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 "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazeubrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Schepenberg," "Hindenburg Line," "Canal  
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 "1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Suva," "Landing at Suva," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915,"  
 "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jerusalem," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Falestine 1917-18,"  
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## Editor's Comments

### Support for "The Die-Hards"

During the post-World War II years, there has been a gradual dwindling in the support for *The Die-Hards*. This lack of support is most regrettable, but somewhat inevitable, due to the contraction of the Regular Army and the various reorganisations within the Territorial Army since 1947. Both of these factors are now to be stabilised, so we may hope for more support from the Regular and T.A. Battalions.

We appeal, therefore, to all serving Regular and T.A. members of the Regiment to support their Regimental Journal.

### Old Comrades' Support for "The Die-Hards"

There must be many hundreds of Old Comrades of the Regiment residing in the London and the Middlesex areas who do not support the Journal. This, we regret to say, is understandable and appreciated, as the Journal has not catered for Old Comrades' news and activities in past years—not through any oversight, but in a failure to realise the importance of a good public relationship with our Old Comrades, many of whom have given the best years of their lives in the service of their Regiment and country.

May we assure Old Comrades that they are not forgotten and we do realise that, in the past, they have not been granted their fair share of news in *The Die-Hards*. We are determined to put this right, and we are glad to say that Major Percy Newman, who is an ardent supporter of the Old Comrades and Chairman of the Mill Hill O.C.A. Branch, has kindly agreed to write a quarterly Newsletter for all Old Comrades, so please send your news to him. This general Newsletter will in no way supplant Newsletters from Secretaries of other O.C.A. branches, whose news will always be welcomed and published. It is for consideration whether we should publish Old Comrades' news *in toto* and not under their respective Battalion Notes, as is the present custom. Views on this matter are requested from readers.

OLD COMRADES, WE NEED YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT. REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALWAYS "DIE-HARDS."

### Honours and Awards

As we go to press, the "London Gazette" has announced the award of the O.B.E. to Lt.-Col. Clinton

Nolda for his distinguished services whilst commanding the 1st Battalion in Cyprus. We feel sure that readers will be delighted to hear of this award, and so, on their behalf, we offer Lt.-Col. Nolda our sincere congratulations.

Capt. Geoffrey Norton and 2/Lt. J. M. Pickard, both serving with the 1st Battalion, are also to be congratulated for being mentioned-in-despatches for their services in Cyprus. The latter, we understand, was an exceptionally good N.S. Officer.

### Maj.-Gen. R. H. Batten

We were very glad to read in the "London Gazette" of the recent promotion of Maj.-Gen. Dick Batten and his appointment as Chief-of-Staff, Eastern Command. He is a former officer of the Regiment, having joined the 57th (with your Editor) at Catterick on first appointment in February, 1929. We were both somewhat anxious as to our reception, which feeling, however, was quickly dispelled by the friendly welcome of the late Col. Herbert Phillips.

Dick Batten, apart from being a distinguished soldier, was, in his younger days, a very fine runner, having gained an Athletic "Blue" at Cambridge and also having represented the Regiment and the Army in several athletic meetings.

### Cpl. D. Swindells

We were very sorry to hear of the death in action of Cpl. D. Swindells. No further details are yet available of his death other than that it occurred recently on active operations in Muscat and Oman.

Cpl. Swindells joined the Regiment from the R.A.F. in 1948 and served with it until 1952 when he was attached to the 2nd S.A.S. Regiment in Malaya. It was only recently that he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry as a Patrol Commander against Communist terrorists. To his relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

### Retired Officers and Warrant Officers

As *The Die-Hards* is, rightly, a historical review of the Regiment's activities and also a biographical record of its members, we intend to publish periodically a brief record of those officers and Warrant Officers who have recently retired from the Regiment. Such records may, perhaps, be dull reading to those who do not

know these individuals; however, they are very necessary, and we must not forget their years of service to the Regiment.

### Hon. Colonel—7th Battalion

We congratulate Lt.-Col. William Pringle on his appointment as Hon. Colonel of our 7th Battalion in succession to Col. Kenneth Maitland, whose six years' tenure of office has been a most happy period for all past and present members of the 7th Battalion. Both are former Commanding Officers, and we are certain that the future welfare of the 7th Battalion is secure in the hands of its new Hon. Colonel.

To diverge slightly, but still on the subject of former Commanding Officers, no less than ten of them dined as guests of the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House in January, which must be a unique record for the 7th Battalion Officers' Club.

### The Front Page of "The Die-Hards"

Readers may have noticed that the front page of the Journal has been slightly revised to include a paragraph of the Regimental Association, detailing its various Old Comrades' Branches and their respective secretaries. This, we hope, will give more prominence to our Old Comrades' Association and thereby encourage former members of the Regiment to join their local branch and, ultimately, to support this Journal.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Officers' Club Dinner.—Friday, July 24, United Service Club.

Autumn Golf Meeting.—September 19/20, North Hants Golf Club, Fleet.

Regimental Reunion and A.G.M.—Friday, October 30, Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, W.1.

### HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE NEWSLETTER No. 3

As the months go by it is becoming more and more obvious, particularly from the viewpoint of the future Brigade Depot at Canterbury, that many things which will be common to us as a Brigade later on have already become so and with remarkably little fuss. Viewed from Brigade H.Q., the excellent spirit of co-operation between regiments is very apparent. Where there might have been fierce rivalry before, there is a quite obvious realisation that as we are now all in the same boat the six oarsmen need to pull together in the same direction. Tangible evidence of this has been the training of soldiers of one Regiment by another, and very often the training of recruits at a Regimental Depot who later go elsewhere—something quite unheard of in the past.

The fact that the new Brigade spirit is in no wise inferior to, but merely different from the old, your correspondent can vouch for after his recent visits to 1 Surrey at Bury St. Edmunds and 1 R. Sussex at Gibraltar. Both occasions were interesting and exhilarating and made the prospect of seeing, in the near future, 1 Queens, 1 Buffs and 1 Middlesex in B.A.O.R. and 1 R.W.K. in Cyprus something to look forward to.

Even in these testing times it is possible to emerge from the paperwork occasionally.

The six Depot Commanders have again visited Canterbury for another of the routine conferences which are so necessary now to keep us all on the same "net." In the case of the Queens and the Surreys this will have been the last journey that Major R. Mans and Major R. C. Taylor will have made for this particular purpose, for on July 1 the Depot of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment will open at Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury, under the command of Major D. C. Snowden. Capt. G. Mason, now Adjutant at Kingston, will be Adjutant of the new Depot, Capt. R. B. Johnson the Training Officer, and Major H. R. Gill the Q.M.

Some highlights of recent sporting events at our Depots will be of interest to readers, though space will not allow more than a bare mention of a few.

The winter has been a successful one for the Royal Sussex Depot in both football and hockey. The hockey team were runners-up in the H.C.D. Minor Units final, losing 2—0 after extra time to the Depot R.W.K. The football team has reached the final of three competitions, including the Sussex Mid-Week Cup. Providing they successfully win their last engagement in the local Mid-Week League they will end as runners-up by a very small margin.

The Buffs' Depot reached the final of the Dover Soccer League Cup; came third in the District Cross Country Championship; was beaten 1—0 by Depot R.W.K. in the semi-finals of the District Hockey Championship, after a replay; won the District Basketball Championship and were beaten in the semi-final of the Eastern Command Championship.

Pte. O'Connell of Depot The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment boxed at light-welter in the H.C.D. Individual Championships and won his weight. He was NOT permitted by the Commandant A.S.P.T. to box in the Command Championships because he was on an A.I.'s course, but he will automatically go forward to the Army Championships. On Thursday, March 12, he boxed for the Army against the R.A.F. and won convincingly on points. The bout was televised. The Queen's Own Depot hockey team won the H.C.D. Minor Unit Hockey Competition at Shorncliffe on Wednesday, March 11, when they beat Depot Royal Sussex 2—0 after extra time. It was a hard-fought and sporting game, the issue being in doubt until the first period of extra time, when after a positional change the Queen's Own scored two quick goals which decided the matter. The Queen's Own met 9th Company R.A.M.C. (East Anglian District) at Colchester on March 21, and were beaten 1—0.

The only Middlesex Depot sporting event worthy of mention is the narrow defeat of L/Cpl. J. Rogers in the welterweight final of the London District Boxing Championships.

And Depot East Surrey Regiment sporting news includes the names of Cpl. P. Thomas, the 1958 winner of the London District Young Soldiers' Cup for shooting; 2/Lt. R. G. Garment and Pte. G. Will, who are going up to St. Andrews in May to play in the Army Golf Championships; and Cpl. Fincham, who won his light-



welterweight final in the 1958 Eastern Command Boxing Championships.

In the middle of March your correspondent attended the Infantry Commanders' Conference at Warminster where, amongst a large number of friends, he met Lt.-Cols. Lloyd Owen and Glennie, the latter of whom had the misfortune to catch the 'flu before the start of the conference and never put in an appearance at all. Perhaps the most important remark of the whole week was made by the C.I.G.S. on the final day, when he suggested to his audience that the day of the "big Regiment," of three, four or even five Battalions, was bound to come and that it was not far distant. Such a warning from such a person, was of considerable interest, and there is little doubt that we must all readjust our thinking along these lines.

As to other future events, and to go from the sublime to the "gor blimey," your correspondent wishes to draw the attention of all those interested and able to attend the Brigade Golf meeting on May 11, 1959, which this year will be held at the Hendon Golf Club under the auspices of Major I. H. Battye, Commanding The Middlesex Depot. Judging by past years, this promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

It was good to see that initiative is not only encouraged by Battalions, but that the National Serviceman of today has plenty of it. Two young soldiers of 1st Battalion The Queen's, in Germany, recently set off to see how far they could get without spending anything on public transport. In five days they travelled through Germany, Belgium and France to Paris, and almost succeeded in getting a lift in an aeroplane to Madrid. They slept one night in a Paris prison cell, to save money, and the next day had a meal in the American Embassy. It is to be hoped that the Regular soldier of tomorrow will have as much initiative as the National Serviceman of today.

## 1st Battalion Notes

During the past three months the Battalion has made considerable headway in its preparation for nuclear warfare. At first no one quite knew the requirement. Visiting officers from higher formations spoke glibly of defence on wide fronts, but were reticent when questioned on the detail of how such defence was to be conducted. Other units, having already had one training year in the Command, during which this problem was studied, were similarly reticent, and it soon became apparent that while everyone knew what was required, very few, if any, had much idea on how the infantry soldier and his N.C.O.s and officers were to do it.

Whatever else was necessary, it was quite obvious that a very high standard of individual and sub-unit training would be required; and so, while study days were held to work out a Battalion policy to meet the new commitment, every effort was made to improve individual training and to master the essentials for platoon and

Finally a word on our future Brigade Depot at Howe Barracks, Canterbury. With only minor modifications the War Office have now accepted our plan for improvements and enlargements to the present excellent modern buildings and sports grounds there. Within the year building should begin, and it is expected to take about two years to complete. When completed the Depot will undoubtedly be a really fine "Home" for the Brigade, with facilities of all types probably not bettered by any other Brigade Depot in the country.

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STOP PRESS.—As we go to print, the "London Gazette" dated April 10, 1959, announces the following Honours and Awards:

O.B.E.

Lt.-Col. D. C. L. Nolda, Commanding 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

M.B.E.

Major H. B. H. Waring, 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Mentioned in Despatches

W.O.1 F. B. Oram, 1st Battalion The East Surrey Regiment.

T/Major B. R. Coleman, The Royal Sussex Regiment.

Lt.-Col. A. J. M. Flint, M.B.E., Commanding 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Lt. T. J. B. Locker, 1st Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

Capt. G. G. Norton, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

2/Lt. J. M. Pickard, The Middlesex Regiment (now Lt. T.A.).

To them all, the very belated—though nonetheless sincere—congratulations of your correspondent, of all on his staff at Canterbury and of all ranks in the Brigade.

company operations. The present standard is not of course perfect; there is, as always, room for improvement, but it is very greatly in advance of the standard on arrival in Germany. In the meantime, a policy for further training has been evolved and the Commanding Officer is now able to say, "This may not be the right answer, but during the present training season we will carry out our task, as follows," and the Battalion has started its training for the nuclear battle with, as far as the junior ranks are concerned at any rate, a clear-cut directive to follow. Whether it is correct or not will no doubt be demonstrated during the Brigade Group training in the autumn.

During the latter part of March and early in April, the Battalion moved to Sennelager, with the other battalions of the Brigade Group, for three weeks' intensive training on the field-firing ranges. There are probably many ex-members of the Regiment who re-

member this area from the days following the last war. They would be greatly surprised to see the improvements which have been made since that time. These ranges must be the best equipped and organised training area for infantry in any army of the world today. They are much in demand among the other members of N.A.T.O., and the amount of time which British forces may spend on them is strictly limited to allow these other armies to use them.

Many of the ranges are equipped with mechanical targets, by the intelligent use of which it is possible to simulate realistic enemy action for live-firing exercises, both in attack and defence. At the same time, there are other areas on which platoon and company exercises may be set, and for which the range staff are able to produce portable "pop-up" targets, all of which help to build up an atmosphere of realism, which it is impossible to achieve normally in peace time.

Every member of the Battalion who attended camp at Sennelager thoroughly enjoyed his stay there, and the benefit obtained, particularly by platoon and section commanders, was immeasurable.

During this period the Battalion assault-at-arms took place. Unfortunately the programme had to be hurried in places as "C" Company was unexpectedly called upon to take part in the N.A.T.O. exercise which was taking place at the same time. The competition was won by No. 6 Platoon of "B" Company, commanded by Sgt. Smith in the absence of 2/Lt. Evans, who was injured in a rugby game during the first weekend in camp. No. 5 Platoon of "B" Company were second and No. 7 Platoon of "C" Company were third. The competition consisted of a daylight attack, a night defence, a night patrol and an exercise for 3.5 in. rocket-launcher teams. Apart from the competitive aspect, all the exercises were very instructive, and they were much appreciated by all taking part. Regrettably, it must be recorded that two of the platoons would have been over-run during the night defence exercise, and it is to be hoped that both platoon commanders concerned learned lessons which might have proved costly against a live enemy.

Also during this period, the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Christopher Soames, C.B.E., visited the Training Centre, and as part of his conducted tour of the establishment saw No. 4 Platoon of "B" Company, supported by a mortar section and an anti-tank detachment, carrying out a daylight defence exercise. After three not very successful rehearsals, the eventual "spontaneous" effort which was provided for the distinguished visitors, almost outdid the real thing. "Noises off" were produced by Sgt. Lloyd of the Assault Pioneers, assisted by the range battle simulation team, and were so realistic that the Secretary of State complimented the non-existent gunners on the accuracy of their supporting fire! Mr. Soames was accompanied by the Military Secretary, General Sir Hugh Stockwell, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., the Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir Michael West, K.C.B., D.S.O., and the Brigade Commander, Brigadier R. E. T. St. John, M.C.

At the end of the three weeks at Sennelager, it is true to say that every section and platoon in the Battalion

knows what is required of it, and has achieved a standard whereby it might fulfil this requirement.

There are several gratifying successes to record, both in the world of sport and in other competitions. First, it was most satisfactory to learn during March that the Battalion had won the Middle East Battle Trophy for the second year in succession. This is not an easy competition. It calls for a high standard of physical fitness and shooting ability, and the team under Capt. Lawrence are to be congratulated on their success. Unfortunately the small-bore team were not as successful. Having won the Brigade competition, which was fired on a non-central basis throughout the winter, they were beaten in the quarter-final of the B.A.O.R. competition by 1 D.C.L.I., the eventual winners.

It was also very gratifying to learn that we have won the Connaught Cup for revolver shooting. Of all teams competing, both at home and abroad, we were fifth, but had the highest score of the overseas competitors, and so became winners of this trophy.

Having arrived in Germany too late for the main sporting activities, it is a pleasure to be able to record that the Battalion team won the B.A.O.R. six-a-side hockey on Easter Monday, and that the squash team reached the semi-final of the B.A.O.R. competition, where they were beaten, again by the eventual winners 4 Royal Tanks, whose team included three Command players. Finally, congratulations are due to Cpl. O'Rawe, for his fine performance in winning the B.A.O.R. light-heavyweight boxing title, and for reaching the final of the Army competition, where he was beaten on points by an opponent who has boxed as an Irish international for some years.

Our relationship with the civilians remains friendly. We are naturally still viewed with some suspicion, but discipline and bearing in the town have been so good, that many of the local population seem prepared to accept us on the basis of allies rather than as the last representatives of ex-enemy occupation. A number of local German dignitaries, including the Burgomaster and two retired Generals have dined in the Officers' Mess. The Burgomaster presented a painting of Hameln to the Mess as a mark of esteem from the local civic authorities. For the Generals, Bandmaster Jackson succeeded in producing the Regimental Marches of the German Artillery and of the 164th Regiment of Infantry to which they had previously belonged. Even the more cynical of the Mess members were impressed by the emotion which these marches evoked in these guests.

On individual bases, both officers and other ranks are forming friendships with local civilians, not always with pretty girls either, and after years of restrictions on all social activities, this is a most welcome change.

By now it is probably generally known that the Battalion is to go to Berlin early in December. This will undoubtedly lead to a change in accent in our training. There, ceremonial will need more attention, and training facilities for field work are limited. There are of course compensations in the bright lights of the city, but it is a great pity that the Battalion will not have a second year during which the advances in training made during the present year can be consolidated.

In the meantime, it is on with "Watch and Ward."



## Annual Training at Sennelager



1. Platoon in Defence 2. Stalking an enemy tank  
Mr. Christopher Soames, Commanding Officer, Major R. D. Hutchings 4. Assault Boating  
5. The Mobat in action 6. Three rounds mortar fire!

## Congratulations

All ranks of the Battalion extend their heartiest congratulations to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. D. C. L. Nolda, O.B.E., on his recent award, and also to Capt. Norton and Lt. J. M. Pickard.

These awards were for service in Cyprus.

## SPORTS

Individually, the highlights of the quarter have been the magnificent performance by Cpl. O'Rawe in the Army Boxing Championships in England and good performances by Cpl. Finnis and Pte. Abbott in the B.A.O.R. Fencing Championships in Berlin. Cpl. O'Rawe, after winning his weight in the Divisional championships, went on to win his weight in the B.A.O.R. finals, but was not considered good enough by the B.A.O.R. selectors to be sent to England. However, his fare was paid, and he again reached the final, losing narrowly to an Irish international on points. Cpl. Finnis and Pte. Abbott both reached the semi-finals of the B.A.O.R. fencing, and the latter, especially, was unlucky not to reach the finals. In team events the squash team and hockey six have both done extremely well—the squash team lost to 4 Royal Tanks in the semi-finals of the B.A.O.R. Championships, and the hockey team won the B.A.O.R. six-a-side competition at Munchen Gladbach on Easter Monday.

The Battalion has had a poor soccer season and very little rugby has been played. A team was entered in the B.A.O.R. Basketball and in the 2nd Division Ski-ing Championships. The Battalion basketball team were defeated at Brigade level. The ski team put up a very creditable performance, despite strong competition.

With all these events behind us, athletics training now has priority. The Battalion Meeting will be held over the Albuhera period, and will be followed in June by the B.A.O.R. Individual, Brigade Team and B.A.O.R. Team meetings.

## Soccer

The effect of the winter weather on our three soccer pitches has been devastating, and we were left for several weeks with no ground fit for play. This factor, together with the fact that the Battalion was concentrated at Hameln from January 1, only, has resulted in little soccer being played at Battalion level.

Having lost the majority of our side from Cyprus, there has been no opportunity to reform and we have had little success. Four matches have been played as follows:

Divisional Cup (1st round) v. 2 Div. Sig. Regt.	Lost 5—6 (after extra time)
Friendly matches:	
v. 1 R. Lincolns	Lost 2—5
v. 1 Staffords	Lost 0—6
v. 1 R. Lincolns	Lost 0—1

The following have represented the Battalion so far in B.A.O.R.:

"H.Q." Coy.	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"S" Coy.
Lt. Owen	Cpl. Argent	Pte. Carmodie	Pte. Stone	Pte. Tolley
Cpl. Vatcher	Pte. Stone		Pte. Woodley	Lt. Gilham
Pte. Bersey	Pte. Smith			
Lt. Deakin				
2 Lt. Waters				
Pte. Cox				

The Albuhera Competition was won by "H.Q." Company.

## Rugger

Very little rugger has been played this season as grounds have been unplayable. In fact only two matches have been played. The first versus 1 R.H.A. at Hildesheim was a most exciting game, the Battalion losing by one point, 11—12. The other against 1 Staffords at Minden was a very poor game which we were lucky to win 9—3. National Service release has played its customary havoc with our three-quarter line, so at the beginning of next season we shall have to start rebuilding our team from scratch once more. Exercise "April Defence" prevents our entering a seven in the 2nd Division Championships.

The following have played for the Battalion during the season: Cpts. Lawrence and Pollard, Lts. Crumley, Cheeseman and Clarke, 2 Lts. Dobson, McMillan, Goring, Cowing, Bulloch, Evans and Ivens, Sgt. Tarry, Cpls. Bird, Finnis, Pinnels, Stopp and Andrews, and Ptes. Duncan, Booth, Grafton and Scoins.

## Hockey

The Battalion unfortunately arrived in Germany too late to take part in the major competitions, and although Company hockey has flourished on the Square the Battalion team has played only a few "friendlies." After our triumphant season in Cyprus last year this is rather a disappointment.

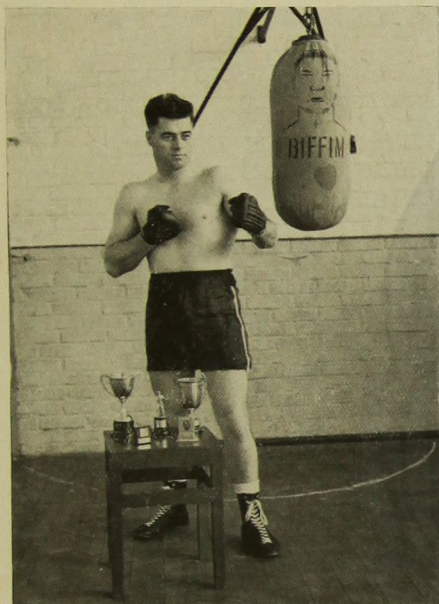
Compensation came at Easter when we entered a team for the B.A.O.R. six-a-side tournament at Rheindalen. Having had no practice together we had no great hopes of victory, and were therefore most gratified when after five fairly gruelling games we emerged as winners.

In the first round against 4th Infantry Workshops "B" team, our team hit its top form quickly, and some good passing movements enabled Bandmaster Jackson to score three goals. In the next round against 1 Wireless Regiment "B" team, although we did not play so well together, the Bandmaster again scored twice while our opponents did not score. In the third round and the semi-final we scrambled through by the skin of our teeth and some rather scrappy hockey. We beat 40 Engineer Stores Company by corners, neither side scoring, and against R.A.F. Laabruck, who were the favourites for the tournament, we won by a long corner. The final against H.Q. B.A.O.R. was comparatively easy, the score being 4—1 (Lt. Gilham 3, Bandmaster Jackson 1). The cup and individual prizes were presented by the Chief Engineer, B.A.O.R.

The team consisted of: Capt. B. H. Marciandi, Capt. I. Gaston (R.A.M.C.), Lt. M. C. D. L. Gilham, Bandmaster F. A. Jackson, Sgt. J. Leat and Cpl. A. G. Torrie. Reserve: R.S.M. T. McMillan—and was loudly supported from the touch-line by Lt.-Col. A. R. Waller, M.B.E., M.C., who is on the staff at H.Q. B.A.O.R., and his family, who very kindly entertained the team to a victory party afterwards.

Capt. Marciandi and Cpl. Torrie were invited to Lübecke on April 4 as reserves for the B.A.O.R. team





CPL. O'RAWE

in their match against the R.M.A., Sandhurst, but were not called upon to play.

#### Squash

We are fortunate in having a first-class court in Gordon Barracks of which considerable use is made.

In the B.A.O.R. Unit Championships we had easy victories in the early rounds, beating 1 N. Staffs. 4-1, 3 R. 22 R. 5-0, and 19 Fd. Regt. R.A. 5-0. In the semi-final of the championship at Rheindalen on March 6 we met a very strong team from the amalgamating 4th and 7th Royal Tank Regiments and lost 1-4. Cpl. Daynes was our only winner, though Lt. Gilham only lost 2-3 after a long and hard-fought set. Our opponents went on to win the tournament by beating 1 Scots Greys 5-0.

The following played during the competition: Major P. L. Pearce Gould, Capt. B. H. Marciandi, Lt. M. C. D. L. Gilham, 2/Lt. C. F. Dobson, 2/Lt. D. A. J. MacMillan and Cpl. Daynes.

Now that these last three have left the Army, and with Lt. Gilham's posting to the Depot, we shall need to recruit new talent before next year's competition. (Regimental representatives at Sandhurst and Mons, please note!)

#### Boxing

The boxing in the inter-Company competition held in March was not of a very high standard. Nevertheless there were some very spirited bouts, and "B" Company are to be congratulated on a good all-round performance which won them the competition. From among the various weight winners, some dozen boxers were selected to go forward to the Divisional Individual Championships, and their tremendous improvement both in ability and fitness was due largely to the instruction of Sgt. Instructor Poole and Cpl. O'Rawe. As reported elsewhere Cpl. O'Rawe won his weight, and both Cpl. Stevens and Pte. Dockerill acquitted themselves nobly, all three going forward to the B.A.O.R. Championships in Berlin. There, Cpl. O'Rawe again won his weight, but Pte. Dockerill was unlucky enough to be overweight and so had to box in a heavier class than usual. Cpl. O'Rawe, having returned from his success in the Army Championships in England, is now training hard for the Army versus R.A.F. match later this month.

Lt. Waite has now returned and has resumed his appointment as boxing officer. No doubt next season he and Cpl. O'Rawe between them will produce a unit team capable of entering the Army Championships.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

We offer our most sincere congratulations to the Commanding Officer on his promotion to the rank of Officer in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for distinguished service in Cyprus.

There have been no special social events this quarter, although Sgt. Taylor managed to launch an egg-shaped sputnic which failed to go into orbit. Another exception was visitors' week, the visitor being R.S.M. Kenrick. This developed into a week of Saturday nights—with never a dull moment. The Order of the Boot was bestowed upon him; the concoction it contained is still a deadly secret. (We hope he has now recovered from his spell in hospital.)

We were entertained by the station Sergeants' Mess and were given a thrashing at darts. The invitation has been returned, and they must be a little wary of playing us on our home ground, because they could not make it.

The Colonel and Officers of the Regiment have presented us with a pair of Corinthian Column table-lamps, for which we express our thanks. These, with the additional silver sent from the Depot, mean we now have an excellent display.

During the Battalion's three weeks' stay at Sennelager, we were living in the A.A.T.C. Sergeants' Mess. This made all members very conscious of the high standard of messing we enjoy in Hameln. A number of old acquaintances were met; prominent among them was "Mick" Blythe, now a C.S.M.I. at the A.A.T.C. School of P.T.

Congratulations to Sgt. Smith (22), who commanded the winning platoon on the Battalion assault-at-arms.

The usual comings and goings have taken place.

We should like to congratulate the under-mentioned on their promotions: C/Sgt. Dive, Sgts. Seager, Pritchard and Barr.

We welcome them into the Mess with open arms. The following have returned to the fold from courses in the U.K.: Sgts. Partridge, Argent and Patterson.

Sgt. Horder has been pried from behind the bar and posted to Mons O.C.S., and the poor man's Bing Crosby (Sgt. Speakman) launched as a P.S.I. to the 8th Battalion.

Sgt. Carson slid off very quietly to the U.K. and returned with a brand-new Mrs. Some of us had met them in Cyprus and we heartily congratulate the obviously happy pair.

Mrs. Tarry presented her ever-loving husband with a second son, whom we gather was early on parade. (Unlike his father!)

The number of cars and jalopies are increasing week by week, and we are now seriously considering entering the Monte Carlo Rally.

We should like to congratulate C.S.M.s Bartle and Da Costa, and Sgts. Girling, Kerr and Partridge on being members of the Middle East Battle Trophy team, which the Battalion has won for the second year running.

To all members of the Depot, 7th and 8th Battalion Sergeants' Messes, we send our best regards, and to all old friends everywhere—we wish you well!

#### "H.Q." COMPANY

The past quarter has been full and varied and therefore interesting. In mid-February we bade farewell to Major Honess who has left the Battalion, and by the time these notes appear in print will have left the Army. He was a most popular officer and we are all very sorry to see him go; we wish him the very best of luck for the future in civilian life.

Sennelager, and all that it stood for, really dominated the quarter, and those who went there certainly enjoyed their stay. The feelings of those who remained behind need not be mentioned—suffice it to say that P.E. tests loomed large in their lives and there was many a sore heel limping around camp.

The many Battalion exercises have all seen various elements of the Company in the field. Cobwebs abounded at first, but they seem to have decreased of late.

We congratulate Cpl. O'Rawe on winning the B.A.O.R. light-heavyweight title, and on being runner-up in the Army finals; Cpl. Finniss and Pte. Abbott on reaching the semi-finals of the B.A.O.R. Fencing Championships and the Company Commander on catching mumps (at least, that's what the M.O. called it).

We welcome "Henry" Pielow, whom the Orderly Room wanted to send to prep. school in England, also Ptes. Wilkins, who joined the Officers' Mess staff, O'Brien once again in Company Headquarters, Cpl. Quinn, now Provost Corporal, Pte. Redrup in the Battalion Orderly Room, and Pte. Barrett, who takes over the job of Battalion sports storeman.

We bid farewell and good luck to Cpl. Marsden who leaves us for an E.R.E. posting in England, and Cpls. Daynes and Palmer who have left on National Service release. Cpl. O'Rawe has left us for a rifle company,

and Cpl. Miles, who is now fighting fit, joins "S" Company at the end of the month.

#### Corps of Drums

The first three months of this year have been very busy and full of variety for the Drums. Although we have been practising for the Retreats we are to beat in the not too distant future, much of our training has been for the many other roles that will be required of us in war. A great deal of our time has been spent in learning the technique of stretcher-bearing, in providing monitoring teams, and in working as a rifle platoon in the field.

We have, however, introduced ourselves to the German civil population. In early January we played at Holzminden at a football match between our neighbours, 125 Bridging Company R.A.S.C. and their opposites in the German Army. We were heard for ten minutes before the game, again during the interval, and then marched both teams back through the town to the German Barracks where we were given an excellent tea.

In March the duty buglers were graded by the Adjutant, the Bandmaster and the Assistant Adjutant. We now have three drummers who may carry silver bugles on guard. They are Drms. Morris, Jones and Kenny.

This quarter we bid *bon voyage* to Mr. Crumley and wish him the best of luck in his new appointment as Adjutant of the Regimental Depot. We welcome in his place Mr. Deakin who, as Assistant Adjutant is also the Officer-in-Charge of the Corps of Drums. We have also lost to the Depot, Drms. Monahan and Stone as duty buglers.

As these notes are written, we are off to Sennelager where we hope all the intensive training of the last quarter will bear fruit.

#### Signals Platoon

Owing to the rush in which the last notes were written, we omitted to welcome Pte. Edwards to the Platoon on posting from "D" Company. This upset "Energy" considerably but we trust he is happy now. We also welcome from the Depot Pte. O'Riorden to replace Pte. Stannard who leaves us shortly. We shall miss him, and the Battalion Command Net will not be the same without his voice.

Training began in earnest in the new year with a signals cadre, at the end of which 17 passed classification out of 23 students. Those already classified were involved in driving and Motor Cycle cadres, which they all passed, and we now have our own vehicles with all the drivers from the Platoon. Pte. Williams dominates the scene from the cab of his three tonner, though his voice procedure is not of such a high calibre.

The first Battalion exercise took place in the seventh week of the cadre, and since then we have been averaging an exercise—either Platoon or Battalion—each week. Each has shown some improvement, though we still have a long way to go to produce the high standard of communication required, especially by night. Pte. Osbourne has learned a lot about front suspensions and



the load carrying capacity of a one-tonner, and Pte. White now knows the joys of failing to apply brakes when being towed. On the Brigade exercise Pte. "Singer" Roberts nearly left us for a higher plane when he tried to weld his 32-ft. aerial to a power line.

The Platoon has just returned from Sennelager field firing ranges after a most enjoyable three weeks. We managed to fit in two exercises, plus assistance to the rifle companies with their communications, and we also did some boating. On the classification ranges the butt markers excelled themselves. In reply to the question "Where did the last shot on No. 5 go?" came the concise answer "In the stop butt!" However, the greatest sufferer was Pronto's hat; on one of the exercises, L/Cpl. Thorne—making his debut as a N.C.O.—very accurately reversed his champ over it despite the other 90 square miles of training area available, and the very next day on the boating lake the Signals Officer's boat sank mysteriously—though L/Cpl. Owen, Ptes. Scorgie and Williams may know something about this.

On returning to Hameln our much underrated soccer eleven and supporters made full use of the "in lieu of Easter" holiday to visit Hannover. Unfortunately the Sisters at the B.M.H. were unable to raise a team so we had to content ourselves with a good meal and a visit to two night clubs, much against our will! Cpl. Weston and Pte. "Chick" Daniels are going again. Unfortunately seven signallers are out on an exercise with "C" Company in support of some strange drain laying machinery we saw down at Sennelager.

Congratulations to Cpls. Owen, Turton and Weston on their promotions, and to L/Cpl. Thorne on his appointment, to L/Cpl. Owen and Pte. Cox on playing in the Battalion Soccer XI, to Ptes. Mees and Scorgie on getting into the finals of the Battalion boxing, to Pte. Abbott on reaching the semi-final of the B.A.O.R. fencing in Berlin, and to Cpls. Turton and Owen members of the Battalion Shooting Team which reached the finals of the B.A.O.R. .22 rifle competition. Congratulations also to Cpl. and Mrs. Pritchard on the arrival of a daughter and to Capt. Pollard on the birth of a son, which arrived after much biting of finger nails on his part.

With the cadre and Sennelager behind us, we are concentrating now on morse and on the finer points of H.F. set operating. Ptes. Stewart, George, Mepstead and Kirby are attending the next N.C.O.s' Cadre and Cpl. Owen is off to the P.T. School. Cpl. Weston is hoping to go to Hythe in June to be cured finally of his "strength five" procedure. The rest of us are looking forward to some good exercises, our first attempt at infantry/tank co-operation, and plenty of sport.

#### M.T. Platoon

If the latest rumour turns out to be true, then the M.T. Platoon will cease to exist. So many members of the Battalion have invested their hard-earned Cyprus savings in various cars, that we presume we will shortly be taking part in the N.A.T.O. exercises driving Anglias, Kapitans, Oxfords or Cadillacs.

Despite this, our commitments have been quite heavy and a number of Battalion and Brigade exercises have

been held. Perhaps our most popular commitment has been the monthly two-day border patrol, during which time we practically lose two three-tonners and six Champs to the Russians. However, they always manage to get back safe and sound.

More recently we returned from three weeks intensive training at the A.A.T.C. at Sennelager, where, although we worked hard, we all managed to have a good shoot on the range and throw our grenades. While in the throes of this training, we suddenly discovered we had a deserter in our midst (Long-Range Desert-Group "Powell" they call him). On a run back to the barracks at Hameln, he covered 216 miles, without ever getting there. He did, however, have an excellent trip round most of Germany, finishing up almost in the Rhine.

As these notes are being written, the weather has taken a turn for the better. Gone is the snow and ice, the bitter winds and the extra work for the "recovery" experts—Messrs. Dickens and Bagwell. The warmer weather, almost reminiscent of the Cyprus Spring, has brought more customary work, and in the fitters shed winches have given way to spanners.

Recently returned to civilian life are Ptes. Worboys, Walsh, Prowting, Davies, Brown (89), Openshaw, Cleasby and Cfmm. Fitzharris. To replace them we welcome Ptes. Needs, Evans, Fox, White, Wallace, Cfmm. Rose and Underwood. Finally we extend our congratulations to Cpl. Minnet and L/Cpls. Rice and Cousins on their promotion, and to Pte. Toulon on his recent marriage. The Platoon wish him "Good luck" for the future.

#### QUARTERMASTER'S STAFF

No doubt a lot will be said (and more fittingly too), about the Battalion's recent jaunt to the soldiers' playground at Sennelager, so mention will only be made of the many wearisome journeys backwards and forwards with stores and of the glorious calm and quiet of a barracks when devoid of five-sixths of its normal complement. During the three weeks absence of most of the Battalion, the staff were able to catch up on much outstanding work (and have bedsores to prove it).

Despite the disinclination of the staff, however, we have made our presence felt on the short exercises. We like to feel we are doing our bit. After all, trenches have to be dug, food to be cooked, positions to be guarded, etc., and although these tasks may not customarily be included in the staff's working day they were attacked with gusto and pointed comment. We all realise that even the pioneer or boot repairer has an operational task to perform in modern war and that he must be trained to carry it out.

The pioneer shop, a combination of Cpls. Osborne and Hockley and Ptes. Rose, Farley and Byne, toiled long and hard to produce innumerable signs for Battalion display, and we are proud to admit that we have at last given the sign to the R.S.M.—one he has long been asking for. It seems that wherever the Battalion goes, it leaves behind solid, permanent memorials to its previous occupation. In Cyprus, and now in Germany, proudly stand two fine examples of our work, letter

boxes, beautifully built by A. Spong and Pte. Pharro respectively.

R.Q.M.S. George Cooper has been very ill recently, but now he is fortunately recovered. An affliction from which he did not recover so easily was the purchase of a car, the mileage record of which makes fascinating reading. Total—eight miles, of which six were on the end of a rope and the other two were by concentrated pushing. That has now been replaced, however, with a rather more satisfactory machine, which has actually been seen to move of its own accord.

Two games of football against the Administrative staff were unfortunately curtailed, the first by the explosion of the ball and the second by the arrival of the owner of the land on which it was being played. Cpl. Osborne, playing between the massed coats, was last seen disappearing into the crowd, followed by an admiring band of small boys. A combined team from the Administrative and Quartermaster's Staffs succeeded in defeating the M.T. by the handsome margin of 7-6.

By the time this reaches the dining rooms of our readers eleven of our members will have left for civilian life, we hope they will all find suitable employment there. Rumour has it that four are going into the Church, two into hospital, one into an institution, two into deadlock and the remainder into a sternly critical mood of the danger of the wayward pleasures of money and freedom.

#### THE BAND

The Band have been in Germany for four months now and those members who were not lucky enough to be in Austria are now fully convinced that the beer really is good!

We are now firmly settled in at Gordon Barracks and have discovered that the quaint old town of Hameln is not quite as quaint and old as it appears at first sight.

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Carson on his recent marriage; unlike Ben Evans, he beat the tax collector by getting married in March. Bdsm. Hazell must also be congratulated on his marriage last February. We have also had news that an old member of the Band—"Lush" Rose also entered double harness in March. All we need now to complete this picture of domestic bliss is an invitation to Sid Rosenberg's wedding!

During the past quarter we have done nothing of importance in the way of musical duties. However, the highlight of the last three months was the Kneller Hall Inspection. The Band worked really hard for this both on the musical and the administrative side. We are still awaiting the actual result, but we are all quite confident that it will be good.

The test piece we played for the inspecting officers was the "Carnival Romain" Overture by Hector Berlioz. We gave it a thorough rehearsing and "Carnival Romain Cha-Cha" is now top of the hit parade! It is an interesting point that the last Kneller Hall inspection of the Middlesex band was in 1948.

We said good-bye to "Digger" Halley and Bert Mears in March. The departure of Bdsm. Mears leaves us without a "cool" dance band trumpeter.

Bdsm. Wallwork has taken over the job of librarian vacated by Bdsm. Halley.

Major Pearce Gould has now taken over as Band President from Major Burrows.

In the line of sport, the Band have not been too active lately but the Bandmaster and Cpl. Torrie are to be congratulated on being members of the Battalion team which won the B.A.O.R. six-a-side hockey championship. Cpl. Torrie also collects extra honours for being chosen as reserve for the B.A.O.R. team.

Now some information for the Jazz-minded readers of these notes. It took a few cool members of the Band approximately two weeks to find the local jazz club, and about three weeks to get their photographs and an excellent write-up in the *Hameln Zeitung*.

We must mention a very welcome return to the Band in the shape of Wilf Cooper. It appears he got bored with civilian life, so he decided to try his hand at the army game again.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to our three weeks leave in August when we hope to be able to see more of the ex-members of the Band.

#### "A" COMPANY

If anyone had sufficient perseverance to read to the end of our last issue they may perchance remember that we were anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new O.C., Capt. Marciandi. Now that Capt. Norton has been firmly in the chair for the past three months our sympathies are all with "D" Company. While we congratulate our new O.C. on his Mention in Despatches for service in Cyprus, we pause to reflect that no sooner had our two previous O.C.s (Capts. Flavell and Marciandi) been "mentioned," than they were despatched. This may explain the small pin-studded effigy which was found in the desk of the Company 2IC.

#### Sporting Events (We were robbed!)

In the inter-Company boxing competition "A" Company distinguished itself by *not* winning, despite the fact that, out of a total of nine fights in the finals, we won four and were runners-up in two others. The results were:

##### Winners:

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|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. L. Cpl. Langley | .. | Light middleweight |
| 2. Pte. Dockerill  | .. | Lightweight        |
| 3. Pte. Stevens    | .. | Featherweight      |
| 4. Pte. Bennet     | .. | Middleweight       |

##### Runners-up:

- |                  |    |                   |
|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. L. Cpl. Short | .. | Lightweight       |
| 2. Pte. Parsley  | .. | Light-heavyweight |

"B" Company, who did not win a single final, won the competition. This was due to a remarkable new points system which has recently been introduced into the Battalion. On the same system No. 3 Platoon's "attack" in the Battalion assault-at-arms competition at Sennelager, generally acclaimed the best by spectators (including the D.S.), was awarded only fourth place.

However, we are concentrating on the problem and will no doubt find an answer eventually to the new



system (as did the Navy with the acoustic mine).

Among other things we have recently lost was the Albuhara Shield football competition in which we drew with "C" Company for third place. They, however, pipped us at the post on goal average. We console ourselves with the thought that we cannot win everything all the time, can we?

#### "Senna" "Lager"

The real highlight of the quarter has, of course, been our annual "stint" at the A.A.T.C. Sennelager, for field-firing exercises. These ranges are normally used by trained soldiers, and we apologise for the obvious bewilderment and chaos caused to the German range wardens and the H.Q. Range Control by the advent of "A" Company in the field.

The range staff were, in fact, very nearly spared the period since it was only by chance that the bulk of "A" Company found "the field" at all. Our Mr. — (without the "ye"), convinced that the Battalion needed flank protection on the convoy route, led his group with commendable panache towards the border. Having confounded the official cartographers by discovering a second and unrecorded route 1, the group rejoined the main body with a spirited charge on "B" Company's left flank. O.C. "B" Company's remarks were, we understand, equally spirited.

Having finally arrived, we settled down to the job of making our presence felt. This is, of course, not difficult when one has live ammunition. There was, however, no favouritism shown and everyone got his fair share of the overs. Next year we should really be able to hot things up, now we have the FN rifle again! The three weeks passed in a welter of shooting and shouting, creeping and crawling, banging and boating, and the Company by and large is well versed in the intricacies of "two up and bags of smoke." This was well illustrated by No. 1 Platoon's dashing attack (stopped unfortunately by a jibbering O.C.), arriving on the objective in conjunction with the smoke and 3-inch mortar H.E., a masterpiece of synchronisation, which, as Sgt. Patterson was heard to remark: "Would have been jolly effective!"

The Company had its own boat race day at Sennelager. Sgt. Taylor still thinks he should have won the dinghy race. We agree with him—the trick is, though, to use the dinghy all the way! Our experiences with the inflated balloons has convinced us we have found the origin of the expression "in ever decreasing circles and disappearing up the proverbial creek without a paddle." We are now looking forward with interest to the assault river crossing of the Weser scheduled for later on.

We were pleased to discover that "creeping" does pay, for L/Cpl. Short and Cpl. Barr obtained first and second places in the Battalion night patrol competition. Ptes. Regan and Parsley were placed second in the Battalion assault-at-arms rocket-launcher competition and Ptes. Protein and Bunce obtained third place.

In the event, Sennelager was voted a howling success (at least by one O.C. who lost his voice towards the end). It has in any event done some good to someone, for oil shares are rising now that the Company has discovered

that oil is used for weapon cleaning! (A tip for outsiders—the words "oil bottles and pull-throughs" are strictly taboo when talking to No. 1 Platoon.)

In conclusion, we must mention the inevitable comings and goings. 2/Lt. Dobson has left us to train as a "fang farrier." Sgt. Speakman is now no doubt tanking it up with the T.A. Cpl. Meacock who joined us from the M.T. had hardly discovered what feet are really for, when he fiddled his way to the Depot. Cpl. Quinn is able to get his own back on the Provost Staff, and L/Cpl. Melhuish is now responsible for most of the smells around the Battalion area—at least he maintains that they are not *all* to do with him!

Finally, we extend the velvet glove to Lt. Mallalieu and Sgt. Barr (who has just been elevated to the heights). Both are new members of the Regiment.

#### "B" COMPANY

Our last notes left us, with winter fast closing in and we were starting our training in earnest. In spite of the cold, many of us managed to sweat off a good deal of the Cyprus "sun-tan," particularly with the marches to and from our training areas, which became such an important part in our becoming skilled infantrymen. We have found that although the infantry is expected to do many things, "B" Company can meet the task, and our standard has steadily improved with the weather.

The three-day nuclear exercise, "March Defence," was proof that "B" Company had made a name for itself. Somehow, information leaked to the enemy that we were occupying the centre of the line, so on the night of the attack we had a restful night, with only a half-hearted skirmish, while the flanking companies, as we heard on the wireless, were hard pressed.

The night before this, we spent in local accommodation, which was a series of very rustic barns. Some of us learned that on a very cold night, a cow-shed is a much snuggler abode with the cattle at home than when empty.

Our success at Sennelager in the Battalion assault-at-arms competition was very gratifying. Some may have been surprised, but it was no more than we expected. No. 6 Platoon came first, No. 5 Platoon second, and No. 4 Platoon fifth; a very convincing win for the Company.

The first time No. 4 Platoon carried out a live-firing exercise on Silvermount Range was a great success. Their own shooting in support of the assault was very effective, and the "enemy" laid down a formidable artillery barrage of gun cotton. Things went well until the assault started; the Platoon charged the ruins which were the first objective, shouting their favourite battle cry. Then the Platoon Commander noticed that some of the charges were still to go off, and the length of safety fuse remaining meant that they were about to do so.

Needless to say, even he knows when a tactful retreat seems indicated; only a word of warning was necessary to get his Platoon moving faster than at any other time during the training.

A whole day was devoted to assault boating. The harassed instructors had some difficulty in explaining that "holding water" and "giving way" did not mean

what one might assume. Watching the seemingly endless boat drills on the water's edge was apparently too much for Gardner, whose comment was: "I suppose they are waiting for the champagne to do the launching!"

No. 4 Platoon had the pleasure of showing the Secretary of State for War how a platoon fights a defence battle. C.S.M. Bartle was pleased to explain, in answer to a question from Mr. Soames, that the men kept their heads up during the enemy barrage because they were "Die-Hards"! The demonstration was a great success.

By the last day of our training we had exhausted possibilities of the platoon attack, so a company exercise was organised. The result was interesting. At one stage cross fire from a Bren gun gave an assault section uncomfortably close support. Daniels quickly realised that the spurts by his side were not due to earthworms and removed himself with great agility. The C.S.M. who was standing by his side complained bitterly. As he pointed out to the Company later, if they were trying to shoot him they proved they were rotten shots by missing him, and if they were not, they were rotten shots for putting the fire there at all.

The Individual Boxing Championship in February was won by "B" Company, and we congratulate the participants for an excellent performance. It was, undoubtedly, the keen enthusiasm with which the Company approached this competition which gave us final victory.

#### "C" COMPANY

Although the weather has been cold during the past three months the pace has been so hot that we have scarcely had time to notice the odd snowstorm or rain shower. We have discarded our snow smocks and trousers in favour of the new pattern combat clothing, less the hats which were all much too small. "C" Company dressed for nuclear war, in cap comforters and parkas, presents a "Stirring Sight"—guaranteed to offend the susceptibilities of any sergeant-major—and when the order was issued at Sennelager that brasses on equipment would be blanched over and not polished, even the youngest soldier cried: "Enough! Enough! I'm satisfied!"

In the early part of the quarter the aim of training was to get fit, and we passed through a stage of blistered and sore feet to attain certain standards, including our P.E. tests and qualification range courses for small arms. Field training included section and platoon tactics, and No. 9 Platoon certainly learned how to read their maps more accurately and also how to engage parties of enemy armed with rifles, with their rocket launcher! Nuclear training requires new ideas, flexibility of thought and deed, and for "C" Company this has included the understanding of the section cooker and the use of 88-sets by all ranks, including the private soldiers. On the subject of wireless, Company Headquarters will long remember how to move by night through enemy positions, to ensure that communications with Battalion Headquarters are maintained. In March the emphasis

moved to field-firing at Sennelager and the Battalion assault-at-arms. Battle drills at platoon level improved rapidly and No. 8 Platoon even developed a procedure for the counting of exercise casualties by the order: "Those dead, hold up your hands." Another conversation heard went as follows. N.C.O. to Pte. Rappoport: "Can you hear me?" to which the reply came back loud and clear: "No, I cannot!" 2/Lt. Bulloch, that gallant Platoon Commander who gained so many exercise posthumous awards for bravery, will be sadly missed and we wish him every success in civilian life. In his place we welcome 2/Lt. Taylor from Mons Officer Cadet School. We also welcome Capt. M. V. Hayward as Company 2IC.

Congratulations to No. 7 Platoon on gaining third place in the assault-at-arms. Considering that all our Platoons completed the competition one week before everyone else, the results were very satisfactory.

Two N.C.O. cadres have been run and as a result we congratulate L/Cpls. Cairns, Stephenson and Ransom on their appointments, and also L/Cpl. Shaffner and Cpl. Evans who have also been promoted recently. The increase in regular soldiers by drafts from the Depot is very welcome. They include Cpl. Young, L/Cpl. Burford, Ptes. Butler and Brett (re-enlisted), Hams, Bethell, Carter, Rappoport, Carlin, Hill, McShannon, O'Sullivan, Tuvey and Weston.

In sporting events we are proud of our achievements which we have managed to fit in between route marches, drill parades and fieldcraft. Our hockey team has beaten all comers except a combined "H.Q." Company and Band team. Our joy was unbounded when we managed to beat the Band by the odd goal, although it should be recorded that the Bandmaster was not playing. The team has been drawn from Cpl. Stopp in goal, Major Jeffcoat, 2/Lt. Bulloch and Cowing, Ptes. Stone, Woodley and C/Sgt. Potter as backs with L/Cpl. Stephenson, Ptes. Pearce, Binnee, Beauchamp, Bregan, Skinner, and Cpls. Dennis and Young as forwards.

The normal problems of producing different players for football and hockey exist, but the football team have had equal success, and once again only "H.Q." Company have managed to beat us. The Company has been represented by the following: Cpl. Young and L/Cpl. Waters in goal; Cpl. Dennis, Ptes. Brown, Beauchamp, Stewart, Collins and Stone as backs; and Ptes. Sear, Gatward, Williams, Woodley, Pearce and Howells as forwards.

The Individual boxing competition, which also counts towards the Albuhara Shield, took place in February. After training, the Company entered 12 competitors, all of whom fought very well and gained us second place in the competition. We congratulate Ptes. Beauchamp and Stone on winning their weights, Ptes. Fitzgerald and Bethell on being runners-up, and Ptes. Rappoport, Sanders, Porterfield, Durban, Hams, Ransom, Hemmings and Cpl. Pell for putting up some excellent opposition. As these notes go to print, the Company moves out on escort and guard duties (shades of Cyprus!) in an independent role. Some say "We are being proper Charlies"—but more of this next quarter.



**"D" COMPANY**

Being still a "skeleton" company there is little flesh to add to the bones displayed in the last issue. Two N.C.O.'s cadres have now been completed and a third is about to begin. Continuation training has not yet fallen to our lot, but we expect to train a draft coming in June and subsequent reinforcements.

During the Battalion's three weeks at Sennelager we were employed mainly in the running and judging of the Assault-at-Arms.

Capt. Lawrence left to command Headquarter Company in February, and 2/Lt. Waters commanded the Company until the return of Capt. Marciandi from a course in U.K. 2/Lt. Waters has now left on National Service Release. Sgt. Plumb, Cpl. Chitson and Pte. Doughy have left the Company and in their place we welcome Sgt. Edey and Pte. Turner.

**"S" COMPANY**

The past few months have provided excellent opportunities for support weapon training and we are fast regaining the identity of a Support Company which we had forsaken in Cyprus.

The highlights have been our two trips to the A.A.T.C. at Sennelager, the first to fire the mortars and a sub-calibre shoot for the anti-tank guns, with a few demolitions to keep the Assault Pioneers happy, and the second in company with the rest of the Battalion. On this occasion we concentrated on classification with personal weapons, but also made the most of additional ranges at short notice, to use our support weapons.

We have had our usual share of Battalion commitments, the Mortar Platoon spending two days patrolling the Border with Eastern Germany, while the Anti-Tank Platoon and Assault Pioneers were engaged on the Army exercise, "Cross-Keys."

Major Galvin, after three years with the Company, has relinquished command and we wish him success in his new appointment at Cardiff. We congratulate Major Clayden on his recent marriage and welcome him as our new Company Commander. Pte. Scoins has departed from the Company Office and Pte. Rees from the Company Store, both destined for civilian life. We tender our thanks for the good work they have both done, and we wish them well in their new careers.

We congratulate Ptes. Lam and Taylor who won their weights in the Battalion boxing competition.

**Mortar Platoon**

Over the last few months the Mortar Platoon has travelled about considerably including visits to Munsterlager, not far from the remains of Belsen, and to a small village on the East-West Border called Nieder Gonderu.

No. 2 Section under Sgt. Argent spent an interesting but cold week at Munsterlager, firing mortars from given positions at regular intervals in order to help train radar operators from 94 Locating Regiment R.A., in tracking the bombs, thus locating the enemy firing positions. The most amusing incident of the week was when Pte. Benad just joined from "A" Company put a bomb down the barrel nose first.

In the middle of several Lucky Break practices we were sent out on the border patrol, the first platoon from the Battalion to perform this task. We spent two nights on the border, harbouring overnight at the village of Bisperode. Fortunately the British Frontier Service had managed to secure a dance hall in a barn belonging to a Gasthaus in which we could sleep. The weather was extremely cold. On this patrol we tried out our combat clothing including parkas, and can report that they are very good. We were all amused at the antics of the East German Volkspolizei who tried to obtain our vehicle numbers to see who we were. Generally, however, they were very shy.

The state of mortar training in the Platoon now is very high and at Sennelager we fired about 900 bombs. We had a section under the command of Sgt. Argent on the defence exercise which was arranged by "B" Company for the visit of the Secretary of State for War. Probably the most amusing episode was during the boating period, when certain chosen people were "elected" to "take" the waters. It might have been colder!

Finally we welcome from the M.M.G. Platoon Sgt. Partridge just back from Netheravon, who is our new Platoon Sergeant, and also Sgt. Argent who is looking after No. 2 Section and our communications. Congratulations to L/Cpls. Flanagan and Chalmers on their promotion.

**Anti-Tank Platoon**

Since our last *Die-Hard* journal notes, there have been a few noticeable changes within the Platoon. Lt. Waite, fresh from a very cold Netheravon, resumed his duties as Platoon Commander and we said farewell to Sgt. Raffael who went back to Netheravon as a probationary instructor. We congratulate Sgt. Seager on his promotion and at same time welcome Pte. Sherlock from across the waters. We have said good-bye to Ptes. Steel and Mabbott.

We have not been issued with practice rounds for the Mobat as yet, so we cannot show the Battalion what a noise our small gun really makes, but as far as training is concerned we enjoyed a valuable three weeks at Sennelager when we carried out sub-calibre shoots with our guns both by day and night. During the past few weeks the Anti-Tank Platoon has been "seconded" to "C" Company to see how a rifle company works. We have enjoyed our encounter with them but are waiting to resume our normal function.

Since we have been in Germany and have discovered that cars are very cheap, L/Cpl. Gilbert has decided it is high time that he invested in one. He bought one but to his dismay has found that it spends most of its time *hors de combat*.

In May we visit Hühne and at last have the chance of firing our practice rounds. Cotton wool all round please!

We all wish Cpl. Barnes every success on his Netheravon course, and finally to those members of the Platoon from Cyprus, you will be pleased to hear that your Platoon Commander, Lt. MacRae, has become the proud father of a daughter. We all wish him and his wife the very best of luck in Nicosia.

**Assault Pioneers**

The Assault Pioneer Section has at last had the opportunity to settle down and indulge in some serious training.

While the Battalion was training at Sennelager we were able to introduce some battle noises to assist in field firing. This work coupled with the watermanship training we were able to carry out, made our stay at Sennelager both interesting and enjoyable.

We are now on a three-week course with the Royal Engineers, learning everything there is to know about assault pioneering.

We welcome back to our ranks Pte. Hilton. He knows a good life when he sees it. We hope that this

time he will stay with us for good. The section as it stands at present consists of the following: Ptes. Lam, Coles, Sullivan, Beavis, Torpey, Church and Hilton. The N.C.O.s in the Section are L/Cpl. Roberts, Cpl. Pritchard and Sgt. Lloyd.

L/Cpl. Roberts has just completed and passed a P.T. course, and Pte. Beavis is now qualified in water duties and hygiene. We hope that between them they will all keep us on the road.

Pte. Coles has managed to persuade the Doctor to put him on three months' light duties. In spite of this plenty is still found for him to do. We do, however, wish him a speedy recovery and would like to know how he managed his light duties.

# Depot Notes

Since the announcement that the Brigade Depot at Canterbury would absorb the Regimental Depots in the course of infantry reorganisation, there has been much speculation about the future of Inglis Barracks. It is now certain that the Barracks will be taken over by our old friends of the Home postal Depot R.E. An influx of postal officers into the Officers' Mess produced alarmist rumours of a quick hand-over. They have been evicted from their Mess in Cadogan Square and are staying with us until their own Mess, the Quartermaster's old house, is ready for them. However, the facts of the matter are that we expect to stay put for at least two more years, during which time the H.P.D. R.E. Contingent may increase in size, but without in any way limiting our normal functioning as a Regimental Depot. Some time in 1961 certain Depot functions will be taken over by Regimental Headquarters. It will be established in the present Orderly Room block and the training transferred to Canterbury.

Without some care "Hail and farewell" would take up our whole space, but there are two changes in the Depot Staff which cannot go unnoticed; first, Capt. Hayward handed over to Capt. Crumley as Adjutant; and second, Lt. Abraham handed over to Lt. Awdry as Medical Officer. Capt. Hayward disappeared in a cloud of dust to "C" Company of the 1st Battalion and Lt. Abraham to the Parachute Brigade Field Ambulance. Good luck to all of them.

Capt. Hayward was taking German lessons before he left, but we feel that his military vocabulary will now be enlarged to understand the full implications of "watch-and-ward" and the total lack of connection between "container positions" and hayboxes.

**TRAINING COMPANY**

Our hopes of happy hibernation in this quarter were ended by the decision to convert to the self-loading rifle, shortly to be introduced into the 1st Battalion. Cadres for instructors had to be run in time to start training recruit intakes, due every six weeks from March 5. The permanent staff had also to be taught the new weapon for use on guard and for the annual

classification. The first phase of the conversion culminated in a short cadre run by Q.M.S.I. Timblich (S.A.S.C.) from the Brigade Depot. All training N.C.O.s were tested in Ts.O.E.T. and qualified to his satisfaction. The only snag is that we were not given enough self-loading rifles to go round and now the permanent staff are going back to the No. 4 Rifle.

The obstacle course known to many readers has now disappeared and a new standard brick course is rising by fits and starts in its place. Only the ten-foot wall is so far complete, but with a little bit of luck the whole course should soon be ready for the delight of our recruit intakes. Another improvement in our training facilities has been the rebuilding of the wall of No. 1 range. This was made necessary when a certain T.A. parachute battalion decided to test the penetrative powers of L.M.G. bursts on bricks and mortar.

We welcome L/Cpl. Green from the Junior Leaders' Battalion. He will be kept busy this summer with the recruiting booth, possibly with a stand at the Royal Tournament. We hope that he will encourage many adventurous boys to follow his footsteps to Plymouth.

Cpl. Hebbes has just returned from an attachment to the 8th Battalion. He was appointed local Sergeant to fill the gap caused by the sudden departure of one of their P.S.I.s. Judging from the 8th Battalion's reluctance to return him to duty he filled the gap more than well.

Congratulations are due to L/Cpl. Scott on his "B" grading at a Home Counties Brigade Cadre, accompanied with an excellent report. L/Cpl. Scott was an instructor at the Rhodesian Army training depot before joining this regiment. We wish him every success in his new career.

The Middlesex Youths Cross-country is now an established Depot annual. Great credit is due to S.S.I. Bristow and his team of guides, markers and fatigue men for their preparation. About two hundred youths in various age groups competed over a course through the Express Dairy fields near Barracks. The Depot again entered for the 18-21 event and this year took first place. These activities do much to keep the Regiment in the minds of the youth of the county.



Congratulations to Lt. Lloyd, who was married on March 31, and welcome to his bride, who we hope will come to know the Depot well. Congratulations also to Sgt. Redmond on the birth of his daughter.

There have been two passing-out parades during the quarter, both for mostly regular platoons, the first on January 16 was mentioned in the last number. Prize-winners were as follows:

Best All-Round Recruit	230822506	Pte. D. Johns
Best Rifle Shot	23684454	Pte. P. Emms
Best L.M.G. Shot	23684511	Pte. F. Peak
Highest Physical Efficiency	23082506	Pte. D. Johns
Best National Serviceman	23581629	Pte. D. Ryan

The second parade was of a small platoon of 12 Regulars, who demonstrated their skill at guard and sentry drill for the C.O. The one prize for the best all-round recruit went to Pte. Tuvey.

Farewell to Cpl. Young, now with the 1st Battalion, and to C/Sgt. Powell, who after long years at the Depot remains as a civilian in Col. Walden's Married Quarters administrative staff—good luck to them both.

Welcome to C/Sgt. Markham, now installed as Sergeants' Mess caterer, to C/Sgt. Morgan, who has taken over as Training Company C.Q.M.S., and to Sgt. Rosser (R.A.E.C.), our new Education Sergeant. We wish them a happy and successful tour at the Depot.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

January passed without any major social function. We had visitors from London District and the War Office, introducing successors to different appointments.

Members of the Mess attended the funeral of the late C/Sgt. Fletcher on the 12th. He was, as many will remember, Mess Sergeant here for many years, both during and after World War II.

Our visitors in January included Brinley Ayre, Paul Mallalieu, George Dawson, Mike Pitman, Peter Allen, Chris Mievile and Ian Burrows.

Miles Marston (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), who had been living with us for six months left on January 30, and we were all very sorry to see him go.

At a guest night on February 5, the Colonel of the Regiment was present, and our guests included General Sir Hugh Stockwell and Maj-Gen. Metcalfe, Major Simpson and Capt. Legge (7 Mx.), Major Webber (8 Mx.), and Lt.-Col. Doyle and Capt. Wadham (9 Mx.).

Two cadets from Sandhurst, Vasey and Boucher, came to tea on the 11th.

On the 12th, Major Heywood represented the Depot at the funeral in Bournemouth of the late Major C. T. Whinney, M.C. Lt.-Col. Samuel represented the Regiment as a whole and the 11th Battalion in particular; he was accompanied by Mrs. Samuel. Major Lawrence was unfortunately prevented from attending through illness.

Major Dent, from Home Counties Brigade, visited us in the middle of the month to get a rough idea as to what property might eventually be available for the Brigade Depot Mess.

Officers from the City of London School C.C.F.

were here with their cadets for the weekend of the 21st-22nd.

March included two weddings, a guest night, and the relief of Mike Hayward by Gordon Crumley. The weddings were those of Norman Clayden and Jean Worton, and Ian Lloyd to Pamela Vivian. The greater number were able to attend the former as it was at Fleet; what a gathering! Aberdare, South Wales, was a far cry, but the Depot was certainly well represented at each. Our best wishes to both couples.

Mike Hayward managed to persuade Gordon Crumley that there were no skeletons in the cupboard and, being relieved of the onerous duties of Adjutant, set off by road to join the Battalion in Hameln. May both have pleasant tours.

The Rev. H. L. O. Davies, who was with the Battalion in Hong Kong and is now A.C.G. Eastern Command, dined with us March 19.

Unfortunately we were not well supplied that evening with officers who were serving with the Battalion at the same time as he was, but we trust he will meet them in due course.

Other visitors have been John Worton, Norman Clayden, "Nick" Carter, Ernest Thompson, Johnnie de Gaye, Brian Marciandi, Warwick Deacock, Ronnie Fisher, and 2/Lts. Robertson, Pitman and Taylor.

We have also had three newly commissioned Ghana officers here for a week or more.

John Phillips has now left for civilian life; he did some good work hanging pictures in the Orderly Room block—the proposed future Regimental Headquarters—both whilst serving and after he left, for which we are most grateful.

Kim Honess and Hugh Evans are both on courses, learning to fit themselves for civilian life, and both are based here.

"Stumps" Green stayed for the night of April 18 and Rex Waller that of the 21st.

Ian Burrows came to say farewell on the 20th before going off to Moscow.

Major Adam (R.A.M.C.) comes up and stays here from time to time with his "guinea-pigs." One always wonders where his next research is going to take him: the Antarctic, Malaya and Korea are only a few samples. His "patients" seem to enjoy it, however, whether they are being exhausted by heat or frozen stiff!

Harry Jennings, we are glad to say is out of hospital and is taking things quietly, and we trust he will continue to improve. He is of great value here, undertaking many tasks.

Lt. Audry has taken over from Lt. Abraham as Medical Officer; Audry celebrated his advent by becoming a father.

We are hoping for a good gathering on Albuhera Day, but that we shall report on next time.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

This period covered by these notes has been exceptional for its tranquillity; after the round of hail and farewell to the 1st Battalion, followed by Christmas festivities, the quiet and restful atmosphere brought a welcome break for the relining of stomachs, clearing of

thick heads, etc., in preparation for the Albuhera Day celebrations which will be with us soon.

The only item of real social interest was the "social and get-together" held in the Mess on Saturday, April 19, 1959. Advantage was taken of the fact that both the 7th and 8th Battalions were training in our area, to invite their Mess members and also all our "regulars" to a "reet do." The evening was exceptionally well attended and the Mess was packed to capacity; so full, in fact, that even the R.S.M. had to queue for his beer. Your correspondent doesn't think this will happen again, next time we will probably have three bars instead of the normal two. We were, however, very disappointed in not seeing any of our 7th Middlesex friends amongst the throng of familiar faces. We had hoped that the evening would have been a real three-cornered affair, but had to content ourselves with an "each way double."

We are sorry to have had to say good-bye to some very staunch Mess members during the quarter; these include C/Sgt. "Sandy" Powell, R.Q.M.S. Len Graham, M.M., Sgt. Jimmy Marable and Sgt. R. Grimes, all of whom have proceeded on discharge and we wish them all the very best of good luck in facing the rigours of civilian life. We did not, however, lose sight of ex-C/Sgt. Powell, as he has accepted an appointment with the Married Quarters Admin. Staff in Inglis Barracks.

This appears to have been a busy quarter in the married family baby stakes. We have three new arrivals to report and congratulate O.R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Soper and Sgt. and Mrs. Redmond on the birth of their respective daughters, and C/Sgt. and Mrs. Cripps on the birth of their son. We are glad to report all present, correct and doing well.

The R.S.M. paid a short visit to the 1st Battalion in Germany and took with him a quantity of silver which was being returned to the 1st Battalion W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess. We should like to thank the 1st Battalion W.O.s and Sergeants for allowing us its use for so long.

A visit was paid to the Mess in March by Major J. D. Dent of the Buffs, who, acting on instructions from the Brigade Colonel, was visiting all Messes of units of the Brigade to see what they have to offer in the way of property to the Brigade Mess when it comes into being in April next year. He was extremely impressed with the standard of our Mess.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB

It's time once more to let all our regimental associates know of the happenings and activities of the Corporals' Club here at the Depot.

On March 20 the Social Committee held a dance which proved to be a really great success. Lou (the barber), who supplied the music, showed that he also had great talent for musical instruments as well as clippers, and vocal accompaniment for more dreamy tunes was well appreciated by the dancers.

The committee was a little worried at first about the shortage of men, but a search of the bar area soon revealed numerous male bodies. The raffle prize, which

amounted to half a bottle of gin, was won by one of the ladies of the Women's Royal Army Corps, and the two spot prizes by Mrs. Burgess. Everyone agreed at the end of the dance that it had been a really terrific evening.

This quarter has brought many new faces to the Club. First we must welcome Cpl. Chitson and Cpl. Meacock, the latter is now on a course at Canterbury; also, on re-enlistment, L/Cpl. Burford, who has now gone to join the Battalion. Congratulations to L/Cpls. Howlett, Vincent, Cosgrave and Green on their promotion, and we all welcome them to the Club. L/Cpl. Cosgrave is now undergoing strenuous training on an assistant physical instructors' course. We also welcome back to the Club Cpl. Hebbes, who has been helping out at the 8th Battalion (T.A.). It was quite a job to get his release from the T.A. for further instructional work here at the Depot.

We must say well done to L/Cpl. Robertson and L/Cpl. Taylor, who have returned from Mons as 2/Lieutenants and are now with the 1st Battalion.

Always, as well as the welcomes we get the departures. Leaving us very shortly are Cpl. Hanshaw, who is now doing his pre-release course, Cpl. Stevens and L/Cpl. Cornish. We wish them the best of luck in civilian life.

Now for the sports page. Congratulations to L/Cpl. Rogers, who has been boxing every other week since his re-enlistment, on his success in that he knocked out the Metropolitan Police European finalist whilst he was boxing for the Enfield A.B.C. Owing to this he has now been up-graded to Intermediate level. Also, well done to Cpl. Hebbes, who managed seventh place in the London District Cross-Country Championships.

Owing to the release of Cpl. Stevens, the new joint secretaries are Cpl. Chalker (R.E.) and Cpl. Willis (Mx.). A committee has also been formed to help in the entertainments and running of the Club. Every member hopes that the future will contain much in the way of enjoyment and also many successes in sport and other activities.

#### MUSEUM NOTES

**Colours of 19th (Service) Battalion (2nd Public Works Pioneers) The Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment)**

The Colours of the 19th (S) Battalion were presented to the Regimental Museum on February 1, 1959, the presentation taking place in the Officers' Mess of the Depot.

They were presented by Mrs. Mullins, wife of Capt. R. S. Mullins of the Army Cadet Force (County of Middlesex). The story, briefly, of their being obtained, is that Major Smith, who now commands 31 (Middlesex) Independent Cadet Battery, R.A., learned from Capt. Mullins that the Colours were in the basement of a solicitor's office by whom Mrs. Mullins is employed. This firm were executors for the late Col. John Ward, C.B., C.M.G., M.P. At the time of death of Col. Ward, the Colours were at his home and his son asked the firm to store them for safe custody. Eventually Mrs. Mullins saw them and told her husband; he told Major Smith, who said he would like them for the Regimental Museum. Permission was given by the son for them to



be given to Mrs. Mullins. Mrs. Mullins then kindly presented them to the Regimental Museum.

The Regimental Colour has no honours embroidered on the silk. Only the outline where they were eventually to be sewn. This is in common with many stands of Colours of the new formations raised for the Great War, 1914-19. A number had only one Colour (King's) consecrated and presented, others did not even have any Colours presented, although they were in the process of being completed in 1918. Quite a number of Colours hang in parish churches, and these in most cases for the newly raised battalions of short life are King's Colour only.

#### Brief History of 19th (S) Battalion (2nd Public Works Pioneers) (The Duke of Cambridge's Own) Middlesex Regiment

*April 15, 1915.*—Battalion raised by Lt.-Col. John Ward, M.P. (He raised three Battalions of Middlesex: 18th, 19th and 26th). Commanding Officer: Lt.-Col. A. J. Irons.

*May 1916.*—To Western Front with 41st Division as Pioneers. Initiation to action was in the Touget area. *September 15-22, 1916.*—Battle of Flers-Caucelette. Main job was work on roads and cable trenches in the neighbourhood of Delville Wood.

*January 1, 1917.*—In the line in Kemmel sector.

*June 7-14, 1917.*—Battle of Messines. Repairs and construction.

*July 1, 1917.*—Ypres.

*September 20-25, 1917.*—Battle of Menin Road Ridge.

*November 1917.*—To Italy. Nervosa defences.

*March 24-25, 1918.*—Western Front. Fighting as infantry at Bapaume, Somme (Beugnatre).

*August 18 to September 6, 1918.*—The advance in Flanders.

*November 11, 1918.*—Repairing bridges on the Scheldt at Berchem, then to Bas Oha.

The historian laments that throughout the war, such a poor diary was kept. Outside records show that the Battalion did noble work tunnelling, repairing, constructing, etc. It seems they were too busy working to write!

Col. John Ward, M.P., commanded 25th Battalion in India, Hong Kong and Russia (Omsk). Born 1866, died on December 19, 1934. Originally a soldier, he became a British Labour leader.

After serving in the Army he worked as a navvy and became interested in labour questions, joining the Social Democratic Federation in 1885. Formed the Navvys Union in 1899 and in 1906 was elected as Independent M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent and represented this division until 1929.

He raised five labour battalions of which three were our 18th, 19th and 26th Battalions Middlesex Regiment. He became Colonel of 25th Battalion which he led against the Bolsheviks in Siberia. (See Regimental History.)

Col. Ward was with the Battalion in the troopship *Tyndareus* when it was mined.

He wrote "With the Die-Hards in Siberia" in 1920. Was awarded the C.B. and C.M.G. for services to his country.

The Colours were on display to the public on the occasion of the Middlesex County Ball at Wembley Town Hall, Tuesday, March 24, 1959, the anniversary of the Battle of Bapaume, one of the honours granted to the Regiment for the Great War, 1914-19. In this battle the Battalion were line soldiers. When the German advance took place, all available British troops were required to stem the onslaught. On March 24, 1918, the 19th Battalion, Pioneers, downed their picks and shovels and took up their rifles to defend Beugnatre. Although the right flank was exposed, they hung on to their position and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking Germans.

R.W.J.S.

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

#### General



On March 5 Col. J. K. Maitland, on completion of his tenure, relinquished his appointment of Honorary Colonel of the Battalion. Col. Maitland has served in the 7th Middlesex for 46 years and is regarded by everyone with both affection and respect. In his farewell message, Col. Maitland wished the Battalion and all ranks continued success and confirmed that he intends to remain in close touch with the 7th.

Col. W. E. Pringle has succeeded to the appointment of Honorary Colonel and will be welcomed to the Battalion in this new appointment on April 28. During the evening he will take supper with the officers and afterwards visit companies. Col. Pringle was commissioned into the 7th Middlesex in 1916; he commanded from 1936 to 1940.

Maj.-Gen. Turner, the Divisional Commander, visited the Battalion on February 3. After having supper with the officers, General Turner inspected the evening muster parade of "C" and "H.Q." Companies at Hornsey and later visited "S" Company (Tottenham) and "A" Company (Highgate) to inspect training. General Turner expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with all that he had seen and particularly with the Battalion recruiting progress.

Recruiting still remains among the largest of the Battalion activities and the Battalion is still recruiting faster than any other unit in the London area. Altogether the Battalion has increased in Other Rank strength by sixty in the first four months of 1959. Our target now is to reach 50% of our unit establishment, and it is hoped that we will be within striking distance of this target by camp, 1960.

An increase in strength has enabled training to be more ambitious though a considerable emphasis has had to be placed upon weapon training, for many of the new recruits have not had the benefit of a National Service grounding.



#### THE BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM Winners of the 44 (H.C.) Inf. Div. Football Championship, 1959

*Standing (left to right):*  
Lt./Cpl. Warren, Pte. O'Riordon, Pte. Hagger, Pte. Crux, Pte. Twilley, Pte. Cliffe, Sgt. Henshaw, R.S.M. Thom (team manager).

*Seated (left to right):*  
C.S.M. Holdford, B.E.M., 2/Lt. Sedley (captain), Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Lt./Cpl. Sharkey, Cpl. Wallage.

#### THE BATTALION '22 SHOOTING TEAM—

who won the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association County Miniature Range Knock-out Competition for the second successive year.

*Sitting (left to right):* Capt. M. A. H. Lanyon, Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major D. E. Simpson, T.D.

*Standing (left to right):* 2/Lt. J. A. Van de Pol, Cpl. Johnstone, R.Q.M.S. Howes, Lt. Richards, Sgt. Davies, R.S.M. Thom.



Pte. Waterman (left) completing the documentation of Pte. Goddard and Cpl. Quinn during their enlistment. Maj.-Gen. W. F. R. Turner, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. 44 Division, has a word with the new recruits during his visit to Hornsey on February 3, 1959.



THE BATTALION COOKERY TEAM—  
who came third in the 44 (H.C.) Infantry Division Cookery Competition held at Guildford on April 11/12  
*Left to right:* Pte. Husband, Pte. Langham, C.S.M. Goodge and Cpl. Young (team captain).



The officers attended T.E.W.T.s both concerned with an infantry battalion in nuclear war, one at the Duke of York's H.Q. and one under the Commanding Officer near Aylesbury in February.

Two junior N.C.O.s' cadres have been organised by the Adjutant and R.S.M., and a further cadre for W.O.s and Sergeants will take place in June.

Company exercises have included weekends at Berkhamstead and Beaconsfield by "A," "B," "C" and "H.Q." Companies, all of which proved to be outstandingly successful.

It has also proved possible to raise a number of teams for sports. The Battalion team won the Divisional Football Championship and the boxing team the majority of weights in the Divisional Individual Boxing Championship. Two finalists, Ptes. Edwards and Dunn, will represent the Division in the T.A. Boxing Championships on May 1 and 2.

Lt. Richards, despite the many distractions of other Battalion activities, captained the Battalion team in the Eastern Command Cross-Country Championships. The team did very well on this occasion and their performance augurs well for future years.

The 303 shooting season is now rapidly approaching once more. Under Capt. Lanyon and R.Q.M.S. Howes the Battalion has entered for a large number of events.

#### Congratulatory

There have been a number of promotions during the quarter, and the following are congratulated on their advancement in the Battalion:

To C/Sgt.: Sgts. Jackson and Medcalf.

To Sgt.: Cpls. Henshaw, Stansall and Harris.

To Cpl.: L/Cpls. Wallage and Friedman, Ptes. Hallett and Quinn.

To L/Cpl.: Ptes. Ford, Warren, Parsons, Reynolds, and Ives, and Bds. Gilyatt and Heywood.

We offer our congratulations to Cpl. Gibbons and Pre. Elliott on their marriage, and to Pte. and Mrs. Reid on the birth of their daughter.

#### "B" COMPANY

It has been a particularly busy quarter for the Company. The highlight has been the supper-dance given to the Company by the Mayor of Enfield at the Howard Hall, Ponders End.

The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Allen, Major and Mrs. Simpson, and Col. Crosby were present. After supper there was a short cabaret, followed by dancing. Major Gunnell arranged a most successful patrol exercise one Tuesday evening which included a strong fighting patrol the aim of which was to rescue a captured scientist. Unfortunately during the engagement which concluded the exercise, the scientist had to be judged killed, together with his capturers. Many of the attackers had to crawl over 400 yards of damp ground to reach their objective so that the hot meal provided by C/Sgt. Leahy was more than welcome on return to the Drill Hall.

Company recruiting has not had the success we had hoped, but during the Recruiting Week in Southgate in March six recruits were enlisted and we welcome

them to our ranks. During the week a T.A. recruiting film was shown and the Recruiting Caravan used.

On April 18-19 we joined "H.Q." Company on a weekend exercise at Berkhamstead which included both recruit training and tactical training for our more senior members. In conclusion, we wish Sgt. Harris every success on his promotion.

#### "C" COMPANY

With winter behind us we can now look forward to more outdoor training in the evenings, which all ranks enjoy. We have, in fact, already carried out a short night exercise on Hampstead Heath, despite the near intervention of a considerable force of Teddy boys. No one was quite quick-witted enough to turn them into recruits.

Briefly, looking back over the past three months, we believe we can claim solid progress. Recruiting has brought another 15 new faces, to all of whom we extend a warm welcome. C.S.M. Curry is our recruiting ace and our thanks go to him, Cpl. Wallage and Ptes. Leggett and Giblin for all the hard work they put into our drive at the local cinema. Although our cash resources are, as always, a little strained at the end of the T.A. year, we have managed a Company Training Day each month. On Sunday, March 22, we spent an exhaustive day out in Buckinghamshire with "A" Company. Strange mutterings were heard about both Company Commanders whose homes are in the area.

All ranks were divided into small groups and dropped off at various points in the countryside, being given a number of map references with which to plot their routes. All parties made good time to the objective where C/Sgt. Moran's staff produced a hot brew.

Our next weekend is on April 25-26 when we go down to Purfleet for Annual Classification.

#### "S" COMPANY

The Company is now firmly established at Tottenham and we are glad to report that our strength is now 37 all ranks. Major J. J. Du Park Braham commands, with Capt. H. D. Tymms as his 2IC. Lts. Gedye and Gilkes and 2/Lt. Van de Pol are respectively Mortar, Anti-Tank and M.M.G. Platoon Commanders.

The Company training has gained considerably from the attendance of Sgt. Marshall and Sgt. Stimpson and L/Cpl. Reynolds on M.G., mortar and anti-tank courses at Netheravon. Pay problems which have arisen in the past are now over, for C/Sgt. Medcalf has them well under control.

We congratulate Pte. Waller who won his weight in the 44 (H.C.) Infantry Divisional Boxing Championships, and also Lt. Gedye, Ptes. Hemmings, Dickens and Farrell who were runners-up. Both recruiting and training are progressing briskly, and on May 2-3 we are to have a weekend of instruction from a touring team from Netheravon.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

One morning a copy of Battalion orders is received and in it a notice, "Die-Hard Journal Notes by . . ." and out of one's brain flies all one's mental ideas. Then

comes the hunt to find the last issue to see to what date one reached then and the racking of brains to remember happenings of some months ago.

On February 3 we had the pleasure of the company of Maj.-Gen. W. F. R. Turner, G.O.C. 44 (H.C.) Infantry Division, on his first visit to our drill hall. There was a very large attendance of officers, prior to the normal Tuesday training night, at supper. How the Mess Committee wish that they always had such a number to cater for, it's so much easier and so much more profitable.

There has been the usual spate of Mess Committee meetings, their important task being a dinner to "dine out" our former Honorary Colonel, Col. J. K. Maitland, on March 21. It was decided that the whole catering should be done by T.A. volunteers, and the Messing Member and our Sergeant Cook, Sgt. Moore, produced a fine five-course menu. Under the able direction of Sgt. Palmer, from the Depot, who had stepped into a last-minute breach of our staff, a most successful and cheerful evening was enjoyed by all, breaking up in the late hours.

The officers made a small presentation of two silver models, one of a soldier of the 1914-18 period and one in battle order of 1958, to Col. Maitland as a memento of his service with the Battalion.

We must also record with our thanks the gift by Col. Maitland of a coloured print of a group of Volunteers of the 2nd Administration Battalion which fills a nice gap in our pictorial history.

What of the future? Camp and its various problems are already under discussion, but besides this there is to be a supper to welcome our new Honorary Colonel, Col. W. E. Pringle, and if time permits, a cocktail party before camp.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

Firstly, we are pleased to welcome three new members to the Mess: Sgt. Moore ("H.Q." Company), Sgt. Henshaw and Sgt. Harris ("B" Company). Sgt. Henshaw joined the 7th Battalion on completion of his full-time National Service with the 1st Battalion, and we sincerely hope that he is the first of many to take this course. We hope that they will enjoy their membership of what a previous R.S.M. classified as the "most exclusive club in the world."

It has been a comparatively quiet period on the "social front," and this creates an opportunity to look at the manner in which the Mess members are pulling their weight in the various other activities within the Battalion. The events mentioned are no doubt reported fully elsewhere, some are only concerned with Mess personalities. Needless to say, R.S.M. Thom is to the fore in almost every Battalion activity, but especially is he to be congratulated on the success of the Battalion football team. In this connection we congratulate C.S.M. Holford ("H.Q." Company) on representing the Battalion as manager and trainer of the Battalion boxing team. C.S.M. Payne ("S" Company) has had an outstanding success and we are delighted to report two Mess members boxed for the Battalion in a most gallant manner—Sgt. Sills and Sgt. Stansell. If only they had been fully fit.

The Mess has been well represented in all Battalion shooting teams, but especially in the .22 Miniature Range County Knock-out Championships which the Battalion won narrowly from 8th Middlesex. R.Q.M.S. Howes, C.S.M. Webb, Sgt. Davies and Sgt. Wotton, C/Sgt. Leahy and Sgt. Hughes also fired in the Battalion team during the season. Lastly, we congratulate C.S.M. Curry for his fine work with "C" Company. His recruiting record is second to none. If only more of us had his way with recruits! We now look forward to increasing activity in all spheres culminating in annual camp in July. More of this in our next notes.

#### ELMS CLUB

Since the March issue we have held our annual general meeting and appointed our new officers. We are pleased to welcome as our new President Mrs. Pringle, our former President Mrs. Maitland having accepted the grand title of Honorary Life Vice-President. Other officers include Chairman, Mrs. Allen; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Legge; Secretary, Mrs. Gunnell; and Treasurer, Mrs. Chittock.

We would like to thank Mrs. Maitland for the substantial cheque she has given to the Club funds. This will be used to provide curtains for our new and larger club room at Hornsey.

We have had three outstanding outings this quarter. The first was to the show "Holiday on Ice" at Wembley and included members and their children. The second was to London to see "Roar like a Dove" at the Phoenix Theatre. Lastly, a number of us were able to visit a dress show held at the Hornsey Town Hall in April.

Our second birthday party was well attended. Col. Allen, supported by Major Newman, joined us and proposed a toast to the continued success of the Club.

On March 12 we joined the Cambridge Club at the Depot for an enjoyable evening. Some members of the 8th Middlesex were also present.

We are continuing our afternoon meetings, as these provide an opportunity for those with children to come to the Club and partially meet the problem of baby sitters. It is hoped that these meetings will be increased to two a month.

We take this opportunity to say how sorry we are that Mrs. Davies will be leaving on the posting of her husband back to the 1st Battalion on completion of his tour with the 7th.

#### 16 MIDDLESEX INDEPENDENT CADET COMPANY

The Officer Commanding, Lt. Lardner has been transferred to 10 Squadron Royal Engineers A.C.F., and the command of the Company has been taken over by Lt. V. Williams, formerly the 2IC.

In April this year, Lt. Williams took a party of 2 S.M.I.s, 1 S.I. and 18 Middlesex Cadets on a 12-day visit to the B.A.O.R. and was attached to the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.). The 1st Battalion arranged training and range firing on the Sennelager Ranges and arranged visits to places of interest, such as the Mohne Dam, Paderborn, Minden



and Hameln. A very happy time was provided by the 1st Battalion and the visit was very instructive.

Earlier in the year, a training weekend was arranged at the Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill, and the party carried out useful Part I training and range firing.

Map-reading route marches and range firing was also undertaken with the 4th Squadron Middlesex Yeomanry and the Company team completed all marches and incurred no loss of marks by personnel falling out on the marches. On the second of the marches very trying conditions and heavy rain was encountered, but the cadets' morale remained high throughout.

The Company's candidates in the Certificate "A" Part I continued to be successful and nearly half the company have now passed this examination. Training for Certificate "A" Part II is now in full swing under the able assistance of C.S.M. Gooch of the 7th Battalion, thanks to the kind co-operation of Lt.-Col. Allen.

A large proportion of the Company will be attending the annual camp at St. Martins Plain, Shornecliffe, Kent.

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

As the mild winter slips behind us so the Battalion is showing itself more to the inhabitants of our part of Middlesex. Battalion training moved out into the open, and the officers and sergeants spent a day in the Oxshot area on Sunday, February 8, on a T.E.W.T. against our rather familiar enemy—the Fantasians. The theme was Defence and Counter-attack in a Nuclear War, and we continued to familiarise ourselves with the "wide open spaces" so necessary now between sub-units when engaged in this sort of warfare.

Other training events included the sending of numbers of officers to training weekends such as Exercise "Quo Vadis" at the Duke of York's H.Q., and a T.E.W.T. with 873 Movement Light Battery, R.A.

Our winter season of shooting was brought to a close with the final round of the Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces .22 competition in which we were defeated by our old friends and rivals 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment. A reasonably satisfactory season—but better results are hoped for in the future. Some encouraging performances by new recruits suggest that shortly some of the "Old Guard" must look to their laurels or their team places will become less assured.

Open-range work has started, and visits to Bisley, Ash, and Henley Park have been both enjoyable and profitable. Rather better than expected weather conditions helped the shooting, and the Battalion is tuning up for the District/Divisional, Astor and London and Middlesex Rifle Meetings. Training for the 1959 Nijmegen March is well under way and it is good to see more younger faces at training sessions. "B" Company are particularly well represented, but there is plenty of room for everyone to join in. The march to Worthing is planned for June, and at camp the first

four days are being devoted to a full-scale rehearsal, when the final team will be chosen.

Battalion rugby continues and since the last notes the Battalion has played two matches. On March 8 the return match against the London Scottish was played on the Old Merchant Taylors' ground and resulted in an 11-0 victory after a keenly fought game. To complete the season a match was played on April 19 against the H.A.C. on the Old Cranleighs' ground, but the Battalion found itself against a well-drilled side, and although we led at half-time the H.A.C. finally won by 21 points to 3.

### "B" COMPANY (EALING)

This young and energetic Company continues to expand in a very healthy manner, and much credit for the increasing numbers must go to the members, who are obviously telling friends of our activities.

The socials have been running steadily and becoming increasingly popular and our friends from "D" Company have been with us several times to share a pint of ale—or was it many pints?

Sport is ever popular, and apart from winning the inter-company basketball competition, many members play football regularly for civilian clubs. How about a Battalion team? "B" Company will be quite prepared to supply the necessary eleven players! The same keenness is being shown in the practices for the Sten competition due to be held on May 3, and many of the Company team have already shown considerable ability in the handling of this weapon.

Matrimony has claimed more (willing?) victims—and our congratulations go to Ptes. Steers and Fraser on their recent marriages. Let's meet the "little women" at our next social.

Sgt. Jolly has now left the Regular Army to become a civilian like us, and we welcome in his place Sgt. Speakman from the 1st Battalion as P.S.I. Mr. Jolly seems to be enjoying the new work which has come his way and we wish him every success and hope to see him, not too infrequently. Sgt. Speakman, after re-orientating his thoughts from Regular to T.A. Battalion requirements, is expected to contribute much to the expansion and development of "B" Company.

A word of thanks. Every drill night all members of the Company appreciate the "fine fare" provided by Mrs. Muirhead who nobly, and so regularly provides the catering. If at times we don't always show our appreciation then we would like to now.

### "C" COMPANY (WEALDSTONE)

Wealdstone's big event was the grand opening of the newly decorated lubricating bay (canteen and bar to the uninitiated).

C.S.M. Roberts, L/Cpl. Moran and Mr. Barry (the caretaker) have put in a lot of work to transform the canteen into a modern, delicately-coloured lounge bar which is the envy of visitors. The opening social was attended by Major Webber from "A" Company, who showed his film of the 1958 Nijmegen March.

Our new recruits are, needless to say, very welcome, although a few dozen more will not be amiss. Our

regrets at losing Sgt. Haines and Pte. Roberts who have completed their engagements, and become married men, and Cpl. Young, our crack shot, on posting to Support Company.

### "D" COMPANY (HENDON)

Although small in numbers, "D" Company have faithfully carried out training programmes which must soon attract the new recruits everybody desires. Rifle and L.M.G. classification, and a particularly good weekend at 60 W.E.T.G., Aldershot, on the Energa grenade and minor tactics was much enjoyed and was very instructive.

C.S.M. Dunne and Sgt. Phelan are to be congratulated on their promotions and are welcomed to the Company, as are new recruits Ptes. Jones, Miller, Townsend, Clarke and Tuffin.

A cordial invitation is extended to past and present members of the Regiment, and we will always be pleased to see them on Mondays and Thursdays at Algeron Road.

### SUPPORT COMPANY (HAMPTON AND STAINES)

Recruiting within our two areas has been progressing steadily and the Company welcomes especially Sgt. Johnson (A.P.T.C.), who has become attached to us at Staines. We feel that he will satisfy a long felt need, adequate P.T. instruction, and no doubt the efforts of our "muscle man" will be reflected in more joyous handling of our heavier equipment.

Training also has not been neglected, despite the difficulties, and the M.M.G. Platoon in particular looks forward to a successful weekend in May on the field-firing range. Most of the Company have now fired their annual range course, and judging from the results obtained, our prospects at the Battalion Rifle Meeting are considerably brighter than last year. In January Sgt. Light and Cpl. Lloyd put in much hard work at Staines, the result being that we now possess the best and largest basketball pitch in the Battalion. Needless to say the operation of producing two portable basketball goals led to some enlightening conversations between the two craftsmen. Having the pitch available, we look forward to next year's Battalion competition, as we have hopes of winning in convincing style.

In February a fire broke out in the cottages adjacent to the Drill Hall at Hampton. The Commanding Officer, Major Hall and C.S.M. Thoro'good were called, but arrived at the scene when everything was under control, but in time to open the bar. Fortunately no damage was done to the Drill Hall, although Mr. Williams had one or two anxious moments from flying sparks.

Thoughts are now turning to camp, and the fact that the winter's training will bear fruit on the field-firing ranges during that period is of special interest to our Mortar and M.M.G. Platoon Commanders who have completed courses in March at Netheravon.

Now that they have had the benefit of the S.A.C.S. it is felt that nothing much can go astray—or will it?

Congratulations are extended to Cpls. Goodall and Stock on the additions to their families.

The Battalion has already started for Nijmegen 1959, and it is undoubtedly a pleasure to see younger and newer "SP" Company faces appearing at this Battalion activity, bringing well-earned relief to many of the "Old Guard." Of last year's team, Lt. Couch, 2/Lt. Murray, Cpls. Wheeler and Gainsbury are determined once again to sample the pleasures of Nijmegen, in fact, undoubtedly it is their glowing reports that have stirred C.S.M. Roberts and Sgt. Brown to dust off their boots also.

### H.Q. COMPANY (HOUNSLOW)

The past three months have seen a steady build-up in the recruiting activities of the Company, with encouraging results for all concerned. Loyal supporters of our efforts are the reporting staff of the *County of Middlesex Chronicle*, who afford us a generous quota of valuable column inches whenever our teams of "Recruiting Commandos" are out and about in the Hounslow area. Now it is quite commonplace for the potential recruit to introduce himself by saying: "I read about it in the *Middlesex Chronicle*."

The majority of our newcomers are still of the ex-Service category, with the yen to get back into harness to recapture the best of their former Army experiences.

But there's a notable increase among the younger element, the teenager with little likelihood of ever being called upon to do National Service. As always, our greatest "sales feature" is the attraction of the M.T. Section, which is rapidly approaching full strength. At the wheel, taking full advantage of current recruiting trends, is Capt. Peter John, gallantly risking life and limb as he takes to the road to instruct his new-found enthusiasts. Recently he admitted a novice to his team because, it was pleaded, he badly needed a licence for his civilian occupation. Week after week patient guidance was given in the art of handling 3-ton trucks. Then came the test. And success. Imagine Peter's dismay when he learned that his protege merely needed the licence to drive a milk-float!

Highlight in past events was the Company weekend at Aldershot when we turned out in force for the annual range classification. Everyone agreed that it was a really enjoyable get-together—unanimous, too, that C/Sgt. Fullman knows how to get the best out of compositions. Surprising that he could concentrate, for on the previous Friday his wife had just given birth to a son. Perhaps that accounts for him dipping his elbow in the tea to ensure that it was the right temperature. Congratulations also go to Sgt. Stan Kemp who has been appointed Drum-Major, while his brother, Alec, moves up to Sergeant.

Several of our young recruits are still talking about the highly successful recruits training week-end, run by R.S.M. Wild at the Depot. On the Sunday morning came an outside broadcast unit of Independent Television News, complete with arc-lights, cameras and a well-known interviewer. Unfortunately, world events and Dame Margot took priority on the screen and we have yet to see the results of I.T.N.'s visit. But with a "repeat performance" on May 23, when the second phase of the training is due to take place, the subject



remains topical, and there's every hope that a lot of Mums will see their pride and joys on the "Telly" yet.

In the routine training of "H.Q." Company, first-aid has been an important feature of the past two months. To provide the expert touch, the British Red Cross Society have lent us a senior instructor who is running a course of six lectures. The result: new ideas, new methods—and a new interest in what was once regarded as a rather dull subject.

To add a colourful note to the occasional evening, it has been found that industry has numerous 16-m.m. films which are of particular interest to the Territorial Army, for example, from the motor manufacturers come several excellent productions showing International Rally events, the workings of internal combustion and diesel engines and other items to interest the M.T. enthusiast.

A personality who should not go unmentioned in these notes is Major David Winstanley, our M.O. With the step-up in recruiting results throughout the Battalion, he is working at high pressure behind the scenes, running the rule over each new recruit. Efficiently, quietly—except for the occasional cough—he serves to ensure that the new product is fighting fit.

In common with all (there are only three of them) officers in "H.Q." Company, he makes the long journey from Surrey each night he attends. Are there no ex-Diehard officers in Hounslow area—someone prepared to forsake his wife and family responsibilities, work each night and every weekend, lose sleep worrying about the canteen account, be brutal to P.S.I.s and Colour-Sergeants, neglect his civilian job and live constantly on the brink of getting the sack? Surely it's not asking too much? And consider the rewards. When you have paid your Mess bill, including widows and orphans contributions, Mess fund, silver band, band subscription, Mess guests, Corps of Drums and "containers"—the rest of your pay goes to you. (Providing Drum-Major Kemp doesn't catch you for a raffle ticket for the children's Christmas party.)

Seriously, we would be delighted to meet an ex-officer of the Regiment who might be interested in joining us. It would be a great asset to have someone constantly in touch with the local scene. So if you have the yen—the itch to soldier again—we will assure you of a really satisfying spare-time interest—nowhere near as bad as we paint it. Now we look forward to annual camp—a larger, more enthusiastic Company. There we spread out into our various jobs, detached from the composite body to follow our specialist occupations; burrowed down in cookhouses, signals and M.T. offices, Battalion Headquarters and other groups. But be sure the social spirit will remain—some local pub's going to suffer for it!

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

During the last quarter a most remarkable change has taken place to the interior of the Mess. At long last the Mess has had a face lift! Gone for ever are the old and dismal-looking wooden wall panels and stained wallpaper, gone, too, is the hatchway which for so long served as a bar, and in its place we have a modern

bar, complete with wall lights and pale blue walls with a nice bright wallpaper. A visitor seeing the new-look Mess for the first time said to his companion: "No, this cannot be the Sergeants' Mess. It looks like a lounge at the Mayfair."

Monthly Mess social evenings continue to be held on the last Friday of each month and are increasing in popularity. Recently, we have had many old friends of the Regiment looking in on us. To name a few: Les Page, Johnny Gould, Tom Emerson, Joe Carter, Basil Le Maitre, Eddy Rooke and Harry Cartier (who was immediately signed on for the Battalion and will be a tower of strength to the Mess). "Drummie" Wales, although he has left the Battalion after so many years with us, is still a frequent visitor to the Mess.

We are hoping that many more will pay us a visit in the coming months. Congratulations to Pat Fullman on becoming a proud father of a bouncing boy, and of course Pat is full of him, and the only time we can get a word in edgways is when he (Pat, we mean) is quenching his thirst! Congratulations also to Drum-Major Stan Kemp on his appointment as Drum-Major, and to his brother Alec Kemp on his well-earned promotion to Sergeant.

All the members are now warming up for annual camp, which is in July this year and is taking place at Okehampton, in Devon—a place known by many members. (The poor R.S.M.'s head is spinning with the tales and tips he's been given from the "old 'ands.") We will let you know more about it anon.

### 571 L.A.A. REGIMENT, R.A., (9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), T.A.)

Before the next issue of *The Die-Hards*, the Regiment will have started to celebrate its Centenary. As often happens, there is some difficulty in establishing the precise date of the Regiment's inception. Certain it is that 1859 saw the original volunteers forming a regiment from which the 9th is descended. A brochure on the Regiment's hundred years of war and peace will be issued towards the end of the year. In the meantime, any old comrade who has information or historical matter of interest is asked to contact the Adjutant at the T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware.

Camp looms on the horizon, and a camp the like of which has often been talked of in recent years. As a welcome change, camp will be held in the heart of the country and will be essentially mobile. We look forward to a fortnight at Stamford P.T.A. after ten years of camps by the sea. Pre-camp recce has revealed great training possibilities and, needless to say, a fair quota of social amenities.

The officers of the Regiment are taking the matter very seriously and the current training session began with a T.E.W.T. at which we had the able assistance of Capt. "Tommy" Thomas, the Brigade I.G. Much was learned and is being put into practice at weekends. All ranks are enjoying this departure from the routine of preparing for a firing camp.

Since last going to press, we have heard with sorrow

that our M.O., Capt. John Bunting, is leaving for the wilds of the Yorkshire coast. Our loss is Yorkshire's gain. Fortunately, he will be able to do camp with us. On the credit side, Capt. Felix Jaffe informs us that he has become engaged. Our heartiest congratulations to him.

The Permanent Staff acted as hosts to the cadets of the Mill Hill School C.C.F. during April. One hopes that contact with the T.A. may inspire some of the lads to join us when they leave school. Which introduction to the question of recruiting brings to mind the Band. Despite many trials and tribulations, the Band has succeeded in surviving. Now, without a bandmaster, it has reached a critical stage which could be surpassed easily, given a few more instrumentalists.

The Adjutant's son and heir was duly christened by the Padre and the event was celebrated in the Mess at Edgware. Brigade has had its first dinner at Woolwich, where the Regiment was represented by some twenty-two officers. The C.O. and his lady were guests of the Mayor of Harrow at her annual Civic Banquet and Ball. This renewed contact with our old friends Alderman and Mrs. Grainger—camp, 1958, refers.

The R.S.M. is restored to health and back in the pre-camp fray—slightly reduced in girth but none-the-less welcome for that.

Friday night socials at both Edgware and Kingsbury are flourishing. Old comrades will be welcome and are urged to join us. There is an abundance of activity, varying from the more energetic caperings of the badminton types to the more gentle pastime of darts.

Don't forget, we still need recruits—it's a good life, and you readers are the best advertisement of it.

#### "P" Battery

Before embarking upon an account of the Battery's activities during the first quarter of 1959, your correspondent must atone for a very elementary error of fact in the last number of *The Die-Hards*. Lt. Willoughby's offspring, whose christening was reported in the last number was, in fact, FEMALE!, and not male. To avoid errors of this kind, in the future, medical advice will be taken!

During the past three months, the Battery has been active in all directions. Indeed, April has been a pleasant rest after the rigours of the winter months. For us, "going into winter quarters" had a different connotation to that normally given to it in the days of our illustrious Roman predecessors.

Recruits have come in steadily, and this is further justification for our move back to Edgware. Recently, the Battery provided equipment at the local cinema in Edgware as a support for the national T.A. recruiting film, and both men, and equipment, received favourable comment. Now we all wait for the recruit who bursts through the doors crying: "Après moi, le déluge!"

The accent in training has been planned upon mobile drill and deployment, as the Regiment now faces its first mobile camp for some considerable period of years.

The words "four-day exercise" are sufficient to produce a shudder from those of our numbers who like their home comforts. Nevertheless, Battery weekends

run by Cpts. Davidson and Jaffe, held to further this form of training, have been well attended, and with the exception of those just mentioned, we all look forward to our fortnight at Stamford P.T.A.

Our social and sporting activities have continued throughout the winter. The Friday social evenings have been successful, though we should like to remind readers that we are open to all those who care to sample our games of skill (snooker, billiards, darts, skittles, etc.) or games of chance (raffles, tombola and others). Indeed, in the case of the latter, we would be glad to see the prizes going outside the Regiment, for a change.

Finally, our congratulations to W.O.2 Duff, for his noble effort in the 30 A.A. Brigade Rifle Competition. Although, as a team, we fared no better than a number of others, W.O.2 Duff, having gained a possible, has now to shoot off for the individual trophy. We wish him well.

#### "Q" Battery

The Battery held its annual dinner in February which proved, as in previous years, a great success. We had, as our guests, Lt.-Col. Doyle and his wife, the R.S.M., and we were also pleased to welcome some of the O.C.A. who had served in the Battery, and the Regiment.

All of this, however, could not have happened but for our P.S.I. (W.O.2 Ash) and the Regimental Cooks, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

Congratulations to Capt. Slack on his marriage—every good wish from the Battery to him and his wife.

Capt. Mayhook is now the proud father of a baby boy. More recruits in years to come?

Capt. Cooper has now completed his Solicitor's Finals and has now returned to us with all his old vigour, spending his unemployed days learning the 4 Mk. 7 Radar.

On the weekend February 7-8, a number of the Battery spent an enjoyable weekend's training at Brighton.

Instruction periods in gunnery, signals, aircraft recognition and dome trainer being given on Saturday. On the Sunday, the day was spent on map-reading exercises, which everybody completed successfully.

The Saturday evening was spent in a local hotel, the attraction being a certain young lady named Lilian.

PS.—The B.S.M. is caught up with the latest craze, and is reported to be losing weight.

#### "R" Battery

Let us start these notes by welcoming our recruits—six in number—and express the hope that they will enjoy their soldiering with us.

Training is going apace in preparation for camp which, this year, is to take the form of mobile training instead of gunnery practice at a firing camp.

Lt. Hunt organised a Regimental treasure-hunt for motor vehicles, and we are happy to record that Bdr. McCarthy won the competition, with Sgt. Hones as navigator in his "bubble car." Congratulations!

Congratulations also, to W.O.2 Bewick on classifying as a B.I. Radar operator.



We are looking forward to the lighter evenings so that we can get outside for our training, and hope that we shall see some fine weather to enable us to enjoy the "great outdoors."

#### THE HONG KONG REGIMENT

The quarter has been very busy and on the whole equally successful. At the Kong Kong Bisley in January the Regiment entered two teams, one of which won the Services Team Championship in the teeth of stiff competition from the Gurka Brigade. Sgt. Souza, who will be remembered by older members of the Middlesex Regiment, was Colony Champion and also runner-up to the Services Champion.

From such an excellent start it was hardly surprising that we were able to put up a good showing at the Force Rifle Meeting in February. L/Cpl. Rosario won the R.H.K.D.F. Championship and teams from the Regiment won the Commando Cup and Cheylesmore competition. R.S.M. Budden kept the flag flying for our affiliated regiment by winning the Staff Championship.

In March the emphasis shifted from shooting to drill and the R.S.M. came into his own preparing for the Combined Services Review in honour of H.R.H. Philip Duke of Edinburgh and, shortly afterwards, the R.H.K.D.F. Annual Review by H.E. the Governor. In the event both parades were voted a success by the spectators, despite some worrying moments during rehearsals. The review for H.R.H. Prince Philip took place at Kai Tak airfield which should bring back memories to "Die-Hards" who served in Hong Kong.

In spite of all this activity, training has not been neglected and we were able to take part in the colony exercise during January and in an exercise with the Gurka Brigade in March. Rifle classification and training tests have also been carried out.

The Regimental Band have had plenty of engagements, including playing during the arrival of three liners on world cruises. Rosa Von Worthsee is still a favourite on these occasions, and requires no music—a tribute to Col. Clayton's period of command.

Last, but not least, we congratulate the Adjutant on the birth of a son—the first to be born to a member of our affiliated regiment whilst serving with us.

#### NEWSLETTER BY M.B.

I still have fairly close touch with Col. C. P. Rooke, one of my oldest and dearest friends. I first met him in the 5th Militia Battalion when they were stationed at the Depot from 1912 until the outbreak of World War I in 1914. Each year I went to camp with them at St. Martin's Plain and, in fact, we had only returned from camp a few days in that last year when the Regiment mobilised at the Depot—the 5th and 6th Militia Battalions going to Chatham for service after embodiment.

We have recently had two good friends here, namely, Major Miles Marston of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Major Adam, R.A.M.C. The latter took part in the Antarctic Expedition recently, and we had the pleasure of having him with us in the Mess and hearing him lecture on it with the aid of slides.

We have a long association with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and long may it continue. Korea brought us closer than ever before, for we were the first two British regiments to serve there. I realise as I grow older that my correspondence with them is certain to diminish, but, however small it becomes, it will be ever more valuable to me, and my joy the greater.

After some ten years, I have at last established touch with our former Bandmaster, Capt. Thirtle, now Director of Music of the Royal Horse Guards. After leaving our Regiment, he became Director of Music at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. He reminded me that his dance orchestra played on two occasions at the Annual Reunion in the Seymour Hall, where it will be held again this year.

I still hear from my old friend and trusted Adjutant, Roger Latham. Although much involved in television shows now, he still finds time to remember his former Commanding Officer at Inglis Barracks. News also comes to me fairly often from the 1st Battalion in Germany, where they are having an interesting but arduous time. So there is no rest for them after Cyprus, where all ranks did so well and behaved so gallantly, winning praise from all their Commanders and from the two Governors under whom they served.

We were deeply grieved to hear of the death of Major Charles Whinney. It was most upsetting to see such a strong man laid down by the extreme illness from which he finally died, and it filled all our hearts with sorrow. I am sure that no one could have believed a few years ago that he would ever so suffer and be brought so low at his end.

We had several letters from M. Shafi, an Army contractor, who cared for our Regiment in Cyprus. He hopes to visit England in April this year and visit us at Inglis Barracks.

I have good news from Lt.-Col. Rex Waller, at one time our well-trusted and tried—but ever successful—O.C. Depot. He is now a substantive Lt.-Colonel but, sad to say, not in our Regiment, where he would have been so valuable to us. However, we hope to see him soon again at the Depot when he arrives back in this country around April.

I am glad to report that our Malayan Branch of the O.C.A. is now affiliated to us at the Depot. Col. Stewart Sutherland still remains in general charge, and Capt. David Pike, who is at the Federation College at Port Dickson, is also taking care of the Branch at my special request.

There is also news from Lt.-Col. Tony Hewitt, C.O. Ghana Regiment Training Centre at Kumasi, and his wife, our well-beloved Elizabeth. They hope to be home in 1960 and to be joining the N.A.T.O. Army. On their way home they expect to be driving from Marseilles to Switzerland to meet some of their Swiss friends for some ski-ing, and then travel on to Germany to see our 1st Battalion.

I was sorry to hear that my old friend Bob Guscott was suffering from ear trouble, but glad to learn of his improvement. I have never forgotten the first-class service he gave our 2nd Battalion in Madras when he was Quartermaster. I am glad to say that an old friend of mine in the last war, Major Sydney Emery, is also

in much better health lately, and I had a splendid dinner and talk with him on April 14. He looks quite well, but I expect he has to be careful. I remember him here at the Depot as P.M.C. from 1939-42, and later as O.C. Depot Coy. at Wentworth Hall.

#### OLD COMRADES' NEWS

It was with some misgivings that I accepted the responsibility of compiling these notes—but knowing the Editor as I do, I'm sure he will take a lenient view of mistakes and correct them.

The Mill Hill Branch of the Association, like good wine, improves with age. It is very satisfying to attend the Crawford Hut on the last Saturday of each month and see the happy faces—such happiness in the club, to my mind, depends on three things.

(1) Being able to run our own bar, whereby the profits (small ones) go to the club funds. (2) The monthly newsletter which is compiled by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and sent to the 154 members of the branch every month. (3) A hard working committee, helped by a few ladies who consider it a duty to look after and entertain the remainder. This is why the Club is a happy one.

Will all readers take their minds back to the last issue of the Journal and read again the article written by "Busty" Hull? Now read what he has to say in this issue, and it is hoped it will stir many Old Comrades to bring in some of the younger generation.

In the March 1959 issue of the Regimental Journal I invited readers to write and give their views on various aspects of the Old Comrades' Club and its future—to date, April 12, we have received no replies. I now invite you to read the March issue again and give the subject your further consideration. Turn to page 222 and then turn back one page; you will find this heading: THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN) (57th and 77th). Read this page carefully and study it, now ask yourself how this ever came to be. The answer is very simple. This glorious history, this wonderful tradition was made by men like you—you are making it now. Tomorrow you may be called upon to take part in some episode which will add further honours to "The Die-Hards." You know the song:

"Comrades, Comrades, ever since we were boys,  
Sharing each others sorrows, sharing each others joys."

How true this is of us at the Crawford Hut. Quite a few of us here, you know, were boys together, not boys in the true sense of the word but young men of the 1914-18 vintage, used to start fighting then at 18, you know, but never mind that. What about you when the three score is marked up, will your old comrade still be by your side? Why not prepare for it now by helping to ensure that the Old Comrades' Club does not die? Make sure that you have an address where that old pal of yours is sure to turn up some day—they do now. Believe me, time and time again we have them turning up after 20 or 30 years, and how surprised they are to find someone they know waiting for them. What do they say? "If only I had known!" Well, you know, so you have no excuses.

"BUSTY."

Yes, it is quite true what "Busty" writes. On the yearly average, 50 members and wives attend each month. They come from faraway places such as Dagenham, East Sheen and Harrow, and the weather does not deter them. It would be great if some younger chaps would come along. It appears to me sometimes that the "Spirit of the Regiment" is not fully instilled into the younger generation as it was in us. What can be done about it?

By the time these notes are in print, the Mill Hill Branch will have held their second Albuhera Dinner at the Victory Club, Marble Arch.

It is being held, as last year, on **Albuhera Day**. So far, 75 are attending with their ladies and friends. Not forgetting those dear Old Comrades from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

On April 17 I was a guest at a dinner given by 7 Middlesex Other Ranks 1914/18 at the Manor House Hotel. Here and now, it was one of the most well-organised dinners I have attended.

About 100 sat down at tables decorated with Regimental silver of 7 Middlesex. The top table was graced with the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Harold Gillett, M.C., who, as all know, served with 7 Middlesex in the 1914-18 War. Other guests were Col. Pringle, Brigadier Murray, Col. Cedric Smith, Lt.-Col. Allen, Rev. Fulljames (Rector of Hornsey).

The chair was taken by Major Bower, who said how much he regretted the unavoidable absence of Col. Kenneth Maitland, who for many years past had given his support to this annual function. In straightforward words, without any trimmings, he welcomed the Lord Mayor and gave a short account of his service with the Regiment. In reply, the Lord Mayor said how pleased he was to be able to attend in an unofficial capacity—this gave him a chance to "chat" with many who were under his command years ago. Col. Allen (O.C. 7 Middlesex, gave an interesting account of the Battalion's activities during the past year, in which it holds the record for the highest number of recruits. Well done, 7 Middlesex.

Thanks must be given to Stanley Edge and his committee for the hard work which this entailed.

On April 21, the O.C.A. of "A" Company 12th Battalion Middlesex Home Guard, held their A.G.M. at the Lord Palmerston Hotel, Kilburn. I was privileged to attend because the question of joining the Regimental Association was to be discussed. It is not generally known what enthusiasm and pride these old Home Guards have in our Regiment, when one bears in mind the greater number of them who rallied to the call in 1940 after seeing active service with many regiments during 1914-18; but you can rest assured there is now one Regiment only as far as they are concerned—that is ours.

This was proved at the A.G.M. when a proposition was made that all remaining O.C.A.s of Companies would amalgamate and become an active branch of our Association. This branch is approximately 74 strong, and a hearty welcome is given to them.

Much credit must be given to Major "Freddie" Cains who has worked very hard to achieve this amalgamation.



Mr. R. Ferguson and Mr. Sills were in a party organised by the British Legion which toured some of the 1914-18 battlefields during Easter weekend. During their stay, a special visit was made to Baillieu Cemetery, where the graves of men of our Regiment are beautifully kept.

The following names were taken: 5333 J. Martin, 11094 A. H. White, 7223 E. Nevill, 6863 H. James, 10471 T. Avenell, 13664 A. Burton, 8425 R. Frost, 1754 L. West, 6125 E. C. Pearce, 6546 A. J. Constantine, 6350 Barker, 7050 A. Airth, —Ling, 2/Lt. Hughes, —Shaw, 1469 H. Cross, 26617 H. Lipman, 92266 H. E. Simpson, 9421 D. Dawson, 10515 J. Woodman, 5097 Cpl. A. G. Johnys, 7713 J. Moore.

What memories this cemetery held for this party.

It is sometimes surprising how one meets old members. I attended a cousin's wedding at Margate some time ago, and naturally met the bridegroom's father who, to my surprise, had served in the Regiment. After much chatter, he now wears the Regimental tie and O.C.A. badge, and has joined the Mill Hill Branch.

Many readers may have served with him, and should you go to that lovely seaside resort (Margate), I'm sure he would like to meet you. He is ex-C.S.M. R. H. Harman, of "A" Company, 32nd Battalion. His Company Commander was Capt. Tomlinson, and he knew Col. Swainson very well indeed. On leaving the Army, he devoted his life to that wonderful institution, the British Legion. Such devotion has been awarded by a Life Membership and the Gold Badge of the British Legion. We all hope he will still be able to look after the needs of those who are less fortunate than many of us for many years to come.

Going to business one morning, I saw on the seat of the train the official journal of the R.A.F., *Air Mail*.

In it I was surprised to see the photograph of Mr. Leslie Pargeter who, before joining the R.A.F., was in our Regiment. The following may help older readers remember him. Joined Middlesex Regiment January 1915. To France with rank of Sergeant, November 1915. Fought at Vimy Ridge and the Somme. Was one of six out of 40 who survived a terrible patrol, and was one of the 140 who returned out of 640 from the battle of Beaumont Hamel.

He returned home and was commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers and, on returning to France, took part in the attack which breached the Hindenburg Line.

In 1918 he served as an observer with 53 Squadron in France, when he was awarded the D.F.C. for bravery in climbing on the wing and saving a crippled plane.

He rejoined the R.A.F. again in 1941. Well done, Leslie Pargeter, your record is now with "The Die-Hards."

Another of the older members I meet quite often is 5633 ex-Pte. G. E. Ford.

He enlisted in December 1898 at the age of 17 (army age, 19). Three months at Hounslow, then posted to "E" Company, 2nd Battalion, under Capt. Saville. Left Woolwich December 2, 1899, and embarked on *Avondale Castle* for the Boer War. Wounded at Spion Kop on January 24, 1900, and was sent home on the *Maine*. During his stay in hospital a medal to commemorate the Transvaal War was presented to him by

Lady Randolph Churchill—the medal is now in the Regimental Museum.

July 1900 saw him fit for duty. He was posted to South Africa with Capt. Halehurst and the 21st Battalion Mounted Infantry in March 1901. Wounded again at Naauwpoort West in March 1902—afterwards joining 2nd Battalion at Newcastle, Natal—then to the 1st Battalion at Secunderabad. 1904 saw him at Madras, Rangoon and Mandalay. He was at Thayetmyo when the Battalion moved to Calcutta.

This is but a brief account of his service, but truly a remarkable record.

Mr. Ford is still at work, and although about 80 years of age, his back is as straight as a ram-rod.

### Obituary

It is with regret I have to report that 6188950 William Henry Hillier answered the last Roll Call on Tuesday, March 24.

He was buried at Ladbrook Grove, Kensington. Mr. W. Wright, who was a personal friend, attended the funeral, as also did two corporals from the Depot. The Club sent a wreath and was represented by Mr. Wright.

William Hillier enlisted on May 6, 1913. Went to France with the 4th Battalion and was captured at Mons. It is hoped to give a full record of his service in the next issue.

### Invalids

George Comber, Bill Swinden and Charles Myhill are in hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery, and hope to see them at the Club again soon.

May I appeal once again to you "Old Sweats" to buy the Regimental Journal? And I hope you have not forgotten that the splendid reproduction of "Steady the Drums and Fifes" is obtainable from the Depot.

Best wishes to you all.

P. F. N.

### 9th BATTALION BRANCH O.C.A.

The past few months have seen much activity and preparation at Kingsbury and Club Night has been well attended by the "regulars." We would welcome a transfusion of our younger and serving members among us.

Later this year we celebrate the centenary of the 9th Battalion and details will be circulated as soon as it is decided what form this famous landmark will take.

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will have been an event of happy reunion by the time this appears in print but from early replies we are assured of our usual good support of yet another milestone.

Bert Eden enjoying the wonderful climate of Cape Town writes glowing accounts of life in South Africa and sends best wishes to old pals.

It is with great regret we heard of the passing of Harry Hedger who was a true "Diehard" and we have lost a keen member.

News is rather scarce as we shake off the wintry conditions, and look forward with our usual optimism to a good summer.

### LT.-COL. GEORGE BRINLEY AYRE

Brinley Ayre retired from the Active List on January 5, 1959, after 25 years commissioned service in the Middlesex Regiment, in which he served both as a Territorial and Regular officer.

He was gazetted as Second-Lieutenant in the 8th Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment (T.A.), at Hounslow on February 7, 1934, and was transferred to T.A.R.O. as Lieutenant in August, 1938. Re-embodied in September, 1939, on the outbreak of World War II, he rejoined the 8th Battalion and immediately attended the first war course at the Staff College, Camberley, where he graduated and was granted p.s.c. In September, 1940, he was employed as Instructor at Northern Command Company Commanders School in an appointment which he held until he was posted to the War Office as G.3 in M.O. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed G.S.O. 2 at the Intelligence Training Centre, holding the temporary rank of Major. His next appointment was as G.S.O. 2 in Combined Ops., and in October, 1943, he was promoted to T/Lieutenant-Colonel and was posted to S.E.A.C. as G.S.O. 1, Combined Ops., serving with the Australian and American Forces in New Guinea and the South-West Pacific. From S.E.A.C., he went to Burma in December, 1944, where he was appointed G.S.O. 1 (Plans), 15 Corps. On his return to India in April, 1945, he was employed as G.S.O. 1 and Instructor at the C.T.C.

On returning to the U.K. in 1946, he was posted to the 1st Battalion in August of that year and commanded a Company until July 1948, when he was posted as G.S.O. 2 to 6 Liaison H.Q., B.A.O.R., remaining here until September 1949, when he was appointed Instructor at the Intelligence Corps Depot at Maresfield. He returned to regimental duty in February 1952, and was appointed 2IC to the 1st Battalion in Austria. He held this appointment until February, 1954, when he was posted to the War Office as an A.Q.M.G. in the Movements Directorate, where he remained for three years, being posted in May 1957, when he was appointed A.Q.M.G. (Plans), S.H.A.P.E.

This was his last appointment until he retired at the end of 1958. Brinley Ayre was granted a Regular Commission, with seniority as Lieutenant, in the Middlesex Regiment to date September 1, 1938, being placed on the Employed List on promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in February 1957. He is a graduate of the J.S.S.C. and holds the following medals: 39-45 Star; Africa Star (with 8th Army Clasp); Pacific Star (with Burma Clasp); Defence Medal; War Medal.

To Brinley Ayre and his family we wish every good fortune in civilian life, with the hope that we shall see them at future Regimental functions.

### MAJOR PHILLIP DONALD HOWITT MARSHALL

Phillip Marshall retired from the Active List on December 15, 1958, after 22 years' service. Educated at Repton School, he joined the Inns of Court Regiment as a Trooper in February 1936. He was granted a Supplementary Reserve Commission as a Second-Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment and, after initial attachments at the Depot and the 2nd Battalion, he was

granted a Regular Commission in 1937 and joined the 2nd Battalion in that year.

In April 1939, he was posted as Adjutant to the newly-formed 2/7th Battalion. On mobilisation, he rejoined the 2nd Battalion and embarked with that Battalion for the B.E.F. in September 1939, being later evacuated to U.K. on June 1, 1940. He was promoted Lieutenant in August 1940, T/Captain in October 1940, and continued to serve with the 2nd Battalion until embarking for North Africa in August 1943. In the meantime, he had been promoted T/Major, and he was then posted to the 1st Battalion, The Kensington Regiment, with whom he served until February 1945. His next appointment was G.S.O. 2, A.F.H.Q., serving in that capacity until August 1945, when he was appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G., 3 Infantry Brigade, in M.E.L.F., which he held until May 1946.

At the end of 1946, he was granted a compassionate posting and was employed as D.A.A.G. at H.Q., Western Command, where he served for two years until February 1949, when he was posted to West Africa Command as G.S.O. 2, H.Q. Sierra Leone and Gambia District, until March, 1951. Returning to the U.K. that year, he was appointed to command the Regimental Depot, which appointment he held until December 1954. After completing a course at the Senior Officers' School, he joined the 1st Battalion in Austria, only to be posted to the U.K. in August 1955, owing to ill-health. On recovery, he joined the 8th Battalion as its Training Major until July 1956, after which he was given his final appointment as G.S.O. 2, H.Q. Northern Ireland District.

He holds the following medals: 39-45 Star; Italy Star; Defence Medal; War Medal; G.S. Medal (with the Palestine Clasp); Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal.

To Phillip, Pam and their family, we send best wishes for their future success, health and happiness.

### MAJOR HENRY MAXWELL FOWLER LANGLEY

Major Max Langley retired on October, 1958, after serving with the Regiment for over twenty-two years.

Educated at Eastbourne College, he was a Cadet at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from September 1934 to December 1935, and from the R.M.C. commissioned to 2/Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment, January 30, 1936. He joined the 2nd Battalion at Portsmouth, with whom he served for eleven months, embarking for Singapore and the 1st Battalion, December 2, 1936. When the 1st Battalion moved from Malaya to China Command, he embarked with the Battalion, August 20, 1937, and although a Platoon Commander with "A" Company, acted as Company Commander to "C" Company whilst that Company was without its Captain. It was as the Platoon Commander of No. 6 Platoon that he took part in the Anglo-Chinese frontier incidents of October-December 1938, and his imperturbable manner was so remarked upon by the National Press. The Japanese were shelling and machine-gunning the railway bridge as Chinese refugees and troops were swarming but, however, the Japanese Commander found that he had a different task on his hands when



he reached our position. Not only were there the Japanese to watch, but all the retreating Chinese troops who came over the border had to be disarmed.

Promoted to Lieutenant on January 30, 1939, he was granted six months sick leave and embarked for U.K. on July 15, 1939. After leave he joined the M.G.T.C., Middlesex Regiment, on March 17, 1940, and after attending a M.G. course at Netheravon was posted to the 2nd Battalion on February 10, 1941. He had been A/Captain since January 31, 1941, and took over the command of "A" Company, 2nd Middlesex, being a T/Captain from May 1 that year. As an enthusiastic believer in battle training, his Company were trained to climb like monkeys and use explosives with the greatest sang-froid. His training at Whan Cross and Victoria Fort certainly prepared his Company for "D" Day. Promoted A/Major on January 11, 1943, and T/Major on April 11, 1943, he was appointed 2IC 2nd Battalion on April 16, 1943.

Major Langley embarked for the Normandy invasion on June 3, 1944, and landed with the first troops on "D" Day, June 6. From personal reports, it appears that the first person our own troops saw on the beaches was Max Langley. As one eye-witness says: "Every face was a strange one. Eventually we saw the 2IC, Major Langley, strolling towards us, dressed in denims and canvas shoes, no hat, calm as anything, he told us we would find some of our carriers further along." He was in command of the control party and had had a long wade ashore, being in the job at "H Plus 20." His arrival was watched with wonder; he was seen walking ashore with a rifle in one hand and a week-end zip-fastener case in the other! His humour was unflinching and he certainly believed in novelty being the spice of life. On one occasion he adopted a small porker, named it "Monty," and had the divisional sign and Battalion number painted on its rump. Visiting a platoon on October 5, 1944, he was wounded by a shell and evacuated home on October 14, 1944. On recovery he embarked for N.W. Europe on May 26, 1945, and rejoined the 2nd Battalion on June 10, again taking up his previous appointment as 2IC w.e.f. August 7. After the war Major Langley went to M.E.F. on October 1, 1945, moving to Palestine with the 2nd Battalion in December that year. From Palestine he returned to Egypt with the Battalion in April 1946, and to U.K. February 1947. From March 14, 1947, to April 26, 1949, he was Adjutant of the 7th Battalion (T.A.). He had been promoted to Substantive Captain on January 30, 1944, and Substantive Major on January 30, 1949. On the strength of 1st Middlesex until June 7, 1949, Major Langley was then appointed 2IC 7th Selection Regiment, Royal Signals, an appointment he held until August 11, 1951. From July 26 to October 24, 1950, he acted as Lt.-Colonel of the establishment. His next appointment at the Army Apprentices' School, Arborfield, where his shrewdness, the writer is sure, shook the boys whenever they tried to pull the wool over his eyes. This employment was from August 31, 1951, to September 19, 1955. The following month, October 24, 1955, Major Langley assumed the appointment of S.O.P.T., H.Q. Scottish Command, the appointment terminating on August 28, 1958. He was then

posted to the Depot, pending his retirement.

His decorations and medals are: Mention in Despatches, Commander-in-Chief's Certificate for Gallantry, G.O.C. Commendation Card, 1939/45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939/45, General Service Medal with clasp Palestine.

#### MAJOR HAROLD NORMAN MCLEOD MARTIN

Norman Martin retired from the Active List on December 25, 1958, after 20 years service both in the ranks and as a commissioned officer. He originally joined the Royal Engineers Supplementary Reserve as a Sapper and served with them until he was granted an emergency commission in the Royal Engineers in February 1941.

During the war years he served in West Africa and N.W. Europe in various capacities as a Movements Staff Officer. He was granted a Regular Commission in the Middlesex Regiment with seniority as Lieutenant to date February 1942, but he did not serve with the Regiment until he was posted to 26 M.G.T.C. in April 1945, where he assumed the appointment of Adjutant until January 1947. He later served with the 2nd Battalion in M.E.L.F. until July 1949, when he was appointed Staff Captain, F.A.R.E.L.F., in which appointment he served until August 1950. He returned to U.K. at the end of that year and was then appointed as Instructor at Eaton Hall, where he remained until January 1953, when he was posted to the 1st Battalion in Austria and promoted to Major in August of that year. He remained with the 1st Battalion until November, 1954, when he was then posted to the Headquarters of the Home Counties Brigade as Brigade Adjutant, which appointment he held for three years. In June 1957 he rejoined the 1st Battalion in Cyprus and remained with that Battalion until returning to the Depot, pending his retirement in September 1958.

He is in possession of the following medals: 1939-45 Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, G.S. Medal (with Palestine, Malaya and Cyprus clasps).

#### BIRTHS

CAIN.—On March 2, at B.M.H., Hong Kong, to Shelagh (née Martin) and Capt. R. M. Cain, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a son (Piers).

POLLARD.—On April 21, 1959, at Rinteln, to Christine (née Nicholls), wife of Capt. J. S. B. Pollard, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), a son (Neil Robert).

#### DEATHS

SOUTH.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Lt.-Col. T. South, O.B.E., T.D., but unfortunately as we are only aware of this as recent correspondence has been returned, we can give no particulars as to date or circumstances. Col. South attended golf meetings fairly regularly and will be much missed.

HILLIER.—We regret to announce the death on March 24 of ex-Sgt. W. Hillier, who served with the 4th Battalion in the First World War. His funeral was attended by an N.C.O. from the Depot and a letter of condolence was sent from the Association to his widow and family.

#### MEN OF THE REGIMENT

##### Band-Sergeant Paddy O'Connor, 77th Regiment

Some talk of the Scots and the Grenadier Guards  
But they can't come up to the Jolly "Die-Hards,"  
We beat 'em all at Physical Drill  
And they couldn't climb up the Majuba Hill.

Marching and fighting all the day,  
That's how the "Die-Hards" earn their pay.  
We beat Old Tippoo and the Frenchies in Spain  
And chased off the Rooshians in Inkerman's rain.  
ONE VERSION OF "PADDY'S RESOURCE."

Young James O'Connor, who was born in Galway 1819, joined the 77th Regiment of Foot in 1836 when the unit was stationed in Dublin. The regiment at this time had a strong element of Irishmen and continued to do so for many years. The 77th had been stationed at his birthplace in the years 1818-20 when it was then relieved by the 57th Regiment, the first time the two regiments met who were eventually to become the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) in 1881.

In 1837, as a bandsman, he embarked with his regiment for Malta and arrived there after a favourable passage of 19 days. It was here that he first saw the future Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, H.R.H. Prince George (afterwards Duke) of Cambridge. As a member of the Band he was on parade for this royal visit and for that of H.M. the Queen Dowager Adelaide in 1839. To Corfu in 1842, he served for eleven months and from there on to Jamaica. The early part of the journey—from Corfu to Gibraltar—was in extremely rough weather and was as much as 25 days in duration. The Mediterranean was not a "calm pool" on that occasion! The journey to Jamaica took three months in all. After serving in Halifax and Nova Scotia, O'Connor returned to England and was stationed in Clarence Barracks, Portsmouth. Here it was that the Band earned itself great praise. It was constantly on duty with the guard of honour to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, who embarked from Portsmouth to spend her holidays at Osborne, Isle of Wight.

A memorable occasion for Paddy O'Connor was October 13, 1849, when the 77th supplied the first guard ever mounted over the person of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Prince was visiting, unaccompanied by the Queen and the Prince Consort, and the standard of the Prince of Wales was displayed for the first time since the reign of King George III. The young Prince, seeing his own plume emblazoned on the Regimental Colour, commanded that it should be brought for him to look at, which was accordingly done by Major Egerton who commanded the guard. The Band and the flank companies (Grenadier and Light) were also Royal guards at Derby and Wolverhampton in 1852. Paddy was now a seasoned soldier with sixteen years service and considerable experience of ceremonial. He was soon to show he was as apt on active service.

In 1854 the "Sick Man of Europe" gained new allies in the war then in process. Turkey's fleet had already been destroyed off Sinope when Britain declared war on Russia. Band-Sgt. O'Connor took his band on the

enormous train of the East Lancashire Railway Company which carried the Regimental Headquarters and seven service companies to Liverpool. At Varna—now Stalino—Sgt. O'Connor and the Band were congratulated by Omar Pasha after it had played a programme of music. They were also training hard in the duties of stretcher bearing.

September 1854 saw the British land in the Crimea and on the 20th the battle of the Alma was fought. Only a few casualties were incurred by the 77th, but the Band of the Regiment helped with the wounded of other corps. Casualties were low in the 77th, due to the effective action of Col. Egerton. Two Russian drums were captured by the Grenadier Company which helped to swell the volume of the Band's music. (These drums are now in the Depot Officer's Mess.)

Sgt. O'Connor and his Bandsmen stretcher bearers were busily engaged at the Battle of Inkerman, November 5, 1854, conveying wounded to the rear, the distinguished conduct of Paddy O'Connor being mentioned on his regimental papers.

After the death in action of Col. Egerton, the command of the 77th devolved on Lt.-Col. Stratton, and it was he who sent for the Band-Sergeant and informed him he wanted a march in quick step for the Regiment that would be played by no other unit in the British Army. This tune should, as a compliment to the Irish majority, have an Irish flavour.

Now this was a monumental task under the circumstances. No furniture, no paper, no quietness in which to sit and think, but always the continuous cannonading of the fortress, which had been kept up in great steadiness since August 17. The cannonade was as rapid as the file firing of a line of infantry. No spare time for the Sergeant of Musicians or the musicians themselves. Every day there were wounded to be carried to the rear from the trenches. No practice of the tune was to be held as the music was to be a surprise. Col. Stratton pooh-poohed all objections and said he knew Paddy O'Connor could produce the answer.

Furniture? Why, the commissariat brought up some of the provisions in boxes and a make-shift table soon materialised. Paper? Officers received letters and even some of the soldiers could read, though not many to be sure. Just collect the envelopes, open them out and turn them, and there you had a nice clear piece of paper once you stuck two or three together on a slat of wood or cardboard. Using a bayonet as a straight-edge, you could soon draw out your lines to make the necessary staves. Quietness? Whenever did an Irishman want quietness to do a job? No practice of the tune? Sure, each individual at the preliminary rehearsals would have to do mute fingering of his instrument until he was proficient.

It was some time before everything was ready, but at its first performance it received the immediate approbation of the officer who instigated it. He said to Paddy O'Connor, "I knew you could do it very well if you tried, and you have done splendidly." That also was the opinion of the remainder of the Regiment. What better name could be given to the quick-step than "Paddy's Resource"; he had certainly shown resourcefulness. Here the Regiment had a battle march. Com-



posed to the roar of cannon, first played with a background of siege mortars and musketry fire, it was an apt and lively tune to prepare the troops for the assault on Redan.

Sgt. O'Connor returned home with the Regiment in July 1856 and was present when the Queen inspected the 77th. She spoke to several non-commissioned officers and men. Later in the year the Regiment moved to Dublin, where so many of the men had relatives. A photograph taken at this time shows Sgt. O'Connor with the Bandmaster, Mr. Cavallini, who was the last of the civilian bandmasters.

June 1857 saw Sgt. O'Connor in Sydney, New South Wales. However, this was a brief stay as the Regiment, after being there only seven months, was ordered to India on account of the Sepoy mutiny. As it turned out, the 77th were the last British regiment to serve in Australia.

Service in India meant garrison duty for the Regiment, although the rebels were on one occasion pursued from Jelianabad to the banks of the Ganges. Sickness now began to take toll of the unit. In 1860, the 37th and 77th lost 201 souls from cholera and the unit was moved to Hazaribagh ("a thousand gardens"), where health improved. So did the ability of the Bandboys for mischief. On one occasion, the Band were at scales practice; normally done before the arrival of the Bandmaster, when one after another, the Bandsmen began to complain of their instruments burning their mouths. It was eventually discovered that two of the boys had, during the time that breakfast was going on, rubbed the mouthpieces with green chillies. Paddy, who now ranked as Colour-Sergeant could, I am sure, provide the correct tune for that as he did at Sebastopol!

1862 found the Regiment at Allahabad, where again the dread scourge of the East in those days, Asiatic cholera, struck. Many men were lost and many more made invalids, one of whom was C/Sgt. O'Connor. He was invalided home and took his discharge in May of that year. He had served 26 years, distinguished himself as shown on his regimental papers at the battles of Alma, Inkerman and the Siege of Sebastopol, and given the Regiment a march with a rollicking refrain. In addition to holding the Meritorious Service Medal, only granted to Sergeants and above who hold the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, he held the Crimean Medal with three clasps and the Turkish Medal. He died in 1913 in his 95th year. If ever an old saw was veritable, surely in the case of Paddy O'Connor it is "Gone, but not forgotten."

R.W.J.S.

#### MUSIC IN THE REGIMENT

Military music has inspired generations of soldiers to march those few extra miles when normally they would consider themselves too foot weary and tired to do so. This is especially applicable to regimental music, our Regimental Marches.

The British Army has won marches in battle such as "Ca Ira," the Regimental March of the West Yorkshire Regiment, who copied the tune from their French opponents in 1794, their Colonel shouting out: "Come on, lads, we'll beat 'em to their own damned tune!"

It has also supplied the cupidity of those who have plagiarised songs used by the services for many years. In many camps forty and more years ago you could hear "Roll on that boat that takes us all afloat, far from this land of sand and fever," and another to the effect that the time-serving Swaddy would be delighted to get away from his confrere of warrant rank who was a descendant of a long line of maiden aunts; also, the "Lee-on-Solent Blues," where one struck buttocks together in a none too gentle manner, nearly bursting the seams. Eventually many found their way on to the market.

In our own Regiment we have a number of interesting tunes and matters connected with music. The stories of the Regimental Marches have appeared in previous issues of *The Die-Hards* journal, in 1931 and again in 1953. However, a number of serving "Die-Hards" have not read these earlier articles so little harm will be done with repetition and inclusion in this article.

The various tunes that the writer knows—and has played—in the Regiment are as follows: "Sir Manley Power," "The Lass O' Gowrie," "Paddy's Resource," "In the Garb of Old Gaul," "The Jolly Die-Hards," and the Soldiers Chorus from Gounod's "Faust."

Of the Regimental quick-steps we now have the marches of the 57th and 77th as one; the combined march was written by Bandmaster Thirtle, a fine musician, when the two battalions (1st and 2nd Middlesex) were amalgamated and was approved by H.M. the King in 1950. The story of "Paddy's Resource" has already been told in the above article, "Men of the Regiment." This was the quick-step of the 2nd Battalion, the old 77th Foot. The quick-step of the 1st Battalion (57th Foot), before the formation of the Regiment as it now is, was "Sir Manley Power." Major Woolwright in his "History of the 57th Regiment" tells us that the march probably dates from 1815 when the custom of marching past in quick time commenced to become general. Maj.-Gen. Sir Manley Power, who was distinguished in the Peninsular War period, commanded the 2nd Brigade in which the 57th were serving. It is said that he found the score of the music in a French camp, another instance of French music being adopted to a British march. In 1850, whilst the 57th were serving in Dublin and were billeted in Richmond Barracks, tradition states that the G.O.C. took exception to the march, which he considered to be all "drum and damned noise." The Commanding Officer was ordered to find a more suitable march to supersede "Sir Manley Power." A new march, "Jock o' Hazledean," was accordingly chosen as resembling "Sir Manley Power" in some degree, and this march remained until the adoption of the quick march "Lass o' Gowrie," about 1857. The tune, it is said, was introduced by the Bandmaster, named Wallace, who was a Scott. This march is one of the oldest in the Army, having been adopted by the 70th Foot, afterwards the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment, about the year 1758.

In 1881, when the 57th and 77th were amalgamated and renamed the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) under the Cardwell System, "Lass o' Gowrie" was used by both battalions and also by the 3rd and 4th (Militia) Battalions. This march was the official one, but the 1st Battalion

was still playing "Sir Manley Power" at the end of the music programmes and the 2nd Battalion also played "Paddy's Resource" in a like manner. It was in 1886 that the music writer of the 1st Battalion (A. Stevens) was instructed to make a score of "Sir Manley Power," and this score was sent to Bandmaster Pougher of the Coldstream Guards who was instructed to make an introduction to the quick-step embracing the Regimental Call. Eventually in 1896, the War Office authorised the re-adoption of "Sir Manley Power" as the quick step of the 1st Battalion. The march has a fine tune and appears to be a combination of "Jock o' Hazledean" and "Lass o' Gowrie."

On the formation of two extra regular battalions in 1900, the then 3rd and 4th (Militia) Battalions became the 5th and 6th respectively. The two new battalions, until their disbandment in 1922 used the same marches as the older regular Battalions i.e. 3rd Battalion used "Sir Manley Power" and the 4th Battalion "Paddy's Resource."

In 1908, when the Territorial Act became in force the T.A. battalions adopted "Lass o' Gowrie," which was still published on the music cards as the official march for the Regiment, albeit none of the regular battalions played it. "Paddy's Resource" was officially adopted by the 2nd and 4th Battalions in 1912, and in 1914 when Britain marched to war, the quick marches were as follows:

1st Battalion (Regular), "Sir Manley Power."  
2nd Battalion (Regular), "Paddy's Resource."  
3rd Battalion (Regular), "Sir Manley Power."  
4th Battalion (Regular), "Paddy's Resource."  
5th Battalion (Reserve), "Lass o' Gowrie."  
6th Battalion (Reserve), Soldiers' Chorus from Gounod's "Faust."  
7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Battalion (T.A.), "Lass o' Gowrie."

The 8th Battalion adopted "Sir Manley Power" about 1926. The Soldiers' Chorus was also used by the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, 1st Royal Dragoons and 9th Queen's Royal Lancers.

The slow marches, not now used as of yore, were the Highland (or Gaelic) march "Caledonian" which was introduced to the 57th by Lt.-Col. John Campbell of Strachur, who assumed command of the Regiment in 1775 and "In the Garb of Old Gaul" which was played for a number of years by the 2nd Battalion. This Battalion still played the march as a troop whilst serving in India, 1924-31. The march has an interesting history, having been composed by General John Reid, who was a proficient flute player, whilst the words were written by Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Erskine. Quite unique in the fact it is the only Regimental March the work of two general officers. This march is also played by the Scots Greys and the Scots Guards.

Of the Regimental Double-steps, "Monymusk" was played by the 57th until about 1875, when it was discontinued. However, the 2nd Battalion played it at the end of the band programmes from 1924 until the amalgamation of 1st and 2nd Battalions. This march is another that apparently dates back to the time when the 57th had a strong element of Scots, as Monymusk is the name of a town in Aberdeenshire. Another double-

step, "The Jolly Die-Hards" composed by Bandmaster C. Moore, was until recently played at the finish of band programmes and on Albuhera Day. This march covers the history, in rhyme, of the 57th up to the end of the Maori War. There are five verses and a chorus of two lines, saying:

"For Highlanders, Riflemen, Lances or Guards  
Are not like the boys called the Jolly Die-Hards."

The words were copied from the original by Lt. Col. Grove-White in 1874 when he first joined the 57th.

The foregoing has given a brief history of the Regimental Marches, but other marches have been played to help the foot-weary soldier along over the centuries. Our Regiment is rich in musical memories and its musicians. Lady Butler was so influenced by the behaviour of the drummer-boys who stood on the Ridge of Albuhera that, for years, she wanted to depict their courage on canvas. We all know the result and happily can see the painting which is now in the possession of the 1st Battalion. Before mechanisation, a unit marched for miles, sometimes hundreds of miles, behind its Corps of Drums and its Band, and what a brightening of faces and added spring to the step there was once the music struck up. To pay another unit a compliment, the Band would be sent to march it into, or away from, the Garrison. Crowds always stopped to watch the Regiment, with its music leading, marching through a town. Quite a common expression in those days was: "Let the bass-drummer pay your debts." This was said by the old soldier and referred to leaving a garrison. As you marched out of the barrack gate for the station, the command was given: "Rolls, quick march." The bass-drummer would strike up, Bang, bang! bang! and the old—and the young—Swaddy would say "All debts paid," and that was that! At the end of a long and tiring march on one occasion, the Battalion was marching to its encampment by Dhond, in India, when it was met by the pipe band of the Rajputana Rifles who played "Zachmi Dil," a Pathan song meaning "The wounded heart." The pipes and the rhythmic beat of the drums had the Battalion, that had just previously been dog tired, swinging along with backs straight and heads erect as if it was just starting a march instead of finishing one of long duration. A march that had lasted days, not hours. Music soothes the savage breast, they say; it most certainly invigorates the tired feet.

Our bandsmen have not always had white skins. For years the bass-drummers, and cymbal players especially, were of sable hue. Regiments were always on the look out for very tall blacks as bass-drummers. The 77th had some very good negro bandsmen at the beginning of the last century. Tom Molineux, the young negro ex-slave who fought Tom Cribb for the championship of England in 1810, and again in 1811, fell on bad times and became dependent on the charity of two coloured bandsmen of the 77th Regiment in Galway until he died—in their bandroom—in August 1818.

Bandmasters were for many years civilians, and generally German or Italian, as it was firmly believed that no Englishman was good enough a musician to be the leader of a band. The last civilian bandmaster was Bandmaster Cavallini of the 77th. An Army Order of



1873 abolished the appointment and the original enlisted B.M.s were Bandmaster Sergeants, then Bandmasters of Warrant rank, and now with Staff Bands there are directors of Music of commissioned rank. Bandmaster Cavillini was an excellent musician and composer. The old band programmes show a number of his compositions played to the public. One is the "Turkish Patrol" that was still in its original manuscript when the writer was in the Band. An amazingly thick script which gave the impression that it was written by an old sailor using his wooden leg dipped in tar.

Promotion, obviously, was slow in the Band and the Corps of Drums, and the appointment to the rank of Drummer or Bandsman gave the privilege of a full corporal's pension on discharge. Other ranks were at one time paid out in the following sequence at the pay table: (a) Sergeants, (b) Corporals, (c) Bandsmen and Drummers, (d) Lance-Corporals, (e) Private soldier in alphabetical order.

The Band of the 2nd Battalion was chosen to play at the unveiling of the Memorial on Thiepval Ridge by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales in 1932. It was here that an unusual experience fell to the Band. Quite a number of the veterans wanted their own Regimental March played, or some specific tune. This was understandable, especially when it became known that the programme was to be broadcast by the B.B.C. Whilst the writer, who was then a Sergeant in the Band, was preparing for the ceremony, an elderly gentleman approached and asked that before we played the anthem at the end of the programme, would I give three bars crescendo—decrescendo roll on the tympanies. Politely shooing away the old gentleman who wanted a "special" tune, I was surprised to see him a little while later returning with the Bandmaster, Mr. H. Clibbins. The Bandmaster came to where the preparations were going on and said, "Sergeant Smith, I want you to meet Doctor Adrian Boulton." The doctor (now Sir Adrian Boulton) was then the conductor of the B.B.C. Orchestra, and said that he would be conducting the choir and the band for the singing of the National Anthem at the end of the service. There would be an alteration in the way the anthem was to be played. This would be three bars crescendo—decrescendo roll before the instruments came in, then the reeds only to play the first six bars, then a crescendo roll on the tympani or drum, with all instruments joining in, and the tune played legato or more slowly and smoothly. This would be the first time the general public would have heard the anthem so played—the Band was on the air—and this way of playing it was by the express wish of His Majesty King George V. The Regimental Band thus has the distinction of being the first to play, publicly, the anthem as it is now universally played.

Whilst writing about the anthem, it is interesting to recall that it is laid down in which key it will be played by Army bands in public. This was due to the occasion many years ago in the reign of Queen Victoria when a number of Army bands were to play the anthem on the appearance of Her Majesty. Unfortunately, when the musicians struck up, they were playing in different keys! This has not been allowed to happen since.

With the Anthem, this article must end, except to

add that from the drummers on Albuhera Ridge to the stout-spirited "Badgies" who enlivened our troops in Japanese P.O.W. camps and paraded with pride, and the acme of smartness possible in their rags have the Regiment always received trojan service. I know the Band motto is "No corn, no blow," but just the same, the blowing has been that of stalwarts even when the next ration of "corn" is in the unforeseeable future.

However great is the boredom and as low in heart as the soldier may sometimes feel, he will always lift his head with pride and march with vigour when the instruments strike up with its music in the Regiment.

R.W.J.S.

#### Notes

(1) Henry Holloway, who was the last survivor of the heroes who held "the Ridge" of Albuhera was a drummer. He lived near Lydd, and when the 1st Battalion were marching through in 1888, they halted and saluted the old man. He bequeathed his medal, with five clasps, to the Regiment, where it now occupies a position of honour. It forms the stem of the Loving Cup that is taken from the Officers' Mess to the Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion every Albuhera Day and from which the toast is drunk to those who fell at Albuhera.

(2) A Special Order of the Day of November 13, 1951, grants permission to H.M.S. *Unicorn* to play the present Regimental March on all appropriate occasions. This is to commemorate the friendship between the 1st Battalion and H.M.S. *Unicorn* during the Korean War.

(3) Would any reader who remembers the words to the Regimental Marches be kind enough to write to the Curator of the Regimental Museum. He fully appreciates that some versions cannot be published! Also if any old member of the Band can remember the tune to "The Jolly Die-Hards"—the double—would he please contact the Curator.

#### WITH THE S.A.S. IN MALAYA

It has taken me some time to come to any conclusion in the case of my new posting, as two of my first three months with this Regiment have been spent on jungle ops. However, my arrival delighted me, having but one and a half hours to draw a rucksack, meet my new O.C.—Col. Deane Drummond—and shake the dust of the Himalayas\* out of my camp kit before I found myself in a helicopter bound for the Siamese border.

I was attached to a squadron for my first two weeks in the jungle, learning the various "wrinkles" and getting used to the environment. These days were spent in patrolling—luckily, the art of direction-finding is the same here as anywhere else in the world. The effect on one of a 6-ft. horizon that frequently tries to hook the coat off your back or tear an eye was quite new; and the state of perspiration arrived at in climbing a 5,000-ft. bukit was almost unbelievable. The evenings were spent in lectures on Communist terrorist (and our own) history and tactics with some time on "bazdar Malay" and more on the "bible" or Special Operational Orders. In these two weeks I learned far more than the classroom and blackboard could have taught;

\* Editor's Note: See "Ideas and a Mountain", March 1959 issue.

and the sight of trees, animals, insects and aborigines was most stimulating after the antiseptic snows of the Himalayas. This period is also, of course, a period of trial, and a very large percentage of officers (alarmingly) stop at this point. The Colonel, therefore, insists on all officers doing this training op.—including Squadron Commanders and attached officers—and the result on morale is terrific.

After this stretch I was given a troop of "A" Squadron, which I now command. I made my way to them on foot through the jungle and by aborigine bamboo raft down the often-tricky rivers. The troop is well worth describing: myself, a Sergeant, a Corporal, a Lance-Corporal and a Lance-Corporal medical orderly, eight troopers, two Eban trackers, one civil liaison officer (Chinese), five aborigine (Negrito) porters and a pointer-alsatian all went to make up my "safari." This unit can produce up to four three-man patrols, and, as I have three wireless sets within the troop, I can send out a four-day patrol and keep in communication as well as being able to speak to Squadron or Regiment. We live off our backs for up to 14 days before re-supply by river, helicopter or parachute drop. The ration is "local purchase" and, in fact, all the Squadron get together before ops. and decide on what they want: it is cheaper and better than Army issue rations and consists mainly of rice and curried meat plus lots of "brews."

The quality of the troopers keeps the leaders well on their toes, and one can rely upon instant obedience and almost fanatical determination from the moment a project is launched. One of the most impressive proofs I have seen of these qualities was the night we entrained for this op. Sixty-six men had been given two weeks' pay in the morning and told to be in the trucks, rucksacks packed, at 8 o'clock that night—and sober! They were there, quite soundlessly paraded, entrained and set off. No Sergeant-Majors, no worried subalterns, and no absentees! In the jungle, lance-corporals are capable of navigation in the most confusing country, having the wits and observation of the "abos" themselves; and in one case in this Squadron a Troop is commanded by a Corporal—a jungle expert—who thoroughly earns his job. The troop relies on many old truisms for its efficiency, e.g., that all ranks should meet in mutual respect, which is so very well brought out here. The ability to "muck in" is a *sine qua non* and, since the ration is often designed on a two-man/one tin basis, the Officers' Mess truck is not to be found in the W.E.!

Our adversary—the Communist terrorist—is a tough, resourceful and worthy opponent. However, it is not often given to the S.A.S. to kill many: the Director of Operations puts us deep in the jungle to "stir the pot," while the "pickings" are to be found in the fringes where the Infantry suffer from inferior equipment and the heat of the lalang. I understand now that 3 R.A.R. and 1 Loyals have been ordered to carry out three-man patrols. This is refreshing to hear, as, formerly, the poor subaltern in charge of the platoon was the only chap with compass and maps, whereas every one of our men has these vital items. However, an interesting thing about our chaps, i.e., the S.A.S., is that they

represent only about 70 per cent. of a normal Infantry Platoon, but take the British soldier, give him a sense of purpose and the realisation that he is a vital person, and he is insuperable.

Barracks life I find a little like the answers to the Promotion exam. question: "What re-training do you see your unit doing between ops.?", which are usually boring and unimaginative. Programmes are soon spurned by the soldiers, who have plenty of suggestions of their own; however, if they must, they can drill as well as the Guards, even though they are a *pot pourri* of Regiments. Fortunately, however, we have our jumping and lots of rugby (all ranks play this) to keep us amused; and also inter-op. schemes, which often get as far afield as Borneo and Hong Kong.

This present op. finishes on the second week in February, by which time we shall all have large moustaches and healthy appetites. We come home in early April and, after the necessary "de-junglefying" in South Wales, will split, I believe, into three different parts of the world at once. It looks as if, for once, I shall see England in May, which is something to look forward to. At the moment, I have 1 and 3 Troops under command and in support a Regiment of Field Artillery and a battery of Medium, plus a flight of Venom fighter bombers. Academic study is suddenly proving worthwhile—and it is fun applying it in practice!

I am convinced that we hold the key to future atomic soldiering, ergo: self-sufficiency and mobility—synonymous with survival. We also hold the key to recruiting, and I believe that any Regiment would benefit from putting men here for a tour and find them worth promotion on return; and young officers would discover something that the R.M.A. does not yet teach—at least, as I see it!

#### REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

During 1958, the number of men and women from the Regular Armed Forces of the Crown placed in employment by the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen was 19,763, which was 79.5% of those who registered at one or other of the Associations' 52 Branches covering the whole of the United Kingdom. It is of interest that of this number, 8,162 were from the Army and 28 were from your Regiment.

At some time or another, every Regular eventually returns to civil life. When this happens, looking for a decent job can be a trying and lengthy business.

This is where the National Association comes in, completely free, to help you to start right. If you are not absolutely sure of your job, get in touch with the local Jobfinder. Incidentally, he is an ex-Regular like yourself so you will be quite at home when you meet him. He knows the employers and the vacancies they want to fill and can, therefore, give you an up to the minute picture of the local employment possibilities.

If, when you get home, you have forgotten, lost or have never been told the address of your Area Jobfinder, apply to any big Post Office, or to your own Regimental Association. They'll be able to give it to you.



## ROLL OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

## NOT ON THE REGIMENTAL LIST

Rank	Name	Appointment and Location
Brigadier	G. P. L. Weston, D.S.O., O.B.E.	Commandant, Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop
Col.	A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E.	Army Council Representative, NAAFI Board of Management
Col.	A. E. Green, D.S.O., O.B.E.	Commander 4 Port (Scottish) Task Force, Glasgow
T/Brigadier	R. A. Gwyn, O.B.E.	Commander 146 (W.R.) Infantry Brigade (T.A.), Sheffield
T/Brigadier	G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C.	Commander, 168 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), London
Col.	J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E.	A.G.2, War Office, Stanmore, Middlesex
Lt.-Col.	J. W. G. Ormiston	G.S.O.1 (Org. & Trg.) H.Q., A.F.N.E., Oslo
Lt.-Col.	A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C.	C.O., Ghana Training Centre, Kumasi
Lt.-Col.	C. M. M. Man, O.B.E., M.C.	C.O., Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Plymouth
Lt.-Col.	T. W. Chattey	A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Cyprus District
Lt.-Col.	A. R. Waller, M.B.E., M.C.	A.Q.M.G.(M.), H.Q. B.A.O.R.

## REGULAR OFFICERS

Lt.-Col.	W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C.	Comd., 7th Middlesex
Lt.-Col.	D. C. L. Nolda, O.B.E.	Comd., 1st Middlesex
Major	G. C. Dawson	2IC Adm. Wing, Mons O.C.S.
Major	I. H. Battye, M.B.E.	Comd., Depot Middlesex
Major	F. J. Bennett	D.A.A.G., Q.M.G., H.Q. Cheshire Area
Major	R. K. B. Allott, M.C.	Depot (H.S.)
Major	E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D.	G.S.O.2, H.Q. Northern Ireland District
Major(L/Brig.)	I. R. Burrows, O.B.E.	M.A., Moscow
Major	P. L. Crutchfield	D.A.Q.M.G., H.Q. Eastern Command, Hounslow
Major	P. L. Pearce-Gould, M.B.E.	2IC, 1st Middlesex
Major	R. D. Hutchings	1st Middlesex
L/Lt.-Col.	D. Sax	Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham
Major	G. Kent	A.S.C.D., Epsom
Major	S. E. Honess	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)
Major	C. N. Clayden	1st Middlesex
Major	E. A. H. Jeffcoat	1st Middlesex
Major	P. W. Galvin	B.M., 160 Inf. Bde. (T.A.)
Major	M. F. Leonard	Malay Forces
Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O.	D.A.A.G., A.L.F.C.E.
Major	C. H. Mievile, M.C.	Army Outbound School
Major	P. G. V. Bellers	469 G.L.S., B.A.O.R.
Major	J. de Gaye	M.I.3, The War Office
Major	K. J. Carter	H.Q. 3 Div.
Capt.	A. D. C. Eales	Trg. Offr., East Aden Protectorate
Capt.	J. S. C. Flavell	Adj., 8th Middlesex
Capt.	N. F. Legge	Adj., 7th Middlesex
Capt.	H. J. A. Moore	G3(I), H.Q. 24 Indep. Infantry Brigade
Capt.	J. I. D. Pike, M.C.	Federation of Malaya Military College
Capt.	B. A. M. Pielow	Adj., 1st Middlesex
Capt.	R. M. Cain	Adj. Hong Kong Regiment
Capt.	G. G. Norton	1st Middlesex
Capt.	B. K. Clayden	H.Q., Ghana, West Africa
Capt.	W. M. M. Deacock	22 S.A.S. Regiment
Capt.	H. J. Evans	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)
Capt.	B. H. Marciandi	1st Middlesex
Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	1st Middlesex
Capt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	Depot Middlesex
Capt.	L. C. Sharpe	C.O.D. Bicester (Att. R.A.O.C.)
Capt.	I. S. Rutherford	P.R. Pool, H.Q. B.A.O.R.
Capt.	G. Kitchener	1st Middlesex
Capt.	J. S. B. Pollard	1st Middlesex
Capt.	R. D. Fisher	Ghana Regiment Training Centre
Capt.	M. V. Hayward	1st Middlesex
T/Capt.	W. G. A. Crumley	Adj., Depot Middlesex
Lt.	A. E. McManus	Depot Middlesex (P.S.)

Rank	Name	Appointment and Location
Lt.	T. J. Humber	3rd Para.
Lt.	J. M. Hewson, M.C.	3rd Para.
Lt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	Depot Middlesex (P.S.)
Lt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	Pool of Interpreters, Cyprus
Lt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	1st Middlesex
Lt.	P. Mallalieu	1st Middlesex
Lt.	M. G. Waite	1st Middlesex
Lt.	M. F. Deakin	1st Middlesex
Lt.	P. V. Cheesman	1st Middlesex
Lt.	P. D. J. Clarke	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	M. Julian	1st Queens
2/Lt.	A. B. Cowing	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	G. Goring	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	R. C. Pitman	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)

## REGULAR QUARTERMASTERS

Major	C. A. Trestain, M.B.E.	7th Middlesex
Capt.	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	Depot Middlesex
Capt.	A. E. F. Waldron, M.B.E.	1st Middlesex
Lt.	P. Donovan	1st Middlesex
Lt.	F. L. Griffiths	8th Middlesex

## SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS

Major	L. G. Lohan, M.B.E., T.D.	Ministry of Defence
Major	A. E. Peasley	Adj., Home Postal Depot R.E.
Major	J. Bywaters, M.B.E.	Training Officer, W.O.S.B., Barton Stacey.
Major	G. W. P. Hodding, T.D.	D.O.P.T., H.Q. Scottish Command
Major	R. H. Last	War Office
Major	C. E. Rome, M.B.E.	G.S.O.2, Ministry of Supply (Munition Scales)
Major	E. L. Ellisdon	War Office
Capt.	A. R. Cowan	1st Middlesex
Capt.	A. R. F. Smith	3rd Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
Lt.	P. J. Rogers	Nigeria Recce Squadron, Kaduna, Nigeria
Lt.	P. McRae	Port Security, Cyprus
2/Lt.	M. F. K. Young	3rd Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	P. W. Heselton	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)

## SHORT SERVICE QUARTERMASTERS

Major	L. T. Honeybun	M.E.L.F./Cyprus
Major	H. I. Burnett, M.B.E.	A.P.O., Ashton-under-Lyne
Capt.	H. J. Jennings	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)
Lt.	E. J. Pike	Depot Middlesex (H.S.)
Lt.	F. Redpath, B.E.M.	2 Q.O. Nigeria Regiment

## NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS

2/Lt.	G. Bullock	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	R. J. Quinn	1st Training Regiment, R.E.M.E.
2/Lt.	A. Smith	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	E. J. C. R. Von Maltzhan	1st Sierra Leone Regiment
2/Lt.	R. T. Randall	Somaliland Scouts
2/Lt.	E. H. Montgomery	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	D. R. J. Evans	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	V. A. Alexander	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	E. C. S. Ivens	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	M. S. Bloomfield	1 Q.O. Nigeria Regiment
2/Lt.	J. M. Robertson	1st Middlesex
2/Lt.	G. L. B. Taylor	1st Middlesex



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1959, at 5 p.m.**

**Present:** Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Brigadier G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major E. L. Heywood, Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., 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., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D.

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

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

3. **Adoption of Club Accounts for 1958.** Lt.-Col. Fox explained the audited accounts for 1958. Lt.-Col. Fox proposed, Brigadier Rackham seconded and the meeting approved the adoption of the accounts.

4. **Investments.** It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Fox, seconded by Lt.-Col. Roberts and approved by the meeting that the sum of £600 be invested in 5 per cent. Defence Bonds.

5. **Club Functions for 1959.** The Committee approved the following functions for 1959:

Cricketer Week from June 13 to 17 at Mill Hill.  
"At Home," June 20 at Mill Hill.  
Tennis Tournament, June 20 and 21 at Mill Hill.  
Officers' Club Dinner, July 24 at United Service Club.  
Cost of dinner to members 17s. 6d., to include one glass of sherry and port and wine during dinner. Cost to non-members 30s.

6. **Honorary Membership.** It was suggested by Major Newman and approved by the Committee that the following members of the 12th Battalion Middlesex Home Guard be invited to become honorary members of the Club: Major Rev. W. A. Simmonds, M.A., T.D., and Major A. A. Sexton.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7.  
March 25, 1959.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1959, at 2.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Brigadier G. Lerwill, O.B.E., M.C., Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C., Major E. L. Heywood, Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., R.S.M. J. A. Thom, R.S.M. M. Wild, C.S.M. C. Burgess, 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., Major I. H. Battye, M.B.E., Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., R.S.M. A. Kenrick.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Col. Fox drew the Committee's attention to Rule 22, which provides that at the first meeting in each calendar year the Committee were required to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and he asked Col. Roberts, as a past Chairman of the Committee, to preside for that purpose.

Col. Roberts proposed that Col. Fox be re-elected as Chairman for a further year, stressing the importance which he attached to the necessity for the Chairman to have experience of the Association affairs, and after making some kind remarks about Col. Fox's previous service in the chair the proposal was seconded by Brigadier Rackham and carried unanimously.

Col. Fox thanked the Committee for electing him once again to the chair, but drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that this appointment required the approval of the Colonel of the Regiment, and that prior to the corresponding meeting, which will be held in 1960, any nominations for the chair should be submitted to the Secretary in time for the names to be submitted to the Colonel of the Regiment for his approval. He felt very honoured at being asked to take the chair again, but there should be no reason why other names should not be put forward, even if the Chairman for the previous year had not notified the Committee that he wished to resign.

At this stage Col. Fox took the chair.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** The Minutes of the previous meetings held on September 24, 1958, and November 26, 1958,

which had been circulated, disclosed that there had been a breach of Rule 28 in connection with the meeting held on November 26, 1958, in that only nine members of the Committee were present, whereas the quorum for a meeting was 10.

In these circumstances the Committee were asked to approve in particular the Minutes of the meeting held on November 26, 1958, and this was carried unanimously. The Chairman then signed the Minutes of both meetings as correct.

3. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary's report, which was circulated with the Agenda, was accepted by the Committee, but the Secretary was asked in future to provide additional information in his report, particularly in relation to the number of cases in which grants had been made.

4. **Finance Committee's Report.** Col. Fox presented the audited accounts of the Association for the year ended December 31, 1958, and dealt with each account separately.

He drew the Committee's attention to the fact that there had been a deficiency of income over expenditure for the last two years and in the circumstances he had written to the Secretary of the Army Benevolent Fund to ask if they could make a grant to the Association for the year 1959 and thus obviate the possible necessity of realising capital.

Col. Roberts expressed the view that it would be opportune to consider realising our undated Government securities and re-investing in dated securities. He offered to make a report to the Finance Committee, setting out his proposals in this connection in detail. Col. Fox stated that the Finance Committee would be very pleased to receive this report, which would have careful consideration.

Brigadier Rackham moved and Major Newman seconded the resolution that the audited accounts be approved for submission to the Association in General Meeting.

5. **War Memorial Report.** Brigadier Rackham presented his report, which was discussed in some detail and in particular with reference to the position of visitors or lodgers. The Sub-Committee had circulated with their report a statement setting out the principle on which the problem of lodgers should be dealt with, but a revised statement on these lines which Brigadier Rackham had prepared was made available to the meeting for consideration.

The Sub-Committee's report was approved and adopted, including the revised statement in regard to lodgers, provided the latter were sent to Major Hardcastle for his approval from a legal aspect.

It was decided that the statement of principle was merely prepared to assist the Sub-Committee in making recommendations on any particular case, which would be dealt with on its own merits, anyhow.

Col. Fox reported that, in accordance with Minute 4 of the meeting held on September 25, 1958, he had been in touch with Sir Graham Rowlandson, Chairman of the N.W. Regional Hospital Board, in connection with the acquisition of the additional piece of land at the north end of the estate for the purpose of erecting flats and/or garages. As the Hospital now came under the Ministry of Health, it was necessary to make application with a plan of the land required and sketch plans indicating the development envisaged. Col. Fox had, therefore, instructed an architect to prepare a plan of the land required with sketch plans to indicate roughly what the Committee had in mind. These plans had been submitted to the Ministry of Health and a reply was awaited.

Col. Roberts expressed the view that the only capital available for this purpose was in the Mabel Renny Legacy Fund, which now stood at £2,300, and that he considered that the Association should be told how much money could be obtained on loan from the Enfield Borough Council and whether the Sub-Committee recommended the erection of two, four or six flats. He took the view that the Association was not in a position to spend more than £4,000 in all on this venture.

The Sub-Committee were asked to proceed with their enquiries and make a further report at the next meeting.

6. **Journal Committee's Report.** Col. Green had prepared a paper on the Regimental Journal, which had been distributed prior to the meeting and this was discussed at some length. Major Newman stressed the fact that the organisation of sales was very poor and he was opposed to altering the form of the Journal until efforts had been made to increase circulation.

Brigadier Rackham thought that the time had arrived for the position of the Journal in its present form should be continued or not. He suggested that the alternative was to have a monthly or quarterly newsletter, or to have notes in a Brigade Group Journal.

Major Newman agreed to submit his proposals for increasing the circulation of the Journal, and the Chairman stated that he would submit this to Col. Green for his consideration.

It was decided that subsequently this matter should be submitted to the Regimental Council for their observations and comments.

7. **Regimental Reunion.** The Committee approved that the Regimental Reunion for 1959 should be held at Seymour Hall, the Secretary to make application for the hire.

8. **Other Business.** (1) The Chairman informed the Committee that the Auditor had asked whether this first meeting of the year could be deferred for a fortnight, as it gave very little time for him

to prepare and circulate the accounts by the end of February. It was resolved and carried unanimously that in future this meeting should be arranged for the middle of March each year.

(2) **Amendment to Rules.** The Secretary had received an application from the 9th Battalion Branch for certain amendments to the Rules. The amendments were considered, but they were not deemed to be of sufficient importance to warrant putting them into effect in view of the complications attached to the procedure for altering the Rules. The Chairman said he would write to the Secretary of the Branch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 27, 1959, at 2.30 p.m.

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

Inglis Barracks,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7.  
March 25, 1959.

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**THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)**  
**ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1958**

EXPENDITURE		Renny Fund		Association Fund		Total		INCOME		Renny Fund		Association Fund		Total	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>															
Balance, January 1, 1958		20,937	2 4	25,104	7 6	46,131	9 10								
Add: 12th Battalion Home Guard				139	13 6					20,788	15 0	23,106	7 4	46,535	10 11
1/16th Battalion Middlesex Regiment				426	10 11										
		20,937	2 4	25,701	0 11										
<b>Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year</b>															
		12	10	327	10 11										
		20,936	9 6	25,433	10 0	46,369	19 6								
				63	18 4	63	18 4								
<b>BANK OVERDRAFT</b>															
		15	15 0	22	1 0	33	15 8								
<b>CRREDITORS:</b>															
Audit Fee															
Provision for Maintenance															
MILL HILL AND ENFIELD															
Balance, January 1, 1958															
Mrs. M. KENNY LEGACY: s. d.															
1958: 2,436 7 7										163	9 6				
Add: Interest on Investment		90	15 0												
Deposit Interest		2	1 8												
		2,436		2,529	4 3	2,529	4 3								
		£49,076		£38,454	0 3	£49,406	4 9			£20,952	4 6	£28,454	0 3	£49,406	4 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 and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

5 Guildhall Chambers,  
 Basinghall Street,  
 London, E.C.2.  
 February 16, 1959.

HALL, WINDER & CO.,  
 Chartered Accountants.

**THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)**  
**ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FUND**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958**

EXPENDITURE		Renny Fund		Association Fund		Total		INCOME		Renny Fund		Association Fund		Total	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES:</b>															
Regular Forces Employment Association		50	0 0	50	0 0	100	0 0								
Sundry Charities and Donations		100	0 0	55	3 0	155	3 0								
Individual Cases		1,663		1,201	11 0	2,864	11 0								
		1,813		1,446	14 0	3,259	14 0								
Wreaths		59	12 0	45	12 0	104	24 0								
O.C.A. Reunion		12	0 0	10	0 0	22	0 0								
Cost of new Rules		140		130	15 7	270	15 7								
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:</b>															
Postages		66		47	1 7	113	1 7								
Printing and Stationery		76		50	5 0	126	5 0								
Salaries and Fees		768		57	4 0	825	4 0								
Travelling and Office Expenses		90		27	1 0	117	1 0								
Audit Fee		38		22	1 0	60	1 0								
GRANT, "Die-Hards" JOURNAL:															
Cost of year		262		205	19 8	467	19 8								
Copyright Home		100		100	0 0	200	0 0								
EXPENSES:															
Amortisation Fund															
Dunkirk Memorial		27				27									
		£703	16 6	£2,742	11 8	£3,446	8 2			£703	16 6	£2,742	11 8	£3,446	8 2
		£3,600													

**GRANTS AND DONATIONS:**

M.C.C. Sunday Entertainment Fund  
 O.P.L. 1st Battalion  
 P.R.L. 4th Battalion  
 O.C. 7th Battalion  
 O.C. 8th Battalion  
 P.R.L. 5th Battalion  
 R.A. 5th Battalion  
 R.A. 6th Battalion

**"Die-Hards" CLUBS AND O.C.A.s:**

Mill Hill  
 Ealing  
 Hornsey  
 27th Battalion O.C.A.  
 Subscriptions and Donations  
 Interest on Investments (Gross)  
 Profit on Sale of Regimental Ties and Badges recovered on Investments  
 Excess of Expenditure over Income



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

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
1057 £		£	s. d.	1057 £		£	s. d.	
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				FREEHOLD PROPERTY, 1-20			
	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..	36,791	11 11		Albuherra Close, at Cost ..	42,045	3 10	
	Add: Donations ..	29	1 0	42,045	Add: Expenditure on Gar-			
	Interest on Invest-				ages during year ..	145	17 2	
	ments ..	73	0 0			42,191	1 0	
	Housing Grant ..	335	0 0	1,663	INVESTMENTS AT COST ..	1,663	2 5	
	Excess of Income				(Mid-Market value, Decem-			
	over Expenditure				ber 31, 1958, £1,665)			
	for year ..	204	15 3		DEBTORS:			
					Tenants—Net Amount re			
					Rates, Gas, Electricity,			
	Less:			156	etc. ..	144	14 9	
	Interest on £ s. d.					180	0 0	
	Loan ..	199	3 5	175	Housing Grant ..			
	Amortisa-			22	Sundry ..			
	tion Pro-							
	vision ..	53	1 9		34	INSURANCES PAID IN ADVANCE	324	14 9
					82	CASH AT BANKERS ..	447	11 3
		252	5 2					
36,792								
	SITE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:							
	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..	364	14 11					
	Add: Grant received from							
	Middlesex County							
	Council ..	200	0 0					
		564	14 11					
365	Less: Expenditure during							
	year ..	121	8 6					
348	LOAN REDEMPTION RESERVE							
	LOAN ACCOUNT (SECURED):							
6,052	Enfield Urban District							
	Council ..							
		6,508	10 6					
20	SUNDRY CREDITORS ..							
		35	15 0					
£44,177				£44,177				
		£44,660	4 5			£44,660	4	

## WAR MEMORIAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
1957					1957				
£				£ s. d.	£			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
45	Insurances	..	..	45 0 0	200	Rents	..	..	200 0 0
10	Salary—Housing Manager	..	..	25 0 0		Garages	..	..	55 10 0
10	Audit Fee	..	..	15 15 0	13	Less Rates	..	..	13 15 7
5	Postages and Sundries	..	..	4 4 3	52	Maintenance Receipts	..	..	41 14 5
83	Repairs and Maintenance	..	..	58 10 11					52 0 0
27	Legal Expenses	..	..	— — —					
124	Balance, Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	..	..	204 15 3					
£325				£353 14 5	£325				£353 14 5

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

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

## OFFICERS' CLUB

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE						INCOME						
1957 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1957 £		£	s.	d.
	ACCUMULATED FUND:								INVESTMENTS AT COST ..			
	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..	4,431	8	1				4,155	(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1958, £3,935)		4,362	13 7
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	98	9	11				258	CASH AT BANKERS .. ..		143	8 0
4,431					4,529	18	0		STOCKS ON HAND:			
	CREDITOR:							8	Ties .. ..		6	6 0
9	Audit Fee .. ..				9	0	0	14	Cricket Balls .. ..		16	10 9
	FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR 3RD BATTALION:							6	Tennis Balls, etc. .. ..		10	7 11
512	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..				511	16	7				33	4 8
									HELD IN TRUST FOR 3RD BATTALION:			
									Investment at Cost ..	509	10	4
									(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1958, £457)			
									Cash not re-invested ..	2	6	3
								511			511	16 7
£4,952		£5,051	3	7				£4,952		£5,051	3	7

## OFFICERS' CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1957 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1957 £		£ s. d.	
	DONATIONS:			474	Subscriptions and Entrance Fees .. ..	455 3 6	
4	Royal School for Daughters of Officers .. ..	4 0 0		79	Interest on Investments (Net) .. ..	81 5 3	
40	P.M.C. The Depot .. ..	40 0 0	44 0 0	11	Interest on Investment held in Trust for 3rd Battalion (Net) .. ..	10 11 11	
	Expenses of Cricket Week .. ..	180 0 11		3	Profit on Sale of Club Ties .. ..	1 17 2	
	Less: Receipts .. ..	38 0 0		8	Refund of Income Tax .. ..	7 4 8	
141			142 0 11				
49	Golf Meeting .. ..		32 16 5				
	Dinner .. ..	105 1 4					
	Less: Receipts .. ..	73 4 0					
65			31 17 4				
	"At Home" .. ..	23 13 6					
	Less: Receipts .. ..	6 10 0					
16			17 3 6				
	Cocktail Party .. ..	104 9 7					
	Less: Receipts .. ..	132 15 0					
			61 14 7				
13	Tennis Meeting .. ..		10 0 0				
19	M.C.C. Season Tickets .. ..		2 14 6				
8	Wreaths .. ..						
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:						
61	Salary, Expenses and National Insurance .. ..	65 17 6					
28	Postages, Printing and Stationery .. ..	39 18 10					
9	Audit Fee .. ..	9 9 0					
			115 5 4				
131	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year .. ..		98 9 11				
£575			£556 2 6	£575		£556 2 6	

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

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## COTTAGE HOMES ACCOUNT

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1957	£	£	s. d.	1957	£	s. d.	
2	Land Agent, Eastern Command, for Rent..		2 0 0	50	Interest on Investments (Gross) .. ..		58 14 6
12	Water Rate .. .. .		12 6 8	50	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year		18 1 8
14	Insurance .. .. .		14 0 0				
2	Audit Fee .. .. .		2 2 0				
79	Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .		46 7 6				
	<u>£109</u>		<u>£76 16 2</u>		<u>£109</u>		<u>£76 16 2</u>

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE						INCOME									
1957 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1957 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	ACCUMULATED FUND:								INVESTMENTS:						
	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..	3,591	11	9				678	(a) At Mid-Market value, December 31, 1958..	678	3	9			
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	18	1	8				1,196	(b) At Cost ..	1,195	13	3			
3,591					3,573	10	1		(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1958, £1,364)				1,873	17	0
2	CREDITORS:							1,653	PROPERTY AT COST .. ..				1,653	0	7
	Audit Fee .. .. .		2	2	0			11	DEBTOR .. .. .						
	Repairs .. .. .		17	0	0			55	CASH AT BANKERS .. ..				65	14	6
					19	2	0		AMORTISATION FUND INVESTMENT:						
	PROPERTY AMORTISATION FUND:								At Cost .. .. .	303	2	0			
	Balance, January 1, 1958..	209	7	10					(Mid-Market Value, De- cember 31, 1958, £206)						
	Grant from Association								Cash not invested .. ..	17	14	10			
	Charitable Fund .. ..	100	0	0											
	Interest on Investment ..	11	9	0											
209					320	16	10	209							
£3,802					£3,913	8	11	£3,802					£3,913	8	11

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## OFFICERS' CLUB CHARITABLE FUND

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1957	£	£	s. d.	1957	£	s. d.	
35	Grants .. .. .		£ 10 0	51	Interest on Investments (Gross) .. ..		53 3 6
2	Audit Fee .. .. .		2 2 0		Interest on Deposit Account .. ..		5 0
14	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		19 16 6				
	<u>£51</u>		<u>£53 8 6</u>		<u>£51</u>		<u>£53 8 6</u>

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1957	£	£	s. d.	1957	£	s. d.	
	ACCUMULATED FUND:				INVESTMENTS AT COST .. ..		1,536 6 5
	Balance, January 1, 1958 ..	1,523	0 7	1,450	(Mid-Market value, December 31, 1958, £1,430)		
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	19 16 6		75	CASH AT BANKERS .. ..		9 1 8
1,523	CREDITOR:		1,543 6 1				
2	Audit Fee .. .. .	2 2 0					
	<u>£1,525</u>		<u>£1,545 8 1</u>		<u>£1,525</u>		<u>£1,545 8 1</u>

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