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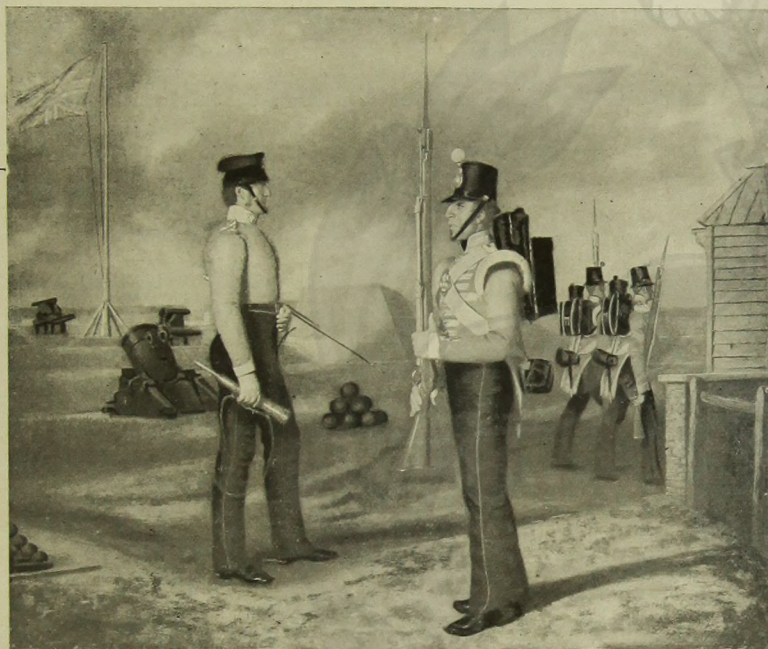
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EDITORIAL

Readers will be sorry to hear that Major Kempster has found it necessary to give up the editorship of THE DIE-HARDS. Since he retired from the Army he has always taken a live interest in Regimental affairs, and under him the Journal has prospered. We are all very grateful to him.

We hasten to congratulate Capt. David Pike, who has just been awarded the M.C. for an act of bravery whilst serving with the Malay Regiment. Our congratulations also go to Lt.-Col. Christopher Man and Major Rex Waller, who were awarded the O.B.E. and M.B.E. respectively in the latest Birthday Honours. The former is doing splendid work as C.O. of the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion.

Elsewhere in the Journal readers will see that certain pieces of Regimental silver will be offered for sale to past and present members of the Regiment. A considerable amount of silver has been accumulated over the years and its storage and insurance is a heavy financial burden to the Regiment.

News has been received that Major Hugh Evans has been badly wounded in operations in Northern Oman. He is seconded to the Muscat Forces, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

KOREAN BATTLE HONOURS

All members of the Regiment will be glad to hear that the final list of battle honours for the Korean Campaign as approved and submitted by the Colonel of the Regiment to the War Office was officially authorised in para 1 of Army Order No. 58 of 1958.

The principles used in the selection of honours and those for emblazonment were the same as those set out in the Journal of December 1957 for battle honours in the Second World War.

The list is printed below with the permitted maximum of two for emblazonment shown in bold letters.

Korea 1950—51,
Naktong Bridgehead,
Chonju,
Pakchon,
Chongchon II,
Chuam-Ni,
Kapyong-chon,
Kapyong.

REGIMENTAL SILVER AND PLATE

The Regimental Council has made a survey of all silver, plate and certain other property at present kept at the Depot and has decided that certain pieces should be offered for sale to past and present members of the Regiment.

The articles being offered for sale are listed on pages 176 and 177 of this Journal. The details given show to which Battalion the items belong, together with a brief description of the article and a reserve price.

These articles may be viewed at the Depot from Monday, September 15, 1958, until January 31, 1959. Each article is labelled and individuals can make a bid personally or by post, which will be entered on the reverse side of the label. If individuals wish to know whether their bids are exceeded at any time, they must supply a stamped addressed envelope for each article for which a bid has been made.

This auction will close on January 31, 1959. Items will not necessarily go to the highest bidder, since due consideration will be given to those who have particular interest in an item through service in the Battalion to which it belonged.

It is regretted that the Depot itself cannot be responsible for the packing and postage of articles which are bought. If individuals wish, arrangements will be made for the packing and despatch of items by a silversmith at the expense of the purchaser. Disposal instructions must be received for all items by April 30, 1959.

Items for which no bids are received will be disposed of to the highest offer from not less than two outside bidders.

Forthcoming Events

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| Oct. 31 | Regimental Reunion—Seymour Hall, London, W.1. |
| Nov. 8 | Remembrance Service—Garden of Remembrance, Westminster. |
| Nov. 9 | Remembrance Day Service—Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7. |
| Nov. 10 | Officers' Club Cocktail Party—United Service Club, Pall Mall. Note change of date. |
| Nov. 11 | 57th/77th Officers' Dinner—United Service Club. |

1st Battalion Notes



Officers 1st Battalion, Cyprus, May 1958

The morale of the Battalion can seldom have stood higher than it does at present. After 18 months of so-called truce, during which EOKA waged a campaign of civil indiscipline interlaced with occasional murder apparently without hindrance, the order for Security Forces to renew the offensive against the terrorist organisation was received on July 21.

Since June 8, the Battalion had then been fully deployed on operations designed to curtail intercommunal disorders and prevent civil war between Greeks and Turks which was imminent. For a period of six weeks everyone had been on duty for 24 hours every day, with only brief intervals of rest. The only complaint had been against the seemingly passive nature of the duties in hand, and therefore these orders were received with jubilation and executed with tremendous zeal.

At 11 o'clock that evening the Battalion began to arrest known EOKA members and sympathisers in the Larnaca District. It had been thought that this part of the operation might take up to 48 hours or even longer. In fact, the first and second phases which covered the arrest of wanted men in the town, villages and more remote rural areas, had been completed by the early evening of July 22. During the morning the Director of Operations, Gen. Kendrew, visited the Battalion and complimented the Commanding Officer on the speed with which the task had been carried out and the excellent results obtained, the best in fact over the whole Island.

Operations are still progressing. On the night of July 27, an escort patrol of four men from "D"

Company fought off a Greek ambush party in Livadhia and were only prevented from destroying it utterly, because the party of Turks which was being escorted lost their heads and delayed the patrol as it tried to debus to close with the enemy. This resolute action on the part of these four young National Servicemen, Ptes. Brown (79), Hart, Richardson and Woodman, who have not yet completed their continuation training, undoubtedly prevented a massacre of horrifying proportions.

Just before midnight on July 31, a "S" Company vehicle patrol commanded by Lt. J. M. Hewson were ambushed south of Troulli by an EOKA gang with automatic and shotgun fire. In the first burst of fire Lt. Hewson was wounded in the scalp, but luckily not seriously. The patrol immediately returned fire. The driver, Pte. Bridge, with great coolness, drove the vehicle out of the killing area. The patrol then dismounted and attacked the terrorists energetically. Although almost blinded by blood from his wound Lt. Hewson led the attack, which caused the enemy to run. A fine shot from Pte. Fuller killed one of them instantly; the only other man seen was chased by the patrol but he got away in the darkness, and the tracker dog which later arrived was unable to pick up his scent. A shotgun was found by the dead terrorist, and two bombs prepared for electrical detonation were found at the site of the ambush. A large scale follow-up operation in Troulli resulted in the arrest of several suspects. Other soldiers involved in the engagement, one of the few in the history of the campaign in which a terrorist

has been shot, were Ptes. Mercer, Wright and Tolley.

On August 1, the Director of Operations, Major-Gen. D. A. Kendrew, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., made a special helicopter flight to the Battalion in order to congratulate it in very warm terms for its actions at Livadhia and Troulli. He spoke to several of the soldiers involved, and told the Commanding Officer that he was very proud of the Battalion.

A further outstanding success took place on August 2, when a patrol of "D" Company under 2/Lt. Clarke, following up a clue supplied by Special Branch, discovered an EOKA cache of weapons in Livadhia Village, consisting of five pistols and two shotguns, all in good condition and well supplied with ammunition.

For the remainder of the Battalion it is a life spent in imposing curfews, cordon and search, and constant vigilance. Space allowed by the editor and time available for the production of these notes prevent any longer and more detailed account at present. It is to be hoped that a full account will appear eventually in the next volume of the Regimental History.

As may well be imagined, Internal Security dominates all activity in the Island, and in consequence there is little to record from the sporting and social sides. The only major sporting event in which the Battalion has competed has been the Middle East Pentathlon. For these two teams, 2/Lt. Deakin, Cpls. Finnis and Vitler, and Sgt. Kenwood, Cpl. Chapman and Pte. Mills, were entered. Cpl. Finnis won the swimming event and the shooting, while 2/Lt. Deakin won the riding and Cpl. Vitler was fourth in the running. In the overall individual placings, 2/Lt. Deakin was second, Pte. Mills was sixth and Cpl. Finnis seventh. The Battalion first team was second in the team competition. After these very creditable results, the first team returned to England to represent Cyprus District in the Army Pentathlon. Cpl. Finnis again won the shooting, and the team was first in this event and third in the fencing. In the overall competition the team was sixth. Cpl. Finnis has been retained in England to train for the inter-services competition. As this is, in post-war years, a new venture for the Battalion in the world of sport, the results are most promising and augur well for the future.

It seems almost blasphemous to have to state that in this period virtually no cricket has been played at all. One or two matches in the minor units competition were played at the beginning of the season. Then alas, in spite of all the forecasts, the first five games had to be abandoned because of rain, a most unusual commodity in this country at that particular time of the year.

Lt. Gilham found time in between curfew and similar duties to win the Dekhelia Garrison men's singles tennis competition, defeating the Island men's singles champion in the final to do so.

For the first time since coming to Cyprus the Battalion was able to celebrate Albuhera Day in traditional style without outside interference and a most successful day it proved to be. On Whitsun Saturday a fete, originally destined to be the culmination of the Albuhera celebrations, was held on the beach adjacent to the Barracks. This proved to be a most enjoyable occasion for the garrison as a whole, and congratulations are due to

Capt. Pielow for the excellent way in which he ran it. After the fete, the Band and Drums beat retreat on the Barrack Square. Their performance was particularly good in view of the fact that this was the first time Retreat had been beaten since the Battalion left Austria.

On June 6, Col. Andrew Man visited the Battalion in the course of his tour of NAAFI installations in the Middle East. That evening he dined in Mess with other guests from H.M.S. *Duchess* and H.M.S. *Decoy*, which were anchored off Dhekelia at the time. The Band as usual were in excellent form, and it was apparent that the Colonel enjoyed himself to the full. On June 8, while being escorted on a tour of the town by the Commanding Officer he was present in the Operations Room when the first reports of the rioting in the town were received, and he was able to watch the subsequent deployment of the Battalion.

Among the visitors has been the Deputy Governor, Mr. Sinclair, who in an address to the officers and Sergeants, paid tribute to the activities of the Battalion during the past three years. The Commander-in-Chief has dined with the officers along with the Deputy Governor, the Acting Commissioner for Larnaca and the Brigade Commander.

Major and Mrs. Martin left at the beginning of July to return to civilian life as did 2/Lt. Morden. Major and Mrs. Sax left shortly afterwards to go to Shrinvenham, where he is to be a directing staff officer.

Major Burrows has returned to command "C" Company and Capt. Kitchener to be 2IC of "A" Company. 2/Lts. Smith, Evans and Montgomery have also joined the Battalion and are serving with "A," "B" and "C" Companies respectively.

Cpts. Pollard and Cain, and 2/Lt. McMillan are detached to other appointments in the Island and are due to rejoin when the Battalion returns home.

Now, while all efforts are devoted to the prime task of defeating terrorism thoughts are turning towards Germany. Names are being submitted for inclusion in the Advanced Party and there is some speculation as to whether the move will in fact take place as planned, in October. By the time these notes are published, some causes for speculation may well have been removed.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The quarter started off full of promise. We had settled down in Alexander Barracks and were looking forward to an entertaining period. This, however, was not to be, as in May the Internal Security situation worsened considerably and social gatherings were forbidden. The Mess at the time of writing is widely separated. Two companies are in a temporary camp in Larnaca, and the Mess members from these companies are rarely seen in Alexander Barracks. We started with a lively social and dance in early April and at the end of the month we invited the W.O.s and Sergeants of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment to a farewell social and dance, held in their honour. A wonderful evening was had by everyone and it was with regret that we said goodbye to our old friends. During the evening Mrs. Michel fulfilled a life-long ambition by crowning her husband with a sizeable custard pie, much to the delight of all present.



EOKA terrorist shot dead at the Troulli ambush, with his shotgun beside him



OPERATION "MATCHBOX"

Cordon, search and arrest of eight wanted men by "C" Company

At a Mess meeting in April, plans were made for celebrating Albuhera Day. The highlight was to have been an Albuhera Ball. This, due to the Internal Security situation had to be cancelled. Apart from this set-back Albuhera Day was celebrated in traditional style. In the morning we did battle with the officers in the sea off Dhekelia. Led by Swim Bartle, we succeeded in making the officers consume most water. After this victory we went *en bloc* to the Officers' Mess, where the tables were turned and it was left to the Sergeants to consume the greater quantity. Needless to say, the afternoon was spent recuperating in readiness for the evening's entertainment. The officers paid us a visit before dinner and together we drank a silent toast to the memory of fallen "Die-Hards." Afterwards all present enjoyed a good evening's entertainment. The Albuhera Fete on Whitsun Saturday drew a large crowd. The Mess organised two stalls—"Balloon Bursting," run by Sgt. Callaghan and "The Wheel of Fortune," ably fiddled by the Mess President, who will never forget picking a horse for the Quartermaster which won £2 15s. 0d for him in one disastrous race.

At the end of May we invited members of the Corporal's Club to a social evening. Bar takings that evening were the highest this year so it is not difficult to imagine that a good (hic) evening was had by everyone.

Recently we have been honoured by visits from H.E. The Governor, The Deputy Governor and by Lt.-Gen. Sir Roger Bower, K.C.B., C.B.E., Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces. R.Q.M.S. Redpath frequently pays us a visit and normally manages to stay for several days.

We welcome Sgts. Raffael, Carson, Burdett and Argent to the Mess and congratulate them on their promotion. Sgt. Taylor has returned to the fold having completed a tour of duty at the Depot. Departures this quarter have included C.S.M. Goodge and family. We all wish Mrs. Goodge a speedy recovery from her recent illness and to C.S.M. Goodge and family a happy time with the 7th Battalion. Sgt. Ford has left us to undergo the rigours of civilian life. Sgt. Grimes has been Mess Caterer for the past six months and maintained a very high standard. He will be sadly missed as will his dog "Lassie" who had become a pet of the whole Mess. Regrettably she could not accompany her owner and had to be put to sleep. Sgt. "Speedy" Speakman has taken over the duties of Mess Caterer and he now finds that he has even more time for his sun worshipping.

Our congratulations to Sgt. Lloyd on his recent marriage.

It is rumoured that several of our remaining single stalwarts, namely Sgts. Gibbs, Blackwell, Dive and Warner will, on arrival in U.K. be indulging in matrimony. Time alone will tell.

Thoughts are now turned towards home. Several members are due to leave before the Battalion goes. S/Sgt. Medlock will have to put up with the hardships of travelling home on a civilian liner in order to attend an up-grading course. C/Sgt. Wright and Sgt. Clements will shortly be attending a drill course, while Sgts. Shinn and Blackwell will be going to the Junior Leaders Battalion and the Depot respectively.

Finally, with the sun blazing down on us, we send our regards to Mess members everywhere and the thought that acquaintances will be renewed in the not too distant future.

"H.Q." COMPANY

As will doubtless be repeated in this issue of the Journal, the I.S. situation in Cyprus has meant for "H.Q." Company, like the Rifle Companies, more work, less sleep and little sport. Drivers, signallers, cooks and other specialists and employed men have been fully committed on several occasions in varying roles.

Major H. N. MacL. Martin, who has commanded "H.Q." Company in Cyprus since June 1957, left on July 3, for U.K. He is the first officer in the Battalion to retire under the terms of the recent A.C.I. and we all hope he settles down quickly in civilian life; we wish him and his family the very best of luck.

Major S. E. Honess has come from "B" Company to command and already we notice how quick he is to defend his vast domain against the sallies of the other companies, particularly "B" Company.

Another change in the hierarchy has resulted from the posting to the 7th Battalion of W.O.2 Goodge. He also left the Battalion in June. The posting was a compassionate one, due to Mrs. Goodge's ill-health in Cyprus. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope they have an enjoyable second tour with the Territorial Army.

W.O.2 Perry has acted as our C.S.M. on countless occasions in the past and we now welcome him as a permanent fixture in the appointment.

Sport as we have mentioned, has been hard hit during the last quarter. Nevertheless we had some success before Internal Security duties took their toll. Cpls. Henneby and Hubbard, both alas now civilians, ran excellently for the Battalion Athletic team and we won the Garrison Minor-Units Knock-out Hockey Shield. As the Battalion presented the shield and we won it in the first year, justice and the financial outlay have been satisfied. At the Albuhera Day Swimming Gala, Pte. Hoare, the Company Clerk, won the open race.

Other departures have included Cpls. Breen and Parrish, both of whom have recently filled the appointment of N.C.O. in charge of the Junior Ranks Club (Nuclear Age terminology for the NAAFI) and they have been replaced by Cpl. Palmer from the Officers' Mess who handed over to Cpl. Sharpe.

We have already mentioned Cpl. Hubbard who when he was not running cross-country or round a track, was P.R.I. clerk. His place has been taken by Pte. Halcrow—a direct entry from continuation training in "D" Company.

L/Cpl. Logsdale has left the Regimental Police and taken over the duties of Post Corporal from L/Cpl. Dunn, now returned to civilian life.

With the deterioration in the situation on the island, the Company is fully extended and reports of the high standard of co-operation achieved by our specialists, continue to come in from other company commanders. This indeed reflects the very good spirit of the Company.

Corps of Drums

This period started with preparations for the Annual Administrative Inspection and Beating Retreat.

Although the Administrative Inspection was cancelled, the Drums did beat "Retreat" after Albuhera fete. This was a very valuable experience for most of the Drummers, and they rose well to the occasion. More practice at ceremonial parades is needed, but this parade showed that much improvement has been made recently.

On exercise "Wildgoose" the Drums went out in their role of Defence Platoon for Battalion H.Q. but did a lot of patrolling as well. The exercise was enjoyed by all, and was valuable training. There were some who would have liked to try the "Walls-of-Jericho" technique for searching houses, but Claims Commission would not risk the experiment.

Operationally the Drums have continued to be an active "twelfth man." A search of two houses at Ormidhia was carried out regrettably without anything being found, and four days were spent at Athienou keeping the peace. On this occasion union rules were ignored and the Assistant M.T.O. commanded. During recent curfews in Larnaca the Drums have assisted, although we have not yet been asked to sound off the imposition or lifting of the curfew.

Browne Camp, now a flourishing dust bowl, was largely erected by the Drums. Our only claim to constructional ability is the possession of Drms. Stone and Mason, but we still managed to show, that even if Rome was not built in a day, Browne Camp certainly was.

We congratulate L/Cpls. Barker and Sexton on their promotion, and welcome Drms. Thomson, Howard and Kenny. Stone is determined to get married when we reach England. Hurley is becoming an able side drummer and Cullinane is a self-appointed Drum-Major. The rumour that we will be amalgamating with some Dagenham pipe band is regrettably not founded on fact.

Signals Platoon

This quarter has proved to be one of our busiest and most interesting for a long time.

We started off with a short pre-classification cadre which paid great dividends because 19 out of 20 passed the final test. A full cadre started immediately afterwards but this had a somewhat chequered career, being first of all interrupted by exercise "Wildgoose" and then cut short by the recent outbreaks of violence in the Island.

Exercise "Wildgoose" proved of great value as it provided, to a certain extent, the conditions under which the Signal Platoon will normally have to work which are quite different from those prevailing in Cyprus at the present time. Standards may not have been high but they certainly improved during these four days.

More recently we have been fully committed as the result of the disturbances and, to certain members of the Platoon, Browne Camp has become a second home.

We have said good-bye to our two storemen, Messrs. Henson and Draper, and also to L/Cpl. Barnfield, Rae, Berry and Marshall, not forgetting "Charlie" Cronin, who no doubt will be joining the Inter-Planetary Society in the near future.

Our congratulations go to L/Cpls. Howlett and Gurney on two very good results which they obtained on their N.C.O.s cadre. One of the conditions of a

very high grading on these cadres seems to be that the N.C.O. concerned shall stay in "D" Company as a training N.C.O. Howlett is the third in under 12 months to incur this penalty.

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to our prospective move to Hamelin. It is rumoured that the R.S.O. is to be named "The Pied Piper" since the Platoon is often referred to as "the rats."

BAND NOTES

During the past quarter the Band activities, as such, have been reduced to a minimum due to the sudden deterioration in the Internal Security situation. The long-awaited and much-rehearsed Queen's Birthday Parade was cancelled, as was the Commissioner's reception in the evening.

However, we managed to put our hours of "square bashing" to good purpose with the ceremony of Beating Retreat, which was performed on May 24, in front of a very large audience. The setting could not have been more exquisite with the wonderfully blue Mediterranean at the rear of the Parade and the finale of a blazing sunset coming most appropriately as the Retreat was sounded.

Other notable Band musical performances have been the annual Albuhera Drum-Head Service, two recordings with F.B.S. at Nicosia and two H.Q. Officers' Mess programmes at Nicosia and Episkopi.

On May 12, we bade a fond farewell to Sgt. "Charlie" Hull, who has finally left us for demobilisation after giving us three valuable years' service. With him went two more ex-Gordon boys in Bdsms. Grant and Cooper who will also be giving the hazards of civilian life a trial period. Bdsms. "Mick" Day left us recently after getting a local release and we have since heard that he did eventually reach his beloved England after a most eventful journey across half Europe. On the credit side we welcome Bdsms. Ashby to our midst; he seems to be a very promising clarinet player.

Our congratulations go to Sgt. D. Carson, Cpls. Rose and Torrie on their promotion and to L/Cpl. Gutteridge on his appointment.

Sporting activities within the Band have been at absolute rock bottom. We did, however, find four members for the Garrison basket-ball team which soundly beat the Royal Navy on three occasions. The four were, Sgt. Carson, Cpl. Torrie, Bdsms. Cox and French. The latter are two very promising youngsters who, with a little more experience, will make good Battalion material.

Quartermaster's Notes

The eternal National Service shuffling continues. Our most recent list of shufflers contained such a stalwart sharp-end campaigner as Cpl. Hennebry. For long (for very long, and near the end too long), he was Q.M.'s clerk. Throughout the last two and a half years he ran the office very efficiently and at the same time managed to debit the Battalion's account with some very fine running at the Garrison District and all-Island athletics meetings.

Cpl. Peter Simmons will undoubtedly be missed most noticeably when the Battalion arrives in Germany. His

prowess on the football field made him an outstanding member of the Battalion side. At one stage of the season, last year, his personal total of goals reached 29 in 17 games.

Sid Jones, John Page and Chris Chapman all bade farewell, but no doubt the bait of a lush posting in Germany will lure them back to the Colours, particularly Jones, whose pugilistic ability is well known to all, and would serve him in good stead there.

The staff received rather a heavy body-blow by the spiriting away of Cpl. Mortimore (jokingly known as the "swede" for his agricultural connections), whose father had been taken ill, and who has since died. We wish to offer him our sincere condolences and in the event of his not returning to the Battalion, the best of luck.

During the last few weeks the staff has changed almost completely. It is hoped and confidently expected that the new members will work as well together as the old. They will.

M.T. Platoon

As has been customary, there have been considerable changes in the members of the M.T. Platoon. Drivers come and go with such rapidity that it is hard to keep track of them.

Since the last notes were written, the Annual Administrative Inspection should have taken place. This was cancelled at short notice, owing to the current Middle East situation. The M.T. were well prepared and would, we feel, have acquitted themselves well.

Towards the end of May there was a Battalion Internal Security exercise. During this the M.T. were fully employed, both the drivers and vehicles again demonstrating their reliability.

The M.T. proved themselves one of the best entertainers during the Albuhera fete. Here they ran two side shows. The first was a jeep train, popular not only with children but also with the parents, many of whom under various pretexts managed several rides. Pte. Lee distinguished himself as being as reliable as any train driver. The second entertainment was a treasure hunt map of Cyprus trying to locate George Grivas, suitably known as "Where's George." An astonishing number of people seemed to believe that he was living under the sea. Here Cpls. Colquhoun and Meacock distinguished themselves, the former attracting a crowd very effectively with a loud hailer.

Recently the Island situation has greatly deteriorated and almost all of the Battalion has been committed to operations. This has thrown a very heavy burden on the drivers but they are standing up well to the strain.

The last point of interest is the Rest Room Club. This is still flourishing under the guidance of Cpl. Thorpe. Now a photographic club, run by Pte. Andrews has been added. It is interesting to note that the M.T. Platoon is the only unit in the Battalion to run its own club and this speaks well of the spirit of the Platoon.

"A" COMPANY

When the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces visited the Battalion on April 30, he was greeted

by a guard of honour provided by ourselves and "S" Company and then watched "A" Company on the assault course. A team competition was organised to test our efficiency at this sort of work, for which, alas, we have very little time in this troubled Island. Early May was spent frantically preparing for the Annual Administrative Inspection, which was cancelled at the eleventh hour, though our efforts at cleaning, marking and mending no doubt justified themselves.

Albuhera Day and Whitsun were pleasant breaks, though we spent Whit-Sunday on the Dhekalia Ranges firing rifle and L.M.G. The Company provided several stalls for the Whitsun Fete held on the foreshore. "Syd the Stargazer" was popular and astounded his clients by the visions he saw in an ordinary bathroom-light globe. Cpls. Shaffner, Evans and Bonhomme did good work as stall-holders.

Immediately after Whitsun, we took part in the Battalion patrolling exercise in the Western Sector. We encamped as a Company south of Anaphotia, the village where the terrorist Rossides was caught last year. Despite intensive activity in the form of ambushes, soft-shoe patrols, and coffee-shop checks, we found nothing more than a few old-issue leaflets during the whole four days. However, our pleasant location and the warm sunny weather compensated somewhat for lack of excitement.

Next we went to Inkerman Camp, just outside Larnaca, to carry out the heavy guard, patrol and standby commitment normally borne by 152 (Inkerman) Battery R.A. A week passed quietly enough, but on Sunday, June 8, we were warned that incidents in Nicosia the previous day between Greek and Turkish Cypriots might result in intercommunal clashes in Larnaca. All was quiet until the late afternoon, when two Greeks were stabbed and several houses badly damaged in a clash between Greeks and Turks on the border between the two quarters. 2/Lt. Dobson and Sgt. Speakman with their vehicle patrols, which had been very active throughout the day, rushed to the scene and held the pass until reinforcements of police and military, including our own standby platoon, arrived. Order was restored without further incident, and a complete curfew was imposed on Larnaca town.

This marked the start of an extremely hectic and strenuous period for the Company, as for the whole Battalion. At the time of writing, a month later, the pace has not materially slackened. Two nights after the trouble in Larnaca, the Company dashed up to Athienou village in the small hours to deal with intercommunal clashes there. After a few days as duty company in Alexander Barracks, we returned to Inkerman Camp for a week to help 152 Battery impose the night curfew in the northern sector of Larnaca. Since then in quick succession we have been rural patrol company (with a platoon at Athienou Police Station), curfew company for southern Larnaca based at Browne Camp, and duty company in barracks. Despite the alarms and excursions, the Company remains in good heart.

During late May, Capt. J. S. B. Pollard, who had been Company 21C since Christmas, left us to become one of the watch keepers at C.O.S.D.O. Operations Room.

His place has been taken by Capt. G. Kitchener, newly arrived in Cyprus from Singapore. 2/Lt. A. N. Smith joined the Company on June 24 and assumed Command of No. 3 Platoon vice 2/Lt. Melville, who is looking after No. 1 Platoon during the absence of 2/Lt. Deakin in U.K. Sgt. Taylor joined us from the Depot and Sgt. Speakman left us for a spell as Sergeants' Mess caterer. The departure of Sgt. Blackwell for the Depot is imminent. During the period we said goodbye to the following: Cpl. Bass and Ptes. Tappin, Trott, Bugden, Hutchinson Buick, Jackson, Marshall and Archer on release, and Ptes. Abbott, Daniels, Osbourne, Dilloway, Brimacombe, Evans, Montague, Bryant, Wheeler, Byne, Arnott, Cullam and Sanders to other companies. We also lost Cpl. Argent to "D" Company, where he is a training N.C.O., and Pte. Lewis temporarily, to the N.C.O.'s Cadre. Arrivals were: L/Cpls. Barber and Benad, Ptes. Simper, Short and Feathers and many more from continuation training: we welcome them all. We congratulate L/Cpls. Brazil, Brennan and Quinn on their promotion.

Our sporting activities have been curtailed by the Internal Security situation. We lost the one and only cricket match played to date to C.R.E. Dhekelia, despite the valiant efforts of Pte. Rahmatullah (49), both with the bat and in the field. Our swimmers' hopes were dashed when it was announced that the inter-Company gala was cancelled. In the Dhekelia Garrison Individual Athletics Competition, Pte. Protain was third in the pole vault, and 2/Lt. Dobson first in the 120 yards hurdles and third in the 100 yards sprint. In the Garrison Team Competition, Protain was fourth in the pole vault, and 2/Lt. Dobson and Sgt. Blackwell achieved second and third places respectively in the 120 yards hurdles.

In the Cyprus District Modern Pentathlon Championships, the Battalion's "A" team consisted of 2/Lt. Deakin and Cpl. Finnis of the Company and Cpl. Vitler of "S" Company. 2/Lt. Deakin won the riding and Cpl. Finnis won both swimming and pistol competitions. The team came second overall. We offer all three our heartiest congratulations on this excellent result. At the time of writing, they are in England competing in the Army Modern Pentathlon Championships.

Capt. Flavell, Cpl. Finnis and Pte. Alldritt were in the Middle East Battle Trophy team which fired on April 25, with a better result than last year. The Company entered two teams for the Garrison Pistol Shooting Competition, neither of which did particularly well. Our rifle and L.M.G. teams started training in May for the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Its indefinite postponement was a disappointment, but we hope that, if it does eventually take place, the team will acquit itself with the skill which has come to be expected of it.

"B" COMPANY

The quarter started with the Company preparing for the Government House guard and, in the event, took over the commitment from 42 Commando Royal Marines who, we were astonished to learn, intended to march the 90 miles from Nicosia to their base in the Troodos mountains. We wished them well and did not envy their self-imposed task. The Company soon

settled in and most ably carried out their exacting duties. The departure of Sir Hugh Foot, during our tour of duty, for consultations in the U.K. brought little relief for we were immediately required to protect the person of the Deputy Governor who lived nearby. At the end of two weeks the Lancashire Fusiliers took over from us and we departed, in transport, for Dhekelia.

Straightaway, however, we left for Inkerman Camp in Larnaca to relieve the gunners of their town patrol and other local commitments. This time the Company Commander was quite determined to march. Off we set and covered the nine miles to Larnaca in just over two hours, a feat which has yet to be emulated by any other company in the Battalion.

We arrived back in Barracks just in time to take part in the Albuhera Fete. The C.S.M. was in his element organising a beer skittle alley, a glorified coconut-shy using empty beer cans as balls. The Company made a profit of over £2 for regimental funds and in addition, provided one of the main attractions of the afternoon in its skiffle group. L/Cpl. Croskell, Ptes. Brown, McGregor, Rowlands and others drew the crowds with their expert rendering of popular songs. A successful afternoon despite the high winds.

By this time "B" Company had taken over the duties of Duty Company including that of guarding Dhekelia power station. At the end of two weeks of this, however, came a welcome period of training free from guards and fatigues. We also managed to get in some helicopter training. The Company proved it was fit by expertly jumping out of the aircraft and by swarming like Tarzans down the 15-ft. rope from the hovering helicopter to the ground. Only one casualty, Pte. — but perhaps we had better not mention his name!

After this period things began to happen fast. The Island was expecting the Government's announcement on its future but the Turks once more became impatient. Two Greeks were murdered in Larnaca disorders and the Company almost flew to Larnaca to impose the first curfew for many months. The next two weeks were spent patrolling the town by day and imposing the curfew by night. In our spare time we helped to expand Browne Camp which the Corps of Drums had so nobly started. This was an arduous time for everyone but the Company rose to the occasion and were to be seen at all hours of the day and night patrolling somewhere in the town. It was at this time that we said good-bye to our Company Commander, Major S. E. Honess, who was off to command that vast Empire "H.Q." Company. In his place from "D" Company comes Major R. D. Hutchings to whom we extend our greetings. Now the Company is well settled into its I.S. duties and we spend but fleeting moments in Barracks. The Company does not mind provided that C/Sgt. Moyses continues to administer and feed us at the high standard that we automatically come to expect of him. It is small wonder that signallers and drivers almost fight to get attached to us during operations. They know the food will be first-class. Many congratulations Colour-Sergeant.

"C" COMPANY

Last quarter these Notes were talking of our "settling down into a rather uneventful routine." There has



Find by "C" Company of arms and ammunition in Pyla

certainly been nothing "uneventful" about the past weeks. The Internal Security situation in Cyprus took a sharp turn for the worse on June 8 and since then the Company has frequently found itself "in the field"—though any similarity between the ground of Browne Camp and a field is rapidly disappearing in dust. Though the Island's difficulties may have increased, however, there is no doubt that the Company has enjoyed the very considerable activity which has necessarily resulted; we have spent each alternate week in Larnaca—patrolling, imposing curfews and standing guard to prevent inter-communal strife—and also have had detachments from time to time at Athenou, Pyla Detention Camp and the Dhekelia Power Station; in addition we have found troops for various operations and for innumerable patrols in vehicles and on foot in the Eastern and Central sectors of Larnaca District. We probably all now appreciate more than before the "running hot and cold" and the many other advantages of Alexander Barracks. Even then—on our brief visits life could hardly be described as lacking in manoeuvre.

May saw the Company go out in force to carry out a search of Pyla village, as distinct from the Detention Camp. This was the first big operation that had fallen to us for some time. Under the able direction of Major Sax, Sgt. Nicholson, with Ptes. Mazzone, Sims and Maxted (late of the Officers' Mess bar), unearthed a cache of arms and explosives. This was our first find for many months, and set the pace for an active period. An appropriate photograph of the successful find was taken on the spot, and the Company felt almost ready to appear on the same parade ground as "A" Company. This operation was followed the next day by the Albuhera celebrations and, fresh from our success after months of "peace," the more serious parts of Albuhera Day seemed especially appropriate.

After this, free week-ends disappeared quickly into memories of the past, and curfews, so familiar to old hands, came to the fore and occupied our attention.

During our first week's duty in Larnaca for some time, the Company again distinguished itself, and a patrol under the leadership of 2/Lt. Bulloch, who, this time, was closely supported by Pte. Harris, ferreted out another arms cache in the Larnaca mosque. H.E. The Governor was kind enough to send a message congratulating both of them.

We made the acquaintance of Browne Camp, and could not but think of Horrocks Camp with nostalgia. During our stay here the Commandos staged a helicopter demonstration and flew over in formation, an impressive sight, although, judging by comments overheard from the security of our lines, there was some doubt as to whether the force was not in fact a certain company arriving at its usual "5,000 feet."

Pte. Woort took over as the driver of the Company Commander's Champ, and now presides over the endless competition that goes on for its possession and use. The traditional face of Pte. Mills at the wheel was thus replaced after many long months; before he left, however, Pte. Mills (now departed on demob.) and Cpl. Chapman distinguished themselves in the Modern Pentathlon, an Island-wide contest. Cpl. Chapman came second in the swimming event, while Pte. Mills did well in all five events. The training for this was hard and gruelling, and it appeared quite an achievement to survive it, let alone to compete so successfully.

With great regret we bid farewell to Major Sax, who leaves us to join the instructional staff of the Military College of Science at Shrivenham. We wish him the best of good luck, and hope to see him again, perhaps in some higher capacity. In his place we welcome Major Burrows, who needs no introduction, and hope his tour of duty with us is a happy one. We also welcome L/Cpl. Berdes from the M.T., Ptes. Willis and Clark, old hands as it were, and L/Cpl. Shave and the latest draft from "D" Company. We have also said good-bye with regret to 2/Lt. Clarke, who has left us for "D" Company and to Sgt. Ford, Cpl. Birch and Ptes. Cumino, Blogg, Phillips, Standivan, Little, Brimacombe and Pte. Hooper who has joined "A" Company. Those who remain look forward to seeing U.K. again before long and are glad to hear that our ultimate destination in Germany is to be the pleasant little country town of Hamelin on the River Weser.

"D" COMPANY

In the recent spate of unrest pending the announcement of "The Plan," "D" Company was able to play a full share in the I.S. role. Draft No. 19 had almost completed its training and the Company was able to operate as a complete sub-unit—a welcome change for the permanent staff from the normal routine. We enjoyed ourselves on night curfews and a week at Browne Camp. Some success was achieved with the discovery of a large store of petrol bombs in a church in Larnaca, and some amusement in disposing of hundredweight stone blocks of "ammunition" from the roof of the Pallas Cinema to the consternation of our Police friends. Draft No. 19 has now dispersed and the Company is back in Barracks performing its traditional "Knob of the bolt" role.

If a change is as good as a rest, the training staff of

"D" Company, old and new, must be the envy of the Battalion. Nearly all have been involved in a change recently.

For those of Draft No. 19 posted to "B" Company, there was no change of Company Commander, for Major Hutchings went with them to take command—handing over command of "D" Company to Capt. Norton.

Goings and comings included Capt. Cain to "B" Company, Sgt. Raffael to "S" Company, Capt. Norton from "B" Company, 2/Lts. Cheesman and Sidnell, Sgt. Patterson and Cpl. Argent all from "A" Company, 2/Lt. Clarke who is now N.C.O.'s Cadre Officer, and Sgt. Argent both from "C" Company.

The most recent movement is 2/Lt. Cheesman who goes to the 8th Battalion for a short time and takes our best wishes for a successful 3-in. Mortar Course at Netheravon in mid-July. Sgt. Shinn's departure from the Battalion is imminent too. He goes to the Infantry Training Battalion (out of one frying pan into another).

From the previous draft Cpl. Sharpe has gone to the Officers' Mess, as Mess Corporal and L/Cpls. Dickens, Robertson and Porter were retained to assist in the training of the present one. L/Cpl. Howlett too, joined us first for the N.C.O.'s Cadre from which he passed out top of the course, and has remained with the Company to assist with training.

By the time these notes are printed the last major draft (No. 20) that the Battalion will receive in the Middle East will have joined their Companies. They are at the present undergoing an intensive Internal Security course so that "D" Company can play its full part should the "shooting war" start again. In this connection a certain sensitivity has been noted in Battalion Headquarters to noises off in the barrack area.

The Battalion has been fortunate to receive a draft of 70 so shortly before its departure from these sunny shores. The draft itself is a very lucky one indeed (or so we are told). Where else would one obtain a summer cruise in the Mediterranean, four months of sunshine, golden beaches and swimming 100 yards from the door, luxury accommodation with all mod. cons., an autumn cruise home, not only free but with pay, and to seal the bargain a medal thrown in. If there are still some doubters amongst us, is it perhaps due to the nagging thought that there must be some small catch in all this?

"S" COMPANY

This has been a most eventful quarter. In April, we provided the Right Division of the Guard of Honour for the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces. I.S. Duties have continued without abatement. These varied from cordons and searches to the protection of steamrollers, which at one stage were the target for EOKA attacks. Specialist training has not been neglected, although opportunities for training have been limited.

During May, we prepared for the Annual Administrative Inspection, surmounted part one with credit, and then experienced the anti-climax of the overnight cancellation of part two for operational reasons. At the end of May the Company, less the M.M.G. Platoon,

which was left in barracks to train for the machine gun concentration, took part in the Battalion four-day I.S. exercise. It was a very pleasant exercise, and our newcomers became veterans in a very short time. The Company rifle team was preparing for the Battalion Rifle Meeting in June when the storm of inter-communal disturbances broke and we found ourselves back in Larnaca in an anti-riot role.

3-in. Mortar Platoon

Due to Internal Security duties the Platoon has had little opportunity to train and carry out field firing since April. We hope to have rectified this lack of training by the time the Platoon reaches Germany.

We welcome Cpl. Long back. He has been with the M.T. for the past few months. The following have helped to swell our diminishing ranks, Ptes. Austin-Jones, Croskell, Nicholson, Rainbow, Thomas and Wright (65).

Quite a large part of the last three months has been spent out of camp. We were based for several weeks at Inkerman Camp, whilst 43 L.A.A. Regiment were away training.

We enjoyed a four-day patrol exercise when the Platoon was camped near Alaminos. As a result of this exercise, we learned much about the techniques of patrolling, and how not to put up a bivouac. A certain patrol underestimated the complexity of a cross-country night compass march, and, as a result, they had very sore feet for quite a while.

We welcome back Pte. Short, who since leaving us in November last year, has been with "C" Company, the Regimental Police, the messing staff and the M.T. He found that he disliked these jobs and is happy to be back with the Platoon.

We congratulate L/Cpl. Salt on his promotion.

In June we said goodbye to Cpls. Elvidge and Gregory and Ptes. Plummer, Freeman and Rankmore. We hope that it did not take them too long to settle down in civilian life.

During the last month, we have spent quite a lot of time at Browne Camp, carrying out curfew and patrolling duties in Larnaca. When the Platoon was off duty, discordant music could be heard from Pte. Croskell's Skiffle Group. Perhaps they were the cause of numerous cases of insomnia.

Sgt. Walters has left the Platoon for a Battalion Signals Cadre, and in the near future, he goes to Hythe on a Signals course. Call sign "5" wishes him every success.

Sgt. Fisher leaves us this month to take up an appointment with the 7th Battalion, T.A. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking both for all they have done for the Platoon.

Anti-Tank and Assault Pioneer Platoons

Since the outbreak of violence in Larnaca, three balanced platoons have been provided by "S" Company for I.S. duties. It was therefore decided that the Assault Pioneer section should amalgamate temporarily with the Anti-Tank Platoon.

The Platoons have said good-bye to Cpl. Roffey, Ptes. George and Sutherland and welcome Ptes. Hamling,

Dinning, Millard, Kattenhorn and Hawke (H.Q., M.T.) to the Anti-Tank Platoon and Ptes. Coles, Adamson (H.Q., M.T.), Lam and Roberts (23) to the Assault Pioneer section.

Sgt. Lloyd stayed with us for a few days on returning from the U.K. but was soon away to "B" Company, who returned Sgt. Raffael to us. Congratulations go to L/Cpls. Booker and Ford on their promotion. We wish a quick recovery to the Assault Pioneer cook, Pte. Sinclair (93), who tried unsuccessfully to cook his own feet, and is now in the B.M.H., Nicosia.

As all of our time is taken up with Internal Security duties, training has been limited.

During the inter-communal riots in Larnaca the Platoon distinguished itself by getting into position very quickly to stop a Turkish crowd moving into the Greek quarter.

The duties are now made more interesting as a new camp has been set up in Larnaca and a Platoon is required to guard and patrol Athienou, where we are now enjoying a week, though we are at the "mercy" of Pte. Mercer, the Company cook.

Finally, in the field of sport, Lt. Waite was selected to run for the Battalion in the Cyprus District athletics championships. Cpl. Vitler was a member of the Battalion team which competed in the Middle East Pentathlon and which later represented Cyprus District in the Army Pentathlon in England.

M.M.G. Platoon

Training has been severely limited by fresh outbreaks of inter-communal strife in Larnaca, which suddenly curtailed a machine gun cadre designed to fit us for a machine gun concentration shoot. However, the shoot itself was inevitably cancelled and we are at least thankful for the opportunity of a week's training, which served as a good introduction for our newcomers, Ptes. Brown, Church, Eyre, Lonsdale, Marriott and Pasqual who joined us from "D" Company, and although we are

Once again this quarter has seen a considerable effort by all ranks of the Depot to put the Regiment across to the public. In particular, participation in civic events such as the Chiswick Athletic Meeting and the Twickenham Fair throws a strain on an already tightly stretched duty roster. We believe that the steady increase in recruitment owes something to these efforts. If we continue to recruit at the same rate as in the current quarter, it appears that our goal of an all-regular 1st Battalion should be achieved by the due date.

Whilst on the subject of recruiting, mention must be made of C/Sgt. Fletcher and Sgt. Weller, who are doing stalwart work for the Regiment in the Recruiting Service. C/Sgt. Fletcher's monthly total of recruits passing through his office at Finchley was recently the highest in the London area.

engaged mostly on curfew and patrol duties they managed to get more than just a glimpse of the inscrutable monsters in the machine gun stores.

L/Cpl. Shaw has successfully completed his cadre and we congratulate him on his promotion. L/Cpl. West, having returned to the service after a break, is also a welcome member of the Platoon.

After making elaborate preparations for the stay of the Platoon in Athienou Police Station we had no sooner breathed a sigh of relief at being free, when our emancipation was suddenly cut short after two days and we joined the Company on curfew duties in Larnaca. Pte. Pasqual has introduced us to some delicious corned beef à la Barbados and is now, although he may not know it himself, the Platoon cook. It was feared at one time that he might possess some evil charms from the local witch-doctor, for he was observed at Athienou, stirring a big black cauldron and working himself into a frenzy, but it turned out to be harmless lemonade, calypso style.

Ptes. Frith, Errington, Parmenter and Rees all found themselves on an N.C.O.'s cadre, but found also quite suddenly that the ground underneath their feet had become quite hot, and therefore decided unanimously that they would come down only occasionally as it was much cooler in the clouds. However, by misfortune, their wings and their haloes seemed to disintegrate and with one accord they settled gently in the machine gun stores where they lived happily ever after, as privates.

We were sorry to lose the services of Cpls. Cludery and Giles, Ptes. Hossack, Repton, Smith and Wallace, all of whom were experienced machine gunners who had provided the back-bone of the Platoon for many months. We wish them well in civilian life.

In the next issue we hope to be able to explain why it is that the face of Pte. Rees always becomes a vivid scarlet whenever duty calls us to the Larnaca sea front. Our theory that he might have been a misplaced chameleon has been disproved.

Depot Notes

Officers' Mess

On the last day of April, and again early in July, the Regimental Council met here.

At the beginning of May, Hugh Evans spent a few days with us before leaving for Muscat, where he now has a local majority. We were sorry to read in the newspapers that he had been injured by a mine and is likely to be flown home. Col. Green came down from Glasgow, spent two nights here, and played in the Spring Golf Meeting; he paid another flying visit in mid-July.

Various high-powered medical research people have visited us over this period, including the D.G.A.M.S. and the Scientific Adviser to the Army Council. They were interested in the work being done by Major Adam and his team of experts.

The Bishop of Manston honoured us with his presence on May 15.

On Albuhera Day, in addition to the permanent members of the Mess, the following dined here: Brigadier Lerwill, Lt.-Cols. Allen and Brotherton, Brigades Burrows, Clayden and de Gaye, Capt. Carter, Jordan, Moore and Rutherford, and Lt. Lohan. Majors Newman and Smith were here that day also, but they attended an old Comrades' Albuhera Dinner in London which the former had organised. Col. Browne is, of course, regarded as a permanent dining member as he has all meals except breakfast in the Mess, and it goes without saying that he was present at the dinner in the Mess. The customary visits to Messes were paid.

On May 21 Major Adam, R.A.M.C., very kindly showed us some of the coloured films he took in the Antarctic. We prefer the comfort of the Mess, though we grieve about that at times!

On the 23rd we greeted Lt. Griffiths, who had just been commissioned and is now Q.M. of the 8th Battalion in the place of Capt. Jennings who has, we are sorry to say, been on the sick list, and is now on light duty; we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Capt. Pike turned up a few days later, looking very fit after a lengthy sojourn in Malaya, and eager to plunge into the cricket season. His bowling analysis since is a good one: playing for the Free Foresters he took 9 for 32, one victim declaring he was "castled, by jove!" We congratulate him on being awarded the Military Cross. Details of the citation and of David's other activities in Malaya appear elsewhere in the Journal.

2/Lt. M. Young, having been for some time recovering from operations, was passed fit again and returned to Nigeria.

At about this stage John Moore kept on popping in. One day he was at Barnard Castle, the next here, and a day or two later in Nairobi. Having satisfied himself apparently that it was a reasonable place, he returned to the U.K., collected his kit and went back to Nairobi again. Our latest news is that he is in Bahrain and has been visiting Hugh Evans in hospital.

Cricket Week brought some of the old stalwarts along—Brigadier Weston, Col. Green and Lt-Col. Unwin all stayed here.

Early in June 2/Lt. A. N. Smith reported, and after a few days went off to the 1st Battalion. At the end of that month 2/Lts. Evans, Montgomery, Randall and Von Maltzahn joined from Mons O.C.S.; all were here just over a week. Evans and Montgomery went to the 1st Battalion, Randall to Somaliland and Von Maltzahn to Sierra Leone. 2/Lt. Heslton, also newly commissioned, spent only one night with us before going to a C.C.F. Camp; he is hoping to extend his service and go to Ghana.

The Army Historical Society and several parties of school cadets have visited the Mess in the last quarter.

Capt. Clayden has been home on compassionate leave and we offer him our sympathy on the death of his father.

Those who played in the Cricket Week are recorded elsewhere in these pages. Others we have seen include the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt-Col Worton (who

gave himself a rest from cricket this year), Major Dick Bellers, Col. Ellis, Major Hoddling, Brigadier Gwyn, Capt. Carter, Lts. Deakin, Cheesman and Crumley.

The Regimental "At Home" was held in the Mess on June 28, and that brought several people we do not often see, but their names no doubt appear in the Officers' Club notes.

Col. and Mrs. Hewitt, home from Ghana on leave, and Major and Mrs. Marsh all turned up on July 9, and we were very pleased to see them again. We much look forward to seeing all members of the 1st Battalion on their return from Cyprus in the autumn, and hope that the situation in the Middle East will not prevent their brief visit to this country.

Stop Press News reports two weddings—that of "Nick" Carter to Miss Suzanne Louise Kellaway of Sydney, which took place at St. Jude's Church, Kensington, on July 26. Gen. Sir Richard Gale gave the bride away. Officers of the Regiment formed a guard of honour, and many others attended. The reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel.

The other was of Carole, the eldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. S. C. W. Weller, on the same day, and it was most unfortunate that the two events clashed.

We wish all parties every happiness in the future.

TRAINING COMPANY

Just after the last notes were written the Company Commander, Major Jeffcoat, left us to go on a series of courses before rejoining the 1st Battalion. We wish him and Mrs. Jeffcoat good fortune in Germany. Capt. Wollocombe arrived to take over on April 28. He and Mrs. Wollocombe are living in the quarter next to the Officers' Mess vacated by Major Jeffcoat.

There has only been one full-scale passing-out parade, which was one of the biggest for some time. On May 9, 80 recruits of the 52nd Intake paraded before Mr. C. I. Orr-Ewing, O.B.E., Member of Parliament for North Hendon and Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air. The Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment played during the parade. Mr. Orr-Ewing was most complimentary about the recruits and said that he was honoured to be allowed to take the salute. He presented prizes as follows:

Best All-round Recruit	Pte. Bridge
Best Rifle Shot	Pte. Windram
Best L.M.G. Shot	Pte. Mees
Highest Physical Efficiency	Pte. Bridge
Best Regular Recruit	Pte. Croskell

The parade was recorded on 16-mm. cine film by Major Adam, R.A.M.C., who, apart from being an expert amateur photographer and member of Dr. Fuchs' Polar expedition, was leading a team of scientific investigators who were carrying out experiments on our recruits to discover whether the Army Ration Scale is satisfactory. Major Adam very kindly presented the film to the Depot, and it is now shown to all recruits during their training.

After the parade the many parents and their sons attended a church service in the Regimental Chapel and then adjourned to the NAAFI for tea.

The only other passing-out parade was so small that it was decided not to hold a normal parade, but to give

parents an opportunity of seeing how much their sons had learned since coming to the Depot. They saw the recruits demonstrating sentry drill on the square, during which the prize for the best young regular was presented by the Commanding Officer to Pte. Taylor (304).

The parents were then taken to the 30-yd. range, where they were given a demonstration by the recruits of their skill at shooting. The parents had the appearance of being most impressed by this performance.

Recruiting is beginning to play a much larger part in our lives now that National Service is on the way out. Sgt. Power and a small party of men attended the Edmonton Carnival on July 5 with the Regimental recruiting booth and attracted much attention from the youth of the county, as did Sgt. Plumb and Cpl. Young at the Twickenham Fair on July 26. We are also sending a considerable party to the S.S.A.F.A. Tattoo at the White City to help with the arrangements there.

We are sending our last draft to Cyprus in the very near future, and this will be a very small one. The 53rd Intake, at present in training, will have to wait until it is time to go to Germany before leaving the country.

As usual at the Depot we see many both familiar and strange faces for a few fleeting hours. All these make brief appearances on Training Company parade states, but they are too numerous to mention here. However, we welcome Sgt. Power and Cpl. Hebbes to the Training Staff and S.I. Bristow as our new P.T. Instructor. S.I. Morris (A.P.T.C.) has left us to go as P.T. Instructor to the M.C.T.C. at Colchester after long and valuable work at the Depot. He will be missed next winter by the Depot football eleven which he has led with considerable success for so long. We also wish Cpls. Webb and Hambly good luck on their return to civilian life, and to Sgt. Taylor on his return to the 1st Battalion.

Our congratulations go to Sgts. Plumb and Hanshaw on their promotion, and to Cpl. Turner and L/Cpl. Cornish on the birth of their daughters.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The major event of the period was, of course, Albuhera Day, which was celebrated in a truly traditional manner. The battle commenced early in the day and casualties were inflicted on both sides by 1000 hrs. The brutal Col. Yamamitsu (Sgt. Moran) of River Kwai fame led the march on to the field of battle to the strains of "Colonel Bogey," much to the plaudits of the populace. Our adversaries, the officers, fought bravely but were outnumbered and outgunned, and we soon knocked 'em off for break.

All serving members within reach were invited to spend the day with us, and after having joined battle with the officers for the second time in two hours, this time over drinks in the Officers' Mess, we adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess. At 3 p.m. we had 46 serving members present for lunch and we were honoured to have Capt. Tarrant as our guest.

Later in the day we were hosts when the officers came to visit us. A short but very touching oration by Col. M. Browne reminded us again of the glories of the first Albuhera Day.

Our Albuhera Dance commenced at 8 p.m.—no one is quite sure what time it finished. Space does not allow us to record the names of all those who came to visit us. A most enjoyable evening was the general verdict, with an excellent buffet provided by Sgt. Banks. It is noteworthy that Sgt. Redmond and his party celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion. In fact they had a smashing time.

Since last going to press there has been a constant stream of arrivals and departures. C/Sgt. "Spud" Taylor has left us after long and loyal service; we miss his smiling face from the D.O.R. Our best wishes go out to him in the motor-car business and hope the barometer is always set at "FAIR." Sgts. Taylor and Horder have left for 1st Battalion. Sgt. Bailey has gone to Millom. Sgt.-Instr. Morris to M.C.T.C., Colchester. We wish them all good luck for the future.

We extend a warm welcome to the following: O.R.Q.M.S. Soper, whom we've got working at last, though he has been with us since April; S/Sgt. Uttley, R.A.E.C., living in and already actively engaged at the head of our Entertainments Committee; our new muscle-man, S.I. Bristow; Sgts. Plumb and Hanshaw, as new members whom we must also congratulate on their promotion. We wish them all a happy and successful tour at the Depot.

We have had fleeting glimpses of Sgts. Ford, Shinn and Grimes from 1st Battalion. During Cricket week we were pleased to see "Butcher" Bailey, ex-Sgt. Whitfield, Charlie Painter, ex-Sgt. Steve Cox (Dmr.), 2nd Battalion. Alf Mason, now living at Hendon, is a regular visitor and one of our best darts players. C/Sgt. "Topper" Brown of B.T.A. H.Q. hockey fame is spending a few days with us before leaving for Singapore.

Lt. (Q.M.) F. Griffiths of 8th Middlesex, to whom we extend our hearty congratulations on his promotion, visited us. Major Rodwell from the War Office came to see how we live in the Sergeants' Mess. We hope he was suitably impressed.

On June 6 in glorious weather we went to Epsom for the Oaks, with a luxurious Cronshaw's coach, self-supporting in food and drink, the entire Mess Staff to look after us, music for the intervals—it was a perfect day. Of course most of us parted company with our money, but by some strange coincidence, the winners were all rich Colour-Sergeants.

We have played a number of darts matches, both home and away, and the honours are about even to date.

On July 11 we again hired a coach and visited our friends of the Depot (The Royal Fusiliers) at the Tower. We spent a most enjoyable evening and our hosts spared no efforts on our behalf. We witnessed the Ceremony of the Keys; we were later soundly thrashed in most of the games. "Revenge for last year," announced the Shiny 7th. The beer, "Whose is it?" a question asked many times, flowed freely. For many days afterwards the main topic of conversation was "The Bloody Tower." There is always a day of reckoning, the return is planned for September. "Die-Hard the 57th."

The last social function of the quarter was our annual meeting with the Finchley Police which took place on

July 23. The results speak for themselves. We won the cricket, the shooting and the snooker. We lost the darts, football and crib. The finish was very exciting, when we required a victory in the "Boat Race" to win. We won. A feature of the cricket match was the remarkable eighth wicket stand by Sgt. Grasby, who scored a vital 25 runs. Our last man in, Sgt. Banks, wanted seven runs for victory, he hit a tremendous six off the first ball and almost failed to get the other one, colliding with Sgt. Palmer's stomach coming the other way. Sgt. Moran bowled three overs, took two wickets for eleven runs. "Schoolie" made two amazing catches at cover point. A most enjoyable day's sport, both outdoors and indoors. Our cabaret star "Cynthia" created quite a sensation. Again the catering was excellent and a special mention of this was made in the letter we subsequently received from the Police.

It is now with deep regret that we must record a very sad occurrence, the death of the young son of Sgt. and Mrs. Cripps. We offer our deepest and sincere sympathy to them both on suffering such a great loss.

Our Mess is at present sadly reduced in numbers. Many are jockeying for position in the "Leave Stakes," others on courses, T.A. camps and cadet camps. With wintry conditions prevailing life is generally pretty dull, but we are looking forward to brighter days and happy reunions in the coming months.

SERGEANTS' MESS SILVER AND PLATE

At the time of going to press, plans are in hand to assemble and list all the Regimental Silver and Plate of the Sergeants' Mess, other than that held at present by 1st Battalion, with a view to recommendations being put forward for its future location when the Depot Sergeants' Mess ceases to exist as such. For this purpose a Committee is being formed consisting of representatives from the Depot and each Battalion and the meeting is planned for November, 1958.

CORPORALS' CLUB

Since our last notes we have said "Good-bye and good luck" to Cpls. Hambly and "Nosha" Webb and L/Cpl. Barton who have recently left us for the greater pull of civilian life, and L/Cpls. Benard, Berryman and Shave who have been claimed by the 1st Battalion. L/Cpl. Phillips left us for the 8th Battalion and L/Cpl. Coleman is striving diligently to succeed at Mons O.C.S. Cpl. Charlie Hull was welcomed back from the 1st Battalion but seems to have gathered an abundance of leave.

Our congratulations are extended to Cpl. Turner and L/Cpl. Cornish on becoming proud fathers of fine bouncing baby daughters—Elizabeth Ann and Karen Lesley respectively—and to Cpl. Wollin on his recent engagement. Cpl. Young has finally settled down to a more peaceful life and is contemplating the thought of getting "hooked."

A very successful social evening was held on June 27, with dancing to a local ballroom-cum-jive group. Many guests arrived, including members of other clubs, along with the R.A.F. and Navy. It seemed like an all-

services' dance rather than a club social. Long before the interval the NAAFI manageress had to send up an S.O.S. for more beer. A raffle was held during the interval in which the first prize was a bottle of whisky, and a bottle of gin with other prizes, including spot prizes, but the Navy seemed rather peeved when the result of the draw was made, for the first prize went to a very attractive Danish girl.

As a sequel to the social evening, the members of the Club challenged the R.A.F. Corporals' Club at Hendon to a game of cricket which was played at their grounds. We won the toss and batted first. Although there were several "ducks" we managed to scrape up 37 runs. The R.A.F. went in and actually got 18 runs all out in approximately half an hour, compared to our hour and a half stand. We finished up with an enjoyable social evening with the R.A.F. as our hosts. A return match is to be played in the very near future.

During this last quarter, there has been an increase in the number of promotions. We heartily congratulate Cpls. "Jeep" Hanshaw and Les Plumb on their entry into the Sergeants' Mess, and hope that their stay will be a long and enjoyable one.

Congratulations also go to L/Cpls. Ambler, Hebbes and Stevens on their promotion to Corporal, and Ptes. Rickett, Bridge, Rogers and Weston to Lance-Corporals. Cpls. Gunn, Southwell and Wollin will soon be leaving us for civilian life, much to our regret, for the Club will soon have lost all its older members, but nevertheless, "young blood" is always welcomed to the Corporals' Club.

DEPOT CRICKET

Five out of eleven matches so far this season have had to be cancelled, either because of rain or because our opposition has been unable to play at the last minute.

We have been fortunate in being able to call upon Capt. Pike for some games whilst he was on leave, and also on Capt. Legge from 7th Middlesex. Without these two officers we would be hard pressed to produce even a moderate side, owing to a marked lack of talent both amongst the Permanent Staff and recruits. The exceptions to this have been the staunch support given by L/Cpls. Herbert, Hooper and Howell, all of whom have played hard and well on occasions.

However, some enjoyable games have been played, even though so far we have only won one of them. We were knocked out of the London District Competition in the first round by the Household Cavalry Regiment, so that all but one of our matches have been friendlies. This is perhaps a good thing for Depot cricketers, as most of our side prefer the more gentlemanly atmosphere of friendly matches than the tension of competition cricket. The results were as follows:

Depot v. R.A.F. Northolt	..	Lost by 5 wickets
Depot v. Household Cavalry	..	Lost by 47 runs
Depot v. Depot Queens	..	Lost by 5 wickets
Depot v. R.A.F. Hendon	..	Match drawn
Depot v. R.A.F. Northolt	..	Won by 9 wickets
Depot v. Home Postal Depot (R.E.)	..	Lost by 3 wickets

MUSEUM NOTES

A number of new exhibits have been received recently, including a most interesting relic of the Crimean War of 1853-56. This is the caped greatcoat of Lt. W. M. C. Acton, 77th Regiment, worn at the Battle of Inkerman, November 5, 1854, and presented to the Regiment by his niece, Miss Irene A. Ball-Acton.

Other items presented were colour-sergeant's full dress tunic and blue side cap of the late R.S.M. George Kerswill, presented by Mrs. Kerswill.

Sergeant's red tunic, sash and pay-book of Sgt. C. T. Reynolds (5137). This tunic has the champion judge of distance star on the right cuff. Presented by ex-Sgt. C. T. Reynolds.

Sergeant's halberd 1760, pike 1811, flint lock musket (Brown Bess) 1800, percussion musket 1840, Enfield rifle 1853-70, Martini rifle 1870-88 and Snider carbine. Loaned from the armouries of H.M. Tower of London.

Pioneer's saw-backed sword, 1854-1903. Purchased. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge's uniform breeches, jack-boots, plumed hat, gold-plated spurs and sword of a Field-Marshal. Also the full dress coat and undress coat of Major-General worn by H.R.H. in 1854. Royal United Services Institute.

Pioneer's small shovel and axe with buff carriers, 1885. From R.U.S.I.

Officer's helmet plate, West Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. Purchased.

Other rank's helmet plate, South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. Purchased.

Glengarry and 57th badge (other ranks), 1872-81.

Requests

Any relic (badges, buttons, uniform, correspondence, etc.) connected with the Regiment will be of great value to the Curator. What would appear to be unnecessary junk often goes to complete a uniform. Especially required to make the collection complete are the officer's pattern Glengarry badge of 1881-90 and the Public Works Battalion's cap badge issued to 18th, 19th and 26th Battalions in 1915. This badge has an extra scroll underneath the one "Middlesex Regt." bearing the inscription "Public Works Battalion."

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB

Unfortunately the bus strike affected two of the three meetings held since April. Even so, the quarterly meeting held in June produced 16 people in spite of the strike and T.A. camps. The Elms Club were unable to join us owing to a previous fixture. At this meeting Mrs. Burgess was elected Secretary and Mrs. Ambler and Mrs. Kerswill Committee members. We look forward to a good gathering on September 11 (the next quarterly meeting) and to some well attended monthly whist drives during the Winter.

December 11, is the date for the Christmas quarterly meeting and we hope to make it quite a party so do come and join us with or without your husband at 8 p.m. in the Crawford Hut.

OLD COMRADES

Mill Hill Branch, N.W.7

Greetings to all readers from us at Mill Hill. We are doing exceedingly well, thank you. The Club is

thriving and membership is growing, the monthly meetings are a pleasure to attend.

Someone wanted to know how many times the Victoria Cross had been awarded. Well, the answer as far as I can ascertain is 1,344, but there have been 1,347 awards, as three men won it twice. The Middlesex Regiment has 11 V.C.s. Talking of Regimental history and things that bring the thrill and pride to the breasts of all "Die-Hards," read this extract from "The Middlesex Regiment," 1919-52. The escape of Capt. A. G. Hewitt with two other officers from the prison camp at Sham Shui Po, 1941, and the story of the "Die-Hards" at Hong Kong.

First, the escape of Capt. A. G. Hewitt.—The escape was carefully planned over a period of several weeks in the prison camp at Sham Shui Po. The three officers made their escape in a sampan, but were almost immediately fired on and forced to turn back to the beach. During the night they hid in a Chinese grave in the hills and the next day they fought "a full-blooded and desperate fight" with seven Chinese, who charged them, brandishing bayonets and choppers. The three officers fought back with bare fists and won. Eventually the three were recognised by a very tall Chinese, half-American negro, who had formerly owned a radio shop in Kowloon. He passed them on to a local gang of bandits, who in turn led them through the Japanese lines. Then they were taken over by the Chinese National Army and marched to Kungong, capital of Kwantung Province. Capt. Hewitt was subsequently flown to Chungking.

1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Hong Kong, 1941.—After the fighting retreat came the inevitable surrender and the roll call; out of 36 officers 10 were killed, 4 wounded, 2 missing, and of the 728 W.O.s, N.C.O.s and men 94 were killed, 110 wounded and 25 missing.

October, 1942.—The captive Battalion were ordered to a new camp and were shipped in the vessel *Lisbon Maru*, which was torpedoed by an Allied submarine. When the Japanese guards had abandoned the ship, leaving the prisoners battered down, Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart organised the forcing of the hatches. The first men out were fired upon by the guards, but many escaped, another 132 "Die-Hards" were lost in this tragic incident. In the new camp Lt.-Col. Stewart, after his superhuman efforts working for the benefit of his men, eventually died—he was awarded the D.S.O. Col. L. A. Newnham, the previous commanding officer of the Battalion, was removed from prison camp by the Japanese on suspicion of organising contact with Chinese lorry drivers. With two other officers he was interrogated under torture, starved, beaten, and eventually sentenced to death; the execution was cruelly postponed in a vain final effort to break the officer's nerve. Col. Newnham was awarded a posthumous George Cross.

Two stories of recent history in which the spirit of Albuhera still lived, the spirit which we may be sure is still alive in Cyprus to-day, the spirit which lives in the breast of all "Die-Hards," old and young, and which we carefully nurture in the Club at Mill Hill,

still with its living representatives from South Africa, 1914-18, 1939-45, all the years between and up to this very minute.

Now you know why the Old Comrades cling together and why each month we can always find something to discuss, and why the Club can never become a bore to any of us. You see in the stories you have just read there is more than just history to most of us, We soldiered with those men, they were our Old Comrades.

God bless you all. And, as my old Company Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Cook, D.C.M., used to say: "It's Hull again, Yours Busty."

Albuhera Dinner

The dinner held at the Victory (ex-Services) Club on Albuhera Day was a great success, so much so, it exceeded expectations. To be quite frank, I did wonder at one stage whether the number attending would justify the expense and hard work it entailed, but I am pleased to say it did so much, in fact, that the room has already been booked for Saturday, May 16, 1959.

A total of 78 were catered for, of which 73 attended; various reasons made the attendance of the other five impossible.

To see so many familiar faces, and some not so familiar, made the committee feel it was worth every bit of the hard work necessary to arrange it.

At this stage Major Dick Smith deserves a pat on the back, for producing the lovely pieces of silver to help decorate the tables, and the thanks of every member is conveyed to Major Ian Battye for loaning it to us.

Letters of congratulation on the enjoyable evening have been received. One such letter came from the Isle of Wight, the writer of which attended the dinner and returned the following day. Others came from Lancing, West Molesey and Dagenham; that is called a good effort.

We must not forget the ladies who helped to make the evening such a success.

Telegrams were sent to, and received from: H.M. The Queen, O.C. Depot (for Colonel of the Regiment), W.O.s. and Sergeants.

You remember our pal Frank Stevenson, "Stevo" to lots of us, passed away on February 11 last, and until now it was not possible to record his service. Here it is:

Enlisted Army Reserve, 1913; enlisted Regular Army, February 26, 1914; discharged Regular Army, May 11, 1935. Service 21 years, 109 days.

1st World War.—France, October 5, 1914, to March 20, 1918; prisoner of war to December 11, 1918; home and X Force to Russia, April 9, 1919, to November 5, 1919; Germany, March 4, 1920; Siberia, May 2, 1922, to July 10, 1922; Germany, July 11, 1922, to October 1, 1923; Aldershot and Catterick, October 2, 1923, to January 28, 1927; sailed for China January 1927 and returned home December 1928; promotion W.O.2, October 9, 1929.

2nd World War.—November 14, 1939, Royal Fusiliers; January 1, 1942, to August 31, 1945, Royal Artillery.

Truly a remarkable record—no greater tribute can be paid to "Stevo" than to say he was "A Soldier of the Die-Hards."

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



GENERAL

The most important event which has taken place in the last three months has been the T.A. Jubilee Review. An account of this and the part the Battalion played can be found at the end of these notes.

Recruiting has again been successful and already the Battalion has doubled its strength during the past six months. "B" Company has reopened at Enfield under Major J. D. Gunnell, Lt. M. J. Beaumont and C.S.M. Webb, assisted by C.S.M. Cubitt. In one week a record number of 13 recruits came forward.

In connection with our recruiting activity, a caravan has been purchased and was first used at Denis Compton's benefit cricket match at Winchmore Hill. A further incentive for outsiders to join was given at the Edmonton Show. The carnival was led by the Band and Drums and at the show the Battalion gave a demonstration of signals under Sgt. Conroy, machine-gun under Sgt. Young and cooking under Sgt. Gorman. The demonstration was commanded by Major J. C. Du Parc Braham. The success was noticeable in that ten recruits came forward within the next week.

Once again shooting has been one of the prominent activities of the Battalion. For the first time for many years the Battalion was represented at the Central Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley, which took place from July 5 to 9. Major D. E. Simpson, T.D., Major J. D. Gunnell and C.S.M. C. Holdford, attended as individual competitors for the whole meeting. They were supplemented by Capt. P. A. Stocken, L/Cpl. Van de Pol, L/Cpl. Chapman, L/Cpl. Phillips and Capt. Grobel from Brigade Headquarters for the falling-plate competition, in which they were knocked out in the first round. The Battalion second team consisting of Capt. Grobel, C.S.M. Holdford and L/Cpl. Van de Pol, beat the Battalion first team in the light machine-gun competition and qualified for a prize of £2 10s. They were placed 11th out of 42 competitors. On the last day a team from 47 Infantry Brigade, which included members of the Battalion, of whom O.R.Q.M.S. Munds was captain, took part in the China Cup competition. Although the riflemen dealt with their snap targets in double quick time, the Bren team was not quite so successful.

Two successful dances have been held at Hornsey in the last two months.

Albuhera Day was marked by a very colourful display in the Drill Hall. It was generally agreed that arrangements organised by Capt. M. A. H. Lanyon were excellent. The summer dance, organised by Capt. R. J. Leighton, was also well attended by all ranks and is an encouragement to hold many more in the future. Needless to say, the bar under Mr. Lloyd in the



ANNUAL CAMP, 1958

C.S.M. Curry instructing "C" Company recruits on camouflage

Sergeants' Mess was very welcome, as the evening was very hot.

Annual Camp—Dibgate, June 1958

Everyone who attended has agreed that annual camp in 1958 was the most successful for many years. The Battalion was double in numbers, compared with 1957, and a full platoon of recruits carried out an intensive course of training and were passed out at the end of camp. Pte. Phillips was adjudged the best All-round Recruit and was awarded the Commanding Officer's prize. Pte. Chapman was runner-up.

"Summer Double," a two-day Brigade exercise, occupied a lot of our time during the first week at camp. The Battalion was organised into two groups—"Park Force" and "Bob Force" to act as enemy to the rest of the Brigade. This entailed sharp battles followed by rapid withdrawals, during one of which the Commanding Officer was captured and Major Du Parc Braham, with about half his force, managed to slip through a fast flanking movement by the 8th Middlesex.

The day was followed by a night of active patrolling, mainly carried out by the Recruit Company. In spite of the weather and lack of opponents, these patrols were carried out with much enthusiasm. One patrol of five, consisting of Capt. P. A. Stocken, Capt. R. J. Leighton, C.S.M. Webb, Cpl. Plum and Cpl. Gunn (from the Depot) earned an immediate award as they managed to keep the enemy headquarters totally disturbed all night to such good effect that the enemy were convinced that they were attacked by two large patrols. Everyone who took part agreed that it had been a very successful exercise.

During the second week the Commanding Officer took the Battalion out on a defence exercise. This was rehearsed as a T.E.W.T. and then carried out as an exercise with troops on about the wettest day during the fortnight.

The Recruit Platoon was in the middle of a defensive battle and counter-attack when the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Coleman, arrived. The battle was really too effective, as the smoke made it almost totally invisible. After a short

"cease fire," the battle against enemy patrols provided by 6th Queens was resumed with much active patrolling. Two deserters, R.S.M. Thom and Sgt. Sills, temporarily went over to the enemy and succeeded in creating such a disturbance that the cooks were seen counter-attacking them, and reports came back that an enemy patrol of three men had penetrated the Battalion area. The R.S.M. and Sgt. Sills returned justifiably inflated by the effect of their exploits. The Battalion returned late at night after a wet but interesting day to prepare for the Battalion Rifle Meeting on June 11. This produced, after a pleasant sunny day on the Hythe Range, the following result:

Battalion Rifle Champion	C.S.M. Webb
Runner-up	Pte. D. Gibbons
Champion Recruit	Pte. Chapman
W.O./Sgts. Cup	Sgt. Hughes
Runner-up	C.S.M. Curry

The School of Infantry at Hythe organised a most successful cadre for the Signal Platoon. As this improved their standard considerably, the Signals section showed their newly acquired skill on the Battalion Defence Exercise by the rapid deployment of their lines and the efficient operation of the Battalion wireless set. The M.M.G. and Mortar Cadres both fired their weapons at Lydd.

On Saturday, June 7, a party of 20 went on a day trip to Le Touquet, and although the weather was unkind, which it seems to have been on most occasions this year, everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Camp was indeed a memorable one, and as the years go by it will be remembered particularly for these three things. First the loud hailer, a weapon seized on gratefully by the Adjutant and R.S.M. and used for a multitude of purposes and to great effect. Second, the previously mentioned caravan. Third, a trip by air for a party of 25 in a R.A.F. Anson, which enabled many to see the battlefield of the Brigade exercise from above.

OFFICERS' MESS

Once again the Mess has passed its most severe hurdle of the year—annual camp. There were the usual round of entertainments, crises and humorous incidents, and the build-up of that "family" life that makes an Officers' Mess a living unit, and one so important for the well-being of a Battalion.

Two guest nights were held; the first was rather a family party when the Honorary Colonel dined in camp with us. Our main guest that evening was Maj.-Gen. W. F. R. Turner, the G.O.C. of our Division and the others were 7th Battalion officers now serving in the wilds (or is it luxury?) of Brigade Headquarters.

The second Monday was the major occasion, with guests from the other Battalions of the Brigade in camp, the Field Ambulance, Brigadier D. R. Wilson, our Brigade Commander, Major Parker (Brigade Major) and a R.A.F. officer from Hawkinge R.A.F. Station. Early in camp we had the pleasure of entertaining before lunch the members of the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess, a happy duty, and one that is greatly appreciated by the

officers as a means of repaying in some small way the hospitality extended to individuals on so many occasions throughout the year.

The Colonel of the Regiment honoured us by lunching in the Mess during his visit to the camp. Our great regret was that as an exercise was in progress, only a few officers were present. The Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, was with us that morning as well.

On the Sunday, instead of a midday cocktail party, the Mess Committee organised an informal "wine tasting." Many guests attended, wives, friends from units in camp, friends from Hornsey and other North London parts and from around and about Folkestone. A successful morning, the noise level outside the Mess at one stage was a very high number of decibels.

The officers visited our W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess after dinner one night during the first week. An enjoyable evening was held, much evidenced by the silence in the lines after Reveille next morning.

We had many invitations to dinner and cocktail parties held by units in camp; the officers who went, the load being well spread, greatly appreciated the opportunities to visit others.

It was a small Mess, only 16 officers being in camp, but a lively one, except on those days when it was emptied by exercises, much to the gratification of the staff. To them, whether regulars, Territorials or civilians, must go our thanks for their hard work and unflinching cheerfulness under the guidance and leadership of our indefatigable Mess Sergeant, C/Sgt. Carnie, and for helping to make the whole "one."

SERGEANTS' MESS

Once again annual camp has come and gone, and although the weather was anything but kind to us, we can at least look back on the highlights of the social side of Mess life.

Perhaps the most memorable evening was the occasion of the Mess dinner which, considering the difficulties encountered in tented messes, was a great success and a credit to all concerned. After dinner we had the honour to entertain not only our own Commanding Officer and officers but also the G.O.C., Maj.-Gen. W. F. R. Turner, and our Honorary Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland, together with other visiting officers. This was a great occasion for the Mess; in fact, the writer cannot recall such a distinguished gathering in the Sergeants' Mess since the T.A. was reformed after the war.

Another occasion worthy of mention was the Families Day on the middle Sunday of camp when, in addition to the families of serving members the Mess, on behalf of the Battalion, entertained a party of Hornsey old folk. They were given a memorable time in the Mess, and great credit is due to those responsible for their welfare, notably C.S.M. Curry, C/Sgt. Moran, Sgts. Gorman and Elston.

We would close these notes on a personal line by bidding a hearty welcome to our two newest members—Sgts. Conroy and Curl.



The Battalion Colour Party before the T.A. Jubilee Celebration Parade, June 22, 1958
Left to right: C/Sgt. Moran, Capt. Tymms, C.S.M. Curry, Lt. Beaumont, Sgt. Hughes

CONGRATULATORY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Capt. Lanyon on the birth of a son, to R.Q.M.S. Howes on the birth of a daughter and to Sgt. Wotton also on the birth of a daughter. We also offer our congratulations to Major Simpson on gaining a third clasp to his Territorial decoration and to the following on their promotion: Sgts. Conroy and Curl, Cpls. Manning and Stimpson, L/Cpls. Friedman, Fox, Gibbons, Smith, Sutcliffe, Phillips and Chapman.

T.A. JUBILEE REVIEW

It is well known that 1958 is a particularly notable year for the T.A. Although our local celebrations are due to take place in October, the Jubilee Review held at Hyde Park on June 22 was well worth remembering. Over 8,000 Territorials, representing every unit in England and Wales, were reviewed by Her Majesty The Queen. It was the first time that the Battalion has had the honour of parading the Colours before Her Majesty, and it was appropriate that this should also have been the first occasion on which the Colours were paraded with the Honours awarded for the 2nd World War and Korea emblazoned upon them.

Those who took part in the parade were:—The Colour Party: Capt. Tymms, Lt. Beaumont, C.S.M. Curry, C/Sgt. Moran and Sgt. Hughes. The Marching

Party: C.S.M. Webb, C.S.M. Payne, C/Sgt. Hutchings, Sgt. Wotton, L/Cpls. Van de Pol, Williams, Elderfield, Sutcliffe and Sedley, and Pte. Clarke.

A great deal of hard work, mostly in the evening, went into practice before the Review both at camp and at Hornsey under the enthusiastic direction of the R.S.M., Mr. Thom. There were several clothing inspections by the Quartermaster, Major (Q.M.) C. A. Trestain, to ensure that No. 1 Dress, white belts, bayonet frogs and rifle slings were up to the desired standard. Major Trestain was also responsible for preparing the T.A. Centre, Hornsey, to accommodate 60 volunteers of all ranks from both the Shropshire Yeomanry and the 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment who stayed overnight before the Review.

On Sunday one could detect the tension and last-minute preparations of all those taking part. After a parade in the Drill Hall for photographs and an address by the Commanding Officer, the contingent moved off to the assembly area in Hyde Park. The weather was extremely unkind and it poured with rain for most of the morning, making the stay in the assembly area before the Review rather damp. But despite this, turnout suffered little as greatcoats were worn up to leaving the forming up place. The arrangements in the assembly area were excellent with ample marquee accommodation and feeding points. Thanks for this were due to 2nd

Battalion The Coldstream Guards. This was very fortunate because we did not start forming up on the first parade ground until 12.45 hrs., having already been there for nearly two hours. The parade was drawn up in commands with four or five detachments in each, the 7th Middlesex forming part of No. 1 Detachment (44 (H.C.) Inf. Div.) of Eastern Command. We were therefore on the right front of the parade and the first detachment to march past Her Majesty.

The Review was an impressive and colourful sight, everyone being in No. 1 Dress and all the colours and guidons of the T.A. being on parade. The rain held off for the inspection but came down in torrents for the latter part of the march past. No. 1 Detachment was very fortunate and just had time to march back to the greatcoats before the torrent descended.

All those who saw the Review agreed what a great success it had been. For those who took part it was an experience and an occasion which will not easily be forgotten. It was indeed remarkable to see so many "civilian soldiers" on parade at one time and representing all the T.A. units in England and Wales.

THE ELMS CLUB

The number of new members to the Elms Club is gradually increasing and we hope this progress will be maintained as we have recently extended our activities to include shooting, badminton and table tennis, once a month at Enfield.

We were very sorry not to be able to join the Cambridge Club for their quarterly meeting on June 5, but owing to the lack of transport we could not manage the journey from Hornsey to Mill Hill. However, we have made a note of the next meeting on September 11 and are looking forward to seeing Cambridge Club members again.

The Club arranged a coach for 7th Middlesex families on the middle Sunday of annual camp at Folkestone and everyone was royally entertained. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of all ranks of the Battalion who helped to make our visit to camp so successful and enjoyable.

The Club room has recently acquired very smart curtains for the windows, patterned appropriately with elm trees. These were very kindly given to us by Mrs. Allen and made up by Mrs. Wallace.

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

"Boots, boots, boots, boots, marchin' up and down again." The theme of this particular Kipling barrack-room ballad has been echoing through the Battalion and on the highways and byways of at least four counties since March, when the first of the practice marches began for the international marching event at Nijmegen, Holland, held each year in July.

"A hundred miles in four days. It's easy," scoffed the arm-chair critics, and even some of the would-be marchers thought that, although the going might be a

bit rough on the last day, anyone who was normally fit could easily cope with 25 miles a day.

How quickly we learn. Blisters grew thicker than berries on a hawthorn tree as the feet of the normally sedentary volunteers pushed the first long training miles behind them; and how those muscles and knee-joints ached after the first 16-mile bash. The Commanding Officer's example on every practice march without exception inspired everyone to continue.

From that first weary and footsore group the nucleus of a team began to emerge as boot after boot was worn down on the "gentle" English downs. Now we saw the real "Die-Hards," who literally marched the blisters off their feet, and, of course, R.S.M. McMillan, who always manages to look one degree fresher than anyone else.

Many were the remedies recommended for care of the feet. Major Webber and methylated spirit, Col. Brotherton and his pairs of socks, Pte. Roberts with rubber soled boots, Lt. Couch with surgical spirit and army foot powder, Major Hall with thick socks, Lt. Young with thin, and all the others with many and various suggestions, from Johnson's Baby Powder to army issue soap. None of them worked.

The team got its share of glory too, with pin-up pictures in *The Star*, a cartoon in the *Evening Standard*, an appearance on British Movietone News and a recording on the B.B.C. programme "To-day." The recording was the team's marching song "Hokie Hoinah" (spelling purely phonetic), borrowed from the 10th Gurkhas by Major Webber, who, as soloist, is being watched by B.B.C. talent scouts.

It also got the Battalion two recruits, who joined when they heard of the Battalion's entry for the Nijmegen March—Pte. Scott of "C" Company and Lt. Young from 47 Brigade H.Q.

The climax of training came during annual camp at Folkestone, when the team marched for four days through heat and rain, and finished in good order by marching into camp behind the Regimental Band.

The team's proudest moment came as they swung through the 7th Middlesex lines, to be greeted by men who on the spur of the moment were turned out by Lt.-Col. Allen, who personally took the salute. It was a fine gesture.

Training for Nijmegen was rounded off with a series of short marches and one long week-end slog to Worthing, during which Lt. Young was forced to fall out with a leg injury and was removed to hospital.

The team which finally left for Nijmegen on July 18 consisted of Lt.-Col. Brotherton, Majors Webber and Hall, Lts. Couch, Beresford, and Trevett-Lyall, 2/Lt. Murray, C.S.M. Thorogood, Cpls. Williams and Young, L/Cpl. Gainsbury, Ptes. Roberts and Wheeler.

Boxing

The Battalion supplied two of the four boxers representing 44 Division in the Scarborough Cup Boxing Meeting (T.A. Boxing Championships) at the London Scottish Drill Hall on May 3. Sgt. Haines went through to the semi-finals before being beaten on points. Pte. Wheeler was also beaten on points after a very game fight against a much younger opponent.



The Battalion at Annual Camp, Shorncliffe, June, 1958

Shooting

The combined Divisional and District Rifle Meeting took place at Hythe Ranges, April 26 and 27, in which the Battalion obtained third place in the main competition and also came third in the China Cup.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Caesar's "B" Range, Aldershot, on May 10-11. The weather favoured everyone, particularly Capt. Lobb, whose newly acquired third star sparkled in the sunlight for the first time.

Capt. Lobb's company ("C") also sparkled. They swept the board clean of prizes and went away weighted down with medals and cups. The meeting was a great success in every way, and we were very pleased to see visiting teams from the Regimental Depot, the 7th Battalion, 47 Brigade H.Q., 6 Queens and 2 Para.

Annual Camp

This year's camp at Dipgate, Folkestone, from May 31 to June 14, was marked by bad weather, high morale and three coups. The first coup took place during the Brigade exercise, when "A" Company, led by Major Webber, got one jump ahead of the umpires and two ahead of the "enemy" (7 Mx.). The Company swooped quickly into a Kent village and, near a local hostelry that looked suspiciously like Battalion H.Q., landed the enemy staff, lead by Lt.-Col. Allen, in the bag.

There was consternation in the Brigade control room when the message came through "We have captured enemy Sunray." The exercise was stopped while the enemy withdrew and re-formed.

Before this event the Battalion had had a rough 24 hours in the rain and mud. But morale was never higher and an unexpected rum ration boosted spirits even more.

Coup Number Two was an off-duty arrangement by a group of young officers, including a visitor from the Rhodesian Staff Corps. Clever recon and intelligence work put them on the trail of eight glamorous air-hostesses intended for the delight of the Brigade staff at their cocktail party.

The hostesses failed to reach the camp. They were last seen wining and dining at a motel well out of reach of marauding staff officers.

Brigadier Wilson is reported to have enjoyed the joke. Some of his younger staff officers were not so amused at the time.

The third coup was carried out in a more formal manner, when the Battalion won the Brigade Rifle Meeting, in a most convincing manner.

"C" Company (what can't they do?) shone again by winning the inter-Company patrol exercise, with the H.Q. Company second.

During the camp the Battalion was visited by Gen. Bucknall, Brigadier Baker and Col. Clayton. They passed very complimentary remarks about the Battalion and the morale of the men.

Lt. Buck (ex-"S" Company), now with the Rhodesian Army, revisited the Mess, stayed a few days, and even marched 20 miles with the Nijmegen team. He was impressed by the hardness of English roads.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Battalion played a full part in the Golden Jubilee celebrations, starting with a cocktail party for local Mayors and the Press.

Detachments went to Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral on June 21 for Thanksgiving Services. We were pleased to see two old comrades of the Battalion (Mr. Daws and Mr. Sampson) present.

The next day the Colours were carried when the Queen reviewed 8,000 Territorials at Hyde Park and later took the salute at a march-past.

The Queen's Colour was carried by Lt. Henshaw and the Regimental Colour by Lt. Couch. The Colour escort consisted of C/Sgt. Rae, Sgt. Hawkins and Sgt. Tett. Other officers and N.C.O.s were on duty at the review ground and a small detachment was also on parade.

Our local celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the T.A. were held on July 12. Middlesex was split into three areas for these celebrations, and the Battalion

was responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of some eight units in the south-west of the county. These activities consisted of a mechanised and marching parade, comprising 50 vehicles and 60 marching troops, led by the Band and Drums of the Battalion. The parade went through Hounslow, Feltham, Hampton, Teddington and Twickenham, with the Mayors of the first- and last-named boroughs taking the salute. At the same time an excellent static display of vehicles and equipment was laid on at the Rugby Ground, Twickenham. In the evening an All-Ranks Ball was held in the large modern drill hall occupied by 15 General Stores Company, R.A.O.C. (T.A.).

Officers' Mess

Newcomers to the Mess are: Lt. Trevett-Lyall, Lt. Young and 2/Lt. Murray, commissioned from the London Irish Rifles.

We said reluctant farewells to Capt. Palmer, who has gone to T.A.R.O., and Capt. Marsden, whose business commitments have taken him to Chester, where he has joined the 4th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.

Capt. John has taken over "H.Q." Company in place of Capt. Marsden, and 2/Lt. Murrery becomes M.T.O.

Stop Press

The Nijmegen team returned on Sunday, July 27, in great spirits, having been entirely successful, gaining both the team medal and individual medals. A full report, with photographs, will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

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

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

For most T.A. Regiments 1958 will rank as a memorable year. After the hectic preparations for the early camp, many of the activities of which were recorded in the last issue, the Regiment has been deeply involved in Jubilee celebrations. As the Senior Unit in the Middlesex Central Area, the principal events have tended to centre round the Regiment.

Camp ended on a high note, with an excellent three-day scheme on which the sun shone relentlessly to our great delight. A composite battery defended an area against most effective air attacks, not to mention some first-class sabotage organised by our Regular friends. An early morning move, with breakfast *en route*, culminating in a final and very successful shoot on the firing point at Weybourne, left morale high and concluded a most successful camp.

Perhaps one of the most interesting trends in the Regiment is a reduction in the average age of all ranks. This has produced a more balanced unit and promises well for the future.

Back at our own T.A. Centres, preparations were soon afoot for the Queen's Review of the T.A. in Hyde Park. Almost 300 "Terriers"—mainly from the West Country—were housed for the night preceding the Review. The permanent staff, ably supported by the T.A., did a fine job of work in getting the proverbial "pint into a gill glass." Our guests, judging by their

letters of appreciation, were more than delighted with their reception.

On the eve of the Review several officers and men took part in the services at the Abbey and the Cathedral. The Regiment was represented at the Abbey by Maj.-Gen. W. P. Hughes, our Honorary Colonel. This was the General's first public appearance as Honorary Colonel. The Regiment is proud to have General Hughes as Honorary Colonel. For three years he has been known to us in his official capacity as M.G.R.A. (A.A.), and we were already impressed by his ability and by his keen interest in the T.A. Now retired from the Regular Army, he has already made himself felt in the Regiment. We look forward to a long and happy association with him.

The C.O., Lt.-Col. Doyle, represented the Regiment at the Cathedral and he had the honour of leading the Catholic contingent from Wellington Barracks. On his very good authority we have it that the Guards were most impressed by the performance of the combined bands of the 7th and 8th Battalions which led the parade.

The Review is history by now, but no-one can forget that magnificent parade which, despite the vagaries of the weather, and despite the lack of rehearsal, still made a brave show. The Regiment's contingent, under B.S.M. Vaizey, did us proud and, from their efforts, showed clearly that they were alive to the honour which they enjoyed. The spectators were liberally sprinkled with present and past members of the unit, no doubt all sorry that they too were not able to do honour to the Queen.

From these national occasions, it was something of an anti-climax to take part in our local functions. Nevertheless, the Regiment, with the C.O. in command of the whole parade, made a brave show in the Central Area's mobile parade through the boroughs of Harrow, Wembley, Willesden and Hendon. Guns, generators, radar, scout cars, machine-guns, R.E.M.E. vehicles and hospital transport made a colourful column which drove past the mayors of the four boroughs. At each saluting base, the Regimental Band, brilliantly handled by Bandmaster Savage, played the Regimental march of each arm of the service as it passed. This was no mean feat with some seven marches to play in rapid succession. At each base, a small but appreciative crowd could not fail to be impressed by the very fine turn-out of men and vehicles. At each base the mayors were supported by Gen. Hughes and Col. Raven, O.C. 57th General Hospital, and representatives of the units taking part.

The officers of the area formed a combined Officers' Mess for a dinner and dance which took place in the T.A. Centre at Deansbrook Road. With silver from all the Regiments concerned, decorating the tables and chandeliers transforming the normal military appearance of the main hall, the setting was ideal. The Pipe Band of the 57th General Hospital played before the dinner, the Regimental Band produced some delightful music during dinner and the R.A. Dance Band played with polish and effect for dancing. An excellent celebration of our Jubilee. Again, the mayors of our four local boroughs graced the occasion. Tradition was a little upset by the inclusion of speeches with toasts to

the T.A. by the Mayor of Hendon and to the guests by Maj.-Gen. Hughes, with responses by Col. Raven and the Mayor of Wembley respectively. After Col. Raven's speech the C.O., in the chair again, was constrained to remark that he could no longer consider the R.A.M.C. to be a non-combattant force.

Training, on a battery basis, has gone on throughout these junketings, and one of the batteries makes mention of it in the notes which follow. It is typical of the army that this busy period should be interspersed with troop movements of some significance. Immediately prior to camp the Regiment lost Sgt. R. Hughes, P.S.I., and an ex-T.A. Sergeant. He has gone to Malta, suitably "seen off" by the Regiment with which he had been connected for some eight years—we wish him every success and happiness in his new posting.

Immediately after camp the Army lost, and Civvy Street gained, the very valuable services of our R.S.M., Mr. Garfitt. In the two and a half years that Mr. Garfitt has spent with the Regiment he has won for himself great esteem. A T.A. Regiment is no sinecure for a regular W.O., but Mr. Garfitt quickly acclimatised himself and he had become a tower of strength. Our good wishes go with him and our thanks for his untiring efforts on our behalf.

Sgt. Ashe has replaced Sgt. Hughes and he seems to be settling in well. During the rush and bustle of the past few months he has had little opportunity of developing a routine. With him we couple a hearty welcome to Mr. Forrest, our new R.S.M. With previous T.A. experience, he is aware of the peculiarities inherent in the "Terrier," and he already has his feet well under the table. Welcome to both of them and may their stay with us be enjoyable.

No notes written at this time of the year would be complete without mention of Albuhera Day. The Regiment's officers celebrated this occasion with a cocktail party of suitable proportions for the occasion, and the usual telegrams were exchanged with our fellow regiments. On the following day the O.C.A. held their annual dinner at Kingsbury. It never fails to impress us young 'uns when we see our old comrades—of all ages and sizes, and one even on crutches—gather for this celebration. Indeed, the occasion was memorable for the fact that there was an exceptional array of distinguished O.C.s, including Gen. Horrocks, Cols. Lamont, Gray, Dear, McFadden and Fox. A thoroughly nostalgic and comradely evening was held. It was also the occasion for introducing our new Honorary Colonel to the O.C.A.

The next few months promise some hard training, three open days, the annual Brigade inspection and the usual regimental social round. There's never a dull moment in the T.A.—especially in 571 Regiment. Come and see us some time—a host of Mess stories and photographs bear testimony to the fact that, as the posters say, the T.A. is the toughest and most enjoyable of hobbies.

"Q" BATTERY

Throughout the second week of camp the weather continued brilliantly fine and we all returned home looking as if we had visited the South of France.

During this week we had an ambitious mobilisation exercise which more than fulfilled our expectations. The Battery made up one of the two gun troops on the exercise and the Numbers One deservedly received a very full measure of congratulation for their handling of the situation in spite of regrettably minimum detachments.

Bdr. Zimmerman achieved the greatest coup of the exercise by capturing—single-handed!—the saboteurs who were continually harassing the troops throughout the exercise.

Of the other camp activities, perhaps the most notable was the retention of the Regimental Soccer Cup, by a resounding victory over R.H.Q. (and R.E.M.E.) in a final played in a thunderstorm.

Just prior to camp, Lt. Mayhook was promoted Captain, which he celebrated (or was it just fortuitous) by getting married shortly after camp. May we offer him our congratulations on both events.

Returning from camp we settled down to a full training programme, concentrating on M.T., Radar and Signals. Meanwhile the B.S.M. (W.O.2 Mitchell), assisted by L/Bdrs. Clarke and Gertsch, trained an L70 gun detachment of cadets. The cadets' performance was highly commended by a visiting General, reflecting no small credit on B.S.M. Mitchell and his instructional team.

"Q" Battery, being the largest Battery in the Regiment, has formed an integral part of the Middlesex Central Area Jubilee Celebrations, manning a large number of the vehicles which formed the mobile column on Sunday, 6 July. In fact, Bdr. Jones stood very smartly to attention in one of the sharpshooters' cars, as the procession passed the mayors of Harrow, Wembley, Willesden and Hendon in turn.

Finally, since our last notes we have said farewell to Sgt. Hughes—God-speed to him and may the Maltese sun always shine on him and his family. Sgt. Ashe has arrived in his place and we hope that he will soon settle down. Regrettably we say farewell to the R.S.M. who has always been *persona grata* with "Q" Battery. Best of luck, Mr. Garfitt.

"R" BATTERY

We were half-way through camp when the last notes were compiled, and very concerned that the weather man should be kind to us. He certainly was, and we all returned from camp feeling that it had been very worth while indeed.

Since our return, we have been pretty busy with T.A. Jubilee celebrations. The Queen's Review may have resulted in soaked uniforms but our spirits were in no way damped. What an occasion! and "R" Battery enjoyed the privilege of having its B.S.M., W.O.2 Vaizey in command of the Regimental contingent. Our local mobile parade was unrehearsed but most effective. "R" Battery Commander, Major H. Hanson, led the section of the parade consisting of the Regiment's vehicles and guns.

Finally, it is with regret that we report the retirement of Lt. David Sanders, due to his business commitments. Now on T.A.R.O., we hope he will not forget us and we wish him well.

R.E.M.E. NOTES

Another camp—that most important event in the T.A. Year, even Jubilee Year—has gone by. In the short time before the next camp takes place, each of us must make an assessment of what has been achieved and note our resolutions for next year.

We R.E.M.E. can take only a secondary interest in the Regiment's bag of sleeves, though it is whispered that we may, by providing services at the firing point, take a much deeper interest in the future. In the meantime we take pride in the real progress, both as individual tradesmen and as a unit, we have made towards forming the sort of workshop we want.

With the Regiment we have played our full part in the Jubilee celebrations, some of which are still to take place, notably a dance at Edgware on August 23, followed by an open day on Sunday, August 24. We hope to meet many of the people closely connected with T.A.—families and friends and those who want to know more about us and our activities.

Our numbers continue to grow, but we need men with technical knowledge. They can help us and we can help them to extend their experience and introduce them to various interests, social and technical, in a cheerful atmosphere of good fellowship.

9th BATTALION O.C.A.

The annual meeting and dinner took place at Kingsbury T.A. Centre on May 17 when over 100 members were present. We were pleased to welcome our newly appointed Honorary Colonel, Maj.-Gen. B. B. Hughes, and hope to be honoured by his presence on many future occasions. The usual toasts were proposed, and later in the evening Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks was requested to say a few words, which he did in characteristic manner. Many old friendships were renewed, but several regular attenders were missed owing to the strike prevailing at the time.

This being the T.A. Jubilee Year, we have taken part in the Westminster Abbey and Hyde Park ceremonies, and there are several functions in hand for the future.

With the holiday season in full swing, attendance has been a bit thin on Friday evenings.

Among the recent changes taking place at Kingsbury we shall miss the services of Ron Hughes and family who are now in Malta, and they take with them all good wishes.

THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

This period has been a very busy one from all points of view. The main item of ceremonial was, of course, the Queen's birthday parade. The Regiment provided a detachment of 200 officers and men. For the first time the Regimental Band had the honour to play as one of the static bands at the saluting base and the Corps of Drums headed the Regimental detachment. The weather proved kind and it was a clear cool day. The second ceremonial occasion was the annual Canada Day guard of honour and firing party at Sai Wan Cemetery. The weather was not so kind and a down-pour started just before the service was due to start.

A modified form of ceremony was hastily devised and the service was held under the shelter of the screen at the southern end of the cemetery. The Regiment again had the honour to provide the guard at Government House, and His Excellency Sir Robert Black carried out a formal inspection of our guard.

Training has continued throughout the period on the basis of a gradual build-up towards annual camp. All companies have had two week-ends in the hills, and classification for the year has been completed. In addition, the Regiment took part in what was to have been the Colony Exercise. This was a large-scale affair with air and sea support. In the event the weather was so bad the official exercise was cancelled, but the Regiment carried on. We all felt very much one up on the Regular Services as a result, especially as the weather cleared soon after the start and we enjoyed two days of glorious sunshine.

In the field of sport we are happy to report another success in the Water Polo League. The Regiment's "B" team won the Colony Championship by winning every one of their games. The second team, the youngsters, did very well to lose only two games and finished fourth. We now look forward to the knock-out competition which starts next month, and we have great hopes of doing well in this as well.

R.S.M. Budden and family have now been taken into the Regimental fold. They appear to enjoy life with their affiliated Regiment, and we have been very pleased to welcome them to all our functions. We always hope that we shall have more members of our affiliated Regiment with us, and if any are thinking of coming, we can assure them of a warm welcome. We know that the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment are all in good heart from the reports in previous issues. We congratulate them on their fine achievements in Cyprus and hope that they will find life a little more pleasant in their new station. All ranks send their best wishes for a very happy leave in U.K. and good billets on the Continent.

NEWS LETTER

By M.B.

A brass cup made from a 25-pounder shell case by 185 Infantry Brigade Workshop, R.E.M.E., in September 1944 has been placed in the Colonel's office at Inglis Barracks.

It was a cup of the 3rd British Infantry Division, and was won by our 2nd Battalion after four victorious association football matches:

1st round.—Le Thil-en Vezén, on September 13, 1944, v. 1st R. Warwicks: 4—1.

2nd round.—Helmond, on December 5, 1944, v. 1st Suffolk Regiment: 4—0.

Semi-final.—Helmond, on December 23, 1944, v. 3rd Division, R.A.M.C.: 3—1.

Final.—Venrai, on February 5, 1945, v. 1st S. Lancs. Regiment: 3—1.

The final game was played within artillery range of the enemy.

On the base of the cup is inscribed: SERVICE IN FRANCE—BELGIUM—HOLLAND. The cup is beautifully

made, and is very solid and heavy. I am glad to have it in my care. It may well be that some of the players are still serving or are old comrades of the Regiment, and, if so, I hope they will write and tell me and give me their places in the team, and the ranks they were then and reached later, and I shall be glad to include it in a later number of "The Die-hards" Journal.

In an earlier Journal I wrote a description of a Hamburg sub-area Athletic Shield won by the 1st Battalion in 1948 under Lt.-Col. Reid.

A photograph of the team appeared in our Journal in September 1948, and the names were given in the text below it. Many will be well known, and several are still serving.

Dmr. Cullen, who later went to The Queen's Depot at Guildford, was in the 57th then, and for many years now has played in our Regimental team each year, being a good bowler.

Recently I saw him, and, asking him what he was doing, he told me he was a "bus striker" in the London London bus services which were suspended, and he was of course included, and *not* very happy at his fate. I am sorry he ever left us, for I feel he had remained with us he would be still serving, or a pensioner.

He was, of course, neither, and I think he agreed with my view of what would have happened had he remained. Why we let him go to another regiment is beyond me, for we lost a good drummer and a Regimental cricketer.

On July 11 I heard from my cousin, Col. M. Crawford, that he was coming to our Officers' Club dinner, as he had been able to cut his hay and so could get away. Recently, Col. Archie Stewart and his wife had been staying with him in Dalgonar in Dumfriesshire, and he describes them both as delightful guests. He asked for news of Hervey del Court, living at Hermanus in Cape Province, who expects to reach England by air about October 18, and attend our other dinner about November 11, 1958. On July 5 I heard from Col. Stewart Sutherland from Malaya, where he has taken over the O.C.A. from Capt. David Pike, now at the Depot on long leave since the end of June.

Col. Wilfred Samuel has been staying at Osborne, where his health much improved. He had been there with Capt. Jennings, who also returned here very much better. Both had suffered with heart trouble.

I had a long letter from Capt. E. A. E. Moir, now serving in R.E.M.E. at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. He joined our Regiment in February 1927 and was with the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednager in March 1928, and went with us to Khartoum. He then went to the 1st Battalion in Egypt, but returned to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester in 1934, and came to our Depot in March 1935 and went to the 2nd Battalion in Portsmouth, and from there as instructor to University of London O.T.C., where he remained till the 1939 war started. From there he went to an O.C.T.U. at Colchester and Aldershot. He was granted a commission in February 1941, and served for a short time under Col. Walden in the 2/8th Battalion. He then went to A.A. Command. He went to 26 M.G.T.C. until September 1945, when he retired. He tried to run a guest-house in Brighton, and was unsettled. In 1951 he applied for a

S.S. commission and got back to us and was at the Depot on the E.R.E. list for two years. He then went to Singapore. There he held a post in Civilian Labour as an officer, and transferred to R.E.M.E., where he was at Kuala Lumpur. I have told Major Clark about him. Dick Smith is here as our Regimental Museum Curator and knows Moir. Major Lawrence he knows well, and asks after him.

Col. Archie Stewart wrote to me on June 30. He is very busy at his home and could *not* attend the Mess "At Home" on June 24. I heard from Mrs. Eric Reed, who was "Pip" Ash. Her daughter Pauline is in Karachi, concerned with Commonwealth Relations affairs and very occupied, but finds time to spend at the Yacht Club and swimming. I have stopped in Karachi, in very early 1960, *en route* for Calcutta and then Thayetmyo to join the 1st Battalion in Burma. She had seen some needlework concerned with our Regimental Colours, of which we have many copies in our Depot Mess. This is a small work, some five inches square. I have asked that this French lady should write to me, as we may be able to buy the work.

We were very pleased to read in the Queen's Birthday Honours List the names of Col. Christopher Man, awarded the O.B.E., and Major Rex Waller the M.B.E. Knowing both well, I am sure both deserved these honours, and all will be glad of the honour paid to them by Her Majesty. I had a letter recently from Col. J. G. E. Reid giving me news of his wife Barbara, and their home near New York, where the weather had *not* been warm enough for bathing, but I expect it soon improved. His adopted daughter Virginia has just completed her first year at a Tobi Coburn school for fashion careers, and has one more year to do to graduate there, and I suppose then will have an assured career. I remember Virginia in 1948 as a small girl at Hamburg. Jimmy himself is now office manager in a real estate firm in Scarsdale, near New York, and so is very near to his home there.

I quote here part of poetry written by David Pike and reprinted from "The Pahlawan," the journal of the Malay Regiment, in which he served for some years. I have many more parts, and, if anyone would care to see them, he can do so by visiting me at the Depot of the Middlesex Regiment at Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, in the Colonel's office, giving me notice.

"MALAYAN DAWN"

Come hasten ere the day's begun
To see the rising of the sun;
Up-winding track in misty gloom
Lit only by a watery moon.
By homes of kampongs still asleep,
We reach the jungle, harsh and steep,
And as we rest on crest we see
A vista of eternity.

BIRTH

SHIPSTER.—On June 22, at the British Wing of the Military Hospital at Fontainebleau, France, to Corry, wife of Major John Shipster, a daughter (Caroline Margaretha Geraldine).

BRITISH-PAKISTANI FORCES HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION, 1958

News has now reached us of the progress of the combined services expedition to the Himalayas.

In a letter to Gen. Bucknall, written from the Base Camp on June 7, Capt. Warwick Deacock gives the constitution of the team and describes the journey up to that date.

"The concept of a joint services expedition is working admirably, and it took little time for the team to discover that under their fuzzy beards ran similar motives. Myself and Mills of R.A.S.C. represent the British Army, with Capt. Shah Khan of the Gilgit Scouts and Capt. Rajah Aslam of 12 Punjab Regiment representing the Pakistan Army. The Royal Marines have two representatives, including the leader, Milne Banks. The rest of the team consists of a Commander from the Navy just back from Trans-Antarctica, a Surgeon-Lieutenant and a Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.

"The trip from U.K. was a perfect example of Service co-operation and a full answer to the ideas which prompted us to try such an expedition. An R.A.F. Comet put us into Karachi in two days, and from there the Pakistan Air Force took over and flew us to Rawalpindi where we were in turn taken over by Pakistan Signals and then flown into Gilgit by very dexterous pilots, to land on the tiny, dusty strip. At Gilgit the political agent was charming, and entertained us, and we twice met the Mir of Hunza whose small kingdom is described so well in John Clark's book, 'Hunza.' We were accommodated by the Northern Scouts in Gilgit, and soon found that with polo matches, pipe bands and hula-gula (or dinner nights to us), the old ties are strong and affection for us is very great still. We all had an insight into the splendid soldiering that our predecessors enjoyed, and admired the undoubted efficiency and spirit of these hill regiments. The Colonel of the Northern Scouts managed to produce 'Paddy's Resource' at dinner, which was a fine effort.

"Northern Scouts' jeeps took us in lifts from Gilgit to a twig bridge, where my job as equipment man found me employing 120 coolies. By easy stages we walked up to our base camp on the flanks of Rakaposhi at 14,200 ft. Our progress now is not bad as we have established camps I (17,400 ft.) and II (18,700 ft.), and the main problems are logistics, weather and time.

"We have six Hunza high altitude porters who are proving very good, especially as Capt. Shah Khan is uncle to the Mir of Hunza and a born leader in his own right. None the less, the days of sahibs and porters are past and everybody must hump his own load if we are to make the top. With good weather, a conservative estimate is that we could reach it before the end of June.

"I am personally keen to reach the peak soon, and have energy enough to climb some minor peaks, make a pass, explore and then meet the people.

"It seems that in time of peace one can do worse than train the mind thus, and at least the practice of living on one's own resources must suit one for the ultimate art of soldiering."

EXTRACT FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE" (July 29, 1958)

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned award in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Malaya:

Capt. Joseph Ian David Pike (383555), The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own), Seconded to the Royal Malaya Regiment. For successful leadership and bravery in several actions against Communist Terrorists in Malaya between February 4 and March 31, 1958.

From "Daily Mail," Wednesday, July 30, 1958.

M.C. FOR THE CAPTAIN IN THAT OTHER WAR

A reminder that the Malayan emergency, now in its eighth year, is still on. . . . Capt. Joseph Ian Pike, of the Duke of Cambridge's Own, gets an M.C. today for "skill, dash, and bravery" in actions against Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungle between February and March this year.

In one action, Capt. Pike leading a four-man patrol, came across two suspected terrorists. He hurled himself at them, although he knew from experience they carried grenades.

Capt. Pike got one man. The patrol chased the other and caught him a few hours later, plus his pistol and 27 rounds of ammunition.

In another action, Capt. Pike had set an ambush, and when it looked as though two terrorists were going to miss it, he dived at them through a hail of bullets.

The terrorists fled, leaving behind an automatic pistol, ammunition, and a bag of supplies. Capt. Pike was unhurt.

Altogether Capt. Pike led five successful actions in a short period. His home is at Bournemouth.

COLF

Regimental Spring Meeting

The traditional fine weather greeted us at Hendon Golf Club once more. Unfortunately your reporter was the last to arrive and, therefore, saw little of the brilliant play going on ahead.

Playing with Worton, little time was wasted, since the first hole only needed three shots for Worton and four for the reporter. As play went on much like this for six holes—a few two-foot putts missed do not take up much time—the rearguard were soon treading on the tails of that distinguished pair, Brigadier Lerwill and the Editor, and at the sixth bullocked their way through. This was tactless, and in consequence, at the next hole, your reporter visited the Cemetery twice, recorded a ten and never recovered. Worton, however, went on steadily but could not quite get the figures he is accustomed to get.

Meanwhile, ahead, Patrick Wollock collected a nice 72 nett, and Capt. M. V. Hayward, one of the welcome new faces, had a 74. The real highlight of the day was not witnessed by us, but was produced by "Stumps" Green, 67 nett.

Col. A. E. Green will in future play off 18, despite the fact that he was our partner in the foursomes.

OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The dinner was held at the United Service Club on Friday, July 18, 1958, and the Colonel of the Regiment, Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, presided. The following officers were present: Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, Brigadier R. H. Batten, Major I. H. Battye, Capt. S. R. Bonnamy, Major G. A. Bower, Major J. I. Bromwich, Col. M. Browne, Major I. F. Campbell, 2/Lt. P. V. Cheeseman, Major A. W. Clark, Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Lt.-Col. H. Cook, Col. M. Crawford, Lt.-Col. S. C. W. M. del Court, Lt.-Col. D. Y. Cubitt, Capt. W. R. Dawe, 2/Lt. M. F. Deakin, Major H. C. Ellis, Col. W. D. Ellis, Major H. Farrow, Brigadier E. W. C. Flavell, Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, Capt. R. E. Guest, Major Granville, Major H. K. Hardcastle, Capt. M. V. Hayward, Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lt.-Col. A. S. Hewson, Major E. L. Heywood, Major G. W. P. Hodding, Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks, Major E. A. H. Jeffcoat, Capt. A. N. Jordan, Lt.-Col. A. R. Joyce, Capt. P. J. T. Lane, Capt. R. J. Leighton, Lt. I. M. E. Lloyd, Capt. D. E. Lobb, Col. J. K. Maitland, Col. A. M. Man, Lt. A. E. McManus, Major F. J. Millard, Col. N. Moller, Major P. F. Newman, Major M. F. Pearson, Capt. J. I. D. Pike, Capt. A. W. Ramsay, Capt. B. St. G. A. Reed, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, Lt.-Col. E. W. F. de Salis, Major K. Scott Simpson, Col. R. D. Sherbrooke Walker, Major H. Sherwood, Major S. H. Short, Major D. E. Simpson, Major R. W. J. Smith, Lt.-Col. J. W. A. Stephenson, Col. F. Walden, Major A. R. Waller, and Capt. S. C. W. Weller.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK

The summer of 1958 will probably be remembered by its two periods of fine weather each lasting for barely one week. One of these happened to be over the period of the Cricket Week. The Incogs' match suffered under almost continuous drizzle, but otherwise we were most fortunate.

We were perhaps not so fortunate in the results of the matches. Against the Free Foresters we failed to reach their total of 223 for 5 declared by 20 runs, and Major Clayden, batting well, was still undefeated with one wicket to fall. In the Hampstead Heathens' game, after Capt. Pike, bowling extremely well (7 for 28) and having dismissed the opposition for 170, we were 103 for two wickets. It looked as if the day was ours at that stage. But, as often happens in cricket, a collapse set in and, except for a partial revival by Lt.-Col. Unwin, the rest of the batting failed to live up to its paper reputation. This innings was notable for some excellent batting by Capt. John Slack (9 Mx.), who is a newcomer to Regimental cricket. It is greatly to be hoped that he will play for us again next year in all matches.

The Cryptics' match was by far the most exciting. The Cryptics batted first, making the reasonable total of 195 all out. Eight wickets were shared equally between Cpts. Pike and Wollock. Our batting was notable for a very fine stand for the third wicket between Majors Pearce-Gould and Clayden of 85. Pearce-Gould went on, to miss his century by two runs. After some very mediocre batting by the middle-order batsmen we were left with the last two (Pike and

To be quite frank, but for the first time in 30 years, Hendon Golf Club catering fell below standard, and we were late off in the afternoon. This was most important, because Mrs. Worton having wisely gone home by train, we had to return via Woking to pick up a Worton cat. As a result, the new faces remain pretty dim to the correspondent, although it was grand to see a mixture of old and new removing the trophies.

Foursomes and Bogey are a cruel test, and it is therefore most encouraging to record that Capt. Legge and Capt. Woodbridge recorded one down. Rumour had it that they were up on the brute at the turn.

Once again your reporter was at the tail end, and as the last complete foursome quite obviously did not want to make it a sixsome, the Hon. Secretary, Golf, took it into his own hands and decided that they would play a twosome. This might have been awkward, but, as it turned out, was just a pleasant stroll, and with only one ball to bother about, conversation was able to take chief place.

This went very well, and nearing the turn we were up on Bogey. Then unfortunately there was a bad landslide. I cannot remember whether we were discussing the increase of homo-sexuality in Borsals or the quality of candidates for commissions in the A.C.F., but whatever the subject, the member for Perthshire found a bunker at each hole and controlled himself magnificently, until at last your correspondent said it for him.

Col. Browne kindly consented to present the prizes, and we do hope that in the autumn when there is more time to meet, some of the new faces will become more familiar.

A serious gap was the absence of Freddy Guest, and we can only say "Good luck and a quick recovery."

As usual, "Nobby" Clark had everything perfectly arranged and the only real trouble was that cat. It obviously hates me just as much as I dislike cats, and protested in consequence all the way home.

RESULTS

HANDICAP AND SCRATCH		SINGLES	
Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton	83—9—74	Winner, Scratch	
Col. A. E. Green	91—24—67	Winner, Handicap	
Capt. P. A. S. Wollock	88—16—72	Runner-up, Handicap	
Capt. M. V. Hayward	88—14—74	Runner-up, Scratch	(best last 9 holes)
2/Lt. M. F. K. Young	96—18—78		
Major I. R. Burrows	102—24—78		
Major C. N. Clayden	103—24—79		
Capt. J. N. Woodbridge	93—12—81		
Brigadier G. Lerwill	93—12—81		
Major S. C. Jay	100—16—84		
Capt. N. F. Legge	100—24—85		
Brigadier N. P. Procter	96—0—87		
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould	103—24—89		
Major G. W. Kempster	113—13—100	Winner of Divot	

FOURSOMES

Cpts. Legge and Woodbridge	1 Down	Winners
Major Pearce-Gould and Capt. Hayward	6 Down	Runners-up
Brigadier Procter and Col. Green	6 Down	
Brigadier Lerwill and Major Clayden	8 Down	
Major Burrows and 2/Lt. Young	9 Down	
Major Jay and Capt. Wollock	10 Down	
Lt.-Col. Worton and Major Kempster	12 Down	

OFFICERS' CLUB "AT HOME"

The Officers' Club "At Home" was held at the Depot on Saturday, June 28, 1958. Sixty-six members, their wives and friends attended.

Cullen) in, with 34 still to go, and threequarters of an hour in which to get it or survive; whichever way one chooses to view the situation. The odds were much against us and we resigned ourselves to defeat. The batsmen, however, were made of stern stuff and obviously had no intention of falling without a fight.

The score crept onwards and the minutes ticked by. The odds on a win were shortening fast and the spectators loosened their grip on their deck-chairs as the tension eased. The two batsmen did not look like getting out. With ten minutes to go and only eight runs to score, our hopes sank as Capt. Pike's wicket was shattered by a ball from Toon. So we lost by a mere seven runs.

The less said about the Incogs' match the better. It drizzled almost continuously the whole morning, but only twice was it hard enough to stop play. In these conditions it is always harder for the fielding side as the ball loses its shine quickly, making the fast bowler less effective and at the same time is almost impossible to grip firmly enough for the spinner.

The batsman, on the other hand, suffers little, except discomfort, as the wicket, if anything, becomes easier paced.

The result was that the Incogs declared at 184 for five wickets.

As soon as the Regiment started its innings the rain stopped and the wicket became more difficult as it dried out. The Incogs bowlers' morale swelled and our batsmen faltered. We gathered a mere 50 runs all out and lost the match by 134 runs. We were very grateful to the other side for being so magnanimous in the bar after the game in their comments on our defeat.

The I.Z. match showed that our batting was, with practice, quite sound and we were able to declare at 223 for eight wickets. Perhaps our declaration was a trifle late, but only a trifle, as we just failed to extricate their last man in the time when they still had 51 runs to make for victory.

It was an enjoyable week and the arrangements for the entertainment of our guests (and ourselves) were up to their usual high standard, thanks to Major Clark and the Depot Staff.

These notes should not end without mention of those who were not able to come this year and whose cheery faces were sadly missed. Not least was Lt.-Col. Ormiston who sent us a telegram of good wishes from Oslo.

Next year we hope to be able to draw on the 1st Battalion in Germany in order to reinforce our strength and turn these near victories into realities.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. FREE FORESTERS

J. A. Sharpe, c Kay b Pike.....	28
R. J. Allen, b Highton.....	13
R. A. B. Gowland, c Pearce-Gould b Pike.....	2
F. N. Anderton, c Highton b Pike.....	0
A. Lerwill, c Wollocombe b Weston.....	86
J. R. R. Holmes, not out.....	61
C. Smith, not out.....	6
R. H. Burton, did not bat.....	2
M. Tarlton, did not bat.....	7
B. C. Phillips, did not bat.....	1
M. M. Morton, did not bat.....	1
Extras (b. 4, l.b. 14, w. 1, n.b. 8).....	27
Total (5 wks. dec.).....	223

Bowling: Pike, 3 for 57; Highton, 1 for 37; Weston, 1 for 40.

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

Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, b Morton.....	8
Mr. R. J. Perkins, b Anderton.....	33
Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Morton.....	13
Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, c Phillips b Burton.....	67
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin, c Morton b Phillips.....	18
Lt. P. C. Kay, c Phillips b Burton.....	6
Major C. N. Clayden, not out.....	26
Capt. J. I. D. Pike, b Tarlton.....	9
Lt. P. A. G. Highton, c and b Morton.....	9
Brigadier G. L. Weston, b Anderton.....	5
Mr. J. Cullen, not out.....	0
Extras (b. 13, l.b. 5).....	18
Total (for 9 wks.).....	203

Bowling: Morton, 3 for 37; Tarlton, 1 for 34; Phillips, 1 for 46; Anderton, 2 for 44; Burton, 2 for 24. Result: Match drawn.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. HAMPSTEAD HEATHENS

J. Webster, b Highton.....	1
J. D. F. Tucker, b Cullen.....	45
T. B. Stafford, c Unwin b Pike.....	3
D. B. Abbott, b Pike.....	0
F. G. Unwin, c Unwin b Pike.....	44
P. Hodgson, c Pearce-Gould b Pike.....	28
A. L. Warr, c Highton b Pike.....	11
R. W. Skene, c Pearce-Gould b Pike.....	6
N. B. Smith, b Wollocombe.....	9
F. Mennim, b Pike.....	0
O. J. Wait, not out.....	34
Extras (b. 19, l.b. 2, w. 5, n.b. 8).....	34
Total.....	183

Bowling: Highton, 1 for 31; Pike, 7 for 28; Cullen, 1 for 12; Wollocombe, 1 for 26.

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

Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Webster.....	4
Capt. N. F. Legge, b Wait.....	60
Capt. J. K. E. Slack, b Webster.....	32
Major C. N. Clayden, c Unwin b Wait.....	0
Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, b Wait.....	13
Lt.-Col. E. J. Unwin b Webster.....	9
Lt. P. A. Highton, b Webster.....	0
Lt./Cpl. Rickett, b Webster.....	0
Brigadier G. P. L. Weston, b Wait.....	0
Mr. J. Cullen, not out.....	12
Extras (b. 6, l.b. 2, n.b. 4).....	12
Total.....	127

Bowling: Wait, 4 for 37; Webster, 6 for 44. Result: Lost by 50 runs.

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

R. B. Oldfield, c Wollocombe b Pike.....	16
J. M. Watson, c Pearce-Gould b Campbell.....	1
J. Churcher, b Wollocombe.....	47
L. W. Hawkins, c Clayden b Wollocombe.....	18
D. Carroll, c Phillips b Wollocombe.....	6
G. C. K. Rowe, b Pike.....	25
P. L. Crawford, b Pike.....	8
J. Toon, c Wollocombe b Pike.....	6
H. G. Owen-Hughes, c Rickett b Cullen.....	20
A. Foot, b Wollocombe.....	7
G. C. Melluish, not out.....	7
Extras (b. 15, l.b. 11, n.b. 2).....	28
Total.....	195

Bowling: Campbell, 1 for 18; Pike, 4 for 47; Cullen, 1 for 59; Wollocombe, 4 for 43.

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

Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, c Owen-Hughes b Toon.....	98
Lt./Cpl. Herbert, c Watson b Toon.....	0
Capt. J. M. Phillips, b Owen-Hughes.....	1
Major C. N. Clayden, b Melluish.....	32
Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, c lbw, b Melluish.....	3
Lt./Cpl. Rickett, c Carroll b Foot.....	2
Lt./Cpl. Hooper, b Toon.....	2
Col. A. E. Green, b Toon.....	7
Capt. W. B. Campbell, b Owen-Hughes.....	18
Capt. J. I. D. Pike, b Toon.....	11
Mr. J. Cullen, not out.....	14
Extras (b. 8, l.b. 1, n.b. 5).....	14
Total.....	188

Total.....

Bowling: Toon, 5 for 51; Owen-Hughes, 2 for 54; Foot, 1 for 32; Melluish, 2 for 25. Result: Lost by 7 runs.

THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. I. ZINGARI

Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, b Black.....	19
Capt. N. F. Legge, c Leslie b Robinson.....	36
Capt. J. M. Phillips, lbw, b Lupton.....	2
Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, b Lupton.....	86
Capt. K. W. Attrill, c and b Lupton.....	0
Major C. N. Clayden, c Leslie b Black.....	9
Lt.-Col. J. H. Clowes, c Calvert b Black.....	1
Capt. J. I. D. Pike, c Rose b Lupton.....	15
Col. A. E. Green, not out.....	1
Mr. J. Cullen, did not bat.....	0
Brigadier G. P. L. Weston, did not bat.....	36
Extras (b. 18, l.b. 9, w. 1, n.b. 8).....	36
Total (8 wks. dec.).....	223

Bowling: Black, 3 for 42; Robinson, 1 for 63; Lupton, 4 for 20.

I. ZINGARI

D. Bedford, c Clayden b Pike.....	10
R. Novis, c Pearce-Gould b Wollocombe.....	85
I. N. Mitchell, b Pike.....	0
D. Buchan, b Pike.....	0
A. L. Robinson, b Cullen.....	6
R. Rose, c Pearce-Gould b Weston.....	44
M. Hobbs, c Clayden b Weston.....	10
C. Lupton, c Phillips, b Weston.....	0
M. Calvert, not out.....	3
C. Black, c Phillips, b Pike.....	0
R. Leslie, not out.....	14
Extras (b. 13, l.b. 1).....	1
Total (for 9 wks.).....	173

Bowling: Cullen, 1 for 26; Pike, 4 for 48; Wollocombe, 1 for 55; Weston, 3 for 30. Result: Match drawn.

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

A. Sagar, b Cullen.....	72
P. Holmes, b Pike.....	1
J. Hanna, b Pike.....	32
R. E. Alton, lbw, b Wollocombe.....	4
J. Lane, not out.....	44
M. Tilbury, b Pike.....	2
M. J. Frith, did not bat.....	0
J. F. S. Hogg, did not bat.....	0
G. Hemming, did not bat.....	0
M. Craft, did not bat.....	0
O. G. Battcock, did not bat.....	0
Extras (b. 19, l.b. 5, w. 4, n.b. 1).....	29
Total (5 wks. dec.).....	184

Bowling: Pike, 3 for 49; Wollocombe, 1 for 36; Cullen, 1 for 28.

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

Major P. L. Pearce-Gould, c Hemming b Lane.....	4
Capt. N. F. Legge, c Hemming b Lane.....	8
Col. A. E. Green, b Craft.....	10
Major C. N. Clayden, b Craft.....	12
Capt. P. A. S. Wollocombe, c and b Craft.....	2
Capt. K. W. Attrill, c Tilbury b Lane.....	5
Lt./Cpl. Hooper, c Sagar b Lane.....	0
Lt./Cpl. Rickett, c Hemming b Craft.....	0
Capt. J. I. D. Pike, not out.....	2
Lt./Cpl. Herbert, c Tilbury b Craft.....	0
Mr. J. Cullen, b Lane.....	1
Extras (b. 1, l.b. 2, n.b. 2).....	5
Total.....	50

Bowling: Lane, 5 for 29; Craft, 5 for 11. Result: Lost by 134 runs.

15th (Scottish) DIVISION OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION (South of the Border)

Ex-members of Machine Gun Battalion in this division—Annual Dinner and General Meeting, Castle Hotel, Blackburn October 25, 1958. Particulars, 1 Melton Grove, Lytham, Lancs.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1958, at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier E. F. Baker, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. S. F. Hedgercoe, Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, R.S.M. A. Kendrick, R.S.M. J. A. Thom, C.S.M. C. Burgess, Mr. J. K. Taylor, Major A. W. Clark, O.B.E. (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Col. M. Browne, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., R.S.M. T. McMillan.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman informed the Committee that since they last met Brigadier Baker had expressed a desire to resign from the Committee, on which he had served for 35 years or more. It was with the utmost regret that the Chairman had accepted his resignation, and in so doing he knew it would be their wish to record their sincere appreciation and thanks for his long and devoted services to the Regimental Association. The Brigadier said how sorry he was to leave the Committee, but thanked all concerned for their kind references to his services.

The Chairman announced that fortunately Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton had agreed to accept nomination as a co-opted member in place of the Brigadier, and it was resolved and carried unanimously that he be duly elected to the Committee.

1. *Minutes.* The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated, were confirmed by the Chairman.

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

Secretary's Report

Grants. Grants totalling £530 3s. 8d. were dispensed during the period January 1, 1958, to April 30, 1958, in assisting 83 cases of distress.

Reunion. The Seymour Hall has been booked for October 31, 1958, and Nat Temple and his Orchestra have been engaged.

Regimental History. The sum of £40 4s. 5d. is in hand against the sum of £100 due to Messrs. Gale & Polden. Copies of the History are in the possession of the Clubs and T.A. Battalions.

3. *Finance Committee's Report.* Col. Fox, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1957, with his sub-committee's observations and comments. After some discussion on the figures it was agreed that next year the War Memorial Account Balance Sheet should be presented in a more condensed form and that the Regimental Journal Account Balance Sheet should not be published as it was already incorporated in the Association Balance Sheet. It was agreed that details of the sundry debtors figures on the War Memorial account should be available for the information of the Committee at the next meeting.

Major Hardcastle moved, and Lt.-Col. Roberts seconded the approval of the accounts for submission to the Association General Meeting. This was carried unanimously.

4. *War Memorial Report.* Lt.-Col. Allen presented the sub-committee's report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that it was necessary to have further information with regard to the Kendall case, and before any decision could be made. Brigadier Rackham promised to interview the Probation Officer before the next meeting.

The Committee considered the recommendation that the Association should build maisonettes for widowers and widows, and the Chairman informed the Committee that Major Battye was obtaining information in regard to a building of this nature which it was understood had been built at Thirsk. It is generally agreed that this proposal would solve many of the problems arising in connection with the administration of the Cottage Homes and it should be investigated further. Subject to the above reservation, the Committee's report was received and adopted.

5. *Journal Committee's Report.* In the absence of Major Battye, Col. Fox informed the meeting the financial position of the Journal had been explained in his report on the accounts. He added that the Journal Committee were doing everything in their power to reduce costs without impairing the standard of the Journal.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.20 p.m. Date of next meeting, September 24, 1958, at the Middlesex Guildhall.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
June 5, 1958.

REGIMENTAL SILVER, PLATE AND PROPERTY
FOR SALE

Notes.—The letter "i" after any silver item denotes that there is some form of inscription on it. Plated items all bear an inscription unless stated to the contrary.

Where items carry a Battalion crest this is recorded on the list; other items do not carry any Regimental badge or crest.

Record	Description	Reserve price £ s. d.
DEPOT—SILVER		
OPB 13	Cup, 7½-in., 13th Bn., 1914	3 12 0
PB 22	Cup and Cover, 13-in., General Kentish, 1917 (i)	6 0 0
PRI 12	Cup and Cover, 9-in., 70th Bn., 1942 (damaged) (i)	2 0 0
PB, p. 43	Miniature Cup and Cover, 4-in. (no inscription)	1 15 0
PB, p. 43	Cup, 7½-in., Assault-at-Arms, 1903 (i)	6 0 0
PB, p. 43	Cigar Lighter (3 dippers) (i)	1 5 0
PB, p. 43	Cup, 6-in., Mandalay, 1906 (i)	1 15 0
PB, p. 43	Cup, 6-in., Burma, 1905 (i)	1 0 0
PB, p. 43	Cup, 6-in., Burma, 1905 (i)	1 0 0
PB 180(E)	Miniature Cup, 4½-in., 1 Div. Point-to-Point, 1925 (i)	15 0
PB 180(F)	Miniature Cup, 3-in., A.G.S., Egypt, 1934 (i)	15 0
PB 43	Cup, 6-in., Assault-at-Arms, 1903 (i)	1 2 6
PLATED ITEMS		
PB 215(B)	Cup, 7-in., Revolver	2 6
PB 116	Miniature Cup, Cricket, 1932	—
PB 116(D)	7-Bar Toast Rack, Regtl. Badge	5 0
PB 117	5-Bar Toast Rack, Wagon, Regtl. Badge	2 6
PB 142	E.P. Soup Tureen and Cover (handle broken) (no inscription)	2 10 0
P.B. 110	E.P. Entree Dish Cover (no lid), 5th Bn. Crest	—
PB 111	Cocktail Shaker (canister shape)	1 0
OPB, p. 41, item 40(B)	Cocktail Shaker (bottle shape)	2 6
u/i	2 Plated Candlesticks, 9-in. (1 broken)	5 0
u/i (see OPB, p. 41, item 40(D))	Cocktail Shaker (plain)	2 6
u/i	4 E.P. Entree Dishes	—
u/i	Pair E.P. Knife Rests	—
u/i	E.P. Salver	—
u/i	22 E.P. Wine Labels (various)	—
PB 174	Elephant Foot Cigarette Box	5 0
PB 124	3 pair Nut Crackers	each 1 0
PB 138	Brass Statuette, Marley Horseman	—

1st BATTALION—SILVER		
CH 2	Burma Athletic Assn. Hockey Cup and Cover, 10-in. (i) (57 Crest)	10 0 0
CH 56	2 Pepper Mills (i)	each 1 0 0
PB 40	Turkish Coffee Pot (foreign inscription)	1 15 0

PLATED ITEMS		
CH 86 PB 60	12 Decanter Stands (2 with 57 Crest, remainder plain) (no inscription) each	10 0
CH 88	4 Candlesticks, 10-in., Chased (damaged) the set	1 0 0
CH 39	2 Large Plated Water Jugs, Denton and Gladstone (lightly inscribed) each	1 10 0
CH 113	E.P. Brandy Saucepan	2 0
CH 53	2 Meat Dish Covers, 12-in. (engraved 57)	each 1 5 0

2ND BATTALION—SILVER		
PRI CH 16	Cup, 10-in., Christmas Decorations (i)	3 10 0
CH 63	Arabian Cup, Khartoum, 1931 (i)	1 10 0
PRI CH 8	Cup, 7-in., Singapore Garrison Sports, 1923 (i)	1 10 0
PRI CH 7	Cup, 7-in., Singapore Garrison Sports, 1923, "D" Coy. (i)	1 10 0
PRI CH 4	Cup, 5-in., Singapore Garrison Sports, 1923 (i)	1 15 0
PRI CH 1	Bowl, 6-in., Boxing (i)	3 12 6
or 15	Bowl, 7½-in., Wellington Garrison Athletics, 1920 (i)	3 10 0
PRI 9	Cup, 7½-in., Poona Horse Show, 1925 (i)	1 10 0
PRI CH 11	Cup and Cover, 7½-in., Singapore Garrison Sports, 1923 (i)	1 17 6
CH 115	12 Wine Labels (77 Badge), some damaged	10s. and 5 0
CH 116	3 Wine Labels, Tusk, Silver Mounts	each 5 0

Record	Description	Reserve price £ s. d.
CH 92	Tea Pot, ivory handle, 1873, (77 Crest) (i)	3 0 0
CH 150	Tea Pot, 1870 (77 Crest) (i)	2 17 6
CH 188	3 Bayonet Tops, Bn. Crest (damaged) (i) set of 3	5 0 0
CH 64	Cup, 5½-in., 16 Ind. Inf. Bde, 1927 (i)	1 0 0
CH 94	Tea Pot, pear-shaped, acorn knob, 1870 (i)	2 10 0
CH 97	2 Milk Jugs, chased (77) (badly damaged) (i)	each 1 5 0

PLATED ITEMS		
CH 112	2 Plated Cigar Lighters with 2 dippers and central wick (worn inscription) each	10 0
PRI CH 10	Jersey Can, 1908	5 0
CH 100	2 Plated Cupids, each with barrow inscribed "Anything in my way" each	10 0
CH 135	2 Plated Powder Bottles	—
CH 128	2 Plated Bottle Holders	5 0
CH 71	1 Large and 2 Small Old Sheffield Plate Dish Covers (handles missing from small ones)	2 0 0
CH 72	3 Meat Dishes, 1 x 24 in., 2 x 18 in. (large one engraved 77)	each 1 0 0
CH 159	Heater Stand with 3 lamps	10 0
CH 148	Plateau, mirror top (insured value £10)	Offers?
CH 156	2 E.P. Plateaux, large, mirror tops (insured value, each £75)	Offers?
CH 160	Chiming Clock in deal case, 1904 (repair estimate £27 10s.)	Offers?

3RD BATTALION—SILVER		
PB 14	Cup, 4-in., Singapore Polo, 1909 (i)	2 10 0
Depot PB 48	Fruit Dish, 17½-in. (i)	20 0 0
PB 83	4 Decanter Stands (Regtl. Badge) each	2 0 0
PB 51	Corinthian Column Table Lamp (oil), 22-in., 1907 (i)	15 0 0
PB 35	Bowl, 9-in., Inter-Port Challenge, Far East (i)	6 0 0

4TH BATTALION—SILVER		
OPB 24	Cup, 11-in., 1904 (i)	2 10 0
PRI 1	Cup, 10-in., Football, 1908 (damaged)	2 0 0
PLATED ITEMS		
NPB, p. 50, item 6	Cup, 11-in., Recruits' Shooting, 1902 (i)	1 0 0
Depot PB 109	E.P. Champagne Bottle Holder, 1904	7 6

5TH BATTALION—SILVER		
CH 7	Cup, 5-in., Tennis, 1916 (i)	2 5 0
CH 23	Wine Label (Port)	5 0
CH 20	Cigar Lighter, Hound with gloves and hat (i)	5 0 0

PLATED ITEMS		
CH 51	8 Entree Dish Warmers and Top Plates (no inscription) each	10 0
CH 69	7 Sauce Ladles (5 Crested), Royal Elthorne Militia Crest	each 2 0
CH 76	3 Sugar Sifters, Bn. Crest	each 2 0
CH 77	5 Sugar Sifters, Plain	each 1 0
CH 62	4 E.P. Corinthian Pillar Oil Lamps, 23-in., Bn. Crest	each 3 0
CH 90	4 Pairs of E.P. Knife Rests	per pair 2 0
CH 38	Small E.P. Stamp Box, mounted with enamel ladybird	2 6
CH 93	Silver-mounted Ram's Head Snuff Mull, 1856	5 0 0
CH 65	3 E.P. Crumb Scoops, plain ivory handles (no inscriptions)	each 2 6
CH 84	2 E.P. Asparagus Servers (no inscription) each	7 6
CH 85	Pair E.P. Fish Carvers, pierced blades, fiddle pattern, Bn. Crest	7 6
CH 88	Pair E.P. Grape Scissors, Bn. Crest	2 0
CH 86	6 E.P. Skewers, 1 x 14 in., 1 x 12 in., 2 x 9½ in., 2 x 7½ in., Bn. Crest	each 2 0
CH 46	5 Hexagonal E.P. Cruet Frames (no bottles)	each 1 0
CH 44	4 E.P. Mustard Pots with glass linings, Bn. Crest	each 1 0
CH 87	2 E.P. Marrow Scoops, Bn. Crest	each 1 0
CH 49	E.P. Bottle Holder, engraved ornamentation, black wooden handle	5 0
CH 54	4 Dish Covers, 2 x 14 in., 1 x 16 in., 1 x 17½ in., all with Bn. Crest	each 1 0 0

Record	Description	Reserve price £ s. d.
CH 56	2 E.P. Heating Stands, each complete with 1 lamp	10 0
CH 55	E.P. Heating Stand complete with 3 lamps	10 0
u/i	2 E.P. Cigar Cutters	—
u/i	E.P. Salver	—
CH 59	4 E.P. Jardinieres (2 round, 2 oval) (insured value £52 10s.)	Offers?
CH 32	Wall Barometer on round oak base (needs repair)	Offers?

6TH BATTALION—SILVER		
CH 33	Victorian Hot Water Jug, 1892, Bn. Crest (i)	6 0 0
CH 27	Goblet, 8-in., 1881 (i)	1 15 0
CH 37	5 Match Stands, Bn. Crest (i)	each 1 0 0
CH 17	Cigar Lighter, Bn. Crest (no inscription)	4 0 0
CH 45	Cigar Cutter, 1905 (i)	1 5 0
CH 14	8 Menu Holders in the form of 6 Bn. Crests (i)	1 0 0
CH 39	Corinthian Column Table Lamp (oil), 16-in. (no inscription)	12 0 0
CH 40	2 Glass Claret Jugs (silver mounts), 1899 (i)	2 10 0
CH 21	2 Iced Champagne Jugs (silver mounts), Bn. Crest	each 1 10 0
CH 31	Victorian Platter, 8-in., 1888 (i)	2 0 0
CH 34	2 Victorian Salt Cellars, 1890 (i)	each 2 0 0

PLATED ITEMS		
CH 61	3 E.P. 4-Hole Cruet Frames (with bottles, incomplete) each	5 0
CH 61	6 Small E.P. Cruet Frames (with bottles, incomplete) each	5 0
CH 59	Circular E.P. Pierced Gallery Cruet Frame (with bottles)	10 0
CH 13	2 Circular E.P. Pierced Gallery Cruet Frames (with bottles, 1 damaged) each	10 0
CH 51	2 E.P. Corinthian Column Table Lamps (oil), 5½-in., Mess. Bn. Crest	each 1 5 0
CH 43	2 Pairs of E.P. Candlesticks, chased Pillars, 5½-in. (no inscription) the pair	7 6
CH 44	2 E.P. Candlesticks, round bases, gadroon borders (no inscription) the pair	5 0
CH 73	4 E.P. Entree Dish Heating Stands with Liners, 11½-in., Bn. Crest	each 10 0
CH 7	4 Oval Entree Dish Heaters (E.P.), on feet, with 3 top plates, Bn. Crest	each 10 0
CH 19	Glass Claret Jug, E.P. foot, chased mount, Bn. Crest	15 0
CH 20	Glass Claret Jug, richly chased E.P. mount, Bn. Crest	15 0
CH 10	2 14-in. E.P. Dish Covers (1 broken), Bn. Crest	each 10 0
CH 58	E.P. Dish Cover, 18-in., Bn. Crest	1 0 0
CH 10	E.P. Dish Cover, 20-in., Bn. Crest	1 0 0
CH 57	2 Oval E.P. Meat Dishes, 14-in., Bn. Crest	each 5 0
CH 68	E.P. Crumb Scoop, plain	2 6
CH 95	Pair Steel and Ivory-Handled Fish Carvers (need repair), Bn. Crest	10 0
CH 82	E.P. Fish Slice, fiddle pattern, Bn. Crest	5 0
CH 113	3 E.P. Magnum Holders	each 2 6
CH 72	Brass Handbell	—
CH 62	4 Nut Crackers (pairs)	each 3 0
CH 98	Clock, in marble case, with striking movement and calendar dial, height 1 ft. 5 in. (out of order, repair estimate £12 10s.)	Offers?

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE
MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1958, at 4.20 p.m.

Present: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. S. F. Hedgcock, Major E. L. Heywood, 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., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. M. Brown, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, Major I. H. Batty, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D.

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

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

Report. Subscriptions to the value of £407 8s. have been received during the period January 1, 1958, to April 30, 1958. Several National Service Officers who joined the Officers' Club during their period of service have not renewed their subscriptions.

3. *Adoption of Club Accounts for 1957.* Lt.-Col. Fox explained the audited accounts for 1957. Lt.-Col. Fox proposed, Col. Hedgcock seconded, and the meeting approved the adoption of the accounts.

4. *Honorary Membership.* The Chairman read a letter from Major I. R. Burrows suggesting that Major H. A. de Barros Botelho, M.B.E., E.D., late of the Hong Kong Regiment, with whom he served for over 30 years, be granted honorary membership of the Officers' Club. This was strongly supported by Col. Clayton. It was resolved and carried unanimously that Major Botelho be invited to accept honorary life membership of the Club. Col. Clayton promised to let the Chairman have a note of Major Botelho's address whilst in U.K. on leave so that he could write to him. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.
June 5, 1958.

 <p>Oysters Mornay</p> <p>Finest Essex Naives steamed in white wine. Cheese sauce. Also served Fried, Grilled or Au Gratin.</p> <p>at their best in London at</p>	 <p>Caneton à l'Orange</p> <p>Duck half roasted, half braised (Poêlé). Pot wine sauce. Shredded orange peel and slices of orange.</p> <p>at its best in London at</p>
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 <p>Tournedos Rossini</p> <p>Medallion of filet topped with a slice of Foie Gras de Strasbourg truffe; rich brown sauce.</p> <p>at its best in London at</p>	 <p>Lober Normande</p> <p>Taken from the shell, steamed; white wine, cream, lemon and butter sauce; garnished with fried scampi & button mushrooms.</p> <p>at its best in London at</p>
<p>Wheeler's Vendôme</p> <p>20 Dover Street, W.1. Tel. MAYfair 5417 Open on Sundays</p>	<p>Wheeler's Carafe</p> <p>15 Lowerdown St., S.W.1. Tel. SLQane 3011 Open on Sundays</p>

Regimental History

The attention of our Readers is called to the special offer of the Regimental History at the reduced price of 7/6d, while our stocks last.

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will be found at the front of the Journal

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Total 1956		Remy Fund	Association Fund	Remy Fund	Association Fund
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES:					
50	Regular Forces Employment Association	480 18 8	1,332 12 1	690 0 0	690 0 0
77	Sundry Charities and Donations	480 18 8	1,182 9 1	132 0 0	132 0 0
1,315	Individual Cases	480 18 8	1,182 9 1	10 0 0	10 0 0
1,642	Wreaths	480 18 8	1,182 9 1	10 0 0	10 0 0
61	Cost of new Rules (including postage)	17 0 0	65 7 1	—	—
278	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:	17 0 0	65 7 1	—	—
50	Postages and Stationery	210 0 0	548 11 8	903 9 0	903 9 0
748	Salaries and Expenses	15 15 0	22 1 0	1 6 0	1 6 0
38	Travelling and Office Expenses	201 18 4	261 18 4	1 10 0	1 10 0
247	Audit Fee	100 0 0	100 0 0	1 15 0	1 15 0
100	GRANTS TO: JOURNAL:	27 4 6	27 4 6	10 7 0	10 7 0
—	Die-Hards	—	—	647 3 6	647 3 6
—	COTTAGE HOMES:	—	—	890 19 10	890 19 10
—	Amortisation Fund	—	—	22 10 11	22 10 11
—	Dunkirk Memorial	—	—	52 17 2	52 17 2
—	EXPENSES:	—	—	350 0 0	350 0 0
—	Interest on Deposit Account	—	—	—	—
—	Income Tax recovered on Covenants	—	—	—	—
—	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	—	—	—	—
£3,313		£707 10 8	£2,802 8 11	£707 10 8	£2,802 8 11
					£3,509 19 7

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

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Total 1956		Remy Fund	Association Fund	Remy Fund	Association Fund
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:					
46,571	Balance, January 1, 1957	20,941 9 4	25,080 14 11	25,788 15 0	22,519 13 11
—	Less: Loss on Investments	—	—	—	—
—	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	4 7 0	350 0 0	—	—
46,571		20,941 9 4	25,080 14 11	25,788 15 0	22,519 13 11
CURRENTS:					
432	Audit Fee	15 15 0	22 1 0	—	—
109	Grant due to Die-Hards Journal	—	—	—	—
—	Sundry Expenses for MIDDLESSEX	—	—	—	—
—	Postages and Stationery	—	—	—	—
—	MILL HILL AND ESQUIL:	—	—	—	—
—	Balance, January 1, 1957	—	—	—	—
—	Mrs. M. Rensby Legacy:	—	—	—	—
—	Balance, January 1, 1957	—	—	—	—
—	Add: Interest on 2,347 17 4	—	—	—	—
—	Investment	—	—	—	—
—	Deposit Interest	—	—	—	—
2,348		2,348 7 7	2,436 7 7	2,436 7 7	2,436 7 7
£49,511		£20,952 17 4	£28,124 1 5	£20,952 17 4	£28,124 1 5
					£49,076 18 9

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

5 Guildhall Chambers,
Basinghall Street,
London, E.C.2.
May 10, 1958.

HALL, WINDR & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

COTTAGE HOMES ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1956		£ s. d.	1956		£ s. d.
24	Land Agent, Eastern Command, for Rent ..	24 0 0	22	Grant from Eastern Command in aid of Rent	22 0 0
10	Water Rate	16 6 8	59	Interest on Investments (Gross) ..	58 14 6
14	Insurance	14 0 0	1	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	50 16 8
2	Audit Fee	2 2 0			
32	Repairs and Maintenance	70 2 6			
		£ 131 11 2			£ 131 11 2

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
1956 £		£	s.	d.	1956 £		£	s.	d.
	ACCUMULATED FUND:					INVESTMENTS:			
	Balance, January 1, 1957..	3,642	8	5	678	(a) At Mid-Market value, December 31, 1938..			
3,642	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ..	50	16	8	1,196	(b) At Cost ..	678	3	9
						Mid-Market value, Decem- ber 31, 1957, £1,283)	1,195	13	3
	CREDITOR:	3,591	11	9	1,653	PROPERTY AT COST			1,873 17 0
2	Audit Fee		2	2 0			1,653	0	7
	PROPERTY AMORTISATION				11	Eastern Command			11 0 0
	FUND:				106	CASH AT BANKERS			55 10 2
	Balance, January 1, 1957..	102	7	11		AMORTISATION FUND INVEST- MENT AT COST	200	0	0
	Grant from Association					(Mid-Market value, Decem- ber 31, 1957, £181)			
	Charitable Fund	100	0	0	102	Cash not re-invested ..	9	7	10
102	Interest on Investment ..	6	19	11					
		209	7	10					
£3,746		£3,803	1	7	£3,746				£3,803 1 7

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

5 Guildhall Chambers,
Basinghall Street,
London, E.C.2.
May 19, 1958.

HALL, WINDER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE "DIE-HARDS" JOURNAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1956		£	s. d.	1956		£	s. d.
612	(3) Cost of Printing and Distribution (4 issues)	620	3 11	208	Advertisements	220	6 4
60	Salary and Expenses	60	0 0	227	Subscriptions	261	2
6	Sundries	5	19 5	247	Grant from Association Charitable Fund being	208	18 4
4	Audit Fee	4	4 0		Excess of Expenditure over Income for year		
<u>£682</u>		<u>£600</u>	<u>7 4</u>	<u>£682</u>		<u>£600</u>	<u>7 4</u>

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
1956		£	s.	d.	1956		£	s.	d.
73	ACCUMULATED FUND:				25	MUSEUM at Cost	25	0	0
255	Balance, January 1, 1957 ..		72	18 3		DEBTORS:			
31	BANK OVERDRAFT	108	13	1	67	For Advertisements	50	1	0
	SUBSIDIARIES PAID IN ADVANCE ..	29	12	6	14	For Journals	17	2	0
	CREDITORS:								
4	Audit Fee	4	4	0	10	STOCK OF JOURNALS			
	Printing and Distribution	138	13	6		ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND:			
			142	17 6	247	Grant due for year			261 18 4
£363			£354	1 4	£363			£354	1 4

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OFFICERS' CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1956				1956			
4	DONATIONS:			481	Subscriptions and Entrance Fees		
	Royal School for Daughters of Officers	4	0 0	79	Interest on Investments (Net)		
40	P.M.C. The Depot	40	0 0	11	Interest on Investment held in Trust for 3rd Battalion (Net)		
	Expenses of Cricket Week	175	8 2	3	Profit on Sale of Club Ties		
149	Less: Receipts	34	16 0	—	Refund of Income Tax		
48	Golf Meeting						
	Dinner	136	1 0				
82	Less: Receipts	71	5 0				
	At Home	26	19 2				
16	Less: Receipts	11	8 6				
8	Tennis Meeting						
43	Cocktail Party						
16	M.C.C. Season Tickets						
3	Wreaths						
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:						
61	Salary, Expenses and National Insurance	60	12 0				
61	Postages, Printing and Stationery	28	7 2				
9	Audit Fee	9	9 0				
34	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year						
£574		£575	8 9	£574		£575	8 9

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE								INCOME									
1956 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1956 £		£	s.	d.	1956 £		£	s.	d.
	ACCUMULATED FUND:							4,155	INVESTMENTS AT COST ..								
	Balance, January 1, 1957 ..	4,290	11	4					(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1957, £3,454)								
4,290	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		131	16	9	4,431	8	1	113	CASH AT BANKERS STOKES ON HAND:				257	18	7	
	CREDITOR:								27	Ties			8	2	0		
9	Audit Fee			9	9	0			6	Cricket Balls			13	12	9		
1	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE								8	Tennis Balls			5	16	2		
	FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR 3RD BATTALION:									Held in Trust for 3rd Battalion:							
512	Balance, January 1, 1957 ..				511	16	7			Investment at Cost ..			509	10	4		
										(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1957, £421)							
									512	Cash net re-invested ..			2	6	3		
															511	16	7
<u>£4,821</u>					<u>£4,952</u>	13	8	<u>£4,821</u>					<u>£4,952</u>	13	8		

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

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND:				FREEHOLD PROPERTY, 1-20			
Balance, January 1, 1957..	35,951	19 11		Albuhera Close, at Cost..	41,655	13 10	
Add: Donations	6	0 0		Add: Expenditure on Gar-			
Interest on Invest-				ages during year..	389	10 0	
ments	63	2 6					
35,952 Excess of Income				1,400 INVESTMENTS AT COST			
over Expenditure				(Mid-Market value, Decem-			
for year	124	10 1		ber 31, 1957, £1,652)	42,045	3 10	
					1,663	2 5	
MAINTENANCE FUND:				DEBTORS:			
Balance, January 1, 1957..	128	12 0		48 Tenants—Net Amount re			
Add: Donation 2/7th Bat-				Rates, Gas and Elec-			
alion, Middlesex Regi-				tricity	155	10 5	
ment	32	1 0		18 Sundry	196	12 8	
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT:				34 INSURANCES PAID IN ADVANCE	352	12 1	
Balance, January 1, 1957..	407	11 7		600 CASH AT BANKERS	33	15 0	
Add: Housing Grant ..	330	0 0			81	9 6	
Less: Interest on							
Loan	200	14 6					
408 Amortisa-							
tion Pro-							
vision	51	10 8					
	252	5 2					
SITE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:							
Balance, January 1, 1957..	251	10 6					
Add: Grant received from							
Middlesex County							
Council	250	0 0					
	501	10 6					
251 Less: Expenditure during							
year	136	15 7					
296 LOAN REDEMPTION RESERVE							
LOAN ACCOUNT (SECURED):							
6,704 Enfield Urban District							
Council							
	6,652	1 3					
16 SUNDRY CREDITORS							
	19	16 0					
£43,756				£44,176	2 10		

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
45 Insurances			45 0 0	252 Rents			259 10 0
25 Salary—Housing Manager ..			25 0 0	Garages			13 2 6
16 Audit Fee			15 15 0	50 Maintenance Receipts ..			51 18 0
8 Postages and Sundries			4 14 0	2 Interest on Deposit Account ..			— — —
77 Repairs and Maintenance ..			82 11 3				
Legal Expenses			27 0 2				
133 Balance, Excess of Income over Expenditure			124 10 1				
for year							
£304				£324	10 6		

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THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)
OFFICERS' CLUB CHARITABLE FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
10 Grants			35 1 4	40 Interest on Investments (Gross) ..			51 3 6
15 Donations			2 2 0	1 Interest on Deposit Account			2 11
2 Audit Fee			— — —				
14 Excess of Income over Ex-							
penditure for year ..			14 5 1				
£41				£51	8 5		

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	1956	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND:				1,451 INVESTMENTS at Cost			1,450 15 5
Balance, January 1, 1957..	1,509	4 6		(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1957,			
Add: Excess of Income over				£1,258)			
Expenditure for year ..	14	5 1		60 CASH AT BANKERS			74 16 2
CREDITOR:							
Audit Fee			2 2 0				
£1,511				£1,525	11 7		

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Bde. Pos.	Number	Rank	Name	Date of Promotion	Last Known Station
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS I					
4	5837545	W.O.1	M. Wild	December 7, 1954	1 Mx.
9	5619855	W.O.1	T. McMillan	January 29, 1957	8 Mx.
16	6211991	W.O.1	A. Kenrick	December 20, 1957	Depot
17	1520025	W.O.1	J. Thom	May 26, 1957	7 Mx.
	5382114	W.O.1 (B.Mr.)	F. Jackson	April 1, 1952	1 Mx.
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS II					
2	6398348	W.O.2	L. Graham, M.M.	April 1, 1952	Colonial Forces
5	6200940	W.O.2	S. Blacknell	April 1, 1952	E.R.E., U.K.
6	6197047	W.O.2	A. Etheridge	April 1, 1952	7 Mx.
27	4267949	W.O.2	A. Goodge	May 4, 1954	7 Mx.
30	864814	W.O.2	R. Budden	May 4, 1954	Hong Kong Regt.
31	6200579	W.O.2	F. Firman	May 4, 1954	E.R.E., Cyprus
34	6210526	W.O.2	A. Cooper	May 4, 1954	1 Mx.
36	6403001	W.O.2	F. Redpath, B.E.M.	August 8, 1954	E.R.E., Cyprus
41	6302433	W.O.2	S. Bartle	December 7, 1954	1 Mx.
55	22221076	W.O.2	J. Rodgers	August 26, 1956	5 Queen's T.A.
56	6968442	W.O.2	R. Dodkins	September 1, 1956	1 Mx.
59	6217070	W.O.2	W. Thorogood	July 17, 1957	E.R.E., U.K.
62	6206327	W.O.2	C. Burgess	July 17, 1957	Depot
COLOUR SERGEANTS					
2	6200792	C/Sgt.	G. Hockley, B.E.M.	January 1, 1953	Depot
3	6200351	C/Sgt.	T. Perry	January 1, 1953	1 Mx.
9	6539821	C/Sgt.	G. Whitehead	January 5, 1954	E.R.E. Overseas
11	6205098	C/Sgt.	L. Shrubbs, M.M.	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
12	6550325	C/Sgt.	F. Powell	March 25, 1954	Depot
20	5949742	C/Sgt.	H. Davis	December 19, 1955	8 Mx.
23	6197647	C/Sgt.	F. Markham	May 22, 1956	E.R.E., Overseas
25	6201818	C/Sgt.	J. Morgan	May 22, 1956	1 Mx.
40	14066481	C/Sgt.	J. Potter	September 22, 1957	1 Mx.
41	14862617	C/Sgt.	W. Wright	October 2, 1957	1 Mx.
44	6203495	C/Sgt.	R. Cubitt	March 25, 1958	7 Mx.
SERGEANTS					
6	6204927	Sgt.	J. Breame	April 1, 1952	E.R.E., U.K.
20	14066639	Sgt.	P. Dive	October 31, 1952	1 Mx.
21	5781748	Sgt.	J. Moyse	November 7, 1952	1 Mx.
25	14476662	Sgt.	D. Weller	December 16, 1952	E.R.E., U.K.
30	3852333	Sgt.	T. McGowan	January 15, 1953	Depot E. Surreys
36	6200376	Sgt.	G. Palmer	May 1, 1953	Depot
62	21014189	Sgt.	S. Michel	January 8, 1954	1 Mx.
70	19039053	Sgt.	A. DaCosta	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
76	6923739	Sgt.	E. Steward	January 22, 1954	1 Mx.
84	2718503	Sgt.	R. Simpson	March 25, 1954	Depot
88	21014210	Sgt.	R. Reynolds	March 25, 1954	7 Mx.
92	6202925	Sgt.	R. Hope	March 25, 1954	8 Mx.
93	22229443	Sgt.	M. Eastap	March 25, 1954	1 Mx.
95	22221109	Sgt.	D. Bailey	April 29, 1954	E.R.E., U.K.
99	22229344	Sgt.	G. Simmons	April 29, 1954	Depot
101	19133915	Sgt.	G. Cripps	April 29, 1954	Depot
102	22193814	Sgt.	K. Beale	April 29, 1954	1 Mx.
106	6201236	Sgt.	J. Marable	May 17, 1954	E.R.E., Overseas
101	6205018	Sgt.	J. Preston	May 17, 1954	E.R.E., U.K.
114	14470810	Sgt.	D. Walters	May 17, 1954	1 Mx.
121	22541432	Sgt.	J. Dickie	July 13, 1954	8 Mx.
131	19039445	Sgt.	A. Nicholson	August 15, 1954	1 Mx.

Ede. Pos.	Number	Rank	Name	Date of Promotion	Last Known Station
132	22221098	Sgt.	J. Warner	August 16, 1954	1 Mx.
133	22550985	Sgt.	M. Butler	August 16, 1954	Colonial Forces
136	22541536	Sgt.	G. Young	August 16, 1954	7 Mx.
138	19145508	Sgt.	A. Gibbs	September 14, 1954	1 Mx.
139	19136922	Sgt.	W. Smith	September 16, 1954	E.R.E., U.K.
149	22309544	Sgt.	J. Martin, M.M.	January 12, 1955	1 Mx.
171	5437863	Sgt.	E. Brooks	February 12, 1955	1 E. Surreys
172	22259650	Sgt.	F. Potts	December 13, 1955	1 R.W.K.
176	22541352	Sgt.	R. Buckley	December 15, 1955	E.R.E., U.K.
180	22549082	Sgt.	P. Amor	February 3, 1956	S.A.S. Regt.
187	22276303	Sgt.	R. Clements	May 22, 1956	1 Mx.
197	14465101	Sgt.	R. Power	September 22, 1956	Depot
199	22375925	Sgt.	K. Lloyd	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
200	22221320	Sgt.	K. Partridge	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
203	22588606	Sgt.	D. Lagden	December 3, 1956	1 Mx.
204	22562397	Sgt.	E. Langford	December 3, 1956	E.R.E., U.K.
205	19038760	Sgt.	D. Grimes	December 3, 1956	Depot
212	22787149	Sgt.	C. Orme	March 7, 1957	1 Mx.
217	22774605	Sgt.	M. Elston	March 7, 1957	7 Mx.
231	23526228	Sgt.	H. Horder	September 10, 1957	1 Mx.
243	22812279	Sgt.	R. Ford	November 7, 1957	8 Mx.
244	22823238	Sgt.	C. Shinn	November 7, 1957	E.R.E., U.K.
249	22542445	Sgt.	N. Taylor	November 7, 1957	1 Mx.
250	6098747	Sgt.	B. Callaghan	December 27, 1957	1 Mx.
256	6211953	Sgt.	H. Males	January 30, 1958	E.R.E., Overseas
257	22843287	Sgt.	C. Blackwell	January 30, 1958	Depot
260	6217126	Sgt.	A. Probert	March 20, 1958	1 Mx.

ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANTS

6202735	W.O.2	E. Colebeck	January 1, 1957	1 Mx.
14476433	W.O.2	P. Soper, B.E.M.	January 27, 1958	Depot

DRUM MAJORS

2741385	C/Sgt.	J. Lewis	August 10, 1957	1 Mx.
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BAND SERGEANTS

6200547	C/Sgt.	W. Grogan	December 23, 1955	H.C. Bde. Depot
6217128	Sgt.	J. Davies	December 22, 1956	1 Mx.

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