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EDITORIAL

The threat of amalgamation has passed and the Regiment is safe. Following this editorial is a message from the Colonel of the Regiment dealing with this issue. Let us say at once that he can count on our support.

The unit notes continue to astonish us with reports of their varied activities, presenting the Editor with his quarterly and quite insoluble problem of compressing them into a mere magazine.

We must end on a sad note. To everyone's regret, Col. Ormiston has had to give up command of the 1st Battalion on medical grounds. We offer our sympathy and hope that Lt.-Col. Nolda, who was recently awarded the M.B.E. for services in Cyprus, and who has succeeded to the command, will enjoy better fortune.

The Regiment has suffered two more losses in the passing of Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray and Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe. The former officer was with us for a short time only, but the latter was seldom, if ever, not associated with the Regiment in some capacity since joining it. It is indeed an unexpected and grievous blow. Obituaries appear later in this number.

G.W.K.

Since going to press a further loss has been suffered in the death of Col. H. A. Cartwright, who served with the 3rd and 4th Battalions prior to the First World War.

THE ARMY REORGANISATION, 1957

All ranks of our Regiment will have read of the form which our future Army is to take. Our feelings will have experienced anxiety over the prospect, relief that we have been lucky enough to retain our valued identity and sympathy with our old friends, whose proud traditions are now to be merged with others.

However much we may resent the necessity which has brought this blow to some of our magnificent regiments, we may rest assured that the problem has been solved fairly and courageously and without regard to favour. Only the best interests of the Army as a first-rate fighting machine have been the guide; everything possible has been done to safeguard its traditions and morale.

I have, on your behalf, written to the C.I.G.S., Field-Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, to express our sympathy with this grim task, our appreciation of the

way in which it has been tackled and our determination loyally to carry out our duties in the new organisation.

Our obligations and loyalties will now lie, not only with our own Regiment and its interests, but with the Home Counties Brigade and the common good of our sister regiments. I rely on all ranks to do their best to assist in the build-up of the Home Counties Brigade, with which we shall be so closely associated in battle, as in our peacetime activities.

Many questions, such as Brigade cap badges, site for Brigade Depot and Regimental H.Q., bands and museums remain to be solved and I will see that the Regiment is kept fully informed about developments and its interests studied.

Such far-reaching changes cannot but effect the lives of many good officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.s and men who have devoted their life's efforts to their duties in the Regiment.

To those for whom, for one reason or another, the end of their service is now in sight we offer our heartfelt sympathy. No doubt the compensations announced will do much to get them happily settled in the work they select in civilian life. But the Regiment's Association will do all in its power to assist them.

An article describing the main factors in the new organisation appears on another page in this journal.

It remains for me to express my conviction that our officers and men will, as always, rise to this occasion, seize every opportunity loyally to implement the Army Council's instructions and spare no personal effort to integrate our Regiment happily and successfully with our own Home Counties Brigade.

(signed) G. C. BUCKNALL,

Lieutenant-General,
Colonel, The Middlesex Regiment
(Duke of Cambridge's Own).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

October 25, 1957: Regimental Reunion and Annual General Meeting, Seymour Hall, W.1.

Remembrance Day Services. Saturday November 9, 1957 at Regimental Plot, Westminster Abbey, 10.45 a.m. Sunday 10, 1957 at Depot, The Middlesex Regiment, Inglis Barracks, at 10.30 a.m.

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

1st Battalion Notes

The period under service has been remarkable for two reasons: firstly, the lull in EOKA activities and, secondly, the large number of eminent persons who have visited us.

No aggressive acts by EOKA have been reported now for more than three months, although there has been a considerable increase in the issue of leaflets and the painting of slogans on the walls of houses and on roads. The distribution of leaflets is usually done by young boys and girls and from time to time they are caught in the act and fined.

When slogans are found, the inhabitants of the village concerned are required to remove them either by scrubbing or painting them out.

Throughout the period intensive patrolling of the area has taken place and, although there have been no spectacular results, our activities have doubtless hampered considerably the building up of EOKA.

Some small operations have been mounted and are reported elsewhere in these notes.

Greek Cypriots have recently developed a habit of holding memorial services for the members of EOKA who have been killed, "heroes of the resistance," as they are misguidedly called. Our activities in connection with such services have been restricted to the prevention of processions before or after the services and generally to see that no advantage is taken to create an incident.

Two cordon and search operations have been carried out and at Mazotos on April 4 the entire EOKA cell were arrested and two were subsequently detained. The second operation at Pseudhas produced only one suspicious character, who was, however, released after interrogation by the Police.

As a result of the lull in terrorist activities, it was possible during April to relax most of the restrictions concerning bounds and the carrying of arms. Generally speaking, all towns are in bounds up to midnight and no longer must soldiers move about in parties of four. Arms are now only carried during training or operations and the use of armed escorts in vehicles is no longer necessary.

On April 1 we were visited by the Adjutant-General to the Forces, Gen. Sir Charles F. Loewen, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. During his short visit he inspected Alma Camp, watched training and met officers and men of the Battalion. He lunched in the Officers' Mess.

On April 8 the Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey K. Bourne, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., visited the Battalion. He watched training at both Horrocks and Alma Camps and had lunch in the Officers' Mess.

The Minister of Defence, the Right Honourable Duncan Sandys, M.P., visited Dhekelia on April 23 during his tour of Middle East bases and he was entertained to lunch in the Mess. Accompanying the Minister were Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir

William Dickson, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., Sir John Martin of the Colonial Office, the Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces and the Major-General in Charge of Administration (Maj.-Gen. D. H. V. Buckle, C.B., C.B.E.). There were other minor officials also present and the fact that Gen. Bourne only just managed to qualify for a seat at the top table during lunch shows that the gathering was certainly an eminent one.

In a letter to the Commanding Officer, Mr. Sandys said he had been much impressed with the Regimental Band, which played during lunch. Sir John Martin also wrote to say that he found the Battalion in very good heart.

H.E. the Governor, Field-Marshal Sir John Harding,



Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, arrives by helicopter at Dhekelia to begin his recent tour of military installations in the area. On this occasion he was accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey K. Bourne, C.-in-C., Middle East Land Forces.

Right: Pte. Palmer, "A" Company. Left: L/Cpl. Harris, "A" Company



Field Marshal Sir John Harding speaking to R.S.M. Wild

G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., visited the Battalion on May 2. He saw the operations room in Larnaca and watched training in Horrocks and Alma Camps. The Field-Marshal spoke to many soldiers, amongst them Pte. Kirkby, of "A" Company, whom he congratulated for his part in the capture of Rossides.

The Commanding Officer and senior officers of the Battalion went to Larnaca on May 8 to say goodbye to the Commissioner, Mr. I. M. G. Williams, O.B.E., who was returning to the United Kingdom for leave prior to taking up his new appointment as Commissioner of Limmasol. The Regimental Band, in which Mr. Williams had always taken a great interest, was also present. The new Commissioner of Larnaca and Chairman of the District Security Committee is Mr. George Savvides, who has come from the Famagusta District.

We were able this year to celebrate Albuhera Day without interruption by EOKA. Some spirited games of football were played in the morning and the usual exchange of visits between the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes took place during the day. The traditional ceremonies were also observed in the evening in the Messes.

On May 24 the Chief of Staff to the Director of Operations, Brigadier R. G. V. Fitzgeorge-Balfour, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., visited the Battalion and lunched in the Officers' Mess. Six days later the Director of Operations, Maj.-Gen. D. A. Kendrew, C.B.E., D.S.O., who is also G.O.C. Cyprus District, visited the Battalion and at last the spate of visitors appeared to have receded. However, visits of the Bishop to the Forces, Right

Reverend Stanley Betts, Bishop of Maidstone, and Brigadier J. A. R. Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander 51st Independent Infantry Brigade Group, also took place during June.

As a direct result of the lessening of tension it was possible during May to take the Riot Company out of Horrocks Camp and the Battalion, less two companies, is now concentrated in Alma Camp.

We look forward to the return of "C" Company, who are due to reach Cyprus on July 28, when the whole Battalion, except for a company at Pyla Detention Camp, will be together, the first time for 16 months.

Lt.-Col. J. W. G. Ormiston left Cyprus on May 23, having been medically downgraded, and it is sad to have to record that he has had to give up command. Major D. C. L. Nolda has now been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed to command the Battalion.

Arrivals and departures continue apace and during the three months ending June 30 2/Lt. D. J. Murphy, Lt. D. A. Prettyman and 2/Lt. D. W. Perkins all left on release.

Lt. A. E. McManus left during April for a tour of duty at the Depot. Major P. G. V. Bellers also returned to U.K. during April to attend a ground liaison officer's course.

In June Capt. K. J. Carter left for a six months' attachment to the Aden Levies.

Major H. N. MacL. Martin and Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe have now returned to the Battalion and 2/Lts. C. T. Hawes, M. F. Hedgecoe, R. E. Melville and P. McRae have also joined.

"H.Q." COMPANY

During May Major P. G. V. Bellers left the Battalion to attend a ground liaison officer's course in the U.K. After completing the course he expects to be posted to B.A.O.R. Command of "H.Q." Company was taken over by Major H. N. MacL. Martin, who arrived from U.K. in June. We welcome him.

There has also been a change of colour-sergeants. C/Sgt. Michel relinquished the post of C.Q.M.S. to go to the Signal Platoon and C/Sgt. Steward—well known to all—once more became C.Q.M.S.

We also lost Pte. Coleman from the Stores, who went home on release.

Now that things have quietened down the Company has been turning its attention to its administration, sport and the ranges.

In the Albuhera Day seven-a-side football tournament both Company teams got into the semi-final and "H.Q." No. 1 team went on to the final, being beaten by "B" Company after a most exciting match. In the Garrison Badminton League and knock-out Sgt. Kenward, L/Cpl. Holt and Pte. O'Brien, all of "H.Q." Company, got into the finals and were only narrowly beaten 5-4 by the Pay Corps. Cricket has now taken the stage and to date the Company team has reached the semi-finals in the garrison knock-out.

A new open-air cinema has now been opened, built by the efforts of "H.Q." Company. It is operated by Ptes. Virrels and Camp, our previous operators, L/Cpl.

Thomas and Pte. Wyeth, having gone home on release. It is well patronised and is obviously a great success.

BAND

Duties

Since the lull in EOKA activities we are glad to report that our musical engagements are gradually superseding other duties.

Recent musical engagements have included a historic visit to Mari, a small village near Kophinou. This was also a final performance for our most staunch supporter, Mr. Williams, the Commissioner for Larnaca, whom we "played out" from the Larnaca docks a few days later.

Our summer engagements include visits to all the Forces Leave Centres at Golden Sands, Kyrenia and Troodos.

Our recent broadcasts for F.B.S. have been our most successful yet and a special reference should be made to the Peter Aburrow Quintet, which gathered considerable fame through the microphones of Studio "B."

Mention must be made of our visit to 42nd Field Survey Regiment, Royal Engineers, at Zyyi, where, for the first time in the memory of C/Sgt. Street, the Band played under the less familiar baton of the Band Sergeant. This was due to the Bandmaster's flying (literally) visit to Derna, North Africa, to put the Band of the 1st K.R.R.s through their paces, i.e. trade testing. However, we managed to survive without him somehow and the Band Sergeant received congratulations from all at Zyyi.

Arrivals and Departures

Major D. C. L. Nolda has given up the Band Presidency after a long and, we hope, happy period as Band President. We are all most sincerely sorry to see him go. A more sincere and hard-working President one could not wish for, and a mere glance around our band instruments, one of the best sets in the British Army, will assure anyone of his magnanimous generosity. We take this opportunity of welcoming Major E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., as our new Band President.

During the last two weeks we have said goodbye to two more advocates of civilian life. Our electrical genius (some say maniac), Bds. Evans, finally managed to acquire his discharge by purchase without electrocuting anybody that we know of. L/Cpl. Arnott went home a happy man to his wife after completing his three years' service. As we are soon to lose Bds. Rosenberg, our other pianist, the dance band are sitting biting their nails. To replace our losses we welcome Bds. Crockell from the Depot and Bds. Green, our first arrival from the Brigade Bandmaster's Establishment.

Sport

After innumerable barren summer sports seasons we found this year, to our surprise, that the Band can boast a few Edrichs, Comptons and Trueman's in its midst. Having nearly reached the halfway mark in the season, we can look back on quite a successful record so far. With nine games played to date our record reads: won 6, lost 2, drawn 1. Our best win was against the Rest of "H.Q." Company, whom we beat by six wickets. Despite a splendid 41 by Drm. Barnwell, we dismissed

them for 113 (Bds. Mears 5 for 46) and replied with 118 for 4, due mainly to a century partnership between Bds. Torrie (54) and Cpl. Carson (38 not out).

CORPS OF DRUMS

With the relaxing of restrictions life in Cyprus has become more pleasant. Our previous role as a reserve platoon for each of the companies in the Battalion has now come to an end, thus allowing us the opportunity to get down to serious training as a Corps of Drums.

Over the last quarter we have been on parade with the Band on many occasions. Four of these events have been the installation of electric light at Mari village celebrations, with the Royal Engineers at Zyyi, when the strains of "Dinah's Delight" resounded loud and clear, the Queen's Birthday parade in Larnaca, and, finally, at No. 40 Company, R.A.S.C., during their Corps Week celebrations at Dhekia.

The personality of the moment, now that cricket is in full swing, is Drm. Barnwell, whose efforts in the Company and Battalion teams reached a climax with a grand score of 98 before he was caught. Congratulations, Barnwell.

We have now more new blood in the Drums, namely, Hutchins, Morris and Barr, compensating for the loss to civilian life of L/Cpl. Carter.

We offer congratulations to L/Cpl. Evans on his promotion and for doing extremely well on a Battalion N.C.O.'s cadre.

SIGNALS PLATOON

Recently the Platoon has taken part in several small-scale Battalion exercises, which were certainly beneficial.

All members of the Platoon who came under the heading "R.S.O.'s disposal" have been hustled into vehicles and sent out to various places in the large area for which the Battalion is responsible.

Even if schemes have finished, patrols have not, and all members of the Platoon have been engaged on the extensive weekly programmes. From these we have gained the nickname "How do you hear me?" from "B" Company C.S.M.

A telephoneless day has been introduced as a weekly event and has proved that, while the voice procedure of the Signal Platoon is up to standard, that of other members of the Battalion is quite often a little odd.

No sooner do people become established in the Platoon than it is time for them to leave and while saying goodbye to Cpls. Wild, Parsons and Packer and Pte. Rowlinson and wishing Pte. Goldsmith a speedy recovery from his unfortunate accident, we welcome newcomers who are at present on a Regiment signal cadre.

Copeland and Overton are to be congratulated on their promotion to lance-corporal and L/Cpls. Pritchard and Biggs to corporal.

Sgt. Mead will shortly be leaving us for civilian life. He has been in the Platoon longer than most of us can remember and we shall be sorry to lose him.

Q.M. STAFF

This quarter has seen many losses from the department. R.Q.M.S. Thom, now the R.S.M. of the 7th

Battalion, will be seeing many of us in the future, though, we fear, in a different light. Sgt. Young, late of the Accommodation Store, has also joined the 7th Battalion and no doubt will perform his duties with his usual solidness. Ptes. Hooper, Overton (the genius at mending all leaky pipes), Sawden, Tate and Bunton formed one draft leaving the staff. The next to leave were L/Cpl. Turner and Pte. Spree. To fill the gaps R.Q.M.S. Cooper and Ptes. Webster, Mortimore, Whyman and Cfmn. Parker have joined the department.

In April Cpl. Hennebry ran for the Battalion in the Inter-Services cross-country. Cricket is now functioning under the guidance of Cpls. Wood and Smith and a notable win was recorded over the Q.M.'s Department of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Other games have been arranged and played with outside units and for the staff Ptes. Pete Simmons, Don Wilson and veteran of many campaigns, Frank Jarrett, deserve praise for outstanding performances.

"A" COMPANY

Shortly after the previous notes were submitted a telegram was received from Lt.-Gen. Sir Geoffrey K. Bourne, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., C.-in-C. M.E.L.F., congratulating Pte. Kirkby on his alertness at Anaphotia on the all-important morning of March 21. Meanwhile, Michalakios Rossides has been tried and subsequently sentenced to death for murder.

On April 15 Major Nolda addressed the Battalion on the relaxation of restrictions. This relaxation was a mixed blessing. At this critical stage we were unfortunate to lose L/Cpl. Palmer, whose wit has been such a boon, followed afterwards by Cpl. Croxford, who is now reputed to be running a night club.

There were many regrets on May 9 when we left the freedom of Horrocks Camp for the last time. Consequently Albuhera Day was spent in the only surviving out-station, Pyla Camp. It was celebrated with the gaiety that ensues from missing Reveille and muster



A soldier of "A" Company seen descending from a Sycamore helicopter by means of a rope



"A" COMPANY TEAM

(Winners of the Inter-Company Shooting Trophy—Battalion Rifle Meeting, 1957)

Sitting (left to right): L/Cpl. Short, Sgt. Blackwell, Capt. Flavell, Sgt. Patterson, L/Cpl. Gray.

Standing (left to right): C.S.M. Bartle, Pte. Read, Pte. Alldritt, Pte. Buick, Pte. Shaffner, L/Cpl. Finnis, 2/Lt. Cheesman.

Not present: C/Sgt. Morgan.

parade and reached its climax with chickens, beer and free cigarettes for lunch, followed a few days later by a 20-minute firework display organised by 2/Lt. Cheesman and the Central Electricity Authority of Cyprus.

May 23 saw the departure of Major E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., to Battalion H.Q. after so short a while as Company Commander and the Company reverted this time more permanently to the command of Capt. J. S. C. Flavell.

At the end of May the three platoons left on a most enjoyable three-day camping and patrolling scheme around the Larnaca Salt Lakes.

A few days later the Company did a successful night march of 18 miles from Kato Dhrys, near Lefkara, down to Zyyi, where everyone enjoyed a pleasant morning swim.

On June 12, thanks to the handful of good swimmers we possess, "A" Company won the inter-Company swimming gala. A week later 2/Lt. Melville joined the Company and took over No. 3 Platoon from 2/Lt. Higginson.

A reminder of the past came when "A" Company was sent out to cordon Ayia Anna as part of a big hunt for surviving members of the Rossides gang. We were not, unfortunately, successful.

There followed a week of leave by platoons at Fama-gusta, which was enjoyed by all.

The Company spent an interesting and amusing morning on July 15 practising "drops" from a helicopter. Despite a mistake by the pilot, Cpl. Davies and

two of his section obeyed orders and calmly jumped out 15 ft. above the ground. They all escaped unharmed.

The Company, after much hard work and practice, achieved a resounding success at the Battalion Rifle Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 1957. Results were as follows:

Event	Place
(a) Company Team—No. 4 Rifle	Third
(b) Company Team—7.62 S.L. Rifle	First
(c) Company Team—No. 4 Rifle and L.M.G.	First
(d) L.M.G. Pairs: Capt. Flavell and C.S.M. Bartle	First
2/Lt. Cheesman and Sgt. Blackwell	Fourth
(e) Individual Pistol: C.S.M. Bartle	First
(f) Falling Plate—beaten by H.Q. 1st Team in 1st round.	

The Company won the inter-Company shooting trophy by obtaining the highest overall aggregate of points.

During recent months we have said goodbye to Cpls. Goulden and Elliott and Pte. Taylor (82). Pte. Rabbetts has returned to his original hunting ground, while Pte. Randalls left us in rather a hurry.

We welcome L/Cpl. Manser to the Company and at the same time wish L/Cpls. Davies and Short *bon voyage* as they will shortly be leaving us for the Depot.

Finally, we offer our sincere congratulations to Sgt. Patterson, Cpls. Davies and Argent and L/Cpls. Brima-combe, Harris, Finnis and Dunn on their promotions.

"B" COMPANY

The last edition of *The Die-Hards* recorded with regret the handing over of Kophinou and the Western Sector. Since then we have also ceased to occupy Horrocks Camp and everyone in the Company was very sorry to leave Larnaca for the last time on April 26. Despite this withdrawal from all our out-stations except Pyla, and the cessation of violence, we have carried on.

Good Friday brought the tragic death of Cpl. Debley, due to a vehicle accident, but, apart from this shadow cast over Easter weekend, the Company enjoyed two or three days' relaxation in Larnaca.

On leaving Horrocks Camp we moved, as usual, to Pyla, where the first morning was spent occupying one of the compounds, while the first inmates of the solitary confinement block were escorted along an adjoining catwalk. This little operation might well have developed into an interesting stick and stone battle, but the detainees took one look at our batons and shields and meekly gathered in a corner of the compound.

On Albuhera Day the six-a-side soccer team, under Cpl. Sullivan, won an excessive quantity of beer, thereby avenging our defeat in the inter-company competition. The team played well to beat "S" Company by 12-2, "A" Company 21-3 and "H.Q." Company 22-2 in the final. Several of the Company took part in various athletics meetings during May and 2/Lts. Bannister and Adleman, L/Cpl. Snook and Ptes. McKenna, Riley and Simper all performed for the Battalion. In the garrison .38 pistol competition our "gunslingers" were not very good.

In the second half of May the Company spent two enjoyable days under canvas on the seashore near Kiti. On these and subsequent days spent in the field the food was excellent, thanks to the energy of C/Sgt. Morse and his team of cooks and storemen.

Two of the hottest days in June were spent on a strenuous Company exercise near Meneou. The climax was the forcible removal from his trench of the smallest man in the Company after a fierce midnight battle with a "Nasserland" patrol. On our return to Alma Camp we cordoned and searched Psevdis without result.

More recently we have had a morning's helicopter training, a new departure, and another pleasant two-day camp at a river estuary near Xylophagou. At the time of writing almost all the Company are once more fully occupied at Pyla, but the guard there is easier now that companies only stay there a week at a time.

We congratulate C/Sgt. and Mrs. Moysse on the birth of a daughter and Cpls. Hawkins, West and Fordham and L/Cpls. Bennett and Chitson on their promotion. Since April we have said goodbye to many old soldiers, including Sgt. Hook, who left for "D" Company, and Pte. Dooler, who was eventually sent home after many frustrating weeks in hospital. Finally, we welcome 2/Lt. Hawes, Sgts. Lagden and Shin (whom we also congratulated on his recent marriage) and many others, who will, we hope, help to keep "B" Company what it is for a long time to come.

"C" COMPANY

"O" Force—that secluded desert retreat of "C" Company for the past 13 months—has at last been disbanded and we are now sailing peacefully through the Red Sea, heading for Aden, Mombasa and then Cyprus.

What, then, are the highlights of the past three or four months? Although the Company's normal daily routine consisted of garrison fatigues, No. 9 Platoon was busily engaged in a six-week continuation training cadre and just before Easter 2/Lts. Gilham and Morden took them into the Wadi Rum for a four-day exercise. At this time Jordan was having one of its periodic crises and the Platoon had to be accompanied by a Jordan Arab Army officer called "Jim" as a safeguard against incidents. The end of the scheme was tragically marked by the Easter Valetta crash just a few miles from their camp.

For the next few weeks the R.A.E.C. reigned supreme and a large proportion of the Company fell—in some cases unwillingly—into their hands for the third-class exam.

Then came the long-awaited holiday of Albuhera Day. Sports and swimming were the menu of the day and a quite memorable guard mounting ceremony took place that evening!

This was followed in quick succession by a W.D. auction sale, for which 2/Lt. Gilham and Sgt. Ford commanded a very imposing-looking riot squad, and the visit to Aqaba of the C.-in-C. M.E.L.F. For his departure the Company provided a guard of honour, commanded by Capt. Legge, who returned recently to the fold. By now our guard commitments had increased and Messrs. Lodge, Jager and Varney had left us to be trained as dog handlers by the R.A.V.C., a step which was to bear future fruit in man-power economy.

The next landmark was the Queen's Birthday parade, on which Capt. Legge again commanded the Middlesex detachment, which was inspected by Col. J. R. Cordy-Simpson, O.B.E., "O" Force Commander. By now 2/Lt. Morden's potential N.C.O.s' squad had left for

the Battalion to take and, we hope, pass an N.C.O.s' cadre. He received a new draft from the Battalion and he started on continuation training once more.

2/Lt. Gilham was next to go, back to U.K. on an M.M.G. course, as he gleefully told us many a time.

C.S.M. Da Costa had by now joined us and made his mark on the Company and soon 2/Lt. Hedgecoe arrived and took over No. 8 Platoon.

Events from then until the final parade and departure from Aqaba are an epic of survival told elsewhere in this journal.

"D" COMPANY

There has been no pause in continuation cadres and N.C.O.s' cadres since the last notes. In the present peaceful conditions there have been fewer interruptions and training has been unhampered by I.S. duties.

I.S. duties which have been carried out by "D" Company have all taken place on Sundays and have been in the nature of road blocks. For two successive Sundays the N.C.O.s' cadre provided two road blocks to stop villagers from Larnaca district attending a memorial service in Famagusta area. On one occasion several buses were turned back and wreaths and placards were recovered.

On the next Sunday Larnaca decided to hold a memorial service and the Continuation Cadre Platoon and the N.C.O.s' cadre established road blocks on the main roads into Larnaca. Nothing came of this service, however, and it was possible to withdraw quite early.

The N.C.O.s' cadre paid a visit to 45th Commando for three days and spent a very enjoyable time in Platres in the Troodos Mountains. As it was much cooler in Platres, the cadre were able to do section training without any discomfort and to spend a profitable morning on the Commando's excellent Sten gun alley. The cadre were very well entertained and in turn provided entertainment for a large crowd of Commandoes who turned up daily to watch Sgt. Beale's muster parades.

A squad from the Continuation Training Platoon spent a weekend at Dhavlos with 1st Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and visited Kantara Castle during their stay there. On the return journey Salamis, the great Roman capital of Cyprus, was explored and the squad enjoyed themselves by diving in the sea to recover Roman and Greek pots from the old foundations of the city, which are now under the sea.

Personalities in "D" Company have changed considerably in the last few months. Lt. Prettyman and 2/Lt. Murphy have left on release and have been replaced by Lt. Crumley and 2/Lt. Marshall. Sgt. Beale, fresh from his Hythe course, where he gained an outstanding grading, is a prominent figure in the Battalion as well as on the N.C.O.s' cadre. His voice can be heard in most parts of the camp from the drill square and once it so disorganised helicopter training that he had to move. Sgt. Hook has taken over from Sgt. Elston, who is due to join the 7th Battalion shortly.

In the sporting field "D" Company are not faring very well. The Company cricket team, captained by the cricket officer, has yet to win a match. It is thought within the Company that a new team or a new cricket officer will have to be found!

There is plenty of swimming being done by the Company and the shooting team are training for the Battalion meeting. In these two spheres we hope to better the cricket team's results considerably.

"S" COMPANY

When operations against terrorism were at their peak we consoled ourselves with the thought that it was active operations which prevented us from training on our support weapons. Recently one has been tempted to speculate whether the military machine would ever allow us to train for war. However, despite commitments, it has.

On June 13 "S" Company and the Band and Drums provided the Battalion's detachment on the garrison Queen's Birthday parade, which went well. About this time the Company was preparing for its annual inspection of small arms. A "very good" grading was obtained.

Due to the shortage of men, the Assault Pioneer Platoon has been virtually disbanded as a temporary measure. The sole survivor is Sgt. Lloyd. 2/Lt. Spragg is now attached to the Operations Room as Assistant Intelligence Officer.

We congratulate C/Sgt. D. A. Costa on his promotion to W.O.2, but we are sorry to lose him to "C" Company.

Capt. Wollcombe has rejoined the Company and C.S.M. Kenrick is to go to the Depot as R.S.M.

We have been promised a three weeks' period clear of duties in August to enable us to train on our weapons. In the near future there are to be Battalion, Garrison, Brigade and District Rifle Meetings, a Brigade assault-at-arms competition and, later in the year, the M.M.G. Platoon is to enter for the machine gun cup. A full and interesting programme lies ahead. We can only hope that events will allow us the opportunity to train for it.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

During May a section from the Platoon camped near the village of Troulli for a few days. By day we were able to provide some training for our more recent arrivals. At night we patrolled in the Troulli area and on one of these patrols we came across some interesting caves which contained a large number of bats, but, unfortunately, nothing of military importance.

Prior to this we spent a lot of time on the square (football pitch) preparing for the Queen's Birthday parade.

The majority of the Platoon has spent a week's leave at the luxurious Dome Hotel, Kyrenia.

We recently said goodbye to Pte. Fricker, who has been a tremendous asset to the Platoon, not only as a storeman, but off duty in his civilian capacity as an expert tailor. We wish him every good fortune for the future.

Our Platoon Sergeant (Sgt. Eastap) has temporarily left us to swell the ranks of C.S.M.s. We hope he will return to help instruct his flock before the Brigade assault-at-arms competition, which will be taking place in October.

Cpl. Short goes to Netheravon on a course at the end of July and we wish him every success.



M.M.G. PLATOON TRAINING

Left to right: L/Cpl. Manley, Cpl. Bracey, Sgt. Partridge

M.M.G. Platoon

This quarter has seen a great change in the activities of the Platoon. As far as possible, our time is now devoted to training. The lull in EOKA activities has happened only just in time to prevent the Platoon from becoming the Medium Machine Gun Platoon in name only. Our future programme is very full and it is imperative that we take as much advantage as possible of any available training time. The Platoon has been entered for the machine gun cup and the Brigade assault-at-arms competition, which involves both direct and indirect fire.

Another advantage of the lull in EOKA activities has been the opportunity for most of the Platoon to take a week's leave at Kyrenia. The coming of the summer has produced the usual crop of red and brown backs and many spend their spare time swimming. Our "merman," Cpl. Bracey, leads the way armed with a high-powered spear gun. He strongly denies that he is developing gills, but he can often be seen emerging from the deep trailing a large victim behind him.

We have lost the services of Sgt. Reynolds for the time being, as he has temporarily taken over as C.Q.M.S. Sgt. Adams is also away. He is on leave in U.K. and when he returns he is to do a tour as Sergeants' Mess Caterer and then go to Netheravon for a machine gun course. In their absence Sgt. Partridge is Platoon Sergeant and cadre instructor.

Cpl. Pollard and L/Cpl. Shaffner have both left us and we wish them success with the Dhekelia Garrison Provost Staff. We congratulate Cpl. Higgins on his excellent cadre result and subsequent promotion.

The older members of the Platoon have nearly all gone. Among the last to go were Pte. Boxer, who returns to his furs, and Pte. Harte, to whom we wish

every success with his cows and pigs. Cpl. Dyer, who left us on detachment to "D" Company, is now irretrievably lost, as he has been posted to that company to help with the Continuation Training Platoon. Yet another member of the Platoon who is about to leave us is Pte. Haines, who is making preparations for his long cycle ride to England and his subsequent return to Australia. Of the remainder of the Platoon, all are working hard to catch up on their training. Pte. Hudson has ideas about becoming a second Tommy Steele or Charles Atlas and Pte. Tree (73) can still be heard laughing in the cookhouse.

Newcomers who we welcome to the Platoon are Pte. Hossack from the disbanded Assault Pioneer Platoon and Ptes. Willetts, Shaw, Morrison, Sparkes, Chalmers, McKay and Errington from "D" Company.

Anti-Tank Platoon

This period has been a fairly quiet one for the Platoon. Our routine has been changed by the loss of Horrocks Camp. There have been many changes in personnel. In June we lost Cpl. Strickland, L/Cpl. Barlow and Ptes. Ling, Young and Gafney, the latter after a painful sojourn at B.M.H.

Recent postings in include Ptes. Woodcock, Fellowes, Reynolds, Sutherland and Barrett, all from the Assault Pioneer Platoon. Then came L/Cpl. Vitler, an old machine gunner, fresh from an N.C.O.s' cadre. Last arrivals were L/Cpl. Seager from "D" Company and South Africa and Pte. Bloom.

Despite the guard at Pyla and patrols, a fair amount of training has been achieved in the last month and we intend to fire the 17-pounder again at the end of July.

Their training methods, to the more peace-loving individuals, were somewhat arduous, so we were not surprised to find the actual tests achieved such efficient results. The presence of their R.S.M. as our guest on the June Regimental dinner night concluded their stay. All members drank to their success in the future.

Training of another kind has recently been taking



ANTI-TANK PLATOON TRAINING

Left to right: Ptes. Pritchard, Street, Friedlos and Maule

place. C.S.M. Shrubbs and "B" Company have been busy with helicopter training and we have seen a stream of men in battle order shinning down a rope from a hovering helicopter.

Shortly, it seems, we must bid farewell to yet another of our characters in the form of "Schoolie," alias "Scribe" Davis (no "e"). We wish him every success in civilian life.

It seems that the proper way to end these notes should be on a happy note, but this time it cannot be. The unexpected and sudden departure of Col. Ormiston through ill health saddened us all. We wish him a speedy recovery.

W.O.s and SERGEANTS' MESS

The advent of the summer has brought with it a marked rise in the temperature and the Mess now languishes in an idyllic Mediterranean climate. Conversely, hostilities have taken a turn for the better and restrictions have eased up considerably. We no longer have a Company in Horrocks Camp. This, together with the anticipated return of "C" Company from Aqaba, we hope, will reunite the Mess after many months of dispersment.

Much could be written about Albuhera Day celebrations, but suffice it to say that everything went extremely well.

New faces in the Mess are always welcome and it was a pleasure to welcome back Sgts. Beale and Lagden. Sgt. Lagden joined "B" Company. Sgt. Beale, together with newly promoted Sgt. Redmond, whom we welcome into the fold, is involved in training prospective junior

N.C.O.s. Another to join the flock is Sgt. Patterson, "A" Company. Congratulations to him on his recent promotion.

In June we said farewell to two of our old faithfuls. R.Q.M.S. Thom left to take up R.S.M. of the 7th Battalion (T.A.), together with Sgts. Young and Elston, to the same unit, as P.S.I.s. We wish them every success.

R.Q.M.S. Thom's departure left the post of R.Q.M.S. vacant, but this was very rapidly and capably filled by C.S.M. Cooper. C/Sgt. Da Costa then took over Sergeant-Major of "C" Company and Sgt. Steward took over Colour-Sergeant of "H.Q." Company. C.S.M. Kenrick, who has been acting R.S.M. whilst R.S.M. Wild has been on U.K. leave, is shortly to leave us to take over as R.S.M. of the Depot. Congratulations to all.

The "Three Musketeers," Sgts. Orme, Clements and Elston, took leave in Kyrenia and the surrounding district. We hope that the residents have recovered by now.

The latest member to marry is Sgt. Shinn, now of "B" Company, who was captured by a large Irish community whilst on leave recently. We offer the newlyweds our congratulations. Congratulations must also be extended to C/Sgt. and Mrs. Moyses on the birth of their daughter.

During June we were fortunate in having as our guests four members of 45th Marine Commando to train for the Duke of Edinburgh's Cup.

SPORT

Cricket

It has been possible this year to play cricket regularly on a company basis. Three teams compete in the Garrison Minor Units League: "H.Q.," "D" and Reserve Companies. "H.Q." Company, from their large numerical strength, field a good company side and are now fourth in the league. They also reached the semi-final of the Garrison Minor Units Cup, where they lost narrowly to the District Workshops. The Reserve Company team varies as the companies do the rounds and the results vary accordingly. At present they are halfway up the league and climbing steadily.

"D" Company, alas, has yet to win a match.

The Battalion team is playing in the first round of the Island Major Units Cup this week. Our batting appears reasonable, but there is a shortage of bowlers.

Dr. Barnwell scored 98 for the Battalion against H.M.S. *St. Kitts*, Bds. Torrie is batting and bowling consistently for "H.Q." Company and Capt. Legge and Wollocombe are now back in the Battalion. We hope to be able to report some success in the next issue.

Athletics

So far this season we have taken part in three meetings, the Dhekelia Garrison Individual Championships, R.A.F., Ayios Nikolaos v. 1st Middlesex and the Garrison Inter-Unit Championships.

After the initial obstacles had been overcome a grand response was obtained from the Battalion and over 100 individuals entered in the Dhekelia Garrison Individual Championships. On the final day, May 11, 1957, we still had 43 competitors performing. The final



Left to right: Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Drum-Major Lewis, Sgt. Cripps and Sgt. Mead

count showed that we had accumulated three firsts, two seconds and four thirds. On paper this was not very promising.

However, in practice it was seen that a little reshuffling of competitors to other events could improve matters.

Full of hope we went off on May 18 to do battle with R.A.F., Ayios Nikolaos. Our hopes were fully justified and the following encouraging results were obtained:

Event			Points
100 yds.	2nd	2/Lt. Adleman	11 sec.
	4th	Pte. Simper	
220 yds.	2nd	L/Cpl. Snook	26.2 sec.
	4th	Pte. Smedley	
440 yds.	1st	2/Lt. Adleman	55.5 sec.
	4th	Pte. Smedley	
880 yds.	2nd	Pte. Goodwin	2 min. 18 sec.
	3rd	Pte. Hubbard	
1 mile	2nd	Cpl. Hennerbury	5 min.
	3rd	2/Lt. Pott	
3 mile	2nd	Pte. McKenna	18 min. 24 sec.
	3rd	2/Lt. Spragg	
H.S.J.	1st	2/Lt. Bannister	37 ft. 11 in.
	2nd	Pte. Murphy	36 ft.
Shot	1st	2/Lt. Cheesman	37 ft. 10 1/2 in.
	3rd	2/Lt. Bannister	37 ft. 7 1/2 in.
Long Jump	2nd	Pte. Murray	16 ft. 10 in.
	3rd	L/Cpl. Holt	16 ft. 4 1/2 in.
High Jump	1st	2/Lt. Bannister	5 ft.
	2nd	Pte. Fitts	4 ft. 9 in.
Discus	1st	2/Lt. Cheesman	117 ft. 2 1/2 in.
	3rd	L/Cpl. George	84 ft. 6 in.
Javelin	1st	2/Lt. Cheesman	117 ft. 11 in.
Hammer	2nd	Pte. Riley	74 ft. 3 1/2 in.
	3rd	2/Lt. Cheesman	69 ft. 9 in.
Relay		1 Mx. disqualified.	
Final results were:		1 Mx. 6 1/2 points and R.A.F. 67 1/2 points.	

All hopes rested on the relay at the end, but as we were disqualified we only managed to tie this very keenly contested match.

Handicapped by the absence of 2/Lt. Adleman, injured, and 2/Lt. Bannister on leave to the Lebanon, we went to the Dhekelia Championships to try our hand with the other units in the garrison.

Right from the start the Battalion team took the lead with a second and third in the mile by Cpl. Hennerbury ("H.Q.") and 2/Lt. Pott ("H.Q."). 2/Lt. Higginson ran very well on little training to take fourth place in the 440 yards. In the three miles we obtained a third and fifth place, 2/Lt. Pott and Pte. McKenna respectively. An excellent combined effort by Ptes. Goodwin and Hubbard in the 880 yards gained a useful second and third. In the throwing events we held our own by winning the shot and discus, both to 2/Lt. Cheesman, also the hammer (1st, Pte. Risley ("H.Q.")); 2nd, 2/Lt. Cheesman). In the jumps 2/Lt. Pott surprised the Battalion team by coming second in the high jump. Pte. Murray had an off day in the hop, step and jump and the long jump. Too much drill, perhaps. And so, with only the relay to go, the points were as follows: 1st Middlesex, 62; Cyprus District Workshops, R.E.M.E., 60; Command Pay Office, R.A.P.C., 60.

With the result of the relay (1st, R.E.M.E.; 2nd, R.A.P.C.; 3rd, 1st Middlesex) a fine afternoon's sport was over. The final result turned out to be: 1st, R.E.M.E., 76 points; 1st Middlesex tied with R.A.P.C. for second place with 74 points each.

Swimming

On June 12, however, we managed to stage the inter-Company swimming gala at Fisherman's Cove.

In every event except the diving "A" Company were triumphant and, in particular, 2/Lt. Cheesman and Pte. Overnell left everyone standing or, rather, floundering. Some very good times were recorded.

The result of the gala was: 1st, "A" Company, 47 points; 2nd, "H.Q." Company, 11 points; 3rd, "B" Company, 9 points; 4th, "D" Company, 6 points; 5th, "S" Company, nil.

Individual results were as follows:

50 yds. Freestyle	1st	2/Lt. Cheesman	"A" (26.7 sec.)
	2nd	Sgt. Kenward	"H.Q."
	3rd	Pte. Overnell	"A"
50 yds. Backstroke	1st	Pte. Overnell	"A" (35.2 sec.)
	2nd	L/Cpl. Finnis	"A"
	3rd	L/Cpl. Brimacombe	"A"
50 yds. Breaststroke	1st	2/Lt. Higginson	"A" (35.6 sec.)
	2nd	Cpl. Carpenter	"H.Q."
	3rd	Sgt. Blackwell	"A"
50 yds. Butterfly	1st	Pte. Overnell	"A" (32.3 sec.)
	2nd	2/Lt. Cheesman	"A"
	3rd	L/Cpl. Finnis	"A"
Diving	1st	Cpl. O'Rawe	"B"
	2nd	L/Cpl. Clift	"D"
	3rd	2/Lt. Cheesman	"A"

The Battalion swimming team are training hard at present under Sgt. Kenward for our first engagement in the Dhekelia Garrison inter-unit swimming gala, which is due to take place shortly.

We have entered the Garrison Water Polo League and so far the team under Sgt. Kenward have flourished. We have beaten the District Pay Office 6—2 and also won a friendly game by 11—4 against a combined R.A.S.C. side.

Badminton

The Battalion entered two teams in the Dhekelia Garrison League. The matches were played in the garage near Garrison H.Q., mostly at temperatures well into the nineties. Next year we shall certainly suggest that the league is played in the winter.

The "A" team won their section of the league and were runners-up to R.A.P.C. "A" and "B" Companies in the triangular final. The match against R.A.P.C. singles player proved to be Sgt. Kenward's Waterloo. His opponent was a clever player of the shuttlecock with no great power to his shots, but he bamboozled Sgt. Kenward into smashing into the net and over the baseline. We lost the match by four games to five, and must wait until next year for our revenge.

The following players represented the Battalion: Sgt. Kenward, L/Cpl. Holt, Sgt. Blackwell, Pte. O'Brien, 2/Lt. Pott, L/Cpl. George, L/Cpl. Clift, Pte. Goodwin, Cpl. Wild and W.O.1 Wild.

Results:

Section 1.	Friday, May 17:	1 Mx. "B," 0; R.A.P.C. "A" and "B" Companies, 9.
	Monday, May 27:	1 Mx. "B," 2; 1 Sub Depot R.A.O.C., 7.
Section 3.	Tuesday, May 14:	1 Mx. "A," 8; C.R.E. Sgts. "B" 1.
	Monday, May 20:	1 Mx. "A," 9; 140 Veh. Depot R.A.O.C., 0.
	Tuesday, June 4:	1 Mx. "A," 8; R.A.P.C. "C" Company, 1.
Finals.	Tuesday, June 11:	1 Mx. "A," 4; R.A.P.C. "A" and "B" Companies, 5.
	Wednesday, June 12:	1 Mx. "A," 8; Cyprus District Workshops, 1.

Hockey

Our last journal notes (written in mid-April) took us almost to the end of the season. We still had two com-

petitions to take part in and had great hopes of success in both. However, it was not to be.

In the Dhekelia Garrison Minor Units knock-out competition we entered two teams, "H.Q." Company and "D" Company, plus Reserve Company. In the first round the last-named lost 4-2 to C.R.E. after a good fight, while "H.Q." Company beat R.A.P.C. In the semi-final "H.Q." Company beat R.A.O.C. and in the final were opposed by C.R.E. Having beaten them twice in the Minor Units League earlier in the season with a weaker team, we rather thought it was "in the bag." However, after two matches, one drawn, they beat us.

In the Cyprus District six-a-side knock-out competition held at Wolsley Barracks, Nicosia, on Easter Monday we were knocked out by the Royal Horse Guards in the first round.

However, with our blend of experience we hope to do better next season.

In conclusion, we would like to wish two of our former stalwart hockey players good luck in their new stations—Major P. G. V. Bellers in his new appointment and 2/Lt. D. J. Murphy at Cambridge—and hope they will continue to enjoy their games of hockey.

Squash

When the new cantonment in Dhekelia is complete the Battalion will have its own court and there will be several others in the area. The new courts are nearly ready and next season we are looking forward to a more extensive programme.

In the season that has just ended we have managed quite well on the one court run by Garrison H.Q. There are few regular players in the Battalion, but a number of people are interested in learning the game and when the weather again permits it a "cadre" will be run.

The only competitive squash came in late May and early June, when it was already too hot to play with comfort. Dhekelia Garrison ran a league in which seven units took part with teams of three. The Battalion won all its matches and only conceded one string in the 18 played. The team throughout the competition was:

First string, Capt. B. H. Marciandi; second string, Capt. K. J. Carter; third string, Pte. D. Vitler ("S" Company).

The Dhekelia Saddle Club

The art of horsemanship is rapidly becoming more and more popular within the Battalion. There are now 12 members from the Regiment in the club.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Pte. Jarvis in June. He had been doing sterling work as a groom for the past nine months. We wish him the best of good fortune in civilian life and hope that he is as successful in teaching riding at home as he was with the younger members of the club.

We welcome Pte. Hilton to the club, who takes over the duties of groom, and thank Sgt. Davies, who has put in a lot of hard work running the bar and social activities.

Lt. Hewson has been appointed stable manager and

spends quite a lot of his time (in the morning!) at the club. We have now 14 horses, three of which are privately owned by some of our more wealthy members (Sgt. Davies, Bdsm. Hazel and Pte. Shaffner).

During the summer months we can only ride in the early morning or evening, as the horses do not take kindly to the heat of the day.

Despite the limited time available for riding, the standard of horsemanship is improving rapidly. All credit for this improvement goes to Sgt. Pouncey, R.A.V.C., who has done a tremendous amount of work for the club.

We held a gymkhana on July 13, for which we had over 100 entrants for the numerous events. Many of these competitors came from Saddle Clubs all over the island.

Sgt. Davies is to be congratulated on coming second in the open jumping.

HOBBIES

The only organised hobby flourishing at the moment is the Model Aero Club. The P.R.I. has subsidised the first model kits and several 2-ft. spotter planes have been built and flown to destruction. Now the experts are trying their hands at some rubber-driven monsters with a 3ft. wing span.

The photographic dark room has just been completed in the Welfare Hut and should be in operation soon.

MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB

When the last notes were closed the next event appeared to be the Middle East Trials in Malta. However, there have, in fact, been two further trials held with a view to working up for the Malta Trial now to be held in early August.

The first of these trials was held by C.R.A.S.C. (East), Cyprus, on April 22, for which the Battalion entered two teams of three riders. Fifteen teams competed and in all some 52 riders appeared for the fray. The course was an improved version of the Dhekelia Garrison Trials, mentioned in the last notes, and the hazards more difficult. However, our two teams, "A" and "B," maintained a good average and gained fourth and seventh places respectively. In the individual field the "A" team gained the following places: Pte. Thorpe (equal), 3rd; Cfmn. Colquhoun, 12th; Sgt. Ward, 16th.

This was a most satisfactory result, especially for Pte. Thorpe, as the two leading riders were both trials riders of considerable experience, one of whom is an England amateur champion. Pte. Thorpe lost only 11 points, a difference of five points from the winning rider.

The second of the trials, and the most comprehensive so far, was held by R.A.S.C., Cyprus (East), on May 31 to June 1, 1957. This consisted, in addition to the events the previous trials, a night cross-country run, a map-reading run and a road run of some 100-odd miles.

This proved to be a very difficult course and was designed to test the riders' skill in more than just their riding ability. This it did and, as hoped, showed up our weaknesses in time to rectify them before the Malta

STOP PRESS

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on the Dhekelia ranges on July 24, 1957 and the results are given below. It is hoped that the Battalion rifle team which will now be chosen will achieve success in the Garrison, Brigade and District Rifle Meetings still to be held.

Individual Rifle Match (No. 4 Rifle): "H.Q." Company (C/Sgt. Steward).
Company Team Rifle Match (No. 4 Rifle): "S" Company.
Company Team Rifle Match (S.L. Rifle): "A" Company.
L.M.G. Pairs: "A" Company (Capt. Flavell, C.S.M. Bartle).
Company Team Match (No. 4 Rifle and L.M.G.): "A" Company.
Individual Pistol Match: "A" Company (C.S.M. Bartle).
Falling Plate Match: "D" Company.
Inter-Company Challenge Cup: "A" Company.

Finally, as these notes go to press we all hear with great joy that in the reorganisation of the Army the Middlesex Regiment remains unscathed.

Depot Notes

EDITORIAL

We learn from the White Paper on the Future Organisation of the Army that our days in our present form are numbered, but while the Depot remains we will maintain our standards as they are and play our part whatever the future holds.

These last few months have been marked by further strengthening of our bonds with the county.

On May 30 the Army Commander entertained a large number of local press representatives in the Officers' Mess. After lunch he spoke to them of the importance of mutual understanding and goodwill between the Army and the Press. As a result a number of reporters have visited the Depot recently and two representatives of the local papers have visited the 1st Battalion in Cyprus.

The Mayor of Hendon took the salute at the 45th Intake passing-out parade on May 31, 1957. He was accompanied by Mrs. Arridge.

On July 19, 1957, Sir Frederick Handley Page, C.B.E., took the salute at the 46th Intake passing-out parade and that evening attended the Officers' Club Dinner. We were very honoured by his visit and hope he will soon repeat it.

Recruiting has again been to the forefront and we are now the proud owners of a brightly painted booth which is being worked up to what we confidently believe will be an eye-catching display. It had its first outing at Twickenham Fair on July 27.

TRAINING COMPANY

During the past quarter the "accent has been on youth," since there have been four major youth club activities and, in addition, the Company has had direct contact with two schools. On May 25, the 46th Intake provided an athletic team to compete against the Hendon Youth Clubs, but we were beaten. Pte. Stevens (02) is, however, congratulated on winning the open invitation mile. We have both entertained the St. Paul's Church Youth Club at darts, billiards and

table tennis and visited them in their hall on the Ridge-way. On July 9 the 46th Intake accepted a challenge from the 19th Hendon Scouts on the miniature range, beating them, Pte. Prowling being our top scorer. This Scout Group will now be competing against each recruit intake—every six weeks. Whilst this Youth liaison has failed to produce any known recruit to date, we believe it will succeed.

The passing-out parade for the 45th Intake was held on May 30 when Lt. Fisher paraded with recruit intakes for the last time. The Mayor of Hendon, Councillor S. E. Arridge, J.P., inspected the parade and took the salute. He presented medals to:

Best All-Round Recruit: Pte. Hancock.

Best Rifle Shot: Pte. Hancock.

Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. Woor.

Highest Physical Efficiency: Pte. Healey.

We wish Lt. Fisher and his family every success in Ghana and welcome Lt. McManus in his place.

The following have signed regular engagements:

45th Intake: Ptes. Healey, Ballard and Sumblar.

46th Intake: Ptes. Anderson and Boosey.

Arrivals during the past few months have included Pte. Slade and Dmr. Matthews from the 1st Battalion and L/Cpl. Da Costa from civilian life on re-enlistment. A second re-enlistment was that of Pte. Priest ("B" Company Storeman in Austria) who will be joining the 1st Battalion in August. We congratulate Sgt. Simmons on becoming a father in July (a son). Congratulations also to L/Cpls. Wadham and Lack on their marriages in June. This matrimonial fever seems to have spread to 47th Intake where Ptes. Bailey and Hurley have both been married at week-ends during their recruit training. On June 29/30 the Permanent Staff attended a week-end classification camp with success. Pte. Barley is now a marksman in both the L.M.G. and rifle.

When H.M. The Queen visited Mill Hill School on July 1 the Depot were asked to provide 15 O.R.s to "police" the school grounds. A very creditable performance was organised by C.S.M. Firman and most

of the men on duty had a good view of Her Majesty.

On July 8, the Depot was very busy. In one part of the barracks a Blood Bank Unit was encouraging all to donate their pint of blood, whilst 40 cadets from Chiswick Grammar School were being escorted around the Depot and ranges under Lt. Pollard. In yet another area Lt. McManus was conducting and briefing Mr. John Winder of the "Potters Bar and District Gazette" on regimental activities prior to his departure for the 1st Battalion in Cyprus, whilst S.I. Morris was "holding the fort" in the Gymnasium during the visit of H.Q. Eastern Command P.T. Staff.

The passing-out parade for the 46th Intake was held on July 19 when the Lord Lieutenant for the County, Sir Frederick Handley Page, C.B.E., inspected the parade and took the salute. He was accompanied by Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., and amongst a very large audience we were extremely pleased to see the Colonel of the Regiment, the Deputy Assistant Chaplain General the Rev. J. Good, M.B.E., M.C., C.F., and R.S.M. Wild on leave from the 1st Battalion. On account of the large number of recruits on parade we were able to revert to our old system of two platoons marching past.

Medals were presented to the following:

Best All-Round Recruit: Pte. Dickens.

Best Rifle Shot: Pte. Dickens.

Best L.M.G. Shot: Pte. Moynihan.

Highest Physical Efficiency: Pte. Stevens.

The parade was commanded by the Adjutant in the absence of Major Jeffcoat on leave with Lts. Pollard and McManus, commanding Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons respectively.

OFFICERS' MESS

Last quarter's notes finished up with John Pollard's wedding. This time we record yet another, that of Rex Cain, on June 1. The Regiment was again well represented.

2/Lt. P. D. J. Clarke, from Sandhurst, reported here on March 24. On April 15 we had two Sandhurst cadets to lunch. Tony McManus visited us the next day and is now permanently residing here, having replaced Ronnie Fisher, now with his family in Ghana.

Norman Martin was here for a space, having been persuaded to audit the Depot accounts. On May 1 there was a conference on Battle Honours for the 1939-45 war, a number of senior officers attending.

A French officer, Lt. Bersihand, was attached here for a week.

Albuhera Day was observed in the normal manner, and apart from the Depot Staff the following attended the dinner: Col. Browne, Col. Willoughby, Lt.-Col. Brotherton and others.

Tony McManus joined us officially on May 20, and Dick Smith suddenly appeared from Malaya on June 2.

We ran a coach to the Derby on the 5th—a successful day despite a slight hitch over the refreshments.

Cricket week brought Brigadier Weston, Col. Green, Lt.-Col. Unwin, Major Weedon, Major Honess, Major Clayden and Capt. Wollocombe here for varying periods. We were glad to see Norman Gilbert and his wife here on leave from Ghana.

Others who have been here and gone to various

destinations are Lts. Hedgecoe, Hawes, Melville, Pickard and Taylor.

We have of course seen Lt.-Col. Ormiston on several occasions, and wish him a speedy recovery.

The Regimental "At Home" was held here on July 13, and the tennis tournament on 13th and 14th. Unfortunately, due to bad weather we only managed to play the singles, which was won by Lt. Chynoweth.

Monthly guest nights continue, usually on the first Thursday in each month, and we are always glad to see any officers who may be able to attend.

In conclusion, we would like to bid farewell to Major Tucker of the Home Postal Detachment, R.E.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The outstanding feature of the past quarter was, undoubtedly, the decoration of the Mess, in its entirety—"History in the Making," you might call it. It was well done.

We have been busy socially, starting with a dance on 13 April. The Postal Unit Skiffle Group were most entertaining, and despite some congestion the occasion was a success. A close friendship has developed between us and the local police, and we have entertained them to both a darts and cricket match. The darts match was held amidst the decorating materials and paraphernalia, and although saboteurs were placed in their team, they still won the match. The weather threatened to spoil the cricket but relented. This was a game with some really remarkable performances on both sides. For the Mess, Sgt. Tarry scored a good 51 and "Slogger" Moran a tip-and-run 26. To revenge a "duck," C.S.M. Firman took two wickets for 17 runs. The day closed with a social in the evening.

An event that is becoming popular is the Saturday evening tombola. Our thanks go to Sgts. Bean and Robertson for their assistance.

Numerous visitors have appeared recently, the most frequent being R.S.M. Wild of the 1st Battalion, home on a course. Ex-R.S.M. Rose, C.S.M. Graham, Sgt. McGowan, Sgt. "Butch" Bailey and others have also been here. Any members of the Regiment, past or present, are always most welcome to the Mess.

Sgt. Field has recently left the Depot for civilian life. We wish him every success. Sgt. Edey, whom we congratulate on his promotion, joins us.

Finally, we have heard that R.S.M. Pike is shortly to be commissioned as a Quartermaster and will be posted to the Middle East. We extend our heartiest congratulations and hope that he will be as successful in his new appointment as he has been in the past.

CORPORALS' CLUB

After such a promising last quarter the Corporals have gone back to their normal quiet routine. To older and past members of the Club the announcement that the proposal to hold the annual coach trip was defeated by the members will sound like sacrilege, but nevertheless it happened.

The dance, forecast in our previous notes, was duly held and enjoyed. As to the Corporals' prowess on Albuhera Day, alas! The team arrived with crash-helmets and a variety of paraphernalia which made them

look as if they had come from Outer Space. But on the field of battle we failed dismally, unfortunately. A social evening, to which the married families were invited, was held on May 31 and the time passed very enjoyably.

When the election of the committee was held, four members stepped bravely forward and volunteered, and it is hoped that they will receive the full backing of all members in their unenviable duties.

The Corporals' Club of the R.A.F. Hendon challenged us to a game of cricket and they then proceeded to show little respect for the more senior service by putting 80-odd runs between us and them. John Hambly is to be congratulated on his six wickets, which were well earned. After the match we entertained them in the Club. A return match is being arranged.

Except for releases new faces have been very few, though "Ginger" Da Costa has returned to us. Congratulations to Sgt. Edey on his promotion. To our Dining Club we welcome "Billy" Wadham and Ray Lack after their recent weddings, and to civilian life we have lost L/Cpls. Norman and Whitthead.

CRICKET

There has been a great improvement in Depot cricket this season, commencing with four wins and a draw in their opening matches.

The season started on May 1 with a drawn game against R.A.F. Northolt at home. The Depot batted first, and thanks to a splendid 80 by Waters and a valuable 34 not out from MacMillan were able to declare after tea with 198 on the board for the loss of seven wickets. However, not to be outdone, the R.A.F. at the end of extra time were only 10 runs short of our score with six wickets in hand. In the second match of the season, again at home, the bowling and fielding tightened up considerably to give the Depot a resounding victory over Chiswick Police by eight wickets. Cpl. Raffael (4 for 8), Pte. MacMillan (4 for 24) and L/Cpl. Kelly (2 for 0) were the cause of the Police batting collapse (39 all out), and S.I. Morris (54 not out) Pte. Dobson (51) and L/Cpl. Kelly (28 not out) were largely responsible for the Depot score of 157 for three.

Against Home Postal Depot R.E. we were lucky to win by 16 runs in a low scoring match: The Depot, 93 (L/Cpl. Kelly 29, Pte. Dobson 23); H.P.D.R.E., 77 (L/Cpl. Kelly 5 for 15). But for an "unfortunate misunderstanding" whereby the Depot produced a new ball between the innings, the score might well have been even closer. Our first away fixture against Depot Queens played at Guildford the following week gave the Depot a resounding and memorable victory. Batting first, the Queens made 197 for four wickets and were able to declare at tea. Tea was certainly not enjoyed by Lt. Pollard who was obviously a very worried man, but as Dobson and Waters settled down the cloud passed. Just before six the Depot passed the Queens' score without loss—Waters 99 not out, Dobson 96 not out; but next ball, Waters, in turning a short ball to leg for four, hit his own wicket, thus in one spell of bad luck robbing himself of a century and the openers of a double century stand. However, this in no way spoils the value

of their great effort. (Editor: I think this must be a Depot record.)

The final match of our winning spell was against R.A.F. Hendon at Mill Hill on May 29, the Depot winning an exciting match by 31 runs: Depot, 121 for 6 wickets declared (L/Cpl. Kelly 45 not out); R.A.F. Hendon, 90 (L/Cpl. Kelly 6 for 27). This was L/Cpl. Kelly's last appearance before reporting to Eaton Hall, and was certainly his match. Without him and with a generally weakened side captained by S.I. Morris the Depot lost their next match against R.A.E.C. Beaconsfield (away) by 3 wickets. The Depot could only muster 55 (of which Cpl. Raffael scored 10), though this was in part due to the pitch, as the R.A.E.C. were quick to show, with six men back in the pavilion and 18 runs on the board. However, two useful stands took the R.A.E.C. past our score. After this match Ptes. Dobson, Waters and MacMillan departed to Eaton Hall and have proved irreplaceable as yet, though the 46th Intake have done their best to fill the gap and Pte. Barton has proved a sound wicket-keeper. Against R.A.F. Northolt we were well beaten by 60 runs: R.A.F. Northolt, 112 (2/Lt. Young 4 for 17, Cpl. Langford 3 for 16); Depot, 62—and against Depot Surreys, after a rainstorm we were caught on a "sticky dog," making only 29 and losing by 90 runs, though mention must be made of Pte. Coubrough's bowling, his first and last appearance in spite of his being at the Depot for ten weeks! Depot Surreys, 119 (Pte. Coubrough 7 for 48); Depot, 29!

The following have played for the Depot so far this season: Capt. Evans, Lt. Pollard, 2/Lts. Pickard and Young, S.I. Morris, Sgt. Tarry, Cpls. Raffael and Langford, L/Cpl. Kelly, Ptes. Barley, Brooks, Barton, Hawke, Dobson, MacMillan, Palmer, Young, Dickens, Jones (79), Smith (87), Vatcher and Coubrough. Of these only seven are still at the Depot, and therefore the team for our next fixture with London Assembly Centre is largely experimental.

OLD COMRADES

The main event of the quarter has been the annual general meeting held at the Crawford Hut on Saturday, April 27, 1957, and attended by some twenty members with their ladies. It was with great reluctance that the Club accepted the resignation, due to ill health, of Mr. H. C. Hull (the Chairman) and elected as his successor Major P. F. Newman. In the years since the war "Busty" has done much for the Club, rarely missing a meeting and never ceasing his efforts. However, he is not lost to the Club for he is the new Vice-Chairman. "Percy" is obviously a very popular choice as his successor, and it is to be hoped that the Club will go from strength to strength under his leadership. Already the monthly meetings have been brightened up with darts matches, tombola and cribbage sessions and there is a big drive on subscriptions! Already, however, subscriptions for the last quarter exceed the annual total for last year and a profit of £4 was made on the last quarter. This is obviously a great improvement, but there is still room for more, especially as no young soldiers seem interested.

The May meeting held on 25th produced a very large attendance and it was good to see so many officers

and N.C.O.s of the present-day Depot staff. The most recent meeting on June 29 was perhaps the most successful of any and was as well attended as the Christmas party. During the course of the evening, darts matches were played against teams from the Corporals' and Sergeants' Messes, and there was also a tombola session, many members putting their winnings into the Christmas Draw which opened that night, and will close at the November meeting. Amongst many welcome visitors were Major and Mrs. Dick Smith, newly arrived from Malaya, and ex-Sgt. W. G. Davis, M.M., who had that day accompanied Brigadier G. P. L. Weston, D.S.O., O.B.E., to Dunkirk for the unveiling of the Memorial by H.M. The Queen Mother. Finally, to put the finishing touches to the evening a new beer, Stella Lager, was introduced with great success.

We still require information concerning members who fall sick or find themselves upon hard times. If any member does hear of an old comrade in need of help he should write to the Secretary at the Depot or to Major Newman at his home address: 9 Cavendish Road, Finchley, N.2. It is good to learn that Bob Overton is much improved in health but George Comber is still unwell—Major Newman visits him often. Drm. Alf Foster, ex-3rd Battalion, was in M.A. 7 Ward, St. Mary's Hospital, Highgate Hill, when last heard of, and would be pleased to hear from any of his friends. F. Stevenson also is believed to be in Westminster Hospital after a fall—anyway, his home address is still: School House, Springfield Primary Annexe, Thessaly Road, Wandsworth Road, S.W.8.

Finally, subscriptions. The monthly newsletter is now only sent to fully paid up members, so if you are missing news of your old friends, do please send in a subscription to either Major Newman or the Secretary. As already stated, the response so far has been magnificent, but there are still many old faces that would always be welcome in the Crawford Hut. What worries us most though is the lack of youth. Young soldier, if you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact the Depot for details of membership.

CAMBRIDGE CLUB—LADIES' GUILD

After a very successful season the Club has closed for the summer holidays. This is conveniently timed to coincide with the childrens' school holidays.

We have been very happy to see so many people on our whist drives and tombola nights; especially the latter when our difficulty was to find seating for everyone. The outing to Battersea Fun Fair was a success and we look forward to further expeditions.

The Thrift Shop is proving very popular and we are looking forward to using the new building which has been placed at our disposal.

Once again we had to bid good-bye to several members whose husbands were posted away, notably Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Huggins and Mrs. Witton. Much of the present healthy state of the Club and of the work behind the scenes has been due to Mrs. Pike whose departure we deplore. We wish her every success in her new station. Mrs. Firman has kindly taken over the duties of secretary.

SANDYS, 1957 SHORTENING THE LINE

The logical outcome of the reduction in size of Britain's armed forces laid down in the Defence White Paper is taking shape. By the end of 1962 the strength of the Army, not officially given yet, will probably be about 165,000. Before the war the Army's strength was about 220,000, so that the pre-war regimental framework on which the infantry is still based (less second battalions), has got to be reduced considerably. The intention is to cut down the Army by 51 major units and many smaller ones to the required total, the emphasis being on reduction, with, it is hoped, a steady return to the system of an entirely voluntary Regular Army.

For the Infantry of the Line this means a reduction from 64 to 49 battalions over five years, through the amalgamation of 30 of the existing battalions in pairs to form 15 regiments. The major principles of selection applied appear to be geography and recruiting, tempered by tradition. The loosely knit brigade group system introduced in 1947 is being modified and streamlined to produce 14 brigades of three or four battalions each.

It seems likely that the new brigades will be much more of an entity and will be made to work. Each will give a Colonel elected from the Colonels of Regiments within the Brigade. There will be a seniority roll for senior officers and N.C.O.s. There will be a brigade badge, and a brigade depot to train recruits for the Group, probably comparable in size and scope to one of these today.

How fast these changes will be made is not yet apparent, or in the case of a brigade how far they are intended to go. Clearly the brigade is going to mean much more to the soldier of tomorrow—it should also be a much more handy and flexible organisation. More than ever before flexibility of organisation, outlook and training will be required by the remaining infantry.

In the Home Counties Brigade it is sad to see the amalgamation of the Queen's and East Surreys, and The Buffs and the R.W.K. which will leave a regiment from each of the counties within the geographical area. To our other friends, The Royal Fusiliers, we wish every success in joining a new formation in the shape of the Fusilier Brigade, made up of the three senior Fusiliers regiments.

HONOUR FOR MR. GUY CHIPPERFIELD

The President of the Italian Republic has conferred on Mr. Guy Chipperfield, C.B.E., President of the International Association of Seed Crushers, the honour of Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

This information was conveyed by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs to Mr. A. Costa, President of the Italian Seed Crushers' Association, who announced it at the International Seed Crushers' Congress now being held at Rapallo, Italy.



BEATING RETREAT IN PEMBROKE CASTLE

The Band and Drums of the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment and 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment under the command of Drum-Major Holford, B.E.M.

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



GENERAL

The main event recently has been annual camp at Castlemartin in South Wales from June 15 to 29. It was the first camp as a purely volunteer unit since 1950 and also with the 6th Queen's and 8th Middlesex Regiment in the same Brigade.

The Battalion travelled down by train overnight, arriving at Pembroke at 7.30 on the Sunday morning. The camp was comfortable and the weather generally fine. Unfortunately, rain cancelled the Brigade Rifle Meeting and the Officers v. Sergeants cricket match.

Training culminated in the 24-hour Brigade exercise, "March Hare." Over the weekend several members of the Battalion went on an expedition to Snowdonia and the Padre took a party to St. David's Cathedral.

We were happy to welcome at camp the Honorary Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., Major A. R. Waller, M.C., and Major I. Battye, M.B.E. (O.C. Depot), all of whom visited us, and also the reporter from the *Hornsey Journal*, who covered Exercise "March Hare" for his paper.

The Band and Drums (together with the Band and Drums of 6th Queen's and 8th Middlesex) beat Retreat at Camp, in Pembroke Castle and at Carmarthen to

commemorate the death of Gen. Picton at the Battle of Waterloo.

On May 27 we were visited by Brigadier Wilson, who has assumed command of 47th (London) Infantry Brigade. He toured the T.A. Centre and then visited the outlying companies.

On May 26 Capt. J. F. Willmer, the Adjutant and Mrs. Allen attended the civic church service for the Mayor elect of Hornsey.

On May 28 the C.O. attended the Highgate School C.C.F. annual inspection and on July 2 the Adjutant and the R.S.M. judged the school drill competition. The standard of drill and turn-out on both these occasions was extremely high, as we have come to expect from this contingent.

The Battalion has lent the Enfield Company v. Metropolitan Police (Enfield) Cup to 47th Brigade for use as an annual trophy in the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

The Albuhera dance, which was held at the "D" Company H.Q. at Tottenham on May 17, was organised by Capt. Maurice Baldwin and was a great success and well attended. Dancing was to a band led by Cpl. Ledwith, of the Regimental Band. C.S.M. Goodge was M.C. and his efforts contributed largely to the success of the evening. The highlight of the dance was the arrival in the interval of the Corps of Drums under Drum-Major Holdford, B.E.M., to play a most impressive drum and bugle fantasy.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Major R. J. P. Cummins on the award of the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

To Cpl. Organ for winning the 47th Brigade Group Motor-Cycle Trials at camp.

To Pte. Painter, who reached the semi-finals of the



Left to right: L/Cpl. Langham, Lt.-Col. Allen, The Mayoress of Edmonton, Mrs. Allen, The Mayor of Edmonton and Major Gunnell at the Edmonton Carnival

Scarborough Cup in the T.A. Boxing Championships as a member of the 44th (H.C.) Infantry Division team. To Sgt. Sills and Cpl. Lane on their promotion.

RECRUITING

Recruiting now occupies a very important position in Battalion activities.

A static display was put on in June in the Muswell Hill Cinema, exhibiting weapons, wireless and the Drums.

On May 30 the C.O. and the Adjutant attended a lunch at the Depot given by the P.R.O., Eastern Command. The G.O.C.-in-C., Gen. Coleman, spoke on Regular and T.A. recruiting to representatives of the local and national press.

On July 9 the C.O., Adjutant and Capt. Leighton attended the Lord Lieutenant's representative committee meeting at Enfield. The aim of the meeting was to stimulate recruiting in Enfield and Lt.-Col. Allen stressed the long historical association of "B" Company with Enfield since the days of the 41st Enfield Rifle Volunteers.

With an eye to more subtle recruiting campaigns, Sgt. Davies has attended a salesmanship training (recruiting) course at the Duke of York's H.Q.

On July 13 the Battalion was represented in the Edmonton Carnival. The Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band headed the procession, followed by a marching party of 60 recruits from the Depot under command of Sgt. Simmons and a Land Rover mounted with a Vickers M.M.G. with Sgt. Curry and Pte. Talbot as crew. A static demonstration was staged in Craig Park, Edmonton, consisting of a selection of Battalion weapons and wireless equipment and a cookery demonstration by L/Cpl. Langham.

TRAINING

A tactical weekend was held on April 27 and 28 at No. 3 W.E.T.C., Crowborough. Only 26 were able to attend, but good weather enabled some most successful training to be accomplished. Saturday afternoon was spent on a map march in pairs over a considerable distance, which was completed by everybody, and Sunday on a patrol exercise. A demonstration of artificial moonlight on Saturday night by the Mov. Light Battery was attended by the officers.

Two annual classification weekends were held for volunteers at Purfleet during May.

"A" Company has had considerable recruiting successes lately. "B" and "D" Companies now train together on two Tuesday evenings a month, and they have been instructing senior cadets of the Tottenham Grammar and County Schools A.C.F.

T.A. Centres closed after camp for training until early September, but companies are concentrating on recruiting, preparing for shooting competitions which start in the autumn, and preparing for the R.E.M.E. inspections due early in August.

TRAINING WING

At camp the Rifle Companies and elements of "H.Q." Company were formed into a Training Wing under the command of Major J. D. Gunnell, which made available the maximum number of people for training. All ranks performed duties on a lower level than they were accustomed to and the training was a success. The first two days were spent revising section and platoon tactics and generally working up to the field firing exercise on the Wednesday. This was watched by the Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. Turner, who talked informally with all members of the Wing who were present.

We also watched an impromptu demonstration by the Fleet Air Arm of Sea Venoms making low-level attacks and firing cannon about 400 yards from our position.

Voluntary motor-cycle training took place most evenings and Lts. Beaumont, Hayward and Williams and Sgt. Medcalf and Pte. Bryant were passed as proficient by the unit testing board.

The Brigade Exercise "March Hare" was held during the second week. The Brigade occupied a position on the Tuesday evening after moving from a concentration area in transport and at first light, with the Brigade M.M.G. and 3-in. Mortar Platoons, the Battalion provided fire support, while 6th Queen's and 8th Middlesex assaulted the objective. The night had been spent in patrolling and "A" Company H.Q. captured an enemy patrol which had previously attacked Battalion H.Q.

SUPPORT WING

In May the M.M.G. had a most successful weekend at Crowborough.

At camp there were enough volunteers in the Wing, which was commanded by Capt. Garrett, to operate either four M.M.G. or four mortars and the first part of camp was occupied in becoming proficient in both weapons. We were so successful in this that in the first demonstration of fire power a complete hedgerow disappeared, much to the amazement of everyone concerned.

During Exercise "March Hare" the support weapons of the 6th Queen's and 8th Middlesex were allotted to the Battalion. Although great rivalry was shown between the units, they worked together very well. The M.M.G. are now being prepared for the competition with 8th Middlesex for the Perring Trophy.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Albuhera dinner was held in the Mess at Hornsey on May 16. Twelve officers attended, including the Honorary Colonel, Col. Maitland.

A very good Mess was run during camp. We welcomed Eric Dromard and Michael Lanyon to the Mess and the University officers also turned up in force. This year they all seem to have passed their examinations.

A dinner was held in the first week, attended by Col. Maitland, Major Waller and Major Easman, and a Regimental guest night in the second week, when the Brigade Commander, Brigadier Wilson and Col. Ellis were among the guests. The Mess staff, under C/Sgt. Carnie, worked extremely well.

John Carter recently broke his leg by slipping on a milk bottle and, unfortunately, missed both camp and a Civil Defence course. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

A cocktail party and dance are to be held at Hornsey during September and these are the first functions to be held in the redecorated Mess.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Shortly before going to camp we had welcomed R.S.M. Thom and so members soon had an excellent opportunity to get to know their new R.S.M.

At lunch-time on the first Monday of annual camp the



Support Wing cleaning M.M.G.s at Camp

Mess was invited to the Officers' Mess. On the evening of the following day we held a Mess dinner. The meal was first class, but was spoilt by a thunderstorm. The cricket match with the officers was also stopped by rain.

An interesting event took place one day on the open range, when a team of Territorial members challenged the Permanent Staff members to a shooting match. The T.A. members snatched a very narrow victory.

During the second week at camp all members attended a social evening in the 8th Battalion Sergeants' Mess. It was a very enjoyable event and many old friendships were renewed and many new ones made. We congratulate R.S.M. McMillan and his Mess for organising such a good evening.

In one sense the weather made some recompense to the Mess on the final Thursday in camp. It "rained off" the Brigade Rifle Meeting and so gave us an opportunity to entertain the C.O. and members of the Officers' Mess in the Sergeants' Mess at lunch-time. It is a great honour and pleasure to us to have the C.O. and officers as our guests in the Mess and it was a fitting finale to our Mess activities at a most enjoyable camp.

ELMS CLUB

The social activities of the Elms Club started with a tombola evening on Albuhera Day, which was well attended.

On May 25 the club held an outing to Southend, had lunch and tea and saw the new lifeboat launched at the end of the pier. Two further tombola evenings have been held and a whist drive was organised on July 11. We should like to thank Mrs. Maitland, our President, for the ladies' whist prize, which she very kindly presented. It was won by Mrs. Donovan. Our thanks are also due to C.S.M. Goodge for his invaluable help in running all three occasions.

The Thrift Shop and Magazine Library are now open when the club meets at Hornsey. We have enjoyed one afternoon playing badminton at Highgate.

A club badge, embodying the Battalion crest, has been designed and it is hoped that this will be available to members in the near future.

We are sorry Mrs. Thompson has left us, but our good wishes go with her to Cyprus. When the club starts activities again in September it is intended to organise evening as well as afternoon meetings in order that more people may attend. Any lady interested in the Battalion will be very welcome at the Elms Club functions.

16th MIDDLESEX (INDEPENDENT) COMPANY, A.C.F.

It is now the policy for the Company to concentrate on training certain cadets who will take the place of senior cadet N.C.O.s when they leave the Company to complete their National Service at the end of the year.

In co-operation with the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a special drill course has been arranged (C.S.M. Etheridge is helping), whereby these selected cadets can obtain a good grounding in the subject. Advantage has been taken recently of the very fine weather to get the Company into the field. Early in July an all-day exercise was held on a farm near Cuffley, Herts. The exercise laid emphasis on map-reading and junior leadership. The day concluded with a small scheme bringing out the lessons learnt in a practical form.

A few days later a map-reading exercise was carried out in practical map-reading.

Preparations are now being made for annual camp, which is to be held at Newhaven, Sussex. More than half the Company will be attending this year.

Capt. J. D. Daffarn, who recently commanded the Company, has now transferred to 31 Battery, R.A., at Finchley. Lt. O. H. Larder has now assumed command of No. 16 Company.

Lt. V. D. Williams has been chosen to march with a team selected from the Middlesex Yeomanry in the annual competition organised by the Dutch Forces, in which teams from all United Nations Forces compete for four days, marching 25 miles each day.

Lt. K. C. Hayward, of the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, recently took a mock Certificate "A" exam. for some cadets in preparation for the examination itself.

VISIT TO SNOWDONIA

During the middle weekend of camp a small party, consisting of Major Gunnell, Capt. Garrett, Sgt. Robertson, Cpls. Lane, White and Organ and L/Cpl. Young, visited Snowdonia. The party travelled in a Land Rover driven by Cpl. White, with a trailer for bedding and stores, and were escorted by Cpl. Organ on his motor cycle.

The object of the visit was to recce the Snowdonia National Recreation Centre at Capel Curig and, if time permitted, to make history by being the first organised party from the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment to make an ascent of Snowdon.

We left Castlemartin on Friday evening, bivouaced for the night at Aberporth and reached Capel Curig just after lunch on Saturday. We were met and welcomed by Major Milton, the Warden of the Centre, who showed us over the house and grounds. Plas-y-Brenin (the King's House), which has been established as a memorial to his late Majesty King George VI, is situated on the outskirts of Capel Curig at the foot of a

valley which leads to the Llanberis Pass. Its incomparable situation in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park makes it ideal for every form of mountain activity. It is within easy reach of the main peaks and rock faces of the area and of the wooded valleys of the Conway and Lledr. Cwm Idwal, the first Welsh nature reserve, is within five miles.

The Chairman of the Centre's Management Committee is Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O. The Centre offers training in mountaineering, mountain walking, canoeing, fly fishing and a host of other subjects for which Snowdonia is particularly suitable.

After leaving Plas-y-Brenin we pressed on to Snowdon. On the advice of the staff at the Centre we left our vehicles at Pen-y-Pass and commenced the ascent from there. The first two miles were fairly easy going along a track which would have been just passable for a jeep, but after crossing the causeway over the Llyn Llydaw we started climbing towards the Pig Track (very aptly named, we thought). It was here that we began to realise how unfit we were. However, we climbed on, with frequent pauses for breath and encouraged by the good-humoured leg-pulling from more fortunate climbers who were on the return journey. After two hours exactly we stood triumphant, if somewhat weary, at the summit. We were feeling particularly pleased with ourselves, as the staff at Plas-y-Brenin had forecast that the ascent would take us at least two and a half hours.

The view from the summit was truly magnificent; not only was the whole of Snowdonia spread out at our feet with its lesser peaks and mountain lakes dotted around, but we could see the whole coast-line from Anglesey in the north to St. David's in the south. After suitable refreshment we reluctantly commenced the descent, which was completed in just over one hour. The transport was brought up the track to Llyn Llydaw, where we bivouaced for the night. On Sunday morning we drove over Llanberis Pass to Carnarvon before returning to Castlemartin.

We all enjoyed the weekend immensely and it has opened up great possibilities for future training.

It is hoped to arrange a weekend course at Plas-y-Brenin later this year or early in 1958 and all those who took part in the recce have already signified their intention of attending. Major Milton and his staff are only too anxious to arrange any type of training we want and it is to be hoped that when the time comes there will be no lack of volunteers.

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

Albuhera Day

It is customary for all members of the Battalion who are able to attend at the Regimental Depot on May 16. Several members of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes were very pleased to be able to do this. The C.O. and Regular officers attended the dinner in the Officers' Mess, having first visited the Sergeants' Mess. The R.S.M. and several senior N.C.O.s spent an enjoyable evening in the Sergeants' Mess.

Telegrams were received from the 1st, 7th and 9th Battalions and the Depot.

Annual Camp

Apprehension is synonymous with the unknown and, although it may not have been evident, it was there in varying small degrees on Sunday, June 15, as we set off for Castlemartin in South Wales for our first post-war all-volunteer camp 120 strong.

The return journey was an entirely different story. Camp this year was the most successful and enjoyable one we have had for a long time and the Battalion arrived back on its home ground on Saturday, June 29, with its tail up and convinced that Mr. Sandys has got something when he advocates all-volunteer forces, even if they are small.

The organisation at camp was Battalion H.Q., "H.Q." Company, two rifle companies only, "B" and "C," and "S" Company. Although companies were very thin on the ground, the proper chain of command was retained and all ranks were exercised in their correct capacity. Being at camp with the Brigade was an added advantage and we were fortunate in being right next to the 7th Battalion.

Castlemartin Camp and the training areas are first class and with one short break the weather was exceptionally fine. So with all the right ingredients we quickly settled in on Sunday, June 16, and on Monday the potpourri of training was on.

A Battalion exercise was held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday to the accompaniment of a singularly ill-timed and ferocious storm with thunder, lightning, rain and wind vying in intensity. At least, the enemy, consisting of Capt. Latham and the Corps of Drums, were drenched as quickly as the rest of us, which seemed to dampen their ardour for the rest of that night. However, morale remained high throughout, aided by a rum issue rapidly produced by the Q.M. and, despite the conditions, an excellent breakfast. Whilst stumbling down a steep wet incline in the darkness of the early hours Lt. Hogg, of "S" Company, on being confronted by a high and awkward stile, was heard to remark, among the curses of men laden with bipods, tripods and heavy support weapons, "That would be rather awkward for a young lady, wouldn't it?" There could not have been much wrong with his morale!

Field firing was enjoyed by all with various targets, both moving and stationary, appearing everywhere and being effectively dealt with by our trigger-happy soldiers.

At the end of the first week Capt. Brooks organised an enjoyable sports meeting. "S" Company (Hampton) won the tug-of-war convincingly, thanks to various rotund heavies and the huge strength of Sgt. Brown at anchor. "C" Company (Wealdstone) won the six-a-side soccer, beating "B" Company (Ealing) in the final by 4-2. To crown the afternoon the officers beat the sergeants at football by 3-0, something of a surprise.

During the weekend a coach trip was arranged to Tenby and the Royal Navy very kindly took a party out on Sunday for the day on board one of their small craft.

Training during the second week culminated in a Brigade 24-hour exercise involving an advance to contact,

patrolling and a dawn attack supported by "live" 3-in. mortar and M.M.G. fire from the brigaded platoons of 6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, the 7th Battalion and our own. Mention must be made, too, of our Signals Platoon. Not only did they provide sets for other units and keep our net "loud and clear" without a failure on any station, but the Signals Officer and Sgt. Hawkins themselves laid line to the rifle companies and back to Brigade. The strength of the Signals Platoon is six all ranks; there were five stations on the Battalion net and we had to man the rear link to Brigade ourselves.

At the end of the Brigade exercise the new Brigade Commander, Brigadier D. R. Wilson, O.B.E., addressed the Brigade and spoke highly of the 8th Battalion, which was most gratifying.

Inevitably there are many events which are not mentioned in these notes; this is regrettable, but unavoidable. Before going on to activities that fall under separate headings a word should be said about our relaxation at camp. With the sea close at hand and one or two excellent beaches, an evening swim was enjoyed by most, and if the effort of going out of camp was too much there were two excellent NAAFI's with TV, a very fine cinema in a permanent building and all the meals, which were cooked in a central cookhouse, were first class, with "no complaints" the order of the day.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Picton, G.C.B.

To Major Webber goes the credit for bringing to notice our close proximity at camp to the family home of Sir Thomas Picton (Colonel of the 77th from 1811 to 1815) at Carmarthen, where a large monument stands in his honour. The anniversary of his death at the Battle of Waterloo on June 18, 1815, fell on our first Thursday at camp. Unfortunately, we were unable to arrange anything on that date due to prior commitments. However, on the following Thursday, June 21, Major Webber made arrangements with the Town Clerk for the massed Bands and Drums of the 7th and 8th Battalions to beat Retreat at Carmarthen to mark the occasion. This was done most successfully and after the Retreat the two C.O.s laid a wreath at the memorial and buglers sounded the Last Post and the long Reveille.

It was indeed an historical event within the Regiment and one with which we are proud to be associated. A large crowd attended and, in addition to those officers present from the two battalions, we were pleased to see Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., and Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E.

Band and Corps of Drums

The Band and Corps of Drums both had a very busy time at camp, but the results were well worth it even if some of them were beginning to doubt it at the time.

Apart from muster parade every morning, their first performance was the beating of Retreat on the first Monday evening prior to the Officers' Mess cocktail party. This was well done and most commendable in view of the short space of time from the start of camp.

Following this came a series of massed performances together with the Band and Drums of the 7th Battalion and the Drums of the 6th Queen's. On Thursday,

June 29, at Brigade H.Q., on Wednesday, June 26, at Pembroke Castle, and on Thursday, June 21, at Carmarthen. The standard of all these performances was most impressive and, judging from the remarks passed by various spectators, greatly appreciated. The setting in the outer ward of Pembroke Castle was ideal, being enclosed by the outer walls with their battlements and turrets, from which flew the Regimental and Corps flags of all the units at camp with 47th Infantry Brigade.

Just before camp on May 18 the Band and Drums played on the green at Hampton Court in conjunction with a "S" Company recruiting display.

Officers' Mess

We welcome the Rev. Allen, our new Padre, into the Mess after a long period without a Padre.

We wish the best of luck to Lt. Riches on his departure from the Battalion for Canada. Before sailing he presented the Mess with an extremely nice and unusual small silver cigarette box.

Major Webber became P.M.C. just before camp and to him and our small Mess staff we owe our thanks for a well-run Mess at camp. Sgt. Jolly, one of the P.S.I.s, acted as Mess Sergeant with no previous experience. He is, no doubt, glad that it is all over now, but he has every right to feel most satisfied with his efforts.

We had a very excellent cocktail party on Monday, June 17, with a large number of guests from other units in the Brigade and local guests from the Pembroke area.

On Friday, June 21, we had a guest night, with our Brigade Commander, Lt.-Col. Allen, and Lt.-Col. Jennings as our guests. It was a most enjoyable evening and Sgt. Hearne, our cook, worked wonders in his small and somewhat primitive kitchen.

The Sergeants' Mess were invited over on Wednesday, June 26, which revived us all, having just returned off the Brigade exercise.

Sergeants' Mess

On May 11 the Sergeants' Mess held an Albuhera ball. This date was chosen in order not to clash with the traditional activities at the Regimental Depot, to which members of the Mess are always kindly invited. The ball was a great success. The officers of the Battalion were our guests and we were pleased to see R.S.M. Pike and Sgts. Warner and Taylor from the Depot, also several Old Comrades and some local residents.

At camp, despite the handicap imposed by shortage of staff, the Mess was well run, and this was largely due to Sgt. Hope, who was the messing member, and Sgt. Cowell, who ran the bar, both of them working overtime.

The corporals were entertained on the evening of June 20 and defeated us in an indoor games competition organised by C.S.M. Budden and Drum-Major Wales.

On June 24 we held a social evening, to which the officers of the Battalion were invited and all members of the Sergeants' Messes in the Brigade. The Band played during the evening, Sgt. Hearne prepared a very fine buffet and, despite a sudden and extraordinary drop in the temperature, everyone was enjoying the evening too much to let this affect it—or perhaps it was just that inner warmth.

We offer our congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Jolly on the birth of a son just in time to allow Sgt. Jolly to proceed to camp.

We congratulate Sgt. Tett on his promotion and welcome him into the Sergeants' Mess.

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

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

As Regimental P.R.O. I must thank the modest "amateur" who was responsible for our last notes. The fairy-like atmosphere of Luxembourg was not suited to the reproduction of the essentially earthy activities of the Regiment.

The pre-camp period is always one of some anxiety and activity. Individual batteries have had their week-end exercises or drills and the last week-end training, prior to camp, was held at Kingsbury on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20. With no National Servicemen to deal with these training sessions have become remarkably quiet affairs. No longer is there a problem of finding instructors, balancing training programmes, trying to get the proverbial "pint in a gill glass." Withal an atmosphere is growing, which many readers will know well: an atmosphere peculiar to the volunteer T.A. Regiment.

The officers of the Regiment gave what will surely rank as a memorable dinner on May 17. The guest list was alive with personalities, both regimental and national. Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks, an ex-Adjutant of the 9th, currently Black Rod in the House of Lords, was kind enough to attend, and even (treacherously, he would say) was persuaded to say a few words. The M.G.R.A. (A.A.), Maj.-Gen. Hughes, was the chief R.A. representative—it is a source of pride to the Regiment that, busy man though he is, he found time to visit us. It was the last occasion on which the Honorary Colonel, Col. Lamont, M.C., T.D., was to dine with the Regiment in his official capacity. As ever, he touched us in speaking of the Regiment and stressing the pride we should have in its history and traditions. Altogether, over fifty officers and guests dined in Mess, including several ex-C.O.s, the chairman and secretary of the Middlesex Association and the Deputy Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment.

Mention was made in our last notes of the fact that Mr. Turner, bandmaster for so long, was due to retire. May we congratulate Bandmaster Turner on being awarded a Certificate of Service which he so heartily deserves. A successor has been found in Mr. Savage, an ex-Bandmaster of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment who has taken over the reins with firmness and enthusiasm. Every success to him and the band—still a rarity in T.A. Regiments.

Autumn, and the post-camp period generally, will bring with it a spate of recruiting efforts, one imagines. I hope that readers will seriously consider the possibility of rejoining the Regiment. Surely, no one who has been a "Die-Hard" can ever forget his serving days, nor can he think back on them, however recent they may be, without some nostalgia. Turn that nostalgia into reality by joining the Regiment.

August 10 will see an essentially T.A. trek to camp

in Norfolk. For two weeks, the training received in our T.A. Centres will be consolidated and, with live shooting and excursions into the countryside, not to mention those social occasions which make camp so memorable, the Regiment can look forward to an exhilarating time.

"P" Battery

"P" Battery are now well settled at Kingsbury, although Edgware is still the Battery's spiritual home. From "R" Battery we welcome Capt. Keith McDiarmid as our new Battery Captain. An ex-R.A.F. pilot, Capt. McDiarmid maintains his contact with the atmosphere, not to mention the stratosphere, as an official at London airport. Here, it appears, he has found opportunity to liaise with Diana Dors. One begins to understand the efforts which "R" Battery were making to gain a monopoly of the airport.

Exercise "Vigilant" in May provided a very enjoyable week-end for several members of the Battery. O.P. and gun detachments which were close to the sea may have been too cold to really appreciate it of course.

Now an appeal to any members of the old 571 Regiment who may have long memories or historic documents. "P" Battery is descended from the old "Kent and Middlesex A.A. Battalion" of pre-war days. Any information as to the life, activities, etc., of these, our ancestors, would be much appreciated. Please comb attic and cellar and let us know the worst.

"Q" Battery

"Q" Battery, like many week-end commuters, managed to spend a week-end by the sea in July. An imaginative piece of liaison by the B.C. with a colleague of his war years resulted in a fine show of hospitality by the Sussex Yeomanry, who made their H.Q. available to the Battery. Although Brighton is notoriously relaxing, this did not prevent the fulfilment of an interesting training programme—which included a seven-mile map-reading scheme over the Downs and an interesting talk by the resident P.S.I. on his experiences at this year's annual camp. All those who attended were unanimous in their desire that such a week-end should be merely the first in a series. There is apparently no truth in the rumour that two officers are offering to buy all the buses in Brighton.

Once again the Battery owes its thanks to Capt. T. E. Banham for providing some excellent meals. In conclusion, all ranks extend their gratitude to the Sussex Yeomanry for their hospitality.

Two old members of the Battery are welcomed back into the fold—Sgt. Strange (ex-P.S.I.) and Bandmaster Sylvester, both of whom rendered excellent service in the past and will, no doubt, do so in the future. May their new tour be a long and a happy one.

Presentations were made at a farewell party to Sgt. Leete (ex-1st Battalion), Sgt. Barnden (ex-9th Battalion) and Sgt. Walden (ex-1st Battalion). It is with regret that we record the move to the north of B.S.M. Alf Vincent and his consequent resignation. B.S.M. Vincent has a good service record and he was a popular member of the Regiment and of his Mess, of which he was a worthy treasurer. We shall miss him. May the

2IC add a note of appreciation for B.S.M. Vincent that ex-Sgt. Vincent who was engaged with Major D. in a memorable shooting match at Honingham in 1943.)

B.S.M. Ted Lockyer was recently awarded the second clasp to his T.E.M., having first joined the 9th Battalion, "C" Company, at Wealdstone and having served with the Regiment until 1942, when he became a sapper. On May 1, 1947, he rejoined the 9th and he is still amongst us—it must be Flowers' bitter that keeps him going.

"R" Battery

The first week-end in July saw the officers of the Battery enthusiastically engaged in mastering—or rather, re-mastering the arts of gunnery. The officers concerned were particularly impressed by the labour-saving devices which a thoughtful government had ordered to be incorporated in the latest L.A.A. equipment. The week-end has ensured that confident approach to camp which will make for a successful fortnight in Norfolk.

"P" Battery's welcome to Capt. McDiarmid is understandable. We are sorry to lose him and wish him every success in his new appointment.

The 8th Battalion has attracted Sgts. A. J. Holmes and Sanders. We bid them farewell with sorrow, but tinged with pleasure that they are still "Die-Hards."

It would be an anti-climax to be more fulsome on the eve of camp which, no doubt, will produce its crop of "R" Battery successes and selections for showing "How the Other Half lives."

R.E.M.E. Workshop

The Workshop, with the Regiment, played its part in Exercise "Vigilant." This provided us with good experience and was much enjoyed.

The Workshop was represented in the "Hampshire 100" motor-cycle trial. From all accounts he was recommended for the appearance of his machine but, like many others, he came to grief during the trial. Let us hope that the experience will merely stimulate him to repeat his effort.

Lt. Hunter has had to join T.A.R.O. through a reduction in establishment—may he soon have the chance to rejoin. Capt. Riley, a former O.C. of the Unit, has returned to his native land from Canada.

The Unit needs recruits. Perhaps a forthcoming move to the comparatively "lush" premises of the parent unit at Edgware will have some effect.

Camp looms on the horizon—it promises to be more in line with those annual jamborees which our fathers speak of enjoying in the years before the war. Certainly, there will be many men who regret that they are not joining us on August 10.

9th BATTALION O.C.A.

The annual general meeting and dinner of the 9th Middlesex O.C.A. was held at Kingsbury T.A. Centre on May 18, when 130 attended. After the Royal toast had been drunk our President, Col. J. N. Lamont, gave the Regimental toast, in which he announced that next year would be the jubilee year of the T.A., and the following year we would be celebrating the centenary of the formation of the Regiment. He hoped that the

coming reorganisation would not affect our county Regiment.

The C.O., Lt.-Col. A. G. B. Drabble, replied and said the main object of the future would be to maintain numbers and recruit new members. He paid tribute to the good work of the Permanent Staff and bid an official farewell to our Bandmaster (Old Comrade Wally Turner).

"Absent Comrades" was proposed by Major H. Sherwood and a wreath was placed on the war memorial by the joint Hon. Secretaries. After a brief silence the names of those of the O.C.A. whom we had lost were read and in his speech remembered them.

Sir Vyvyan Holt then gave the toast of the O.C.A. and as an ex-officer of the 9th Battalion spoke of the traditions and affection which bind men and women together in the true comradeship of life.

During the evening Col. Lamont presented the Lord Lieutenant's certificate for 15 years' service to B.S.M. A. J. Vincent and the Old Comrades' shooting trophy to Tom Wagstaff.

On the previous evening we were delighted to have a surprise visit by Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks, Lt.-Col. MacFadden and several officers of 571.

Bert Eden from Cape Town sends greetings and best wishes and Bob Packer in Hong Kong regards from the O.C.A. members.

We learn with great regret of the passing of Major Wickens, who as Q.M. at Kingsbury has been a good friend to the O.C.A.

Finally Master Tailor Charles Woodbridge, No. 265140 of the 1st and 2nd/9th, is anxious to get in touch with any former comrades. His address is 1 River View Terrace, Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa.

THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

The first occasion of note since our last contribution was Albuhera Day. This was, of course, celebrated in the normal fashion by our Middlesex contingent, but we were very sorry that May 16 coincided with the departure on three weeks' leave of the C.O. The Colonel and Mrs. Clayton disappeared on what we all thought was a very small boat (and, incidentally, we believe, the cheapest passage!) and, luckily for them, missed the worst weather the colony has had for years. Shortly after their departure the heavens opened and for nearly 14 days we endured torrential rain. On one occasion 28 inches in 24 hours were reported and our parade ground was almost continually under water.

During this period we had a recruit training camp in progress and the half of the Kremlin left in Hong Kong was frequently to be seen wading around trying to find a dry spot for drill and training. The passing-out parade was taken by Lt.-Col. H. Owen-Hughes. Lt.-Col. Owen Hughes will be well remembered by our "Die-Hard" friends and we were all delighted to see him back in the fold after such a long absence. After the parade he was set a small test on an M.M.G. by the Adjutant which involved all the stoppages. He cleared them all blindfold, which goes to prove that machine gunners never forget.

On May 30 the Regiment again had the honour to provide the guard at Government House. This occasion

was marked especially by the appearance on parade of the Corps of Drums on their own. This was the first major ceremony they had taken part in without the support of their rivals, the Regimental Band! For this occasion the rain stopped for the crucial few hours and all went well.

While these notes are being written a typhoon is close by. The rain has already started and the wind is quite high. So it may be that we are in for a further spell of heavy rain and the resulting chaos.

Our only activity that has not been affected by the weather is water polo. We have entered a team in the Colony Championships this year and so far have won all our games. We have also entered two teams in the Army Water Polo League and are in a similar position there. We hope that in the next issue we shall be able to report a completely successful season.

We were all very sorry to have to bid farewell to Mrs. Clayton and Sarah, who have just left us to return to U.K. We shall all miss them very much, but our loss is someone else's gain and we shall doubtless hear of their presence at Middlesex functions in England. We wish them every success and hope that they will have pleasant memories of their stay with us.

Our best wishes to our affiliated Regiment. We look forward to another full report of their doings in this issue. We all hope that before long they will have cured the Cyprus problem and will be able to settle down and enjoy a well-earned rest.



KREMLIN CONFERENCE?

Lt.-Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton (C.O.) and Major C. H. Mieville, M.C. (Adjutant), awaiting the arrival of Lt.-Gen. E. M. Bastyan, K.B.E., C.B., on the occasion of his first official visit to Headquarters.

NEWSLETTER By M.B.

I am grieved to inform the large numbers who knew them that Col. Stanley-Murray and Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe have answered their last call. Both were well known to me and my true friends in every sense of that word. Their obituaries appear elsewhere.

We hear, too, that Major Charles Whinney is suffering from a stroke, which is difficult to realise when one remembers his athletic past. Still, no one is free from such dangers.

Major Josephs, through illness, was unable to attend the "At Home" or the Club dinner. Now few of the former Militia officers of the Regiment are left with us.

I was glad to see "Pip" Ash with her daughter, Pauline, at the "At Home." I remember her when Col. Ash commanded the Depot up to the First World War and she was a young girl. Time passes, indeed.

I learn from Col. Aymar Clayton that Col. Dowbiggin visits England shortly. He is dining at the Depot August 1, where he is always welcome. Aymar and Barbara had not long returned from a visit to Japan and the Philippines. Barbara and her daughter flew home recently and I hope soon to see them. Aymar wrote that his Adjutant, Chris Mieville, deputised for him in his usual reliable manner during his absence.

In June I heard from Hervey del Court in Hermanus in South Africa. He was upset no mention was made of the 4th Battalion in the recent history of our Regiment, but that book was never intended to go back so far. He had tried to get Mrs. Kent, who is Brigadier Baker's daughter and lives in Pinelands, to visit him, but married duties prevented her from doing so.

I have heard from Col. Rooke in Colchester bewailing Col. Ormiston's illness, which has taken him from the 1st Battalion. We all feel that it is indeed a tragedy and hope that some further advancement awaits him when he recovers. Whatever happens to the Army, we shall always need such officers as he.

Col. Rooke is indeed one of the old school to whom our Regiment owes much. He set a standard for us all—and I include myself—which can never fail if we live up to it.

I have been in touch with a close relative of our famous Shadforth of Crimea fame. When his Irish regiment was disbanded he wished to join us. Unfortunately, there were no vacancies, for we lost two battalions ourselves.

In June I heard from Brinley Ayre, serving at Supreme Headquarters near Paris. He has been promoted lieutenant-colonel on the Employed List, as age prevented any hope of command in our Regiment. He is serving in the Logistics Planning Branch. He is still very 57th in spirit, which is right, and hopes anyone passing near his headquarters will contact him with a view to meeting later.

Major Newton (best known as "Newt") wrote me that his eldest son, Carruthers, was marrying on June 18 in a village with an unpronounceable name, 17 miles from Galway on Lough Carib (I hope that is spelt correctly). He hoped some of the Regiment could attend, but it was too far for anyone at home who knew

him in the Regiment to do so. I believe he spends much of his time fishing on Lake Carib!

I have heard much news from Col. Stewart Sutherland, an active member of the Old Comrades' Association in Malaya. I was pleased to hear his plantation has improved, for he has had an arduous and dangerous time. Capt. Pike is the mainstay of their Association, which misses very much Major Dick Smith, now near the Depot, and as full of interest in the Regiment as ever.

I heard from Major Beadnell in Nairobi. His wife is at home, but so far we have not seen her, as we should have wished. I regret to say he has lost the sight of his left eye. However, he can still play golf, that game at which he excels. He hopes to be in the U.K. in 1958.

I have heard from Mrs. Morden, whose son is in Cyprus. Resting at present at Ibadan, Nigeria, she is in touch with Professor Toby, so is in good hands.

I have also heard from Mrs. Hewitt giving me the news from Kumasi, Ashanti in Ghana, and have circularised it. Though sorry her husband left here, I am pleased about his well-deserved promotion.

Martin Weedon, now settled in Sussex, tells me that Lt.-Col. Shadforth, of the "Storming of the Redan" fame, was his maternal great-great uncle. He is deputy chief executive of the Dollar Exports Council, which encourages trade to the Americas and so earns dollars.

I much enjoyed dining with the 511 L.A.A. Regiment on May 17 and met many friends, including Sir Brian Horrocks and Basil Rackham.

I was very sorry to learn recently of the death of my dear friend Bill Heywood's mother at a great age, who, despite the physical infirmities of her years, retained her other faculties to the end.

We were pleased with a visit from Lt.-Col. P. R. Butler, Lady Butler's eldest son. Unluckily, only our friends in the R.E. Postal Services were there to look after him, which they did well. He promised us his father's medals, less his G.C.B., which is, of course, retained for his grandson.

Once again on May 16 the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council permitted our flags to fly over the Middlesex Guildhall, and I received a very kind letter from Mr. Goodacre, the Clerk to the Council, conveying the news.

We were all delighted to hear of Col. Desmond Ellis's promotion on giving up command of our 7th Battalion, where he was an outstanding success.

Ken Clayden, at H.Q. Ghana Military Forces at Accra, writes that he is very happy.

EXTRACTS FROM "LONDON GAZETTE"

May 24, 1957

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of services in Malaya for the period July 1 to December 31, 1956:

22590943 Cpl. Thomas George Lambkin, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that Major R. W. D. Sword, M.C. (retired), be mentioned in the *London Gazette*, July 19, 1957, in recognition of

distinguished service in Kenya during the period April, 1955, to November, 1956.

July 23, 1957

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following to be appointed additional Members of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished services in Cyprus during the period January 1 to June 30, 1957:

Major Denzil Clinton Leslie Nolda (88001), The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

Capt. (Q.M.) Albert Edward Frank Waldron (434710), The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Cyprus for the period January 1 to June 30, 1957:

July 2, 1957

Commands and staffs: Capt. R. M. Cain (389245), The Middlesex Regiment.

The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own):

Major J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D. (87987).

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REORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH ARMY

By ARTHUR BRYANT

(Extract from "Illustrated London News" dated August 10, 1957)

A dozen years after the Battle of Waterloo and the end of Britain's long struggle against Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington complained that there were scarcely enough troops in England to bury a field marshal. A similar reduction of our military forces has occurred sooner or later—usually sooner than later—after every major war. Secure, or supposing themselves to be secure behind their encircling seas, the British have treated their fine professional Army as an unwanted luxury, reduced its size and equipment, and usually its training facilities, far below the level dictated by elementary prudence and so confronted their military leaders and ill-starred troops at the outset of the next war with the most harrowing dilemmas and calamitous situations. The fundamental cause of the retreat to Dunkirk, of the retreat from Mons, of the sufferings and blunders of the Crimea, were not so much the machinations and ambitions of Continental militarists as the incorrigible improvidence of British politicians and electors.

From the ultimate—and deserved—consequences of these disasters Britain has repeatedly been saved in the past by two factors. One has been her command of the sea and, in the last war, of her command as well of the air over the sea. The other has been the astonishing tenacity and resilience of the individual units of her minute and neglected Regular Army. "These," wrote A. E. Housman in 1914,

"In the day when heaven was falling,
The hour when earth's foundations fled,
Followed their mercenary calling
And took their wages and are dead.
Their shoulders held the sky suspended;
They stood, and earth's foundations stay;

What God abandoned, these defended,
And saved the sum of things for pay" *

It was unreasonable, however, of the poet to have attributed the blame for that Army's—and the civilised world's—predicament to the Almighty. For "God," in his penultimate line, Housman might more justly have written, "the British Parliament and people" †.

Twice in our own lifetime Britain has despatched her professional Army to the Continent to fight against almost impossible odds. Twice we have seen that Army rescued at the eleventh hour from almost certain disaster by its own superb constancy and courage in adversity. Writing of what he describes as "the indescribable quality of detachment and staunchness of the British soldier" during the fighting retreat to Dunkirk, Lord Alanbrooke has said of him, "he can sympathise with misery, he can rub shoulders with demoralised allies and suffer on their account, he can be subjected to untold fatigues and hardships in the face of disaster, and yet none of these factors affect his balance. . . . It is this factor more than any other that has saved us from many disasters and contributed most to the successes of the British Army. Never have I had greater admiration, respect and affection for the British soldier than during those anxious days of our retirement from Louvain to Dunkirk" ‡.

Yet it would be a mistake—and what happened on the road to Dunkirk had happened many times before in our history—to attribute such virtue in the British soldier merely to the innate courage of the British race. Britons, untrained and unschooled for it, are just as capable of behaving badly in the face of danger as anyone else. It has been discipline, training, above all *esprit de corps* which, superimposed on certain basic and hereditary dispositions in our people, have enabled British soldiers to achieve the impossible when all the odds seemed against them. And in British fighting men, above all in British soldiers, pride of corps has always attached most strongly to the small unit, to what Sir Thomas Browne, I think, called "the little platoon." In the British Army that unit, for historical reasons, has always been the Regiment. Round the organisation and transmitted traditions of a few thousand, or even a few hundred, men has grown a wonderful and continuing pride and loyalty which again and again has caused ordinary men to transcend their own natures and attain to the very highest peaks of nobility and sacrifice of which humanity is capable. In how many apparently hopeless fights against odds has defeat been averted or victory won because the officers and men of some particular Regiment have refused to give in or yield ground when their doing so would have fallen short of the highest traditions of their corps or have shamed them in the eyes of some other Regiment? "There we unflinchingly stood," wrote Capt. Leslie of the Worcesters on the stricken field of Albuhera, "and there we unflinchingly fell," for around the 29th were their peers of the 31st, the 48th and the 57th (who on that day won their proud title of "Die Hards") and none of them would give ground in the presence

* "Last Poems." By A. E. Housman. (Grant Richards, p. 71.)

† "The Turn of the Tide." (Collins, p. 139.)

of the others. And on the same battlefield, as another eye-witness described in one of the great passages of English literature, the Royal Fusiliers and Royal Welch Fusiliers contended with one another in glorious rivalry as they advanced up the hill against Soult's massed artillery and battalions. "Suddenly and sternly recovering, they closed on their terrible enemies, and then was seen with what a strength and majesty the British soldier fights."

This pride in corps and the perennial education in virtue and valour for which it has been responsible—the very cement of the British Army's greatness—has been even more important for the Infantry than for the other branches of the Army. The artilleryman, wrote General Wimberley who commanded the Highland Division at Alamein, has his gun, the cavalryman his horse or tank, the sailor his ship, the airman his aircraft, but the infantryman has nothing on which to base constancy in the hour of testing but his *esprit de corps*. It is because this has been so pronounced a feature of the British Army's training and administration that the British Infantry's reputation stands so high.

It is in the light of all this that the reorganisation of the British Army, and, above all, of the historic British Line of Infantry, that has now been imposed on that Army by the Government's decision to reduce our Fighting Forces must be considered, and, mercifully, has been considered. "No one who knew soldiers and their peculiar way of thinking," wrote Lord Wolseley, "or who was acquainted with the little trifles that go to make up pride of Regiment and that form, as it were, a link between it and discipline would ever deprive a soldier of any peculiarity that he prides himself on without having some overpowering reason for doing so." No one who knows the present C.I.G.S. and his record could ever imagine that he would be a party to any reorganisation of the Army that needlessly deprived the fighting man of such aids. In the changes that have been announced, Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer—himself an infantryman and the devoted son of a great Infantry Regiment—and his colleagues on the Army Council have clearly done their best to sacrifice as little as possible of the traditions and *esprit de corps* that have sustained so many generations of British soldiers. In their proposals, distasteful though many of these necessarily are, they have shown great ingenuity and imagination. No Infantry Regiment of the Line has been disbanded, and, though the cap-badges of individual Regiments have been discarded in favour of the new Brigades, the Regiments will continue to carry most of their other distinguishing marks and to pursue their separate existences both in their Regular and now brigaded battalions and in their still separate Territorial battalions. Yet the decision—I am convinced a wise one—to prefer amalgamation to disbandment—will involve loss of individual identity for no fewer than 30 out of the 64 historic Regiments of the Line. Among them are all the County Regiments of the south-west of England—because of sparsity of population a difficult recruiting area in peacetime: the Devons, the Dorsets (the Regiment that at Plassey laid the foundations of British India), the Wiltshires, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and the Somerset Light

Infantry. I have no doubt that in the fullness of time the new Regiments into which these proud and splendid fighting units are to be merged will evolve joint traditions as educative and glorious as those of their parent Regiments. But to anyone who knows something of the history of the south-west and its military traditions the enforced changes involved must produce for a time a sense of shock almost as grave as would the fall of Salisbury spire or the disappearance into the sea of Golden Cap.

Biographical Record of Regular Officers, The Middlesex Regiment

(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

With the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment, an attempt is to be made to compile a biographical record of Regular officers of the 57th and 77th and, later, the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

This task will be undertaken by Col. Green and Major Pearce Gould, who will welcome any information and assistance over this matter. Naturally, it will entail considerable research, particularly over those earlier officers of the 57th and 77th. Proforma will shortly be sent to all serving and retired Regular officers and to known relatives of deceased Regular officers requesting certain information.

Any reader of "The Die-Hards" who can supply information under the following headings are kindly asked to send it to: The Secretary, The Regimental Association, Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, or to Col. A. E. Green, 252 Nithsdale Road, Glasgow, S.1:

Full names.

Place and date of birth.

Parentage. Particularly any Regimental connection.

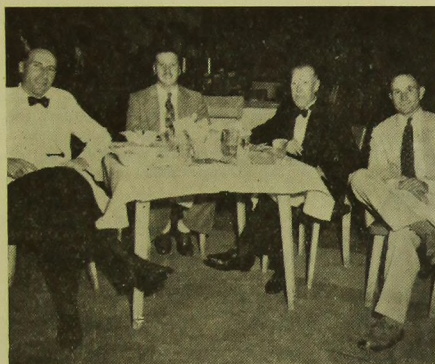
School, university (and college) and any degree or distinction gained.

Year of marriage and full name of wife; number of children (sons or daughters). Particularly any Regimental connection.

Date of Regular commission and highest rank held.

Record of military service, particularly of active service, battles at which present, medals or decorations, or mentions in despatches. "Service in the ranks," if any, is particularly asked.

This information will be carefully recorded and later it is hoped to publish this record.



The "remnants" left over on account of flu and ops. to attend our Dinner, May 16, 1957, in Kuala Lumpur, Selangor. Capt. David Pike (attached 2nd Malay), W.O.s Stacey and Cubitt, Major G. Stewart Sutherland.

DEPOT POST BOX

Capt. J. I. D. Pike, 2nd Battalion The Malay Regiment, Taiping, Perak, Malaya, has sent us a photograph (reproduced) of what must have been one of the smallest Regimental reunions on record. He estimates that there are some 25 "Die-Hards" in Malaya, but distance and an influenza epidemic resulted in this dismal attendance. Still, no matter, Albuhera Day was celebrated many miles from home and it is the spirit that counts, not the circumstances beyond man's control. So good luck to the Malayan Branch of the O.C.A. and may you be more fortunate next year.

Major A. E. Peasley, in Hong Kong, was more fortunate, as can be seen from the other group who celebrated Albuhera Day at the Hong Kong Cricket Club. We send them our greetings, too.

210th BATTALION, THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, O.C.A.

The above Association is anxious to contact any members of the 2nd/10th Battalion (1914-18), who may be unaware that this organisation exists for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the spirit of good comradeship amongst Old Comrades of the Battalion. Two gatherings are held annually—a Service of Remembrance on the evening of each Armistice Sunday at Chiswick Parish Church, The Mall, W.4 (where the Battalion Colours are deposited and the Memorial is erected), and an annual dinner held each spring. Notices of these arrangements are sent to all known members, but there are probably many with whom contact has been lost, but who would welcome an opportunity for reunion with Old Comrades.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. D. Scudamore of 209, Sheen Lane, W.14) would be very pleased to hear from any 4th/10th man not receiving their regular notices; all can be assured of a very warm welcome by old friends, to whom after 43 years the "Batt." remains a treasured memory of good comradeship and endeavour.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT GOLFING SOCIETY

The Spring Golf Meeting was held at Hendon Golf Club on Thursday, May 2, 1957. The weather was kind and Hendon Golf Club made us very welcome. Among the distinguished spectators it was very nice to see Col. Maurice Browne and Col. Samuel, who, by their encouragement and amusement at some of our less successful efforts, added greatly to the day's enjoyment. It is felt that these meetings are one of the best forms of happy reunions and well repay the effort of attending by both serving and retired officers, be they golfers or non-performing critics. It is greatly to be regretted that the numbers playing and watching are growing smaller each year.

As usual, our hard-working and efficient Secretary, Major A. W. Clark, had all the competitions beautifully organised and the early pairs were away to time in glorious sunshine. A few threatening clouds which gathered later dispersed themselves without ill effect and the conditions all day were perfect. Major J. Bywaters showed that he could take good advantage of them and, playing splendid golf, returned a net 79 to win both the scratch and handicap prizes. To break 80 round Hendon, in any conditions, is no mean achievement and it is to be hoped that the Regimental handicapping committee will take notice that a gross 71 is two strokes better than the standard scratch score. Gen. Bucknall, newly home from salmon fishing in Ireland (and also from a visit to South Africa, where it is understood that he had been playing golf daily with Bobby Locke the second, alias Col. Hervey del Court), exerted his Colonel's prerogative and insisted that his card should be torn up at the seventh, the long hole beside the cemetery! Major P. D. H. Marshall and Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat, in an exciting match, playing together, tied for the divot. This is the first time in the history of the Society that a tie has ever been recorded for this award. No precedent existed for such an emergency and a hastily gathered committee ruled that the highest, not the lowest, score on the last nine holes should be the deciding factor. This decision brought the prize back, by one stroke only, to this year's donor, Major Jeffcoat, who will have the privilege of again providing the divot next year.

After an excellent lunch foursomes on the Stapleford system provided some most enjoyable entertainment. Capt. R. E. Guest and Capt. J. N. Woodbridge, playing strictly to the former's somewhat severe instructions, were able to amass 24 points, which made them easy winners of the much coveted shining tankards.

The absence of Col. John Worton, who had been rushed to Fleet General Hospital for an emergency appendix operation only a fortnight before, was one of the few sad features of the meeting, but our Secretary remembered to send him a telegram demanding a speedy recovery and Major Clayden brought the good news that he is making very good progress.

We were very glad to welcome a new member to the Society in the person of Capt. J. N. Woodbridge, formerly of the 8th Battalion and now living at Uxbridge. His brave putt across the whole length of the last green, in the afternoon, in accordance with orders, will long be remembered.



Front row (left to right): Mr. T. W. Carr, Major G. W. P. Hodding, Major A. E. Peasley, Lt.-Col. H. Owen-Hughes, O.B.E., E.D., Major I. R. Burrows, O.B.E., Major H. A. de B. Botelho, M.B.E., E.D., Mr. H. M. Howell, C.S.M. Moreton.

Rear row (left to right): Mr. Neve, Mr. Rotclands, Major C. H. Mieville, M.C., Mr. J. Lapsky, Mr. E. A. Bull, M.M., Lt. W. T. J. Lane, M.B.E., Major C. E. W. Clenshaw, R.E.

To the older members it was a great pleasure to see the head groundsman, Mason, now in his forty-seventh year with Hendon Golf Club, watching the play. He has always been a strong supporter of the Regiment and we hope that next spring he will be there again to greet us, when perhaps our numbers will be larger. If the damage to the course is correspondingly greater, Mason's hand will quickly heal it, as it has frequently done to the Depot cricket ground in the past.

SCRATCH CUP

1. Major J. Bywaters	79
2. Colonel M. Crawford	85
3. Captain J. N. Woodbridge	89
4. Captain R. E. Guest	91
5. Major S. C. Jay	97

SCORES

HANDICAP CUP

1. Major J. Bywaters	79-8 = 71
2. Col. M. Crawford	85-12 = 73
3. Capt. R. E. Guest	91-15 = 76
4. Capt. J. N. Woodbridge	89-12 = 77
5. Major C. N. Clayden	101-24 = 77
6. Major S. E. Honess	100-20 = 80
7. Major H. N. McL. Martin	105-24 = 81
8. Col. A. E. Green	106-24 = 82
9. Major S. C. Jay	97-15 = 82
10. Brigadier G. Lerwill	105-18 = 87
11. Major P. D. H. Marshall	128-24 = 104
Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat	128-24 = 104

No returns from Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall and Capt. N. B. McIvor.

FOURSOMES

(Stapleford scoring)

1. Capt. R. E. Guest and Capt. J. N. Woodbridge ..	24 points
2. Major C. N. Clayden and Col. N. Crawford ..	21 "
3. Capt. N. B. McIvor and Major H. N. McL. Martin ..	20 "
Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall and Major S. C. Jay ..	20 "
5. Major S. E. Honess and Major P. D. H. Marshall ..	17 "
6. Col. A. E. Green and Brigadier G. Lerwill ..	16 "
7. Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat and Major J. Bywaters ..	13 "

CRICKET WEEK, 1957

The most satisfactory thing about the Cricket Week this year was the weather. We were defeated in every match and in three by a large margin.

This was due to a combination of players being unable to play for a variety of reasons, to lack of practice of some of those who did play and to one or two casualties during play. As it was, we were lucky to have three recruits at the Depot waiting to go to Eaton Hall—Ptes. Dobson, McMillan and Waters—who all played very well.

We looked at one time like winning the Foresters match, with six of their wickets down for 70. Their seventh wicket put on 98 and they eventually made 225. When we batted, Unwin and Martin Weedon, whom it was nice to see playing again, looked as if they might get the runs. After they were out, however, it was a struggle for a draw and our last wicket fell with five minutes to go.

Against Hampstead Heathens on Sunday our batting broke down and we were heavily defeated.

On Monday we made 188 against the Cryptics, Ptes. Waters and McMillan batting admirably for 43 and 29. After a slight argument between Weston and Green as to which was the better bat, seniority won and Weston went in No. 9 with Green No. 10. They added 29 most valuable and entertaining runs, but it was not quite enough and we lost by four wickets.

The next day against the Incogniti McMillan made a very good 74 and Unwin 35 out of a total of 181, but we were beaten by six wickets.

The final day against the I.Z. we were bowled out for 74, which they passed for the loss of one wicket, a rather unsatisfactory finish to a delightful week, in spite of the results.

The Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) v. Hampstead Heathens THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)

Major Weedon, b Duncan	4
Pte. Dobson, c Smith, b Wait	5
Pte. McMillan, lbw, b Smith	24
Capt. Wollocombe, c Shuttleworth, b Wait	2
Lt.-Col. Unwin, b Smith	0
Lt. Kay, b Smith	0
Major Honess, b Skene	23
Major Clayden, run out	0
Col. Green, b Wait	0
Lt. Highton, b Robertson	18
Mr. Cullen, not out	6
Extras	17

Total (for 10 wks) 105
Bowling: Wait, 3 for 29; Duncan, 1 for 10; Smith, 3 for 12; Skene, 1 for 18; Robertson, 1 for 19.

HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

Shuttleworth, c Dobson, b Cullen	27
Stafford, hit wkt, b Cullen	43
Unwin, c Cullen, b Highton	55
Robertson, st Dobson, b Wollocombe	34
Warr, c Kay, b Cullen	10
Bush, b Cullen	16
Duncan, c Highton, b Clayden	0
Wait, b Clayden	9
Skene, not out	10
Smith, did not bat	0
Extras	11

Total (for 8 wks) 215

Bowling: Highton, 1 for 41; Unwin, 0 for 9; Clayden, 2 for 59; Cullen, 4 for 56; McMillan, 0 for 17; Honess, 0 for 10; Wollocombe, 1 for 12.

Result: Lost by 110 runs.

The Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) v. Free Foresters FREE FORESTERS

Allen, b Highton	1
Crabtree, c Dobson, b Highton	58
Marriott, b Highton	2
Rawlings, b Unwin	4
Pense, c Dobson, b Highton	0
Buchan, b McMillan	39
Boyce, c Dobson, b Cullen	4
Baiss, c Clayden, b Highton	79
Norton, not out	21
Matheson, c Dobson, b Cullen	0
Henry, c Dobson, b Cullen	6
Extras	11

Total (for 10 wks) 225

Bowling: Unwin, 1 for 33; Highton, 5 for 95; Cullen, 3 for 43; McMillan, 1 for 34; Clayden, 0 for 9.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)

Major Pearce-Gould, b Rawlings	0
Pte. Dobson, c Buchan, b Marriott	5
Major Weedon, c Buchan, b Norton	25
Lt.-Col. Unwin, b Norton	47
Lt. Kay, b Rawlings	1
Major Honess, lbw, b Rawlings	0
Major Clayden, c and b Rawlings	16

Pte. McMillan, not out	26
Capt. Attrill, b Norton	22
Lt. Highton, c Buchan, b Norton	5
Mr. Cullen, lbw, b Henry	0
Extras	11

Total (for 10 wks) 158

Bowling: Rawlings, 4 for 75; Marriott, 1 for 17; Norton, 4 for 45; Henry, 1 for 10.

Result: Lost by 67 runs.

The Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) v. Cryptics THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)

Pte. Walters, c O'Callaghan, b Toon	43
Major Pearce-Gould, c Foot, b Marshal	4
Capt. Goldman, c O'Callaghan, b Marshal	24
Capt. Wollocombe, c Cavoli, b Marshal	24
Pte. McMillan, run out	29
Pte. Dobson, c Foot, b Toon	7
Major Honess, b Marshal	2
Major Clayden, b Toon	13
Brigadier Weston, c O'Callaghan, b Melluish	25
Robinson, did not bat	7
Mr. Cullen, b Marshal	1
Extras	25

Total (for 10 wks) 188

Bowling: Toon, 3 for 51; Marshal, 5 for 55; Foot, 0 for 15; Melluish, 1 for 42.

CRYPTICS

O'Callaghan, c Honess, b Cullen	8
Keach, c McMillan, b Clayden	34
Proctor, b McMillan	32
Carr, c Weston, b Cullen	3
Carroll, b Cullen	40
Hawkins, not out	39
Craford, b Cullen	1
Foot, not out	9
Toon, did not bat	0
Marshal, did not bat	0
Melluish, did not bat	0
Extras	14

Total (for 6 wks) 180

Bowling: McMillan, 1 for 47; Cullen, 4 for 44; Wollocombe, 0 for 46; Weston, 0 for 19; Clayden, 1 for 19.

Result: Lost by 4 wks.

The Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) v. Incogniti THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)

Pte. Walters, b Batcock	17
Pte. Dobson, b Batcock	7
Pte. McMillan, c Brown, b Batcock	74
Lt.-Col. Unwin, c Jaeger, b Harvey	35
Capt. Wollocombe, b Harvey	6
Major Pearce-Gould, c Brook, b Harvey	4
Major Clayden, c Harvey, b Batcock	12
Brigadier Weston, lbw, b Batcock	1
Col. Green, c Harvey, b Batcock	0
Cpl. Raffael, c Tolhurst, b Batcock	10
Mr. Cullen, not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 10 wks) 181

Bowling: Batcock, 7 for 54; Harvey, 3 for 90; Brooks, 0 for 16; Hanna, 0 for 14.

INCOGNITI

Prentice, c Cullen, b Unwin	0
O'Callaghan, c Dobson, b Cullen	67
Brooks, c Cullen, b Unwin	5
Shirley, not out	72
Hanna, b Cullen	36
Harvey, not out	0
Tolhurst, did not bat	0
Brown, did not bat	0
Rimbault, did not bat	0
Batcock, did not bat	0
Jaeger, did not bat	0
Extras	4

Total (for 4 wks) 184

Bowling: Unwin, 2 for 37; McMillan, 0 for 41; Cullen, 2 for 36; Wollocombe, 0 for 33; Raffael, 0 for 25; Weston, 0 for 8.

Result: Lost by 6 wks.

The Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.) v. I. Zingari THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.)

Lt.-Col. Clowes, b Robinson	3
Pte. Dobson, st Morgan	33
Pte. Waters, b Robinson	5
Pte. McMillan, b Robinson	0
Lt.-Col. Unwin, c Leslie, b Robinson	0
Capt. Wollocombe, c and b Leslie	15
Major Pearce-Gould, c Leslie	0
Cpl. Raffael, b Leslie	1
Col. Green, played on, b Morgan	5
Brigadier Weston, c and b Leslie	5
Mr. Cullen, not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 10 wks) 74

Bowling: Leslie, 3 for 29; Robinson, 4 for 20; Morgan, 3 for 18.

I. ZINGARI

Cazalet, b Cullen	23
Wilson, c and b McMillan	10
Mitchell, c McMillan, b Weston	86
Roberts, b McMillan	77
Mellor, c Dobson, b McMillan	5
Stewart-Brown, not out	5
Morgan, b Weston	1
Corbett, b McMillan	14
Robinson, did not bat	0
Leslie, did not bat	0
Extras	10

Total (for 7 wks) 231

Bowling: Unwin, 0 for 21; McMillan, 4 for 37; Cullen, 1 for 53; Raffael, 0 for 17; Wollocombe, 0 for 42; Weston, 2 for 51.

Result: Lost by 157 runs.

OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The club dinner took place on Friday, July 19, at the United Service Club under the chairmanship of Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, Colonel of the Regiment. We were proud to have as our guest the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex, Sir Frederick Handley Page, C.B.E. The following members attended:

Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen	Capt. A. N. Jordan
Brigadier E. E. F. Baker	Major R. A. Kaye
Capt. M. E. Baldwin	Major G. W. Kempster
Capt. C. H. T. Barber	Col. J. N. Lamont
Major I. H. Battye	Capt. R. J. Leighton
Capt. S. R. Bonnamy	Brigadier G. Lerwill
Capt. D. B. Brooks	Col. J. K. Maitland
Lt.-Col. R. D. Brotherton	Col. A. M. Man
Col. M. Browne	Lt. A. E. McManus
Major A. W. Clark	Lt.-Col. T. L. Marks
Major C. N. Clayden	Lt. P. S. Marsden
Lt.-Col. H. W. Clayden	Major P. D. H. Marshall
Lt. H. E. Couch	Lt.-Col. A. B. McQueen
Capt. J. G. Dawe	Col. N. Moller
Capt. W. R. Dawe	Major P. F. Newman
Lt.-Col. J. T. Dear	Major P. L. Pearce Gould
Major J. Doble	Capt. A. G. Petrie
Col. W. D. Ellis	Capt. B. A. M. Pielow
Capt. H. J. Evans	Lt. J. S. B. Pollard
Major H. Farrow	Major P. D. Powell
Brigadier E. W. C. Flavell	Col. A. Pritchard
Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox	Lt.-Col. T. H. Reddy
Capt. J. de Gave	Capt. B. St. G. A. Reed
Major G. P. Glanville	Brigadier B. B. Rackham
Lt. E. C. Graham	Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins
Col. H. W. C. Gray	Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts
Capt. R. E. Guest	Capt. G. S. Rutherford
Brigadier R. A. Gwyn	Lt.-Col. E. W. F. de Salis
Major P. J. Hall	Capt. K. Scott Simpson
Major J. A. Hamilton	Col. R. D. Sherbrooke Walker
Major H. K. Hardcastle	Major H. Sherwood
Major G. Hartley	Major S. H. Short
Col. F. L. Hedgecoe	Lt. H. M. Talbot-Price
Major E. L. Heywood	Brigadier O. H. Tidbury
Lt. D. W. Hogg	Capt. W. Ward
Major F. G. Hogg	Capt. C. G. Webber
Capt. A. Holmes	Major G. W. Webber
Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian G. Horrocks	Capt. S. C. W. Weller
Major R. D. Hutchings	Brigadier G. P. L. Weston
Major S. C. Jay	Col. J. E. F. Willoughby
Capt. H. J. Jennings	

OFFICERS' CLUB "AT HOME"

The "At Home" was held this year at the Depot Officers' Mess on Saturday, July 13, when some 100 attended, the company consisting of members and their wives and friends, and we were once again happy to welcome widows of our past members.

DEATHS

CLARKE.—Ex-Pte. C. E. Clarke died on May 23. The Association was represented at his funeral and a wreath in Regimental colours was sent.

CRANE.—Ex-L/Cpl. C. W. Crane died on June 10, and at his own request a bugler from the Depot attended his funeral to sound the Last Post and Reveille. A wreath was also sent.

STANLEY-MURRAY.—On May 28 Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., died at his home in Jersey, where he was buried privately.

SHAW.—Capt. W. Stanley Shaw died at his home in Shortlands, Kent, at the age of 88 on June 12, and his funeral on June 17 was attended by an officer from the Depot.

WOLLOCOMBE.—On July 4, at his home in Farnham, Surrey, Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. Brigadier Procter represented the Association at his funeral.

COWLEY.—Major L. D. Cowley, who served with our 2nd Battalion in France in the Second World War, collapsed and died suddenly on July 9 and was buried privately on July 15.

SPOONER.—Ex-Pte. A. Spooner died on July 16 at Kingston Hospital, but the notification was received too late for us to be represented at his funeral, but a letter of condolence has been sent to his widow.

CARTWRIGHT.—Col. H. A. Cartwright, C.M.G., M.C., Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur of George, died in Cape Province, South Africa, on July 30, aged 70 years.

BELLERS.—On August 9, 1957, Laura Margaret Bellers, of Harlyn Bay, Padstow, Cornwall, dearly beloved wife of the late Col. E. V. Bellers, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), aged 84.

OBITUARY

BT. COL. HAROLD EVELYN STANLEY-MURRAY, M.C.

By Col. M. Browne

Col. Stanley-Murray, whose service was mainly in the Royal Scots, from which regiment he was accelerated into the Middlesex Regiment to command the 2nd Battalion in 1928, died in Jersey on May 31, 1957.

Born on February 8, 1879, he was first commissioned on September 3, 1902. He took the 2nd Battalion to Khartoum in early 1931 and to Colchester in December of the same year, where I took over command from him in March, 1933, when he was placed on half-pay.

We were surprised to learn of his death, for he had always been fit and strong, and I am sorry he has gone, for he was always very kind to me. Despite a caustic and satirical manner, his heart was warm and kind.

Brigadier Weston will remember how on being presented to him, as his new C.O., he was asked if "he had found his feet." On affirming that he had, he was

dismissed with a curt "Well, use them!" Many of us who served with him will remember exciting occasions when guards turned out to him on his arrival at the Battalion office, and as for fire drill exercises—well, most amazing scenes were staged which are spoken of to this day. His ill humour never lasted long, though. He recovered his normal outlook on life in a few moments.

LT.-COL. T. S. WOLLOCOMBE

Many retired members of the Regiment and some of those still serving who knew him personally will have learned with deep regrets of the sudden death of Lt.-Col. T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., at his home in Farnham on July 4.

Thomas Stafford Wollocombe, known to most of his friends as "Wollo," was a Devonian born at Lewdown, near Launceston, on February 6, 1888, and was educated at Wellington College and the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

He joined the 4th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), then stationed at Londonderry on August 19 1908, and was posted to "F" Company, commanded by the late Capt. H. E. Welch. He continued to serve as a Company officer at Tidworth, Aldershot and Devonport until in February, 1913, he was selected for, and appointed, Adjutant to the Battalion. This selection was made by Lt.-Col. Amyet Hull (later Lt.-Gen. Sir Amyet Hull), who not only required, but also demanded, the highest efficiency in all his special appointments, and it was a great compliment to Wollocombe's efficiency as a soldier to be selected by him.

The 4th Battalion was one of the first British units to open action against the Germans at Mons in 1914. Wollocombe was still Adjutant and continued with the Battalion throughout the withdrawal and the subsequent readvance to the Aisne. He was promoted Captain in December, 1914, and was wounded in May, 1915. In May, 1916, he was posted to the 11th Service Battalion of the Regiment serving in France as a Major and was promoted to command in February, 1917.

He continued in command of the 11th Battalion until it was disbanded early in 1918 and was then appointed to the command of a battalion of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

During the years after the war he served with the 2nd Battalion in India and for two years of this service he held the appointment of Chief Instructor at the Small Arms School, India.

He was twice wounded during the 1914-18 war, awarded the Military Cross in 1916, a Brevet majority in 1918 and was three times mentioned in despatches. He finally retired from the Army as a substantive Lieutenant-Colonel in 1936.

What most people who knew him well will remember of "Wollo" was his quiet, even-tempered and pleasing personality; the ever-ready smile and outstretched hand whenever he met a friend.

He made his personality felt from the first, he was extremely popular in the 4th Battalion and in the other units in which he served.

His success as a Commanding Officer was most apparent when one saw the esteem and regard in which

he was held on the occasions when he attended reunion gatherings of the 11th Battalion.

His chief hobbies were all kinds of sport and games, particularly cricket, a game to which he was devoted and which he largely helped to foster in the Regiment.

He leaves a widow and three sons, the eldest of whom is now serving in the Regiment. There is no doubt that all his old friends will wish to join in offering to them our deepest sympathy.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 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., Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, Major P. D. H. Marshall (Vice Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton), Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, R.S.M. E. Pike, R.S.M. T. McMillan, C.S.M. F. Firman. In attendance, Mrs. P. Brooks (Vice 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. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., R.S.M. J. A. Thom, Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., Mr. G. H. E. Duffield. The Chairman, when opening the Meeting, welcomed Colonel Hedgecoe, who had kindly consented to accept nomination to the Committee to represent the 4th Battalion.

The Chairman also reminded all members that great regret was felt that illness had prevented the attendance of the Secretary, and he believed it was the first occasion that Major Clark had not been present.

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, subject to consideration by the Chairman and Major Hardcastle of the terms of the appeal letters circulated with a view to their revision or abolition in future, in the light of the new rules to be adopted by the Association.

3. *Finance Committee's Report.* Lt.-Col. Fox, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that due to extra expenditure and slight over-investment, it had been necessary for the Finance Committee to realise a few securities, and Minute 1 of the Finance Committee's Meeting which recorded these transactions was approved.

Lt.-Col. Fox also informed the Committee that a letter had been received from the Union Jack Club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in July, and stated that the Finance Committee had recommended that a donation of £25 be made this year, but it should be clearly understood that this was not an annual subscription. This donation was approved.

4. *War Memorial Report.* Brigadier Rackham explained the Report of the War Memorial Committee which had been circulated with the Agenda. In regard to item 5, he reported that a further £1 had been received off the arrears of rent owed by Mr. Barber and the balance was now £6 4s. 9d. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Barber be called upon to meet the entire balance of £6 4s. 9d., plus the costs of £31 2s. 2d., total £38 6s. 11d., and that the decision of this Committee be conveyed to him. The position regarding further repayments to be reported at a later meeting. In regard to item 6, Brigadier Rackham reported that the Parson family had now given notice and had removed from the house they occupied in Albuherra Close.

Major Battye informed the meeting that the next name on the short list of applicants was that of Mr. W. C. T. Pope, who had been interviewed and wished to accept tenancy of the vacant house, and it was hoped that he would take over this coming week-end. Col. Roberts asked if in this case any expense would be involved in redecorating the house or any repairs, as in the case of the house Barber had vacated, but Brigadier Rackham informed the meeting that the house was in good order.

It was agreed that Mr. Pope and his wife should move in, it of course being understood that they would first sign the agreement and the supplementary agreement with regard to the position on the death of the tenant.

With regard to the short list of applicants, Major Battye pointed out that only one name remained on the list, and asked if the Committee thought it proper for a further short list to be compiled. After discussion it was decided that this matter be left to the discretion of the sub-committee.

The Committee accepted the report.

6. *Journal Committee's Report.* Major Battye reported that the position with regard to the Journal was unchanged, and that steps were still being taken to keep down costs, without lowering the standard of the publication.

7. *To Approve the Draft Rules of the Association.* Major Hard-

castle reported that he had obtained an estimate from Gale & Polden for printing copies of the new Rules, and after discussion it was agreed that 250 copies, with badge printed on outer cover, be ordered at a cost of £27 7s. 6d. It was agreed that the date of the last meeting, March 1957, be printed on the Rules as date of adoption.

Major Hardcastle further pointed out that in accordance with the previous Rules it was necessary for written agreement to be obtained from ex-officio members of the Committee to the new Rules, and it was agreed that a draft resolution should be sent to all ex-officio members for signature and return. The Secretary was instructed to compile the list of ex-officio members to which this resolution be sent. Finally, it was agreed that the Rules be formally adopted at the Annual General Meeting it is proposed to hold prior to the Annual Reunion on October 25, 1957.

8. *Regimental Reunion.* The Chairman informed the Committee that Seymour Hall had once again been booked for the Reunion which was to be held on Friday, October 25, and that Nat Temple and His Orchestra had been engaged for the evening.

As it was proposed that an Annual General Meeting should be held on this same evening, the Secretary was instructed to reserve the Committee Room at Seymour Hall from 7 p.m. for this purpose. It was also agreed that the Agenda for the meeting be printed on the reverse of the ticket of admittance. Items on the Agenda to be:

- (1) Acceptance of Accounts.
- (2) Adoption of the Rules.
- (3) Possibility of Annual Dinner.

9. *Proposal of Mr. Duffield Regarding All Ranks Dinner.* After discussion it was proposed by Col. Allen, seconded by Col. Roberts and carried unanimously, that this matter be referred to the Annual General Meeting to ascertain whether sufficient support would be forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 2, 1957, at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, S.W.1.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
June 12, 1957.

OFFICERS' CLUB

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1957, at 4 p.m. APPROXIMATELY.

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., Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, Major P. D. H. Marshall (Vice Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton), Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood. In attendance, Mrs. P. Brooks (Vice Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary)).

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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. In regard to the altered date of the Club Dinner, Col. Fox explained that he had, after consulting the Colonel of the Regiment, taken this step as the original date clashed with the date of Territorial Camp, and so enabled the 7th Battalion officers to attend. The Committee were in full agreement.

3. *Club Tie.* Further to Minute 7 of the last meeting, after discussion the Chairman agreed to go into this matter with the Colonel of the Regiment.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
June 12, 1957.

SUBSTANTIVE ROLL, W.O.s, COLOUR-SERGEANTS AND SERGEANTS

Bde. Pos.	Number	Rank	Name	Date of Promotion	Last Known Station
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS I					
11	5837545	W.O.1	M. Wild	December 7, 1954	1 Mx.
17	5619855	W.O.1	T. McMillan	January 29, 1957	8 Mx.
52	1520025	A/W.O.1	J. Thom	May 26, 1957	7 Mx.
58	6211991	A/W.O.1	A. Kenrick	August 19, 1957	Depot
BANDMASTERS					
4	5382114	B.M	F. Jackson	April 1, 1952	1 Mx.
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS II					
5	6398348	W.O.2	L. Graham	April 1, 1952	Colonial Forces
9	6200940	W.O.2	S. Blacknell	April 1, 1952	E.R.E., U.K.
10	6197047	W.O.2	A. Etheridge	April 1, 1952	7 Mx.
24	6201070	W.O.2	F. Griffiths	October 11, 1952	E.R.E. U.K.
46	4367949	W.O.2	A. Goodge	May 4, 1954	7 Mx.
51	864814	W.O.2	R. Budden	May 4, 1954	8 Mx.
53	6200579	W.O.2	F. Firman	May 4, 1954	Depot Mx.
57	6210526	W.O.2	A. Cooper	May 4, 1954	1 Mx.
61	6403001	W.O.2	F. Redpath, B.E.M.	August 8, 1954	E.R.E. U.K.
67	6203433	W.O.2	S. Bartle	December 7, 1954	1 Mx.
87	22221076	W.O.2	J. Rodgers	August 26, 1956	5 Queen's (T.A.)
88	6968442	W.O.2	R. Dodkins	September 1, 1956	1 Mx.
COLOUR SERGEANTS					
3	6200792	C/Sgt.	G. Hockley, B.E.M.	January 1, 1953	Depot Mx.
4	6200351	C/Sgt.	T. Perry	January 1, 1953	1 Mx.
13	6539821	C/Sgt.	G. Whitehead	January 5, 1954	E.R.E. Overseas
16	6205098	C/Sgt.	L. Shrubbs, M.M.	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
21	6550324	C/Sgt.	F. Powell	March 25, 1954	Depot Mx.
33	5549742	C/Sgt.	H. Davis	December 19, 1955	E.R.E. Overseas
38	6197647	C/Sgt.	F. Markham	May 22, 1956	E.R.E. Overseas
41	6201818	C/Sgt.	J. Morgan	May 22, 1956	1 Mx.
57	6217070	C/Sgt.	W. Thorogood	May 1, 1957	E.R.E. U.K.

<i>Bde. Pos.</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Promotion</i>	<i>Last Known Station</i>
SERGEANTS					
15	6204927	Sgt.	J. Breame	April 1, 1952	E.R.E. U.K.
32	6206327	Sgt.	C. Burgess	April 1, 1952	1 Mx.
59	6203495	Sgt.	R. Cubitt	September 20, 1952	Colonial Forces
62	14066481	Sgt.	J. Potter	September 28, 1952	1 Mx.
64	14862617	Sgt.	W. Wright	October 21, 1952	1 Mx.
68	14066630	Sgt.	P. Dive	October 31, 1952	7 Mx.
70	5781748	Sgt.	J. Moysse	November 7, 1952	1 Mx.
76	14476662	Sgt.	D. Weller	December 16, 1952	Depot Mx.
83	3852333	Sgt.	T. McGowan	January 15, 1953	Depot E. Surreys
91	6200376	Sgt.	G. Palmer	May 1, 1953	Depot Mx.
121	21014189	Sgt.	S. Michel	January 8, 1954	1 Mx.
130	19039053	Sgt.	A. DaCosta	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
137	6923739	Sgt.	E. Steward	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
145	2718503	Sgt.	R. Simpson	March 25, 1954	1 Mx.
151	21014210	Sgt.	S. Reynolds	March 25, 1954	1 Mx.
155	6202925	Sgt.	R. Hope	March 25, 1954	8 Mx.
156	22229443	Sgt.	M. Eastap	March 25, 1954	1 Mx.
159	22221109	Sgt.	D. Bailey	April 29, 1954	Depot Mx.
163	22229344	Sgt.	G. Simmons	April 29, 1954	Depot Mx.
165	19133915	Sgt.	G. Cripps	April 29, 1954	1 Mx.
166	22193814	Sgt.	K. Beale	April 29, 1954	1 Mx.
170	21187041	Sgt.	A. Hook	May 17, 1954	1 Mx.
171	6201236	Sgt.	J. Marable	May 17, 1954	E.R.E. Overseas
175	6343360	Sgt.	J. White	May 17, 1954	Depot Mx(R.W.K.)
176	6205018	Sgt.	J. Preston	May 17, 1954	E.R.E. U.K.
182	14470810	Sgt.	D. Walters	May 17, 1954	7 Mx.
187	6339246	Sgt.	G. Bailey	June 17, 1954	E.R.E. U.K.
190	22541432	Sgt.	J. Dickie	July 13, 1954	8 Mx.
200	19039445	Sgt.	A. Nicholson	August 15, 1954	1 Mx.
202	22221098	Sgt.	B. Warner	August 16, 1954	Depot Mx.
203	22550985	Sgt.	M. Butler	August 16, 1954	Colonial Forces
206	22541536	Sgt.	G. Young	August 16, 1954	1 Mx.
208	11007783	Sgt.	C. Fry	August 19, 1954	1 Mx.
212	19145508	Sgt.	A. Gibbs	September 14, 1954	1 Mx.
214	19136922	Sgt.	W. Smith	September 16, 1954	E.R.E. U.K.
226	22309544	Sgt.	J. Martin, M.M.	January 12, 1955	1 Mx.
251	5437863	Sgt.	E. Brooks	December 12, 1955	1 E. Surreys
252	22259650	Sgt.	F. Potts	December 13, 1955	1 R.W.K.
256	22541352	Sgt.	R. Buckley	December 15, 1955	1 Mx.
263	22549082	Sgt.	P. Amor	February 3, 1956	S.A.S. Regt.
273	22276303	Sgt.	R. Clements	May 22, 1956	1 Mx.
291	22375925	Sgt.	K. Lloyd	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
294	22221320	Sgt.	C. Partridge	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
297	22588606	Sgt.	D. Lagden	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
298	22562397	Sgt.	E. Langford	December 3, 1956	E.R.E. U.K.
300	19038760	Sgt.	D. Grimes	December 3, 1956	E.R.E. Overseas
307	22787149	Sgt.	C. Orme	March 7, 1957	1 Mx.
312	22774095	Sgt.	M. Elston	March 7, 1957	1 Mx.
315	22030774	Sgt.	G. Higgins	March 7, 1957	1 Mx.
316	14194532	Sgt.	R. Jolly	March 7, 1957	1 Mx.

ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANTS

6202735	W.O.2	E. Colebeck	January 1, 1957	1 Mx.
14476433	C/Sgt.	P. Soper, B.E.M.	January 27, 1955	Colonial Forces
6205077	C/Sgt.	A. Taylor	March 24, 1956	Depot Mx.

DRUM-MAJORS

2741385	Sgt.	J. Lewis	August 10, 1954	1 Mx.
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COLOUR-SERGEANTS

6200547	C/Sgt.	W. Grogan	December 23, 1955	H.C. Bde. Depot
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BAND-SERGEANTS

6217128	Sgt.	J. Davies	December 22, 1956	1 Mx.
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