in the "semi-pro" line with his string bass (and ear!), L/Cpl. Aburrow and Bds. Castle who are to attend the next pupils' course at Kneller Hall, and lastly, Sgt. Grogan. He has been seriously ill and it is unlikely that he will rejoin the Battalion when he has recovered. However, it is hoped that he will stay in the Regiment and help us with the ever-present problem of recruiting and training boys at home. We wish him a speedy recovery, and to all our departing members we wish good fortune and every success in their new-chosen careers.

To end our notes this time we would like to congratulate Bandmaster D. A. Bayton on his appointment to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. He flew out to join his Regiment in Malaya in August and no doubt needed a plane on his own!—Such is his girth since he left us. His appointment now brings our production total of Bandmasters to three (as he joins Bandmaster G. Plummer of the "Glorious Glosters" and Bandmaster L. C. W. Bently, who has recently taken over the Band of the Manchester Regiment) an achievement any Regiment could be proud of!

SERGEANTS' MESS

Activities during the past four months have been both varied and intensive, resulting, as usual, in the Mess strength falling and soaring as Companies come and go.

The evacuation from B.T.A. meant that Annual Classification and Field Firing were advanced, and the Command Meeting was the climax to a successful if exasperating juggling of Companies between Vienna, Schmeltz, Warmbad and Zeltweg. The Mess was well represented at the B.T.A. Meeting and Sgt. Harris pulled off the Individual Rifle Championship for the second consecutive year. Well done, Sgt. Harris! Other members had various successes and most pocketed a share of the liberal cash prizes. Prior to the meeting, a certain R.S.M. was often seen carrying a Bren in the

direction of the range at Zeltweg, and he and a certain C.S.M. of "H.Q." Company were said to fancy their chances in the L.M.G. pairs. Beginners' luck was not their's. Perhaps they will try again next year—local conditions permitting.

The final British guard ceremony in Vienna took place on July 1 and the Battalion—indeed the British Army—were represented by a guard hand-picked from all Companies. C.S.M. McMillan and Sgt. Eastap were Division guides. The Colour Party included C.S.M. Bartle, C/Sgts. Dodkins and Potter. The guard received a most impressive ovation from the spectators, and R.S.M. Wild is to be congratulated on a most excellent parade.

The majority of the wives of the W.O.s/Sgts. left for U.K. in July and a farewell dinner was given in their honour on July 16. This was followed by a most successful social evening, and the Mess was honoured by the presence of the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Willoughby and the officers and their ladies. Sgt. Medlock even excelled himself in the production of the sumptuous meal.

The departure of the wives resulted, of course, in the married members moving into the Mess. The amalgamation of the single and married members was not without its touch of humour. Some say that there were scenes reminiscent of returning P.O.W.s. It was, however, good to be all under one roof, if only for a short time.

August 10, saw the advance party to U.K. leave us and this finally convinced us that our most pleasant stay in Austria was coming to an end. Various Messes in B.T.A. organised their farewell functions and we were well represented at most of them. Due to our commitments we were unable to hold one ourselves although the night of September 1 will long be remembered by our friends of the Austrian Federal Army.

Prior to our departure, we held an informal social evening, to which we invited the Sergeants' Mess of the relieving Austrian unit. A most potent punch was concocted by Sgt. Medlock, but somebody forgot to inform our guests that rum punch should not be consumed with alacrity—especially a "Medlock Punch."

Our arrival in U.K. was marred by the sudden illness of Sgt. Grogan. We regret he will not be coming with us to Cyprus but hope to see him in the near future. We leave several other members behind—C/Sgt. Dive is off to the 7th Battalion, Sgts. Searle, Elliott, Rock and Baxter are remaining in U.K. for release. Sgt. Harris has left us for civilian life and we would like to record our appreciation of the splendid work he has done for the Battalion.

Our losses have been handsomely balanced by the arrival of C/Sgt. Shrubbs, Sgt. Hooper (R.E.M.E.), and Sgt. Field. A hearty welcome to them all.

At the time of going to press we are on our way to new fields of exploration. We are looking forward very much to a station where we can see more of other Messes and we are sure Cyprus will afford us that opportunity.

SPORTS

Since the beginning of the present sports year we have been able only to complete the cricket league in the

"Albuhera" Shield competition. That this was done is due to those enthusiasts of brighter cricket, to whom flooded pitches and almost nil visibility are not valid reasons for holding up play.

Several trophies awarded by H.Q., B.T.A. to the Battalion during the past year have been made Regimental property in perpetuity and will serve to remind all ranks of the Battalion's successes in many sporting events in Austria.

Cricket

The Battalion had an unsuccessful cricket season, due mainly to some timid batting and untidy fielding. Two matches only were played and we were well beaten in both: a friendly against the R.A.S.C. resulted in a ten wicket defeat and then in the second round of the B.T.A. Knock-out Competition we were handsomely beaten by Royal Signals (Austria) who skittled us out for 29 runs—a total yet to be lived down by those who represented the Battalion on that occasion. The bowling has been the only faint glimmer of hope really this season: 2/Lt. P. A. Highton and Pte Dean proved very capable opening bowlers and L/Cpl. Langford had some success with his left arm spin.

The Inter-Company Cricket competition produced some very spirited matches and was won eventually by "H.Q." Company, who were defeated only by "A" Company on their return from Vienna. "S" Company after a poor start to the season were built into a very good team by Lt. Wollocombe and finished second in the competition also with four wins. "A" Company had a good all-round team and were considered the dark horses as they did not play any matches until their return from Vienna—in one hectic week they managed to beat "H.Q." Company and so provide an unexpectedly close finish to the competition. "B" Company had a good team but were severely hampered by leave and withdrawal commitments until eventually the whole Company had to parade on the pitch and 11 men selected from the 15 or so available. "C" Company and "D" Company were interesting teams as new faces appeared in each practically daily and both were on occasions captained by Capt. Leonard. "H.Q." Company were without doubt the strongest team with Major Pearce Gould, Cpl. Carter, Ptes. Dean and Homer scoring runs and Ptes. Dean and Wright getting wickets. It was good to see Major Chattey and the Padre on the cricket field. "A" Company were captained by 2/Lt. Hayward who has proved a very useful if unorthodox batsman sadly missed in the Battalion team. "B" Company led by 2/Lt. Highton had plenty of talent—Cpl. Windsor, L/Cpl. Langford and Pte. Visson are all good club cricketers—but it was rarely available. Ptes. Hannibal and Holmes played well for "C" and later "D" Company and C/Sgt. Potter proved that his play is still unaffected by his golfing achievement.

A poor season for the Battalion but a good one for the Companies; one of those years when everyone makes runs occasionally for their Company team yet fails miserably for the Battalion. Cyprus should offer the necessary facilities for bringing Battalion cricket up to its former standard.



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The Lord Lieutenant of the County inspecting the guard of honour at the recent ceremonies at Enfield, when the Charter was presented.

Depot Notes

As these notes are being written the Depot is once again subjected to the annual, but seemingly endless task of cleaning the barrack area of fallen leaves. With mother nature on our side we hope the task will be completed well before the Annual Administrative Inspection now to take place on November 24.

The inspection had been originally arranged for October 18, the same day, we have since learned, that the 1st Battalion sails for Cyprus. The O.C. Depot very quickly and most tactfully explained to the G.O.C. London District that October 18, would be a day of intense Regimental activity and that all our thoughts and attentions would be focused on the 1st Battalion's departure; the date was changed.

By the time these notes appear in the Journal the 1st Battalion will have already established themselves in Cyprus. To all ranks we wish a Happy Christmas and every good fortune in the coming New Year. Our Christmas Greetings also to all past and present members of the Regiment wherever they may be.

On Tuesday, September 27, Sir Seymour Howard, Lord Mayor of London, visited Enfield to present the borough with the Charter of Incorporation granted by Her Majesty The Queen in March. The Depot furnished a Guard of Honour of 50 O.R.s commanded by Lt. J. S. B. Pollard. The guard, drawn up in Enfield's ancient market place, shared with the people of Enfield the pageantry and pride of being present on such an historic occasion in Enfield's long history. In glorious autumn weather of blue skies and bright sunshine, our soldiers will long remember the day they did proud duty as representatives of the Regiment.

Plans are well ahead for the ceremony on October 22, when the Regiment will be granted the Freedom of the Borough of Hendon. This great honour, which will be another milestone in the long history of the Regiment, will be fully reported in the next edition of the Journal.

The El Bodon dance was held in the gymnasium on Saturday, September 24. It had been widely publicised and we were very pleased to welcome a large number of



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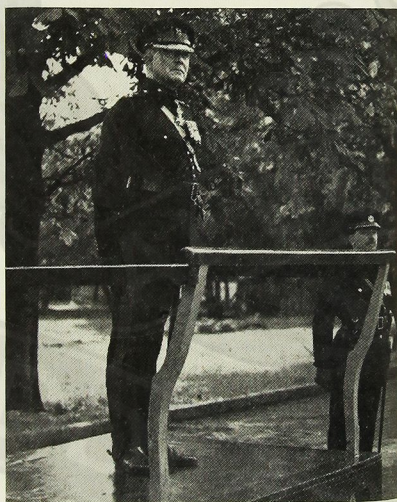
Brigadier J. O. E. Vandeleur, D.S.O., inspecting No. 2 Platoon.

familiar faces from the 1st Battalion. The Old Comrades turned up in some strength and were made welcome in a room that had been set aside for them. The "Billy Dees" provided the music once again, and the gymnasium looked most attractive with the decoration of bunting, flowers and coloured parachutes. Our thanks are due to Sgt. Hope and to the other willing helpers behind the bar, also to the P.T. staff who largely organised the preparation of the gymnasium beforehand. The vociferous comments passed when the partner of one of those responsible for the dance collected a bottle of whisky from the raffle do not bear repeating, but we are assured that all was above board! Altogether it was voted a most enjoyable and successful evening.

The recent raids on military installations has caused a considerable tightening-up of security arrangements. The barrack perimeter is long and although we cannot possibly guarantee 100 per cent. security against the odd individuals climbing over the fence, we can promise a very warm reception to those who may raid the vital areas.

TRAINING COMPANY

Training Company extends a very hearty "Welcome Home," to all ranks of the 1st Battalion and wishes them a happy and enjoyable sojourn before departing for Cyprus. Many ex-members of the Company have already paid us a visit during their well deserved leave. It was most courteous and thoughtful of them and we were delighted to see them.



PASSING OUT PARADE, 31st INTAKE OF RECRUITS, AUGUST 19, 1955

Brigadier J. O. E. Vandeleur, D.S.O. (late Irish Guards) the inspecting officer.



PASSING OUT PARADE, 32nd INTAKE OF RECRUITS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

The intake marching on with the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards prior to the inspection.

Fortunately the recruit intakes due to report between September and the end of the year are to be considerably smaller. This reduction of recruits under training will give the N.C.O. instructors a better opportunity to give more individual attention with smaller squads and to get down to study and receive instruction themselves. Education will take priority but naturally Platoon weapons, drill and gas courses take their proper place throughout the year. Sgt. Lagden and Cpl. Davies are already on Platoon weapons and gas courses respectively and Sgt. Warner is due to go to Hythe in October.

Vacancies in the Company for N.C.O. instructors have become less during the last two months. Sgt. Warner, Cpls. Tarry, Whitbread and Eales have joined from the 1st Battalion and Cpl. Rawlinson and L/Cpl. Raffael from the Holding Platoon. Although still under strength we are expecting further reinforcements in late October from the Battalion rear party.

Cpls. Dyson and Butler are now civilians again and L/Cpls. Argent, Turner and Williams have been posted to the 1st Battalion.

We wish all newcomers a happy and successful tour and to those departed the very best of good fortune.

On Friday, August 19, 1955, Brigadier J. O. E. Vandeleur, D.S.O. (late Irish Guards), took the salute at the Passing Out Parade of the 31st Intake of recruits. The Band of the 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, were also on parade.

The Brigadier presented medals to the following recruits:

Best All-round Recruit ..	23146398 Pte. Grout, T.
Best Rifle Shot ..	23146408 Pte Thomas, C.
Best L.M.G. Shot ..	23146398 Pte. Grout, T.
Highest Physical Efficiency	23243374 Pte. Isham, P.

Over 200 relatives and friends of the recruits attended to watch the parade.

Capt. Marciandi will be with the 1st Battalion by the time these notes appear in the Journal. All ranks of the Company wish this most efficient and popular officer the

very best of good fortune. We are very pleased to see Lt. J. Pollard as his successor and wish him a successful and happy tour at the Depot as Training Subaltern.

The second Passing Out Parade during the period covered by these notes was that of the 32nd Recruit Intake on Friday, September 30, 1955. The officer taking the parade was Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion. The Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were also on parade.



PASSING OUT PARADE, 32nd INTAKE OF RECRUITS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., the inspecting officer, congratulating Pte. Hasler who won the medal for the best rifle shot in the intake.

The Inspecting Officer presented medals to the following recruits:

Best All-round Recruit ... 23160471 Pte. Rowlinson, P.
Best Rifle Shot ... 23160469 Pte. Hasler, B.
Best L.M.G. Shot ... 23160455 Pte. Kenny, F.
Highest Physical Efficiency 23244214 Pte. Sullivan, E.

Altogether 175 relatives and friends of the recruits attended to watch the parade.

OFFICERS' MESS

The first event to be recorded since our last notes is the monthly guest night on July 14. On this occasion, we were most fortunate to have the band of the Arab Legion to entertain us. Col. Walden arrived with them and brought also 2/Lt. Zaki Kamal. The band played on the lawn in front of the Mess and pipers performed both before and during dinner in their customary fashion. Col. Browne, Brigadier Green, Col. Andrew Man and Major Dawson were with us. We are most grateful to Col. Walden, 2/Lt. Kazi Kamal, Bandmaster Wakil Mohamed Ayyash and his band for giving us a most enjoyable evening.

Brigadier Green arrived just before cricket week and spent some considerable time with us before returning to Jordan in mid-July: Capt. Pike did the same before leaving for Malaya.

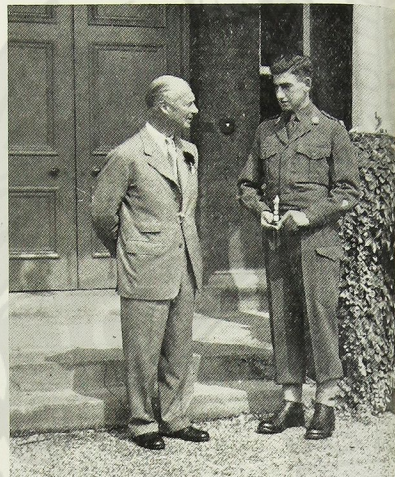
The next guest night was on August 4, when the Band of the 7th Battalion once again very kindly provided the music. Majors Dick Bellers and "Vic" Thomas ("Thomo") were with us, and we were able to "dine out" these two very old friends of ours on their retirement from the service. We wish them and their families every success in the future. We were glad to see Col. Beach here too, and very much hope he is now well on the way to recovery after his recent illness.

On August 24, the Colonel of the Regiment presented



OFFICERS' MESS GUEST NIGHT,
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1955

Brigadier A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Col. F. Walden, Bandmaster Wakil Mohamed Ayyash, Major G. C. Dawson.



2/LT. M. GILHAM, WINNER OF THE INFANTRY PRIZE AT THE R.M.A., SANDHURST

The Colonel of the Regiment seen with 2/Lt. Gilham after presenting the prize on behalf of the Director of Infantry.

the R.M.A. Infantry prize to Lt. M. C. D. L. Gilham. We congratulate this officer on his achievement.

At a small informal dinner on September 1, Lt.-Col. Fooks and Lt.-Col. Ballam, the old and new Commanding Officers of 10 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E. were our guests.

Major Fancourt, the Officer Commanding the Home Postal Detachment in these barracks, left in September for Japan. Our good wishes go with him. We can assure him that his co-operation in all matters was very much appreciated.

It was with great regret that we heard of the death in Germany, of Major "Wilf" Butler, a former commandant of the Home Postal Depot. We offer our sincere condolences to his widow.

Many officers have looked in and some have stayed for a time. These include Capt. Evans, Lt. Wollocombe, Capt. Forman, Lt.-Col. del Court, Lt.-Col. Norman, Capt. Gilbert, Major (Lt.-Col.) Aymer Clayton, Capt. Hodge, Lt. Crumley, Major Nolda, Capt. Cain, Major Claydon, Lt.-Col. Caulfield Kerney, Capt. Carter, Capt. Moore, Major Eales, Major Hutchings, Capt. Legge and Lt. Andjel.

Other officers who have passed through the Depot and have spent shorter or longer periods here are 2/Lt. Birch, Tubbs, Syers, Brettell, Lawson, Williams, Bennett, Kent, Hewson, Couch, Marriott, Gilham, Thomas and Bryson. We feel like adding "E. & O.E." and offer our apologies where applicable.

On September 30, we held a cocktail party in order to entertain members of the 1st Battalion, on the occasion



OFFICERS' MESS GUEST NIGHT
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1955

Bandmaster Wakil Mohamed Ayyash and the Arab Legion Band.

of their so short a stay in England; a small number of official guests were also invited.

The party was very much of a "family affair" and all who attended will surely agree that it was a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes were written it has been a comparatively quiet time for the Mess for social events. The period has, however, been successfully rounded off by a very pleasant games evening with the members of the Depot The Royal Fusiliers' Sergeants' Mess. Although we were beaten in the games competition we fully regained our prestige by an overwhelming victory in the last event of the evening, due mainly to Sgt. Moran, who can drink a pint in next to no time and to the R.S.M., who finds no difficulty in chewing a slice of bread and blowing a bugle at the same time!

Heartiest greetings are extended to the 1st Battalion on their return from B.T.A. and we look forward to our social "get together" with their Sergeants' Mess members, scheduled to take place during October.

The latest "Mess" Snooker competition has at last, after being considerably slowed down by leave arrangements, been brought to a close and won by C/Sgt. Hockley. We congratulate him on his success and remind him that he is now one of the handicapped.

We wish every success to R.S.M. Britton and W.O.2 Bignell in Civvy Street and hope that they will often "drop in" for a natter.

We welcome back to the fold from E.R.E., C/Sgts. Hockley and Powell, and extend our greetings to Sgts. Warner and Walden from the 1st Battalion, and hope they will soon recover from the shock of the somewhat drastic change of environment and conditions.

CORPORALS' CLUB

In the Club these days it is an ever-constant sea of changing faces. Cpls. Butler and Dyson are now safe and sound in Civvy Street, and L/Cpls. Argent, Turner and Williams, after leave, will, we hope, be finding their feet in the 1st Battalion.

Members recently arrived are Cpls. Tarry, Whitbread and Eales. To the newcomers we bid a warm welcome, and to the departed, a fond farewell.

At the moment the members of the Club are "engrossed" in battles of skill on the billiard table and dart board. Cpl. Townend spends most of the time watching with mournful eyes; he is unable to play because he has an arm in a sling. He is one of our "ace" P.T. instructors and during a demonstration to recruits on how to get down from the wall bars, he slipped and fell, making one of the quickest descents ever known in this Depot. He is feeling very sorry for himself and demonstrates this by delivering very smart left hand salutes when collecting his pay.

On September 10, the Club had a day's outing to Clacton-on-Sea and a good time was had by all. The weather was fine and the liquid refreshment was even better. Cpl. "Jeep" Hanshaw is still trying to recover his sports coat, which he left in one of the many "locals" between Clacton and London.

As mentioned last quarter, the Club is now situated in the hut that was used by Corporals during the time of the 57th P.T.C. It is well furnished and equipped, and in the near future the Club will be holding socials, to which not only present, but past members may attend.

We wish to congratulate L/Cpls. Wright, Sharp and Andrews, and Cpl. Rawlinson on their recent promotions.

SPORT

Cricket

Despite the exceptionally fine summer, only nine games were played out of the 17 arranged. Four were cancelled because of rain and railway strikes, the remainder were disappointingly cancelled because other units were unable to raise a side.

The most memorable game of the season was the five wicket victory over R.A.F. Hendon, the first for many years. In this game Pte. Burton bowled splendidly for one and a half hours without luck. The fielding was poor and four comparatively easy catches were dropped off his bowling.

We played the R.A.E.C. Depot at Beaconsfield and were completely outclassed. Although the pitch was fiery and the ball tended to come through at disconcerting heights only Capt. Clayden and Pte. Sullivan played the bowling on its merits. A disappointing match.

In July, Pte. Rowson left on release. He has been, for the last two years, our most consistent and attractive batsman. His place as a batsman/wicket-keeper was most adequately taken by Pte. Sharp, who against the London Assembly Centre scored an admirable 60 runs. Sharp has all the strokes, but unlike Mr. Peter May rarely had a second innings.

The most disappointing feature of the season was the

low standard of cricket of the recruits. Consequently, the gaps caused by leave and sickness were not adequately plugged. There are few places on the field where an indifferent fielder can be hidden, unfortunately during a number of matches three or even more were in hiding.

If the fielding has at times been disappointing the batting has improved considerably. The majority of the team have all made high scores at one time or another. Three one-hundred partnerships have been scored, L/Cpl. Williams and Pte. Sharp, Pte. Rowson and L/Cpl. Raffael and Capt. K. Clayden and Pte. Rowson. Against the London Assembly Centre, Williams and Sharp opened with 107 brisk runs which was followed by an exhilarating partnership between Rowson and Raffael, who scored their 110 runs in 39 minutes. In 12 overs the unhappy L.A.C. Captain conceded 91 runs.

C.S.M. Budden has again umpired all our matches firmly, impartially and without fuss or bother. However, over 60 years ago Mr. E. B. V. Christian wrote:

"Shall I never storm or swear,
Just because the umpire's fair?
Or from expletives forbear,
'Cause he gives me out with care?
Be he fairer, more upright,
Than Carpenter or Lillywhite,
If he will not favour me,
What care I how fair he be?"

1. Depot v. London Assembly Centre—Won by 8 wickets.
L.A.C. 26
Depot 27 for 2
2. Depot v. 18 Coy. R.A.M.C.—Draw
Depot 146 for 4 declared
18 Coy. R.A.M.C. 74 for 7
3. Depot v. Depot Queen's Royal Regiment—Won by 9 wickets
Depot Queen's 47
Depot 52 for 1
4. Depot v. London Assembly Centre—Won by 165 runs
Depot 241 for 3 declared
L.A.C. 76
5. Depot v. Depot R.A.E.C. Beaconsfield—Lost by 7 wickets
Depot 96
Depot R.A.E.C. 97 for 3
6. Depot v. Depot Queen's Royal Regiment—Won by 6 wickets
Depot Queen's 78
Depot 81 for 4
7. Depot v. R.A.F. Hendon—Won by 5 wickets
R.A.F. Hendon 93 for 7 wickets declared
Depot 94 for 5
8. Depot v. Home Postal Depot R.E.—Draw
Depot 125
H.P.D. R.E. 124 for 9
9. Depot v. R.A.F. Hendon—Lost by 4 wickets
Depot 52
R.A.F. Hendon 53 for 6

BATTING

	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Aver.
Pte. Rowson	5	4	62 nt	127	127
Capt. B. K. Clayden	9	3	57	262	43.6
Pte. Sullivan	4	—	37	64	21.3
Pte. Sturman	6	1	29	104	20.8
L/Cpl. Raffael	5	1	45 nt	76	19
Pte. Sharp	7	—	60	108	15.4
L/Cpl. Williams	7	—	50	107	15.2

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
L/Cpl. Williams	20.2	6	79	9	7.7
Capt. B. K. Clayden	66.2	14	158	18	8.7
Pte. Burton	78.2	22	196	20	9.8
S.I. Morris	18	3	58	5	11.6

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

In July, Mrs. John Cooper, daughter of Maj.-Gen. Barnadiston, C.B., M.V.O., visited the Museum and later took tea in the Officers' Mess.

She was accompanied by her husband, Capt. Cooper, R.N. (ret.).

In May, Mrs. Cooper had presented to the Depot the magnificent collection of orders, decorations and medals belonging to her father and also his Dress Sword and Scabbard.

The case of medals are now hung in the Officers' Mess, whilst the Dress Sword and Scabbard are mounted in the Museum.

The sword has been beautifully preserved and has been very much admired by the many visitors to the Museum this summer.

The Royal United Services Institute have presented to the Depot a forage cap worn by H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge. Messrs Herbert Johnson and Co. Ltd. have been requested, if they are able, to restore it to all its bygone glory!

In August, Mr. John Furber gave the Museum a certificate presented to a Henry Tayler of the 16th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. The certificate was presented to him in 1862 to Lt.-Col. Murray, C.O. of the 7th Battalion, for outstanding conduct as a Volunteer.

OLD COMRADES' NOTES

What a glorious summer we have had, I most sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the hours of sunshine and feel reinforced to face the winter. For your winter sport I fully recommend climbing the heights of Bittacy Hill at least once a month and paying a visit to the Crawford Hut, which you will find situated somewhere near the summit; life is short, so don't hesitate too long, good company awaits you.

The great difficulty in writing notes for the Journal is that time cheats the writer, he either has to talk about things that have already happened and are therefore fairly well known already, or about things which we plan and hope will happen in the future, perhaps a little of both may suffice.

The main event of the past is the return of the 1st Battalion to England and of the future their departure again to Cyprus. Let me be a little doubtful about this and say, maybe, there's many a slip twixt cup and lip! On Saturday, September 24, a dance is being held at Mill Hill and all ranks of the Battalion have been invited to attend so we are hoping to give a welcome to a good number of those who recently returned. On Friday, October 28, the Regimental Reunion takes place at the Seymour Hall. The annual service of Remembrance in the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey will be held at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday, November 5.

We regret losing the services of our Secretary, Capt. Marciandi, who having completed his tour of duty at the Depot is rejoining the Battalion. Our thanks go to him for his unstinted services to the Club and we trust he will have the very best of luck in the future and will not fail to pay us a visit whenever opportunity presents itself.

Greetings to all "Old Comrades" and serving members from all members of the Club.

"Old Comrades."



DEPOT CRICKET TEAM, 1955

Standing, left to right: C.S.M. Budden, Pte. Sturman, Pte. Burton, L/Cpl. Williams, Cpl. Tarry, L/Cpl. Sharp, Pte. Sullivan.

Seated, left to right: Cpl. Townend, L/Cpl. Raffael, Capt. B. K. Clayden, Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Capt. J. S. C. Flavell, S.I. Morris.

CHAPEL NOTES

During September, the alterations to the Depot Chapel were at last completed.

The old vestry inside the Chapel has been removed and this has increased the seating by some 45 chairs. The new vestry has been built on the verandah adjacent to the sanctuary.

Padre Scutt has again most kindly offered to stain glass all the plain glass windows where the old vestry used to be.

The R.S.M. has levelled the scrub-land in front of the Chapel and grass seed has been planted. A hedge has been planted either side of the new pathway leading up to the main doors of the Chapel.

A TRIBUTE

In July, the Depot assisted the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association during the period of the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo held at the White City Stadium.

The following is an extract from a letter sent to Major A. R. Waller, M.C., by Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

"I should like to thank you very much indeed for all the help you gave us at the Tattoo, in providing us with a hundred seating stewards under an officer each night.

"They carried out their duties extremely well, and

were a great credit to the Middlesex Regiment in their turnout and exemplary behaviour throughout the Tattoo. My staff heard many favourable comments on their soldierly bearing."

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB

We have had very pleasant social evenings and the monthly whist drives have been a success.

On July 26 the members and children went to Clacton for the day. The coach left Inglis Barracks at 8.30 a.m. and we arrived in good time for early lunch. The weather was perfect and allowed the children to have a good time on the beach and in the sea.

We left at 6 p.m., arriving home at 9 p.m., having had a most enjoyable day.

The Club was closed for the month of August and opened on September 8 with a general meeting. It was decided to continue the whist drives on every second Thursday in the month.

On October 15 we held a jumble sale, which proved most successful, making a net profit of £10 16s. 6d. This will be a great help towards our children's Christmas party to be held on January 8.

On November 24 we are going by coach to the Stoll Theatre to see "Kismet." More will be written about this in the next issue.

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



EDITORIAL

Annual Camp this year was at Windmill Hill Camp, Salisbury Plain, and was quite strenuous. During the first week we spent some time co-operating with tanks—in our case the Lothians. We found all the tank crews most helpful, and their advice paid handsomely later on during camp when we put in several attacks closely supported and ably transported by the tanks. Their capacity for "brewing-up" far excelled our own efforts. We then took part in a Brigade exercise which was a warmer for the main event during camp—namely exercise "Dover Castle." This exercise was for the whole of 44 (H.C.) Division and it was well covered by the national press. The "bombs, atomic—training issue" were rather disappointing as sound effects, but they produced very creditable "mushrooms." During the battle the Battalion was on the move almost continually. We rarely stopped and then only to participate in an attack. The standard of training and the general enthusiasm was very high, and although we had only been "mustered" for a week prior to the exercise, the Battalion really did function in a most satisfying manner.

We were visited in one of our harbour areas by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier D. G. Moore, when he attended a Drum Head Service conducted by the Battalion Padre, Capt. The Rev. J. H. Fuller, R.A.Ch.D., with music provided by the Regimental Band. After this service the Brigadier personally briefed the Battalion on its role in the exercise with the aid of a model, constructed by the Intelligence Section.

Later in the exercise the Army Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir Francis Festing, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., paid a visit to the Battalion area.

Time before, between and after exercises was largely devoted to maintenance and checking of arms and equipment. We only spent four whole days in camp during the 14-day period. "Windmill Hill" has gained notoriety since we were there and we found it very dusty, very hot and a little "olde world" in its conservancy but by and large a "good" camp. We had wonderful weather which undoubtedly contributed greatly to the comfort of a tented camp. It only once rained properly and then at the tail-end of the Divisional exercise, when nobody really minded, and some were pleased that the all-pervading dust was changed for a few hours of real mud.

We were very pleased to receive visits whilst in camp from the Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex, The Lord Latham, J.P.; The Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L.; The Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L.; The Chairman and Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Brigadier

E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P. and Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.

We moved down to camp in two special trains from Hornsey and surprised (and we believe disappointed) our local stationmaster by coming home in a galaxy of single and double-decker buses. In all a very enjoyable, successful and worth-while fortnight.

The period after camp (which is traditionally our "close-season") has, in fact, been quite busy. Within the space of a few weeks the Battalion has undergone the annual R.E.M.E. inspections of our M.T., arm, equipment and stores, as well as a documents inspection by Records Office. The Regimental Band, under the guidance of Mr. Gilyatt and led by Drum Major Holdford, B.E.M., provided music for the Presentation of the Charter to the Borough of Enfield on September 27, as well as playing at numerous other public functions. As usual the Band were a credit to the Battalion.

The Divisional Rifle Meeting was held on September 24 and 25, and although we did not win the Hong Kong Tankard for a second year running, the team fired very well and were in the quarter-final of the Falling Plate competition—being the last T.A. unit to be knocked out.

The Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association Rifle Meeting is being held on October 2, and we hope to do well this year. At the moment, and for the first time since the war, the Battalion is attending a second Annual (Autumn) Camp. It is being run by Brigade H.Q. and we have nearly 70 all ranks attending. The numbers are mostly made up of National Service men who for one reason or other were not at Summer Camp, together with one or two T.A. men who having done Summer Camp have volunteered for a second one.

Changes of Permanent Staff in the Battalion are confined to C.S.M. Corner's replacement in the near future by Sgt. Dive. C.S.M. Corner leaves us after 22 years in the Army and is joining Civil Defence. We hope, however, that he will be joining the T.A. before very long so will not bid him goodbye.

Promotions since the last issue of the Journal are as follows:

To Sergeant: Cpls. A. Roper, N. Aldridge, C. Patterson, D. Eastlake and A. Hughes.

To corporal: L/Cpls. N. Heigho, R. White, A. Sambridge, Ptes. G. Dean and D. Fox.

STOP PRESS—

TERRITORIAL AND AUXILIARY FORCES ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLESEX RIFLE MEETING

We mentioned elsewhere in the notes that we had hoped to do well in the Annual Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association Rifle Meeting this year. Just before the notes go to press we are able to report that at this meeting which took place at Henley Park, on October 2, 1955, we won the L.M.G. competition, the individual pairs L.M.G. and the Unit championship. In addition, we were third in the Rifle competition. The success of the Battalion team was largely due to C/Sgt. Colbourne, who, together with Pte. Carey ("C" Company), scored 68 (H.P.S. 80), in the L.M.G. competition. It was the last time that C/Sgt. Colbourne will fire for the Battalion.

on the open range as he must unfortunately leave the T.A. on account of his age.

We did particularly well in the L.M.G. shoots by producing the first three: C/Sgt. Colbourne, Pte. Carey, 68; L/Cpl. Beecham, (R.E.M.E. attached), Pte. Larkins, 61; Cpl. Beauchamp, L/Cpl. Robertson, 60.

The meeting was a great success and we congratulate R.S.M. E. Pike and all the team. The prizes were presented by County Alderman S. Graham Rowlandson, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council.

OFFICERS' MESS

Life during the summer months is far too real and earnest for cocktail parties and dances; at Hornsey, social ambitions are temporarily curbed to all-male occasions in the Mess. Well used to this state of affairs, we plan to do what entertaining we can by means of a cocktail party and a guest night at camp.

This year even that modest programme was only just attained. At the end of the first week in Camp we returned from a three-day Brigade exercise with barely time to decamouflage before presenting ourselves at the Officers' Club at Tidworth House, where a very promising cocktail party (if we are allowed to say as much) soon began to flourish. We were especially glad to have with us the Brigade commander, Brigadier D. G. Moore and three of our most distinguished former Commanding Officers: Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.; Brigadier A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E. and Col. A. M. Man, O.B.E., D.S.O.; not to mention Rex Waller, without whose help in one capacity or another, the post-war Battalion can scarcely imagine itself. The Lord Lieutenant, Lord Latham, J.P., was also present and was accompanied by Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., the Chairman of the County Territorial Association. It was a lovely sunny evening, and Mr. Gilyatt and the Band played with their usual aplomb on the terrace.

Towards the end of the second week we staggered into camp from the four strenuous days of "Dover Castle," and bravely set aside all ideas of making up for lost sleep in face of a rather hurriedly laid-out dinner night. The evening, which began with drooping eyelids and half-stifled yawns, brightened up considerably to the sound of twanging guy-ropes and the roar of sports cars, which for some reason seemed unable to keep out of the ante-room. Unseemly bulges appeared in the ceiling of the marquee, as a mysterious roof-top battle of the all-for-all variety was fought out, and the contents of fire buckets seemed as often as not to be flying through the air. A particularly hardy band of officers, who had been scarcely capable of lifting a finger at the beginning of the evening, were still strongly audible at day-break, for which, it was observed, they atoned by maintaining a complete and unbroken silence at reveille and for an astonishing time thereafter.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes Annual Camp has come and gone, and now, at the time of writing, some members are looking forward to an Autumn Camp in October, a new innovation this year.



THE WINNING L.M.G. TEAM

Pte. Carey (C Coy.), L/Cpl. Beecham (R.E.M.E. att'd.), C/Sgt. Colbourne (D Coy.), L/Cpl. Robertson (A Coy.), Cpl. Beauchamp (S Coy.), Pte. Larkins (B Coy.)

TROPHIES

Unit Championship—De Salis Trophy, Middlesex Justices Shield (L.M.G. Teams), L.M.G. Challenge Cup (L.M.G. Pairs)

Because of the nature of the training this year, Mess life was rather limited, but even so, during the first week some very enjoyable informal "get-togethers" were held. Such occasions are particularly important in a T.A. Mess because opportunities for members to really get to know each other are unfortunately all too rare. During the second week the majority of the members were out with the Battalion on a divisional exercise, in fact, even "B" Echelon had to take the field, a fact which undoubtedly contributed to the success of the exercise, at least, according to the R.Q.M.S. and C.S.M. Corner.

Whilst the Battalion was thus engaged "swanning" across Salisbury Plain in sub-tropical sunshine, a handful of members, including the Orderly Room Colour Sergeant, who is apparently in "C" or maybe "D" Echelon, were "roughing" it back in camp to such an extent that they actually ran out of bitter the day before the Battalion returned. According to the aforementioned O.R.C.S. "somebody had to drink it in case it went off," but judging by the look on the R.S.M.'s face when he found that the barrel was empty, this view was not universally popular. However, it was noticeable that certain members literally "took to the bottle" and made a gallant endeavour to make up for four or five very dry days. Before leaving the subject of camp it should be recorded that we all own a vote of thanks to Sgt. "Curly" Walters for his untiring efforts to see that the meals in the Mess were good, also to Bob Burrows for his sterling work behind the bar. Well done, both!

Summing up, from the Mess point of view, it was a

hard camp, but nevertheless a satisfying and enjoyable one.

Turning to personalities, the Ack-Ack's misfortune has been our good fortune in that we have welcomed another ex-gunner from 609 L.A.A. Regiment (R.A.), this time Sgt. Hales. We have also welcomed the following newly promoted members: Sgts. Eastlake, Roper, Patterson, Hughes and Aldridge, and we hope that their membership will be long and happy.

At the time of writing, the 1st Battalion has recently arrived back in the U.K. prior to going to Cyprus and we are eagerly looking forward to the forthcoming "get-together" of the three Messes: 1st Battalion, Depot and ourselves, when we shall renew many old friendships, and we hope, make many new ones.

BAND

The Band have had a very satisfactory summer season which included some 12 engagements for local councils in a variety of parks and public places. They have also played on occasions at the Dinner Nights at the Depot. The hard work put in at rehearsals is amply repaid by the high standard which has now been reached.

During Annual Camp the Band played at the officers' cocktail party and also on several occasions in camp. Retreat was beaten with the Corps of Drums in the presence of the Honorary Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L.

Whilst the Battalion was in the concentration area prior to the Divisional scheme the Band provided music for the Drum Head Service held there.

CORPS OF DRUMS

Much of our time has recently been devoted to the training of new members.

At camp this year we managed to cover quite a lot of ground in our training. As usual, we Beat Retreat at camp with the Band and according to reports the ceremony was most impressive.

At the Tidworth Officers' Club, amongst a beautiful setting of lawns, flowers and trees, we again Beat Retreat during the Officers' Mess cocktail party.

The Bugle Competition, closely contested, ended with L/Cpl. Chackfield becoming the Commanding Officer's bugler, and Dmr. Buckingham, the Adjutant's bugler. The competition was judged by the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and the Bandmaster. We congratulate the winners on their outstanding performances. Long may they reign!

In the sporting world, the Drummers played a team from the Rapid Floor Co., managed by C/Sgt. Payne of "S" Company. We have played them in all weathers, and beat them two games to one; thanks to the grand effort of L/Cpl. Sills between the "sticks."

Drum Major Holdford would like to hear from all ex-drummers of the 1st Battalion, as we are sure they could swell our ranks, and they would be warmly welcomed.

With this note, we send our best wishes to the Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, wishing them success in Cyprus.

"SNAKE CHARMER II"

SIGNALS PLATOON

We had an unusually large turn-over of National Service men this year, and feared this might detract from the high standard reached at camp in 1954. It says a great deal for the work of Sgt. Rodbard and the instructors during the winter and spring that it did not. While the table training gear for operators continued as an invaluable indoor aid it was found that an occasional weekend was more valuable and, on the whole, more popular than a succession of poorly attended evening drills.

The weekend spent near Folkestone was particularly successful and in the coming months we hope to have others like it.

This year's camp was a very testing one for the Signal Platoon. It was operating throughout the whole of two long exercises without the possibility of distinguishing between training and "battle" or for that matter having the chance to do all the other things that a Battalion does when it is not on its feet and actually moving.

On the whole, however, most of these difficulties were overcome and a fair state of communications maintained. We have yet, however, to overcome a certain inherent suspicion in our users about the reliability of our nets, and we ourselves remain convinced that the closing stages of the Divisional exercise were directed with the aid of shaving mirrors.

The loss of Sgt. (now C/Sgt.) Jackson, is generally regretted in the Platoon. We are happy to say, however, that he has not left "H.Q." Company, and can still be relied on for advice or bits of string, not to mention the most reliable, if often pessimistic, pieces of news. At camp we were further indebted to him for our pay and the most punctual meals of any Company in the Battalion. Sgt. Eastlake joined us at camp and astonished us by the speed at which he learnt the work of Line Sergeant, and by his general quickness. We hope that he will stay with us for a long time.

Finally, mention must be made of the most successful party held in Ludgershall, on the last night of camp. There was virtually a hundred per cent. attendance and it encouraged us to hope that the Xmas party, which did not materialise last year, might really be held this time.

"A" COMPANY

After sleeping on bare boards for their tactical weekend, and on hard ground for camp, "A" Company can now consider themselves "hardened" troops. The tactical weekend was spent in a disused A.A. camp near Southend, and quite a few pints were downed to soften the boards.

To make up for having an otherwise easy tactical weekend, a very tough two weeks took place on Salisbury Plain with "Atomic Bombs" going off everywhere. Certainly not many men have spent their 21st birthday under atomic fire as did Pte. Hill. We hope all his cards were not affected. After a three-day Brigade scheme in the first week, the Company Commander obviously decided he had had enough. For the Division scheme, in the second week, he became an umpire at Brigade H.Q. where he was seen at odd times sitting on crates of beer.

The weather was kind, which made up for the Acting Company Commander and C.S.M. being unkind at times. In fact, at times it was too good for some, who now know what the natives mean when they say that "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the Midday Sun." Having advanced three thousand yards across country in record time, "A" Company considers that the 1956 Olympic games would be child's play, but as it is rumoured, two officers and a sergeant are still searching Salisbury Plain for lost kit, they might not be at full strength.

Back in civilisation, we find Mr. and Mrs. Chittock and the faithful few still playing badminton and still hoping to teach others.

"B" COMPANY

Annual Camp this year was a very mixed affair, and as our activities were very similar to the rest of the Battalion it is doubtful whether a detailed record will be very interesting. We should, however, like to remember our experiences both tactical and otherwise of combined infantry and tanks, our admiration for the troops of our own Division which so effectively attacked us by night, our surprise at the use of carriers to loose the C.S.M. and the varying sizes of atomic attacks.

To conclude, we are organising some social evenings which will be more successful if more people come. As the canteen will subsidise these, it is hoped they will.

"C" COMPANY

Annual Camp for us was a busy affair, for apart from the Battalion, Brigade and Divisional training, we were rather short staffed from C.S.M.s to Lance-Corporals.

C.S.M. Bignell who has been with the Battalion for a number of years has now left, and as he was our C.S.M. we had to beg, borrow or steal P.S.I.s from other Companies. C.S.M. Montague was with us for the first week, and Sgt. Walters for the second. We fared quite well during the Divisional exercise, though seemingly always doing more than other Companies, but meals were nearly always punctual and hot, and in the right place, thanks to the direction of C/Sgt. Brooks and his able A.C.C. cooks and helpers.

The carrier was a sore point with the 2IC and with the driver, Pte Evans, who spent a great deal of time sitting in it waiting for the "Spanner Patrol" of R.E.M.E. to get the thing going again.

Anyway, camp is now over and we start our winter training on October 4, preparing for the next.

"D" COMPANY

Annual Classification Range Courses for the Rifle and L.M.G. took place on May 7 and 8, at Pirbright. Good weather prevailed and the shooting was an improvement on that of 1954. A fair comment would be that the good shots continue to improve and the less good shots do not.

Tactical Camp was arranged for us at Vange, in Essex, on June 4 and 5, by the courtesy of the Royal Artillery, whose premises we used. We shared the camp with "C" Company, and a very good camp it was too. Part of the weekend was devoted to Company Admini-

stration, to ensure that we should take the field at Annual Camp as well equipped as possible. The rest of the weekend was taken up with instruction on battle procedure and Company formations. Saturday night gave everyone a chance to get into Southend to see the lights of civilisation.

After settling in at Annual Camp, we proceeded to see what Salisbury Plain looked like and our first opportunity occurred when we had a day co-operating with Armour, in the guise of the Lothian and Border Horse. The morning gave us a chance to "crawl over" the tanks. After this, the Company was lifted on tanks and I think most people are now of the opinion that, while a lift of 30 miles might be appreciated, a march of two or three would save the bottom of the spine no end. They don't even provide cushions! The afternoon saw us doing an attack with armour support, although not every Company had a troop to itself and "D" Company had to do without.

The next day we prepared for, and moved out to, the Brigade exercise. We spent a quiet night in the rear area, during which Lt. Vince expressed a wish to die. (Why, we don't know.) A very special funeral was arranged, but this became disorganised when the corpse came to life. After this, a very hectic day and a half followed, during which the Company did a very good night march and reorganisation as reserve Company on the Battalion objective. During this exercise and the one that followed we covered many miles on transport.

The middle weekend was used to organise for the Divisional exercise and for rest, and on the Sunday, we moved out to our concentration area near Camberley. Here we had a foretaste of the semi-tropical weather that was to follow and which was to make the exercise very arduous. On the following day we moved over 50 miles, crossed the River Avon and took up forward positions.

We later moved to a ridge overlooking Imber and were caught by a storm of rain, which seemed, strangely enough, to improve matters. Shortly afterwards the exercise ended and we returned to Imber in a rather sodden state. A "brew-up" improved the situation and we marched to the Battalion assembly area for the move back to Camp which took place that evening.

With the end of the Division exercise, the camp was virtually at an end and we returned to Windmill Hill camp to rest, and prepare to return to Hornsey.

We would like to congratulate Capt. Carter on his promotion to Captain, just before camp. Congratulations also to Sgt. Hughes on his promotion, well deserved both on the grounds of his good work and keenness and we hope that we shall have him with us for many years to come. Cpl. Phillips and Cpl. Haxton have joined us in that rank from their service with the Regular Army and the following have been appointed Lance-Corporal: Ptes. Southon, Willson, Young and Lawler, and we wish them success in their new ranks.

The Company Commander and Cpl. Eyre have each become proud fathers and we hope that Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Eyre and both children are fit and doing well. Should there have been any other happy events that have not come to the notice of Company Office, the same good wishes are extended to these parents.

M.M.G. PLATOON

The Platoon for the first time fielded three sections at Annual Camp, the third a bit thin on the ground. This in itself was an achievement, and a tribute to those senior N.C.O.s who have kept the Platoon going during the winter months.

Despite the handicap in being given different types of vehicles than laid down in our organisation, marvels of improvisation took place during the exercises. It was a glorious sight, if not a little uncomfortable, for the occupants to see its Bedford 15-cwt., with two gun teams aboard, manoeuvring itself over the plain.

Even though we had vehicle trouble, and the Platoon Commander seemed to be especially unfortunate, the Platoon managed to keep together. A special mention must go to Walton and Robbins who fought magnificently with their jeep to keep up with the rest. They managed to do so even though they always appeared late on the scene of battle.

One result of our training on the Plain was to emphasise the need for good organisation in withdrawing at night.

For some who have been with us for three years, this was their last camp. May good luck accompany them in the future.

MORTAR PLATOON

The Platoon moved off to their Tactical weekend in grand style with 85 per cent. of its men. The main object of the exercise was map reading and preparing as a team to tackle Annual Camp. Just outside the London area, the Platoon split into five groups: one group under Sgt. Stewardson took the north route to Southend, another under Cpl. Stapleton, took the centre and another under Cpl. Wood the south. The 2IC, Lt. Gedye, went forward with Sgt. Payne and prepared the evening meal. The Platoon Commander patrolled all routes in case of emergencies. The start-off was successful and most patrols were easy to trace as they were ordered to visit certain points along the routes, and gain information. After a while, Cpl. Wood's patrol disappeared, in fact we never saw him again until the evening. Stapleton and Stewardson progressed rapidly and with very few mishaps, and quickly finished up at the camping site that evening. To our surprise, a good deal later, in came Cpl. Wood—having broken a half-shaft in a bird sanctuary. Later he procured the services of a tractor which got the truck out but half wrecked the bird sanctuary. The "mob" was then released on Southend, the Platoon Commander having little fear that Southend could look after itself.

The night and following day proved very wet, and many men woke up absolutely saturated, but an excellent breakfast improved matters, and map reading in convoy then followed. Cpl. Bishop was sent back to the centre along with the 2IC to prepare the evening meal. The Platoon arrived back at Hornsey, tired and wet, but we had achieved our object. We had improved our map reading, trained the drivers, and organised ourselves into a team.

Needless to say, the Platoon regarded Annual Camp with some alarm from previous stories that had spread.

We quickly settled in and had ourselves sorted out though. One or two days were utilised for preliminary training, all quite successfully, although we had some trouble with the vehicles.

During the Brigade scheme the Platoon Commander and his "O" Group tried to speed things up by arriving at the correct R.V. on time. Unfortunately he was met by an enemy patrol and "was done." He retired in great haste and disorder to Battalion H.Q. to warn that the enemy was at the "O" Group R.V.

The attack the following morning went in quite well, and the Platoon Commander gave a running commentary on the attack to Control as the other wireless links were not working very well. This continued until the Platoon was on the objective. The "S" Company was then called forward and a certain amount of confusion followed as we met a Company of the London Scottish in a fairly narrow valley. The intermingling of vehicles, resembled the Charge of the Light Brigade. However, things were soon sorted out, the exercise came to an end.

The Divisional exercise which followed was to say the least a most exhausting affair. It alternated with long periods of inactivity and short periods of extreme dash, when the Platoon chased across Salisbury Plain, in an endeavour to keep up with the Battalion. We fared well on rations provided by Sgt. Payne, but luxuries such as cigarettes were not forthcoming as we were rather a long way from Battalion H.Q. The heat was intense. After we had dug in, no serious activity took place and then everything went haywire. Firstly, it rained. Communications were not very good, but we made contact with the Battalion as the exercise ended. The Platoon Commander was ordered by the Director of the exercise to inform all stations that the exercise was ended. This he did but no one believed him.

We returned from the exercise very exhausted and thankful that it was over. We now look forward to the coming year's training.

ANTI-TANK PLATOON

At Annual Camp the Platoon was strong enough to muster four complete 17-pdr. gun detachments. This year we found ourselves on Salisbury Plain biting the dust and living under the stars and hot sun for most of the 14 days. During the Brigade exercise we were ordered to keep our carriers off the roads as much as possible and consequently we were at times almost a private army, feeding and watering ourselves, and even on one occasion sleeping while the rest of the Battalion moved on! This search for tank tracks took us on several occasions into the wilds of the Plain, following our moves along the innumerable tracks, on which the resulting clouds of dust caused the guns and carriers to change colour from green to buff. The training on the Divisional exercise was, of course, on a grand scale, with atomic explosions, etc., but we found ourselves using what were probably outmoded methods of deployment and engagement which caused one bright spark to remark while we were waiting to move after an atomic explosion: "Cor, it's just like trying to fire a bullet from a bow and arrow."

The camp was enjoyable and much was learnt. It had its usual phase of incidents, especially when the

D.R. came rushing up to the leading carriers demanding fire extinguishers for the missing carrier round the bend! Fortunately, the fire was extinguished, although its engine was burnt out.

The inevitable change of personnel is occurring and unfortunately nearly three-quarters of the Platoon will leave us before next year's camp. To these we say sadly, goodbye. The summer closed period is just ending and we hope soon to get an influx of new recruits whom, perhaps, we will be able to train on the 120 mm. B.A.T.

11th Bn. THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

(8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)

The Battalion has had its usual busy summer, culminating in our Annual Camp, which took place this year at Plasterdown Camp, near Tavistock, in Devon, during the middle two weeks of August. The camp, a hotted one on the edge of Dartmoor, was the best we have had for years. The accommodation was good; there was even constant hot water in the taps, and the weather was incredible, we only had one day's rain. The main event was a two-day exercise in conjunction with 10 Para. on the Okehampton training area. The Dartmoor Tors, in particular, Yes Tor and High Willhays, certainly encouraged physical fitness.

Several events will be remembered, among them the Drill competition, won by our newest Company, "A" Company, who also won nearly every other competition at camp, and the Beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums during the Tavistock carnival.

Lastly, the morning the balloon vanished, we last saw it heading for Weston-super-Mare at a height of 4,000 feet, closely followed by the remark, "There goes my eight — quid!" from the nameless parachutist who was relying on his next jump for his bounty.

The last event of the year took place at Henley Park ranges on Sunday, October 2, when we took part in the Annual Rifle Meeting of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the county of Middlesex. The Battalion team won the "Middlesex Challenge" Shield, taking first and second places in the Rifle Team competition, while Major E. G. Lee won the "Cheylesmore Challenge" Cup as the best individual scorer.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Sgt. D. Slade, of "B" Company, 11th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.), on August 22, 1955, from injuries received in a motor-cycle crash while proceeding to Annual Camp.

Sgt. Slade served with the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment in Cyprus and Egypt, and was demobilised in February, 1953. He was posted to "B" Company as a National Serviceman, but immediately became a Volunteer. He was a keen and most popular N.C.O. who had recently been promoted to Sergeant, and whose death is a sad loss to his many friends, officers, N.C.O.s and men. His funeral took place at Feltham Crematorium on August 29, 1955.

571 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A.

(9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)
HEADQUARTERS

In the previous edition of the magazine we told you of the change affecting the run-down of A.A. Command. The Regiment was perhaps more fortunate than some in that we were the last to attend Annual Practice Camp so we were able to spend longer getting to know each other and to accustom ourselves to a strength three times greater than in previous years. The camp at Weybourne, Norfolk, has much to be desired and we are hoping for many improvements before we return there next year. Even so we avoided any incident being recorded in the national press, which proves the additional time getting to know each other was a tremendous advantage.

OFFICERS' MESS

Just before leaving for camp in Norfolk, we held a cocktail party, followed by a dance and buffet supper at which nearly every officer attended. This was the first occasion wives "got together"—more of these parties have been requested at short intervals, so it must be assumed this first one was a success.

Guest night at camp was a great event, being the first occasion we had sat down for a dinner together, at full strength. Our sincere gratitude goes out to the Permanent Staff Officers' Mess, Weybourne, for permitting us to use their quarters for this purpose, as it would have been impossible for us to have held it in our own very cramped Mess. We were delighted that so many guests were able to join us including one Brigade Commander, Brigadier Ropes, O.B.E., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L. and Col. J. B. Williams, M.B.E., T.D., of the Middlesex T.A. Association, and many of the Permanent Staff.

BAND

We are very pleased to report several new Bandsmen have been enrolled, yet there is still room for more to be absorbed. For the second year in succession we have camped alongside the Cambridgeshire Regiment, and again their Bandsmen have trained with ours.

The Band played several times at the Officers' Mess and at guest night in camp intervened early on an impromptu speech by the Brigade Commander. It is understood this was appreciated as much by the speaker as the audience.

"P" BATTERY
ANNUAL CAMP

Firing

We did it! Yes, the only time an American robot plane shot from the skies by either British or American artillery in this country, came down in flames after receiving a direct hit from one of "P" Battery guns.

In addition several "sleeves" were shot down by our expert layers. Other batteries please note—if you want to know how it is done, ring EDGware 5236, extension 4. The Battery Commander is willing to part with the secret for a small fee.

Tents

The wily Adjutant sited "P" Battery tents as the "showpiece" at the front of the camp. We did not let him down, but we did object to him making excuses to the "visitors" after showing them over our tents and then by-pass the other Batteries. Maybe, of course, he had reasons.

Sports

"P" Battery took part in all the sports. We were a bit unlucky not winning the athletics.

The Cup is only lent to "R" Battery for this year.

Lt. J. K. E. Slack, R.A.(T.A.), organised the sports, and may we say to him—"Thank you."

Entertainments

The Battery had an outing to Yarmouth during camp. This was greatly enjoyed by all Ranks.

"Q" BATTERY

On the firing point, on Kelling Heath, in the village inn at West Runtun and on the ceremonial parade "Q" Battery revelled. This was, as we expected, a hectic camp.

Being the last Regiment in camp was rather like being the tail-end visitors at a seaside resort. You know the type of thing—the concert party (camp Q.M.) had packed up, half the pier attractions were out of action (camp equipment), and the population was settling down for its annual period of hibernation (the permanent staff). However, despite these drawbacks, "Q" Battery came through comparatively unscathed.

The strength of the Sergeants' Mess was increased by four—the best of luck to the four new members. A highly satisfactory get-together was held by the sergeants and officers at West Runtun. This was followed by a pleasant hour in the Sergeants' Mess. Although "Q" Battery was obviously no Olympic training ground, the chain of command race at the Regimental sports was won by the Battery—Capt. Hughes coming home in fine style.

Our Kelling Heath exercise was enthusiastically attacked—over enthusiasm resulting in a split head (bravo! Wilsher) and a torn hand. The Vampires impressed with a daring display. They even impressed one of their own pilots who came to earth to see the picture from the other side and was heard to remark what a dangerous game it must be flying the d... things. Later in the afternoon he treated his friends in "E" Troop to a private battle which they thoroughly enjoyed.

On the firing point two sleeves were accounted for—the first by "F" Troop. Well done the "ex-Glow-worms." We did have a little trouble about safety regulations, but, unlike another Battery, we did not allow our chaps to have a shot at the plane. Of course, we had other sticky moments. The M.G.R.A. startled one detachment with a stoppage—for which they forgot the drill. One did hear it whispered that perhaps the gun safety officer knew something about it.

Lt. Hammond supplied the Officers' Mess with fun and games, and indeed the repertoire of former years has now become the property of the new regiment. Grateful thanks to our new colleagues for their con-

tributions to our existing selection. A day at Yarmouth gave the boys a first-class break in the proceedings and the padre after our spiritual welfare with an excellent drumhead service on Sunday morning. Who will ever forget his apt choice of hymn at the end of his sermon?

We return to base full of plans for the future. The first being a social and dance on Trafalgar Day, when the Old Naval Association will present a ship's bell to the Battery. More of that in next issue.

"R" BATTERY

We have just returned from Annual Camp at Weybourne and we are grateful to the benign providence which gave us a summery second week to offset the first week of wintry autumn. The importance of camp this year lay, of course, in the welding together of the amalgamation of Fusiliers, "Die-hards" and Gunners into one Regiment—of "Die-Hards" and this is well on the way to being achieved. Points of difference arise still, naturally, such as the seniority of the decorations in the Sergeants' Mess, the exact phraseology of the arias sung in the Officers' Mess, and whether or not the target is approaching—but taken by and large we are now united against all comers.

We hesitate therefore, to mention the triumph of "R" Battery at the Regimental sports, which we must confess came as a surprise to us. Gnr. Sparks' magnificent efforts in the three miles and the mile, with Gnr. Middleton's fine performance in the field events laid the foundation of the Battery's success, and the tug-of-war team will readily admit that it was a good thing they won the toss in their final pull against "Q" Battery.

We also won the Football competition, but this was a somewhat hollow victory, as R.H.Q., our first opponents, failed to appear at the advertised time and so forfeited the match, while the other eliminating round could not be played owing to the failure of the camp sports administrator to keep proper records of the Unit's bookings—so that another Regiment's sports were in full swing on our pitch when the match should have been played. A small point maybe to the camp staff but an important one to our soccer fans. The one and only match therefore was the final between ourselves and "P" Battery (who had won the toss with "Q" Battery) which we won by 2 goals to 1 our scorers being Gnr. Stiles and Gnr. Hook.

It was a good clean game, but we just had the edge on "P" Battery. An inter-Troop knock-out competition (10 mins. each way) was also arranged between "D," "E," "G," "H" and "J" Troops which was won by "H" Troop who beat the favourites, "J" Troop, in the final by 2 goals to nil. This was nearly ruined by the camp maladministration of sports facilities too.

We must not give the impression that no work was done, however, because we enjoyed some good shooting, and a day's mobile exercise which, abbreviated to "Split" for obvious reasons, impressed on us the difficulties and delights of our new role. Administration was reduced to three brews of tea, and local and early warning to nil, so that we were able to move about pretty smartly, which we did quite well considering that we have had so little practice so far. Perhaps it is too much to hope that overseas in this atomic age one might enjoy

the sublimely simple task of dealing in swift and frequent movement of guns alone without all the familiar complications—but it's a nice idea. We are now settling down to the organisation of our winter training and social programmes, on the success or otherwise of which we shall be reporting in due course.

HONG KONG REGIMENTAL NOTES

Since our last contribution, no world shattering events have occurred within the Regiment. The Rifle Companies have carried out numerous patrol exercises at weekends, most exotic names such as: "Nightjar," "Bullfrog," "Swansong," "Vortex." The object—gaining a thorough knowledge of the New Territories, away from the highways. The skill and efficiency of all concerned has reached a new high level, the N.C.O.'s have gained in confidence, and have led some really good night patrols over difficult country.

One well-known N.C.O. of "S" Company had to contend with a 100-yd. barbed wire "belt," armed Chinese watchmen and guard dogs, before finally making the "char" lines at 4 a.m. Another stalked with skill and great endurance two wandering cows for five hours! An Irishman—he is now known as "Cow Pat."

A Brigadier, visiting the training, remarked after questioning a dozing and startled sentry: "I don't mind you not knowing the tactical situation, or where you are on the ground, but at least you ought to know 'WHO' you are!" We have our bright sparks.



"CANADA DAY," THE CEREMONY OF LAYING THE WREATHS

Left to right: Major Peasley, Middlesex Regiment, Lt.-Col. S. Carter, Foresters, C.O., H.K.R., Capt. G. F. Doggett, K.S.L.I., Adjutant, H.K.R., Lt. Nery, H.K.R., Capt. F. Quah, H.K.R.

The Senior and Junior N.C.O.s' concentrated courses (Regimental Courses A and B) have now been completed. The opening address was given by the Deputy Commander British Forces, Brigadier R. H. Bellamy, D.S.O. The standard gained, shown by the final examination, was most encouraging.

A few "howlers," however, emerged:

Q. Illustrate the difference between "under command" and "in support."

A. The Hong Kong Regiment is "under command" of Col. Carter.

The "bi-pod" is "in support" of the Mortar.

Q. What is an "O" Gp. and "R" Gp.? Who commands these Gps?

A. The "O" Gp. is the "observation" Gp. and consists of the C.O., the Adjutant and the R.S.M., who "observe" drill parades and exercises.

The "R" Gp. is the "Ration Group" and consists of Mr. Lane, Sgt. Gellman and Lok Mui. (Note.—The Q.M., Cook-Sergeant and Q.M. storeman respectively.)

Q. What is the name of our Allied Regiment?

A. The "Muddlesex" Regiment.

(Note.—This subject was NOT pursued.)

Canada Day (July 1)

The Regiment, at the request of the Trade Commissioner for Canada in Hong Kong, Mr. T. R. G. Fletcher, provided a Guard of Honour for Canada Day of one officer (Capt. K. J. Hanmer), and 20 O.R.s, and six Drummers of the Corps of Drums, who sounded Last Post and Reveille. This was a very impressive little

ceremony at which wreaths were laid by the Commissioner, the Deputy Commandant Royal Hong Kong Defence Force, and other representatives of Old Comrades' Associations of the Colony. Major Peasley (The Middlesex Regiment), Commanding Officer, Adjutant and officers of the Hong Kong Regiment, and Col. Dowbiggin attended.

Afterwards the Commissioner and Mrs. Fletcher entertained the Guard of Honour and Drummers to refreshments in the Volunteer Officers' Mess, which was very much appreciated. The Commissioner was shown, and greatly admired, the Middlesex Cup; the picture "Steady the Drums and Fifes" was explained to him, as was the part played by The Middlesex Regiment with the Canadians in the defence of Hong Kong in 1941.

At the time of writing much activity is going on, reconnoitring and preparing programmes for camp, in November and December. This year we go to "Bees Stables," behind the camp of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment, who were of such great assistance to us last year.

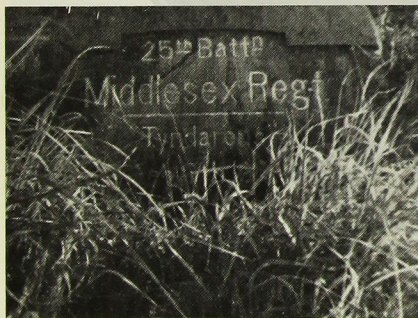
New Commanding Officer

The Regiment greeted with considerable satisfaction the appointment of an officer of the Middlesex Regiment as their next Commanding Officer, and we look forward to welcoming Col. Clayton early in the "fall."

We trust that our present Middlesex "link," Mr. Lane, the Regimental Quartermaster, paid a call (as ordered!) at Mill Hill, and that he will be back in time to make smooth the way, and put down the red carpet for the new Commanding Officer. Our Honorary Colonel, Colonel the Honourable Cedric Blaker, M.C., E.D., is also due back from England early in October, so by the time we go to camp we should be up to strength!

As instructed by the Editor, "be bright and snappy," we will, knowing we are not bright, especially after last night's Chinese Chow, at least "snap shut," and send these notes with our very best wishes to our Allied Regiment, post-haste or *quam celereme*, and sign ourselves most hastily,

"THE DOUBLE DRAGONS."



Photograph of a stone on the Peak, Hong Kong. Sent by Col. Dowbiggin who was in Hong Kong with this Battalion.

NEWS LETTER BY M.B.

On July 11 I was invited to an informal lunch to meet Lord Latham. The lunch was given by Mr. Graham Rowlandson, Alderman and Chairman of the County Council. I have been fortunate to attend such luxurious affairs on two other occasions, first on May 20 to meet the new Bishop of Willesden, and on September 16 the Lord Bishop of London, to bid him farewell before he vacates the diocese after ten years. The Bishop of Willesden had visited the 1st Battalion in Austria and came to the passing-out parade inspected by Brigadier Joe Weston, both arriving in a helicopter (a unique event) at the Inglis Barracks. The Lord Bishop dedicated our 20 homes at Enfield on September 15, 1951, and that memory will last for many years.

On July 16 the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by myself and Major Jones, visited Albuhera Close, and expressed his satisfaction with it. The Homes had been recently painted and the gardens were in excellent order, except in one or two cases.

Geoffrey Kitchener married on July 23, but as the wedding was in a church in Anstey Village, I do not think the Regiment was represented, the notice being short.

Col. Passingham on July 18 wrote to say he was at Ascot Races when the course was struck by lightning. He was unhurt, and full of praise of the Ascot Division of St. John's Ambulance Corps with which he is closely connected, himself being a Knight of Grace in that ancient order.

On July 30 I stopped with Col. Stewart at Clavering. He was and is still suffering much from rheumatism in the shoulder, which hinders sleep. He is to have special treatment from a specialist in London and I hope soon to have better news, for alas, Mrs. Stewart is also unwell with heart trouble and life is hard for them.

Col. Rooke wrote on September 7 to tell me how he had seen the 1st Battalion passing up-hill from Colchester Station to Meeanee Barracks on September 4 like aged animals, and no doubt he remembered the 2nd Battalion arriving in December, 1931, led by the Band, Drums and Pipers of the Black Watch full of glory. I must say I felt very disappointed to see our 1st Battalion given so little press or public recognition after their splendid record in Austria. That was but part of his experience. In spite of being 85 he determined to see the Battalion arrive at Harwich, and misreading his watch rose at 2 a.m., washed, shaved and dressed, to find it was 3 a.m. He reached Harwich at 7 p.m. to find us at breakfast, as the ship did not tie up till 9 a.m. (three hours late). He had come specially to see Col. Willoughby in command, being the son of Major Willoughby, his old friend. He would not see the Battalion at Harwich despite my plea, but has, apart from their day of arrival, been in touch, and Col. Willoughby has visited him.

Col. Man wrote on July 29 to say how pleased he had been to dine here on July 14, when Brigadier Stumps Green and Col. "Fanny" Walden were present. We had the Jordan Army Band and Pipers, the latter marching round the table to remind us of dinners in

the Black Watch Mess at Colchester, and myself, many years later, dining with the officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Naval and Military Club, Pall Mall.

His innumerable friends in both 1st and 2nd Battalions were sad to lose Victor Thomas on July 28 when he retired. He dined here on August 4, in the Mess, to commemorate our friendship for him. I think I am perhaps the officer who first induced him to step on the promotion ladder, and he never climbed down. He was always a splendid and brave leader, as good in the war in command of a M.G. Company in the 1st/7th Battalion as he was in peace in Hong Kong and Austria in charge of administration. He could never be deceived by bad service, and we owe much to his care of financial matters in the 1st Battalion. A brave, intelligent, honorable and lovable officer, who will be much missed.

On August 9 I heard from Col. W. H. V. Jones, now living for the last two years in the house he designed in Romsey, and with a garden he and his very artistic wife designed, with a sunken garden including a fish pond set in crazy pavement. Andrew Man seems to have been his only visitor. His son is now married and has an heir 17 months old.

Brinley Ayre wrote to myself, and later to our Colonel to say he cannot, due to duty overseas connected with the War Office, attend the Regular Officers' Dinner or At Home.

We are all distressed to learn Philip Marshall, not long returned to the 1st Battalion, is suffering from slight ulcer trouble, and will probably have to serve at home for some 12 months. He is very disappointed, having looked forward to service in Cyprus with the 57th/77th after commanding the Depot.

We have heard on September 2 that Lloyds Bank have in their possession a ledger, commencing in 1794, containing various accounts in connection with the officers and funds of the 77th Foot. Mr. Ball, the manager of their bank at 6 Pall Mall, has most kindly promised to show me this interesting record, and I shall probably take advantage of his kindness in October after the Battalion has sailed.

I heard on August 3 from Mrs. John Whiteman, sending me her yearly generous cheque for £5 for any Regimental fund I care to choose. This sum has come every year since 1939 (16 years), and simple arithmetic tells me it is now £80. Apart from this gift, Mrs. Whiteman sent three Boer rifles taken by Major John Whiteman in the Boer War, which are now in our Regimental Museum—one was carried by General Louis Botha.

On September 6, Major Dick Smith sent me a long letter, giving a full account of a pair of carving instruments and the two Russian drums in the Museum. People in Finchley have mentioned they saw Dick Smith's widow, and he writes to remind all his friends that they are "alive and kicking vigorously." He gave me several pieces of historical news which appear elsewhere, and I trust all will realise how much we owe to Dick Smith's remarkable Regimental knowledge. He tells me a piece of personal news of his family in that his daughter Dorothy is marrying into the Tawney

family, her husband-to-be being a Regular officer in the Dorsets. The latter trusts to get a Company in the Malay Regiment and was *en route* from Korea when Smith wrote to me. He had seen recently, also, Major and Mrs. Jeffcoat in Singapore; they are due soon to join the 1st Battalion in Cyprus. His last remark is that our At Home on September 30 in the Officers' Mess is on the anniversary of Rupert Hallows winning the V.C. Many will then see that precious senior decoration in our Mess that day.

Major McLoughlin, Public Relations Officer in the County Council, attends the passing-out parade on September 30 taken by O.C. 1st Battalion, and lunches in our Mess. He served in the war in the airborne forces.

Many older members of the Regiment will be sad to hear that Vernon Tate, who served in the First World War in the 1st Battalion under Col. Elgee has been seriously ill, following two internal operations. Our sympathy has been sent to his wife, and our prayers for his speedy recovery.

(Since the above notes were received, we have been informed that Capt. Vernon Tate died on September 30; a notice appears elsewhere in the Journal.—EDITOR.)

A UNIQUE GIFT CONNECTED WITH THE CRIMEAN WAR

Early in September, 1955, Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks sent me a letter from a friend, Pat Burge-Lumsden, who served under him in the North African Campaign. It was to the effect that Pat Burge-Lumsden had been staying with Mrs. Boyle (nee Willis), whose grandfather in the 77th Regiment was the famous Gen. Sir George Willis, G.C.B., who had served in the Crimea and in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882. In 1897 he became Colonel of our Regiment, the second officer to hold that appointment, for previously the 57th and 77th had separate Colonels. The County of Middlesex was a later connection, the former being joined with the western and the latter the eastern part of the county in the years 1782 and 1807 respectively.

In the letter was mentioned a scrap album compiled from water-colour drawings, other photographs and papers connected with the Crimean War—a truly fascinating and very human production.

In the main they are paintings of various portions of the Crimea, with pictures of Varna, the locality on the Black Sea at which the allied British, French and Turkish forces assembled before landing in Russia. Included is a pamphlet on the Cemetery at Crimea, detailing the exact graves of fallen officers and other ranks of our Regiment (57th and 77th).

Willis, then a Major, has made notes in his own hand of the various parts he painted. A very human touch is that on some paintings he puts "my second attempt" as presumably the first did not please him. The photographs are somewhat faded, and in some cases words denoting the water colours are hard to interpret, but the paintings are perfect and very lovely.

Sir George Willis was, in truth, a famous soldier. He served in the Crimean War from April 1854 to July 1856 with the 77th till May 1855, and later as

D.A.Q.M. General at Headquarters and as A.Q.M.G. of the 4th Division. He was present at Affairs on the Bulgancak and at Balaklava, the Battles of Alma and Inkerman, assault of the Quarries, attack of The Redan on June 18, Battle of Tchernaya, final assault of The Redan on September 8, and served for eight months in the trenches, including the repulse of several sorties, and was frequently in command of the advances trenches. (Medal with three clasps, Brevets of Major and Lt.-Colonel, Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, Sardinian and Turkish Medals, and 5th Class of the Medjidie.)

Served in the Egyptian War (1882) in command of 1st Division, and was present at engagements of E. Magfar, Tel-el-Mabuta, and Kassasin (September 9), and in the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, slightly wounded. (Five times Mentioned in Despatches, received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament, K.C.B., Medal with Clasp, 2nd Class Order of the Osmanieh and Khedive's Star.)

(Above extracts from Hart's Army List, 1885).

Later received G.C.B. (1895) and commanded Southern District in England, becoming Lieutenant-General.

Mrs. Boyle has kindly presented the album to the Regiment, and the thanks of our Colonel and all ranks have been conveyed to her.

Readers will recollect we had already in the Depot Mess a case containing all General Sir George Willis's medals and decorations, and an oil painting of him as an Ensign, aged 16½ years.

A hearty welcome to visit the Mess and see all these relics has been sent to Mrs. Boyle.

M. B.

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR R. C. H. BELLERS By M.B.

Dick Bellers, born January 12, 1911, journeyed on the same road as his father Col. Bellers, who commanded the 3rd Battalion in South Africa and was present when that Battalion received its first set of Colours. Dick saw that historic parade.

He passed through the then Royal Military College at Sandhurst, where he became a Sergeant and obtained his Blue for boxing, and cross-country running, no easy victory.

He joined the 1st Battalion at Colchester on January 29, 1931, and served with the Battalion in Palestine, Egypt and Hong Kong up to 1937, being appointed Signal Officer. From 1938 to 1939 he was serving in the Burma Defence Force as a Company Commander, A/Adjutant and then G.S.O.3 at that Headquarters, passing the Staff College Exam. in 1939, and attending the second War Staff Course at Quetta in 1940.

He was appointed Staff Captain and Brigade Major at H.Q., Rangoon Area, 1940-42. Later he became G.S.O.2 operations in 1st Burma Corps and took part in that terrible retreat in which suffering from disease and casualties were widespread.

In 1942-43 he became G.S.O.2 operations at H.Q., 17th Indian Light Division, and for a few months in 1942 became a temporary Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1944

he was with the 10th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers as second in command. In 1944-45 he was a Brigade Major, H.Q., 134 Infantry Brigade in U.K., and then G.S.O.2 operations in Germany, where in 1945 he was B.M. in 131 Lorried Infantry Brigade.

In 1946-47 he was on the Staff at the War Office in M.T.6 and Infantry (3) as a G.S.O.2. In 1948 he returned to the 1st Battalion at Hamburg, and commanded the Regimental Depot at Inglis Barracks, 1949-50.

He then rejoined our 1st Battalion in Korea as a Company Commander. After that war he became second in command of the 40th Infantry Battle School in Hong Kong, 1951-52.

From 1953 till his retirement in 1955 he was D.A.Q.M.G. (Mob.) at H.Q., 1st A.A. Group.

Dick Bellers always bitterly regretted that he did not serve in the Second World War with the Regiment, although he saw a great deal of war service in those years, fully equal to the experience of his fellow officers.

He is now manager of a new Croydon Branch of the British School of Motoring. It is surely a worthwhile job, for only can we hope to see the devastating slaughter on our roads reduced when drivers are taught to drive cars and ride motor cycles in accordance with Road Traffic Acts, and to exercise care in driving and show consideration for other drivers and pedestrians.

As a magistrate in a court in Middlesex, I see on four days a week between 30 and 40 criminal cases connected with driving cars to the danger of the public, and drivers are equally placed in peril, for a car or a motor cycle is a lethal weapon in the hands of a bad driver or rider.

I am sure his many friends will wish him every success in his new venture.

M. B.

THE REGULAR OFFICERS' BICENTENARY DINNER

This function was held at the United Service Club on Thursday, September 29. The Dinner was held earlier than usual to enable officers of the Battalion, whether regular or otherwise, to attend before leaving for Cyprus. They appeared to be as strongly represented as were those who normally attend this Reunion.

During dinner Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, Colonel of the Regiment, read a message from Her Majesty The Queen in reply to our loyal greetings sent previously. Two toasts followed to Her Majesty, and to the Regiment. A greetings telegram signed "Steve" (Lt.-Col. Stephenson, need we say) was read by the "Colonel."

A feature of the occasion was the splendid organisation, largely, we understand, the work of Major E. L. Heywood, that in its lavishness and splendour rivalled any pre-war function. Certainly the writer can recall no happier Regimental occasion, and like everyone else intends to attend the next provided he is spared to do so.

G. W. K.

The following attended:

Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall (President); Brigadiers E. E. F. Baker, G. H. C. Pennycook, B. B. Rackham, O. H. Tidbury, G. P. L. Weston; Col. M. Browne;

S. F. Hedgecoe, A. M. Man, A. M. O. A. Passingham; Lt.-Cols. W. P. M. Allen, J. H. Clowes, D. Y. Cubitt, S. F. W. M. del Court, L. H. J. de la M. Herepath, C. M. M. Man, J. W. G. Ormiston, F. G. Parker, W. L. Roberts, L. F. Sloane-Stanley, J. E. F. Willoughby; Majors P. B. Allott, F. J. Bennett, I. R. Burrows, I. F. Campbell, T. W. Chattey, A. W. Clark, C. N. Clayden, G. C. Dawson, A. D. C. Eales, P. W. Galvin, E. L. Heywood, R. D. Hutchings, G. W. Kempster, F. A. L. Lawrence, W. Lloyd Jones, H. N. McLeod Martin, P. F. Newman, D. C. L. Nolda, P. L. Pearce-Gould, J. N. Shipster, P. E. C. Tuckey, A. R. Waller; Capt. K. J. Carter, B. K. Clayden, W. M. M. Deacock, J. S. C. Flavell, J. de Gaye, R. E. Guest, R. A. Hodge, A. N. Jordan, C. L. Lawrence, N. F. Legge, M. F. Leonard, B. H. Marciandi, H. J. A. Moore, B. A. M. Pielow, D. B. Rendell; Lts. R. Andjel, R. K. Collins, W. G. A. Crumley, R. T. Douthet, R. D. Fisher, S. Fothergill, P. A. Hight, T. J. Humber, M. V. Hayward, J. M. Hewson, D. E. Lobb, I. M. E. Lloyd, G. E. McManus, M. Nosworthy, D. A. Prettyman, J. S. B. Pollard, S. C. W. Weller.

AUTUMN GOLF MEETING

North Hants Golf Club, September 24 and 25, 1955

Another autumn meeting has just finished and at a desk, still littered with the inevitable backwash of score cards, accounts, notes and records, I hasten to make some notes of what has been probably our best gathering here.

Chief praise must go to the clerk of the weather, who produced two perfect days, with just that occasional threat of possible rain, which makes for greater pleasure when it does not actually do more than frown for a few minutes.

Second place goes to the Club staff who catered for us so adequately and cheerfully, and to the competitors, if I dare say so, for their co-operation and appreciation of the situation. Players arrived punctually and despite all obstacles finished so nearly together that the gathering were all feeding at a reasonable time and ready for the start of the next event promptly to time.

An additional feature which adds to this meeting is the increase of interest by the ladies, who make Sunday afternoon a most enjoyable finale, apart from supporting and filling the gap at other times.

The Committee this year decided to dispense with all speeches at the Dinner and the whole company retired to the lounge for the A.G.M., which took about 45 minutes less as a result, whilst the party still remained a party. On this occasion Col. Browne came down for Saturday and if he did not play he walked the course in the afternoon. With no reflection on our kind Hendon friends, I gather that he enjoyed his surroundings in rural Hampshire more than the well known views of the gas works at Finchley.

Before talking golf, we must say how much everyone appreciated the kindness of "The Wortons" for their most delightful party between tea and dinner. How Mrs. Worton copes with weddings and cocktail parties and a houseful of guests, all within a matter of hours, goodness only knows.

It was delightful to have with us once more Mrs. del Court, and we feel that Arthur Cooper would have immediately awarded her the "Cooper" Cup, had he been there (a) for making up a pair with your correspondent and (b) despite him, producing the best score.

Mrs. Gilbert does not play golf, but she helped tremendously to make the meeting.

At least two ladies were forced to spend their birthdays hitting golf balls. I am happy to say that I believe neither Mrs. le Patourel (née Miss Procter) nor Mrs. del Court had many regrets.

To Mrs. Gray, the Ladies Captain, we owe our thanks for her efforts to find partners for Sunday afternoon. All members were delighted, even if some were over-awed with their responsibility in partnering a county, ex-county player or Ladies Captain. Anyhow, as one competitor said, "I love the mixed foursomes, they are always such a charming lot of girls."

We should love to record Hervey del Court's trick shot and repeat Roger Latham's experience at Lewes Race Course, but we cannot ramble on forever and had better sum up with the words of Bob Mounce, our professional: "You had a jolly good weekend. I could see that it was going with a swing." Yes, it went with a swing and now thank goodness I can bath and shave in peace without that beastly telephone recording that Mervyn Crawford must needs put his foot in a rabbit hole, Rex Waller breaks a hand, or that Jay has landed safely, etc., etc.

As will be seen the scores on Saturday were the worst ever, and the Divot, most suitably, Aids to Golf, presented by Rex Waller, went to Hervey del Court with a mastery 117.

As he will be safely back in South Africa by the time these notes appear we can record that he had practised hard, not to win but to avoid the Divot. He won the Divot, but is not responsible for producing the next, since Ormiston and Gilbert tore up, and have been ordered for this crime to produce the next Divot as a fine.

Once again the Tankard went to a Club member, but this time it was a near thing, Mr. Bade winning with 69 to Procter's 70.

Needless to say, Worton is delighted that a hard hearted Handicap Committee has robbed not only Bade of two strokes, but Procter of one stroke.

RESULTS

	Saturday	H'cap	Sunday	Aggregate
Major Bywaters	81-8=73	76	149	X
Brigadier Procter	89-9=80	75	150	A
Lt.-Gen. Bucknall	98-10=88	72	150	B
Capt. Guest	94-15=79	80	159	
Major Burrows	113-24=80	88	177	
Lt.-Col. del Court	117-16=101	—	—	Z
Lt.-Col. Gilbert	—18=	85	—	*
Major Clayden	101-24=77	—	—	Y
Capt. Latham	87-10=77	—	—	
Major Jay	112-15=97	—	—	*
Lt.-Col. Ormiston	—15=	76	—	
Lt. Hendry	—12=	75	—	B
Lt.-Col. Worton	—11=	85	—	
Capt. St. George	—11=	80	—	

X Wins "Scratch" and "Handicap" Cup and "Jay" Cup.

Y Tie 2nd Handicap.

Z Wins Divot.

A Wins Sunday Sweep and 2nd in "Middlesex" Tankard.

B Tie for 2nd Sweep.

* Provide next Divot.

"COOPER" CUP			
Capt. Guest and Lt.-Col. Gilbert	1st Bn.	24	Points M
Major Bywaters and Major Burrows	1st Bn.	21	"
Lt.-Col. del Court and Capt. Latham	3rd Bn.	20	"
Lt.-Col. Ormiston and Major Clayden	2nd Bn.	16	"
Lt.-Gen Bucknall and Major Jay	Depot	12	"
Mrs. del Court and Brigadier Procter	The Irregulars	25	" N
M Take Cup.			
N Win Sweep			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON			
Capt. Guest and Mrs. Gray	28	1st prize	(on last 6 holes)
(Captain Middx. Regt. G.S. and Ladies Capt N.H.G.C.)			
Major Bywaters and Miss Beeching	28	2nd prize	
(N.H.G.C.)			
Lt.-Col. Gilbert and Mrs. Clifford	26	Won hidden holes	
(N.H.G.C.)			
Lt. Gen. Bucknall and Mrs. le Patourel	25		
(N.H.G.C.) (ex-Middx. County)			
Lt.-Col. Ormiston and Mrs. J. S. F. Morrison (ex-Hants Champion)	25		
Lt. Hendry and Miss Ripley	25		
Lt.-Col. and Mrs. del Court	24		
(A champion in S.A.)			
Brigadier Procter and Miss le Patourel	23		
Capt. and Mrs. St. George	19		
Major Burrows and Miss H. Clifford	19		
(N.H.G.C.)			
Lt.-Col. Worton and Mrs. Hardcastle	17		
From top to bottom of the League, sounds like Association Football and calls for new managers.			

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Having been circulated in the Journal were passed.

Arisings

Publicity. It was regretted that Major Jay's suggestion had not been acted upon, but it would be borne in mind this year.

Captain

Proposed by Lt.-Gen. Bucknall and seconded by Lt.-Col. Worton that Capt. Guest be Captain for the coming year. (Passed unanimously.)

Committee

Proposed by Brigadier Procter and passed that the Committee for the coming year be O.C. Depot, Lt.-Col. Worton and a keen T.A. representative to be found by O.C. Depot.

Thanks

(1) The Colonel of the Regiment, as Captain of the Society, proposed a vote of thanks to the N.H.G.C. and staff for all that they had done to provide a perfect weekend, and he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pearce for coming to join the meeting at dinner. (Carried with acclamation.)

(2) There was more acclamation when he proposed a vote of thanks to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Worton for their hospitality.

(3) He thanked the Ladies in general for their help, particularly those who came in to make up numbers.

(4) There was another vote of thanks, but in the words of "Wollo" (absent without leave) "It's no good passing it as it won't be recorded."

Venue for 1956

It was unanimously decided to request North Hants Golf Club to allow us to hold the meeting there next year.

Order of Events

A suggestion that the Meeting should start with foursomes rather than a medal round was referred to the Committee.

Mr. Pearce replied for the Golf Club in becoming terms.

LETTER FROM HORNSEY BRANCH DIE-HARDS CLUB

The Secretary,
Middlesex Regimental Association.

Dear Sir, September 18, 1955.

We have again been fortunate in holding several successful social evenings, enabling members and their wives to enjoy our traditional good comradeship.

The Old Comrades' dance on September 3 was brilliantly organised and the evening was most entertaining for members and their friends, who danced to the music of Stan Stanton and his Rhythm Boys.

We thank the C.O., Lt.-Col. Ellis, for allowing us the use of the Drill Hall and for a very enjoyable evening at the Albuhara Dance.

The darts team has operated successfully lately. We hope for more fixtures in the winter.

The 1st/7th (1914-18) members dined at the Manor House, some 75 attending. Another date for this function has been fixed in March, 1956. Many of the old 1st/7th are members of Die-Hards Clubs. We should be pleased to see them on Wednesday and Saturday evenings with their wives and friends at 7.30 p.m. A separate room with a T.V. set has been provided for their use.

Our best wishes to all Old Comrades of the Die-Hards Clubs.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) A. E. Sills,
Ass. Secretary, Hornsey Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1955, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier E. E. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., R.S.M., P. Donovan, C.S.M., R. Budden, C/Sgt. J. Bream, Mr. G. H. E. Duffield, Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).
In attendance: Major G. W. Kempster, Major A. T. Jones, M.B.E., T.D.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Col. G. Beach, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wolcombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., Major D. C. L. Nolda, Major E. L. Heywood, R.S.M., E. Pike, Dr. Major C. Holford, B.E.M.

1. Election of Chairman. Lt.-Col. Roberts opened the meeting by reminding the Committee that as preciously arranged he was this day relinquishing the Chair, but before actually doing so he wished to record his personal thanks to all members of the Committee for their loyalty and support during his period of office. Without their help he could not have carried on, and in particular he was indeed most grateful to Major Clark and Mrs. Brooks for the way in which they carried out the detail work of administration. Col. Maurice Browne said, as the oldest officer serving on the Committee, he took it upon himself to thank Lt.-Col. Roberts for their behalf for the very able manner in which he had carried out his duties as Chairman. It was by no means an easy task, as there were occasions when members took strong and opposing views on matters which came up for discussion, but thanks to Lt.-Col. Roberts' tact, skill and firmness all was well.

It was with pleasure that he was able to announce that Lt.-Col. Fox had agreed to take over and he commended this appointment to the Committee, wishing Lt.-Col. Fox a happy period in office. It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Duffield that Lt.-Col. Fox be hereby elected Chairman. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Lt.-Col. Fox thanked Col. Browne for so ably expressing the gratitude of the Committee to Lt.-Col. Roberts for his outstanding services to the Association, and knew it would be the unanimous wish of all present that such appreciation should be recorded in the Minutes.

The Chairman then reported the apologies received from members who were not able to attend the meeting, and in particular referred to Col. Beach's absence owing to illness. On their behalf he undertook to write him a note expressing their sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery. He also welcomed Lt.-Col. Willoughby, the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion, and thanked him for coming to the meeting despite his heavy commitments at the present time.

2. War Memorial Committee's Report. The Committee's report which has been circulated with the Agenda was discussed by the Committee.

Unsatisfactory Tenant. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Lt.-Col. Robbins and carried unanimously that Mr. Barber, the tenant of No. 5 Albuhara Close, be given notice to quit, and steps be taken to obtain an Eviction Order from the Court if necessary, but before taking an action Major Hardcastle be asked to obtain Counsel's opinion on the procedure generally, and the matter be reported back to the Committee should Counsel's advice indicate the desirability of varying the purport of this resolution.

The Committee's report was adopted. Major Jones was thanked for attending the meeting in his capacity as Housing Manager to the Estate.

3. Journal Committee's Report. Major Kempster explained the financial position to the Committee and recommended that the Journal should have a Sub-Committee. It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Roberts, seconded by Col. Browne, and approved by the Committee that a Sub-Committee composed as follows be appointed: O.C. Depot, R.S.M. Depot, Major Kempster and Secretary.

Major Kempster considered that it would be advantageous to revert to the quarterly issue of the Journal, due to loss of revenue from advertisements, amount of extra copy accumulated and lateness of the news published. The Committee decided that such matters be referred to the Sub-Committee for their consideration and recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Chairman thanked Major Kempster for attending the meeting.

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

5. Secretary's Report. The Secretary's report, having been circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee.
Grants. During the period April 1, 1955, to August 31, 1955, the sum of £821 19s. 1d. was dispensed in assisting 182 necessitous cases, of this amount the following sums were received from other charitable funds in co-operation:

	£	s.	d.
51st Highland Division Trust Fund	50	0	0
Forces Help Society	20	0	0
North Staffs Regimental Association	25	0	0
Royal Patriotic Fund	40	0	0
British Legion	25	0	0
Total	160	0	0

Reunion. 5,366 letters were despatched, notifying past and present members of the Regimental Reunion to be held on Friday October 28, 1955, at Seymour Hall, and posters and handbills have been distributed throughout the country.

Field of Remembrance. Notices and information regarding the usual service to be held at the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, November 5, at 10.45 a.m., have been sent to members, and invitations extended to attend this service to Lord Lathan and representatives of the County.

6. Finance Committee's Report. Lt. Col. Fox informed the Committee that there was nothing unusual to report, for individual cases had not exceeded the total expenditure authorised by the Committee.

The Finance Committee recommended for consideration of the Executive Committee that donations to other charities for 1955 be approved:

Association Funds:	£	s.	d.
Regular Forces Employment Association	50	0	0
Family Welfare Association	5	5	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Homes	8	0	0
S.S.A.F.A.	10	10	0
Forces' Help Society	10	10	0
Gordon Boys' Homes	5	5	0
British Limbless ex-Service Mens' Association	5	5	0
Total	95	3	0

Approved by Committee.

The Committee considered the Secretary's and Assistant Secretary's cost of living bonuses for 1955, and after a short discussion it was approved that the Secretary's salary be increased to £450 per annum, the existing arrangement for reimbursement of expenses to remain unchanged, and that the Assistant Secretary's cost of living bonus at 15 per cent. be consolidated with the existing salary. Thus her salary for 1955 and onwards would be £240 per annum, with no cost of living bonus.

7. Regimental History Committee's Report. Major Waller presented the History Committee's report which had been circulated, and it was received and adopted.

8. Regimental Reunion. The Secretary informed the Committee that as in previous years, the applications for tickets were not being received in large numbers, and that he had made arrangements with the caterers for additional barmen to be available at the main bar.

Mr. Duffield asked the Committee if consideration would be given for the Reunion in 1956 to take place as a Dinner. The Chairman ruled that this matter could be brought up for consideration when the arrangements for the 1956 Reunion were under review.

9. Annual General Meeting. The Committee resolved that the Annual General Meeting which it was contemplated could be held prior to the Reunion, should not take place until the Sub-Committee considering the Rules of the Association had reported. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 29, 1956, at 2.30 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
October 6, 1955.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1955, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier E. E. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. G. Beach, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wolcombe, M.C., Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., Major D. C. L. Nolda, Major E. L. Heywood.

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

2. Secretary's Report. The Secretary's report, circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee.

Subscriptions and Entrance Fees. The sum of £461 18s. 3d. has been received to date in respect of Subscriptions and Entrance Fees for the current year.

Eighteen members have failed to pay their subscriptions, although three reminders have been sent to each.

The following are the amounts expended from Club funds in respect of Cricket Week functions:

	Amount authorised £ s. d.	Expended £ s. d.
Cricket	150 0 0	141 14 7
"At Home"	40 0 0	23 13 0
Tennis	25 0 0	11 16 2
Dinner	100 0 0	73 9 3

Golf is not included as the Autumn Meeting takes place on September 24 and 25, but it seems unlikely that the £50 authorised will be exceeded.

3. Officers' Club Dinner and "At Home," 1956. The Chairman informed the Committee that arrangements had been made for the Officers' Club Dinner and "At Home" to be held at the United Service Club on Friday, June 29, 1956.

The Committee approved of the date of the Dinner, and the Secretary was instructed to circulate members to ascertain if they were in favour of:

- The "At Home" being held at the United Service Club on the afternoon of the Dinner, or
- Held at the Depot Officers' Mess during the afternoon of Saturday, June 30, 1956, the first day of the Tennis Tournament.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

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

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Birth

PIELOW—On April 11, 1955, at the Military Families Hospital, Woolwich, to Ann, wife of Capt. B. A. M. Pielow, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)—a sister (Virginia) for Simon.

Deaths

MULLALLEY—We regret to announce the death on July 26, 1955, in his 80th year of George Mullalley, late Band Sergeant of the 1st Battalion. He joined the Regiment in 1891 at the age of 15 years 2 months, and served till 1920. He later served from 1922-39 as Orderly Sergeant with the 1/8th Battalion (T.A.), and then with the 5th Battalion Middlesex Home Guard until 1945. A wreath in Regimental colours was sent on behalf of the Association, and his funeral was attended by an N.C.O. from the Depot.

GLASS—On September 2, 1955, at his home, Forest House, Westgate-on-Sea, Major H. L. Glass, in his 83rd year. The funeral was attended by Lt.-Col. E. T. Pain and a wreath was sent on behalf of the Association. An obituary appears elsewhere in this Journal.

TOYE—We regret to announce the death after a long illness borne with great courage on September 6, 1955, of Brigadier A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C., who was 58 years of age. A wreath in Regimental colours was sent on behalf of the Association and the Regiment was represented by Brigadier Pennycook, Col. G. L. Brown, Lt.-Col. W. H. C. Davy and Lt.-Col. C. D. Drew.

TATE—The death occurred on September 30, 1955, of Capt. G. Vernon Tate, aged 65 years. As the funeral was private the Regiment was not represented, but a wreath was sent in the usual colours.

THE LATE LT.-COL. F. E. SWAINSON

A further Tribute to his Memory by Major F. A. L. Lawrence

The death in his eighty-third year of Lt.-Col. F. E. Swainson in a nursing home at Ootacamund, South India, on October 9, 1954, removes, I believe, the last of our pre-South African officers.

Frederick Ernest Swainson, eldest son of the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Swainson, for nearly forty years Vicar of Forest Row, Sussex, was born in 1872. After school at Haileybury, he went up to Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1891, having in the same year been gazetted to the 3rd (Militia) Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, then commanded by his cousin. In those days there was no ante-date for university candidates, and so it was not until 1896 that he received his Regular Commission in the Middlesex Regiment and was posted to the 2nd Battalion in Ahmednagar. When the Battalion returned to England in 1898 Swainson was transferred to the 1st Battalion, newly arrived at Wellington from home, and so, to his chagrin, missed the South African War. On promotion to Captain he was posted to the 4th Battalion in Dublin, but quickly purchased an

exchange and once again joined the 1st Battalion in India. In the meantime he had married Miss May Beadnell, daughter of the late Capt. N. G. Beadnell, 77th Regiment, and who died at Ootacamund last year.

Being on leave in England at the outbreak of the First World War, Swainson was posted to the 2nd Battalion and proceeded with that unit to France in October, 1914, but was almost immediately transferred to the 1st Battalion, then at Houplines, near Armentieres, and assumed command of "B" Company, which he continued to lead until severely wounded in the lung and leg at Loos. In 1920 he assumed command of the 2nd Battalion in Cairo, and so ended his service where he had begun it, at Ahmednagar in 1924.

Swainson was essentially a Regimental officer and loved the Regiment and the Londoner. It is not generally known that he refused accelerated promotion in the Wiltshire Regiment about December, 1914, for, as he said to the writer at the time: "I could never serve in any other Regiment." But he was also a man who always went his own way, and this often led him into conflict with his superiors. In this connection many are the lurid and often amusing stories that are told.

As a Commanding Officer it might well be said that Swainson was the last of the old school when C.O.'s were benevolent autocrats. He exhibited to the full that virtue of loyalty to his subordinates, and many is the battle he fought on their behalf, often to his own detriment. But woe betide the shirker! Those who were present will never forget the Battalion exercise at Salabat Khan's tomb at Ahmednagar, when after carrying out an attack on the steep ridge in the heat of a tropical sun, the Battalion was addressed by an irate C.O. who finished up by saying: "The Battalion will come out and do it again this afternoon!"—and do it again we did! At the conclusion the kindly autocrat expressed his satisfaction, ending up by calling for Shabodeen (the Battalion contractor), and ordering him to provide every man with supper in the canteen at his (Swainson's) the kindly autocrat's expense. "Do it again this afternoon" was a threat held out by many in greater or lesser authority for many a long day afterwards. Swainson and his wife dispensed at all times a kindly and open-handed hospitality, and on Christmas night no Royal Command could be more imperious—no absentees were allowed from their festive board. His period of command was ably summed up to the writer by a senior warrant officer: "There was no doubt who was in command; everyone knew it, and everyone was happy."

In his early days Swainson was an enthusiastic yachtsman and archaeologist, but he will best be remembered as an excellent shot and an untiring Shikari. This latter hobby he was able to satisfy freely in the Nilgiri Hills of South India where he and his wife lived, except for periodic visits to this country, from the time of his retirement.

To sum up, Fred Swainson was a man of strong likes and dislikes. He could be an implacable enemy, but when he gave his friendship (and the writer, for one, can speak for over forty years) he gave it to the full.

F. A. L. L.

MAJOR HAROLD EDWARD LEPEL GLASS A Memory by Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.

On September 2, 1955, at the age of 82, there passed away one of the most delightful personalities who have served in the Regiment. The son of Col. Glass of the Hampshire Regiment, after leaving Dulwich College, Harold Glass went to Calcutta to a business appointment—subsequently going to Burma on the staff of the Burmah Ruby Mines. In India he joined Lumsden's Horse.

On the outbreak of the South African War he returned to England with a view to taking up a commission in the Scots Guards. In lieu he was gazetted to our Regiment and served with the newly forming 3rd and 4th Battalions at Woolwich. In 1904 he went with the 3rd Battalion to South Africa, being stationed at Middleburg. In 1905 he was appointed Adjutant of our 6th Battalion (Militia) at Mill Hill. The adjutancy of the 5th Battalion was held by Ronnie Grigg (Cornwall Light Infantry). Both officers were newly married, and being of the same cheerful hospitable natures, they made life at Mill Hill particularly pleasant for all the officers serving at or passing through the Depot.

At the conclusion of his adjutancy Glass joined the 4th Battalion at Devonport—his commanding officers being Col. Lempriere and Lt.-Gen. Hull. At the outbreak of the 1914 War, as a Company Commander with the rank of Major, he went to France. At Mons he was wounded and made a prisoner of war, being Mentioned in Despatches. In 1917, with other prisoners of war, he was repatriated to Switzerland, where Mrs. Glass and their three children were able to join him. In 1919 he took command of "D" Company in the re-forming 4th Battalion at Colchester, subsequently serving with that Battalion at Gibraltar and in Egypt. In 1922, when the Regiment was reduced to two battalions, the 4th Battalion returned to England for disbandment. Harold, who had never really recovered from his war wounds, retired in the same year.

On leaving the Army with his family, which had by then increased to five, Glass took a delightful villa at Mentone on the Riviera. His debonair and always well-dressed figure soon became well known on that coast. He took over the secretaryship of the local British Legion. Mrs. Glass (whose maiden name was Cecilia Maud Redmond) shared her husband's love of hospitality—which was always extended to officers of the Regiment visiting the Riviera—amongst these were Brigadiers Lunley and Finch, Col. Archie Stewart and John Secker. I shall always associate Harold's cheerful wit and infectious laughter with the sunshine on the promenades of Mentone and Monte Carlo.

The Glasses were a most affectionate family, and the death of Cissie Glass was a great blow to her husband. Harold, however, never allowed his private griefs to intrude on his outside relationships. To his many friends he was always the same blithe spirit. His letters were an echo of that spirit. His last to me, written at

Christmas 1954, mentioned that he was "in temporary dry dock, but expected to be afloat again with the spring."

His interest in the Regiment remained constant to the end, and he wrote often and sent many interesting relics to Maurice Browne.

His five sons and three daughters have inherited their parents' charm. The sons have all served in the Army or Navy. Two at least have boxed and played rugby for their respective services. Lt.-Col. H. P. L. Glass, commanding the Sherwood Foresters, won the M.C. in the last war. Commander C. L. Glass, R.N., had a brilliant war record. Molly, the eldest daughter, married her father's subaltern, Eric Hudson, who is remembered in the Regiment for his brilliant cricket. As a full Colonel, Eric now commands the Institute of Army Education in Eltham Palace.

Throughout his long life Harold made innumerable friends and no enemy. His charm, gallantry and constant sympathy endeared him to all. His memory will remain an inspiration to many.

W. A. S.

BRIGADIER A. M. TOYE, V.C. A Gallant Leader

Brigadier A. M. Toye, V.C., M.C., until lately Commandant of the Home Office Civil Defence School at Falfield, Gloucestershire, died at Tiverton, Devon, on Tuesday, at the age of 58.

Alfred Maurice Toye was born on April 7, 1897, and in the earlier part of the 1914-18 War served in the Royal Engineers. He was granted a regular commission in The Middlesex Regiment in 1917 and won the M.C. soon afterwards. The award of the V.C. was made for his gallant conduct extending over several weeks during the last big German offensive in France in the spring of 1918. Though twice wounded he remained at duty and by showing not only the highest bravery but also the finest leadership he constantly succeeded in rallying the men of his Battalion (the 2nd Middlesex) to counter-attack wherever they could and to cover the flanks of other units when withdrawal became necessary.

He was on the staff of the force in North Russia in 1919 and later served for a brief period in a Territorial formation. After working in a special appointment with the Rhine Army in 1922-24 he served as Chief Instructor of the Royal Egyptian Military College from 1925 to 1935. From 1940 to 1942 he was Commandant of the War Office Schools of Chemical Warfare and then joined the teaching staff of the Staff College, Camberley. He was on active service again with the 6th Airborne Division in 1943-44 and from 1945 to 1948 was at G.H.Q., Middle East. In 1949 he retired from the Army to take up his appointment under the Home Office.

He married in 1918 Flora, daughter of Mr. G. P. Robertson, who survives him together with two daughters of the marriage.

ROLL OF MIDDLESEX OFFICERS, REGULAR OFFICERS

Rank	Name	Location
Lt.-Col.	G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C.	O.C. 2nd Battalion, Nigeria Regiment
Lt.-Col.	J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E.	O.C. 1 Mx
Major	P. D. ff Powell	E.R.E. II, Hamelin, B.A.O.R.
Major	G. O. Porter	21C K.D. Malta Regiment
Major	T. W. Chattey	21C 1 Mx
Lt.-Col.	A. S. J. de S. Clayton	C.O. Hong Kong Regiment
Temp. Lt.-Col.	W. P. M. Allen, M.C.	A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Eastern Command
Temp. Lt.-Col.	J. W. G. Ormiston	Instr. J.S.S.C.
Temp. Lt.-Col.	A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C.	G.S.O.I., A.L.F.N.E. (Oslo)
Temp. Lt.-Col.	C. M. M. Man, M.C.	G.S.O.I., D.C.I.G.S. (Coord.), War Office
Temp. Lt.-Col.	G. B. Ayre	War Office Q(M)II
Major	H. M. F. Langley	M.M.G. Div. School of Inf.
Major	G. C. Dawson	Company Commander Mons O.C.S.
Major	P. D. H. Marshall	Depot (H.S.)
Major	I. H. Battye, M.B.E.	D.A.Q.M.G. (L.O.G.S.), A.L.F.N.E.
Major	D. C. L. Nolda	1 Mx
Major	A. R. Waller, M.C.	O.C. Depot
Major	F. H. Bennett	1 Mx
Major	R. K. B. Allott, M.C.	1 Mx
Major	J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D.	D.A.Q.M.G.(M), G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.
Major	E. F. Thompson, M.C.	7th Mx
Major	I. R. Burrows, O.B.E.	G.S.O.II, H.Q., Land Forces, Hong Kong
Major	P. Collins, T.D.	Int. Corps, Depot
Major	P. L. Crutchfield	D.A.A.Q.M.G., U.K.Liaison Staff, Canada, Ottawa
Major	H. N. MacL. Martin	Brigade Adjutant, H.Q., H.C.B.
Major	P. L. Pearce Gould	1 Mx
Major	R. D. Hutchings	1 Mx
Major	D. Sax	G.S.O.(Tech.), H.Q., B.A.O.R.
Major	G. Kent	1 Mx
Capt.	D. B. Rendell, M.B.E., M.C.	158th Provost Company, Aldershot
Major	S. E. Honess	D.A.A.G., H.Q., S.W. District
Major	C. N. Clayden	R.M.A. Sandhurst
Temp. Major	E. A. H. Jeffcoat	G.S.O.II (Trg.), F.A.R.E.L.F.
Major	P. W. Galvin	S.O. Indep., Inf. Brigade, S. Comd.
Capt.	M. F. Leonard	1 Mx
Temp. Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O.	G.S.O.II(Ops) 44th Inf. Div. (T.A.)
Capt.	A. D. C. Eales	1 Mx
Capt.	C. H. Mievill, M.C.	Depot (H.S.)
Capt.	P. G. V. Bellers	1 Mx
Capt.	J. de Gaye (L)	1 Mx
Capt.	J. S. C. Flavell	Depot Mx
Capt.	K. J. Carter	1 Mx
Capt.	A. N. Jordan	11th Para. Battalion (T.A.)
Capt.	R. A. Hodge	Adjut./Q.M., London University, O.T.C.
Capt.	N. F. Legge, B.A.	Instr. Eaton Hall, O.C.S.
Capt.	H. J. A. Moore	1 Mx
Capt.	J. I. D. Pike	5th Battalion Malay Regiment, Johore
Capt.	G. G. Norton	3rd Battalion Para. Regiment
Capt.	R. M. Cain	I.O. 51st Lorried Inf. Brigade, Cyprus
Capt.	B. A. M. Pielow	7 Mx
Capt.	B. K. Clayden	Adjutant Depot Mx
Capt.	W. M. M. Deacock	2nd Para. Regiment
Capt.	H. J. Evans	1 Mx
Lt.	L. C. Sharpe	No. 1 Travelling Wing, H.Q., Mid West District, Shrewsbury
Lt.	G. Kitchener	G.S.O.III (Int.), Singapore
Capt.	B. H. Marciandi	1 Mx
Temp. Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	Depot, Para. Regiment (H.S.)
Lt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	1 Mx
Temp. Capt.	L. S. Rutherford	Depot, Para. Regiment

Rank	Name	Location
Lt.	M. T. Beagley	3rd Battalion, Para. Regiment
Lt.	M. V. Hayward	1 Mx
Lt.	J. S. B. Pollard	Depot Mx
Lt.	P. K. Collins	3rd Battalion, Para. Regiment
Lt.	R. D. Fisher	Depot Mx
Lt.	D. E. Lobb	1 Mx
Lt.	A. E. McManus	1 Mx
Lt.	T. J. Humber	1 Mx
Lt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	1 Mx
2/Lt.	W. G. A. Crumley	1 Mx
Lt.	J. M. Hewson	1 Mx
2/Lt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	Depot (H.S.)
2/Lt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	Depot (H.S.)

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Lt.	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	Q.M. Depot Mx
Lt.	A. E. F. Waldron	1 Mx

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Major	G. W. P. Hodding, T.D.	S.O.P.T., West Africa Command
Major	R. H. Last	War Office
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Capt.	H. L. Baxter	B.A.O.R.
Capt.	W. F. Turner	1 Mx
Lt.	P. R. Young	R.M.P., Depot, Woking
Lt.	A. R. F. Smith	1st Trg. Battalion, R.E.M.E., Blandford
2/Lt.	F. W. Birch	H.Q., B.A.O.R.
2/Lt.	N. D. W. Leak	Nigeria Regiment, W. Africa
2/Lt.	R. W. Augood	3rd Para. Regiment
2/Lt.	P. J. Rogers	1st N.R.R., Singapore
2/Lt.	V. G. Brown	1 Mx
2/Lt.	D. A. Prettyman	1 Mx

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2/Lt.	D. E. B. Haydon	1 Mx
2/Lt.	P. A. Highton	1 Mx
2/Lt.	M. F. Mather	1 Mx
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2/Lt.	C. F. M. Boddington	5th K.A.R.
2/Lt.	J. P. Baker	1 Mx
2/Lt.	R. J. Hunt	1st Gold Coast Regiment

Rank	Name	Location
2/Lt.	K. C. Hayward	1 Mx
2/Lt.	J. A. Birch	1 Mx
2/Lt.	R. H. D. Brettle	5th Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	A. R. Lawson	2nd Gold Coast Regiment
2/Lt.	J. N. A. Syers	1 Mx
2/Lt.	M. R. Tubbs	1 Mx
2/Lt.	A. G. Williams	23rd K.A.R.
2/Lt.	J. W. F. Bennetts	1 Mx
2/Lt.	J. R. E. Kent	1 Mx
2/Lt.	H. E. Couch	1 Mx
2/Lt.	J. V. Marriott	7th K.A.R.
2/Lt.	P. Thomas	26th K.A.R.
2/Lt.	P. Bryson	1st Gold Coast Regiment
2/Lt.	A. J. Q. Nelson	Para. Regiment

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REGULAR ARMY

July 12, 1955

Capt. C. N. Clayden (174741) to be Major, July 10, 1955.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Major E. N. Trevor, T.D. (26474), having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, July 13, 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major G. Hartley, T.D. (39278), having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, July 13, 1955, retaining the rank of Major.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) T. B. Weldon (95048), having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, July 13, 1955, retaining the hon. rank of Captain.

REGULAR ARMY

July 15, 1955

Lt. B. H. Marciandi (403537), to be Captain, July 14, 1955.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

22817355 Cadet David Arthur Prettyman (442065), to be 2/Lieutenant, May 21, 1955.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

23072941 Cadet Kevin Charles Hayward (442044), to be 2/Lieutenant, May 21, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

July 19, 1955

Major E. C. K. Kendall-Sadler, T.D. (45475), resigns his Commission, June 26, 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

July 22, 1955

Capt. (Acting Major) L. F. Baker (220386), to be Major, July 23, 1955, with seniority, October 8, 1953.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

CLASS III

July 29, 1955

Capt. (Hon. Major) P. F. Smyth (70914), from Reserve of Officers, Class I, to be Captain, May 1, 1955, retaining his present seniority and the hon. rank of Major.

REGULAR ARMY

August 2, 1955

2/Lt. A. E. McManus (430374), to be Lieutenant, July 31, 1955.

2/Lt. T. J. Humber (430336), to be Lieutenant, July 31, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

CLASS III

Lt. N. C. Berry (412602), from T. A. National Service List, to be Lieutenant, August 2, 1955, retaining his present seniority.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. I. N. Henderson (406141), from Active List, to be Lieutenant, May 17, 1955, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. M. McDavid (251282), from Active List, to be Lieutenant, June 14, 1955, retaining his present seniority.

REGULAR ARMY

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

August 9, 1955

The undermentioned cadets to be 2/Lieutenants, June 4, 1955:

23072348 John Allan Birch (442209).
23069236 Robert Harvey Linton Brettle (442215).
23067835 Alan Ralph Lawson (442242).
23069789 Jeremy Nigel Anthony Syers (442259).
23067804 Michael Roland Tubbs (442265).
23067805 Anthony Graham Williams (442268).

REGULAR ARMY

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

August 16, 1955

Lt. (Qr. Mr.) H. J. Jennings (419211), to be Captain (Qr. Mr.), July 1, 1955.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

2/Lt. N. R. Murray-Leslie (439687), from Regular Army National Service List, to be 2/Lieutenant, July 1, 1955, with seniority, January 22, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY

August 23, 1955

Capt. E. A. H. Jeffcoat (358066), to be Major, August 24, 1955.

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

Capt. K. S. Simpson (242925) (Employed List 4) to be Major, August 22, 1955.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lt. S. J. Carter (383395), to be Captain, June 21, 1955.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are granted the acting rank of Captain, on the dates shown:

B. St. G. A. Reed, M.C. (411732), May 5, 1955.
J. M. Phillips (412774), June 18, 1955.
C. A. Lamb (393422), June 24, 1955.
2/Lt. (Acting Lt.) H. D. Tymms (424059), to be Lieutenant, August 20, 1955, with seniority, March 7, 1954.

REGULAR ARMY

SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION

August 26, 1955

Major V. A. Thomas, M.C. (140008), resigns his commission, July 28, 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

REGULAR ARMY

August 30, 1955

Capt. M. E. W. Morton (307020), retires receiving a gratuity, August 8, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY

September 2, 1955

Major R. C. H. Bellers (49796), retires on Retired Pay, September 1, 1955.

Lt. (Qr. Mr.) Albert Edward Frank Waldron (434710), from Short Service Commission, to be Lieutenant (Qr. Mr.), December 10, 1954.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 2nd Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following Officer:
Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D. (71676).

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REGULAR ARMY

September 16, 1955

Lt. Ivor Gwyn Thomas (385267), from Middlesex Short Service Commission, to be Lieutenant, September 17, 1955, with seniority, November 11, 1951.

REGULAR ARMY

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

September 23, 1955

R. M. 131205 Cadet Alan John Quartermain Nelson (442854), to be 2/Lieutenant, July 2, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY

September 27, 1955

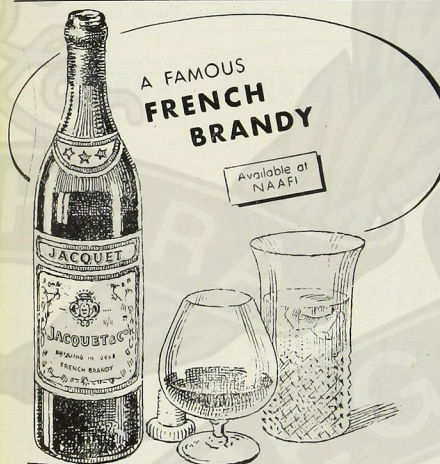
The undermentioned Officer Cadet, from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, to be 2/Lieutenant, July 29, 1955, with seniority, July 29, 1955:

Malcolm Clive Denmead Lattman Gilham (443449).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

October 4, 1955

Brigadier G. H. C. Pennycook, C.B.E. (13089), late Infantry, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers, September 30, 1955.



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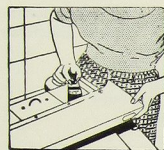
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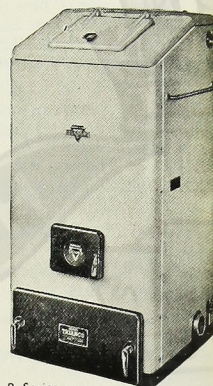
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