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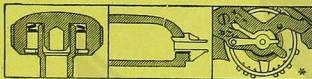


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EDITORIAL

Again this editorial is written under the pressure of events. Mainly this time it is the future of the Fighting Services that is exercising everyone's mind. Pending more definite information, though, we can but wait patiently and hope that the Regiment will not suffer adversely. In this connection it is good to read that units of the Regiment, by intensive recruiting campaigns and other measures, are doing their best to influence the result. May they be successful.

Readers will note with regret that for the first time for many years Col. Browne's "News Letter" is missing. We convey his own regrets to our readers and also assure them that only illness of a temporary nature has prevented him from writing this quarter. We hope for a resumption next time for no number of this Journal is complete without a contribution from that pen of his, which, in common with all his activities, has ever been at the disposal of the Regiment. We hope, also, that by the time these notes appear in print he will be fully recovered.

We observe with considerable satisfaction the note of enthusiasm in the 8th Battalion's contribution. Not always have they reflected their true worth, and we thank Lt.-Col. Brotherton, their new Commanding Officer for his obvious interest in this matter.

For reasons of economy extracts from the Army Gazette will no longer appear in the Journal, though they can be seen in the Depot Officers' Mess, where they are kept by the P.M.C.

May the Editor end on a personal note? He is pleased and more than impressed by contributions from the Battalions, especially from those like the 1st which is literally making history. He has, however, in these

difficult days of inflation to placate a Regimental Committee of necessity watching expenditure very closely. Pruning and cutting are not desirable means to this end, as you writers know. Will you co-operate with him, and make two words do the work of three? Anyway, let us try to in the next number.

G. W. K.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 13, 1957: Officers' Club "At Home," Depot Officers' Mess, Mill Hill.

July 13 and 14, 1957: Tennis Tournament, Depot, Mill Hill.

July 19, 1957: Officers' Club Dinner, United Service Club. Not on June 28 as announced in the March issue of the Journal.

September 21 and 22, 1957: Autumn Golf Meeting, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet, Hants.

October 25, 1957: Regimental Reunion, Seymour Hall, W.I.

November 22, 1957: Regular Officers' Dinner United Service Club.

DEPOT POST BOX

The Army Art Society is holding its twenty-sixth annual exhibition in London in October. Enquiries to P. J. Golding (Hon. Secretary), 26 Lewgars Avenue, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Three military essay competitions sponsored by the Army Quarterly and approved by the War Office are due shortly to be held. The general conditions are contained in A.C.I.549/1956.

Col. Browne has recently heard from Mr. Hull ("Busty"), then in Ward No. 3, Battersea General Hospital, S.W.1. We include this address, but hope by now that he has left it and that shortly we shall see him, a fit man again.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Copies of the Regimental History are still available from the Secretary of the Middlesex Regimental Association. Those desiring to purchase a copy or copies are requested to complete the form on page in front of this issue and forward with remittance as indicated. Orders can be taken also for the De Luxe copy, which will be ready later.

1st Battalion Notes

The first quarter of 1957 has been noteworthy for the successes achieved by the Security Forces throughout Cyprus in the campaign against terrorism. These successes are the results of a large number of operations which have been mounted in this period and are the culmination of a great amount of effort directed towards building up an effective intelligence organisation, without which success in the field would not have been possible.

The primary aim of the Battalion during this quarter has been the capture of Michalakos Rossides and his gang. Rossides was the EOKA "Area Commander" in the Larnaca area, and was considered to be highly placed in the EOKA hierarchy. As a leading terrorist he had a price of £5,000 on his head.

On February 12 he was nearly laid by the heels but he managed to escape in the darkness and difficult country, when his hide-out was raided by "A" Company who were co-operating with a Battery of 16 L.A.A. Regiment in the western sector. Several weeks later, on March 21, he was captured along with another terrorist who also had a price of £5,000 on his head. More details of this operation are given later in these notes.

On January 3 the Commanding Officer, accompanied by the R.S.M., visited "C" Company in Aqaba. On account of strained relations with Egypt, which have existed since the Suez incident, this visit entailed an outward and return journey via Turkey and Iraq.

On January 7 His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., opened the Mari Bridge in the western sector of Larnaca area. "S" Company, with the Band and Drums, were made responsible for the security measures in connection with the ceremony. They were complimented by the Governor on the way those measures were carried out.

In mid-January there were several bomb incidents in Dhekelia and Larnaca, followed by two shootings of Greek Cypriots in the western sector. Apart from these incidents there was very little terrorist activity in the area. A Battery from 16 L.A.A. Regiment was placed under command of the Battalion and was allotted the western sector of the area.

On January 25 the Battalion was presented with the "runners-up" trophy in the Middle East Messing Competition. The Commanding Officer, accompanied by Sgt. Medlock, went to Nicosia to receive the trophy.

About this time, a large number of detainees were transferred from Kokkini Trimithia Detention Camp to Pyla Camp. "S" Company was made responsible for providing escorts on the vehicles carrying the detainees and for cordoning the debussing area. As is inevitable on such occasions some of the vehicles, which were provided by the police, broke down and the unfortunate escorts found themselves guarding a host of villains by

the roadside in a countryside known to abound with terrorists. Nevertheless the mission was completed successfully.

In the midst of our operational commitments the annual Unit M.T. inspection was carried out. Despite the M.T.O.'s fears, what seemed impossible was in fact achieved and a satisfactory report was obtained.

February opened with the cordon and search of the village of Kato Alethrico. This was carried out by "A," "D" and "S" Companies, together with the gunners and police, following the finding of some ammunition and a Sten gun in the area.

An intensification of EOKA activity was expected to mark the United Nations Debate on Cyprus and suitable precautions were taken, but the event passed quietly.

On February 24 the Bishop of Egypt paid a visit to the Battalion, when he held a communion service and preached in Alma Camp Church.

On the 25th the village of Pano Lefkara was again cordoned and searched by "B" and "D" Companies. Following this operation there was little of note until the operation on March 21 during which Rossides was captured.

On March 28 the news of the release of Archbishop Makarios reached us. On the following day crowds gathered in Larnaca and "S" Company (the Riot Company) was alerted. The day passed without any incident occurring.



THE BATTALION COOKHOUSE STAFF WITH THE MIDDLE EAST LAND FORCES MESSING COMPETITION RUNNERS-UP SHIELD AND CUP AND THE CYPRUS DISTRICT WINNERS SHIELD

Left to right: Sgt. Medlock, L/Cpl. Pain, Pte. Spicer, Pte. Hartshorn, Pte. Baum, Cpl. Broadbent.

At present there is a general relaxation of tension throughout Cyprus and we hope that terrorism is ended. Nevertheless, we are not misled by false hopes and wishful thinking. The search for terrorists continues, and although some restrictions may be relaxed, we remain alert and watchful and will continue to be so until the campaign is brought to a successful conclusion.

THE CAPTURE OF MICHALAKIS ROSSIDES Events leading up to the Capture

On January 31, 1957, a patrol from a battery of 16th L.A.A. Regiment, which is now responsible for the western sector, stopped near a village and commenced searching the area of a low brick wall a few yards from the edge of the road. The search produced a number of live shot-gun cartridges.

The patrol decided to lie up and wait near the spot in case someone appeared. They had not been waiting long when a taxi drove up. This they halted and searched and found a Sten gun. The driver and his passenger were handed over to the police for interrogation. The passenger was found to be a member of EOKA and gave a lot of information. It appeared that he knew where a mountain gang of five hard core EOKA men on the wanted list were hiding. He had last been to the hide in November and had been on his way there when captured by the Gunners. He agreed to lead the security forces to the spot.

On February 11 the information was complete and plans were laid. At a meeting in the Operations Room in Larnaca, a combined military and police operation was planned. "A" Company, in reserve in Alma Camp, were detailed to carry it out. Two groups were selected. One was to act as a cordon party under Lt. Higginson and the other as the "snatch" party under Lt. Humber, helped by a few policemen and guided by the informer.

At 2045 hours that night, two 3-ton vehicles moved out of Alma Camp, collected the police in Larnaca and moved on down the Limassol road, past Kopfinou and on to Khirokitia, where the column extinguished all lights, swung right and moved along the track to Ora. A strong moon helped the drivers to pick out the winding track through the hills. It was almost midnight when the vehicles halted about half a mile short of Vavla. From there the parties had to march to Layia and down the track towards the west, which leads into the deep valley of the river Exo Vounonis.

After a short rest at the river the two parties moved on up a steep bank which rises to the top of the spur marking the Larnaca District boundary with that of Limassol. Here the guide turned south-east along the ridge. His estimates of distance were proving to be erratic, but it seemed that the hide was now only about 350 yards away. The informer said that the EOKA gang did not mount sentries at night. The cordon party was small and it seemed essential to pin-point the hide with more accuracy before deploying it, and the party was halted whilst a reconnaissance was made.

The reconnaissance party moved forward. Suddenly there was a flash, the report of a shot gun, and pellets flew overhead. A scuffle of feet came from the high knoll on the party's left, followed by the noise of F.N. rifles as the party opened rapid fire in that direction.

They raced to the top to find a ground sheet marking a now deserted sentry post. The informer had gone to ground and there was a brief pause whilst he was being found. At last he was found and the troops raced and slid down the hillside to try to locate the hide. Very lights were fired and torches flashed until the hide was found a full 300 yards from the sentry post. A cautionary burst of fire was directed into the well concealed entrance and then a quick search was made, but no one was found there.

A distant clamour was heard from the stream bed to the south-east. More Very lights and another burst of fire was directed at the escapers. Sgt. Weller and a few men chased after them but were outpaced. At daybreak the area was patrolled and O.P.s established, but no trail could be found. Some arms and explosives were found, and also a guard roster giving the names of all those who had escaped. It had been signed by Michalakos Rossides, leader of the Larnaca Mountain group who was wanted for murder and escaping from detention.

The Capture

On Wednesday, March 20, the Royal Marine Commandos operating at Platres in the Troodos mountain area obtained information from an EOKA captive that Rossides was in the Larnaca area and that he would be staying the night of March 20-21 in the village of Anaphotia. This information was relayed by wireless to the operations room in Nicosia, then to Alma Camp and finally to the Commanding Officer at 0040 hrs. On March 21, who immediately decided to cordon and search the village with "S" Company (in reserve at Alma Camp) and "A" Company (Riot Company at Larnaca).

Speed was essential. The village to be cordoned was 12 miles west of Larnaca and first light was 0500 hrs. "A" and "S" Companies were alerted at 0100 hrs. and a hurried "O" group was held in Larnaca at 0130 hrs. Final details were made at Kopfinou police station at 0300 hrs., when Major Nolda met the Special Branch representatives from Platres.

The plan was that "S" Company (Major Galvin) would establish an outer cordon by 0445 hrs., approaching the village from three different directions. "A" Company was detailed to provide the close cordon which was to be in position by 0500 hrs.

26 Battery at Kopfinou was given the task of searching the village and providing long stops. Cage and screening parties were found from "H.Q." Company under command of the Assistant Adjutant (Lt. McManus).

Despite the shortness of time, all troops were properly briefed and in their allotted positions at the required times. While "A" Company cordon was moving into position Pte. Adams of No. 3 Platoon saw somebody trying to run out of the village. He fired one round and the person dashed back. At the same time three men were seen by Pte. Kirkby of the same Platoon breaking out of a house near the edge of the village and scrambling down a steep bank. He challenged and then fired a round. Two of the three raced back into the village, but the third went to ground where he was.



Pte. D. Kirkby of "A" Company guarding Michalakos Rossides after his capture at Anaphotia on March 21

He was unhurt. Lt. Higginson arrested him and he was taken to a vehicle and placed under guard.

This young man was pleasant and well dressed and gave as his excuse for trying to break the cordon that he did not wish to suffer the inconvenience of remaining in the village under curfew. His identity card registered him as a clerk from Morphou. There was nothing about his appearance to suggest that he had been anything other than rash in trying to escape. Later, when questioned, he admitted that he was Michalakos Rossides, a wanted man.

The other two men were duly arrested. Three weapons, two shotguns and a French machine carbine, with ammunition, were subsequently recovered from the surroundings of the house from which the three had emerged. One of the two arrested men was Demetris Ionnides who also had £5,000 on his head.

As a result of information received from Rossides the operation was switched at mid-day to the nearby villages of Pano and Kato Anglisides and Ora, a mountain village in the extreme west of the area, as Rossides alleged that former members of his gang were hiding in these villages.

The two Middlesex Companies undertook the cordon and search of the twin villages of Anglisides, and the Gunners were diverted to Ora. While the village of Pano Anglisides was being cordoned, a man was seen running off into the mountains to the north. He was

pursued, without success, by a party from "S" Company under Major Galvin. When he returned to explain his absence from a roadside conference, he found that Major Nolda, who was commanding the operation, accompanied by the District Commissioner, were chasing another fugitive in the opposite direction! Meanwhile, in Ora the Gunners had captured another terrorist who was shot dead when attempting to escape.

During the night of March 21 "D" Company, under Capt. Eales, laid ambushes in the area of Anglisides but no further successes were obtained.

Battalion Personalities

In early January Capt. J. de Gaye left to join the 1957 course at the Staff College, Camberley. In mid-January 2/Lt. A. Morden joined "C" Company and 2/Lt. R. H. M. Marshall became Messing Officer. On the 25th Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., left to become O.C. The Depot. Lt. J. M. Hewson rejoined on the 27th after his 3-in. mortar course and is now with "S" Company. On the 31st Lt. V. G. Brown left for U.K. on release.

Capt. C. L. Lawrence, M.C., arrived on February 10 to become Signals Officer vice Lt. W. G. A. Crumley, who "retired" to the operations room to stand in for Lt. M. V. Hayward who went home on leave. On February 10 2/Lt. P. V. Cheesman joined the Battalion from Sandhurst. Sgts. Buckley and Partridge both arrived from the Depot in mid-February and joined the 3-in. mortar and M.M.G. Platoons respectively.

In early March Lt. T. J. Humber returned to the United Kingdom to attend a parachutist's course, and 2/Lt. M. G. Waite went to Chatham to attend a field engineering course.

On March 15 Major E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., arrived and took over command of "A" Company from Capt. J. S. C. Flavell.

Capt. H. J. A. Moore returned to the United Kingdom later in the month to join H.Q. 29th Infantry Brigade, and Capt. N. F. Legge left for Aqaba to join "C" Company and relieve Major Sax to enable him to rejoin his family in Cyprus for some leave. Lt. D. E. Lobb has now joined Battalion H.Q. and has become Assistant Adjutant in place of Lt. A. E. McManus, who has been posted to the Depot.

Finally, we congratulate Capt. and Mrs. Cowan on the birth of their daughter and Lt. T. J. Humber on his marriage.

"H.Q." COMPANY

In the last quarter there have been many comings and goings (mostly goings as we have lost no fewer than 60 men on release from January to April 15 this year).

We were sorry to see the following depart: Cpls. Dainty and Halliwell, and Pres. France, Gateman and Carroll. We also said goodbye to Lt. Brown.

Lt. Hayward, the I.O., is on six weeks' leave in U.K. Lt. Crumley is acting I.O. and seems very happy tucked away in the Operations Room, having shed the cares of the Signals Office. We welcome Capt. Lawrence as the new Signals Officer, and after a long take-over we assume that he is now quite happy in the job.

We are about to lose our Company Commander

(Capt. Bellers), who departs to the School of Land/Air Warfare, and we understand that Capt. Cowan is taking on the cares of "H.Q." Company as well as P.R.I. for a while.

We welcome 2/Lt. Marshall as Messing Officer in place of 2/Lt. Pott who has gone to "D" Company.

Signals Platoon

L/Cpl. Leech spent two weeks at 51st Brigade learning about batteries. He now seems to have many brilliant ideas on new gadgets to increase the efficiency and the output of the Battery bay. L/Cpls. Deas and Hayward, and Ptes. Fierheller, Brandford and Aldridge have left for U.K. and release, leaving a gap in our ranks that will eventually be filled by men on a signals cadre now in progress. They are beginning to realise that a specialist in the Infantry is an Infantryman first and a specialist in his spare time and on schemes and operations. It is interesting to note that not only pupils learn on these cadres, as Capt. Lawrence realised when he discovered that a moustache is a very good conductor of electricity!

The various sections of the Platoon are unchanged since the last notes, except for the Signal Office which is now under the management of Pte. Goodwin.

The operational functioning of the Signals centre at the Operations Room was recently improved by the arrival of a high-powered 19 set from the Royal Signals, but it came to an abrupt end when the sky-wave aerial was combined with high-tension cables. The charred remains are in workshops as B.L.R.!.

Corps of Drums

Since our last notes we have been far from idle. We have taken part in a number of operations, and have continued to provide men for a larger number of guards and camp fatigues.

We returned from Kophinou on January 20 and we hoped to settle down to some bugling and fluting, but no sooner had we returned to Alma Camp than Drummers Evans, Shelton, Jennings and Copping were whisked away to spend a week with the Navy, aboard H.M.S. *Barossa*.

In the field of sport we have two Drummers representing the Battalion at boxing and one at cross-country running. The boxers are Drummers Lowe and Shelton. Drummer Eyley is a cross-country runner and also plays in goal for the Company football team. Supporting him are two Drummers playing full back, Barnwell and Jennings.

We bid farewell to Cpl. Hart, L/Cpl. Corrie and Drummers Montgomery and Wells. We wish them good fortune, and congratulate L/Cpl. Meehan on his promotion.

M.T. Platoon

The period between our last issue and these notes has been a busy one for the M.T. We have "weathered" our annual inspection without undue heartburn, and have shed a large number of "old crocks" for new vehicles. The number of mechanical breakdowns and "V.O.R.s" has dropped noticeably.

In the last two months the Battalion has been very

actively engaged in operations and patrolling, in what would now appear to be the closing stages of the campaign against EOKA. We like to think that the successes we have gained recently in some small way have been attributable to our transport service.

Another large draft of our National Servicemen has just departed and the platoon has lost heavily, including five N.C.O.s. We have had some replacements and are still able to function. If the I.S. situation on the island is about to finish we may soon have a driver for each vehicle! Despite Cpl. Marrable's continuous cadres, which produce some very good "stock car" drivers with machine like precision, we have yet to catch up and overtake our losses.

Amongst the recent arrivals, we are pleased to see L/Cpls. Horan and Hamblin (even if Horan did only stay here on his way to U.K. leave) and Pte. Hawkins: all from Agaba. We are hoping to receive more replacements from Jordan, who will have to be prepared to get down to some work after their rest cure! L/Cpl. Stopp is welcomed from the Parachute Regiment.

We also congratulate L/Cpls. Clay, Kerr, and Blair on their recent promotions and wish them well with their respective burdens.

BAND NOTES

There has been much activity in the Band since our last notes, due mainly to our new status of tradesmen. There have been two trade tests since this came into effect. One was held at Alma Camp and the other at Karaolis Camp, Famagusta. We have had six successful candidates in the "A 1" class, namely, Sgts. Davies and Probert, Cpls. Carson, Aburrow and Beachy, Bdsms. Rose and Jackson. In the "A 2" class Bdsms. Castle, Torrie and Ingram were successful, and three young Bandsmen were successful in the "A 3" class. They were Bdsms. Adkin, Routledge and Wallwork. This change in our status has given everyone something to work for.

Our musical activities, other than the trade tests, have been increased in the last quarter, due to the fact that F.B.S. gave us an opportunity of doing five more broadcasts for them. Three of the broadcasts consisted of normal military band music. One was a programme of all Austrian music, which delighted the many listeners who had the good fortune to serve in that very pleasant station; the last programme was given by the Dance Band. Since Christmas, the small Dance Band group formed by Cpl. Aburrow has been active and popular.

Non-musical duties, apart from the usual internal security commitments, have included a short course on weapons given by the training N.C.O.s of "D" Company. A new feature has been the N.C.O.s' drill parade taken by the R.S.M. two mornings a week.

We have had two departures this quarter, but fortunately they are only temporary ones. Sgt. Hull and family have gone to England for a well-deserved leave and Bdsms. "Gerry" Grant was given compassionate leave.

Sgt. Probert and Bdsms. Rose are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their wives in Cyprus. They have already procured palatial residences in nearby Larnaca.

The Band's sporting programme during this quarter

has been almost entirely taken up with Battalion Minor Units Hockey League. We are feeling quite pleased with ourselves over this league and enthusiasts may be able to see why if they turn to the Battalion Hockey Notes which details the games in full.

"A" COMPANY

Information has been received that certain of the restrictions at present in force on the Island are to be lifted. We hope that we will be able to enjoy a peaceful life in Cyprus in the future.

The period covered by these notes has been one of intense activity.

"A" Company were fortunate to be readily available to mount an operation to capture five known terrorists living in a well-concealed hide near the village of Laya.

A second operation undertaken was the cordon and search of the village of Anaphotia. Both these operations are reported fully elsewhere in the Journal. Had it not been for the alertness of Pte. Kirkby the capture of Rossides might not have taken place. He is to be congratulated on his fine effort on March 21, 1957.

In between guards and operations time has been spent playing games. The Company soccer team brought off the win of the year by beating "B" Company in the finals of the Inter-Company Soccer Knock-Out Competition on April 10, 1957. The team has played a consistent game of soccer throughout the season.

Departures have certainly exceeded the numbers of arrivals into the Company and duties have fallen



"A" COMPANY—WINNERS OF THE INTER-COMPANY SOCCER KNOCKOUT COMPETITION, 1957

Back Row (left to right): Pte. Bristow, Pte. Harris, Pte. Branch, Pte. Evans (captain), L/Cpl. Argent, Pte. Lenihan, Cpl. Croxford.

Front Row (left to right): Capt. Flavell, L/Cpl. Gray, Pte. Jackson, Pte. Nay.

heavily upon the shoulders of those remaining. To those who have departed we wish every good fortune and a rapid readjustment to their new-found "freedom."

Our most recent arrival is Major E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., who has taken over command of the Company from Capt. Flavell. To Major Thompson and others who have joined us recently we bid welcome and hope that their service with the Company will prove happy and satisfying.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to Pte. Lenihan on his marriage, to Ptes. Palmer, Farrow and Dempsey on their promotion to Lance-Corporal, and to L/Cpl. Gray who has been selected to play for the Army soccer team in Cyprus.

"B" COMPANY

"B" Company still continues to function despite heavy losses due to Regular and National Service release. A great misfortune, which took place in January, was the handing over of the western sector to the Royal Artillery. Gone are the forthrightly "swans" at Kalavassos and Lefkara, and no longer are the Sergeant-Major and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant seen fulfilling the respective duties of Guard Commander and N.C.O. i/c reliefs at Kophinou.

The Company's tour of duty now embraces Alma Camp, Horrocks Camp, and Pyla. With the number of detainees at Pyla now almost doubled the whole Company is required to guard the camp. Great improvements have been made there. In Horrocks Camp improvements are being made and at the moment Company H.Q. is installed in a gleaming new Nissen hut, replacing the somewhat battered store tent which was its former home.

During February we assisted in two small operations whilst we were in reserve. We swiftly placed a day-light cordon on some new R.A.F. buildings near Pergamos, but they did not contain the wanted man we were looking for. A few days later, on a very dark and cold Sunday night the Company rose at 0030 hrs. to take part in a cordon and search of the villages of Pano and Kato Lefkara. We wound our way up the familiar hill road to Pano Lefkara and then down the track to our own particular objective, Kato Lefkara, which had already been cordoned even earlier in the morning by "D" Company. A morning's work ended in a down-pour, but resulted in the capture of four of the village group, and for those who had not seen the western sector for some time the visit was a pleasant change.

More recently the village of Mazotos was the scene of a cordon and search, resulting in the capture of seven members of EOKA. "B" Company provided the outer cordon, which was in place by 0430 hrs. on an even blacker night than that experienced at Lefkara. A great deal of walking across difficult country was entailed, but by 1030 hrs. our task was completed.

We have had a number of successes in sporting events. Our greatest achievement was to reach the final of the inter-Company knock-out soccer competition. In the preliminary rounds we beat "S" Company and "H.Q." Company 11-0 and 8-1 respectively. In the final we met "A" Company, and fought a hard battle against a side of experienced players which resulted in a win for

our opponents by 3 goals to 2. The Company provided five members of the Battalion boxing team which reached the semi-final of the Island Inter-Unit Competition. In the Battalion Boxing Championships we produced seven finalists: Cpls. O'Rawe and Burford, L/Cpl. Fordham, Ptes. Butterfield, Read and Cockell, and 2/Lt. Waite.

A number of personalities have left recently. Capt. Moore, 2IC since last November, left in March for a posting to the more sedate surroundings of Barnard Castle. Sgt. Windsor who departed in early February was last heard of trying to sell cotton to the Japanese. Cpl. Eggleton, on the other hand, is now finding civilian life too tough for him. Surprisingly enough, the familiar face of Cpl. Barnes is still with us, but any day now we expect to hear that he has followed in the footsteps of many of his contemporaries. Cpl. Patterson, after a short spell with No. 5 Platoon, has left for "A" Company. Three regulars, Ptes. Jasper, Priest and Stallwood, are now civilians. 2/Lt. Perkins joined the Company in February and commands No. 4 Platoon. Sgt. Shinn, after a very brief spell has returned to "D" Company. Sgt. Clements is now firmly established with No. 4 Platoon, as is L/Cpl. Robinson who came to us from being Post Corporal. L/Cpls. Eames, Fordham, Hawkins and Snook are congratulated on their recent promotions.

"C" COMPANY

Although we had expected to return to Cyprus before this, spring finds us still in Aqaba. Our relief was delayed by the Suez crisis and this was followed by the abrogation of the British-Jordanian Treaty. Finally, it was officially decreed that we had been "overtaken by events" and would have to stay until the final evacuation. If all goes well, we may hope to be back with the Battalion by July.

This quarter has seen many changes in the personnel of the company. C.S.M. Dodkins, having spent Christmas leave with his family in Larnaca, was retained in "D" Company. We are sorry to lose him but know that he must be glad to be reunited with his family after his long spell of duty in Aqaba. In his stead, we welcome C.S.M. Cooper, who has rejoined the Battalion after his tour in West Africa. C.Q.M.S. Wright has also returned to Larnaca, having been relieved by C.Q.M.S. Potter. Lt. Lobb, after compassionate leave in England, has now taken up his duties as Assistant Adjutant. We extend to him our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of his mother. Following a short spell as acting Adjutant, Capt. Legge has now arrived as the new 2IC. 2/Lt. Marshall has left the Company to become the Battalion Messing Officer. We thank him for his services to the Company and welcome his relief, 2/Lt. Morden.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Lt.-Col. Ormiston and R.S.M. Wild. This visit coincided with the finals of the Company boxing, a contest which we all (or nearly all) enjoyed very much. Visits to Petra again being possible, we were able to take the Commanding Officer and the R.S.M. to see this historic town. Mr. Wild so enjoyed the horse-riding which is an inevitable feature of this visit that he is thinking of

taking it up as a permanent pastime, when horses are provided with steering wheels and adequate springing. Our next visitor was Gen. Sir Geoffrey K. Bourne, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., the new Commander-in-Chief, and with him came the Commanding Officer again. The Commander-in-Chief was kept much too busy to have time for sightseeing tours, but it is hoped he will return again before we finally leave.

Following the Company boxing, we put six entries in the Garrison open boxing. Although all our boxers were novices, they did very well to win four contests, with one runner-up. The following are congratulated on their performances: Ptes. Cook, Dewing, Haynes, Lodge and Willis.

Despite the calls made on us for fatigue parties and guards to assist in the evacuation from Jordan, it has been possible to get on with some training. Following our run-down in numbers early in the New Year, we received 25 men from the Depot. Their continuation training was carried out under 2/Lt. Gilham, and Sgt. Ford finishing with a field-firing camp in the Wadi Ram.

The temperature is now soaring rapidly and summer has undoubtedly set in. Being already on summer parade times we welcome the opportunity of getting down to the beach, where the swimming is excellent. It will shortly be too hot for the more energetic sports such as soccer and hockey, and we look forward to the swimming sports and water polo matches, for which plans are already being prepared.

"D" COMPANY

N.C.O.s Cadre

In late February "D" Company made the annual pilgrimage to Kato Lefkara, descending on this picturesque village in order to impose a cordon and curfew. Last year we found a large cache hidden in the beehives.

After normal briefing the Company left Alma Camp shortly after midnight, drove to the western sector and debussed under the shelter of the main range of hills about four miles from Lefkara. The Company marched along the road, and the scene was reminiscent of Gilbert and Sullivan's chorus from the "Pirates of Penzance," "With cat-like tread upon our prey we steal," and, in fact, we arrived silently before the village dogs began their serenade.

The three platoons formed the cordon around the village and then sat tight, waiting for daylight. "B" Company then arrived and began to search the houses in the village. There were many familiar faces amongst the police and C.I.D. who helped to screen the men and search the houses, and it was at times, as the Company Commander remarked: "Rather like a school reunion."

By midday the operation was completed. Although there was no spectacular success, the EOKA village group was arrested.

Continuation Training Platoon

With only nine trainees in January and none at all for three weeks in February, the Platoon has had a rather quiet start to the year. However, three quick drafts in March soon had everyone working at top speed.

During the lull in February Sgt. Shinn had a fort-



"D" Company N.C.O.s cadre training with the self-loading rifle



night's work with "B" Company, which he enjoyed very much. The remaining N.C.O.s, Cpls. Redmond and Dyer, and L/Cpl. Longman did a refresher cadre under 2/Lt. Murphy.

A draft of 29 men from the Queen's Depot on March 2 did a short three-week course and finished with very satisfactory results. Nearly all the men of this draft went to "H.Q." Company to fill the gaps there.

Before the Queen's draft had finished another large draft arrived from our Regimental Depot. Sgts. Elston and Callahan were both loaned to us for the rush, but then Sgt. Callahan had to return to England. He is doing a platoon weapons course at Hythe.

The present draft is doing a five-week course but has had several interruptions, including three operations. The first operation on March 19 consisted of night ambushes in the area of Stravrovouni Monastery. Parties lead by Lt. Prettyman, 2/Lts. Murphy and Pott, C.S.M. Dodkins and Sgt. Shinn spent a surprisingly warm night in the hills. Next morning we closed on Company H.Q., and after having breakfast we searched the monasteries and surrounding areas.

Our second operation was the cordon and search of Pano Lefkara and later Khrokita on March 27-28, which provided valuable training.

In sport, the Platoon has supplied many useful footballers for the various Companies, notably Ptes. Brazil and Tassel who also played for the Battalion hockey team. Our own football team has not had a very good spell in the past two months.

"S" COMPANY

3-in. Mortar Platoon

During the last four months the Platoon has lost quite a lot of sleep on account of being called out for internal security operations in the middle of the night. We congratulate Pte. Telfer on his find of four live shot-gun cartridges, 28 empty cases (ready for refilling)

and a bag of gunpowder during one of these operations, that of the search of Pano Alethrico.

We said goodbye to Lt. Humber in March when he left the Battalion for a tour with the Parachute Regiment. We also congratulate him on his marriage and wish him every success in the future. We welcome to the Platoon Lt. Hewson and Sgt. Buckley, who completed a Netheravon course in December. Sgt. Eastap is expected to join the Platoon very soon. He has been on a course at home. We also congratulate him on his recent marriage.

In March the Platoon had a morning's field firing at Goshi Range.

Our most recent acquisition is a puff range which we built (with the help of the Pioneers). It is the cause of great mirth to the remainder of the Company, probably as it looks a very ungainly brute, but as far as we are concerned it is proving invaluable for fire control instructions.

M.M.G. Platoon

The first quarter of 1957 has been noteworthy for the M.M.G. Platoon in that we have not only taken part in some successful operations, but have also had time to do some specialist training. One day was spent on Goshi Field Firing Range, where we entertained a party from H.M.S. *Barossa* despite rain. When the Company was at Pyla the N.C.O.s of the Platoon had a one-week cadre under Sgt. Partridge on fire control.

We have carried out a large number of internal security operations during the last few months. We started in the early hours of January 31 when we went to place a cordon around Pyla Detention Camp as a large number of detainees were being transferred there from Camp K. No sooner had we returned to Alma Camp and bed than a Larnaca citizen was foolish enough to be caught with a Sten gun in his car. It was in the early hours of the morning that we cordoned and searched Alethriko.

When the company moved to Horrocks Camp we

spent some time on patrol in the town enforcing a curfew. Sgt. Partridge joined the Platoon on February 12 after successfully completing a Netheravon course. At this time we saw little of the Platoon Commander, Lt. Lloyd, as he was training with the Battalion boxing team. However, he joined us on February 25 to lead us, when the Platoon was attached to "B" Company for an operation at Kato Lefkara. Pte. Tree (73), who has become a Company cook, showed us to what extent he has mastered the culinary arts.

On March 21, when the Company had returned to Alma Camp, we had another rude awakening in the small hours, this time to cordon Anaphotia—we were part of the outer cordon. This operation resulted in the capture of the two £5,000 wanted men, Rossides and Ionnides, as described elsewhere.

Apart from internal security operations, this period was devoted to intensive training on the self-loading rifle and we have now converted completely to this weapon. On March 26 we had just laid our heads to rest when once again we were called out for operations at Pano Lefkara.

On March 29 we moved to Horrocks Camp. We thought that now we might have a few undisturbed nights. We were mistaken! The Platoon was made Patrol Platoon for the first five days of this period and also found the Athienou guard. We were very busy patrolling in the town as large crowds gathered to welcome the news of Archbishop Makarios' release. On the whole the crowds remained peaceful and we were not called upon to do more than observe. When this period was over we found rest at last, but it was short-lived for at 0200 hrs. on April 4 we were called again to cordon Mazotos. This time we provided the inner cordon which moved in quickly and quietly. This operation was a complete success in that the whole EOKA village group of seven were collected.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Bracey on his promotion to Corporal and Ptes. Giles and Shaffner on their appointment to Lance-Corporal.

In congratulating Sgt. Eastap on his recent marriage we also bemoan our loss in that he is leaving us for the Mortar Platoon when he returns from U.K.

Anti-Tank Platoon

March saw the return to the Platoon of our six bronzed representatives from Aqaba, led by Cpl. Strickland. This event, we fondly hoped, would check the insidious shrinking that the Platoon has undergone over the last few months. Soon, however, we lost Clift to "D" Company, Welsh to the Arms Store, and Slade on indefinite leave. Other reductions are Young on a two months' escort duty and Fitts who swells the ranks of Company cooks. L/Cpl. Sherlock has been invalided home and we wish him a speedy recovery. We are told to reconcile these changes with the new interim establishment, which gives us a compact little Platoon. We congratulate L/Cpl. Friedlos on his promotion and welcome Cfmn. Peake to his unenviable struggle with the 17-pounders.

A little gun training has been possible and we have had our share of operations.

Assault Pioneer Platoon

"Random, random, random"—besides these fortnightly changeovers of Company duties, very few other incidents stand out. Most important, however, is the fact that the Platoon is now virtually a Section on the new Battalion establishment. The numbers of the Platoon are now almost reduced to Section strength. We lament our loss, but I am sure that other elements of the Battalion are rejoicing at their new acquisitions. Pte. Leach-Walton realised his ambition of a transfer to the M.T. some time ago, and Salmon can be found on the Officers' Mess staff; Pte. Hilton is now with the Regimental Police. Pte. Fellows is now the Company Commander's batman. We are temporarily without Sgt. Lloyd, whose appointment at the Military Corrective Training Centre, Waynes Keep, Nicosia, began on March 1 and is to last three months. The fact that he was selected to represent the Battalion was a great honour. There will be nothing temporary about our loss of Cpl. Harris, whose discharge by purchase will soon be completed. When Pte. Powell leaves us, we will miss his unique humour. L/Cpl. Smith and Ptes. Tree, Endersby, Reeve and Freeman all go on release in August. Pte. Hughes, still in the Company arms store, is also due to leave soon.

Our only new arrival is Pte. Woodcock who arrived in time for the series of small operations in which we took part.

A patrol, consisting of Assault Pioneers and Anti-Tank men, was the first to go out on a two-day "long patrol" with bivouacs. All concerned thoroughly enjoyed this excellent new departure, despite an almost solid day's rain on the second day. It is hoped that many more of these patrols can be arranged in the near future. One recalls the enormous figure wrapped in blankets by the fire which upon investigation was found to be Pte. Endersby; also Pte. Sutherland's destructive nature but infectious enthusiasm and the patrol's request, on Pte. Hossack's behalf, that he should be armed with a spear and shield.

We may now be a small platoon, but our spirit is excellent. 2/Lt. Spragg's camera still excites derisive comments, Pte. Barrett can be found engrossed in a highly technical mathematics course and Pte. Woodcock spends most of his time arranging leave for next Christmas.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The day may not be far distant when we can begin to view the scenery of this island through something other than the windscreen of an army truck. Shortly, it is believed we will once more be able to go practically where and how we will, armed with nothing more lethal than a camera.

A few members have already begun to turn their hands to more peaceful pastimes during their leisure hours. Fresh broad beans, new potatoes and other rare delicacies have appeared on the dinner table, grown with fond care and attention in the R.S.M.'s and C.S.M. Perry's tent-side allotments. Flowers, too, now bloom in profusion under the Mess lines and the trellis-work, newly erected by Sgts. Orme and Shinn with its

rambling roses, would do credit to many an English country garden.

One person who has a problem is the R.S.M., who cannot discover the reason why half of his goldfish should be the correct shade, whilst the remainder are jet black. Needless to say, many choice theories have been advanced by our more scientifically-minded scholars.

New lambs for the slaughter came in the forms of Sgts. Partridge and Buckley, who recently arrived from the lush pastures of the Depot, and now fill positions eight and nine in "S" Company's quota of senior N.C.O.s.

Spring fever, it seems, has gone to the helmet-covered heads of four of our number, namely, C.S.M. Dodkins, C/Sgt. Da Costa, Sgt. Hoddinot, R.A.E.C., and Sgt. Ward, R.E.M.E. After long hours of preparation in glorious sunshine, they made up the Battalion team for the motor-cycle trials, which took place on the first rainy day for weeks (as all good trials should).

There are a few members who very rarely even bother to look in the letter rack, so it was a surprise to them recently to discover that the Post N.C.O. had delivered them each a small package, the contents of which turned out to be the traditional slice of wedding cake. It seems that Sgt. Eastap had finally taken the plunge into matrimonial bliss. We offer the newlyweds our sincere congratulations and inform any other would-be Don Juans that a vacancy now exists at the bachelors' table on social nights.

On the dinner night in January we welcomed the Chief Clerk and W.O.1 A.C.C. from H.Q., 51st Brigade, and in February the R.Q.M.S. Married Quarters Staff at Dhekelia was present. As a farewell gesture, Sgt. "Jimmy" Fields was also invited as he was shortly to return to the U.K.

Last month the R.S.M. and Band-Master of the 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment came down, and they were most impressed and appreciative of the fine meal provided. The dance that followed was a great success, it being the last organised by the present entertainments committee. R.Q.M.S. Thom is now firmly established as the new President by an overwhelming vote, and we look forward to some really spectacular evenings under his leadership during the coming quarter.

Recently we lost C/Sgt. Potter, who has been posted to "C" Company in Aqaba, and in exchange we welcome C/Sgt. Wright, who is now with "D" Company. Soon, it seems we are to bid farewell to our No. 1 Character in the form of "Herr Von Basil Le Maitre," the eminent conductor, ex-Commander of H.M.S. *Barossa*, who is to join R.S.M. Macmillan in the 8th Battalion T.A. at Hounslow. We wish Sgt. Le Maitre the best of good fortune in his new appointment. Also leaving the Battalion shortly is Sgt. Langford of the Pioneers, who with his wife and family will be stationed at the Depot.

With May now soon upon us, we are all looking forward to Albuhera Day on the 16th, when both Messes will no doubt be filled to capacity for the usual traditional celebrations, details of which will be given fully in the next issue.

Football

The Battalion team has had a much more successful second half to the season, possibly because they managed to play together and duties have been less arduous.

Consistently good play from the "A" Company pair L/Cpl. Gray and Pte. Lenihan has been a feature of the matches this season. Other players who deserve mention are Pte. Howell in goal, and Cpl. Sullivan who took over the captaincy from L/Cpl. Ward. Our leading goal scorer is Cpl. Redmond with 12 goals.

In the Dhekelia Minor Units League, "H.Q." Company looked well set for the championship but fell off badly in February and March. At the moment Reserve Company look best placed in fourth position, with "H.Q." fifth and "D" Company seventh.

Finally, a word of consolation to Pte. Dooler, our centre-half, at present in B.M.H. with cartilage trouble. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Hockey

Our last notes found us at the half-way mark in the season and after a good start we had great hopes of doing as well during the remainder. However, we faded near the finishing post and ended the season with two defeats which dashed our hopes of winning the Major Units League and Cup.

51 Independent Infantry Brigade Major Units League

In our return matches in the league we started off in great style, winning three matches and drawing two, and the result of the league depended on our final match, which unfortunately we lost.

Results and final placings in the league were:—

Opponents	1st Match	Return Match
2 Wireless Regiment	Won 5-2	Won 3-1
2 Wireless Regiment (Civ. Wing)	Lost 2-4	Won 5-2
625 Ordnance Depot	Won 3-1	Drew 4-4
1 Royal Leicesters	Drew 3-3	Drew 3-3
40 Field Regiment, R.A.	Won 3-1	Lost 1-5
R.A.F., Ayios Nikolaos	Won 2-0	Won 2-0

Unit	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pos.
1 Royal Leicesters	12	7	1	4	33	19	18	1st
1 Middlesex	12	7	2	3	36	26	17	2nd

Leading goal scorers: B/M. Jackson 15, L/Cpl. Holt 8, Bds. Torrie 5.

51 Independent Infantry Brigade Knock-Out Competition

Like most British boxers of repute, we took the count in the 1st round—a bitter blow indeed.

Dhekelia Garrison Minor Units League

In contrast to the Major Units League, the team entered for this league staged a storming finish to end up top of the league. Bds. Torrie distinguished himself by scoring six goals in one match.

Results and final placings in the league were:—

Opponents	1st Match	Return Match
C.R.E., Dhekelia	Won 3-2	Won 4-2
625 Ordnance Depot	Lost 1-4	Won 3-1
R.A.P.C.	Won 2-0	Won 7-0
R.E.M.E.	Won 3-1	Won 9-1
16 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A.	Lost 2-3	Won 5-1

Unit	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pos.
1 Middlesex	10	8	0	2	39	13	16	1st

Leading goal scorers: B/M. Jackson 16, Bds. Torrie 12.

In concluding these notes, we thank R.Q.M.S. Thom, C/Sgt. Potter and Sgt. Steward for having umpired our matches so ably and willingly.

Motor Cycling

Motor cycling is unfortunately not a sport in which

large numbers of the Battalion can compete, nor usually is there much opportunity for riding. However, Dhekelia Garrison has recently held a trials for garrison teams and an open individual championship.

The results were as follows:—

Dhekelia Garrison Team Trophy: 40 Company, R.A.S.C. ("A" Team), 1st; 2nd Cyprus District Workshops, 2nd; Middlesex "A" Team, 3rd.

Open Individual Championships (Middlesex competitors in order of placings): Cfmm. Calquhoun, R.E.M.E. attached 1st Middlesex, 7th; Pte. Thorpe, 1st Middlesex, 9th; Sgt. Ward, R.E.M.E. attached 1st Middlesex, 17th; Cfmm. White, R.E.M.E. attached 1st Middlesex, 23rd; Sgt. Hoddinott, R.A.E.C. attached 1st Middlesex, 25th; C/Sgt. DaCosta, 1st Middlesex, 30th.

Boxing

Since the last quarter Battalion boxers have been quite active. The period started with the Battalion Open Boxing Competition on February 11 and 12. There were not a very large number of entries except in the welterweight division. The results of the finals were as follows:—

Lightweight: L/Cpl. Dockerill beat Cpl. Argent.

Featherweight: L/Cpl. Underwood beat Pte. Butterfield.

Light Welterweight: Pte. Ing winner. Pte. Frickner runner-up, withdrawn from final because of damaged hands.

Welterweight: 2/Lt. Waite beat Pte. Cockell.

Light Middleweight: Sgt. Lloyd beat Cpl. Burford.

Middleweight: Pte. Read beat Pte. Fordham.

Light Heavyweight: Cpl. O'Rawe beat Pte. Fitts.

Heavyweight: Pte. Tate unopposed.

After the open boxing the Battalion entered a team in the Cyprus District Inter-Unit Boxing Championship. The Battalion was drawn against the Dhekelia Gunners in the preliminary round, but after a week's intensive training by the Battalion the Gunners withdrew from the competition and the Battalion was given a walk-over. The team then had a further week's training before taking on Dhekelia Services on March 1. Unfortunately the Services could not find a full team and the Battalion was again awarded a walk-over. However, a "friendly" match was arranged and some very good bouts were seen.

The Battalion team was: Bantamweight: Pte. Butterfield. Featherweight: Cpl. Argent, L/Cpl. Underwood. Lightweight: Pte. Ing. There was no opponent for Pte. Dockerill so he and Pte. Lowe put on an exhibition bout. Light Welterweight: Pte. Cockell. Welterweight: 2/Lt. Waite, Sgt. Lloyd, Cpl. Burford. Light Middleweight: Pte. Fordham, Pte. Read. Middleweight: Cpl. O'Rawe, Pte. Fitts. Light Heavyweight: Lt. Lloyd. Heavyweight: Pte. Tate and Pte. Fresia, both of 1st Middlesex, boxed each other as there was no other heavyweight in the Garrison.

The quarter final of the competition brought us up against the winners of the Famagusta Area Competition. Again we were let down and so we found ourselves in the semifinal without having fought a serious match. The semi-final against the 1st Battalion The South Staffords was a very serious affair on Saturday, March 23, 1957.



DHEKELIA GARRISON M/C TRIALS
Sgt. Ward, R.E.M.E., att. 1st Middlesex

The Battalion team was: Featherweight: Pte. Butterfield. Lightweight: Pte. Lowe. Light Welterweight: (1st string) Pte. Cockell, (2nd string) Pte. Fricker. Welterweight: (1st string) Cpl. Burford, (2nd string) Drm. Shelton. Light Middleweight: Pte. Read. Middleweight: Cpl. O'Rawe. Light Heavyweight: Cpl. Sullivan. Heavyweight: Pte. Tate.

The winners for the Battalion were Pte. Cockell, Pte. Fricker, Cpl. O'Rawe and Pte. Tate.

The match was lost by 13 points to 18 points.

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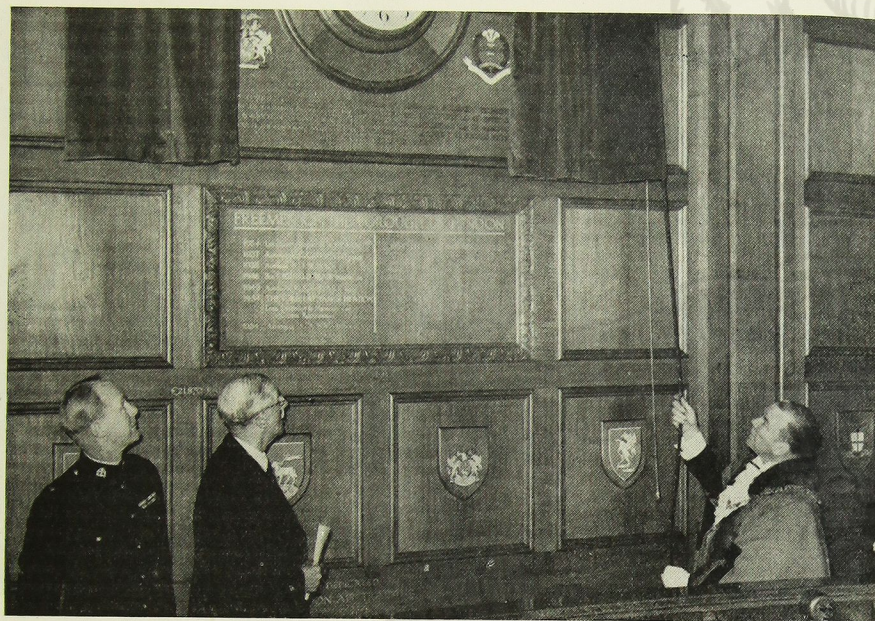
Depot Notes

EDITORIAL

With rumours of large Army cuts, mergers of regiments and similar threats looming over us, the policy throughout the Depot during the last few months has been "Recruit or Die." Our "Private George" has been kept busy with appearances in cinema foyers and recruiting office windows with varying success (at the time these notes are being written, he and the posters that make up the conglomerate display are forming part of the North London Exhibition at the Alexandra Palace); more efforts are being made to recruit for the Junior Leaders Battalion by means of a closer liaison with A.C.F. and C.C.F. units by training N.C.O.s—notably Sgt. Simmons; considerable contacts are being built up with the local press of the county with a marked increase in the quality and quantity of Regimental publicity; designs for a Regimental recruiting poster are being considered and the recruiting grant allotted to the Depot by London District is well on the way to being fully mortgaged already.

The Depot had one of the first allocations of one of the War Office recruiting vans for one week—from March 11 to 16. This was of necessity an experimental period and many useful lessons were learnt. 2/Lt. Chichester, Royal Fusiliers, and his team of permanent staff with the van were invaluable with their advice and assistance, and the members of the Depot Staff attached to the van for the week worked very hard and long, regretfully, with little success. The van stayed for two days at the Depot, spent the next two at a school in Burnt Oak, and for the remainder of the week went to the 7th Battalion Drill Hall at Hornsey. However, all the snags have been discovered and we are confident of better results when our turn comes round to be allotted the van again, later this summer.

Of all the visitors to the Depot this quarter, the most distinguished was Maj.-Gen. N. P. H. Tapp, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Director of Military Training who, with the D.D.M.T., Brigadier C. S. Howard, D.S.O., O.B.E., visited us on February 7 to watch a typical



recruit intake arrive. The general studied the arrival procedure most carefully and discussed recruit training with the Commanding Officer. The annual E.M.E. inspection was held from March 4 to 7, and despite the efforts of the M.T.O. to conceal all the vehicles in Workshops, we received very satisfactory reports.

We are delighted to see Lt. P. Donovan again in our midst—it only seems a very short time since we bade him farewell as R.S.M. We congratulate him on his promotion and wish him well for the future. He is staying with us a short while before joining the 1st Battalion as Q.M./M.T.O.

The Depot has had its share of ceremonial since the last edition, the burden of which has fallen mainly on the 44th Intake of Recruits. Twenty-four of the Intake acted as a 7th Battalion Guard of Honour to the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir Frederick Handley Page, on the occasion of the reopening of the Grand Hall of Alexandra Palace. The Guard was commanded by Capt. B. A. M. Pielow, and was complimented on the standard of drill and turnout achieved. Lt. J. S. B. Pollard acted as A.D.C. to the Lord Lieutenant. The Intake also took part in a Recruiting March through Harrow on April 13 on behalf of the 8th Battalion. The parade was led by the Band and Drums of the 8th Battalion.

During the course of a Borough Council Meeting at Hendon Town Hall on April 15, the Mayor of Hendon unveiled a plaque commemorating the grant of the

Freedom of the Borough to the Regiment. Col. Browne, Lt.-Col. Allen, Major Battye, Major Waller, Major Clark and Capt. Evans attended the ceremony, and Major Battye replied to the speech by the Mayor on behalf of Col. Browne.

The long-awaited renovation and redecoration of barrack rooms is now well under way with great success.

Finally, we look forward to the traditional events of the summer and we hope to see many old friends on Albuhera Day and during Cricket Week.

TRAINING COMPANY

The spring weather has certainly affected individual members of the Permanent Staff. We offer our best wishes to Cpls. Raffael and Turner, both of whom were married recently. As their enthusiasm for training has not yet diminished, we assume that the matrimonial screw has yet to be applied. We congratulate Lt. Fisher on the production of a Regimental recruit (eligible in 1975) and congratulations also to Cpl. Hersant whose daughter was born in January.

We welcome Cpl. Wood, L/Cpl. Waller and Pte. Harris to the Permanent Staff from the 1st Battalion. Ptes. Sims, Keast-Butler, Lewis and Dodd have also joined the Depot Staff on completion of their recruit training to carry out the 101 tasks which 31 Privates are asked to complete here. In addition, L/Cpl. Garnett and Pte. Brennan have temporarily joined us

from the Junior Leaders Battalion until they are old enough for an overseas posting.

Sgts. Partridge, Buckley and Lagden have recently departed to the 1st Battalion, where we wish them every success after two years here as training instructors. Losses to civilian life have included L/Cpl. Banham and Ptes. Walker, Makepeace and Feather.

The 43rd Intake, who were considerably involved in the filming of "These Dangerous Years," completed their training on February 15 and the Salute was taken by Col. G. R. Stevens, O.B.E., our Brigade Colonel. Medals were presented to:

Best All-round Recruit	..	Pte. J. Groom
Best Rifle Shot	..	Pte. J. Groom
Best L.M.G. Shot	..	Pte. C. Beauchamp
Highest Physical Efficiency	..	Pte. J. MacKnight

(R.A.E.C.)

Early in April the Depot competed in the London District Rifle Meeting, and C.S.M. Firman was congratulated on his team captaincy. Cpl. Raffael was 2nd in the Individual Sten for all ranks, Pte. Harris was 38th in the Individual Rifle for all ranks, and Ptes. Harris (9-18 months' service) and Sparkes (under 9 months' service) were both 3rd in their respective classes for the Individual Rifle competitions. Whilst we were unable to win any of the team events, some very creditable placings were obtained. The team were well satisfied as they returned with a total of £8 5s. in cash prizes.

We are now trying to establish a Small Bore Club and we have extended our invitation to include the wives of all past and serving members of the Regiment. To date we have only had four volunteer lady members, but we are hoping to increase our numbers. For the sceptics we should like to confirm that ladies do improve with practice (and patience!) and there have been no casualties so far.

We offer our congratulations to Cpl. Edey, who maintained the Company averages of a "B" Pass at Hythe. Although Sgt. Beale is not on the Permanent Staff an omission of his "A" Pass on the same course would be uncharitable—well done the "Die-Hards"!

The activities of the 44th Intake have already been listed in our editorial. From their arrival and the visit of the D.M.T. they were always well in the public eye. Their Passing-out Parade on April 17 produced a satisfactory culmination when all ranks on parade wore No. 1 Dress for the occasion. The Mayor of Tottenham, Alderman C. H. Colyer, J.P., took the Salute and inspected the Parade, attended by local press reporters and photographers. Medals were presented to:

Best All-round Recruit	..	Pte. M. Heath
Best L.M.G. Shot	..	Pte. M. Heath
Best Rifle Shot	..	Pte. M. Heath
Highest Physical Efficiency	..	Pte. M. Seymour

Pte. Heath is congratulated on his achievements which were gained by consistent hard work.

OFFICERS' MESS

The quarter has been an extremely busy one for the Officers' Mess with the constant stream of visitors, a number of lunch parties, a most entertaining dinner

night, yet another wedding (could it be spring fever?) and, of course, one tragedy—the impending departure of "Bill" Heywood's fine old jalopy which, having come of age, finds life a little wearing.

Soon after the start of the New Year we were fortunate to have "Chris" Lawrence, that elegant escorter of debutantes, staying with us prior to departing to Cyprus. He seemed none the worse for his period of "wearing of the red" and left us in good heart. Norman Clayden visited us on business, having been persuaded to audit the Depot Accounts, and is now at Hounslow working hard. Brigadier Rackham and "Taffy" Jones lunched with us early in February and later in the month some ten A.C.F. officers from various parts of England stayed with us for the duration of the A.C.F. Boxing Championships at Wembley. Peter Allen, who is a frequent visitor now from Hornsey, brought Col. Doran of the Israeli Army to lunch in January. On February 7 the Director of Military Training, Major-Gen. N. P. H. Tapp, and his deputy, Brigadier C. S. Howard, accompanied by Col. G. R. Stevens, lunched with us, the Brigadier particularly being most impressed with our silver and complimenting the Mess silverman upon its cleanliness. A week later Col. Stevens was with us again when he took the Passing-out Parade of the 43rd Intake.

John Worton visited the Depot for a cricket meeting on March 5 and lunched in the Mess. He just missed "Stumps" Green who has been staying over the week-end officially bent on discussing Battle Honours, though the fixture at Twickenham was a good one. On March 8 Col. Ballam, Major Douglas—our representative at the R.M.A.—and John Shipster attended the first Dinner Night of 1957—this time lapse, of course, being due to that "after Christmas feeling" and the change of command.

Major Whinney was a very welcome visitor and was greeted by an especially old friend in the shape of Major Heywood's car. After much tear-shedding "Bill" has now decided to do without the personality and character of an old faithful in favour of the reliability of a Morris Minor. The sight of the P.M.C. in a car with an unpatched hood will take some getting used to!

On March 20 two Sandhurst Cadets dined with us, and recently two more had lunch at the Depot.

Hugh Evans returned looking fit and well from his six-weeks Whithed Course in Norway, just in time to be best man at John Pollard's wedding on March 23. This was something of a reunion, for there was a large Regimental attendance, and it was specially good to see Ian Rutherford whom we all hope will soon be fit again.

John Moore is at present living with us, whilst he enjoys some well-earned leave prior to going to Barnard Castle early in May. Johnnie and Jean de Gaye were also recent visitors to the Mess, and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Brinley Ayre were discovered eating curry one Sunday with the Commanding Officer; they are off soon to Paris.

It is most difficult to mention every event and visitor in these notes without making them nothing more than a diary. There have been far more visitors to the Mess

than are mentioned above, and there have been other social functions. To those who have not been mentioned, we offer our apologies and trust it will not prevent them coming to see us again.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Minor changes in the Mess have taken place. The billiards room has now been moved to the old dining room and the old billiards room is now a retiring, reading, and television room. At present there is a table tennis set installed and Sgt. Morris (A.P.T.C.) is the undisputed champion, although C/Sgt. Taylor has challenged this statement.

We must congratulate Sgt. Beale on getting an "A" grade on his Hythe course. Well done, Ken.

On January 26 we held a dinner and dance, the guest of honour being Major A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C., on the occasion of his farewell as Commanding Officer of the Depot. His speech at the dinner was a touching tribute to us all. The evening was a great success, but Sgt. Moran was very much upset for, due to a puncture, missed the first part of the evening's entertainment.

Sgts. Buckley and Partridge left us to join the Battalion at the end of January. We were very sorry to lose them, but our loss is the Battalion's gain. We wish them both success. Sgt. "Butcher" Bailey was posted from the Depot to London Assembly Centre on January 28 and seems to be doing well there.

C/Sgt. Hockley, who has been a staunch stalwart of the living-in members, has suddenly decided to "live out." It is not known whether the ration allowance and London allowance had anything to do with it, but he has since expressed appreciation of the cut in surtax.

Through the efforts of Sgt. Moran, a darts match was held between members of the Mess and the locals of the "White Lion," East Finchley, at the Mess. A return match was held at the "White Lion" the following week. We don't know who thrashed whom, but R.S.M. Pike was heard to say that the entertainment was excellent.

A film was recently made in the Barracks, and Frankie Vaughan, the star, was seen several times talking to Sgt. Warner. Sgt. Warner has since bought a tape recorder, and it has been said that weird and wonderful noises proceed from the upper regions of the Mess. (Look to your laurels, Frankie.)

We welcome Sgt. Callaghan home from Cyprus to attend a course at Pirbright. Sgt. Taylor will also be on the same course. We hope they get on well and both come back with excellent reports.

We have had several visits from members who have returned from Cyprus for one reason or another, and once again we say we are always happy to see them and will always make them welcome.

CORPORALS' CLUB

The Corporals' Club has seen a considerable amount of activity this quarter. All praise to a committee who, although hampered by 36-hour exercises and week's holidays at Purfleet-on-Sea, have succeeded in bringing some of the spirit back to the Club. We held a whist drive in which L/Cpl. Lawrence greatly distinguished

himself. The tombola was a financial success and Cpl. Long achieved very creditable success with the raffle. We held a games evening in the Club in which we entertained the "Hand and Flower," and in spite of professional opposition we went down gallantly. The chief social occasion of this quarter was the invitation to the Sergeants' Mess, which was a very enjoyable evening and much appreciated.

New faces have been few this quarter as the majority are old friends. "Chippy" Wood has joined us for a tour and Cpl. ("I've been in twenty-two years") Mitchell-Gears has arrived for release. L/Cpl. Norman we welcome from the 8th Battalion and L/Cpls. Waller and Whitbread from the 1st Battalion. Congratulations go to L/Cpls. Lack, Morgan and Oxlade on their promotions. Congratulations also on promotion to L/Cpls. Linfield and Sexton. Farewells were said to L/Cpls. Banham and Lawrence, the former to civilian life, the latter to the 1st Battalion. Another visitor to the Club, albeit too short, was that of Miss Carol Lesley, which gave Cpl. Plumb the chance to show that even though he may get "bowler-hatted" he could still obtain employment as a P.R.O.

In the very near future we will be holding a dance—Cpl. Long very gallantly offering to supply a selection from his "harem." There is talk of the next coach trip and the destination, but this has yet to be decided.

SPORT

Hockey

On Wednesday, January 23, the Depot won a comfortable victory against Kneller Hall by five goals to one, played on their ground. R.S.M. McMillan and Sgt. Taylor distinguished themselves in the forward line, three of the five being scored by them.

We drew (a goal apiece) against Depot East Surreys at Kingston a month later.

The Depot lost both games against Eastern Command, a much stronger side. We managed to hold off the attack during the first half of the first game on their ground, due mainly to excellent defence work by Capt. Weller, though injured in the second half of the second game, played in a mud bath at Whetstone. Throughout the season he has captained the Depot team spiritedly—and played likewise. L/Cpl. Ambler played in goal every match with great spirit.

The Depot is most grateful to the members of the 7th and 8th Battalions who helped us throughout the season. Many players have represented the Depot this season, amongst the more regular being: Majors Hewitt and Jeffcoat, Capts. Evans, Weller, Carter, Lts. Pollard and Donovan, 2/Lt. Hedgecoe, R.S.M. McMillan, Drum-Major Holdford, Sgts. Taylor, Dive, Tarry, Cpl. Raffael and L/Cpl. Stopp.

The results of the matches played this season are as follows:

Depot v. London District	Lost	0-6
Depot v. The Sharpshooters	Won	6-2
Depot v. Depot The Queen's	Lost	1-4
Depot v. R.A.F. Northolt	Lost	3-4
Depot v. R.A.F. Northolt	Lost	0-3
Depot v. 107 Battery Field Regiment, R.A.	Won	5-1
Depot v. Kneller Hall	Won	5-1
Depot v. Eastern Command	Lost	1-7
Depot v. Eastern Command	Lost	0-6
Depot v. East Surreys	Drew	1-1

Association Football

Mainly due to the weather making the pitches unplayable, the Depot only played five of a possible 15 matches during the last half of this season, three of which were lost. However, the balance for this season is in our favour, having won 11 of the 21 matches played.

The team played well throughout the season against diverse opposition.

The Depot made full use of Pte. Barton, who always made his presence felt by his good football, and Pte. Talbot who was top goal scorer for the season. Pte. Breed played consistently well in goal when available.

The captaincy of the team varied between S.I. Morris, who captained most ably, Cpl. Speakman and Cpl. Young, both producing good results.

S.I. Morris, Cpls. Speakman and Young, L/Cpl. Lack, and Ptes. Talbot, Oakley, Barton, Brown, Duggan, Barley and Meredith all played for the Depot.

The results for the season are:

Depot v. Depot Royal Fusiliers	Lost	2-6
Depot v. C.P.O., Eastern Command	Won	10-1
Depot v. C.P.O., Eastern Command	Won	4-1
Depot v. 11 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E.	Won	3-1
Depot v. 11 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E.	Lost	2-5
Depot v. Old Chalmelians "A"	Won	10-1
Depot v. Old Chalmelians "A"	Won	4-5
Depot v. 20 Company, R.A.S.C.	Won	5-2
Depot v. London Assembly Centre	Won	10-1
Depot v. H.Q., Grenadier Guards	Won	6-0
Depot v. Kneller Hall	Won	4-1
Depot v. Kneller Hall	Lost	2-6
Depot v. Household Cavalry Training Squadron	Lost	0-7
Depot v. Household Cavalry Training Squadron	Lost	2-7
Depot v. London District F.C.	Lost	0-2
Depot v. C.A.E.C., Beaconsfield	Won	5-4
Depot v. H.P.D.R.E.	Won	5-4
Depot v. H.Q., Eastern Command	Lost	0-8
Depot v. Wembley Fire Station	Lost	1-3
Depot v. Sharpshooters	Won	11-1

OLD COMRADES

Mill Hill Branch

The first quarter of the year is usually the quietest in the Crawford Hut and this year has proved no exception. None of our monthly meetings held on January 26, February 23 and March 30 were particularly well attended, though this was in part due to an unfortunate amount of illness amongst members. However, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Lewis during the week, the Crawford Hut is always warm, comfortable and rewarding for those of us who make the effort. L/Cpl. Anderson, our new barman, seems to have settled down very quickly and is already on very friendly terms with the regular members. "Dasher" Crouch made a welcome reappearance at both the February and March meetings, and perhaps his example will encourage more local residents to visit the Club occasionally.

"Towney" Hart has left the bright lights of London town and has moved into a house he recently bought at Bolton, Lancs. We shall certainly miss him and his wife, two of our most faithful supporters. "Busty" Hull, our chairman, has recently left hospital after a

very serious illness and should rejoin us soon. Unfortunately, he now feels he has to take things a little easier and will not therefore be standing for re-election at our April Annual General Meeting. All of us who know him, and have seen him brave all the elements to get to club meetings whenever possible, will also appreciate the amount of hard work he has put into the Club over the years, especially during the "thin times" when it looked as if the Club might close. We are losing a grand chairman, but fortunately he intends to support us still. Who knows, we might even get the Quartermaster to instal the clock "Busty" has been asking for since time immemorial! Another "casualty" recently has been "Bob" Overton, our fanatical camera man, but he, too, is now on the road to recovery. Those who read the last Journal, I know, would like to congratulate him on having two of his excellent photographs printed.

Subscriptions are still falling off constantly and the Club continues to run at a loss. In order to reduce this a little, "Percy" Newman's interesting monthly newsletter is now only being sent to those who have paid their subscription for this year. If you have not recently received a newsletter I fear you have not. A report of our Albuhera celebrations, Cricket Week and the summer outings will be in the next Journal for those of you no longer receiving news of our activities. If, however, you would like to renew your subscription to keep in touch why not write to the Secretary at the Depot or Major P. F. Newman at his home, 9 Cavendish Avenue, Finchley, N.3?

Finally, we join in congratulating our Secretary on his recent wedding, even if he did delay our A.G.M. by a month. A greetings telegram was sent on behalf of the Club. We also welcome to the Depot Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., whom we all look forward to seeing at one of our forthcoming meetings.

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB

Twenty-two members of the Club went to Her Majesty's Theatre on February 28 to see a performance of "No Time for Sergeants" (an apt title for an Army wives club?) A week later, on March 7, Mrs. Hewitt sailed for West Africa and Mrs. Battye took over as President.

In April a Jumble Sale was held for Club funds and £10 was raised, and we are just about to buy a sewing machine which can be hired out to members. A Thrift Shop is also going to be started for a trial period of six months as there appears to be a demand for one, but time will tell.

On April 25 we had a demonstration and talk on "Beauty and Skin Care" by a Miss Evans from Yardley in Bond Street. It was an interesting and enjoyable hour and a half, and at the end of it we had a glamorous Mrs. Weller in our midst, and the next morning a rather irate Q.M. because (so the story goes) his wife was demanding a blank cheque, so as to do all that she was told by the demonstrator!

Our best wishes to Mrs. Partridge who, accompanied by her son David, has just flown off to join her husband, serving with the 1st Battalion in Cyprus.

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



GENERAL

Recruiting very much occupies our minds and working hours, at the moment. It is proposed to hold an intensive recruiting period about the time of Albuhera Day. We have boldly refused to rely on the more conventional and traditional Army approach to the subject, and have enlisted the services of professional civilian advertising experts. Our "contact" man is Lt. M. S. Gedy, himself in the publicity business—and he has produced a very striking poster and leaflet (that depicts a "Teddy-Boy" rather than an alert warrior on the cover). We shall display the poster and leaflet in shops, public buildings and all other appropriate places. We have great hopes of this expensive innovation, and must await to see if results justify the expenditure.

The ladies of the Battalion have formed a Wives' Club. It is called "The Elms Club," after the original house which stood on the present site of the drill hall at Hornsey. The president is Mrs. J. K. Maitland, and the chairman is Mrs. W. P. M. Allen who is assisted by Mrs. J. D. Gunnell as secretary and Mrs. P. Donovan as treasurer. Meetings are held at Hornsey and the outlying Companies. The Club organises whist drives, tombola, thrift club, beetle drives and visits to the Battalion in camp and on the ranges. Any lady connected with or interested in the Battalion is welcomed as a member.

A Roll of Honour of the Regiment in the 1914-18 War, which was presented to the Sergeants' Mess of the Battalion by Lt.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., when he was Colonel of the Regiment, has been renovated by Capt. R. J. Leighton and placed in the Battalion Chapel in St. Mary's Church, Hornsey.

Thanks to the interest and generosity of Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., T.D., who was Adjutant of the 1st/7th Battalion from October, 1914, to April, 1916, in Gibraltar and in France, the Battalion Bugle Call has been revived. Major Bower and the Honorary Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., remembered the call and hummed it to Drum-Major Holdford, B.E.M., who has scored it. A framed copy of the score is being presented to the Officers' Mess by Major G. A. H. Bower, and we shall use the call once again in camp this year.

We have now taken advantage of the permission for Territorial Army units to wear, as an additional embellishment, the coat of arms of their local borough. A new badge depicting the coat of arms of Hornsey has been approved and will shortly, we hope, be manufactured. The cost is only partly being met by Army Funds, and the Mayor of Hornsey, Alderman Neil Muldoon, J.P., has kindly given the remainder of the cost as a personal gift to the Battalion.

Cpl. Chacksfield, one of the stalwarts in the Drums, has recently been to France and Belgium on a Battlefields Tour organised by the British Legion. He was given permission by H.M. Ambassadors in each of these countries to wear uniform at several ceremonies where he sounded Last Post and Reveille.

Our half-yearly audit board is about to take place, and once again we are to be assisted by Major J. M. Cossar, T.D. He always gives us his help on these occasions, and very valuable it is too! Major Cossar was sitting on audit boards in the Battalion at Hornsey as far back as 1922 as a serving T.A. officer, and it is an example of the interest still shown in the Battalion by many of its former officers and other ranks.

Charles Denton, who had been our Quartermaster for nearly 17 years when he left in 1949, and is now on our civilian permanent staff, is, we are sorry to say in hospital at Highlands Hospital, N.21. We hope he will soon be out and meanwhile wish him a speedy recovery.

Once again this year we reached the finals of the Middlesex Territorial Army Association .22 Shooting Competition. We were, however, beaten (just!) by our, by now annual, rivals—the 8th Battalion. Scores were: 8th Middlesex 560, 7th Middlesex 556. Our team, consisting of Lts. Armstrong and Blackburn (R.N.Z. Inf.), C.S.M. Webb, C/Sgt. Leahy, and Sgts. Davies and Wotton, are to be congratulated on their steady shooting throughout the rounds of this competition.

We had a minor part in the opening of Alexandra Palace on March 12, which has been described in the Depot Notes at greater length.

On March 19 Mr. (ex-Bandmaster) Gilyatt was summoned to Buckingham Palace to receive from Her Majesty The Queen his recently awarded M.B.E. Although he was by then discharged, he was given special permission to wear uniform again.

On March 30 the Commanding Officer, in addition to attending a meeting of the London and Middlesex Rifle Association at Bisley and visiting the training at Hythe (described elsewhere), also attended a display put on by the C.C.F. of Christs College, Finchley, who we hope are to be affiliated to us.

We shall celebrate Albuhera Day this year by an All Ranks' Dance at Tottenham on May 17. These dances have previously been held at Hornsey, but we want to hold it this year at Tottenham now that we have reoccupied the Drill Hall there after a long break since before the war.

Finally, we offer our heartiest congratulations to Lt. (Q.M.) P. Donovan on his commission. He was until a few days ago our R.S.M. He did a brief tour with us at camp last year when R.S.M. Pike was smitten with appendicitis for the first part of camp. He was posted to us in October, 1956, and although his stay with us was short, it was from our point of view very profitable. We all wish him and his family the very best of good fortune in the future.

OFFICERS' MESS

An informal social evening was held in the Mess on April 12. It was the first event of its kind to be held

in the Mess at Hornsey for some years and was very much in the nature of an experiment. Some 50 people attended, and this seems to be the comfortable maximum. Cpl. Ledwith of the Regimental Band produced three other instrumentalists (not from the Band) and they played for dancing until nearly 1 a.m. The Mess was rearranged with a bar in one corner, small tables round the room and amber "street-type" lighting of low wattage. A contingent from the newly formed Elms Club provided a most excellent buffet, and the party, which finally dispersed just before 2 a.m., was really quite a success. It is hoped that we shall hold other similar evenings periodically.

On April 25 we said farewell to Lt. (Q.M.) P. Donovan in the Mess, as he was by this date already on the strength of the Depot.

It is hoped that we shall hold a Regimental Guest Night at Hornsey on Albuhera Day in addition to sending some officers to dine at the Depot.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes the Mess has had a quiet period. We wish to take this opportunity of recording our pride and pleasure on receiving the news that R.S.M. P. Donovan has been awarded his commission. Unfortunately, his stay with us has not been very long, but in that short time he has commanded our respect, not only as our Regimental Sergeant-Major, but perhaps more importantly, as a man and a friend. We are sorry to say "good-bye" to him so soon, but we wish him every success in his new sphere. Good luck, sir, from us all.

TRAINING

All training is now geared to preparation for camp. The officers and N.C.O.s have had training on the static sets in the signals lecture room, and more wireless work will be done on the forthcoming tactical week-end.

A first aid and light rescue course has just finished with practical light rescue at the Southgate Civil Defence training site. The theoretical work was done at Hornsey by Lt. Hornsby and Sgt. Walters, and the practical work produced hair-raising rescues in the realistic surroundings of a bombed mansion at Southgate. This latter type of training, although a little new to us, is nevertheless very interesting and calls for considerable manual labour and efficient and exacting rope work. Monkeys just aren't in it!

The problems of "mob" in the nuclear age were studied at length by Company Commanders and above at a Brigade Study period on April 7. We had an interesting talk by an officer, who gave us an insight into the mobilisation problems from the Command point of view.

On March 30-31 the R.S.M. took the Permanent Staff Instructors and some T.A. N.C.O.s down to Hythe for a week-end Weapon Training course run for us by the S.A.S.C. representative at the Home Counties Brigade Training Centre. We hope to repeat this with officers some time after camp.

On March 24, "A" Company, together with elements of "D" Company and detachments from Highgate

School C.C.F. and Stationers Company School C.C.F., held a patrol exercise at Henley Hill.

The administrative arrangements were in the hands of C/Sgt. Moran of "D" Company, and all ranks enjoyed an excellent lunch of roast leg of lamb and two vegetables prepared by Cpl. Storey.

The morning was taken up with fieldcraft and movement and finished with a map march to the lunch R.V. The exercise recommenced after lunch and ran very smoothly despite Sgt. Robertson's long hike with his patrol and umpire (Capt. Carter).

First aid training is now in full swing. "A" Company is fortunate in that Sgt. Dive has already completed a course, and is thus able to introduce them to all intricacies of blood stream, pressure points, fractures, etc.

In the near future, motor-cycle riding instruction is to start in "A" Company, and it is hoped eventually to be able to produce a Company trials team.

On April 13-14, some of "D" Company joined the rest of the keen shots of the Battalion at Bisley and, in preparation for the full-bore shooting season, rifles were zeroed and much shooting was done, with C/Sgt. Moran and Sgt. Davies sharing the honour of a competition to some financial advantage.

Plans are afoot for "B" and "D" Companies to combine for training on two Tuesdays a month, using the Centres at Enfield and Tottenham alternately. Senior Cadets of the Tottenham Grammar and County Schools A.C.F. are being invited to take part in this in the hope that it will encourage them, when they are old enough, to enlist into the Battalion.

During the last few months "S" Company has lost a considerable number of volunteers due to promotions, emigration, work and other reasons.

The Company Commander, after returning from the Army Air Transport and Development Centre, proceeded to put all ranks through an intensive course of loading and lashing, and lectures on aircraft. Mock-up fuselages, jeeps and trailers were used. As it now seems likely that in future, troop movement will be by air, it is hoped that this training will be of value.

The Company visited Pirbright in March, and together with the R.M.V.R. Commando, a combined Mortar shoot took place on the Saturday and Sunday. There seemed to be no end of ammunition available, and this was the first time the Company had used phosphorus smoke bombs. A short training period took place on the Sunday with the M.M.G.

8th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.), T.A.

Change of Command

On April 5, Lt.-Col. R. A. Corby, O.B.E., T.D., handed over command of the Battalion to Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton.

Lt.-Col. Corby had commanded the Battalion since April, 1953, when it was 11th Battalion The Parachute

Regiment (8th Middlesex (D.C.O.)). Altogether he served for ten years with the Battalion, and has seen many changes. Most important of all, he has brought us safely and soundly through our change in role and back into the Regiment. We wish him the very best of luck.

We welcome Lt.-Col. Brotherton as our new Commanding Officer, and it is gratifying to have in command an officer whose association with the Battalion has been so long and varied. He joined the Battalion in June, 1939, was signal officer in France in 1944-45, continued to serve throughout the period in the Parachute role, and has been 2IC for the last two years.

Reorganisation

Since the last quarter when we said we had started our new career as an Infantry Battalion, we have got well into our stride, and the outlook for the future is most promising. Over the last six months there has been an average of five recruits a month and among them several old 8th Battalion faces. One of these is ex-C.S.M. Raynsford, who has rejoined "S" Company at Hampton.

It is very pleasing to note that in such a short space of time a strong liaison has developed with the Regimental Depot. Mutual assistance has been and is being arranged, particularly in the recruiting field. We appreciate and look forward to this tie growing stronger and closer.

The permanent staff with one exception are all "Die-Hards" now, and we also appreciate and are grateful for the effort that this has cost the Regiment in providing our N.C.O. P.S.I.s.

At long last "A" Company, which has been lying dormant for nearly five months, has taken over its new drill hall at Cowley, near Uxbridge, a splendid place based round a large old country house. Major G. W. Webber is commanding this company, assisted by Lt. C. F. Floris and Sgt. Hope as P.S.I. The problem now is for the Chiefs to find the Indians.

We would also like to include under this heading, mention of the healthy and friendly competitive spirit between ourselves and the 7th Battalion, with whom we are now brigaded and whom we meet much more frequently than in the past.

Training and Sports

The first event since our last notes was the Battalion cross-country run held from the Depot at Mill Hill on February 2 and won by "C" Company (Harrow, Wealdstone). The "going" over a four-mile course was heavy off the roads, but a creditable performance was put up by the competitors, Sgt. Haines and Pte. Murphy of "C" Company coming in 1st and 2nd and Pte. Royer-Collard of "H.Q." Company 3rd. Our new Commanding Officer, then 2IC, made a very gallant gesture by running to complete the "H.Q." Company team. R.S.M. T. McMillan is to be congratulated on his excellent organisation of this event.

On February 10 annual range classification started at Aldershot, "B" and "D" Companies (Ealing and Finchley) being the first to fire. This has continued on nearly every week-end, two companies at a time.

Airborne Forces Depot have been most helpful to us by providing accommodation, and it is reported that the Sergeants in particular have been "well looked after."

The Battalion entered a team in the Eastern Command T.A. Cross-Country Championship at Richmond Park on February 24 and finished 3rd. The Battalion was represented by Major G. W. Webber, Lts. C. G. Palmer, Mather, Couch, Sgt. Haines, Cpls. Hurdwell and Stephenson, Ptes. Murphy, Royer-Collard, Tyler and Higham.

The same week-end as the Eastern Command Cross-Country, the Training Officer and Adjutant went off to Castlemartin in Wales for a reconnaissance of the annual camp site and arrangements. On his return the Adjutant was overheard to remark: "It's a jolly good spot, but everyone you meet is either a Morgan, a Jones or a corgi."

On February 28 the inter-Company boxing was held at Hounslow. The meeting was well patronised by friends and families as well as serving members, and the boxers fought well. "C" Company once more carried off the honours with a lead of three points over last year's winners, "S" Company (Hampton). The winning boxers were L/Cpl. Gordon (light), Pte. Higham (welter), Cpl. Cox (light-middle), Cpl. Stuart-Williams (middle), and Lt. Mather (heavy—boxing overweight).

Brigadier D. Moore and Major R. D. Hutchings, our Brigade Commander and B.M., carried out the annual administrative inspection on April 1. On this appropriate date we do not yet know who fooled whom, but we hope that when the report comes back to us we will learn that we have met their requirements.

On February 14 a friendly .22 shooting match was arranged with 14th County of London H.G., to give our Battalion team some practice as a team. We won this match quite easily, but this "dry run" paid dividends in the final of the Middlesex T.A. Competition which we reached with the 7th Battalion. For the first time since the war we beat the 7th Battalion. It was a memorable evening, held in the old 9th Battalion's H.Q. on April 11 and the scores were close right up to the end, finishing 560 points and 556 points. The Battalion team consisted of Lt.-Col. Corby (not yet S.O.S.), Lt.-Col. Brotherton, Majors Marshall and Webber, R.S.M. McMillan, Sgts. Mason and Kent, and Pte. Shearman.

At Harrow on April 13 "C" Company held a recruiting parade with the Band and Drums, and 30 recruits from the Depot dressed in No. 1 Dress and under command 2/Lt. M. Hedgecoe. In rear of the parade were two vehicles from "S" Company with a display of heavy weapons, and a jeep from "H.Q." Company with wireless equipment. The parade went well, and mention must be made of the excellent standard of marching and the bearing of the recruits. The parade was organised by Capt. G. Palmer, commanding "C" Company, ably assisted by C.S.M. Roberts. We were pleased to see Major Battye, Cpts. Moore and Evans, who came along to watch the parade.

On April 14 the Battalion took part in an invitation seven-a-side rugby competition organised by the London Scottish and held at the Old Haberdashers'

ground at Elstree. Our team was eliminated in the first round by 291 Field Regiment, R.A., who, it is some compensation to say, went on to the final. Although the forwards gave a good service our three-quarters were unable to break through. The Battalion was represented by Capt. Jordan, Lts. Couch, Medlock, Talbot-Price, Hogg and Wright, and Sgt. Brown.

Officers' Mess

On February 19 Capt. B. H. Marciandi, on leave from the 1st Battalion, and Major C. N. Clayden, from H.Q. Eastern Command, visited the Mess.

A guest night was held on March 8, at which the guests were Brigadier Baker and Col. Ellis.

The officers bade farewell to Lt.-Col. Corby at a very successful cocktail party held for the occasion. Lt.-Col. Corby presented the Battalion with a fine silver cup to commemorate the 10 years spent as a Parachute Battalion, and to be competed for annually as thought fit by his successor. The party was a family one within the Regiment and the Band played during the evening.

Sergeants' Mess

For the first time for many years the Sergeants' Mess is a successful and going concern again. All the credit for this goes to R.S.M. T. McMillan, who in his quiet and determined manner has achieved this. The difficulty lies in the widely scattered location of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' homes.

Social evenings are held now on the last Friday of each month and the Mess will be very glad to see any Warrant Officers or Sergeants in the Regiment on leave in England or stationed at home.

On March 29 Lt.-Col. Corby was invited to the Mess and bade farewell to the members.

Company Social Events

All Companies continue to hold social evenings and dances from time to time.

Among these "S" Company and "C" Company have held very successful dances, on April 12 and March 2 respectively, both being well attended.

Ex-members of the Battalion or Regiment are always welcome at these functions.

Stop Press—Corps of Drums

It has just been reported that a very fine leopard skin has been presented to the Corps of Drums by the mother of Drummer M. J. Ward of Heston. The skin is in excellent condition and was sent home from Africa by Drummer Ward's father. This is a very welcome gift and the Battalion is most grateful to Mrs. Ward. Arrangements have been made with Henry Potter & Co. to have the skin mounted.

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

Since the last edition, authorship has forced itself upon a comparative amateur, due to the normal author's sudden departure to Holland and, with luck, a visit to the Regiment's last war battle areas—we look forward to hearing more of this continental escapade—and

reading all the expertly collated material for this edition that will now have to appear in the next edition.

Regimental training has continued on Wednesday evenings and three week-ends, February 2-3, March 30-31, and April 27-28 have kept us up to the mark.

On Wednesday, April 24, we welcomed our new training major, Major Harry Knight, who joined us on April 20, having just relinquished command of a L.A.A. battery in Germany. To him we wish every good wish and all good things, and look forward to having our partial complacency rudely shaken with his expert up-to-date knowledge and experience. With him, we expect to march forward to even greater efficiency.

Petrol rationing has hampered our social activities, but the Officers' Mess managed a small cocktail party and dance on Saturday, March 16, 1957, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and social evenings on Fridays at Honeyput Lane continued their successful course. "R" Battery welcomed Sgt. Bewick as their new P.S.I. on April 1957, and we all wish him every good wish and great success.

At .22 shooting the Regiment was knocked out by our sister 7th Battalion in the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association semi-finals—our heartiest congratulations to the winners, and congratulations to our own members in getting so far.

At darts the Regiment yet again achieved a "near miss" in the semi-finals, being knocked out by 33rd A.A. Brigade Signal Squadron. On April 11, 1957, the Regiment acted as hosts for the Middlesex T. and A.F. Association darts semi-finals and finals, and .22 shooting finals at T.A. Centre, Honeyput Lane, and were glad to welcome the teams of the 7th and 8th Battalions.

The Regiment is about to suffer a sad loss in having to say farewell to Bandmaster W. R. Turner from our active list. Mr. Turner has given the Regiment excellent service and produced a most creditable band. We wish him every success in the future and trust we shall see him, as often as he can manage, amongst the ranks of the O.C.A. Mr. Turner had served 27 years with the Regular Army, followed by 14 years with the T.A. Alas! all efforts, backed by what appeared to us as excellent reasons, to get War Office to permit him to serve beyond the age limit failed. We are now to be without a Bandmaster; at time of going to press no candidate has been found. The job is open and if anyone can help to fill it, we shall be very grateful.

For the immediate future our programme is:

June 1-2, July 20-21. Week-end training at T.A. Centre, Honeyput Lane.

May 25-26. Exercise "Vigilant" in Norfolk.

May 12, June 16, September 8. Range courses at Purfleet.

September 21-22. Regimental Rifle Meeting at Purfleet.

August 10-24. Annual Camp at Weybourne, Norfolk.

May 17. Officers' Mess Dinner at T.A. Centre, Edgware.

May 11. Sergeant's Mess Social at T.A. Centre, Honeyput Lane.

June 29 or 30. Regimental All Ranks "At Home" at T.A. Centre, Honeyput Lane (probably).

Every Friday evening. All Ranks Social at T.A. Centre, Honeyput Lane.

9th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

During the past few months we have been meeting on Friday evenings at Honeyput Lane and the highlight of news is, of course, the annual general meeting and dinner at Kingsbury T.A. Centre on May 18, when we hope to have the usual gathering of "dear old pals." We hear that the 2/9th have a "get together" in Kensington. We should like to contact the organisers with a view to amalgamating.

We regret to report the loss of two of our stalwarts in the passing of Percy Hines and Harold Tivey.

THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

The new year has now got under way and we are once more in the throes of routine training. The main items of interest have been the Annual Review and H.M. The Queen's Birthday Parade.

The Annual Review was held in the new Government stadium on March 24. The Regiment had nearly 500 all ranks on parade. Unfortunately, the weather let us down and it rained hard throughout the proceedings. The march past round the running track took place in 4 in. of water and the halt at the end of the "advance in review order" resulted in a "bow" wave across the stadium. However, all the experts reported that the drill and dressing was excellent, so we felt satisfied. We all marched back to Headquarters after the parade and so got warmed up. This process continued in the canteen after we fell out!

The Regiment provided a contingent of 250 all ranks for H.M. The Queen's Birthday Parade on April 12. For this parade we have to form up on Holts Wharf. This makes a long and narrow parade ground at the best of times, but this year there were two ships unloading and the parade had to form up in the midst of a welter of new cars, iron pipes and swinging cranes. However, we all got away to a good start on time and our critics were very kind, so we are well satisfied.

We welcome to our ranks another "Die-Hard" in the form of C.S.M. Moreton, of the King's. He is the proud possessor of the number 6201829. He has very quickly been introduced to the Middlesex society. So once more our affiliation is strengthened.

We are pleased to report that our rifle team did well at the Hong Kong Bisley year. The Regiment were runners-up in the inter-Services challenge match and also in the FARELF falling plate championship. We also gained several third and fourth places in other matches. In the overall championship the Regimental team was third, so we have managed to show the Regular Army that we can shoot against them on equal terms.

All ranks send their best wishes to the 1st Middlesex. We all recall the days when they were stationed here and we hope that they will soon be sent to a more restful spot than their present one. We look forward to further news of their activities in this issue.

BIRTHS

RUTHERFORD.—On February 22, 1957, at 40 Shortlands Road, Shortlands, Kent, to Margaret (*née* Leisk), wife of Capt. Ian S. Rutherford, a son.

JORDAN.—On February 24, 1957, at Military Families Hospital, Woolwich, S.E.18, to Sheila (*née* Nicol), wife of Capt. Napier Jordan, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a daughter, sister for Ann.

FISHER.—On March 29, 1957, at Bushey Maternity Hospital, to Joan (*née* Armstrong), wife of Ronald Fisher, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a son (Stephen Geoffrey).

COWAN.—On April 14, 1957, to Gill (*née* Plowman), wife of Capt. A. R. Cowan, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a daughter (Victoria Eleanor).

DEATHS

HAVILAND.—On February 6, 1957, at Ashford Hospital, Major R. A. Haviland, aged 87.

HUMPHREYS.—On February 26, 1957, ex-Pte. W. C. Humphreys. An obituary appears elsewhere in this Journal.

GUSCOTT.—We regret to announce the death of Elsie, wife of Major R. T. Guscott, on March 17, 1957. Letters of sympathy have been sent to Major Guscott, whose late wife was well known to many of the older members of the Regiment.

RILEY.—On May 3, at the East Surrey Hospital, Alfred A. Riley, M.C., who served as a Captain with our Regiment in the First World War. His funeral was attended by a Bugler from the Depot, as he had requested that the Last Post and Reveille be sounded at his funeral. A wreath in Regimental colours was also sent.

OBITUARY

7151 EX-PTE. W. C. HUMPHREYS

We regret to announce the death of 7151 ex-Pte. W. C. Humphreys on February 26, 1957. He enlisted on January 29, 1900, joining the 2nd Battalion in South Africa early in 1900. He rejoined in 1915, serving until 1919, and was in France with the 21st Battalion.

He was an active member of the Brockenhurst rescue party in the Second World War.

He was cremated and his ashes were interred in his late wife's grave at Brockenhurst on March 2. The Association was represented by Lt.-Col. W. H. Samuel and a wreath in Regimental colours was sent.

ALASKAN ADVENTURE

(Conclusion)

By Capt. W. M. M. Deacock

Albuhera Glacier

Our first journey was to explore the nature of a hanging glacier which appeared to lead to a col between Mounts Tatum and Carpe, both unclimbed. Our intentions were to find a route up the glacier, camp, and after looking at the col to see if it gave passage over the range, to climb the two virgin peaks. Setting off from base camp at 2230 hours, we felt our way across the large crevasse separating the glacier from its mountain walls. This journey took us three hours and, running against the "grain" of the crevasse structure, the route was more insecure than we had anticipated. Once at the edge we readjusted our packs, ate a sweet, roped in two parties of two and, after changing from



Party returning from Albuhera glacier, disappearing into the mist

snowshoes into crampons, began to find a way up the puzzle of broken ice that cascaded down the mountain, a cascade frozen by the cold of the night hours. A writer on Everest referred to the ice fall as being like a squashed meringue; nothing could be more apt and we felt ant-like as we tempted vast ice blocks to follow their inclinations and join the main glacier below, removing us in their path. At 0800 the sun began to gain heat and we had, after a long period of step cutting in ice set at 5°, arrived above the main fall and in the upper basin of the glacier. The situation was thoroughly unsafe for we were in direct path of avalanches and must cross snow bridges that grew weaker as the snow deteriorated. Our solution was to go on up as fast as possible. At 0900 we paused for our first rest after travelling and climbing for 11½ hours. We were soaked in sweat, for we wore the last night's warm clothing, dehydrated and bemused by the high altitude ultraviolet rays reaching us from the sun and suffering from that mental blankness called glacier lassitude, caused by seemingly endless snow through which we trudged sometimes up to our waists. We spent 30 minutes on a small island of rock debris whilst melting snow for lemonade. This soon cheered us up and as we looked up we could see the funnel of snow narrowing to an

outlet, possibly three hours away. This was our col.

Crevasse Fall

When we started off again it was my turn to lead. I advanced 20 paces and prodded uncertainly in the snow with my ice axe. As I realised that I was on a snow bridge possibly 2 feet thick and was about to slide back on my snow shoes the snow beneath me gave way and quite soundlessly I fell. My sensation of falling and spinning was brought to an abrupt halt by the nylon rope attached to my chest sling, and as I swung in blue darkness I managed to see and realise the situation. I found myself perhaps 50 feet down a bottle-shaped crevasse. A small hole above showed the sky, all around was stillness and a heavy coldness. My right leg was caught by the snowshoe above my head and my back appeared bruised. I found that by struggling I could get my body right way up and started to organise myself. I had on my pack board and my ice axe was still in my hand. I had to change into my crampons from snowshoes, take off my goggles and put on extra gloves, not easy whilst swinging in space. I heard a shout and a companion lowered me a rope when, after sending up my pack and ice axe, we used a crevasse technique often practised on the ship. I was landed on the lip of the crevasse 22 minutes after the fall; my hands had "gone" and my body was slowing, for the limit of life without extra clothing in the still cold of a crevasse is 30 minutes.

We camped on the spot and left our final weary trek until the next night when with relief we dug a platform and pitched our tent at our col. The view over the col was breathtaking, but no way lay down to the next glacier so we turned our thoughts to the peaks on either side of us.

It was decided that since I had shown the greatest interest in the interior workings of the glacier, it should be mine to name. I called it Albuhera and we drank a cup of tea to celebrate our first real achievement in Alaska.

Mount Tatum

At 2230 hours, when the surface had frozen crisp and hard, we set off in two ropes of two for the summit of Tatum. None of us knew what the route would be like, but trusted that the ridge would lead us to our goal. The trudging was hard and we came across some rotten rock which we could travel over still in our crampons. After seven hours of interesting climbing, sometimes on ice, often on overhanging cornices of snow, we came within sight of the summit. As we sat and ate a sweet we saw that the final ridge was going to be the crux of the climb; all of us had been waiting for the mountain to show us her defences for up till now she had given us no real problems. This ridge became knife thin and extremely steep. We made our way very slowly, cutting steps in the delicate fluted blue ice. As and where possible we would add to our security by banging in an ice pylon, but the blows of hammer and ice axe caused the whole ridge to vibrate and hum like a giant organ pipe! In places our steps would cut right through the ridge and the frequent, if uncomfortable, mode of progress was "a cheval" or as on horseback, but this was a big horse with a drop on



CALLING IN U.S.A.F. AIR DROP OF MAIL—DEACOCK WITH WIRELESS SET

one side of 2,000 feet and the other of four! The only thing to do as we moved singly if one was to fall off was for his companion to leap over the opposite side and balance him. We had not considered the next move. Eventually, tired and exhilarated, we all reached the end of the razor back and after a steady trudge and having crossed the last defence, a large crevasse, we stood before the summit. All of us advanced together on this virgin peak and shook hands solemnly. A nip of whisky, a sweet and a photograph and we turned homewards for snow and mist were appearing. Probably the reward for all of us on reaching this summit was the 30-second clearing that allowed us to see the whole vast expanse of our "white space on the map" spread invitingly at our feet.

Upon our return it snowed heavily, and after waiting and fasting hopefully so that we might try Mount Carpe, we had reluctantly to descend for our provisions were expended. The days snowed in a tent passed in damp cold hungry misery, but when life seemed worst and one's tea was upset, always somebody would strike up a song or crack a joke—such comradeship is not found in the more plush parts of the world! We got down in 19 hours with no food, happy, tired, and looking for fresh fields to explore.

The Way Out

The trek out of the glacier basin had to be accomplished in 48 hours, so that we could make a rendezvous with a helicopter in a creek outside the mountains. We would have liked longer, but the weather forced us to tighten our programme and we returned from our

last peak, which we named Pegasus, on D+40; the RV was on D+42. As summer had advanced so had the glacier surface deteriorated and we were forced to abandon our sled and most of the equipment. We back packed up to 100 lb. each, composed of essential kit, food and geological specimens, and found our route difficult and hazardous.

When the U.S.A.F. helicopter eventually found us we were in the musk heading for Wonder Lake 20 miles away. We thought the plan had misfired, but should have known our good friends better. The copter took us to the lake where we boarded a seaplane which took us to a Dakota which took us to Fairbanks! To us Uncle Sam was Father Christmas.

The Results

Apart from medical, geological and meteorological data gained and mentioned elsewhere, we climbed and named three virgin peaks, climbed two virgin named peaks, named a glacier and explored two new passes, plus exploring the whole system. We thought we had found a new possible route up Mount McKinley but had no time to try this.

During our last week we averaged 26 hours' sleep in seven days; on the march out we travelled for 28 hours with 100 lb. pack boards and four hours' sleep. Our one meal in this time was of dates, soup powder, butter, stewed together and washed down with tea.

If after reading this anyone should ask: "What did you get out of it?", the answer is twofold: "Read this again" and "Nothing at all." And, of course, we shall go again.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1957, AT 2.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., 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., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., R.S.M. P. Donovan, R.S.M. E. Pike, C.S.M. F. Firman, Mr. G. H. E. Duffield, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollock, M.C., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E. The Chairman reported that when sending his apologies for being unable to attend at this meeting, Lt.-Col. Wollock had at the same time tendered his resignation. It was agreed that Lt.-Col. Wollock be asked to remain on the Committee until a suitable representative was found to take his place who served with the 4th Battalion. The Chairman undertook to write to Lt.-Col. Wollock and also to Col. Hedgecoe to ask him to be the replacement.

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

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

Report

Grants. During the year ending December 31, 1956, the sum of £1,514 12s. 10d. was dispensed in assisting 227 cases of hardship and distress.

Reunion. The attendance at the Reunion in Seymour Hall on October 26, 1956, was 990.

3. Finance Committee's Report. Lt.-Col. Fox, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Audited Accounts of the Regimental Association and after commenting on the figures and dealing with the questions raised he proposed from the Chair that the Accounts for 1956 be adopted, this was seconded by Brigadier Rackham and carried unanimously.

4. War Memorial Committee's Report. Brigadier Rackham presented the report of the sub-committee which had been circulated. The sub-committee's recommendation with regard to the provision of garages as outlined in Minute 4 of the Report was agreed. After some discussion on Minute 5 with regard to Mr. Parsons' residence at Dunstable, the Chairman was instructed to ask Mr. Parsons the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association if they could assist the Committee in obtaining suitable employment for Mr. Parsons near Enfield. It was considered that if local employment could be found for Mr. Parsons the sub-committee would be in a much stronger position.

5. Regimental History Committee's Report. Lt.-Col. Ellis attended the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman and outlined the present financial state of the History. He informed the meeting that a sum of £147 18s. 10d. was due to Messrs. Gale & Polden, the balance for the provision of 1,000 copies, and that they held 404 copies of the History on our behalf. Every avenue is being explored to dispose of more copies, and the Chairman said he would consult with O.C. Depot in a further effort for future sales.

The report was received with much satisfaction, particularly in view of the financial position which was so much better than experienced with the 1914/18 History. It is hoped that additional sales will shortly wipe out any deficit, and Lt.-Col. Ellis' Committee were thanked again for their efforts.

6. Journal Committee's Report. In the absence of Major Battye, the Chairman explained that the Journal account's deficit had increased owing to the printing costs which now included a 45% addition to the labour charges owing to a recent award after negotiations with the printers' union.

After considerable discussion the Committee asked the Journal Sub-Committee to see what economies could be effected by:

- Printing the Journal on cheaper paper.
- Reducing the pages of each issue by:
 - Publishing only a précis of this Committee's Minutes.
 - Publishing a summary of the extracts from the Gazette as opposed to copying the announcements in full.
 - See that news in Company Notes is not duplicated in the Battalion Notes or vice versa.
- Keep the numbers of photographs down to twelve or less bearing in mind that they do sell the Journal.

7. Revision of Association Rules. The Committee considered the points raised in writing on the Draft Rules of the Regimental Association circulated on November 27, 1956, and after reaching Rule 20 it was decided that it was impossible to finish the examination of the rules at this meeting. It was, therefore, resolved to adjourn the consideration of the remaining points on the Rules for a

special meeting to be held in three or four weeks time. The Secretary was instructed to call a meeting.

8. Regimental Reunion 1957. The Committee approved that the Regimental Reunion for 1957 be held at the Seymour Hall on Friday, October 25, 1957. The Secretary to make application for the hire of the hall.

9. Alternative Regimental Tie. The Committee examined pattern of the proposed alternative Regimental Tie, which had been approved by the Colonel of the Regiment. It was resolved that such tie be authorised as an official Regimental Tie and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for supplies to be made available. The Chairman emphasised that this tie was not a replacement of the Regimental Tie of maroon and old gold, but an additional pattern tie. It was hoped that the branches of the Association would make it clear to their members that the old tie had not been superseded.

10. Honorary Membership. The Committee approved a motion by Brigadier Baker and Col. Browne that: Alderman F. J. Edwards, J.P., of Twickenham, who is closely associated with the Regiment, particularly in connection with the Douai Commemorative Services, be elected an Honorary Member of the Regimental Association.

11. Other Business. The Committee congratulated Col. Maurice Browne on his temporary appointment as Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex during the absence abroad of Sir Frederick Handley Page, C.B.E., and noted with pleasure that he had the honour to be one of the Reception Committee to welcome Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on their return to England from their State visit to Portugal.

The Committee also congratulated Brigadier Baker on the award of the C.B. in the New Year's Honours List.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 29, 1957.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.
Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
March 6, 1957.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1957, AT 2.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), 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. J. R. B. Worton, Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major E. L. Heywood, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., Capt. A. N. Jordan (Representing Lt.-Col. R. A. Corby, O.B.E.), R.S.M. P. Donovan, R.S.M. E. Pike, R.S.M. T. McMillan, C.S.M. F. Firman, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollock, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Mr. G. H. E. Duffield, Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E.

1. Revision of Association Rules. The meeting considered the remaining clauses of the Draft Rules of the Association and after discussion it was approved that the Draft Rules as amended be circulated to members of the Committee prior to the next meeting on May 29, 1957.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.

A. W. CLARK, Major,
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.
Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
March 28, 1957.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1957, AT 5.10 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, Major E. L. Heywood, Capt. F. G. Ashby, M.M., Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollock, M.C., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D.

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

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

Report. Club Activities for 1957:

Golf:

Spring Meeting, May 2, 1957, Hendon Golf Club.
Autumn Meeting, September 21-22, 1957, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet, Hants.
Cricket Week. Saturday, June 15, to Wednesday, June 19, 1957, at Mill Hill.

June 15 v. Free Foresters
June 16 v. Hampstead Heathens
June 17 v. Cryptics
June 18 v. Incogniti
June 19 v. I. Zingari

Officers' Club Dinner. Friday, June 28, 1957, at United Service Club.

3. *Adoption of Club Accounts for 1956.* Lt.-Col. Fox explained the audited accounts for 1956 and moved their adoption. Brigadier Rackham seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. *Officers' Club "At Home," 1957.* The Committee approved the "At Home" being held at the Depot Officers' Mess on Saturday, July 13, 1957.

5. *Grant to O.C. Depot for Maintenance of Officers' Mess.* The Committee approved of a grant of £40 for 1957 for maintenance of Officers' Mess, Depot, and Headquarters of the Officers' Club.

6. *Secretary's Salary.* The Committee approved that the words "and expenses" be added to Minute No. 5 of the Minutes of the meeting held on September 26, 1956, lines 2 and 3 refer.

7. *Other Business. Club Tie.* It was resolved, subject to the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment, that when existing stocks of the Club tie are expended the authorisation of a separate tie for members of the Officers' Club be withdrawn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
March 6, 1957.

N.B.—Since the above meeting the date of the Club dinner has been altered to Friday, July 19, 1957.

OFFICERS' CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE			
1955 £	£	s. d.	£
5	DONATIONS:		
	Royal School for Daughters of Officers	4 0 0	
25	P.M.C. The Depot	40 0 0	
	Expenses of Cricket Week	172 3 0	44 0 0
160	Less: Receipts	23 5 0	
	Golf Meeting		148 18 0
47	Dinner	156 16 7	47 16 11
73	Less: Receipts	75 0 0	
	At Home	26 10 6	81 16 7
24	Less: Receipts	11 0 0	
	Tennis Meeting		15 19 6
12	Cocktail Party	163 2 0	7 16 1
	Less: Receipts	120 10 0	
	M.C.C. Season Tickets		42 12 0
10	Wreaths	16 0 0	
7	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:	3 3 0	
60	Salary, Expenses and National Insurance	60 18 0	
20	Postages, Printing and Stationery	61 1 8	
9	Audit Fee	9 0 0	
	Income Tax on Bank Interest		131 8 8
113	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	34 8 7	
£566		£573 19 4	£566

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OFFICERS' CLUB

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

1955 £	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	1955 £	£	s. d.
4,265	ACCUMULATED FUND:				4,155	INVESTMENTS AT COST per annexed Schedule (Mid-Market value, December 31, 1956, £3,646)	4,155 7 7
	Balance, January 1, 1956	4,265 2 9			104	CASH AT BANKERS	112 18 8
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	34 8 7	4,299 11 4		10	STOCK OF TIES	27 0 0
	CREDITORS:				8	STOCK OF CRICKET BALLS	6 9 7
9	Audit Fee		9 9 0		—	STOCK OF TENNIS BALLS AND PRIZES HELD IN TRUST FOR 3RD BATTALION: Investment at Cost per annexed Schedule (Mid-Market value, December 31, 1956, £451)	8 5 6
3	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE		1 1 0		512	Cash not re-invested	2 6 3
512	FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR 3RD BATTALION: Balance, January 1, 1956		511 16 7				511 16 7
£4,789			£4,821 17 11		£4,789		£4,821 17 11

We have prepared the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account from the books, vouchers and information received and certify them to be in accordance therewith and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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February 8, 1957.

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COTTAGE HOMES ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1955 £	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	1955 £	£	s. d.
24	Land Agent, Eastern Command, for Rent		24 0 0		22	Grant from Eastern Command in aid of Rent	22 0 0
7	Water Rate	9 14 2			50	Interest on Investments (Gross)	58 14 6
14	Insurance	14 0 0			—	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	14 2
2	Audit Fee	2 2 0					
	Repairs and Maintenance	83 7 6					
	Less: Transfer from Repair and Maintenance Fund	51 15 0	31 12 6				
34	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year						
£81			£81 8 8		£81		£81 8 8

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

1955 £	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	1955 £	£	s. d.
3,643	ACCUMULATED FUND:				678	INVESTMENTS PER ANNEXED SCHEDULE:	
	Balance, January 1, 1956	3,643 2 7				(a) At Mid-Market value, December 31, 1956	678 3 9
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	14 2	3,642 8 5		1,196	(b) At Cost	1,195 13 3
	PROVISION FOR FUTURE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:					(Mid-Market value, December, 1956, £1,365)	1,873 17 0
52	Balance, January 1, 1956	51 15 0			1,653	PROPERTY AT COST	1,653 0 7
	Less: Expended during year	51 15 0				DEBTOR:	
	CREDITOR:				11	Eastern Command	11 0 0
2	Audit Fee		2 2 0		150	CASH AT BANKERS	106 12 10
	PROPERTY AMORTISATION FUND: Grant from Association					AMORTISATION FUND INVESTMENT at Cost, per annexed Schedule (Mid-Market value, December, 1956, £98)	100 0 0
	Charitable Fund	100 0 0				Cash not re-invested	2 7 11
	Interest on Investment	2 7 11	102 7 11				102 7 11
£3,697			£3,746 18 4		£3,697		£3,746 18 4

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ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Total 1955 £	Renny Fund £ s. d.	Association Fund £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.	Total 1955 £	Renny Fund £ s. d.	Association Fund £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.
50				600			
95				44			
50				187			
1,010				10			
2,114				—			
40				172			
226				1,113			
50				1			
676				2			
47				615			
38				1,506			
191				3			
—				48			
—				56			
—				36			
£3,441	£705 8 9	£2,607 18 7	£3,313 7 4	£3,441	£705 8 9	£2,607 18 7	£3,313 7 4

THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Total 1955 £	Renny Fund £ s. d.	Association Fund £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.	Total 1955 £	Renny Fund £ s. d.	Association Fund £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.
—				45,699			
—				1			
—				17			
46,059				2,537			
352				—			
228				—			
715				—			
2,263				—			
£50,517	£20,957 4 4	£28,554 8 7	£49,511 12 11	£50,517	£20,957 4 4	£28,554 8 7	£49,511 12 11

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OFFICERS' CLUB CHARITABLE FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1955		£	s. d.	1955		£	s. d.
—	Grant	10	0	0	—	—	—
—	Donations:	43	5	0	—	—	—
—	King Edward VII Hospital for Officers	10	0	0	—	—	—
5	Officers' Families Fund	5	0	0	—	—	—
2	Audit Fee	15	0	0	—	—	—
41	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	14	8	6	—	—	—
£48		£41	10	6	£41	10	6

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

1955						1955								
£		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
ACCUMULATED FUND:						INVESTMENTS at Cost, per annexed Schedule								
	Balance, January 1, 1956 ..	1,513	6	3		1,269	(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1956,					1,450	15	5
	Add: Excess of Income over						£1,321)							
	Expenditure for year	14	8	6		246	CASH AT BANKERS					60	11	1
1,513	Less: Loss on Investment realised	1,527	14	9										
		18	10	3		1,509	4					0		
CREDITOR:														
	Audit Fee						2					2	0	
2														
£1,515		£1,511	6	0		£1,515						£1,511	6	0

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THE "DIE-HARDS" JOURNAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1955		£	s. d.	1955		£	s. d.
595	Cost of printing and distribution (3 issues) ..	612	0 5	234	Advertisements	268	1
60	Salary and expenses	60	0 c	240	Subscriptions	220	16 2
6	Sundries	5	10 3	191	Grant from Association Charitable Fund being		
4	Audit Fee	4	0		Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	247	6 0
£665		£682	3 8	£665		£682	3 8

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

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We have prepared the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account from the books, vouchers and information received and certify them to be in accordance therewith and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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WAR MEMORIAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
1955 £		£	s.	d.		1955 £		£	s.	d.	
	ACCUMULATED CAPITAL FUND:						FREEHOLD PROPERTY, 1-20 Albuhera Close: At cost				41,655 13 10
	Balance, January 1, 1956 ..	34,929	19	11		41,656	INVESTMENTS AT COST per annexed Schedule (Market value, December 31, 1956, £350)				350 0 0
34,930	Add: Donations	60	5	0		250	CASH AT BANK				157 17 11
	Interest on Investments	44	14	10							42,163 11 9
					35,634 19 9	124					
6,754	LOAN ACCOUNT (Secured): Enfield Urban District Council				6,703 11 11	400	INVESTMENTS AT COST, per annexed Schedule (Market value, December 31, 1956, £1,050) (Note.—Income from this investment is credited to Capital Fund)				
246	LOAN REDEMPTION RESERVE MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance, January 1, 1957 ..	100	0	0	298 8 1		DEBTORS: Tenants—Net amount re Rates, Gas and Electricity	48	7	9	
100	Add: Donation 27th Battalion Middlesex Regiment	28	12	0		160	Sundry	18	4	1	66 11 10
					128 12 0						33 15 0
					42,163 11 9	788	INSURANCES PAID IN ADVANCE CASH AT BANKERS				441 10 5
42,030	ACCUMULATED INCOME FUND: Balance, January 1, 1956 ..	783	10	4							
784	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	133	9	10	917 0 2						
	SUSPENSE ACCOUNT: Balance, January 1, 1956 ..	329	16	9							
	Add: Housing Grant	330	0	0							
					659 16 9						
	Less: Interest on Loan Amortization Provision	202	4	8							
		50	0	6							
					252 5 2						
330	SITE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT: Balance, January 1, 1956 ..	266	1	11	407 11 7						
	Add: Grant received from Middlesex County Council	250	0	0							
					516 1 11						
266	Less: Expenditure during year	264	11	5							
					251 10 6						
	CREDITOR: Audit Fee				15 15 0						
16											
£43,426					£43,755 0 0	£43,426					£43,755 0 0

WAR MEMORIAL FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

1955		£	s.	d.	1955		£	s.	d.
45	Insurances	45	0	0	264	Rents	251	10	0
25	Salary—Housing Manager	25	0	0	53	Maintenance Receipts	50	6	0
16	Audit Fee	15	0	0	11	Interest on Deposit Account	2	8	3
3	Postages and Sundries	7	13	5					
1	Ground Rent	—	—	—					
41	Repairs and Maintenance	77	4	0					
197	Balance, Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	133	9	10					
		£328					£304		

We have prepared the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account from the books, vouchers and information received and certify them to be in accordance therewith and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Queen Victoria Street,
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February 8, 1957.

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ROLL OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

REGULAR OFFICERS

Sub./Temp. Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
Temp. Brigadier	G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 168 Inf. Bde.
Major	G. O. Porter	2IC K.O. Malta Regt.
Major	T. W. Chattey, p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Cyprus District
Lt.-Col.	W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 7 Mx.
Lt.-Col.	J. W. G. Ormiston, j.s.s.c., p.s.c.	Comd. 1 Mx.
Temp. Lt.-Col.	A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. Ghana Regt. Trg. Centre.
Temp. Lt.-Col.	G. B. Ayre, j.s.s.c., p.s.c.	A.Q.M.G. (Logistics), S.H.A.P.E.
Major	H. M. F. Langley	S.O.P.T., Scottish Command
Major	G. C. Dawson, p.s.c.	Company Commander, Mons O.C.S.
Major	P. D. H. Marshall, p.s.c.	8 Mx.
Major	I. H. Batty, M.B.E., p.s.c., f.s.	Comd. Depot Mx.
Major	D. C. L. Nolda, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	A. R. Waller, M.C., p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G., Q.(A.R.) War Office
Major	F. J. Bennett, p.s.c.	D.A.A.G. (P.S.1), H.Q. Cyprus District
Major	R. K. B. Allott, M.C.	Port Security Officer, Cyprus
Major	J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	I. R. Burrows, O.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c. (L)	G.S.O.2, H.Q. Land Forces, H.K.
Major	P. Collins, T.D. (L)	Int. Corps Depot
Major	P. L. Crutchfield, p.s.c.	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, p.s.c.	H.Q. Southern Command G.II(S.D.)
Major	R. D. Hutchings, p.s.c.	B.M., 47 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Major	D. Sax, p.s.c., p.t.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	G. Kent	P.R.O., Comd. Sec., Cyprus
Major	S. E. Honess, p.s.c.	D.A.A.G., H.Q. S.W. District
Major	C. N. Clayden, p.s.c.	H.Q. Eastern Command G.(S.D.)
Major	E. A. H. Jeffcoat, p.s.c.	Depot Mx.
Major	P. W. Galvin, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major	M. F. Leonard	Malay Forces
Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O., p.s.c.	Company Commander, Eaton Hall O.C.S.
Major	C. H. Mievill, M.C.	Adjutant, H.K. Regt.
Capt.	A. D. C. Eales	1 Mx.
Capt.	P. G. V. Bellers	1 Mx.
Capt.	J. de Gaye (L)	Staff College
Capt.	J. S. C. Flavell	1 Mx.
Capt.	K. J. Carter	1 Mx.
Capt.	A. N. Jordan	8 Mx.
Capt.	R. A. Hodge	1 Mx.
Capt.	N. F. Legge	1 Mx.
Capt.	H. J. A. Moore	H.Q. 24 Ind. Inf. Bde. G.III(L)
Capt.	J. I. D. Pike	5 Bn., Malay Regt.
Capt.	B. A. M. Pielow	7 Mx.
Capt.	R. M. Cain	I.O., 51 Lorried Inf. Bde.
Capt.	G. G. Norton	1 Mx.
Capt.	B. K. Clayden	H.Q. Ghana, West Africa
Capt.	W. M. M. Deacock	Airborne Forces Depot
Capt.	H. J. Evans	Adjutant, Depot Mx.
Capt.	B. H. Marciandi	Adjutant, 1 Mx.
Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	1 Mx.
Capt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	A.D.C. to G.O.C. Cyprus District
Capt.	I. C. Sharpe	No. 1 Travelling Wing
Capt.	I. S. Rutherford	Depot (H.S.)
Capt.	G. Kitchener (L)	G.S.O.3 (Int.), Singapore
Lt.	M. V. Hayward	1 Mx.
Lt.	J. S. B. Pollard	Depot Mx.
Temp. Capt.	R. K. Collins	3 Bn., Para. Regt.
Lt.	D. E. Lobb	1 Mx.
Lt.	R. D. Fisher	Depot Mx.

Sub./Temp.
Rank

Name

Location/Appointment

Lt.	W. G. A. Crumley	1 Mx.
Lt.	A. E. McManus	1 Mx.
Lt.	T. J. Humber	A.B. Forces
Lt.	J. M. Hewson	1 Mx.
Lt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	1 Mx.
Lt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	Language Course, U.K.
2/Lt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. G. Waite	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	P. V. Cheesman	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	P. D. J. Clarke	Depot Mx. (H.S.)

REGULAR QUARTERMASTERS

Major	C. A. Trestain, M.B.E.	7 Mx.
Capt.	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	Depot Mx.
Capt.	A. E. F. Waldron	1 Mx.
Lt.	P. Donovan	1 Mx.

SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS

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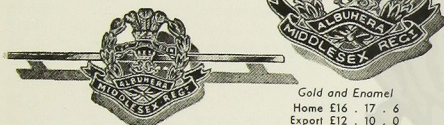
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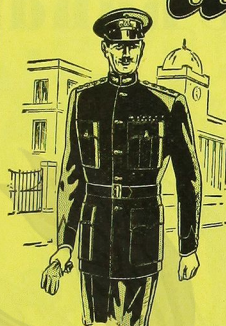
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