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REGIMENTAL BATTLE HONOURS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR - 1939/45

Early in 1957, the Colonel of the Regiment asked Col. A. E. Green to form and act as Chairman of a Regimental Committee to consider claims for Battle Honours to be made on behalf of all active battalions of the Regiment. In addition, the Committee was to select ten Honours for emblazonment on the Queen's Colour. The Committee and battalion representatives were as under:

Committee: COL. A. E. GREEN, D.S.O., O.B.E., COL. J. E. F. WILLOUGHBY, O.B.E., MAJOR I. H. BATTYE, M.B.E.

Battalion Representatives:

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8th Battalion LT.-COL. FANE DE SALIS, M.C., COL. M. CRAWFORD, D.S.O.
9th Battalion LT.-COL. G. L. FOX, T.D., D.L.

The main difficulty which confronted the Committee was the fact that Machine Gun Battalions seldom fought as a battalion and were so often deployed by companies over a divisional front, and the War Office ruling that at least 50 per cent. of a unit had to be present at any Battle Honour claimed.

The Colonel of the Regiment emphasised that the Committee must only consider those Honours of which past, present and future generations of the Regiment would be proud. When it came to nominating the ten Honours for emblazonment on the Queen's Colour, the principles adopted were the same as those that General Sir Ivor Maxse had stipulated after the First World War. These were that the most deserving and representative of as many battalions and theatres as possible should be selected; names should be those of historical significance to future generations, and at least one should exemplify the "Diehard" tradition (*vide Journal*: February, 1924).

On this basis, battalions were invited to submit claims through their selected representatives. These claims were investigated and checked with the War Diaries, the final list was considered by the Committee, and a decision was made on the various claims of each battalion.

Unfortunately, the ruling from the War Office did not allow the Committee to submit a claim for the former 9th Battalion (during the war 126 L.A.A. Regiment, now 571 L.A.A. Regiment). However, the War Office has said that this battalion is entitled to have the ten Honours emblazoned on its Queen's Colour, which was presented by General Sir Brian Horrocks in 1950.

The final list, as approved and submitted by the Colonel of the Regiment to the War Office, was officially authorised and published as List No. 10 to Army Order No. 96/1957.

It should be pointed out, that where the Regiment qualifies for a Battle Honour in some particular theatre of war, that theatre of war Honour is added to the list. This list is printed below, with the ten Honours selected for emblazonment shown in heavy capital letters.

Honour	Battalion	Honour	Battalion
North-West Europe, 1940		North-West Europe, 1944-45	
The Dyle 2nd		NORMANDY LANDING 2nd	
Defence of the Escaut 2nd, 1/7th, 8th		Cambes 2nd	
Ypres—Comines Canal 2nd, 1/7th		Breville 1/7th	
DUNKIRK, 1940 2nd, 1/7th		The Odon 1st, 8th	
		CAEN 2nd, 1/7th	
		The Orne 2nd	
South-East Asia, 1941		Hill 112 1st, 8th	
HONG KONG 1st		Bourguebus Ridge 1/7th	
		Troarn 2nd	
North Africa, 1942-43		MONT PINCON 1st, 8th	
EL ALAMEIN 1/7th		Falaise 2nd	
Advance on Tripoli 1/7th		The Seine, 1944 8th	
Mareth 1/7th		The Nederijn 8th	
AKARIT 1/7th		Le Havre 1/7th	
Djebel Roumana 1/7th		The Lower Maas 2nd, 1/7th	
		Venrai 2nd	
SICILY, 1943		Meijel 1st	
Francofonte 1/7th		Geilenkirchen 8th	
Sferro 1/7th		Venlo Pocket 1st	
Sferro Hills 1/7th		The Rhineland 1st, 8th	
		Goch 1st, 1/7th, 8th	
Italy, 1944-45		The Reichwald 1st, 1/7th, 8th	
ANZIO 2/7th		THE RHINE 1st, 2nd, 1/7th, 8th	
Carreceto 2/7th		Lingen 2nd	
Gothic Line 2/7th		Brinkum 2nd	
Monte Grande 2/7th		Bremen 2nd, 8th	



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The Colonel of the Regiment wishes all Ranks a Very Happy
Christmas and all Good Luck in the New Year

EDITORIAL

As readers will read the Battle Honours for the last war have been awarded, and it seems that Canterbury has been chosen for the Depot of the Home Counties Brigade. These are early days in the reorganisation of the Army, so we can expect little in the way of detailed news at present, though we shall not be tardy in providing it as it becomes available.

We note with satisfaction that our Territorial Battalions are straining every nerve to recruit their volunteer soldiers. The best of good fortune to them.

We thank our contributors as usual for their welcome contributions to this Journal.

G. W. K.

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY

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In-Pensioner W. Bailey and Mr. H. C. Hull, M.M.

1st Battalion Notes

If Tolstoy had not already staked a claim to the phrase we might ourselves have adopted the title, "War and Peace," to describe the Battalion's activities over the past three months. The Eoka truce has continued, and there have been few acts that could clearly be classified as terrorist activity. But the threat of renewed violence is ever present and has grown steadily until even the most optimistic feel that they are sitting on a volcano which shows signs of erupting at any moment. If the eruption comes we are ready for it, and have every confidence that it will be dealt with as firmly and successfully as before; but the period of waiting is trying.

In the meantime, anti-Eoka activities have gone on ceaselessly. Patrols, road blocks, searches, snap-checks, co-operation with the Police continue with undiminished vigour, and a number of successes have been achieved in combating the highly organised propaganda machine of the terrorist. Any information that is received about wanted men is eagerly absorbed and acted upon, and a number of village curfews and searches have been carried out. By a strange coincidence, these operations almost invariably take place on a night selected by the officers, as a Regimental guest night, so that after dinner most of the hosts disappear to change into battle rig, leaving their guests to be entertained by their less operational brother officers. References to the Duchess of Richmond's ball are no longer considered amusing.

We continue to have the welcome support of a R.A. Battery to look after the Western Sector of Larnaca District, which they do with great zeal and efficiency. Recently 16 L.A.A. Regiment R.A. was relieved by 39 Heavy Regiment R.A., and for a month during the changeover we once again took over duties in that sector; B Company enjoyed the fresh mountain air, and gave what was formerly our favourite stamping ground a good going over.

Permutations in the I.S. role are endless. The present arrangement is a fortnightly company cycle, consisting of duty at Pyla Detention Camp (a very live volcano indeed!), followed by a fortnight as Duty Company, which performs camp duties and patrols in the Eastern Sector of the district; the next two weeks are spent as Patrolling Company, in which one platoon is detached to work under the Gunner in the Western Sector at Pygra, and the remainder of the Company patrol in the Central Sector; the cycle ends with a tour of duty as Reserve Company, in which training and administration are given priority unless actual operations are in progress. It is a full and varied programme, and everyone is kept very busy; and, as usually happens when everyone is busy, they all thrive on it.

The return of "C" Company from Aqaba was a great relief, and has eased the previously almost crushing burden of duties. After an absence of over a year they arrived at Famagusta on August 1, looking very fit after their month at sea. They came ashore to the sound the Regimental March being played by the Band and

Drums on the Quayside, and marched into camp behind the Band and Drums.

Opportunities for relaxation are greater than last year, and the lifting of most of the off-duty restrictions on movement have greatly improved conditions. Bathing has, as always, been the greatest attraction; now in late October the weather is so much cooler that only the harder members of the Battalion are still swimming. Larnaca has few attractions to offer, but the leave schemes run by District Headquarters have been a great success, and nearly every soldier has had leave, either at the Dome Hotel, Kyrenia, or at Golden Sands Leave Camp, Famagusta. A leave scheme to Beirut has started recently, and is obviously going to be very popular.

TRAINING

I.S. duties have had overriding priority on our resources, but every effort has been made to continue training both for I.S. and for more conventional warfare. "D" Company continues to run six-week potential N.C.O. cadres, and six-week continuation training courses for recruits from England. Companies make full use of the greatly improved range facilities, and have paid particular attention to helicopter training, a very popular item.

The return of "C" Company enabled Support Company to be withdrawn from the cycle of I.S. duties for a month to concentrate on their weapons, and a vigorous programme achieved gratifying results.

A Brigade assault-at-arms competition in early November will give us an opportunity to see how effective our training has been.

Much effort went into the preparations for the Cyprus District Rifle Meeting, early in October, which was a great success. This is reported on in detail elsewhere, but the results were very pleasing, and our sights for next year are set even higher.

The Middle East shooting and battle trophies have still to be competed for, and training for them is in full swing.

SPORT

Full use has been made of the more relaxed conditions to enjoy sport, and many more games have been played than was possible last year.

Special mention must be made of the remarkable success enjoyed in the Garrison inter-unit swimming competition. The Battalion won every event except the diving, a great tribute to the hard training done by the team.

VISITS

The Director of Infantry, Maj.-Gen. C. L. Firbank C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., spent the night with the Battalion on October 8. He arrived at teatime by helicopter as he was some twenty-five minutes early, the Battalion

was treated to the spectacles of the Commanding Officer breaking every known speed limit in his champ, and the Adjutant sprinting from his office to the landing ground; they both arrived just in time. The general's visit was very short as he had to leave after breakfast, but he saw quite a lot of the Battalion. He visited the Sergeants' Mess before dinner, and dined with the officers. Early in the morning he had the rather unique opportunity of seeing an infantry battalion actually employing the new I.S. techniques, because it was necessary to mount a large operation at dawn on October 9 at the village of Voroklini. He appeared to be impressed with what he saw.

In July, Mr. Gulliver of the *Edgware and District Post and Hendon and Finchley Times*, and Mr. Winder of the *Hatfield and Potters Bar Gazette* spent a week with the Battalion under a new War Office scheme for liaison between regiments and their local press. They enjoyed their visit, and explored every aspect of Battalion life. On their return to England they wrote a very interesting and flattering series of articles on the Battalion in their papers.

REGIMENTAL AFFAIRS

It was with great relief that the Battalion heard that the Regiment was not one of those selected for amalgamation under the Defence cuts. The changes in the structure of the Army will have far-reaching effects on the Regiment, the full force of which will take some time to be felt. The immediate prospect of losing our Band has hit us hard; but all hope has not yet died that this bitter decision may be reversed. The loss of the Regimental cap badge will be deeply regretted, but the need to establish the importance of the new Brigade structure is recognised and accepted.

The ugly subject of redundancy has caused much heart burning. It now appears that the scale will not be so heavy as it was feared it might be, but even so, there are many who are anxious to know definitely what the future holds for them.

From September 26 to October 10 the Battalion had the honour of providing the guard at Government House in Nicosia. "A" Company performed this duty, and found it a pleasant change from the familiar Larnaca round.

Catering competitions are with us again. A great deal of effort has gone into improving the cookhouse and dining halls, and the standard of messing in the O.R. dining rooms is very high. Visiting units have all commented favourably on our food. So far we have got very high marks in the first round the Island competition, and unless some very bright dark horse emerges in the next few days we have every hope of going on to the next round, and then on eventually to the goal we so narrowly missed last year, the Middle East Trophy.

NEW BARRACKS

For two years now we have watched the fairy towers and gorgeous palaces of Dhekelia Garrison rising in the Cantonment area. Our projected move into a brand new infantry barracks, containing all the improvements promised for so many years, has been postponed, and

postponed until we are beginning to wonder if we will ever occupy them. One aspect that is causing some alarm is the vast expanse of glass in the new barrack blocks; it is feared that the Barrack Damage Account may suddenly expand into the largest single account to be kept.

PERSONALITIES

Major Doyle left in August after his long spell as O.C. "B" Company. He is greatly missed, not least by the villagers of Cyprus, to whom "the red-faced Major" was an almost mythical creature who descended on them at dawn, and whose god-like wrath they never invited twice.

Capt. Legge has gone to the 7th Battalion as Adjutant and Lt. Lloyd to the Depot as Training Subaltern. Lt. Lobb has retired and is reputed to be involved in "big" business. The loss of National Service officers has been even heavier than usual, including 2/Lts. Pott, Battey-Pratt, Higginson, Adleman, Bannister, Burge, Marshall and Spragg.

Capt. Carter stayed with the Battalion for a week on his way from Aden to the Staff College, and Capt. Collins for a few days on his way to become our Brigade I.O. at Famagusta.

Arrivals have included Major Honess who has assumed command of "B" Company, Capt. Pielow, Capt. Cain and 2/Lt. Sidnell.

Lt. Donovan arrived in July to become our first "second quartermaster" under the new establishment. He has taken over the M.T. Platoon and discharges his terrifying duties with apparent enjoyment.

After nearly two years without a Padre of our own, we were very pleased to welcome the Rev. G. E. Howells in September. He has already made his presence felt throughout the Battalion, particularly on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, which was a great success.

FAREWELL VISIT OF SIR JOHN HARDING

On October 21 the announcement of the impending retirement of the Governor, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., was made. At the same time we were told that on Friday, October 25, he would visit Larnaca Area to bid farewell to the Security Forces there.

Preparations immediately began for a full Guard of Honour. After two years of active service (entirely without ceremonial) this was no easy task, but three days' hard work produced a remarkable improvement in the drill. The order of parade was:

Guard Commander ..	Major P. W. Galvin
Subaltern of the Guard ..	Lt. M. C. D. L. Gilham
Officer carrying the Queen's Colour ..	Lt. J. M. Hewson
C.S.M.s ..	C.S.M. Bartle, "A" Coy. C.S.M. Beale, "D" Coy.
Sergeants ..	Sgt. Nicholson, "C" Coy. Sgt. Lloyd, "S" Coy.
Rank and File ..	96 men from "H.Q.", "A", "C", "D" and "S" Coys.
The Band and Drums	



Farewell visit of Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Preparations for a wet weather programme were made, but fortunately the weather was perfect for the parade, which took place on the sports field just outside Alma Camp.

On October 25, some 250 spectators from the Government service, police, all Units in the area and the Battalion assembled on either side of the guard at 1000 hrs.

At 1025 the Deputy Governor, Mr. Sinclair, C.M.G., O.B.E., the Director of Operations, Maj.-Gen. D. A. Kendrew, C.B.E., D.S.O., and the Chief Constable, Lt.-Col. G. White, O.B.E., arrived in two helicopters and took their places beside the dais.

At 1030 His Excellency the Governor arrived in a third helicopter and was received by a royal salute. He inspected the parade, accompanied by Mr. G. Savvides, M.B.E., the Commissioner. The Governor was very impressed by the guard and asked that the following message should be conveyed to them:

"I am honoured to be received by this Guard of Honour from your Regiment. Please congratulate the Guard on their excellent drill, bearing and turnout. Well done!"

To this the Commanding Officer added his thanks to all concerned, particularly to Major Galvin and R.S.M. Wild for their hard work.

After the inspection His Excellency addressed the parade and spectators for about fifteen minutes. He thanked the Security Forces in warm terms for their hard work and for their loyalty to him. He congratulated them on the successes achieved, and, after making a strong plea for even better co-operation between all branches of the forces of law and order, he wished everyone all good fortune and success in the future.

After a final royal salute the official party left the dais and drove to the Officers' Mess in Alma Camp. There about 40 of the leading personalities of the district gathered for a more personal leave-taking. The Governor stayed there, talking informally for nearly an hour, and then drove back to the helicopter strip.

On the way out of camp all available officers and men of the Battalion lined the route, and as His Excellency's car drove slowly past they gave three very hearty cheers, a gesture which he greatly appreciated.

Later the Commanding Officer received a personal letter from the Governor, which is reproduced here:

"Thank you very much indeed for the arrangements you made for my farewell visit, and for the very kind hospitality you gave me in your Mess. Your Battalion has done excellent work here and made a very good name for itself, and it has been a great honour and great pleasure for me to have them under my command. I most deeply appreciate the honour the Battalion paid me this morning by lining the road out of the camp and giving three such hearty and rousing cheers. Will you please convey my deep appreciation and warm thanks to all ranks.

"With very many thanks again for all that you and your Battalion have done to help me here, and every good wish for the future to you all, wherever you may serve. I much hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you and your Battalion again somewhere in the future.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HARDING."

All ranks of the Battalion hope that the wish expressed in the last paragraph will be fulfilled. Sir John Harding

has had many contacts with the Battalion; in Hong Kong and Korea when he was C-in-C. F.A.R.E.L.F.; in Austria when he presented the Battalion with new Colours; and for the past two years, when his leadership and determination have been a constant inspiration to all who have been engaged in the fight against terrorism.

"H. Q." COMPANY

Since the last issue of *The Die-Hards* the Company, relatively unhampered by incidents on the island, has been preoccupied with a series of competitions. In the Garrison Swimming Gala of August 17, held at Fisherman's Cove, Sgt. Ward, Sgt. Kenward and Pte. Salmon helped the Battalion to secure first place in all the events except the diving.

For the last three months, however, shooting has eclipsed everything else. Indeed, the range has become, for many of the Company, as familiar as the lines. The Battalion Rifle Meeting of July 24 heralded the beginning of the "season," and C/Sgt. Steward's victory in the Individual Rifle match (No. 4 Rifle) was looked upon as a good omen for the future. In the inter-Company Sterling competition of August 29 we gained a creditable third place, with Ptes. Dixon and Seymour both scoring 163 out of a possible 180. The more important Dhekelia Garrison Meeting followed, and we were happy to be able to provide the Battalion team with the best pairs in both Class A and Class B of the L.M.G. shoot. Congratulations to C/Sgt. Steward, Sgt. Girling, Cpls. Sullivan and Stopp. Furthermore, our Sterling team consisting of Cpl. Sullivan, Ptes. Johncock, Dixon and Seymour came second, as did our falling-plate team, consisting of C/Sgt. Steward, Sgt. Leat, Ptes. Dixon and Seymour.

The Company has played its part in two of our recent operations. We provided the inner cordon and search party when the Battalion was concerned in thoroughly searching a nearby village. The second operation was an intensive search and identification parade of the inmates of the island's largest detention camp. This operation was mounted to identify the assailants of an assistant superintendent of police who was recently injured when attempting to quell a disturbance in one of the compounds. The operations were successful; six detainees were identified and removed to Nicosia for further questioning.

Sgt. Davis (R.A.E.C.) has now returned to his civilian occupation which, it is understood, brings him in large amounts of money for comparatively little effort. By welcoming his successor, Sgt. Wade, and in bidding farewell to Sgt. Gordon (R.A.P.C.), we continue our tradition of having one lone National Service Sergeant in our midst.

CORPS OF DRUMS

Since we have only taken part in two Battalion operations, though many minor duties and fatigues have been thrust upon us, this has been a comparatively quiet three months for the Corps of Drums, and the opportunity has been taken to get down to some much needed practice.

Under the scheme for the reorganisation of the Army

we shall almost certainly lose our Regimental Band. The Commanding Officer has therefore decided to build up the Drums to a strength of 30, a most welcome item of news to everyone connected with the Corps of Drums.

In the 51 Brigade assault-at-arms competition we are finding the two stretcher-bearer teams required from each Battalion. Already we have received a fortnight's first-aid training, and within the next day or so we shall begin intensive training under the Medical Officer and Sgt. Giles, the Medical Sergeant.

On the cricket field Barnwell has been with us for the whole of the season and consistently covered himself with glory. Eyley is representing the Battalion in the cross-country team, and we wish him the best of luck and hope to see him come in a winner.

Once again we welcome new blood to the fold, namely, Dmrs. Hawtin, Sumbler, Sexton, Heath, Davis (36), Davis (46) and Armstrong. But, and it is a big but, we will shortly lose to civilian life one of the stalwarts on the side-drum stand, Cpl. Bennett. He has been with the Corps of Drums a number of years and will leave a gap which will be very hard to fill. We wish him and Dmrs. Copping, Barnwell and Tattershall, three of our National Servicemen who have done extremely well in their short stay, all the best of luck in civilian life.

We congratulate Cpl. Evans on his promotion to Corporal.



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SIGNALS PLATOON

The comparatively quiet summer months have enabled us to get on with some much-needed refresher training. This involved a certain amount of "sky-wave" working, and once a week the plaintive cry "How d'ye hear me?" could be heard coming from the farthest corners of the island. This well-known cry was uttered with a certain amount of urgency by one party when they suddenly discovered three large vultures sitting on a nearby rock, eyeing them with a marked air of hopefulness.

The period spent manning the Western Sector provided not only useful experience for the operators, but also a welcome break from camp—it was much enjoyed by everyone. The attractive distractions at Ora amply compensated for any discomfort which arose from being so far from "home."

The Platoon is now feverishly preparing for the Brigade assault-at-arms competition, and there is much muttering of "Rhubarb, rhubarb" from certain of the more harassed members of the Platoon. We in Cyprus are not the only ones to be hard pressed: Cpl. Pritchard, having just started his course at Hythe, has discovered already that "Union hours" don't exist in that part of the world.

We have said good-bye to Sgt. Mead, L/Cpl. Edelstein, Ptes. Leech, Porter, Swan and Terry and, whilst wishing them good luck for the future, remind them that they will always be welcomed back if the rosy prospects of civilian life are not so attractive as they seem.

M.T.

Despite the lull in the activities of Eoka, the Platoon has still not achieved a period of relaxation. Patrolling, internal administration and a shortage of drivers has resulted in a continuing spell of high-pressure work. We are, however, still managing to keep our wheels on the road, although the tyres are becoming a little thin.

Changes are inevitable and we are again missing some of the "old" faces. Our losses this time include Cpls. Blinko, Smith, Carpenter and Marrable, Ptes. Leech-Walton, Polden and Carey, and our R.E.M.E. friends Cpl. Martyn, L/Cpl. Butler, and Cfmn. Short and White. Ptes. King and Cooper have left us for Nicosia on a posting to H.Q. 51 Brigade.

Several promotions have resulted from these losses, and we congratulate Cpls. Blair, Kemp, Carter, Horan and Thorpe on their second stripe and L/Cpl. Fryer on his first.

A word of warning to the rest of the Battalion. The M.T. Platoon has now become shooting conscious. It should be noted that this "doubles" our "potential." (For what, we leave to our readers!)

Q.M. STAFF

Cricket has been our chief sporting activity during the last quarter and we have won six of our eleven matches. Cpl. Smith has worked hard to arrange all our fixtures. Swimming has featured largely in our staff activities, and through constant endeavour Pte. Padgett and Cfmn. Parker have learned to swim.

Cpl. Woods, one of the oldest members of the staff, has now left us. We wish him all the best in civilian life. Our equipment repairer Pte. Boddy, has also left us. We wish him well and welcome Pte. Hughes to his place.

Cultural activities include the founding of a skiffle group, whose practice periods have given its members ambitions for public fame. Cpl. Henneby, in particular, has distinguished himself as a guitarist.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Webster and Buckley on their promotion, and welcome Sgt. Fry, Ptes. Mouse and Song to the staff.

BAND

Continuing our summer season engagements, we all enjoyed our first visit to the Dome Hotel leave centre at the beginning of July. During our 48-hour stay there we gave two lunch-time band concerts and provided music for the evening's dancing. The families' leave centre in the Troodos Mountains also received our attention for one week. Our morning concerts outside the pavilion each day were listened to in comfort by the guests, and the dances in the evening were much appreciated.

Most of the Band took their annual leave in various parts of Cyprus to enjoy the very warm August sun, but the seven who had chosen the U.K. found themselves faced with almost continuous wet weather! Congratulations to Cpl. Aburrow on his marriage while on leave in England.

It is not often that we have a voluntary inter-Battalion transfer, but we hope that Pte. Connor will find himself more settled when finally posted to the M.T. section.

To replace Bds. Rosenberg, to whom incidentally we wish the very best in civilian life, we now have Bds. Yates with us as resident pianist.

On our first engagement after leave we had the pleasure of playing for the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment at Davlos, on the occasion of their Sevastopol Day. The programme included a lunch-time and evening concert, followed by the Last Post and evening hymns.

Recently we have started to give a series of concerts at lunchtime every Wednesday. We don't know yet whether they are appreciated or not, but to date we have had no rotten eggs or tomatoes thrown in our direction!

In recent years the standard of our instruments and accessories has improved tremendously, and to complete the picture we now have a set of splendid new banners to adorn our music stands. They have been purchased through the generosity of the Commanding Officer, who made the money available. They were used for the first time on the occasion of the visit recently to the Battalion of Maj.-Gen. C. L. Firbank, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Director of Infantry, and were much admired by him.

"A" COMPANY

"A" Company has done many different things during the course of the summer; we swam, shot, played cricket, but perhaps the most interesting of activities was the visit to Government House, breaking, as it did,

the round of duties. We were very proud to have been selected to represent the Battalion in providing the guard for Field Marshal Sir John Harding, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., for whom we in Cyprus have so much respect and affection. Everyone in "A" Company made a great effort, and we like to think that our smartness and bearing reflected credit on the Regiment. From a purely selfish point of view, this visit was a welcome change and gave us a glimpse of Cyprus high society. If nothing else, it was a change for the whole Company to get their G.S. medal ribbon.

Our activities and achievements in other spheres have not been inconsiderable; after our signal success in the Inter-Company Swimming Gala, "A" Company not surprisingly provided several of the Battalion swimmers. Their daily training stunts, cynically regarded by the unsympathetic, were indicated by the team's great victory in the Dhekelia Garrison Gala. C/Sgt. Morgan—his 23 year's service resting lightly on his shoulders—deserves a special word of praise.

For most of the period covered by these notes "shooting madness," the C.S.M.'s phase, has been in the air. Jungle-hatted sleep-walkers have been seen creeping out in the early dawn and returning long after dark. As recorded in the last edition of *The Die-Hards* the Company did well in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. The results in the Dhekelia Garrison Meeting, in which the Company was entered as a minor unit, were as follows:

L.M.G. Team (Capt. Flavell, C.S.M. Bartle, Cpl. Short, Ptes. Buick, Alldritt, Shaffner)	1st
Class "A" L.M.G. pair (Capt. Flavell, C.S.M. Bartle)	3rd
Class "B" L.M.G. pair (Cpl. Short, Pte. Shaffner)	2nd
Class "C" L.M.G. pair (Pte. Buick, Pte. Alldritt)	1st
No. 4 Rifle team (Capt. Flavell, C.S.M. Bartle, Sgt. Patterson, Cpl. Short, Cpl. Finnis, Pte. Alldritt)	5th
Sterling team (2/Lt. Cheesman, C.S.M. Bartle, Pte. Shaffner, Sgt. Patterson, Cpl. Short, Cpl. Finnis)	1st
Individual Sterling (2/Lt. Cheesman)	1st

In the Cyprus District Rifle Meeting, the following members of the Company did well:

Sgt. Patterson: Runner-up in the No. 4 Rifle Individual Championships.

Cpl. Finnis: 5th in Class "B," No. 4 Rifle Competition. Cpl. Short: 4th in Class "B," S.L.R. Competition.

These are very satisfactory results, Sgt. Patterson especially deserving our congratulations. On the whole the Company representatives have maintained a high standard throughout the season.

Immediately after the Cyprus District Meeting shooting madness vanished, but its place was taken by training for the Brigade assault-at-arms competition which takes place at the end of October. A lower establishment platoon and weapon teams are training hard under 2/Lt. Cheesman. They are keen, hopeful and will, we trust, do well.

Our cricket team has had only moderate success, winning five matches and losing three; 2/Lt. Cheesman, Cpl. Gray and Pte. Hudson have been known to score a few runs and take a wicket or two.

During the summer we have said good-bye to the following: 2/Lt. Higginson (latterly Company 2IC) and 2/Lt. Battey-Pratt (who had left us earlier to be assistant I.O.). They have gone on release after upwards of a year as Platoon Commanders. Pte. Bristow

(arms storeman) and Pte. Read (Company camp-driver) are also on release, and Pte. Good has been evacuated to England after an unfortunate descent from a helicopter. The following have gone to other employments: Ptes. Podd and Boyce (not L/Cpl.) to "D" Company. Ptes. Messer, Hughes and Penfold to "H.Q." Company and Pte. Powis to Platres on E.R.E. Cpls. Short and Davies, mentioned in the last issue of *The Die-Hards*, have left for the Depot.

Welcome to the following: 2/Lt. Sidnell, now commanding No. 2 Platoon; Sgt. Callaghan, No. 2 Platoon Sergeant, from a course in U.K.; Cpl. Hersant from the Depot; and many others from continuation training too numerous to mention.

A notable catch was made on August 29 by an "A" Company patrol commanded by 2/Lt. Sidnell. Six 9-mm. rounds were discovered by Pte. Walker of the M.T. behind the dash-board of a car stopped for routine search. The driver was detained and a search of his house in Famagusta revealed 43 more rounds. He was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment at the Nicosia Assize Court.

On this hopeful note we end, wishing all readers of these notes a Happy Christmas, and ourselves continued success in the New Year.

"B" COMPANY

The Company has seen a large number of changes since the last edition of *The Die-Hards*, the most noteworthy of which has been the departure in August of Major J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D., after nearly two years as our O.C. We congratulate him on his well-deserved Mention in Despatches and hope his avowed intention of going into "suspended animation" till Christmas will be realised. Capt. G. G. Norton assumed the burden of the Company Vice-Major Doyle, and we also welcome 2/Lt. Pickard, who has taken over No. 5 Platoon.

2/Lts. Adleman and Bannister and Cpl. West have also shaken the dust of Cyprus from their boots, and we are sorry to hear that Cpl. Sullivan, who left us for Brigade H.Q., is in hospital with a broken pelvis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

In the past three months the Company has had heavy security commitments and normal training has taken a secondary place. We did, however, manage a very enjoyable four days camp at Kiti, the Company's favourite stamping ground. The highlights of this were Cpl. Fordham's very successful penetration of the defences of the Radar Station and the discomfort of the reprisal raiding party the next night, who whilst attempting a seaborne landing were ignominiously exposed by para illuminating flares, fired by a "psychic" Capt. Norton. Needless to say, C/Sgt. Moyses's feeding arrangements completed our enjoyment. The remainder of August was spent mainly at Pyla Detention Camp which, except for Sgt. Clements getting "all shook up," passed without incident.

In mid-September we were suddenly given the task of investing the Western Sector once more and the Company spent three happy weeks on I.S. duties there with Company H.Q. and No. 5 Platoon at Kophinou, No. 4 Platoon at Lefkara and No. 6 Platoon at Ora.



"B" COMPANY AT XLYOPHAGOU

For the old hands this was putting the clock back a year and for the new boys a fresh and interesting area to comb. The patrolling programme was intense, and some 297 patrols (ranging from mobile to 48-hour foot patrols) were mounted. The Company is now expert in the art of undetected entering and leaving villages by night despite the dogs, though a number of somewhat embarrassing and humorous situations enlivened this type of work. Cpl. Snook and Pte. Clack had the dubious honour of undertaking the Company's first donkey patrol, and assured us on return that they had NOT been thrown once. Judging by their departure, this was no mean feat.

A great deal of illegal activity took place in the area during this period, including attacks on village Mukhtars, and the Company was unfortunate in missing captures by a few minutes in some cases. However, we intercepted a village bus containing 1,000 EOKA and PEKA leaflets ready for distribution which, coupled with a few other minor successes, gave us some reward for our efforts. This was a most satisfactory period and we were all sorry to hand over to the R.A. on their arrival from U.K.

Three days after returning to Alma Camp we found ourselves back at Pyla again, this time for three weeks. The Company is seriously considering a mass transfer to the prison warder staff, to make it official.

In the field of sport, our cricket team has had an enjoyable and successful season. Cpl. O'Rawe was selected to box for the Army versus the R.A.F. and Cpl. Burford to swim for the Battalion in the island inter-unit competition. Capt. Norton won the Battalion Sterling Cup, Pte. Wise was runner-up with the same

weapon in the Garrison Meeting, and our falling-plate team was pipped by the fall of a single plate by "A" Company. The soccer team is at present in great form and we have hopes of a most successful season.

"C" COMPANY

Since the last appearance of these notes "C" Company disembarked from the M.V. *Devonshire*, having spent 28 days on board, and generally "swanned" very successfully around the Middle East. Cpl. Parrish especially is often heard reminiscing about Mombasa with nostalgia.

We eventually arrived in Cyprus on August 1 and the next three weeks found us busily engaged in getting back into our Battalion routine (a severe shock after Aqaba!), familiarising ourselves with I.S. duties and converting to the S.L. Rifle.

Unfortunately, on disembarkation we lost 2/Lt. Morden to the clutches of "D" Company and the undoubted "grip" of C.S.M. (then Sgt.) Beale. We wish him the best of luck with his potential N.C.O.s and trust that, when allocating them, he will not forget his friends in "C" Company. In his place we welcome 2/Lt. Clarke, who provides the Sandhurst touch in the Company, and wish him the best of luck with No. 9 Platoon.

Having completed our settling-in period, we entered the Battalion duty roster and soon found ourselves at Pyla—in many cases for the first time. Despite the morbid and subversive prophecies of the odd "old hand" who'd done it all before and knew exactly how it should be done, we managed to get through our week quite smoothly.

After that we went on to several weeks of patrolling; a job which swiftly became very popular with all concerned, although the novelty of all-night patrols soon palled and enthusiasm for that particular duty waned after a little.

Although no resounding successes were scored, we like to think that our little efforts caused the occasional terrorist to think again. Shortly after his arrival in the Company Cpl. Stopp found a large number of leaflets in Xylotymbou, which was an encouraging start.

Since then we have been to Pyla once more and satisfied everyone's bloodthirsty instincts in the riot there, in which some of the mildest members of the Riot Squad showed what dark horses they in fact were.

As a result of that incident we stayed on at Pyla for a couple of days after Operation "Apple-Pie" and its identification parade. We lived in the Security Block, the officers and sergeants finding themselves literally "inside"—and very comfortable those cells are too.

Our Company football team, under its enthusiastic and confident (if only in himself) manager, Pte. Brown, has been alternately doing well and having terribly bad luck. It is understood that Major Sax has thoughts of another Company boxing competition, so all those unable to be excused on medical grounds have been warned.

In the realm of shooting we would like to congratulate the Company rifle team on winning the Garrison falling-plate Competition, and C.S.M. Da Costa in his placing in the Cyprus individual rifle competition.

Recently we welcomed Sgt. Ford back from his duties at the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, only to lose him a day or two later to "D" Company. In his absence Cpl. Kerr (who recently obeyed the "Re-enlistment Blues," and rejoined the Regiment) is bearing up well under the strain of being Acting Platoon-Sergeant of No. 8 Platoon.

We are now training hard for the Brigade assault-at-arms competition which takes place early in November and, judging by our preliminary practices, our riflemen should give a good account of themselves.

"D" COMPANY

Since the last Journal notes were written training has continued steadily, and three more drafts from the Depot have been trained. At the same time the importance of the N.C.O.s' cadres has been underlined by a considerable shortage of N.C.O.s to fill the vacancies in the Battalion. Two completed cadres and another in progress will help to remedy this deficiency.

As a result of the present lull in terrorist activity it was possible for the last continuation training platoon to carry out a 36-hour exercise as a climax to their training. The area chosen was Pyrga, where there is some ideal country for minor tactics and patrolling.

Although the tasks of the Company change very little, personalities come and go with bewildering rapidity. Lt. Crumley and 2/Lt. Marshall have been replaced by Capt. Cain and 2/Lt. Morden, the first having returned from Brigade Headquarters and the second having been posted from "C" Company. C.S.M. Dodkins left us to go to Support Company, and after a period when C/Sgt. Wright very competently combined the duties

of C/Sgt. and C.S.M., Sgt. Beale was promoted W.O.2 and appointed C.S.M. We congratulate him on his promotion and expect to see a marked improvement in the Company's drill. As a veteran instructor of N.C.O.s' cadres in Hong Kong, Austria and Cyprus the C.S.M. will continue to influence the cadres, particularly on the square.

Sgt. Hook has left us on posting to R.M.A. Sandhurst, Sgt. Redmond has gone to the Depot and Sgt. Dyer has become a civilian. In their places we have Sgts. Blackwell and Ford. Cpls. Pace and Evans have replaced Cpls. Southwell, Webb and Wollin. We welcome all our new arrivals and our good wishes go to those who have departed.

The high light of the Company's sporting activities was the winning of the falling-plate competition at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. The cricket team did manage to win a match before the season ended but the football team has yet to be successful.

Despite the reduction in I.S. operations the Company has twice been called out. The first time was to search Goshi for terrorist hordes of "blinds" from the field-firing range, and the second was to take part in the cordon and search operation at Voroklini on October 3 and 4. On this occasion the C.S.M. gave a complete demonstration of how to lower a man down a well single-handed—a feat which has yet to be emulated successfully. The efforts of a digging party unearthed an old slit trench when it was hoped to find a hide.

Other extra mural activities have included acting as hosts to visiting teams during the Cyprus District Rifle Meeting and providing the butt party for the Brigade assault-at-arms.

"S" COMPANY

During most of August the Company was given a break from the familiar cycle of I.S. duties and was able to train.

Platoons had to start almost from scratch owing to the constant changeover of men, but by the end of this training period it became evident that the Company could do battle in its normal military role without any major mishaps occurring.

The Assault Pioneer Platoon, after a long period of "suspended animation," has now reformed. Sgt. Lloyd, Cpl. Pritchard and eight soldiers fresh from the Continuation Training Platoon comprise the platoon. Until now their chief task has been the provision of parties to investigate wells during searches. Unfortunately this was one of the few tasks not covered in their training programme. Nevertheless, satisfactory results have been produced.

The Company did well in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, losing the competition to "A" Company by only three points. It won the inter-Company Sterling competition.

Individual scores in the Battalion Rifle Meeting were quite good, as the following details indicate:

No. 4 Rifle	.. 2nd	Sgt. Partridge
	3rd	Lt. Hewson
S.L. Rifle	.. 2nd	Sgt. Partridge
	4th	Lt. Hewson
L.M.G. Pairs	3rd	Lt. Lloyd and Cpl. Higgins
Pistol	.. 2nd	Lt. Hewson

We were placed 3rd in the Dhekelia Garrison Minor Units Rifle Meeting. In the Cyprus District Meeting Sgt. Lloyd came 2nd in the Individual Pistol Competition. Lts. Hewson and Lloyd, Sgts. Partridge and Lloyd, Cpl. Manly and Ptes Freeman and Willetts were all selected to represent the Battalion in the Cyprus District Rifle Meeting.

The only operation of any importance in which the Company took part during the quarter was a large-scale "snatch" on suspect houses in five widely dispersed villages in the Western Sector of the Larnaca District. At 2300 hrs. on September 9, "snatch" parties consisting of an officer or N.C.O., three soldiers and a Cypriot policeman entered 16 homes and arrested all males and females between the ages of 15 and 35. The females were merely searched for arms by women searchers at Pyrga Police Station, and then sent home. The males were taken to Kophinou Police Station to be screened by Special Branch. The houses visited were known to be used by EOKA and it was hoped that by raiding all of them simultaneously some worth while arrests might have been made. Unfortunately Special Branch did not appear to be at all interested in our catch.

Early in August C.S.M. Kenrick left the Company to take up the appointment of R.S.M. at the Depot. He was by far our "oldest inhabitant," having served in "S" Company continuously for several years, first as C.Q.M.S. and later as C.S.M. We congratulate him on his promotion to W.O.1.

During this quarter Lt. Lloyd, our machine-gun officer, was posted to the Depot and we welcome Lt. Gilham in his place. We were all very pleased to welcome C.S.M. Dodkins, who has come to fill the long-vacant post of C.S.M. Other arrivals and departures have been so numerous that it is impossible to list them here.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

Since our last journal notes we have said farewell to Sgt. Buckley, who has returned to England. Sgt. Eastap also has left the Platoon to join Company H.Q. We congratulate him on his promotion to C/Sergeant and wish both him and Sgt. Buckley good fortune.

There have been a large number of promotions. We were very pleased to see Sgt. Fisher promoted to Platoon Sergeant after having served with the Platoon for five years. Other men promoted were Cpl. Rose, Cpl. Gooch, L/Cpl. Willis and L/Cpl. Elvidge.

From the aspect of training the Platoon has not been better placed since we arrived in Cyprus. We completed a very intensive cadre during August, with the result that the whole Platoon is qualified as specialists.

We have had three tactical live firing shoots on Goshi Range this quarter, and have learnt a considerable amount on each of them. On the last shoot No. 3 Mortar barrel jumped out of the base-plate during bedding-in, causing great consternation in the O.P.

Recently there has been no shortage of I.S. operations. At Voroklini we provided the outer cordon, the tactics of which we have organised to a fine art (after much experience).

Some of our N.C.O.s have visited Nicosia and

returned with reports of nothing but praise for the bright lights there.

Once again the Platoon has set the pace by winning the Company gardening competition.

We welcome Ptes. Wright and Ryder to the fold. Cpl. Miles joins us from the Boys' Battalion. We are pleased to have him out here with us once again.

M.M.G. Platoon

After a few weeks of I.S. duties the M.M.G. Platoon is now hard at work training for the Brigade assault-arms competition, and some live firing has been carried out.

Cpls. Higgins and Bracey have left us for civilian life, though it is rumoured that Cpl. Bracey's web feet caused him some trouble during the release medical and with the customs. Pte. Watson has taken with him the blue-prints for No. 1 Huts, Nissen, Size 3, and is now busily constructing one for his family, while Pte. Harris set off on foot in the direction of Tel-Aviv with a puncture outfit, in case he should come across Pte. Haines, who, by now, should be walking his bicycle up or down the Himalayas.

Lt. Lloyd has now left the Platoon to join the Depot and we wish him good luck with his recruits. Sgt. Reynolds has also returned to England for a course at Netheravon, leaving Sgt. Partridge as Platoon Sergeant. Lt. Gilham has now taken over the Platoon and he is joined by another newcomer, Cpl. George, who is congratulated on his fine achievement on the N.C.O.s' cadre which has merited his promotion. We also congratulate Cpl. Cludera on his promotion and Pte. Hudson, who appears to have reached the uncertain heights of batman on the strength of his guitar playing. He was "volunteered" unanimously by the neighbouring three rows of tents.

Without the assistance of a dial sight, several machine-gunners mastered the mechanism of the No. 4 Rifle with such success that the Company won the Battalion No. 4 Rifle Shooting competition. We were represented by Sgt. Partridge, Cpls. Higgins and Manly, Ptes. Willetts and Shaw, with Pte. Errington acting as a figure target. We would like to wish Pte. Errington the best of luck in hospital and hope that he will be back with us very soon.

Pte. Tree can still be heard laughing in the cookhouse.

Anti-Tank Platoon

This last quarter has been an active period for the Platoon. 2/Lt. McRae arrived in June and took over the Platoon from 2/Lt. Burge who left the island shortly afterwards for release.

The most important event in the period was a five-week cadre in August-September. Most of the Platoon is now classified as specialists. Ptes. Roffey and Bloom are attending an N.C.O.s' cadre. We hope they will rejoin the Platoon by mid-November.

We lost one of our 17-pounders to the Grenadier Guards and shortly afterwards we discovered a crack in the recuperator system in the other one. The gun was declared B.L.R. However, we soon received a new 17-pounder and hope to fire at Cape Pyla soon.

The Platoon has lost many men during the past four

months. Sgt. Higgins left after many years with the Platoon, Pte. Street went home on release. Pritchard has gone to the Assault Pioneer Platoon and has been promoted Corporal. Wollridge became the O.C.'s driver, Titmuss and Wraight are now batmen, and finally, our gentleman fitter, Cfmn. Peake (R.E.M.E.), despite enticements to sign on, went home on release.

At present the Platoon is stationed at Pyrga Police Station, where a new camp has been established. After the first heavy rain, the gentleman in the small end tent was seen paddling his way out of a sea of mud. The Platoon is still being poisoned by a man named Thomas and Bwana has the newly qualified "Doc" under his wing. Woodcock is still worried about his leave, although he has been reassured on a number of occasions. L/Cpl. Seager has been promoted to Corporal and is the Acting Platoon Sergeant, Pte. Reynolds was promoted to L/Corporal.

The Platoon Commander recently announced with great elation that we have a BAT! As we are on detachment and have not seen this legendary weapon, we are sceptical. However, it appears that it can be seen on the Platoon gun park and we look forward to learning more about it.

Assault Pioneer Platoon

The Assault Pioneer Platoon has at last been resurrected but only as a section commanded by a sergeant.

All the soldiers in the section came straight from continuation training in August, so that during the Company Training period training had to start at the beginning of the Assault Pioneer syllabus. We have completed the syllabus and are now confident that we can carry out our pioneer role with success.

A few weeks ago we helped in the clearing of Goshi Field Firing Range of unexploded 3-in. mortar bombs and other explosive materials. On several occasions satisfactory bangs have been produced during the practice digging of Mortar, M.M.G. and Mo-Bat gun pits.

We have laid out an extensive dummy minefield outside the gates of Alma Camp, and we now consider that we can lay a minefield anywhere by day or night with the greatest of ease.

Our mine prodders have been in great demand during searches and we are experts in the searching of wells.

In the field of sport Ptes. Rideout and O'Shea have represented the Platoon in the Company football XI, and we are looking forward to the coming winter in the hope of improving our representation in this and other Company teams. Unfortunately we are too small in number to provide a team from the Platoon in any game other than Basket-ball.

SHOOTING

The months from May onwards saw a great increase in open range shooting, and the Battalion Rifle Meeting which was recorded in the last issue of these notes was followed by the Dhekelia Garrison Meeting in which all companies entered teams. Cyprus District Workshops (R.E.M.E.) won this meeting, but companies acquitted themselves quite honourably as the results given below show:

Inter-Unit Championship	"H.Q." "A" and "S" Company tied for 2nd place
L.M.G. Competition	Winners, "A" Company
Sterling Competition	Winners, "A" Company
Falling Plate	Winners, "C" Company

"H.Q." Company secured 2nd place in the L.M.G., Sterling and falling-plate competition.

The Cyprus District Rifle Meeting was held from September 30 until November 5, and the Battalion rifle team under their team captain (Capt. C. L. Lawrence, M.C.) did very well, and the results justified the long hours of training put in by them.

The Battalion finished 5th out of 25 units in the Major Unit competition. Individual successes were as under:

No. 4 Rifle Individual Championship	Sgt. Patterson	"A" Coy.	2nd
Class B	Cpl. Finnis	"A" Coy.	8th
Class C	Pte. Johncock	"H.Q." Coy.	3rd
S.L. Rifle, Class A	C.S.M. Da Costa	"C" Coy.	4th
S.L. Rifle, Class B	Cpl. Short	"A" Coy.	4th
S.L. Rifle, Class C	Pte. Willetts	"S" Coy.	6th
Pistol Individual Championship	Sgt. Lloyd	"S" Coy.	2nd
Pistol Team Event	1 Mx.		4th

As these notes go to press the Brigade assault-arms competition is due to take place in one week and the Battalion team will then train for the Middle East Shooting Trophy to be fired before the end of November. This will be followed by the Middle East Battle Trophy in December.

Results this year have not been spectacular, but a strong nucleus of good shots is being built up and next season will undoubtedly be even more successful.

SPORT

The main sporting activities this summer have been swimming and cricket.

The Battalion Swimming team won the Dhekelia Garrison Swimming Competition. This was our real triumph of the season.

Apart from the occasional Battalion match, cricket has been limited to inter-coy games and the Dhekelia Garrison Minor Units League. H.Q. Coy. was the most successful in this competition.

SWIMMING

The Dhekelia Garrison Swimming Gala was held at Fisherman's Cove on Saturday, August 17, 1957. The results were as follows:

Team Competition:	1st (54 pts.), 1st Bn. The Mx. Regt. (D.C.O.)
	2nd (41 pts.), 40 Coy. R.A.S.C.
Veterans' Race	3rd (39 pts.), 152 (Inkerman) Bty., R.A.
Ladies' Race	1st, C/Sgt. Morgan
Chain of Command:	1st, Miss O'Connor (W.V.S.)
	Capt. Flavell, 2/Lt. Cheeseman, C/Sgt. Morgan
	Sgt. Kenward, Cpl. Brimacombe, Pte. Salmon
The team was:	2/Lts. Cheeseman, Battey-Praet, Higginson and Melville, Sgts. Blackwell, Kenward (A.P.T.C.), and Ward (R.E.M.E.), Cpls. Brimacombe, O'Rawe and Finnis, Ptes. Weston (18), Lenihan and Overnell

The Battalion team, neatly turned out in brand new trunks and track suits, fulfilled all our hopes and justified the weeks of early morning training by winning every swimming event and being placed 3rd in the diving. It was indeed a resounding and well-deserved triumph. C/Sgt. Morgan is to be specially congratulated on his win in the Veterans' race.

The team, or those of it who could be rescued from the ranges, trained steadily for a proposed district inter-unit competition to be held in the early autumn. Our hopes of success were shattered when, after several postponements, the event was cancelled owing to lack of support from units on the island. It was a great disappointment both to the team and to those who had taken such an interest in their activities. Even the R.A.F./Army swimming competition, for which several of our swimmers would have qualified, has been indefinitely postponed. These disappointments marked the end of what might have been a triumphant season, and we hope that "cancellitis" will be less rife next year.

Like the swimming team, the Battalion water-polo team has been plagued by cancellations, nor unfortunately did they fulfil their early promise. The results of matches that were played during the latter part of the season were as follows:

v. 1st Sub-Depot and 625 Ord.			
Depot, R.A.O.C.	..	..	Lost 6-2
v. 1st Royal Leicesters	..	..	Lost 9-5
v. R.A.F., Nicosia	..	..	Lost 12-2

CRICKET

Throughout the season three Company teams have competed in the Garrison Minor Units League. Unfortunately it was not always possible for teams to play on the required date, and points were sacrificed by us in this way. "H.Q." Company were placed 6th in the league of 16 teams, and won their last three matches by 10 wickets. Reserve Company, which changed with the rotation of companies, was worst affected by cancellations and finished 13th. "D" Company, alas, had only one win in the season, but played enthusiastically throughout. Despite these rather unimpressive results, some very enjoyable matches were played.

The Battalion team, not having many fixtures during the season, did not play as well as was expected. Lack of time for fielding and net practice was mainly responsible for this and few of the Battalion were able to play regularly enough to keep their eye in. In the Island Championship we were beaten by Cyprus Districts Workshops, due mainly to dropped catches and poor fielding. Later in the season 1st Royal Leicesters beat us by two wickets in a very exciting match. Although we only made 68 runs, we had five of our opponents out for 15 before tea. Tea seemed to refresh them, however, and the tail end batsmen gradually scored the required runs to win. The inter-Company cricket has had many interruptions and is not yet finished, but one of the advantages of cricket in Cyprus is that the season can run for a full six months without interruption from the weather.

HOBBIES

A photographic club has, after months of disappointment, at last been established, mainly through the drive and enthusiasm of Cpl. Robinson. We have a very well-appointed darkroom and recently acquired enlarger. The membership is of necessity limited at the present moment, since a member must have some instruction before he is let loose on the expensive and fragile equipment. We hope, however, to extend it by stages.

SERGEANTS' MESS

We have had a fairly quiet life this quarter, despite the fact that patrols have been the largest part of our I.S. activities. Due to a general desire to make the most of the Cyprus sun and beaches the entertainments provided by the Mess have been limited to fairly small fortnightly functions. Most of the married families have taken leave in this last period and many have sampled the excellent facilities provided by the Dome Hotel Leave Centre in Kyrenia. "A most enjoyable stay" has been the unanimous report.

Darts matches have been confined to friendly engagements with C.R.E., who have provided us with an unbroken series of defeats! However, the coming quarter will see a Mess team in the Garrison Darts League and they hope to wipe out these last results.

This quarter has also been noteworthy, due to the sudden appearance of new cars amongst some married members. At last there is some concrete proof of the single members' often repeated phrase—"it's a married man's Army today." The Army First Class certificate of education examinations have provided some long faces, worried frowns and quite a lot of "overtime"—we wish all entrants the best of luck; this wish is especially from those who already have that necessary sheet of paper!

Several promotions have been made this quarter and our heartiest congratulations go out to the following members: C.S.M.s Da Costa and Beale, C/Sgt. Eastap, Sgts. Leat, Redmond and Dyer.

We also welcome to the Mess a number of wives, including some brand new ones, and we hope to see them at the functions in the forthcoming quarter.

Departures from the Mess have been many and we said good-bye to W.O.2s Kenrick and Burgess and Sgt. Redmond—all to the Depot. We congratulate W.O.2 Kenrick on his promotion to R.S.M. Sgt. Elston has gone to the 7th Battalion and Sgts. Mead, Dyer and Higgins and Davis (R.A.E.C.) have left the Battalion and the Army. To all the above we send our best wishes.

Of course the coming quarter is a busy one for entertainments, and it has been noted that the committee are already working hard. A new slant on Christmas draws has been provided by C/Sgt. Potter, whose "think of a number" racket has already proved an attraction for members' ten shilling notes!

THE EVACUATION OF AQABA

It is always sad to see a garrison or unit in which one has served break up and disperse, but all good things must come to an end and old friendships must at some time be broken. That seemed to be the general feeling in "O" Force as the evacuation day drew nearer.

We had, in fact, started preparing for the eventual disbandment of "O" Force in early April when the abrogation treaty was signed, but these preparations had very little effect on the outward appearance of the Garrison until about June. Then (commenced the beginnings of) what was to be an almost continual shuttle-service of Aden-Aqaba-Aden by L.S.T.s (arrived). On to these ungainly yet capacious vessels were loaded the bulk of the more valuable engineer and ordnance stores and vehicles,

much to the annoyance of the poor unfortunates who had to load them. After two or three ships had come and gone we really began to notice a difference, and when the air-lift of outward-bound personnel got into full swing the Garrison seemed only half-alive. As we progressed, yards once crammed full of stores, wood, vehicles, etc., suddenly emptied and yet another L.S.T., replete after gorging itself on W.D. property, sailed away.

Then we came to the first of the two W.D. auction sales of equipment and stores which it would not pay us to remove. Although in general the goods fetched lower prices than expected, at least we managed to save something from the wreck.

Soon the half-way stage was reached when the Centurion tanks of the 10th Royal Hussars were driven through the Garrison on their last journey down to the sea, to be loaded and shipped away in their turn. A token squadron was left to provide a theoretical defence for the remnants of the Garrison, and were later driven by their crews up to Baghdad and presented to the Iraqi Army. The Squadron Commander is understood to be still there enjoying the fleshpots of Baghdad after the somewhat limited facilities of Aqaba.

A few days later the Bofors of 187 L.A.A. Battery said farewell to Aqaba and then the Jordan Arab Army (in polite society no longer called the Arab Legion without nasty looks from any Arab Nationalist present) took over, after some obscure negotiations, the camps of 16 Company R.A.S.C. and 10th Royal Hussars. The "Diamond-T" tank transporters of 16th Company had long since been sold to private Arab buyers and figured largely in the purchases confiscated by the J.A.A. after the sale.

Then, in quick succession, 626 Ordnance Depot and the D.C.R.E. and E.S.D. yards were disposed of and were last seen being rapidly pulled down and the resulting material moved to the J.A.A. Barracks.

By now there were only a mere 700 or so left of the 1,800 originally in the Garrison and every day familiar faces seemed to disappear.

We were shortly to wind up our preparations for evacuation with a handing-over parade to the J.A.A. "C" Company, and a detachment from the 10th Royal Hussars had, for several weeks now, been practising for this event, and there was a rumour that King Hussein would be present in person. However, by calling the parade at Mafraq the official hand-over parade, all our hopes were brought to naught.

At last the Garrison awoke to see the M.V. *Devonshire* at anchor off the docks, together with three L.S.T.s—the *Empire Guillemot*, *Gannet* and *Kittiwake*—and the frigate *Modeste*, whose sailors seemed to enjoy walking around the depleted Garrison and swimming in the warm, clear waters of the Gulf.

That was the beginning of the end of the disbandment of "O" Force. Within three days the remaining troops had embarked on the *Devonshire* or, in some cases, on the L.S.T.s, and we awaited the final parade and departure.

The appointed day, July 6, dawned bright and sunny (not unusual), and after a morning rehearsal we returned on board and relaxed until that evening when we would set foot on Jordanian soil for the last time.

At five o'clock we paraded on the dockside—48 men of "C" Company and 48 plus the remnants of the band of the 10th Royal Hussars. To their Regimental March the J.A.A. detachment marched on parade. The parade was inspected and the salute taken by Col. J. R. Cordy-Simpson, O.B.E., M.C., "O" Forces Commander, and the Commander of the 1st King Hussein Brigade, J.A.A. While both sides presented arms to each other the Union Jack was lowered and the Jordanian flag hoisted. The "O" Force contingent then marched off to the Regimental Marches of the 10th Royal Hussars and the Middlesex Regiment.

It was a simple yet moving ceremony, the light touch being added at the end. As we were ferried out by barge to the *Devonshire* the band of the 10th Royal Hussars delivered their parting shot, the familiar strains of "Colonel Bogey."

We sailed off in convoy in the half-light of dusk and a sandstorm to the accompaniment of a fire work display from the frigate *Modeste*, having well and truly shaken the dust of Aqaba from our highly-bulld boots.

ANCIENT AND MODERN IN LEBANON

I landed at Beirut airport, and there to meet me was the travel agent who had organised my leave scheme. During the journey to my hotel I had my first taste of driving in the Lebanon—one keeps one hand on the horn and drives very fast round the corners, hoping traffic coming in the other direction will hear you and get out of the way!

In summer Beirut is even hotter and stickier than Cyprus, so most of the well-to-do people move to the mountains during the hot weather. The dance bands and cabarets follow and the previously quiet villages are transformed to busy holiday resorts.

Beirut itself is a large and bustling city and, like a true descendant of the ancient Phoenician towns, lives and prospers by trading. In the main square nearly every shopkeeper has an international money exchange outside his window and the harbour is always full of ocean-going ships. The city is full of violent contrasts—walking beside new American cars you are pestered by crowds of ragged little children and old beggars asking you to buy their trash. The only houses near the docks are ramshackle tin huts, yet across the bay you can see ten-storey skyscrapers springing up on every side.

As part of the leave scheme there were coach trips to the most interesting places in the country and I went to the Roman Temples of Baalbek, a magnificent ruin with the remains of great russet pillars rising up from the plain. Although these are now crumbled away, it is easy to imagine how colossal they must have been.

I stayed in Baalbek and camped at night in the temple of Bacchus. Most of the next day was spent trying to speak Arabic and drinking innumerable glasses of black tea with the electrician who manned the flood-lights of the ruins. In the afternoon I went to the bazaar in the modern village and found that nearly every stall displayed a large-sized poster of Colonel Nasser! Most of the young men even had a small portrait of him hanging from the key rings at their belts, and in spite of Lebanon's prosperity, they seemed to think that they would be better off as part of a huge Arab empire.

That evening, as part of the Baalbek International Festival, the Saint Cecilia Orchestra of Rome gave a concert on the steps of the temple of Jupiter. It was an important event for the Lebanese and the President himself arrived, supported by his bodyguard. The music was worthy of the occasion and the setting was perfect.

The other coach trip was to the cedars which are near the top of the highest peak in the Lebanon. Unfortunately only a few hundred trees remained from the thousands which used to cover the mountain range; however, there was a magnificent view over the whole country. The land is better watered than Cyprus, and almost every yard of the soil is terraced by dry stone walls and planted with grape vines and fruit trees.

Near the end of my stay I spent two days walking over the Jebel Sanine to the source of the Adonis River. It was a long rough march and involved camping for one night on the mountain. The ridge was completely arid and by the second morning I had finished my water. My problem was solved by a lucky meeting with a Bedouin goatherd who offered me breakfast outside his tents, and we ate great slabs of bread, with

rice and cheese and junket made from goat's milk! The Adonis River gushes from a cave at the foot of a vast natural amphitheatre, and according to legend it was here that Adonis was killed by a boar after Aphrodite had pleaded with him not to hunt that day. From the nearby village of Afka I took the bus to Jbeil, the ancient town of Byblos, and it is on this fascinating site below the Crusader castle that one can see, within a span of 400 yards, relics of each stage of civilisation, from 4000 B.C. to the present day.

On the way back to Bois de Boulogne the bus was stopped by a road block and we were unceremoniously turned out and searched for weapons! Apparently there was a political meeting in the next village, and unless weapons were banned it would be likely to degenerate into a shooting match!

In the modern Lebanon there are pleasures to suit all tastes and enough ancient ruins to interest the most ardent archaeologist for many weeks. All too soon it was time to return to Cyprus and my last sight of the Lebanon was a range of bare, pinkish mountains just appearing above the clouds.

2/Lt. N. H. POTT.

Depot Notes

EDITORIAL

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Cpl. Mead (6217137) in a traffic accident on October 11, 1957. Cpl. Mead joined the Regiment as a Band Boy in 1946. He later served with the Airborne Forces and returned to the Depot as a Training Corporal at the end of last year. He will be greatly missed at the Depot for his unfailing enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

Cpl. Mead was buried with full military honours at Southall on October 18, 1957. The bearer party was from his fellow Corporals, and the escort and firing party from the No. 48 Intake, one of whose instructors he had been.

The mourners included many friends and relations, and representatives from 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, Old Comrades and the Depot.

Passing-out parades during the quarter have been taken by the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council and the Army Commander. We were particularly pleased with Gen. Colman's favourable comments, as it is some time since we have had the benefit of an expert outside opinion.

We were particularly pleased to have with us for this parade the Home Counties Junior Band from Canterbury. We have six members of this Band at the moment and all were most impressed with their bearing and music.

The main event of the quarter has been the annual administrative inspection. The G.O.C. London District made it, and although the report has not yet been published, we remain hopeful. Among the problems facing the Depot before the big day was finding enough men for the parade. Both intakes had flu, and the junior intake (No. 49) was at half strength.

It has now been announced that the Brigade Depot, after reorganisation, will be at Canterbury. It seems a long way away, but it is fitting that our future recruits will train in sight of Canterbury Cathedral, where our most distinguished Commanding Officer is buried.

TRAINING COMPANY

Training Company has had two major problems with which to deal lately—falling leaves and influenza. Prior to the annual administrative inspection on October 17, there was some doubt whether there would be sufficient recruits still fit to parade and sweep them away. However, under R.S.M. Kenrick's firm guidance we managed to solve this problem, despite winter-time, and we believe that the administrative inspection was a success. The influenza epidemic arrived with the No. 49 Intake on September 26 disastrously, but we are recovering from it.

In August, the No. 47 Recruit Intake were involved in the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo at the White City. This year their task, under Sgt. Warner's control, was less arduous than that for 1956, but nevertheless their efforts were much appreciated by the Tattoo Organisation Committee. Prior to their passing-out parade, No. 47 Intake represented the Depot in the Recruits' match at the Home Counties Brigade Rifle Meeting on September 3, where they obtained a very good second place. The team was Ptes. Shelley, Lucas, Minnett, Bodimeade, Lavell, Robertson and Bailey (27).

Pte. Robertson, who served with the 7th Battalion prior to his National Service, and Pte. Shelley won first and second prizes for their individual scores in the Brigade, and Ptes. Samson and Pumsey won the first and second prizes in the open Sten competition. We

were less fortunate with our Permanent Staff team and in the falling-plate match.

The passing-out parade for No. 47 Intake was held on September 6, when the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council (W. R. M. Chambers, Esq., C.B.E., J.P.), took the salute. He presented medals to:

Best All-round Recruit	Pte. Shelley
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Lucas
Best L.M.G. Shot	Pte. Samson
Highest Physical Efficiency	Pte. Rumsey

The redecoration of the barracks is nearly finished and all the rooms of "A" and "B" Blocks are now habitable and greatly improved. The latest experiment has been the introduction of strip lighting into one barrack room, which has proved to be very popular.

There has been a considerable influx of N.C.O.s from the 1st Battalion to the Depot and we welcome Sgt. Redmond, Cpls. Web, Southwell, Wollin and Short, all of whom are being integrated into the Training Staff. Cpl. Davies arrived here, but was quickly sub-penned into the Brigade Depot Training Cadre as an instructor at Canterbury, where we wish him every success, although his posting caused strong protests here. Sgt. Redmond leaves for a guard drill course at Pirbright on November 10, and C.S.M. Burgess, whom we also welcome from the 1st Battalion as a relief for C.S.M. Firman, has just returned from a drill course there.

Other N.C.O.s on courses at present include Sgt. Tarry (3-in. Mortar) and Cpl. Raffael (A.Tk.) who will be joining the 1st Battalion in the near future. Cpl. Da Costa has been attending several M.T. courses to fit him for the task of M.T. Corporal, thus relieving Cpl. Long for the 1st Battalion early next year.

As already reported, we suffered a most unfortunate loss when Cpl. Mead was accidentally killed in a motorcycle accident whilst returning from the Purfleet Ranges. He was buried with full military honours at Southall on October 18, and all ranks express their deep sympathy to Mrs. Mead and family.

Departures from the Depot Staff during the past quarter include Cpls. Langford and Biggs to civilian life, and Cpl. Hersant to the 1st Battalion. Three "key" lance-corporals have left—L/Cpl. Kerr, that invaluable Company Clerk, L/Cpl. Luck, the prodigious Carpenter, and L/Cpl. Morgan from the Orderly Room. We wish them every success in their regained freedom from "affaires militaires," and we welcome Ptes. Cornish, Keen and Corbridge in their places.

The El Bodon, All Ranks Dance, was held in the Gymnasium on September 20 and proved to be a very popular event—so popular that many people found the R.S.M.'s drill parade on the following morning a trying affair. Another successful party on September 14, when Sgt. Warner became engaged, produced a very unfortunate ending for one particular person. To be deprived of a driving licence for a year seems a heavy penalty for enjoying oneself, but we trust that Pte. Dodds is now enjoying Cyprus—on his feet!

The 48th Recruit Intake—the last one for Capt. J. S. B. Pollard—had a very strenuous finish to their training. Having overcome the trials and tribulations

of the administrative inspection, they were heavily committed for Cpl. Mead's funeral on October 18, and they carried out this difficult and distressing task in a very commendable manner. On October 24, for their passing-out Parade we were honoured by a visit from the Army Commander—Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Coleman, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E.—who congratulated them on their turnout and drill. After taking the salute he presented medals to:

Best All-round Recruit	Pte. Whittall
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Beasley
Best L.M.G. Shot	Pte. Stone
Highest Physical Efficiency	Pte. Maidlow

We wish Capt. and Mrs. Pollard good fortune in Cyprus and we welcome Lt. I. M. E. Lloyd, his successor.

SPORTS

Cricket

The second half of the season produced some enjoyable cricket, though success sometimes eluded us and weather cancelled some of the best fixtures. On July 24, with a weakened team the Depot scored a good win over London Assembly Centre by 5 wickets, Sgt. Morris (4 for 50), Pte. Barley (4 for 26) and Cpl. Langford (2 for 19) skittling the opposition for a paltry 95 runs. Consistent batting by Cpl. Langford (29), Pte. Bird (21), L/Cpl. Barton (20) and Sgt. Morris (23 not out) took the Depot score to 99 for 5 wickets. The following week at home the Depot Royal Fusiliers were unlucky to draw an exciting match, the Depot needing 29 runs to win at the close with one wicket to fall. Sgt. Morris (4 for 52) bowled well and Pte. Hobart (21) was the backbone of the Depot 116 for 9 wickets. The Depot suffered a severe defeat at Hounslow at the hands of Eastern Command two weeks later, losing by 122 runs—Eastern Command making 219 for 3 before declaring and the Depot being all out for 97, of which Pte. Bird made 50!

After two cancelled fixtures, the Depot was again defeated by the East Surreys in the return match at Mill Hill. Batting first, the Depot were all out for 33 and then endured an opposition's 172 for 3 wickets. However, in the return match with Eastern Command the Depot were more fortunate, losing a close game by only 11 runs. Cpl. Langlands, home from 1st Battalion Royal Sussex for release, took 5 wickets for 45 runs, and then scored 80 not out, to give the Depot a total of 132.

Of the 13 matches played during the season, the Depot have won five, lost six and drawn two. Six matches had to be cancelled because of poor weather or for other reasons.

Football

Football is starting, but already the Depot have settled down together and with one notable relapse are proving a strong combination. Three of the five London District Mid-week League matches played have been won, the Depot defeating Pro. Company R.M.P. 6—4, 20 Company R.A.S.C. 10—3 and Kneller Hall 5—1, but losing to Depot Royal Fusiliers 3—7 and 18 Company R.A.M.C. 7—8, after leading 6—1 at half-time. Sgt. Morris continues to captain the side and promising new-

comers to the side include Pts. Duggan, Tolley and Martin (43). The fixture list is a full one.

Hockey

Only one match has been played to date and that was drawn, against Depot East Surreys. There is, as usual, a scarcity of players at the Depot. The Permanent Staff provide the backbone of the team, with L/Cpl. Ambler, Capt. Weller and Major Jeffcoat providing a consistent defence. Our fixture list has been somewhat upset by the introduction, long after the bulk of the fixtures were confirmed, of a London District Mid-week League which the Depot could not enter.

DEPOT OFFICERS' MESS

The quarter has produced nothing really out of the ordinary—just another 90 or so of those "365 onces."

The usual monthly guest nights have been held, and we have had the pleasure of dining Col. Dowbiggin from Hong Kong, Brigadier D. A. Wilson commanding the 47th London Infantry Brigade T.A., Col. Desmond Ellis, Major McGhie, O.C. Air Trooping Centre, and Capt. Scott from the War Office. Incidentally, Col. Ellis recently presented the Mess with a very handsome table lighter, which is in use daily in the ante-room. We are indeed grateful to him for this splendid gift.

Apart from dinners, there have been several official lunches when we have entertained the G.O.C. Eastern Command, the G.O.C. London District, the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council, and Admiral Thistleton Smith and Brigadier Holmes, was was visiting 8th R.N.R. Officers here for annual training with the Home Postal Depot. All these have now "gone ashore." On another occasion Cols. Brooke and Burge from Records, Warwick, lunched with us.

Alain Cevair, a French cadet from St. Cyr spent two weeks in the Mess, and during that short time learned more about London than many of us know.

Col. Clayton paid a flying visit from Hong Kong. Col. Green appears from time to time, as also Capt. Carter and Moore. Major Porter has returned from Malta and is on leave in Ireland. Others we have seen include Brigadier Lerwill, Col. Allen, Major Doyle, Major Whinney—to whom we wish a speedy recovery—Majors Clayden and Hicks, Capt. Legge and Collins. 2/Lts. Adleman, Burge, Marshall, Spragg, Bannister, Higginson, Pott and Battye-Pratt passed through on completion of their National Service.

With us at the time of writing are Lt. P. R. Young and 2/Lt. M. F. K. Young. The former finishes in November and the latter should have gone to Nigeria some time ago, but acute appendicitis and Asian flu detained him. 2/Lts. Deakin and Julian, who recently joined from Sandhurst, are on a course. 2/Lts. McCubbin and Phillips from Eaton Hall will be with the Battalion before these notes appear in print. Major "Dick" Smith is now on Depot strength, and as those who know him can well imagine, is reorganising the Museum.

During the quarter we have said farewell to Lt. Donovan, now with 1st Middlesex, and Lt. Pike to Aden. Capt. Pollard will have gone also, and we welcome Lt. Lloyd in his place. Finally, we greet Major Macbeth,

who has taken over command of the Home Postal Depot here.

We apologise for any omissions in these brief notes. Where married officers have arrived or departed, our good wishes are, of course, extended to their wives.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The most important event during the last quarter was the promotion and departure of R.S.M. Pike. We offer our congratulations to him and wish him well on his appointment of Lieutenant (Q.M.) to Aden Protectorate Levies. He left for Aden on September 1, and we have since heard he has settled down. The officers and their ladies joined with us in bidding Lt. Pike *bon voyage* at a farewell party held on August 30. A tankard suitably inscribed was presented to him to mark the occasion. Lt. Pike was succeeded by R.S.M. Kenrick, who arrived from the 1st Battalion last August. We wish him a pleasant tour of duty at the Depot. The minor upheaval caused by his "living in" the Mess prompted the remark by a member, "Why doesn't he get married?"

The annual administrative inspection went well and we have had many visitors and quite a number of arrivals and departures.

The Commanding Officer and his father, Col. Battye, spent an evening with us. Col. Battye found much to interest him and has promised to visit us again. Major R. W. J. Smith, of course, has visited us. What a wonderful start he gave to our forthcoming Christmas draw by initiating a keenly contested "pokey die" session, which ended with many tickets on the board for Major Smith. We must thank him, too, for re-mounting the decorations and medals which we hold in the Mess—a first-class job. Major Newman, too, has been to see us, bringing a challenge from the Old Comrades to darts. We went in force, but the gathering was so large and representative that only one game was played. We were pleased to join in welcoming back "Busty Hull" after his long illness.

Recently returned from the Battalion is C.S.M. Burgess, who stayed a weekend with us before going off to Pirbright. We wish him well on his course and welcome him to the Depot. We also extend a welcome to Sgt. Redmond, who has come to join our training staff. Sgts. Mead and Higgins have passed through on leaving, and we wish them both success and hope they will visit us. C.S.M. Goodge and Sgt. Walters are at present here, but are soon to go to Cyprus, away from the London smog to sunny climes—lucky people! Sgt. Hook looked fine and tanned on his return. Sgt. and Mrs. Cripps have visited us. It is regrettable that their return from Cyprus was occasioned by the illness of their baby son. We were pleased to see them, nevertheless.

Bandmaster Gains and C/Sgt. Grogan spent several days with us with the Brigade Boys Band. They enjoyed themselves so much that they didn't want to leave. They have left their mark in the form of "The Washington Post" and "Scipio," which are indelibly imprinted in our minds.

A grand time was had by all at the 8th Battalion monthly social at Hounslow. We hope they will accept

our invitation to us at games on November 16. The 7th Battalion are also invited to make it a three-cornered contest.

The R.A.F. (Hendon), too, invited us along to their closing down party. A body fell from the taxi in the early hours—W.O. (R.A.F.) Guy Fawkes. He was uninjured and has since taken the place of honour at our bar. His turn-out is immaculate, his cap is at a jaunty angle, and his salute is most correct. He is due for a big surprise on November 5.

Plans are well ahead for the forthcoming Christmas festivities. Our big night is planned for December 21, and arrangements are in the capable hands of C/Sgt. Powell, Sgt. Palmer and Sgt. Taylor, who assure us that it will be an evening to remember—so roll on, Christmas.

In conclusion, congratulations to Sgt. Warner on his recent engagement. We all attended his most excellent engagement party.

CORPORALS' CLUB

It was with deep regret that the Club learned of the tragic death of Cpl. Mead in a road accident on October 11, 1957. The Club has lost a true friend and well-liked companion, the Regiment a fine soldier.

Apart from this sad occurrence, the outstanding event of the quarter was the dance held on September 13. Thanks mainly to the efforts of "Jeep" Hanshaw, the evening was highly successful.

The quarter has been one of welcomes and farewells. From the hurried bustle of a private's existence a few more have joined us: L/Cpls. Barton, Keast-Butler, Taylor and Walker. The Club has welcomed also the tanned faces of Cpls. Davies, Short, Southwell, Webb and Wollin who joined us from the 1st Battalion, complete with G.S.M. World of bowler hats and rolled umbrellas has, however, claimed such old retainers as Cpls. Biggs and Langford, L/Cpls. Lack, Morgan, Oxlade and Palmer, to whom we wish all success. The sunny shores of Cyprus have lured Cpl. Hersant from us. A group from the Royal Sussex Regiment passed through the Depot on release, and we were pleased to meet Cpls. Langlands and Taylor.

Amongst our athletic members, we must congratulate L/Cpl. Barton on being picked to play for the Army on October 22 and also wish L/Cpl. Wadham good fortune on turning "pro."

We look forward to another successful dance in November. We have "Paddy" Haire on the Entertainments Committee, from whom we expect great things.

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB

A jumble sale was held in the Crawford Hut on October 19 and a good amount of jumble was collected from the quarters in spite of the Boy Scouts beating us to it a couple of weeks before. The majority of the members were able to help in collecting and/or selling and the sale was only marred by the behaviour of a few children. Admission was: Adults 3d., children free. Next time it may well be: Adults free, children 5s., which may deter the delinquents.

At the November meeting it was decided to send a gift of some money in the form of Premium Bonds to

Mrs. Mead, whose husband, Cpl. Mead, died after an accident in October, and Mrs. Mead has been left with three small children. There was also general agreement to the suggestion put by Mrs. Battye that a donation should be given from the Club's funds towards some organisation or charity and as "charity begins at home" the Garrison Church was suggested. The Padre is therefore to be asked for his ideas and how we can best help.

Fortnightly sessions of badminton in the gymnasium have just been started and it is hoped that it will prove popular.

Mrs. Pike and Desmond are still with us, but surrounded by packed boxes and trunks. They are hoping to hear that they will be on their way to Aden any day now. Mrs. Pike has been the greatest help with the Club and the Thrift Shop and both she and Desmond will be missed when they leave Mill Hill.

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



GENERAL

During the period which followed annual camp, the Battalion has been very busy mainly in building up a first-class shooting team for the competitions of 1958. So well has the team progressed, that the unit won all the major unit events in the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association meeting on September 29. The end of this successful season was celebrated by a triumphant team dinner held in the Sergeants' Mess.

A great deal of the credit for this is due to the enthusiastic leadership of Lt. M. A. H. Lanyon, the team captain, and the hard work of R.S.M. Thom.

The second principle task undertaken by the Battalion has been the maintenance of the recruiting drive. Progress has been made from our experiences gained during September and October. This has shown that the personal approach from volunteer to potential recruit is still the best method of recruiting.

Demonstrations and static displays like those at the Enfield Show may create interest, but they do not bring in recruits. A most fruitful source of recruits has been the simple advertisement in the local Press. In the first month's experiment 14 new recruits were gained. It is hoped to more than double these numbers in the coming months. Throughout the recruiting drive, the help received from the local Press has been most encouraging.

DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

The change over of Adjutants has taken place and Capt. B. A. M. Pielow has left for the 1st Battalion, with good wishes from everyone for as successful a



Members of the 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment Shooting Team at Henley Park on September 29, with their trophies

tour in Cyprus as he has had with the 7th. We wish the new Adjutant, Capt. N. F. Legge, every success in the appointment. Lt. J. F. A. Weil has also left the Battalion, the demands of farming becoming too great to permit active membership in the Regiment. Capt. Maurice Baldwin has had to give up his duties as O.C. "D" Company for medical reasons. We hope very much that he will be able to rejoin the Battalion in due course. In the meantime Lt. H. D. Tymms has taken over "D" Company. We wish him well in this his first command. Capt. P. A. Stocken has returned to the T.A. and has joined "A" Company. Already he has made his mark as a member of the Battalion shooting team. Another new arrival, Lt. G. R. Hanson, has taken over the Signals Platoon. Lt.-Col. D. E. Simpson, T.D. (King's), has been attached to the Battalion since mid-summer, on assuming a civilian appointment in the south of England. He has brought with him an invaluable experience of T.A. work, especially shooting.

Sadly we bid farewell to Major Bob Cummins, M.B.E., who was transferred to the Reserve in June 1957. He has served the Battalion magnificently since 1951 and his loss is felt by all ranks.

Lastly, we welcome Major Du Park Braham, who has just joined the Battalion after a long spell on the Staff at 44 (H.C.) Infantry Division (T.A.). He will command Support Company. The following recruits have joined the Regiment and we sincerely hope they thoroughly enjoy their service: Ptes. Brooks, Johnstone, Bryant, Pierie, Savage, Sutcliffe, Van de Pol.

TRAINING

By far the most encouraging feature in Battalion training since camp has been the progress made by the shooting team. This progress is being followed up in the winter months with a series of .22 shooting competitions organised by Capt. B. St. G. A. Reed, M.C., the new Training Officer. Already the first monthly competition has been completed. The aim of these competitions is to get every volunteer to fire two cards in every winter month and so discover our shooting talent for 1958; .22 shooting teams have been entered for the T.A. Small-bore League and the T. and A.F.A. Inter-Unit .22 Rifle Competition, 1957/58.

Another visit was made to the Snowdon area during the weekend September 14-15. Led by the Commanding Officer, a party of nine officers and six other ranks climbed Snowdon by four different tracks. The assault was successful, and after refreshment the patrols returned to their base in Llanberis. The evening was spent in places of local interest and on Sunday the party visited the Central Council of Physical Recreation Centre at Capel Curig, where training courses are organised in mountain climbing and hill walking. A third visit to Snowdonia, planned for the end of October, had to be cancelled owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the district. It is hoped that vigorous training of this nature will lead to the formation of a team to be entered in the Nijmegen March in 1958 or 1959. On the weekend October 5-6, Lt. M. A. H. Lanyon and Lt. M. Beaumont (M.T.O.) headed a team of three

vehicles and crews in the sharpshooters weekend exercise "Goose Chase." The exercise included timed distance driving and map reading, and was controlled by a number of check points. For some undivulged reason, our team came 18th in a field of 23.

The Commanding Officer, with all Company Commanders and Capt. B. St. G. A. Reed, M.C., attended the Brigade Commander's T.E.W.T. held on the weekend October 12-13 in Ashdown Forest, near Crowborough, Sussex. The subject of study was the Battalion in attack, supported by tanks and the tactical nuclear weapons. As an aid to further winter training, both for Support Company and the officers of the Battalion, a Puff range is being constructed by Capt. Peter Garrett.

SHOOTING 1957

Looking back on the shooting team's schedule, the main impression gained is one of furious activity. Members of the Battalion were involved in one competition or another every weekend throughout August and September except one. The team came out of its post-camp retirement for a Sunday of zeroing and practice at Mill Hill, and without the chance of a preliminary canter at the Brigade meeting, descended on Bisley to fire the T.A.R.A. decentralised competitions on August 14 and 15. This first weekend was memorable. Many were experiencing the comfort and hospitality of the London and Middlesex Rifle Association Hut for the first time and, as happened several times later in the season, the second day's scores were surprisingly better than the first. How high up the list the team will be placed in the Lord Lieutenant's Cup remains to be seen, but it was a very promising start. The Divisional meeting at Hythe on August 21-22 found us with a team rather weakened by mishaps and the promise of the previous weekend was not realised. However, Capt. Stocken and Drum-Major Holdford, B.E.M., sufficiently mastered the nasty cross wind, to be invited to shoot for 44 Division in the Kolar Cup the following week.

The London and Middlesex meeting at Bisley provided a delightful week end shooting under excellent conditions. This meeting disclosed the efficiency of the N.R.A. method of marking, and it would be good to see it adopted at all military meetings. The Battalion put up a very commendable performance against experienced competitors, Major Gunnell who won a silver spoon for his individual score of 147 and Sgt. Wotton with a score of 144, being outstanding.

The last meeting of the season was the Middlesex T. and A.F.A. Shoot at Henley Park, and though it opened somewhat bleakly in very poor light and heavy rain, it finished in fine weather, with the Battalion collecting a truly remarkable weight of silver for winning the Major Units Rifle and L.M.G. Shields (the latter with three scores of 62) and the Champion Unit Trophy. The Battalion has now embarked on a period of steady training and practice, with the object of being able to enter at least two teams for next year's competitions.

The Battalion team included: Major J. D. Gunnell, Capt. P. A. Stocken, Lts. A. G. Williams and M. A. H. Lanyon, R.S.M. Thom, R.Q.M.S. Howes, O.R.Q.M.S.

Munds, C.S.M. Holdford, B.E.M., C/Sgt. Hutchings, Sgts. Curry and Wotton, Cpl. White, Dmr. Beard, Ptes. Bryant, Sutcliffe, Van de Pol and Walker.

"A" COMPANY SOCIAL

On September 20 "A" Company organised an All Ranks Dance at the Highgate Drill Hall. Thanks to the efforts of Capt. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Chittock and Sgt. Dive the Hall looked very festive for the occasion. Dancing was from 8 p.m. until midnight and refreshments were served at 10 p.m. Unfortunately the dance was not as well attended as had been hoped, but those who came enjoyed it.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Officers' Mess winter activities began with the annual cocktail party on September 20. The party, which was organised by Major Le Dromard, was a great success. This was followed by a dance held on October 5. Due to rival attractions, the numbers attending were smaller than had been hoped, but those who were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Among those who were present were the Hon. Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland and his wife.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last notes which covered up to and including annual camp, it has been a comparatively quiet time for the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, and consequently there is little to report. However, most Tuesday and Thursday evenings a number of stalwarts are to be found in the Mess, but we would like to see more, especially the younger members.

As is no doubt reported elsewhere, the Battalion has had a fairly successful season on the open rifle range, and we are pleased to be able to report that the Mess has been well represented in the Battalion team on all occasions. In fact, even the O.R.Q.M.S. has turned out on two occasions and proved the truth of the saying, "Once a rifleman, always a rifleman."

Talking about shooting, an amusing incident occurred at Bisley which is worth relating. The R.Q.M.S. and the O.R.Q.M.S. were walking back from the range to the L. & M.R.A. Clubhouse when they were stopped by a venerable old gentleman, who, in a slight Canadian accent, expressed a wish to speak to a couple of British soldiers again, as he had served for 31 years in the Royal Artillery prior to emigrating to Canada some thirty-odd years ago. Addressing himself to the R.Q.M.S., he said: "Of course, you wouldn't remember my first war." The R.Q.M.S. politely enquired when it was, and received the answer: "The Afghan War of 1894." The R.Q.M.S. expressed surprise and admitted that it was a bit before his time, and the O.R.Q.M.S., not to be left out added: "A bit before my time too." The old-timer looked him straight in the eye and rapped out: "WAS IT?" The O.R.Q.M.S.'s affirmation was in typical style, and he didn't recover his normal composure until the bar had been open for a few hours later in the evening. Anno Domini certainly catches up on us all whilst we're not watching.

The Mess has assumed a much more cheerful and

welcome appearance since Mr. Lloyd rejuvenated the bar.

BAND AND DRUMS

For the Band and Drums the quarter has been one marked by the number of engagements undertaken. Frequently in these engagements we have been joined by co-operative members of the 8th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

Perhaps the most colourful performance was that at the Enfield Show, when the Band and Corps of Drums, 50 strong, Beat Retreat before the Mayor, after marching through the town. This performance, together with the concerts given by the Band earlier in the day, may well have won us an engagement at the "Spurs" ground in the near future.

These notes are due for publication near to Christmas, and we would like to wish the Battalion, and especially all former members of the Band and Drums, a most happy Christmas and New Year.

THE ELMS CLUB

We started afternoon meetings on September 11 and evening meetings on Thursday, October 10.

Our first tombola evening of the winter session was held on October 3, and we intend to hold a tombola evening or a whist drive each month.

We are now proud to say we have our club badge, to which any member is entitled after attending three meetings. Badges were presented to Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Pielow and Mrs. Donovan, who are leaving us to join the 1st Battalion. Our good wishes go with them.

On September 29 the Club went to Henley Park in a coach kindly provided by Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., to cheer the Battalion team on to victory in the Middlesex T. and A.F.A. Rifle Meeting. Our congratulations to the team on their great success.

16th MIDDLESEX INDEPENDENT CADET COMPANY

A very successful annual camp was held by the County of Middlesex Army Cadet Force at the military fort, Newhaven, during the first two weeks of August.

Members of the Company who attended, many for the first time, lived up to the watchword of the camp, "Work Hard, Play Hard." A great deal of training was undertaken, which the Company is unable to arrange owing to the ground not being available near their headquarters. During all day exercises, cadets constructed a field kitchen, prepared and cooked their meals. This was a new experience and was received with great enthusiasm.

On one occasion, whilst the Company was in training, they were visited by Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Officer Commanding 7th Battalion, and Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Officer Commanding the Depot.

The Company had an opportunity to prove their standard of watersmanship when a river crossing was made, using folding assault craft.

This year, for the first time, the camp held an Open Day, when over 220 parents travelled to Newhaven to visit their sons and to inspect the camp.



Some members of 16th Company at Camp

At the last Certificate "A" Board, held in July just before annual camp, the Company secured five passes out of six candidates for Part I. Every effort is now being made to convert these into Part II passes. So this can be accelerated, advantage is being taken of weekend courses, both of general instruction and drill, arranged by London District. Application has been made for as many vacancies as the Company can possibly take up. It is hoped that a party of cadets will be on a course every three weeks until the spring.

The 7th Battalion is kindly assisting us again this winter, C.S.M. Etheridge will be instructing on the L.M.G. The 8th Travelling Wing have undertaken to visit the Company twice a month until January to give instruction in Certificate "A" Part II map-reading.

Lt. V. Williams has been presented with a medal by the Dutch Forces to mark his participation in the annual 100-mile endurance march, where each competitor carried equipment weighing 23 lb. The event this year was held at Nijmegen. Lt. Williams took part as a member of the team entered by the Middlesex Yeomanry.

Both Lt. O. H. Lardner and V. Williams attended the Platoon Commanders' Course at the School of Infantry, Warminster, during the last week in September. The course was of great instructional value.

HORNSEY BRANCH, O.C.A.

We are pleased to report another successful season with a good attendance of members, despite holiday and the annual camp.

We thank the C.O., Lt.-Col. Allen, for two grand evenings at the Battalion's dances at Tottenham and Highgate. The Club is still very strong at darts and the game of cribbage is coming along in little groups, which makes our evenings very enjoyable.

We end on a sad note—the sad and sudden loss of one of our members, Mr. A. Foster, ex-Drummer,

3rd Battalion, who died on October 9 and was buried at Finchley Cemetery on October 15, the service taking place at the church where he was married. Drum-Major C. Holdford, M.B.E., sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Mr. A. E. Silles took a wreath on behalf of the Hornsey Branch. Members' wives attended.

A. E. SILLES (Hornsey O.C.A.)

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

CONSOLIDATION

In a world of constant change the British Army has not been lagging. The T.A., true to tradition, has taken part in these events with the Regular Army, and as previously reported, the 8th Battalion has had its fair share over the past twelve months.

It is therefore a great pleasure to report that "D" Company has at long last moved into its new Drill Hall at Hendon. Following the move of "A" Company already reported, this completes the re-deployment of the Battalion. It may be of interest to readers to know exactly where our Companies are now located, therefore we feel it worth while to devote a part of our space in this copy of the Regimental Magazine to showing where we are consolidating, and who the Company Commanders are.

Coy.	Coy. Comd.	Address
"A"	Major G. W. Webber	T.A. Centre, Cowley, Uxbridge.
"B"	Capt. A. Holmes	T.A. Centre, Churchfields, Rd., Ealing, W.5.
"C"	Capt. C. W. Palmer	T.A. Centre, Whitefriars Avenue, Wealdstone.
"D"	Capt. D. B. Brooks	T.A. Centre, Algernon Rd., Hendon.
"Sp"	Major P. J. Hall	T.A. Centre, High St., Hampton.
(Aslt. Pnr. Platoon)		T.A. Centre, Leacroft, Staines.
"H.Q."	Capt. P. S. S. F. Marsden	T.A. Centre, Hanworth Rd., Hounslow.

RECRUITING

Despite gaining several new recruits, the overall strength of the Battalion reached its lowest figure at the end of July, due to a number of departures. This, however, was literally "rock bottom," and it is pleasing to see the strength slowly increasing again now and building up on this firm base.

The most remarkable achievement has been that of Major Webber at Uxbridge. It will be recalled that in our last notes but one we said the Chiefs had been provided for the new "A" Company, and their problem was to find the Indians. They were not really able to make a proper start until July, after annual camp, and they have now got 14 volunteers enlisted and several more on the threshold.

Capt. Brooks has got a lot to live up to at Hendon if he is to do the same by January 1958.

Recruiting now comes before all else, which is only logical; our future as an independent unit, in other words as the 8th Battalion, depends on our ability to increase our strength. If the test is applied of stripping any unit Regular or T.A. of its National Service element, we feel that we have no cause to be ashamed, but this does not mean that we are satisfied. We want 180 volunteers by the end of May 1958.

On July 27 we once again joined forces with the Depot in a recruiting march through Twickenham in conjunction with the Twickenham Carnival. The Depot had a smart body of recruits on parade, and we provided our Regimental Band and Corps of Drums, and Support Company had two "floats" with M.M.G. and 3-in. Mortars on flat-top 3 ton trucks, and also towed a 17-pounder anti-tank gun. The weather was unkind, but all went well.

SHOOTING

This time of the year, from July to September, is very largely taken up by competition shooting in the T.A.

On August 11 the M.M.G. Platoon competed for the Perring Trophy on Ash Ranges, Aldershot, with their usual happy result in a straight fight with the 7th Battalion, scoring 275 against their 95. The two gun teams consisted of C/Sgt. Rea, Sgt. Light, Cpls. Bartholomew, Trindall, Morton and Lloyd. Much was owed to the excellent coaching of C.S.M. Budden.

On September 7-8 the Battalion entered a team in the Divisional/District Rifle Meeting. They did very well amongst keen competition under poor conditions on Hythe Ranges, with a strong cross wind from the sea. We achieved the best results in our own Brigade and were the second best T.A. unit in the China Cup, being beaten by the 4th Bufts (T.A.) with 326 points to our 316. The following represented the Battalion: Lt.-Col. Brotherton, Major Webber, R.S.M. McMillan, Drum-Major Wales, Sgt. Murray, Cpl. Thomas, L/Cpls. Young and Shearman, Ptes. Ashcroft and Gainsbury.

The London and Middlesex Rifle Association held their 71st Annual Meeting at Bisley on the weekend September 21-22. The Battalion team attended on September 22 only, a day of mixed fortunes and one on which we discovered that Bisley competitions are different from any others! Our only success as a Battalion was in winning the Munro Challenge Cup (M.M.G.). To make up the team, the services of the Commanding Officer and the R.S.M. were called upon, both of whom were handling the Vickers again for the first time in many years. Major Hall completed the V.I.P. detachment and Sgt. Light, Cpls. Lloyd and Stock manned the second gun. In the L.M.G. match the Battalion team of six had to be content with second place, despite a brilliant score by Cpl. Thomas and L/Cpl. Young, who obtained 77 out of a possible 80. Each was awarded a silver spoon for their outstanding effort. L/Cpl. Shearman was also awarded a silver spoon for obtaining top score of the Battalion team in the Battalion match competition.

With all the experience gained during early competitions, and as the holders of all the major trophies from last years' meeting, it was perhaps understandable that our team should have gone to Henly Park on September 29 with high hopes for the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association Rifle Meeting. Even the inevitable rain did not affect our optimism, but as we discovered to our cost, it takes more than confidence and optimism to win shooting trophies. On this occasion it was the turn of the 7th Battalion to walk off with all the major trophies, and we

congratulate them on their high standard of shooting. Even in the Hamilton Leigh we were "pipped at the post" when, with one solitary plate left standing, our opponents came in with a rush and beat us to it.

GENERAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Lt. John made such a satisfactory job of M.T.O. at camp this year that he has now been appointed M.T.O. permanently. He and the M.T. Sergeant, Sgt. Woods, attended a M.T. course at 3 W.E.T.C., Crowborough, on September 28-29, which they said was well worth while. That, coming from Sgt. Woods with his very extensive M.T. knowledge, is worthy praise.

On October 5-6 Support Company held an exercise in the Maidenhead area with the aim of practising individual map-reading, night compass work, and canoeing. One group, led by Lt. Medlock, became well and truly lost in some thick scrub for over an hour and eventually resorted to reporting the fact by telephone from the nearest public-house they could find—that's their story, anyhow! Cpl. McDonald, Cpl. Tinson and Pte. Ashcroft did some first-class work. On the Sunday morning at 0830 hrs. the canoes were on the river at Cookham and, after some instruction, two races were held over a three-mile course, when Lt. Medlock redeemed himself by winning the first of these, together with Lt. Hogg.

"C" Company were most ambitious in holding a weekend exercise on the Isle of Wight on 19-20 October. This was preceded by an amphibious assault, for which the "landing craft" had to be "hired"; 72 Middlesex Cadet Company from Hounslow provided the enemy, under the command of Capt. Marsden. The exercise was reported as being most successful and was visited by the Brigade Commander.

At the time of writing, "A" Company are holding an eight-day cadre for three of their new volunteers, Ptes. Bourne, Cousins and Reynolds. Instruction is being given by the Company Commander, the P.S.I. and Sgt. Saunders. None of these three recruits have had any previous experience in the Army and they asked for this short course themselves, and obtained the time off from their employers to attend it. Sgt. Saunders also volunteered his services and obtained leave of absence from his civilian employer. This is the spirit we want to see in the Battalion, that of the true volunteer, and it reflects credit on all those involved at "A" Company. This spirit also accounts, no doubt, for their first-class recruiting figures.

PERSONALITIES

There have been no special Officers' or Sergeants' Mess activities since our last notes; we are, therefore, confining ourselves to a single heading of personalities to include all ranks.

We welcome the well-known figure of Capt. Wood back to the Battalion after a year on T.A.R.O. He returns to Support Company and we hope to see more of him now, although he is still working in the south-west of England.

Our sincere congratulations go to Capt. Marsden on his promotion and we wish him the best of luck with "H.Q." Company, which he now commands.

Our heartiest congratulations also go to Capt. and Mrs. Brooks, who were married at Southbourne on September 14, 1957.

At the end of August we suffered a sad loss by the departure of our O.R.Q.M.S., W.O.2 Howe. He had three outstanding virtues: a first-class knowledge of his job, complete selflessness in his work and a cheerful smile, whatever the situation. We wish him the very best of luck with his new unit, 571 L.A.A. Regiment (9th Middlesex) (T.A.).

We extend a warm welcome to C/Sgt. Smeeton, who has taken W.O.2 Howes' place and has come from 571 L.A.A. Regiment (9th Middlesex) (T.A.) under mutual arrangements for personal reasons regarding their respective changes in residence. C/Sgt. Smeeton has already shown that he is most efficient at his job, and we feel quite sure that we have once again been fortunate in filling this very important appointment.

Some of our readers may be interested to know that Michael Ashby is still "going strong" in the Orderly Room—old soldiers never die.

Last, but not least, we congratulate Cpl. Ashcroft of Support Company and L/Cpls. Gainsbury and Barratt of "B" Company on their recent promotions.

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

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

Camp is now but a memory—but one of the happiest camps most of us had experienced in the post-war T.A. The Regiment, small in strength but high in morale, started it with the obvious intention of working hard and playing hard—which indeed every man succeeded in doing.

Arriving at Weybourne for the third successive year was almost like going home. The Messes were soon working effectively and it is true to say, perhaps, that the O.R.s' Mess has never been so good. The first week of camp took the form of a series of courses, well planned and executed by our Training Major, Major Harry Knight and his staff. The proof of the pudding is always in the eating. This came in the second week, when the Regiment's shooting far exceeded anything which had been achieved in past years. Indeed, next year, we confidently expect that the shooting down of sleeves will be determined by the supply of sleeves and aircraft. As a gesture, Major Howkins and the 2IC did collect three battered targets to bring home to base.

The camp, as ever, will be particularly remembered because of its social activities. Monday of the first week brought welcome visitors in the shape of the Mayor and Mayoress of Willesden, accompanied by the leader of Willesden Council and his wife. Much to the delight of one and all, they entered very much into the spirit of camp, walking miles to meet everyone and to see the Regiment training. This is a good spot to tell you that the Mayor and the leader of his council are no mean hands on the business end of a gun.

At the end of the day, during which our civic visitors lunched in the Officers' Mess and dined in the Sergeants' Mess, the officers held, as usual, a cocktail party, at which the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon were also present. This has become a popular feature of camp

and a first-class opportunity for the other practising regiments, and the permanent staff, to get to know us. The Chairmen of the Councils of Sheringham and Holt honoured us with their presence, along with many old camp friends.

The following day, their worships the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon showed that they were no less versatile than their Willesden colleagues. Again, they were kind enough to make a tour of the whole training area, meeting fellow-citizens and generally showing a really genuine interest in the Regiments' work.

Wednesday, August 14, was a red letter day at camp for the Regiment. The Right Honourable John Hare Secretary of State for War, arrived by helicopter and, after visiting the Regiment in training, lunched with the Regiment's officers. On the firing point he met and talked with many members of the Regiment and, as a pre-war T.A. soldier himself, he was obviously *au fait* with a T.A. camp set-up. Mr. Hare, his P.P.S., Sir Norman Hulbert, M.P., the Brigade Commander, Brigadier A. Chessels, R.A., and many other distinguished guests graced the Mess at lunchtime. This made for a most convivial occasion and, in many respects a unique one for the Regiment.

With two years' experience behind them, the Regiment soon found the local entertainments. West Runton received its share of the Regiment's terpsichorean artists, Cromer had its attractions for certain charmers and, on the middle Saturday of camp, Great Yarmouth was once again the Regiment's chief target. The Band's annual dinner was successful as ever, thanks largely to Bdsmn. Barton's organisation, and perhaps more enjoyable than usual as the Band at camp teamed up with the Band of the Durham Regiment which camped with us. The result of this musical liaison was excellent and provided much entertainment for local residents and holiday makers at Cromer Fete, at Sheringham's Grand Hotel, at Holt's Gymkhana and at Leatheringsett's Church Fete. Perhaps this is a good point to remind our readers that Bandmaster Savage would be delighted to interview prospective recruits any Tuesday evening at the T.A. Centre, Honeypot Lane, Kingsbury, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Guest Night in the Officers' Mess produced its usual crop of titbits. Lt. Cooper of "Q" Battery had the fortune, or misfortune, to have his birthday on that date. He suffered a little in consequence, but was suitably revived with "bubbly." The C.O. and the 2IC were soon settled down to serious military manoeuvres *a la* Moriarty. The Adjutant narrowly escaped a fate worse than death—perhaps "narrowly" is the wrong word. The Training Major had Al Jolson turning in his grave. The story is an old one—but it still has an element of freshness. (In this respect, any Territorial who hasn't read John Verney's "Going to the Wars" ought to do so at once as an exercise in humility—I get no royalties for that plug.)

Brigadier John Ropes was kind enough to inspect the Regiment on Sunday, August 18. A windy but sunny morning gave the Regiment the opportunity to produce a smart parade with the combined Middlesex/Durham Band adding its quota of atmosphere to the occasion. The parade was preceded by a church service and



(Left) Lt.-Col. A. G. B. Drabble, T.D., R.A. (T.A.), and the Rt. Hon. John Hare, Secretary of State for War (centre)

followed by the presentation of awards to several long-standing members of the Regiment: B.S.M. Caves, Battery Quartermaster Sgt. Griffiths, Bdr. Chignel and Sgt. Hall each received a T.A. clasp or medal. After the march past, there were the usual record photographs taken and then the Regiment relaxed. The Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess before lunch—a gathering of the clans, if ever there was one. It resulted in a somnolent atmosphere pervading the camp for the remainder of the day.

Camp always brings its share of excitements, alarms and excursions, and the Regimental Fire Picquet was very much on its toes when there was a brief but hectic blaze late one night in a R.E.M.E. cabin. Full marks to the officer i/c and his men on their prompt reactions, and our commiserations with B.S.M. Allcorn, who had the misfortune to break an ankle in the course of fire-fighting.

A day's exercise in beautiful weather crowned camp. With a good flow of such things as go to make life more pleasant (well done, The Battery Captain), it was a fitting close to camp. It seems only yesterday, and already we are planning the next camp. April will see the Regiment again encamped. You haven't much time left if you want to be with us. Think about it!

Since returning from camp, the Regimental Rifle Meeting has been held at Purfleet. For the first time, members of the Regiment were encouraged to bring

with them their wives and families. This resulted in a most enjoyable day—particularly for the wives and children. A buffet, a pool shoot, innumerable impromptu instructions in the mechanism of the rifle, sundry games of cricket and a medicum of sunshine provided a piquant cocktail.

October 12 meant our first social function. An all ranks social and dance at Kingsbury was a great success—despite the oriental flu which was at its height at the time. On Friday, October 25, six officers and their wives represented the Regiment at the Mayor of Wembley's annual civic dinner and dance.

Your correspondent writes these notes with more than a tinge of sadness. By the time they are in print, Lt.-Col. A. G. B. Drabble, T.D., C.O. of the Regiment since May 1955, will have retired. Two and a half years ago, Col. Drabble was faced with the unenviable task of welding together batteries from three different regiments. This he has done in outstanding fashion, to produce a regiment of which we are all proud. May I, on behalf of the Regiment, thank Col. Drabble through these columns and assure him that he will be remembered long, and with affection by those who served with him.

Finally, a note of welcome to Capt. Mason, who has taken over the Regiment's R.E.M.E. workshop and is P.S.O. To press, there is little doubt that R.E.M.E. are in very good hands.

"Q" BATTERY

The Battery has now passed into the quiet period that follows camp. We are concentrating on recruiting and on individual training with the social programme leading up to Christmas.

The full effect of losing our National Servicemen has hit us and we are learning to be "Territorials" again. It is very encouraging to see the return to us of some of those who were National Service volunteers. We are delighted to see them and to welcome them to the "best club there is." Among those who have returned is Gnr. Metheringham, a former member of 595 Regiment.

In return for their hospitality last July, the Sussex Yeomanry visited us in October and were shown over London Airport. We hope to continue these exchange visits, and we have already planned a visit to their Bexhill Drill Hall. On the same lines, we have been in touch with 256 (Wessex) L.A.A. Regiment at Bourne-mouth, and we hope to co-operate with them in the spring.

For "Q" Battery the end of the first week brought a sad occasion in the departure of B.S.M. Lockyer, the story of whose long service was included in the last issue of *The Die-Hards*. Ted has been so much a part of "Q" Battery, both in 571 and 595 Regiments, that it is hard to realise that we have seen him—operationally, at least—for the last time. It is no idle compliment to say that he has made a great contribution to the life of "Q" Battery. We wish him all the best for the future and assure him of a hearty welcome at the T.A. Centre at all times.

B.S.M. Mitchell has now become B.S.M. of "Q" Battery, and it is fitting that these notes should end

with our congratulations to him and our sincere good wishes for his success.

"R" BATTERY

Our stout-hearted volunteers enjoyed a good camp, despite the torrential rains and cyclonic gales of Norfolk in August, and although a considerable amount of our training was necessarily done Regimentally, the Battery's spirit was well maintained. Our shooting was consistently good, bringing its reward of several hits, and everyone benefited from a well-run progressive training programme under the benign auspices of our Regimental Training Major Harry Knight. Unfortunately a congested social programme made a Battery gathering impracticable, but we are putting that right on November 7 when we are supping together at Kingsbury.

On Sunday, September 15, three officers and twelve O.R.s represented the Battery at the Battle of Britain Parade at Wembley, marching from the A.T.C. H.Q. at Sudbury to St. George's Church, where after the service wreaths were laid on the R.A.F. memorial.

We have been struck a sore blow by Records (those invisible and omnipotent pundits), who have torn B.Q.M.S. Mockett and Sgt. Kendall from our midst. These two stalwarts have served us well and long, and while it will be hard enough to replace them physically (some 450 lb. between them), their experience will be irreplaceable for a long time. On the credit side we have two recruits, Bdrs. Selby and Cousins, each having brought along a friend to join us, and we hope everyone in the Battery will follow their excellent example. We value this type of recruit above all others, as having been pre-selected by his introducer and as being most likely to stay.

THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

During the period under report we have had our "quiet month" and therefore have not much to report. The rifle company commanders have been busy and have carried out their exercises without interference from the Kremlin. These exercises took the form of a weekend in the blue, during which the companies did whatever training they liked. The chief value was that all ranks really got to know each other and sections and platoons got shaken down ready for annual camp, which is now not far off. In addition, all companies have been testing their men in the things learned during the last year, as this is the period when all star gradings are reviewed. The parade ground at Headquarters has been full of earnest volunteers practising hard at their Ts. O.E.T. in readiness for the final test on which may depend the elusive star.

The swimming season has just finished. As far as the Regiment is concerned, we can report a very successful season. We won both the Colony League Water Polo Championship and the Colony Knock-Out Championship without losing a game in either. We entered two teams in the Army League this year and our teams came first and second on points. We were not allowed to carry off the shield as a ruling was introduced which only permitted a Regular Army team to be declared the winners. However, we were very pleased to partici-

pate. Thanks to the generosity of our friends, we were able to take a team to Macao and there enjoyed a wonderful weekend. We were royally entertained, but despite this we managed to beat a combined Macao team both at swimming and at water polo. This year, as last year, Pte. Wan Shui Ming won the cross harbour race, much to the joy of the rest of the Provost Section and the Regiment.

As a final example of our swimming prowess, we are able to report that we defeated the Army in Hong Kong at the Annual Swimming Meeting (the Terry Trophy) by 40 points to 26. The Regiment won every event except the diving.

The Commanding Officer was lucky to be able to visit Mill Hill during August and came back refreshed after his leave. At the time of writing he and the other Middlesex member of the Kremlin are preparing for camp. As it will be the C.O.'s last camp with us we are prepared for anything, and you will hear details later.

As usual, we close by sending our best wishes to our affiliated Regiment.

NEWS LETTER

By M.B.

I am not writing in order of dates and must be brief or shall be cut by our Editor.

On October 18, Deputy Lieutenants gave a lunch at the Mayfair Hotel to our Lord Lieutenant in return for his great hospitality. Thirty-six of fifty-one were present and nine were of our Regiment, inclusive of General Bucknall, myself, Brigadiers Rackham, Murray, Flavell and Baker, Arthur Cooper, Willie Pringle, and Sherbrooke Walker. Sir Frederick spoke with his usual humour and wide common sense on world affairs. He specially referred to the need for recruitment, both Regular and Territorial, the urgency of which cannot be overstressed, and over which I, personally, have taken action, with all boroughs and urban district councils.

I received a shock when I heard from Sidney Emery, so well known to many in the 1939-45 War for his sterling aid in training our soldiers, that he had spent six weeks in hospital, having a growth removed. He is just able to continue in his pottery works and is far from well.

I have heard from Hervey del Court. He had seen in *The Times* the death of Brigadier V. T. Hodgson at Bicester. He had met him, but was unaware that he had served with us. Actually he was first commissioned to the Regiment in 1900 and transferred to the Royals in 1902, exchanging with our Arthur Cooper. He commanded 1st Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot in 1922. I am glad to say that Mrs. del Court has recovered from her fairly lengthy illness. The rainfall in Hermanus has been torrential, but summer is nigh at hand. He had met Brigadier Palmer, 80 years old, who served in our 2nd Battalion in India before going to the Ordnance Corps. He gives no initials and there are many Palmers in the Army List who could be him. Perhaps someone can enlighten me. Hervey plans to be in England in June 1958 for all the summer functions and hopes to play in the autumn golf meeting at Fleet. They arrive by air and leave Southampton on S.S. *Jagers* on

October 18. I hope these dates and names are correct, for his writing is so uncertain.

I have had excellent news from Clinton Nolda about the 1st Battalion, which he has commanded now since July this year. I learn that he may be ante-dated still further. The Battalion had been visited by General Firkbank, Director of Infantry, who was entertained in both Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, and he saw Battalion operations against a nearby village, a mixed force of 800 soldiers and 150 police being employed. He said the General was very impressed. I have learnt since that he saw our "Colonel" in the "Rag" and confirmed all I have written.

I have heard from Eric Hudson, now Northern Command Education Officer. Many will remember him as a brilliant officer and superb sportsman. He married Molly, the daughter of our Harold Glass, the best dressed officer I ever remember in our Regiment. Eric tells me he is now a grandfather, as Diana, his younger daughter, presented him with a granddaughter in York two months ago. Diana returned to Kenya on October 21.

On September 28 I went with Bill Heywood to Susan Tidbury's wedding to Capt. Gerald Anthony Charrington, 12th Royal Lancers. I have known Susan since a small child. The service was at St. Mary, the Virgin, Layner Marney Church—and a beautiful wedding it was. The Crawfords also were with me in full kit, and I thought Martha was the best dressed lady present. Her turn-out and his grey top-hat rather overshadowed Bill and myself, I thought. I met many friends of past years at the reception.

Aymar Clayton wrote informing me he was immersed in the annual training of his Hong Kong Regiment. He mentioned Col. Dowbiggin, who told him how he enjoyed a visit to our Mess here on August 1. He was very pleased, as his son Michael has been accepted as an officer in the Royal Marines.

On Saturday, August 24, I attended Gillien Mary Rackham's wedding to Dr. John Dawson at Priory Church, St. Bartholomew the Great, and a reception afterwards at the Apothecaries Hall in Blackfriars Lane. As at the other wedding, it was another distinguished occasion.

I heard from Desmond Ellis, who was such a splendid C.O. in our 7th Battalion, following Col. Green "Stumps" to us. He has been promoted Colonel in the T.A. for duties on training on the Staff. He presented a magnificent lighter to the Depot Officers here—one which works perfectly.

I have had two letters from John Dare who served in our Regiment in the 1/7th Battalion in the 1939-45 War, both at home and in the Western Desert, being wounded in 1942, after which he did not return to Regimental duty. He required some details of Albuhera, as he hoped to visit that battlefield. He is manager of the Hotel Lyndhurst in Folkestone, which I know well, having appreciated its comfort.

I have heard from Col. Samuel, who has been four weeks in bed suffering with his heart. He must continue to rest but is progressing well, if slowly. He could not attend the autumn meeting but hopes to get to the Hendon golf meeting in the spring. He is concerned

about Charles Whinney, who is now at a nursing home in Bournemouth. I feel very distressed about this and hope soon for better news of Charles, who was always so strong and loved his games. Sambo sends best wishes to all his friends here. Mrs. Sambo is standing up well to this strain, for she has been rather frail for a long time.

I had a letter from Col. Archie Stewart, who tells me he and Hilda had stopped with our Stephen Gibbons' widow. Her son John expects to leave the Navy shortly. Another son (aged 16) is at Uppingham, where my nephew is. He reminded me how Stephen Gibbons and Arthur Skaife rode at his wedding as outriders to the carriage. I met the Archie Stewarts at Susan Tidbury's wedding. They are now in Scotland.

Mrs. Percy-Smith wrote to tell me she had met Col. Butler and his wife (the descendants of the famous Lady Butler). As you know, I unfortunately missed them, but they were well cared for in our Mess. Mrs. P.S. was to have had tea with me to-day (October 23) with her daughter, Nell, but could not, owing to a fall. I shall make another date after her recovery.

In August I had a letter from Mrs. John Whiteman enclosing her usual gift of now many years standing, for five pounds for our War Memorial Cottage Home Fund. How well I remember them both, and he since I was only 17, and was for two years attached to the 2nd Battalion at Portsmouth (1903-1905), in Cambridge Barracks under Brigadier General Lumley where I made many friends. Few are now left with me.

GOLF—THE AUTUMN MEETING

Once again the autumn meeting at North Hants Golf Club was a very happy weekend and we were fortunate in the weather. It was probably the smallest meeting we have had, and in consequence most of the replicas went back into cold storage for another year. A notable exception was the Regimental Tankard competed for by both the Club and Regiment, and very well supported by the Golf Club. This year for the first time it was won by a member of the Regimental Society, and it will surprise few to know that the hero of the occasion was Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, who having returned a 71 nett on Saturday, bettered it with a 69 nett on Sunday. Fortunately the Regimental Committee had no need to do anything, as the Golf Club Handicapping Committee were there and took very prompt action. As far back as 1934 it was recorded that Worton had won the Handicap Cup three years running.

It was a pity that the Colonel of the Regiment and yours truly had to retire from the medal rounds, but as the scores show, the remaining six competitors all broke 80 nett and no divot was, therefore, called for. Major Jeffcoat's kind gift remains in abeyance.

In the afternoon, in the continued absence of his proper partner, Guest, with a ghostly brother Sid, performed extremely well and, with 36 points, beat Worton and Green by two points.

Thanks to the ladies of the N.H.G.C. a small party was held in the ladies' sitting-room, and we were delighted to have with us Col. and Mrs. Morris, Miss

Burrowes, who could help Col. Green in his biographical efforts, and Miss Sellors, the ladies secretary N.H.G.C. Then followed the dinner, as always, excellent. After dinner the A.G.M.—of this, more anon.

Sunday morning's results were not as good as Saturdays, except for John Worton's score of 69 nett, and this, with the 71 of Saturday, made him the best scorer in the Jay Cup with 140, four under par. In the afternoon, for the mixed foursomes we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Wollocombe, and we expected big things from the Worton Wollocombe combination. Alas! They were not forthcoming, Miss Susan Thompson and John Bywaters returned with 37 points and would have been better had they not faded a little over the last few holes.

Mrs. Rowe and a partner who was firing on one cylinder, in some strange way accumulated 33 points, narrowly defeating Mrs. le Patourel and "Stumps" Green for second place. However, the latter won the prize for hidden holes, having holed out from a bunker for a birdie three at the sixth. Mrs. Slater and the Colonel of the Regiment gained the prize for the worst hole.

Having seen as much as possible of the general form, I was struck by the consistently good driving of Roger Latham, the regularity with which John Bywaters and John Worton play to or below their handicaps, and the immense vigour of Freddie Guest and "Stumps" Green. Like Ben Hogan, they believe in power golf, even if the method of producing it is not the master's.

Looking back to 1934, it is interesting to record that, we have it from his partner, that at no time during the round did "Stumps" say "Bother."

Annual General Meeting

1. Minutes. As circulated in Regimental Journal were passed.

2. Captain. Proposed by Major Bywaters and seconded by General Bucknall, that Col. A. E. Green be elected Captain. This would have been carried, but in a diffident apology, stressing the distance to his present domicile, his lack of golfing ability and so on, he felt he could not undertake the arduous duties of Captain, and begged to be excused. Lt.-Gen. Bucknall then volunteered, and in doing so paid tribute to the work always put in by Major Clark and Brigadier Procter. Carried.

3. Thanks. A vote of thanks proposed by Major Bywaters and Col. Green to the Committee and Staff of N.H.G.C. was, as usual, passed before it was ended.

Thanks were also voted to Mrs. Le Patourel for arranging the mixed foursomes and to Brigadier Procter for the small cocktail party.

4. Next Meeting. Subject to the concurrence of N.H.G.C., it is hoped to hold the autumn meeting at N.H.G.C. on the same weekend in 1958.

Attendances. Throughout the weekend the repeated comment was that it was a grand weekend, but that it was a pity it was so poorly attended. In fact, the numbers were half those of the year previous.

In August 1933 a letter appeared in the Journal deploring the fact that there was only one retired officer playing in the spring meeting.

Of those taking part in September 1957, five were playing then and will be found to have been the hard core with three or four additions over the last 30 years.

There have inevitably been casualties, but there should have been additions to the hard core; instead one finds a flotsam and jetsam of officers who appear once in a while.

There was a strong feeling that, despite the 1st Battalion being abroad, there are many officers (past and present) who could attend, and by doing so keep the meetings alive and make the work worth while. It was decided that it is up to everyone interested to try to gather in increasing numbers before next year's meetings.

The Flotsam and Jetsam, if they read these notes, are asked to make a New Year's resolution: "We will join the hard core."

(EDITOR.—I am one of the flotsam and jetsam. Please note, I am reforming. I ask my fellow "flots" and "jets" to do likewise!)

RESULTS					
	Saturday a.m.	Sunday	Nett	Aggregate	
	H'cap	Gross	Nett	Gross	Nett
Major J. Bywaters	8	80	72	83	75
	(Wins Scratch Cup)				
Major C. N. Clayden	24	103	79	105	81
Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall	10	No return	No return		
Capt. R. E. Guest	15	94	79	94	79
Major R. D. Latham	10	85	75		
Brigadier N. P. Procter	9	Retired hurt	Still hurt		
Col. A. E. Green	24	98	74	105	81
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton	11	82	71	80	69
	(Wins Regt. Tankard Cup)				
Lt. A. M. Hendry	12	No return	No return		

Saturday Afternoon			
Cooper Cup—Stableford			
Lt. Col. Worton and Col. Green	..	..	34 points
Major Bywaters and Major Clayden	..	..	33 points
Lt.-Gen. Bucknall and Major Latham	..	..	31 points
Capt. Guest and "Sid"	..	..	36 points
Winner			
Sunday Afternoon			
Mixed Foursomes—Stableford			
			Points
Mrs. Morrison (4) and Capt. Guest (15)	..	..	28
Mrs. Hendry (10) and Lt. Hendry (12)	..	..	22
Mrs. le Patourel (11) and Col. Green (24)	..	..	32
Mrs. Slater (16) and Lt. Gen. Bucknall (10)	..	..	30
Mrs. Wollocombe (15) and Lt.-Col. Worton (11)	..	..	27
Mrs. Peterson (26) and Major Clayden (24)	..	..	29
Mrs. Rowe (16) and Brigadier Procter (6)	..	..	33
Miss Thompson (28) and Major Bywaters (8)	..	..	37
			Winners

MARRIAGE

WOLLOCOMBE—POWER.—On August 10, 1957, in Cyprus, Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, Middlesex Regiment, to Sheila Mary Power.

BIRTHS

LOHAN.—On November 4, 1957, at the Families Hospital, Woolwich, to Ruth (*nee* Edghill), wife of Lt. H. M. du V. Lohan, the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)—a daughter.

DEATHS

NEWSTEAD.—Mr. Newstead, a member of the Mill Hill Club, died during July, but unfortunately we were not informed in time to be represented at his funeral. A letter of condolence was sent to his widow.

DAVIS.—Mr. E. M. Davis died in Hove on August 11, but as his funeral was private the Association was not represented.

MESSER.—We regret to report the death in August of Alan Messer who served with the 1st Battalion. Alan was killed in a climbing accident in Austria. A letter of sympathy was sent to his parents.

LOWE.—Mr. R. E. Lowe, who served with the Regiment for 21 years, mainly with the 2nd Battalion, died on August 26. A wreath was sent from the Association and his funeral attended by an N.C.O. from the Depot.

MARSHALL.—We regret to report the death of Harry George Marshall on September 13. Mr. Marshall served as a sergeant with the 2nd Battalion and M.G.T.C., and since 1949 had been with the War Department Constabulary. His funeral was attended by a N.C.O. of the Depot, who also took a wreath.

MEAD.—As the result of a traffic accident, Cpl. J. Mead died on October 11. Cpl. Mead was an instructor with the Training Company at the Depot, and his funeral is mentioned in the Depot Notes.

FOSTER.—Mr. A. J. Foster, who was a drummer with the 4th Battalion and who served in both World Wars, died on October 9. His funeral was attended by an N.C.O. from the Depot.

ARCHER.—Ex-Sgt. S. Archer of the 3rd and 4th Battalions died in Whips Cross Hospital on October 11; he was 69 years of age. His funeral was attended by ex-Sgt. F. Harragan and a wreath sent from the Association.

OBITUARY

COL. H. A. CARTWRIGHT

He joined the 4th Battalion at Devonport, receiving his step on April 10, 1909. He was a sportsman, who excelled at everything he took up. He was a first-class interpreter in French. He was knocked out by a shell at Mons in 1914 and refused to be interned in Holland and persisted throughout the war in attempting to escape—ably assisted by his fiancée, Miss Cicely Wakefield, who managed to smuggle things to him. He was recaptured six times, undergoing various periods of detention as a result, but finally succeeded towards the middle of 1918. He wrote and illustrated a most entertaining book, "Within Four Walls," in collaboration with his friend Roger Harrison (a gunner), describing his adventures as a p.o.w.

After the war, he retired from the Army and joined the Foreign Office, as consul at Bratislava.

In "Retreat from Glory," R. H. Bruce Lockhart devotes three pages to Cartwright, of which the following must be a brief précis. They were invited to stay with Cartwright to catch a "hunchin'" (a species of trout), to shoot a chamois. Cartwright was then uncrowned King of Bratislava.

The man providing the fishing was a small Hungarian squire—who paid terrific deference to Cartwright. After unsuccessful fishing they had a marvellous dinner, during which their host asked Mrs. B. L. what relation Cartwright was to our King. When she said none, the Hungarian, thinking all women were ignorant, pro-

duced Cartwright's visiting card from his pocket, inscribed:

CAPTAIN H. A. CARTWRIGHT,
Duke of Cambridge's Own.
(Middlesex).

"Next day they saw no chamois. In the early morning the keepers, who had so laboriously assembled the chamois for our ducal benefit, had shoved them back into safer and more remote fastnesses. Chamois were for Dukes and not for Consuls. Even today we found it hard to forgive her. She might at least have waited until we had our chamois shoot and not pricked the bubble of Cartwright's transient glory."

After an illness in Warsaw, where he was busy repatriating Jews, he retired from the F.O. and became a laird again. At the outbreak of the war, in spite of his long absence from Government service, he was appointed military attaché at Berne, Switzerland. He filled his appointment with great success and ability, receiving a C.M.G. in recognition of his services.

After the second war he settled at George, Cape Colony, South Africa. A charming town, a couple of hundred miles north of Cape Town and a bishopric, with a small cathedral. Many retired people settle at George. There is a first-class golf course with a pleasant club house. The surrounding country is rather wooded and there are numerous hop fields to remind one of England, particularly Kent.

After the death of his wife, he married Lady Betty Trafford, O.B.E., widow of Major S. W. Trafford, Rifle Brigade, and daughter of the late Earl of Lindsey and Abingdon.

He is survived by his wife and a son and daughter by his first marriage. He was a fine sportsman and very popular. In the closing words of Hardy's "Woodlanders": "He was a good man and he did good things."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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., Lt.-Col. J. D. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major P. D. H. Marshall representing Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., R.S.M., A. Kendrick, R.S.M., J. A. Thom, C.S.M. F. Firman, Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., 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. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood.

Before the business commenced the Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mrs. Wolcombe in reply to a letter of condolence he had written on behalf of the Regimental Association. The meeting then stood in silence for a minute in memory of Lt.-Col. T. S. Wolcombe who had served his Regiment and the Regimental Association so well for so long.

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 adopted by the meeting.

Report

Grants. During the period May 1, 1957, to July 31, 1957, grants totalling £310 2s. 6d. were dispersed in assisting 45 cases of distress.

Regimental History. From January 1 to August 28, 1957, copies of the History have been sold as under: Ordinary copies, 48; De Luxe copies, 2.

Reunion. Notification of the date of the Regimental Reunion

has been sent to all past members of the Regiment. Tickets with a Notice in respect of the Annual General Meeting, are now available.

Boroughs, Urban District Councils and the Press of the county have been requested to publicise this function.

3. *Finance Committee's Report.* The Chairman informed the meeting that a Finance Committee meeting was held on August 20, 1957, and the Committee recommended for the approval of the Executive Committee that Grants as specified be authorised for the current year:

	£	s.	d.
Regular Forces Employment Association	50	0	0
Family Welfare Association	5	5	0
Royal Soldiers Daughters Homes	8	8	0
S.S.A.F.A.	10	10	0
Forces Help Society	10	10	0
Gordon Boys' School	5	5	0
British Limbless ex-Service Men's Association	5	5	0
Royal Cambridge Homes for Soldiers' Widows	5	0	0
Embankment Fellowship Centre	5	0	0
Total	£105	3	0

Report adopted by the Committee.

4. *War Memorial Committee Report.* Brigadier Rackham moving the report of the Sub-Committee circulated with the Agenda explained that he was experiencing difficulty in obtaining outstanding accounts, from Mr. Parsons, and it was agreed that he should seek the assistance of Major Hardcastle should the necessity arise. He also stated that Mr. Barber was not making regular repayments for his outstanding accounts due to the War Memorial Cottages Funds.

It was also proposed to build a further two garages at a cost of £120; the concrete bases for these had been completed.

Report adopted.

5. *Journal Committee's Report.* Major Battye reported that the financial position remains as stated at the last meeting. Cost of production was continually under review without prejudicing the standard of the Journal. He does not expect the subsidy to exceed £200.

6. *Reunion.* The Chairman informed the Committee that a room to seat a maximum of 50 had been arranged for the Annual General Meeting to be held prior to the Reunion. He hoped that this accommodation would be adequate.

7. *Regimental Histories.* The Secretary produced a statement of the History account, and it was approved that efforts should be made to dispose of some more copies at the Reunion. Major Battye to discuss details with the Secretary.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 1958, at 2.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
October 11, 1957.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW RULES (1957) HELD AT THE SEYMOUR HALL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1957, AT 7 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., and Mr. H. C. Hull, M.M. (Mill Hill Die-Hards Club), Mr. A. E. Sills (Hornsey Die-Hards Club), Mr. J. R. Bell and Mr. Ell (Uxbridge Die-Hards Club), Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. Fitzgerald (9th Battalion Die-Hards Club), Capt. A. T. Farrow, Mr. H. J. Overton, Mr. A. J. Burton, O.C.M., Mr. C. Davis, Capt. S. R. Bonnamy (12th Battalion Home Guard) and six other ex-members of the Regiment, 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., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L.

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, a meeting of Club secretaries and members was held in accordance with Rule 34 of the Association Rules to elect two of their members as Branch representatives for the ensuing year to serve on the Executive Committee. As a result of a unanimous vote, Major Newman of the Mill Hill Branch and Mr. J. Taylor of the 9th Battalion Branch were elected as the Branch representatives.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Accounts. The audited accounts for the year ending December 31, 1956, were explained to the meeting by the Chairman, and it was proposed by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald that the accounts for 1956 be adopted. Carried unanimously.

New Rules. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Executive Committee had appointed a sub-committee during the past year to draw up New Rules for the Association, which had since been approved by the Colonel of the Regiment and the ex-officio officers of the Association. The ex-officio officers had signed a declaration declaring their acceptance of the rules and this was available to the meeting.

After a short discussion on the new rules, when questions were answered by the Chairman and Major Hardcastle, it was proposed by Major Newman and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald that the new rules be finally adopted. This resolution was carried unanimously.

Annual Dinner. The question of holding the Annual Dinner in addition to, and not in substitution of the Annual Reunion now held was discussed at some length. It was resolved that the Committee be asked to send out a memorandum to all members through the Branches, requesting them to inform the Committee whether they would support such a function or not.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
November 8, 1957.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON OCTOBER 2, 1957, AT 3.25 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major P. D. H. Marshall representing Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, 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. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood.

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

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

Secretary's Report

Subscriptions. Subscriptions and Entrance Fees for 1957 received to August 28 is £459 7s.

Social Events. The following have been expended in connection with Cricket Week, Dinner, At Home and Tennis from Club funds:

	£	s.	d.
Cricket Week	147	15	4
Dinner	64	16	0
At Home	15	10	8
Tennis	10	12	1
Total	£238	14	1

3. *Officers' Club Ties.* The Secretary reported that the voting in connection with the suggestion that the Club Tie should be allowed to lapse was: In favour, 120; Against, 36.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he would convey the results to the Colonel of the Regiment.

4. *Cocktail Party.* The Chairman informed the meeting that a suggestion to hold a Cocktail Party in 1958 will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

5. *Other Business.* Major Marshall informed the meeting that the period of Annual Camp for 1958 was May 31 to June 14 inclusive.

6. *Officers' Club Dinner.* The Secretary informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for the Officers' Club Dinner for 1958 to be held at the United Service Club on Friday, July 18. There being no further business the meeting closed at 4 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
October 11, 1957.

ROLL OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

REGULAR OFFICERS

Sub./Temp.	Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
Temp. Brigadier		G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 168 Inf. Bde.
Lt.-Col.		W. P. M. ALLEN, O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.	Comd. 7 Mx.
Lt.-Col.		D. C. L. NOLDA, M.B.E., p.s.c.	Comd. 1 Mx.
Major		G. O. Porter	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Major		T. W. Chatterly, p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Cyprus District
Major		H. M. F. Langley	S.O.P.T., Scottish Command
Major		G. C. Dawson, p.s.c.	Company Commander Mons O.C.S.
Major		P. D. H. Marshall, p.s.c.	8 Mx.
Major		I. H. Battye, M.B.E., p.s.c., f.s.	Commander Depot Mx.
Major		A. R. Waller, M.C., p.s.c.	D.A.Q.M.G., Q.(A.R.), War Office
Major		F. J. Bennett, p.s.c.	D.A.A.G. (P.s.r), H.Q., Cyprus District
Major		R. K. B. Allott, M.C.	Port Security Officer, Cyprus
Major		J. W. Doyle, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Major		E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D., p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major		I. R. Burrows, O.B.E., j.s.s.c., p.s.c.	G.S.O.2, H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong
Major		P. Collins, T.D. (1)	Int. Corps, Depot
Major		P. L. Crutchfield, p.s.c.	D.A.A.Q.M.G., U.K. Liaison Staff, Canada, Ottawa
Major		H. N. MacL. Martin	1 Mx.
Major		P. L. Pearce Gould, p.s.c.	G2 (S.D.), H.Q. Southern Command
Major		R. D. Hutchings, p.s.c.	B.M. 47 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Major		D. Sax, p.s.c., p.t.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major		G. Kent	P.R.O., Comd. Sec.—Cyprus
Major		S. E. Honess, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major		C. N. Claydon, p.s.c.	G. (S.D.), H.Q. Eastern Command
Major		E. A. H. Jeffcoat, p.s.c.	Depot Mx.
Major		P. W. Galvin, p.s.c.	1 Mx.
Major		M. F. Leonard	Malay Forces

Sub./Temp. Rank	Name	Location/Appointment
Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O., p.s.c.	Company Commander, Eaton Hall O.C.S.
Major	C. H. Melville, M.C.	Adj. H. K. Regiment
Major	P. G. V. Bellers	469 G.L.S., B.A.O.R.
Capt.	A. D. C. Eales	1 Mx.
Capt.	J. de Gaye (L.)	Staff College
Capt.	J. S. C. Flavell	1 Mx.
Capt.	K. J. Carter	Military College of Science
Capt.	A. N. Jordan	Adj. 8 Mx.
Capt.	N. F. Legge	Adj. 7 Mx.
Capt.	H. J. A. Moore	G3 (I), H.Q. 24 Ind. Inf. Bde.
Capt.	J. I. D. Pike	5 Bn. Malay Regiment
Capt.	B. A. M. Pielow	1 Mx.
Capt.	R. M. Cain	1 Mx.
Capt.	G. G. Norton	1 Mx.
Capt.	B. K. Clayden	H.Q. Ghana, W. Africa
Capt.	W. M. M. Deacock	1 Para. Regiment
Capt.	H. J. Evans	Adj., Depot Mx.
Capt.	B. H. Marciandi	Adj., 1 Mx.
Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	1 Mx.
Capt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	1 Mx.
Capt.	L. C. Sharpe	Company 2IC, A.A.S., Harrogate
Capt.	I. S. Rutherford	H.Q., Eastern Command (P.R.)
Capt.	G. Kitchener (1)	G.S.O.3 (Int.), Singapore
Capt.	R. K. Collins	I.O. 51 Ind. Inf. Bde., Cyprus
Capt.	J. S. B. Pollard	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Lt.	M. V. Hayward	1 Mx.
Lt.	R. D. Fisher	Ghana Regiment, Training Centre
Lt.	W. G. A. Crumley	1 Mx.
Lt.	McManus	Depot Mx.
Lt.	T. J. Humber	A.B. Forces
Lt.	J. M. Hewson	1 Mx.
Lt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	Depot Mx.
Lt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	Language Course, U.K.
Lt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. G. Waite	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. F. Deakin	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
2/Lt.	P. V. Cheesman	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	P. D. J. Clarke	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. Julian	Depot Mx. (H.S.)

REGULAR QUARTERMASTERS

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

SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS

L/Lt.-Col.	L. G. Lohan, T.D., p.s.c.	War Office D.A.A. and Q.M.G. Admin. Planning
Major	A. E. Peasley	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Major	J. Bywaters, M.B.E.	Trg. Officer, W.O.S.B., Barton Stacey
Major	G. W. P. Hodding, T.D.	D.O.P.T., Hong Kong
Major	R. H. Last, M.B.E.	War Office
Major	C. E. Rome, M.B.E., p.s.c.	G.S.O.2, Ministry of Supply (Munition Sales)
Major	E. L. Ellisdon	War Office
Capt.	A. R. Cowan	1 Mx.
Capt.	A. R. F. Smith	3 Nigeria Regiment
Lt.	P. J. Rogers	1 N.R.R.
2/Lt.	J. U. H. Burke	Airborne Forces Depot
2/Lt.	P. McRae	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. F. K. Young	3 Nigeria Regiment

Sub./Temp.
Rank

Name

Location/Appointment

SHORT SERVICE QUARTERMASTERS

Major	L. T. Honeybun	M.E.L.F./Cyprus
Major	R. W. J. Smith	Depot Mx. (H.S.)
Capt.	H. I. Burnett	
Capt.	H. J. Jennings	8 Mx.
Lt.	E. J. Pike	Aden Protectorate Levies

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2/Lt.	G. A. Medawar	H.Q., Ghana Military Forces
2/Lt.	K. F. Trevett-Lyle	London Assembly Centre
2/Lt.	A. Morden	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	M. F. Hedgecoe	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	C. J. Hawes	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	R. E. Melville	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	J. M. Pickard	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	A. Taylor	H.Q., Ghana Military Forces
2/Lt.	M. J. Sidnell	1 Mx.
2/Lt.	P. S. Cox	Transportation Centre, R.E.
2/Lt.	J. D. McCubbin	1 Mx.
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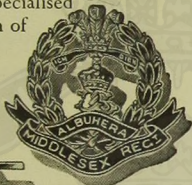
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