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## THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

(57th and 77th)

The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Albuhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajos," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02."

World War I—46 Battalions—"Mons," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Aisne, 1914," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914," "17," "18," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Ypres, 1915," "17," "18," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellevue," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Courcette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18," "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Pillieux," "Langemark, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "St. Quentin," "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Baillieux," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Hindenburg Line," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 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," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18," "Murmur, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

World War II—7 Battalions—North-West Europe, 1940: "The Dyle," "Defence of the Escaut," "Ypres—Comines Canal," "Dunkirk, 1940," "South-East Asia, 1941: "Hong Kong," "North Africa, 1942-43: "El Alamein," "Advance on Tripoli," "Mareth," "Akari," "Djebel Roumana," "Sicily, 1943: "Francoforte," "Sierro," "Sierro Hills," "Italy, 1944-45: "Anzio," "Carceto," "Gothic Line," "Monte Grande," "North-West Europe, 1944-45: "Normandy Landing," "Cambes," "Breville," "The Odon," "Caen," "The Orne," "Hill 112," "Bourgeois Ridge," "Troarn," "Mont Pincon," "Falaise," "The Seine, 1944," "The Nederjacht," "Le Havre," "The Lower Maas," "Venray," "Meijel," "Gellenkirchen," "Venlo Pocket," "The Rhineland," "Goch," "The Reichwald," "The Rhine," "Lingen," "Brinkum," "Bremen."

"Korea, 1950-51," "Naktong Bridgehead," "Chongju," "Chongchon II," "Chuan-Ni," "Kapyong-chon," "Kapyong."

Colonel of the Regiment Brigadier J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E.

Deputy Colonel of the Regiment Lt.-Gen. G. C. Bucknall, C.B., M.C., D.L.

### Regimental Headquarters

Location: T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

R.O.II: Col. F. Walden.

R.O.III: Major E. L. Heywood.

Curator, Regimental Museum: Major R. W. J. Smith, M.B.E.

### Regular and Territorial Battalions

#### 1st Battalion

O.C.: Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C.

Location: Lee Metford Barracks, Lydd, Kent.

#### 5th Battalion (T.A.)

O.C.: Lt.-Col. G. W. Webber, T.D.

#### Locations

Battalion H.Q. } T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware,  
"H.Q." Company } Middlesex.

"A" Company T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.S.

"B" Company T.A. Centre, Churchfield Road, Ealing, W.13.

"C" Company T.A. Centre, Old Park Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex.

"D" Company T.A. Centre, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.

### County of Middlesex Army Cadet Force

Headquarters: 30 Pont Street, London, S.W.1.

Commandant: Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D.

Cadet Executive Officer: Major A. T. Jones, M.B.E., T.D.

### Affiliated Cadet Units

16th (Hornsey) Cadet Company

32nd (Edgware) Cadet Company

72nd (Hounslow) Cadet Company

75th (Staines) Cadet Company

77th (Feltham) Cadet Company.

### Allied Units

#### CANADA

31st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Ontario.

21st Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Ontario.

50th H.A. Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Ontario.

102nd (Trentworth) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Ontario.

The Royal Rifles of Canada, Quebec.

#### NEW ZEALAND

The Wellington West Wanganui Coast and Taranaki Regiment.

#### HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers).

### Home Counties Brigade Depot

H.Q.: Wemyss Barracks, Canterbury.

Brigade Colonel: Col. M. T. N. Jennings.

D.A.A.G.: Major C. N. Clayden.



# Officers Location Statement

## REGULAR OFFICERS

Major-General	G. P. L. Weston, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	Director, Land/Air Warfare, The War Office
Brigadier	J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E.	Chief of Staff, Land Forces, Hong Kong
Col. (T/Brig.)	C. M. M. Man, O.B.E., M.C., M.A.	Head, British Commonwealth Liaison Mission and M.A. KOREA
Col.	W. P. M. Allen, O.B.E., M.C.	A.Q.M.G. (Qtg.) G.H.Q. FARELF
Lt.-Col. (T/Col.)	J. W. G. Ormiston	Colonel G.S., M.I., The War Office
Lt.-Col.	A. G. Hewitt, M.B.E., M.C.	A.A. and Q.M.G., 42 (Lancs.) Div./North West District
Lt.-Col.	D. C. L. Nolda, O.B.E., B.A.	G.S.O. 1, Western Command
Lt.-Col. (T/Col.)	A. R. Waller, M.B.E., M.C.	Colonel "Q" (Movements) NEARELF
Lt.-Col.	I. R. Burrows, O.B.E., M.A.	G.S.O. 1, Joint Services Staff College
Lt.-Col.	I. H. Battye, M.B.E., B.A.	G.S.O. 1, H.Q. NORTHAG
Lt.-Col.	F. de R. Morgan, M.C.	Commander, 1st Battalion
Major	G. C. Dawson	M.C.T.C., Colchester
Major	E. F. Thompson, M.C., T.D.	D.A.A.G., Malta
Major	P. L. Crutchfield	G.S.O. 2 (Int.), G.H.Q., FARELF
Major (T/Lt.-Col.)	P. L. Pearce Gould, M.B.E., M.A.	O.C. Trinidad National Guard
Major (T/Lt.-Col.)	R. D. Hutchings	A.D.P.R., Joint Public Relations Service, MIDEAST, Aden
Major (T/Lt.-Col.)	D. Sax	T.S.O. 1, School of Infantry
Major	P. W. Galvin	2IC, 1st Battalion
Major	C. N. Clayden	D.A.A.G. and Brigade Adjutant, Home Counties Brigade
Major	E. A. H. Jeffcoat	D.A.Q.M.G., Land Forces, Hong Kong
Major	J. N. Shipster, D.S.O.	B.M., 125 Infantry Brigade (T.A.)
Major	C. H. Mievill, M.C.	A.M.A. to U.K. High Commissioner, Pakistan
Major	P. G. V. Bellers	Home Counties Brigade Depot (P.S.)
Major	K. J. Carter	1st Battalion
Major	B. A. M. Pielow	G.S.O. 2, H.Q. Aden Garrison
Major	H. J. A. Moore	D.A.Q.M.G., Scottish Command
Major	R. M. Cain, B.A.	Staff Captain (Q6), The War Office
Major	G. G. Norton	4th Battalion Queen's Own Royal Nigeria Regiment
Major	B. K. Clayden	1st Battalion
Major	J. I. D. Pike, M.C.	1st Battalion
Major	B. H. Marciandi	G.S.O. 2, H.Q. Tanganyika Rifles
Capt.	C. L. Lawrence, M.C.	Staff Captain (Q), H.Q. MELF
Capt.	P. A. S. Wollocombe	3rd Battalion King's African Rifles
Capt.	J. S. B. Pollard	G.S.O. 3 (S.D.), H.Q. 2 Division
Capt.	R. D. Fisher	Staff College, Camberley
Capt.	M. V. Hayward	Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst
Capt.	A. E. McManus	Adjutant, 5th Battalion (T.A.)
Capt.	J. M. Hewson, M.C.	Adjutant, 1st Battalion
Capt.	I. M. E. Lloyd	All Arms Junior Leaders Regiment, Tonfanau
Capt.	W. G. A. Crumley	Staff Captain (Q), MIDEAST (Aden)
Capt.	H. M. du V. Lohan	1st Battalion
Capt.	M. C. D. L. Gilham	1st Battalion
Capt.	M. D. Legg	1st Battalion
Capt.	P. V. Cheesman	1st Battalion
Lt.	P. Mallalieu	Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces
Lt.	M. F. Deakin	Army Air Corps Centre
Lt.	P. D. J. Clarke	1st Battalion
Lt.	G. Bulloch	1st Battalion
Lt.	G. Goring	Home Counties Brigade Depot (P.S.)
Lt.	A. B. Cowing	1st Battalion
Lt.	R. C. Pitman	1st Battalion
Lt.	J. G. Lofting	Home Counties Brigade Depot (P.S.)
Lt.	P. J. Monypenny	1st Battalion
Lt.	B. K. Finch	1st Battalion
Lt.	P. J. Hubert	1st Battalion
2/Lt.	R. A. Bartlett	1st Battalion
2/Lt.	P. F. Packham	1st Battalion
Major (Q.M.)	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	5th Battalion (T.A.)
Capt. (Q.M.)	A. E. F. Waldron, M.B.E.	1st Battalion
Capt. (Q.M.)	P. Donovan	1st Battalion
Capt. (Q.M.)	F. L. Griffiths	H.Q. Singapore Military Forces

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## Short-Service Officers

Lt.	M. H. Rose	Depot R.M.P.
Lt.	D. M. Everard	1st Battalion
Lt.	G. N. Freeborn	1st Battalion
Lt.	G. A. Dudson	1st Battalion
Lt.	N. J. Bryant	Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces
2/Lt.	P. B. Armitage	11th Battalion King's African Rifles
Capt. (Q.M.)	E. J. Pike	6th Battalion King's African Rifles
Lt. (Q.M.)	F. Redpath, B.E.M.	Home Counties Brigade Depot (H.S.)
Lt. (Q.M.)	M. Wild	1st Battalion Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment

## Extended-Service Officers

Major (L/Lt.-Col.)	L. G. Lohan, M.B.E., T.D.	D.D.P.R., Ministry of Defence
Major	A. E. Peasley	Adjutant, Home Postal Depot R.E.

## 5th BATTALION (T.A.)

### Honorary Colonel

Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P.

### T.A. Officers

Lt.-Col.	G. W. Webber, T.D.	Battalion Commander
Major	P. J. Hall	2IC
Major	J. D. Gunnell, T.D.	O.C. "H.Q." Company
Major	R. J. Leighton, T.D.	O.C. "A" Company
Major	B. A. Skinner	O.C. "B" Company
Major	E. J. Naish	O.C. "C" Company
Capt.	J. K. E. Slack	I.O.
Capt.	B. B. Pollecoff	2IC "A" Company
Capt.	M. J. Beaumont	2IC "H.Q." Company
Capt.	D. W. Hogg	O.C. "D" Company
Capt.	H. E. Couch	2IC "D" Company
Capt.	S. le M. Enthoven	Signals Officer
Capt.	S. L. J. Henshaw	2IC "B" Company
Capt.	G. J. Young	M.T.O.
Lt.	D. W. Hume	Platoon Commander "C" Company
Lt.	K. G. Price	Platoon Commander "C" Company
Lt.	D. H. S. Herriott	Platoon Commander "A" Company
Lt.	A. W. Hunt	Platoon Commander "C" Company
Lt.	J. S. Richards	Platoon Commander "B" Company
Lt.	P. J. Ottino	Platoon Commander "A" Company
Lt.	K. D. Murray	Platoon Commander "D" Company
Lt.	D. O. M. Thomas	Platoon Commander "C" Company
Lt.	J. M. Robertson	Recce. Platoon Commander
Lt.	J. McMaster	Platoon Commander "D" Company
Lt.	P. I. Phillips	Platoon Commander "C" Company
Lt.	J. A. Van de Pol	Platoon Commander "A" Company
Lt.	J. C. Parkinson	Platoon Commander "D" Company
Lt.	M. J. S. Doran	Platoon Commander "A" Company
Lt.	R. G. Tett	Platoon Commander "B" Company
2/Lt.	T. D. Jones	Platoon Commander "B" Company
2/Lt.	J. S. Walker	Platoon Commander "D" Company
Major	D. P. Winstanley, R.A.M.C.	Medical Officer
Capt.	R. L. McQueen, R.A.M.C.	Medical Officer
Capt.	B. A. Hennah, R.A.P.C.	Paymaster

### Permanent Staff Officers

Major	J. A. George, Queen's Surreys	Training Officer
Capt.	A. E. McManus	Adjutant
Major (Q.M.)	S. C. W. Weller, M.M.	Quartermaster



# ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR N.C.O.'s

(Corrected to September 4, 1962)

Bde. Pos.	Appt. or A/Rank	Name	Unit
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS I			
2	W.O.1	T. McMillan	4 Buffs (T.A.)
9	W.O.1	R. Budden	4/5 R.W.K. (T.A.)
16	W.O.1	R. Dodkins	1 Mx.
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS II			
4	W.O.2	F. Firman	3 Queens Surreys (T.A.)
5	R.Q.M.S.	A. Cooper	1 Mx.
19	R.Q.M.S.	P. Soper, B.E.M.	Singapore Military Forces
28	R.Q.M.S.	K. Beale	H.Q. 11 Inf. Bde. Gp.
29	W.O.2	W. Wright	5 Mx. (T.A.)
34	W.O.2	A. Da Costa	4/5 R. Sussex (T.A.)
42	W.O.2	S. Michel	5 Mx. (T.A.)
44	W.O.2	M. Eastap	4/5 R.W.K. (T.A.)
47	W.O.2	G. Simmons	Bde. Depot (P.S.)
52	W.O.2	E. Steward	1 Mx.

## COLOUR-SERGEANTS

5	C/Sgt.	J. Potter	1 Mx.
7	C/Sgt.	P. Dive	1 Mx.
8	A/W.O.2	J. Moyse	1 Mx.
27	A/W.O.2	D. Walters	1 Mx.
32	C/Sgt.	A. Nicholson	1 Mx.
34	C/Sgt.	W. Smith	1 Mx.

## SERGEANTS

2	A/W.O.2	E. Thompson	22 S.A.S.R.
9	Sgt.	B. Warner	1 Mx.
10	Sgt.	M. Butler	S.P.S. Estab.
12	Sgt./O.R.C.	A. Gibbs	1 Mx.
16	A/C/Sgt.	J. Martin, M.M.	1 Mx.
20	Sgt.	R. Davies	1 Mx.
31	A/W.O.2 (R.Q.M.S.)	P. Amor	22 S.A.S.R.
36	A/C/Sgt.	R. Clements	1 Mx.
43	A/C/Sgt.	R. Power	1 Mx.
45	Sgt.	K. Lloyd	1 Mx.
46	Sgt.	C. Partridge	1 Mx.
49	Sgt.	D. Lagden	A.A.S. Arborfield
55	Sgt.	C. Orme	1 Mx. (C.L.R.D.)
59	Sgt.	M. Elston	Army M.T. School
65	Sgt.	H. Horder	1 Mx.
70	Sgt.	R. Ford	1 Mx.
71	Sgt.	C. Shinn	1 Mx.
76	Sgt.	N. Taylor	1 Mx.
81	A/C/Sgt.	H. Males	Adm. Unit Episkopi
82	Sgt.	C. Blackwell	1 Mx.
109	Sgt.	B. Tarry	1 Mx.

Bde. Pos.	Appt. or A/Rank	Name	Unit
117	Sgt.	S. Speakman	1 Mx. (A.I.O. Kentish Town)
120	Sgt.	W. Argent	1 Mx.
121	Sgt.	L. Plumb	Bde. Depot (P.S.)
129	Sgt.	H. Turner	1 Mx.
133	Sgt.	J. Williamson	22 S.A.S.R. (for 1 Mx.)
135	Sgt.	B. Edey	R.M.A.S.
145	Sgt.	W. Turner	School of Infantry (Hythe)
149	Sgt.	J. Raffael	School of Infantry (Warminster)
157	Sgt.	B. Pritchard	5 Mx. (T.A.)
160	Sgt.	A. Briggs	1 Mx.
162	Sgt.	J. Redmond	1 Mx.
163	Sgt.	D. Miles	1 Mx.
165	Sgt.	J. Young	1 Mx.
170	Sgt.	J. Kerr	Bde. Depot (P.S.)
172	Sgt.	G. Overton	1 Mx.
182	Sgt.	T. Parnell	R.M.A.S.

## ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANTS

5	W.O.2	G. Cripps	1 Mx.
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## BANDMASTER

5	W.O.1	J. McShane	1 Mx.
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## SERGEANTS (Band)

2	Sgt.	D. Carson	R.M.S.M.
5	Sgt.	G. Beechey	1 Mx.

## DRUM-MAJOR

1A	W.O.2 (D.M.)	J. Lewis	1 Mx.
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## 5th BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.) T.A.

Rank	Name	Company
WARRANT OFFICERS, CLASS II		
W.O.2	R. G. Vaisey	"H.Q." Company
W.O.2	R. G. Roberts	"H.Q." Company
W.O.2	W. Payne	"C" Company
W.O.2	A. E. Howe, M.B.E.	Battalion H.Q.
W.O.2	J. Vasey	"D" Company
W.O.2	A. Carnie	"H.Q." Company
W.O.2	B. Stack	"A" Company

## COLOUR-SERGEANTS

C/Sgt.	H. Rea	"D" Company
S/Sgt.	L. Hawkins, B.E.M.	"H.Q." Company (Sig)

C/Sgt.	L. Salter	"B" Company
C/Sgt.	E. James	"A" Company

## SERGEANTS

Sgt.	C. Holdford	Battalion H.Q.
Sgt.	D. Goldeman	Battalion H.Q.
Sgt.	E. R. Oakley	"H.Q." Company

# GEORGE KNIGHT CLOWES MEMORIAL ESSAY, 1963

Prizes: 1st prize, £35. 2nd prize, £15. Closing date: March 31, 1963.

## Subject:

In the recent past armies have relied on reservists to bring units up to war establishment on mobilisation and the British Expeditionary Forces sent to France in 1914 and 1939 included a high proportion of reservists. Some critics doubt if, under modern conditions, this method of reinforcing units is still practicable. They doubt if we can rely on always having the time, or means, to do so—especially in the case of B.A.O.R.

Discuss in general terms the problems of service personnel and with special reference to reinforcing Army units, in Germany and elsewhere overseas, in an emergency.

General Conditions for this competition will be the same as for the 1962 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 308 of 1961.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas card this year is taken from a water-colour of Lt.-Gen. Sir William Inglis, K.C.B., painted by Thomas Heaphy (1775-1835), who exhibited at the Royal Academy and was appointed "painter to the Princess of Wales."

The painting has been loaned by the Parker Gallery.

The card will have the Regimental crest on the outside, will be tied with ribbon in Regimental colours, and have the greeting and picture inside, and is number eight below.

The cards available are as under:

Card No. 1—Col. Egerton and sentry on the ramparts at Portsmouth. Cost 1s. each or 10s. per dozen.

Card No. 2—Pioneer of the Peninsular War period. Cost 1s. each or 10s. per dozen.

Card No. 6—Col. Egerton and a Sergeant in Canada—(Snow scene) Cost 1s. each or 10s. per dozen.

Card No. 7—Col. Stratton and his charger in the Crimea. Cost 1s. each or 12s. per dozen.

Card No. 8—General Sir William Inglis, K.C.B., of Albuhera fame. Cost 1s. each or 12s. per dozen.

If any of the above cards are required to be sent by post, add 1d. on each card up to 24, then 6d. for each further dozen, i.e. 1s. on 12 cards; 2s. on 24; 2s. 6d. on 36.

Card No. 4—Single card with Regimental badge and Christmas greeting. Cost 3d. each or 3s. per dozen. If required to be sent by post add 6d. per dozen.

Rank	Name	Company
Sgt.	A. Sills	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	R. Birmingham	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	M. O'Brart	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	K. Mortimer	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	J. Elderfield	"A" Company
Sgt.	D. W. Guiver	"B" Company
Sgt.	R. Elliott	"A" Company
Sgt.	D. F. Gainsbury	"B" Company
Sgt.	C. B. Wagner	"B" Company
Sgt.	F. W. Hawes	"B" Company
Sgt.	L. Ford	"C" Company
Sgt.	N. Wallage	"C" Company
Sgt.	D. McKerron	"C" Company
Sgt.	A. R. Kemp	"D" Company
Sgt.	M. Ward	"D" Company
Sgt.	G. Young	"D" Company
Sgt.	G. R. Brown	"D" Company
Sgt.	R. J. Bartholomew	"D" Company
P/Sgt.	G. Ashcroft	"H.Q." Company
P/Sgt.	B. Lauwers	"A" Company
P/Sgt.	K. G. Anderson	"H.Q." Company
P/Sgt.	R. E. Ambler	"H.Q." Company
P/Sgt.	W. Medcalf	"C" Company

## Attached:

S/Sgt.	E. Pincombe (R.E.M.E.)	"H.Q." Company
P/Sgt.	G. Berry (R.A.P.C.)	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	M. Moore (A.C.C.)	"H.Q." Company

## PERMANENT STAFF

W.O.1 (R.S.M.)	F. Webb	Battalion H.Q.
W.O.2 (C.S.M.)	S. Michel	"A" Company
Sgt.	H. Shoebridge	"B" Company
W.O.2 (C.S.M.)	W. J. Wright	"D" Company
Sgt.	A. J. Willis	"H.Q." Company
Sgt.	B. Pritchard	"C" Company

# BERTRAND STEWART ESSAY COMPETITION, 1963

Prize: £80. Closing date: June 22, 1963.

## Subject:

The R.A.F. is at present building up a short-range transport force which will operate in the battle area in support of the Army. One Commando ship with helicopters is already in service and a second will shortly be available.

Discuss the tactical and logistic opportunities which these developments will afford a commander.

General conditions for this essay competition will be the same as for the 1962 competition and can be found in A.C.I. 440 of 1961.



## Editor's Comments

We heartily congratulate our senior serving officer, Major-General G. P. L. Weston, on being appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in the last Birthday Honours List.

The 1st Battalion have certainly made their mark in the Army sporting world this year.

Last May, as hockey champions of the B.A.O.R., they played in the final of the Army Hockey Cup at Aldershot, and were narrowly beaten after extra time.

On August 31, their swimming team, having won the Home Counties District and Eastern Command Championships, qualified to take part in the Army Team Championship Final at the Eltham Baths. After some exciting racing and high class swimming they did well to finish a close third.

Finally in September their Pentathlon team came second in the Army Team Championship, and Cpl. Finnis won the Army Individual Championship with a record score of 5,002 points.

Taking part in the Nijmegen Marches this year, 16th Hornsey Cadet Company were the first Army Cadet Force team to complete the full course of 100 miles with

the requisite weight. It was a magnificent effort and is deserving of the highest praise.

In an effort to increase the circulation it is proposed to allot serial numbers to each copy of the Journal in future and, after each issue, to make a draw and award a money prize for the winning number.

Further details will be published in the April, 1963, issue.

In spite of this affluent age there are still some old Comrades, who are anxious to read the Journal but who cannot afford the annual subscription.

Any reader, who would care to pay an extra subscription for one of these old Comrades, is requested to send the remittance to the Editor. When acknowledging it he will inform the donor of the name and address of the person to whom the subscription has been allotted.

Readers who wish to insert small advertisements in the Journal may in future do so at a charge of two pence per word, with a minimum charge of 2s. 6d.

Matter for insertion, accompanied by the appropriate remittance, should be addressed to the Editor.

## Personalia

On relinquishing his staff appointment at Headquarters, Western Command, Col. Peter Allen has been posted to G.H.Q., Far East Land Forces, as Assistant Quartermaster General (Quartering).

As far as we know he went by air to Singapore last month.

We are very sorry to have to report that Major Nobby Clark, the late Secretary of our Regimental Association, had a stroke on August 27, and has been in the Finchley Memorial Hospital since. We are glad, however, to say that he is making steady progress.

Major Ken Clayden completed his tour of duty as Training Major with the 5th Battalion last June and, after some well-earned leave, rejoined the 1st Battalion.

Major P. L. Crutchfield who, as stated in the *Personalia* column last April, had vacated his staff appointment at Headquarters, East Anglia Division/District, has now gone to G.H.Q., Far East Land Forces, as G.S.O. 2 (Intelligence).

Major George Dawson, our only representative at Bisley this year, did well by finishing ninth in the Revolver Thirty, having previously won the East Anglia District Revolver Cup.

Major Philip Elliott, who served before World War II in the 8th Battalion and, during it, in the 2/8th Battalion and the re-constituted 1st Battalion, writes to say that he has now moved to Tonbridge, where he is Manager of the Westminster Bank.

His address is Lane End, 55 Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

When he completes his present staff appointment, Lt.-Col. Tony Hewitt has been selected as Army Liaison Officer, British Defence Liaison Staff, Australia, with the temporary rank of Colonel.

Under present arrangements he is due to go by sea in time to take over his new duties next month.

We congratulate Lt. John Lofting on getting his Army Cricket Colours this year.

He played in both of the inter-Services matches and, against the Royal Air Force, made the highest score for the Army.

By the time this issue of *The Die-Hards* appears in print Brigadier Man should have arrived in the Far East to take up his new appointment as Head, British Commonwealth Liaison Mission, Korea, and Military Attaché, Korea.

Early in September we were informed that Major Chris Mievile had been selected as Assistant Military Adviser to the U.K. High Commissioner in Pakistan. He is due to take up his new appointment in November.

Although it was inevitable we were very sorry when news of the posting of the Reverend Llewellyn Milliner to another unit at Hereford came through last May. He had been Chaplain at our Depot at Mill Hill for about two years before it closed down last year, and subsequently, when he was Chaplain to the Home Postal Depot, he officiated at all our Regimental services, the Albuhera Sunday Parade at Edgware on May 13, being the last occasion.

Col. John Ormiston has now left Headquarters, Allied Forces in Central Europe, to take up the appointment of Colonel G.S., at M.I.I., The War Office.

Now that he is back in this country no doubt he will soon pay a visit to Regimental Headquarters.

We were very pleased to hear that Major Peter Pearce Gould had been selected to take command of the Trinidad National Guard, especially as the formation of the proposed new 2nd Battalion West India Regiment, which he had been earmarked to command, was cancelled when Jamaica seceded from the Federation of the West Indies.

Capt. John Pollard, on relinquishing the Adjutancy of the 1st Battalion, was appointed G.S.O. 3 (S.D.) at Headquarters, 2nd Division, in B.A.O.R.

Lt. Frank Redpath is now on terminal leave, having completed his tour of duty with 2nd Battalion Queen's

Own Nigeria Regiment, and expects to leave the Service about April or May next year.

Major C. E. Rome retired on July 22, after 32½ years' service in the Army, of which 19½ years were spent in the Regiment. He was previously in the Coldstream Guards and was a Warrant Officer, Class 2, when he was commissioned in 1943.

The following is an extract from a letter written last June when he was on terminal leave:—

"It seems almost impossible to have served in a Regiment for nearly 20 years and never to have served with either a Regular or a T.A. Battalion. Such is the post-war army. Nevertheless I have held some very interesting appointments. My last one was Military Liaison Officer to the Director of Munitions Sales in the Ministry of Supply (now M.G.O.'s Dept., War Office). This has entailed many visits to foreign embassies in London. The average over a year has been two per week. I have looked after visiting missions from nearly every 'friendly' country in the world."

Now that he has retired we hope that Major Rome will be able to keep in touch, and visit Regimental Headquarters.

It was good to see Lt.-Col. Ernest Shanks at the Regimental Dinner last June. After having to retire from his post as Attorney General in Singapore in 1959, when that Colony attained its internal self-government, he was appointed in 1960 to his present post—H.M. Solicitor General in Guernsey.

We should see more of him in the future, since his visits to the mainland are likely to be more frequent now that he has a son at Mill Hill School.

Major John Shipster left the 1st Battalion last April on being posted as Brigade Major to 125th Infantry Brigade (T.A.).

Major A. R. F. Smith completed the Active List period of his Short Service commission on July 2, and is now living at 38 Western Avenue, Barton-on-Sea, New Milton, Hants.

Capt. Pat Wollocombe, who recently completed a tour of duty as Staff Captain (Q), Aden Garrison, is now about to be seconded for service with 3rd Battalion King's African Rifles, Nairobi.

### STOP PRESS

As we go to press we are very happy to report that Corporal Finnis, of the 1st Battalion, has just won the Individual Modern Pentathlon Championship of Great Britain.

Heartiest congratulations. Now for Tokyo, 1964.





THE MARCH PAST

*Albuhera Sunday Parade, 13th May, 1962*

#### ALBUHERA SUNDAY PARADE

On Sunday May 13, 1962, members and ex-members of the Regiment were invited to attend a parade service at Edgware in commemoration of the Battle of Albuhera.

Rather more than 150 were present, including small detachments from the 1st Battalion (under Lt. D. M. Everard) and 16 Cadet Company (under Capt. V. D. Williams). This party formed up in Deansbrook Road and, headed by the Band and Drums of the 5th Battalion, marched to St. Margaret's Church, Edgware, where it was joined by about 50 wives and other relatives.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. L. D. Milliner, who was our Chaplain at Mill Hill, assisted by the Rev. W. E. B. Jones, at one time Chaplain to the 1st Battalion in Korea, and now Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, West Wembley. Music was provided by the Band of the 5th Battalion.

After the Service the parade reformed and, under the command of Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., marched back to Regimental Headquarters. En route the salute was taken by Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion, who was accompanied on the saluting base by Sgt. R. Ryder, V.C., who had come down from Nottingham specially for the occasion.

The parade over, all returned to the Drill Hall, where some excellent refreshments had been arranged by the 5th Battalion.

This was the first parade of its kind to have been held to commemorate our most famous battle honour, and it was not without its teething troubles. The Edgware Parish Church, St. Margaret's, can hold only 300. Another church which can accommodate over double that number was too far away for some of our veterans. A Drum-head service in the open was decided upon, but soon after making this decision it seemed most unlikely that numbers would justify holding this. The uncertainty as to how many were going to attend—as well as the weather—made a final decision difficult, but, as it turned out, the numbers who attended fitted very nicely into St. Margaret's Church, and we are much indebted to the Rector, the Rev. Gordon Harman, for allowing us to hold the service there.

#### REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL PLAQUE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILL HILL

Additions to the Regimental Memorial Plaque in St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, commemorating those who fell in the 1914-18 War, have been made so that it now includes those who fell in the 1939-45 War and the Korean War.

To mark the completion of the work on these additions a short and simple service was held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, April 29, 1962. The Vicar, the Rev. Michael Dean, and our Chaplain, the Rev. Llewellyn Milliner, conducted the service, which began with the hymn

"O Valiant hearts." In the prayer which followed all our dead were remembered, after which "The Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded. The Regimental collect and the 23rd Psalm preceded the Lesson, which was taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 8, and was read by Brigadier Rackham. The service concluded with the hymn "Now thank we all our God," followed by the National Anthem and the Blessing.

After the service the congregation of about 75 repaired to Regimental Headquarters, where they partook of refreshments arranged by the Regimental Association.

It is not possible to name all those who attended, but we should particularly like to mention Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Riley, whose sons, as officers, were killed serving with the 1st Battalion in Korea; and Mrs. Inns, widow of L/Cpl. G. Inns, who was also killed in the same campaign.

#### HONG KONG (1941) AND LISBON MARU REUNION

This reunion was originally intended for those "Die-Hards" who fought with the 1st Battalion in the heroic defence of Hong Kong in December 1941, and who survived the sinking of the "Lisbon Maru" in October 1942. As a result, however, of many requests an invitation was also extended to a number of guests from the Royal Navy, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Signals, the Royal Scots and the Royal Army Medical Corps, who had fought alongside the Battalion in those momentous days.

Over 300 people were present, many of whom had not met since 1945, and some even not since 1942. The cries of delight on recognition, the slapping of backs, and the unashamed hugging of particular comrades meeting was a joy to see, even if it did bring tears to the eyes of some of the ladies present.

Men, the youngest of whom were in their forties, came into the Drill Hall at Edgware at 7.30 p.m. looking their age and wondering if they would see anybody they knew. An hour later they had cast their years and were the keen-eyed fresh-faced "Die-Hards" of two decades ago. The happy, beaming faces, excited talk and great gusts of sheer, joyous laughter made the onlooker feel that he was in the presence of something good. He was, too!!

To mention the individuals whom we saw would be invidious, but one and all expressed the hope that this gathering would be the first of many. Units were forgotten as the groups discussed the experiences they shared when in the same groups at Kobe, Osaka, Shamshuipo and various other camps. One minute a man would be the centre of a group of his own Regiment re-living an episode during the Battle of Hong Kong and a little later the same person would be with a mixture of the units relating an experience which they shared when in the same working party. Time did not allow of all their memories to be told, so they want to meet again to continue the story.

Midway through the evening Brigadier C. M. M. Man called the company together and all stood in silence for one minute in memory of those who fell in the

fighting or died as prisoners of war. Afterwards letters and telegrams of greeting were read and tribute paid to the courage and leadership of their Commanding Officer of those days, Col. "Monkey" Stewart. There was no gainsaying the feeling they have for their well-loved and inspiring Commander. One veteran wrote to the Secretary of the Association, "contrary to your opinion, I believe the Regiment owes us nothing: we were in Hong Kong in 1941 because duty deemed it necessary, and for no other reason." He then goes on to say, "May I say that undoubtedly the man who made it possible for any of us to have met last night was the late Col. 'Monkey' Stewart. His pep-talk to us P.O.W.'s in Shamshuipo Camp when many of us were letting ourselves go (I was one of them) stopped the rot from setting in." That is indeed high praise from one of his own men.

Many have written and spoken of their appreciation of the evening, and sincerely hope that 1963 will see another gathering. We must see what we can do.

#### OFFICERS' CLUB DINNER

The Regimental Officers' Club Dinner was held at the United Service Club on Wednesday, June 27.

Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, chairman of the Officers' Club Committee, presided in the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Colonel.

The guests of the evening were Gen. Sir John Crocker, Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Middlesex; Kenneth Goodacre Esq., Clerk to the Lieutenancy and the County Council; and Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan.

Others present were:

Lt.-Col. I. D. Brotherton, Major P. G. V. Bellers, Major F. J. Bennett, Capt. M. J. Beaumont, Lt. G. Bulloch; Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, Lt.-Col. T. W. Chattey, Lt.-Col. A. K. Clark, Major R. M. Cain, Major K. J. Carter, Major C. N. Clayden, Capt. P. V. Cheeseman, Lt. P. D. J. Clarke, Lt. A. B. Cowing; Major J. W. Doyle, Lt. M. F. Deakin, Lt. R. T. Douthet; Lt. D. M. Everard; Major G. C. Forman, Lt. B. K. Finch, Lt. G. N. Freeborn; Major P. W. Galvin, Major J. D. Gunnell, Capt. R. E. Guest, Lt. G. Goring, Lt. E. C. Graham, Lt. J. C. J. Grobel; Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lt.-Col. A. S. Hewson, Major H. K. Hardcastle, Major E. L. Heywood, Capt. M. V. Hayward, Capt. J. M. Hewson, Lt. P. J. Hubert; Major A. T. Jones; Major Sir Arthur Lewey, Lt. M. D. Legg, Lt. J. G. Lofting, Lt. A. S. Lyons (R.A.E.C.); Brigadier C. M. M. Man, Col. A. M. Man, Major C. H. Mievill, Major H. J. A. Moore, Capt. A. E. McManus, Lt. P. J. Monypenny, Lt. A. Morden; Major E. J. Naish, Major P. F. Newman; Major D. G. Peckham (R.A.P.C.), Major J. I. D. Pike, Lt. R. C. Pitman, 2/Lt. P. F. Packham; Brigadier B. B. Rackham, Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, Major I. S. Rutherford; Col. R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, Col. W. A. Stewart, Lt.-Col. D. Sax, Lt.-Col. E. P. Shanks, Major K. Scott-Simpson, Major R. W. J. Smith, Capt. P. A. Stocken; Col. F. Walden, Lt.-Col. G. W. Webber, Lt.-Col. J. R. B. Worton, Major M. P. Weedon; Lt. G. J. Young.



## REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The Regimental Museum has acquired the following items recently:

Replica of the 1st Battalion Colours, presented in 1908.  
 Helmet plate of Lt. H. E. W. Berkeley-Hill.  
 Full dress helmet of Major C. Jarrett.  
 British Crimea medal of Pte. Scott, 57th Foot.  
 Group of medals of Pte. Stiles, 1st Battalion.

### Replica of the Colours

The framed replica of the Colours, presented to the 1st Battalion on March 29, 1908, by the Earl of Minto at Allahabad, India, is a splendid and accurate piece of work. Not only are the silk Colours themselves perfect in detail, but the staffs and the finials are in proportion too. The replica was presented to the Viceroy in commemoration of the occasion by the officers of the Battalion. His grandson, Capt. The Viscount Melgund, has now given them to the Regiment on long loan.

The Colours were in India in 1907, although not presented until the following year. Originally it was hoped that Gen. Kent, the Colonel of the Regiment, would present them, but he was unable to make the journey to India from England. Lord Kitchener, who was C.-in-C. India, was then approached, but he suggested that the Viceroy should be asked. This was done and His Excellency expressed his pleasure at doing so.

The ceremony, as always on a presentation of Colours, was very impressive and well carried out, all concerned taking a personal part in the parade with a feeling of great pride. The old Colours were those which had been presented in 1867 and were carried during the Zulu War, the last occasion on which Colours were actually taken into action.

The escort to the old Colours was under the command of Lt. J. E. Knowles and the Colour Ensigns were Lt. W. P. R. Wheatley, King's Colour, and Lt. P. B. Allott, Regimental Colour. The new Colours on presentation were carried by Lt. A. F. Skaife, King's Colour, and Lt. E. S. Gibbons, Regimental Colour, whilst the officer commanding the Escort Company was Major H. N. Blakeney, D.S.O. Both the officers who had carried the New Colours and the subaltern commanding the escort during the trooping of the Old Colours were killed during the 1914-18 War, whilst earning fresh honours to be borne on their charges. Capt. Skaife was killed on November 1, 1914. Lt.-Col. Gibbons, who was awarded the D.S.O. in 1914 and also mentioned in despatches as a captain, was killed on September 19, 1918. Capt. Knowles was killed at Mons on August 23, 1914, when 2IC of "A" Company of the 4th Battalion. (Capt. Knowles's son, who took Holy Orders, was killed at Dunkirk when serving as Padre to the 2nd Battalion; both father and son serving with the Regiment and being killed in the initial battles of the two World Wars.)

When the new Colours were brought on parade prior to the consecration, they were borne by C/Sgts. Edden and Williams, indeed an honour for these two N.C.O.s. At that time, the rank of Colour-Sergeant was a com-

bination of our present Company Sergeant-Major and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant. There were then eight companies and a Colour-Sergeant for each company. It was not until October 1, 1913, that the rank of Company Sergeant-Major was introduced. The rank of "Sergeant-Major" was then held by the senior uncommissioned officer we now designate "Regimental Sergeant-Major."

These Colour-Sergeants wore as their badge of rank the crossed colours above three chevrons, the same as is now worn by Army Recruiters.

Another non-commissioned officer who was concerned with the Colours that day was the senior, S.M. Cook, who handed the old Colours to the respective Ensigns. The Ensign carrying the Regimental Colour, now Major P. B. Allott, was the brother-in-law of the officer commanding the escort (Lt. Knowles). The family tradition of that day is still carried on, as Colonel A. S. J. de S. Clayton, who served so long with the Regiment, is the son-in-law of Major P. B. Allott, whilst Major Allott's son, Major R. K. B. Allott, M.C., has just retired from the Regiment, and the grandson, Officer Cadet Charles Clayton, is a cadet at Sandhurst studying for his final examinations.

The Corps of Drums were in charge of that long-serving soldier, Sgt.-Dmr. Deacon, who not only had an important part in the ceremony, but had been on parade at the presentation of the old Colours in 1867, he then having had two years' service. Those Colours had been presented by Lady Warre, the wife of Gen. Sir Henry Warre, K.C.B., who commanded the Regiment for 12 eventful years, 1855-1867.

After the presentation the Battalion formed line and presented arms to the new Colours and then marched past in column.

Sanction was given to retain the old set of Colours, which were in a very tattered condition; especially the Regimental Colour. Pieces were always blowing off and, finally, the whole centre fell out, held on only by the gold threads of the crown. Major Elgee, who simply lived for the old 57th, obtained permission to renovate etc. and, after enquiries, found that there was a convent of French nuns in Pondicherry, French India, who were famous for their embroidery. He, therefore, sent them there together with a large piece of Burmese silk he had bought when in Mandalay. The nuns re-embroidered and readjusted the hundreds of fragments on this piece of white silk and returned the piece of work very beautifully executed to Major Elgee. Pioneer Sgt. Blayney then made a very heavy teak frame to hold the Colours and they were hung in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion for many years. Some portions of the Colours were not encased; they were divided amongst the then serving officers of the Battalion.

These old Colours were last trooped on "Albuherra Sunday," May 17, 1914, when the King's Colour was carried by 2/Lt. G. C. Bucknall, now Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, and the Regimental Colour by 2/Lt. H. W. M. Paul. After the trooping a drum-head service was held on the barrack square at Cambridge Barracks, Woolwich.

In 1934, Lt.-Col. G. L. Brown, D.S.O., and the officers

decided to dispense with the case and agreed to restore the Colours as near to their proper state as possible. The remains of the Colours were removed from the case and netted and now hang in the Regimental Museum adjacent to the replica set of Colours presented to His Excellency The Viceroy.

### Helmet Plate of 2/Lt. H. E. W. Berkeley-Hill

This helmet plate is the normal pattern as worn from 1902 to 1914 by the Regiment (Regular Battalions). "Within a laurel wreath the Prince of Wales' plume; below the plume the coronet and cypher of H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge; on the bottom of the wreath a scroll inscribed *Albuherra*—all in silver on a ground of black velvet, forming the centre of the ordinary regulation pattern, gilt star and wreath. On the universal scroll *The Middlesex Regiment*."

The above was given to the Regimental Museum by Mrs. A. Margarita B. Swanson, the sister of Lt. Berkeley-Hill.

2/Lt. H. E. W. Berkeley-Hill joined The Middlesex Regiment from the Royal Military College, being gazetted on August 29, 1906, and posted to the 2nd Battalion then stationed at Portsmouth.

On October 1, 1907, he went to Guernsey when the Battalion changed stations and was appointed Regimental Signalling Officer. In addition to his duties as Officer-in-charge Signal Section and Brigade Signalling Officer, he also acted as Adjutant and as A.D.C. to the Governor of Guernsey. He was distinguished in signalling and established, for the first time, regular heliographic communication in the Channel Islands.

He was killed on January 22, 1909, in an avalanche at the Furka Pass, Switzerland, when ascending the Dammastock (12,000 ft.). The party consisted of two other officers and the guide, the officers being Major Bayley, R.F.A., and Major Merian, a distinguished officer of one of the crack regiments of the Swiss Army. Of this party only Major Bayley escaped, both the other officers and John Bleuer the guide, being overwhelmed by a huge mass of snow.

A silver statuette of a signaller was given to the 2nd Battalion in his memory by his three surviving brothers and has been in constant use since. The model for this statuette was Sgt. Cook, the Signalling Sergeant of the Battalion at the time of Lt. Berkeley-Hill's tragic death.

A memorial tablet to Lt. Berkeley-Hill and Lt. R. J. Walsh, who died at Alderney the same month, was erected by the Regiment and is in St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill.

### Full Dress Helmet of Major C. Jarrett

This helmet is the regulation Territorial Forces pattern similar in design to that as worn by the officers of the Regular Forces, except the fittings are silver-plated instead of gilt.

The badge worn in front on a white metal star and wreath is the same as that described for 2/Lt. Berkeley-Hill with the exception of the scroll inscribed "*Albuherra*." The Territorial Battalions, prior to 1914, either had no scroll at all on the bottom of the badge, or the scroll, if on the badge, was blank.

This item is from the late Major Cyril Jarrett, 10th Battalion.

### Medal of V 3248 Private James Scott, 57th Foot

The British medal for the war in the Crimea 1854-56, is one of the nicest ever struck. It was given to all ranks who served in the field during that war.

The medal is of silver and has B. Wyon's famous effigy of Queen Victoria on the obverse, whilst the reverse, by W. Wyon, depicts Fame, or Victory, about to place a wreath upon the brows of a Roman warrior armed with sword and shield. The word "*Crimea*" is written vertically on the right of the figure. The ribbon is Cambridge blue, edged with yellow. The bars, or clasps, are of silver of the unique leaf and acorn pattern, and inscribed with the names of the battles. Those for the 57th were "*Balaclava*," "*Inkerman*" and "*Sebastopol*." The bars for the battles of the Alma and Inkerman were awarded when the medal was first authorised, December 15, 1854, but the bar for Balaclava was not sanctioned until February 23, 1855, and that for Sebastopol on October 31, 1855.

On September 19, 1855, the medals with clasps for Balaclava and Inkerman were issued on a heavy marching order parade to every officer and soldier of the 57th who had been present during the campaign. The bar for Sebastopol was given to those who had taken part in the siege at any time from September 11, 1854, to September 11, 1855. (In the early days of the siege our troops were paid for each Russian shot salvaged so that they could be fired back again!)

Pte. Scott was a volunteer soldier for the war and had fought at Balaclava with the 57th on October 25, 1854, and at Inkerman—"The Soldiers' Battle"—on November 5 the same year. He was in the trenches before, and in the attacks on the fortress of, Sebastopol during 1854 and 1855.

As well as being awarded the British Crimea medal, Pte. Scott was also awarded the Turkish Crimea medal. This was given to 667 officers and soldiers of the 57th, but they were not received by the Regiment until October 1859, when the Unit was serving in India. This medal the old soldier, for some reason or other, never received as it was in the Medal Office until October 1930, when it was given on long loan to the Regimental Museum. Now, in the year 1962, one hundred and three years after the issue of the second medal, both are for the first time together and in the same medal case.

### Medals of L 12330 Pte. James Stiles

The medals of Pte. Stiles are the 1914 star with bar, the British War Medal 1914-20 and the Allied Victory medal 1914-19.

The 1914 Star is of bronze and has three points, the top of the piece being a crown, on top of which is the suspension ring. Across the face are two crossed swords, the points and handles making four additional points. The ribbon is, reading from left to right as seen when worn, red, white and blue, shaded and watered. The award is for those who served in France or Belgium on the strength of a unit, or service in either of those two countries between August 5 and mid-night November



22-23, 1914. The bar is for those who had been under fire in France or Belgium between those two dates. The bar bears the inscription "August 5-November 22, 1914." The reverse of the star is plain except for the recipient's particulars.

The British War Medal is of white metal with, on the obverse, the coinage head of King George V, with the legend "Georgius V Britt. Omn. Rex Et Ind Imp." Reverse shows St. George facing right. The horse is trampling on the shield of the Central Powers. At the foot is the skull and crossbones, and at the top the rising sun. Around the edges are the dates "1914" and "1918." The ribbon is broad orange watered stripe down the centre bordered with white, black and blue ones.

The Allied Victory Medal is bronze, the obverse bearing the winged full figure of Victory, with the left arm extended and holding a palm leaf in the right hand. On the reverse is the inscription "The Great War for Civilisation 1914-1919" surrounded by a wreath. Reading from the centre outwards the colours of the

ribbon are red, yellow, green, blue and violet merged into a rainbow pattern.

These medals were presented by Mr. R. Walker, a relative of Pte. Stiles.

Pte. Stiles enlisted into the Regiment in 1908, serving with the 1st Battalion at Allahabad, Dinapore and Dum Dum, India, until 1912 when he went to Aden, returning to Woolwich on December 30, 1913. He went to France with them, landing on August 11, 1914, the first British Regiment of the B.E.F. to land there for the Great War. He was at Mons, Le Cateau and the affair at Nery on September 1, when the first German guns captured by the British were taken by the Battalion but left in the field. During the Battle of Marne, on September 8, 1914, he was wounded in the spinal cord and spent the remainder of his life in the old-fashioned type full-length basket stretcher. He died on March 16, 1919, aged 30 years, and was buried in Willesden Cemetery.

R.W.J.S.

## The Peninsular War—A Visit to Old Battlefields

By Lt.-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D(HON.)

(By courtesy of The Sunday Times)

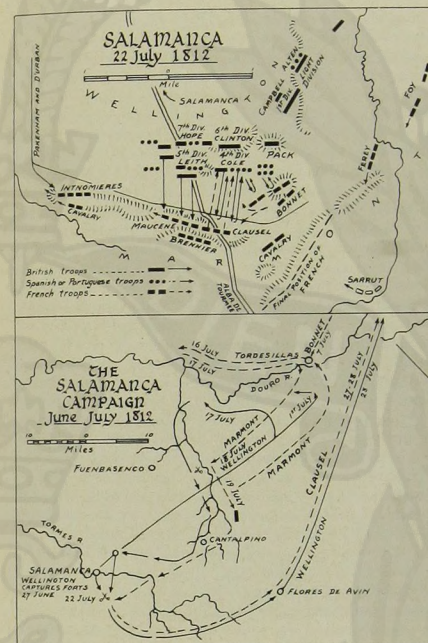
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### Salamanca

Wellington's reputation as the complete master of the defensive battle had by now been fully established but it wasn't until Salamanca, fought in June, 1812, that he emerged as the all-round General, capable of offensive operations as well. This battle is one of the most interesting of the whole Peninsular War from the point of view of the art of command. The two armies were approximately equal and neither Wellington nor his French opponent, Marshal Marmont, wanted to attack. Both therefore did their best to lure the other on, and for something like 48 hours there was the extraordinary spectacle of the two armies marching parallel and within sight of each other with the French trying to outmarch and therefore outflank the British. Then, however, Marmont made the fatal mistake of underrating his adversary, whom he regarded as purely a defensive general. Wellington succeeded in deceiving him by sending off his baggage train to the rear, hiding the bulk of his army behind a reverse slope and leaving only one division, the 7th, in view of the French. Marmont fell into the trap; believing that the British were withdrawing and had left this particular Division as a rearguard he extended his flank too far in an effort to cut them off. This was just what Wellington wanted and it was then that he made his famous remark which I have already

quoted in the introduction to this article. He subsequently galloped off on his horse to the 3rd Division hidden on his right and said to its commander, his brother-in-law, Edward Pakenham: "Edward, move on with the 3rd Division, take those heights on your front and drive everything before you." "I will, My Lord," replied Pakenham and he was as good as his word. This was the first offensive operation taken by the British since the Battle of Talavera. It ended in a complete victory as the French lost between 14,000 and 15,000 casualties as opposed to our 4,732. Unfortunately the pursuit was not pushed home very energetically and the French army was allowed to escape. It is a curious fact that over and over again Wellington, the master of the tactical battle, was unsuccessful when it came to following up one of his victories. This, however, is a familiar phenomenon in war. Throughout history the full fruits of victory have often been lost because of a failure to pursue the defeated opponent energetically after a hard-fought battle. The most classic example of all was, of course, Napoleon's failure to follow up Blücher after the Battle of Quatre Bras: as a result of which he lost touch with the Prussians and did not realise that instead of going off at a tangent towards their own country as he had expected, they had withdrawn parallel to Wellington's army. This resulted in Napoleon's subsequent defeat at Waterloo.

After a long drawn out, hard fought battle, there is

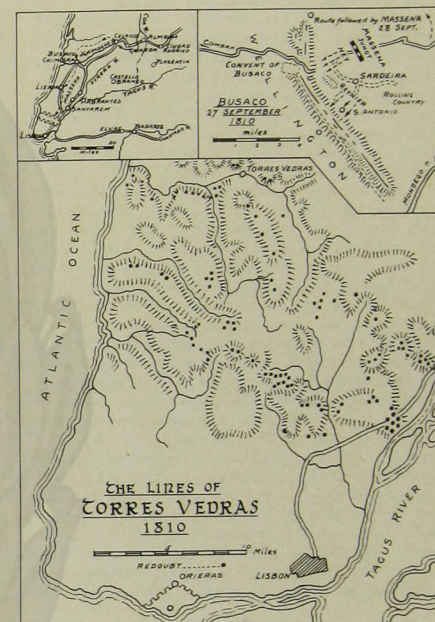


always a natural tendency for the victors to relax the pressure: the battle has been won, so, what the hell? This is the time more than any other when commanders must go round "driving" and "driving" in order to get the pursuit into top gear. This in some curious way Wellington never did.

### Torres Vedras

So far I have only considered tactical operations which can actually be viewed on the ground but no study of the Peninsular War would be complete without mention of Wellington's masterly retreat to the Lines of Torres Vedras in the autumn of the previous year, October, 1811. This was really the turning point in the whole campaign and it demonstrated quite clearly that Wellington was not only a first-rate tactician but also a great strategist.

After defeating the French at Busaco on September 27, 1810, Wellington decided to withdraw right back 100 miles through Portugal to the mouth of the Tagus where for some time his engineers had been constructing an immensely strong defensive position organised in three lines stretching from the River Tagus to the Atlantic, 20 miles north of Lisbon, with its centre based on the small village of Torres Vedras. His withdrawal was followed up by 60,000 men led by Marshal Massena. As Wellington withdrew, the Portuguese peasants were



forced to leave their homes and were shepherded in front of the army into Lisbon. In fact Wellington was carrying out a scorched earth policy which was subsequently followed with such effect by the Russians during the last war. I am not so much concerned here with the detailed description of these fortified zones except to say that the British engineers had done their work well. They had constructed an impregnable position which in spite of long and detailed reconnaissance by Massena, who was regarded as the most able of all the French Marshals, was never attacked. What has always impressed me so much was the wider strategical implications of this withdrawal, the main reason for which was political. Opposition to the never-ending war in the Peninsula had been steadily gaining ground in Britain, particularly among the unemployed in the new manufacturing towns and the numerous merchants who had been ruined by the cessation of their trade with Europe. The Whigs, who were in opposition but might easily come into power at the next Election, were bitterly opposed to continuing this war and one further disaster would have been fatal to the existing Tory Government. So Wellington did not dare risk a defeat. He, therefore, adopted a plan which exploited to the full the greatest weakness in the French organisation which had bedevilled all their operations throughout the whole campaign. Unlike the British, who organised their own



lines of communication, the French army always lived on the country. This, however, was particularly difficult in Spain where the standard of living enjoyed by the peasants was already so low that little surplus food was available. The French armies had, therefore, to be dispersed over wide areas which often made it difficult to concentrate them for battle. Wellington's scorched earth policy aggravated these conditions to such an extent that many of Massena's troops died of illness and starvation. The misery of the French troops was further accentuated when in November the rain set in. Meanwhile the bulk of Wellington's British, Portuguese and Spanish troops were living snugly in billets, well supplied with food. Urged on by the fear of starvation the French foraging parties had to go ever further afield to find food and the more widely scattered they became the more they fell victims to the Spanish guerrillas. Few people in Britain have ever realised what an enormous contribution the Spaniards and, to a lesser degree, the Portuguese themselves made to the final victory in this campaign. The Spaniards are intensely proud people, who on principle dislike all foreigners, but when those foreigners are trying to occupy their country, woe betide them. As many visitors from Britain have seen for themselves, Spain is essentially a hard country of high mountain ranges with bleak hilltops alternating with vast waterless plains baked hard by the merciless sun during the summer months when most of the campaigning took place. It is a country of extremes, terribly hot in summer, bitterly cold in winter, with torrential rains in between these two seasons in spring and autumn. It has been said truly that Africa begins at the Pyrenees. At the beginning of the 19th century communications were very poor and in the wet season many of the roads were impassable for artillery. Here was a country particularly suitable for guerrilla operations—as the French soon found to their cost.

King Henry IV of France once said: "Spain is a country where small armies get beaten and large armies starve." Even in the early days of the war although 91,000 French were deployed in Spain no fewer than 25,000 had to be employed in guarding their lines of communication, while in 1808 the Spaniards inflicted no fewer than 40,000 casualties on the French. In 1809 there were 135,000 Spaniards under arms in various parts of Spain as against less than 16,000 British. In Spain for the first time the French troops were opposed not only by armies in the field but also by a whole people in arms. They never held more than the ground on which they were encamped. Their different armies were like French islands surrounded by turbulent Spanish seas: If they moved away the island was at once submerged. Moreover, there was very little communication between the different islands and none of the Marshals knew what the others were doing. For instance, when Massena was in front of Torres Vedras only one of his despatches got through to the outside world and this had an escort of 600 troops. Wellington on the other hand had remarkably accurate information of every French move. It was not unusual for him to be in possession of a copy of French despatches long before they were received by the French Marshal to

whom they were directed. Few Generals in history have ever known so exactly what was happening on the enemy's side of the hill as did Wellington during the Peninsular campaign. I am not suggesting that the Spaniards could have defeated the French without Wellington's help, they could not, but I am equally certain that Wellington would never have been victorious without the Spaniards. Marshal Jourdain summed it all up when he wrote in May, 1812, "All offensive operations are impossible as long as the Imperial (French) Armies have to hold down the entirety of the occupied Provinces. If Wellington concentrates all his forces he can march with 60,000 men (not including Spaniards) against either the Army of Portugal or the Army of the South, neither of them can assemble a sufficient force to resist him unless they abandon whole Provinces." The result was that 240,000 French soldiers in the five Imperial Armies in Spain were virtually helpless against the Spanish guerrillas and Wellington's eight Anglo-Portuguese Divisions. During these four years the French losses from guerrilla operations averaged 100 a day. As Napoleon's armies, infuriated by this resistance, became more and more ruthless towards the Spanish population, so the guerrillas retaliated by increasing cruelty against their French prisoners. It was apparently most unsafe to be a French General in these days because, if captured, the Spaniards either boiled him alive or saved him in half.

I have read an account of the exploits of one of the guerrilla leaders called Don Juan Martin Diez, the Empecinado (The Black). He was the son of two very poor peasants and spent the early days of his life working on the land in the Valladolid area of old Castile. When still quite a boy he persuaded two of his neighbours to join him in guerrilla operations against the hated French. Gradually his band grew to a total of 12 in strength. Every courier was intercepted, many large convoys of arms, ammunition, clothing, warlike stores, carriages, mules, etc., fell into his hands: and everything was divided by him amongst the inhabitants of the nearest towns. During May, June and July, 1808, at least 600 Frenchmen were killed. Unlike most of the guerrilla leaders, the Empecinado seems to have been a very humane person who treated his French prisoners so well that the French Marshals retaliated by issuing orders that none of the men who served under his orders were to be maltreated if captured. What is so interesting about this particular account is that it might easily be a record of the Resistance Movement in some country during the last war. All the same ingredients were present in 1808 as they were in 1940—the selfless patriots who were prepared to risk torture and death rather than submit to the invaders; the quislings who always emerge in every occupied country either from fear or because they must be in with "the bosses." The Empecinado suffered from their trickery, also from the jealousy, of other guerrilla leaders. As a reprisal, his ancient mother was imprisoned, and he himself led a chequered career but nothing could deter him. Subsequently this simple peasant became a Divisional Commander with 4,850 troops consisting of infantry, cavalry, and three guns (one howitzer and two four-pounders, all captured from the enemy) under his command.

His activities were typical of what was going on in every district throughout the country and it is hardly surprising that between October 11 and November 14, Massena's army suffered the most terrible privations in front of the lines of Torres Vedras. Eventually, when human endurance could stand it no longer, they withdrew into Spain having lost 25,000 men of whom only 2,000 were killed in battle: no fewer than 15,000 French died from starvation and sickness without the allies firing a shot. Torres Vedras was the classic example of the value of a "scorched earth" policy. Though the Spaniards excelled at guerrilla warfare, they were often a source of weakness when it came to a set piece battle: not from any lack of bravery, because the Spanish troops, recruited mainly from the hard, tough peasant, have always made first-class soldiers, if properly trained and led, but all too often, certainly at the start of the Peninsular War, neither was the case. The Spanish infantry, though capable of fighting bravely when on the defensive, as at Albuera for instance, were completely unmanoeuvrable, and this applied also to the Portuguese. That, I am certain, was one of the main reasons why at the outset of the Peninsular War, Wellington, opposed by the experienced French Army, always tried to fight defensive battles using his British formations in the mobile counter-attack role. Moreover, the Spanish Generals were inexperienced and ignorant of battle, yet too proud to take advice—very dangerous qualities in any commander. In consequence, British-Spanish relations were often strained to almost breaking point. An example of this occurred during the little known Battle of Barossa, which was fought during February and March 1811.

#### Barossa

The only organised Spanish Army in existence at this period was holding the port of Cadiz in the South West of Spain where the Headquarters of the Spanish Provincial Government was established. Cadiz, which is joined to the mainland by a narrow strip of land, was closely invested by the French. Though the Spanish were mostly ill-trained levies, the garrison had been reinforced by a Division of British troops, and, as long as the British Fleet dominated the sea, the position was almost impregnable.

At the end of 1810 Marshal Soult was ordered to send troops away from the army which was investing Cadiz to the help of Marshal Massena at Torres Vedras. Marshal Victor was thus left with only 19,000 troops opposed to some 25,000 British and Spanish troops who formed the garrison of the town. This offered a wonderful chance of relieving the siege by inflicting a crushing defeat on the reduced French forces. The British Commander at Cadiz put forward a plan for a combined Spanish-British Army to be transported from Cadiz by sea and then landed at the Port of Tarifa, from where they could launch an offensive against the rear of the French Forces in conjunction with a holding attack made by the garrison of Cadiz.

The originator of this plan was Lt.-General Thomas Graham, aged 62, afterward Lord Lynedoch (the founder of the Senior United Services Club in Waterloo Place). His participation in the war had a romantic background.

As a county gentleman devoted to sport and as a Whig M.P. he was opposed to the Army on principle. But in 1792, when staying in the south of France, his beautiful wife—the Mrs. Graham of Gainsborough's pictures, to whom he was devoted—suddenly died. On his way home across France with the body he was stopped by a drunken mob, who, insisting that he was smuggling arms for the aristocrats, broke open the coffin. Graham never forgave the French and dedicated the rest of his life to the task of killing Jacobins. He served all over the world and proved himself an able General.

The force earmarked for this daring venture in combined operations consisted of 5,000 British and 9,000 Spaniards, but unfortunately Graham, in order to avoid friction placed himself under command of the Spanish General Manuel La Peña, who even among the Spaniards was considered as incompetent. He had the reputation of being a man of "tempestuous" nerves and was called Lady Manuela by his troops.

In spite of bad weather which forced the British contingent to land at Algeciras instead of at Tarifa, by February 28 the landing was completed, the force reunited and the march north began.

From now on everything started to go wrong. The country was hilly and difficult, moreover the staff was incompetent, yet La Peña insisted on moving only at night, thus causing inevitable delays, confusion and exhausting the troops unnecessarily—some marches lasted for 19 hours. All Graham's protests were in vain, the Spaniards knew best. But worse was to follow. On March 2, information was received that Victor had moved a weak detachment of 3,000 men into the village of Medina Sedonia some 15 miles distant from his lines. Here was a golden opportunity of a quick success against this isolated force, but by now the responsibility of command was beginning to rest heavily on the shoulders of the Spaniard who was concerned only with marching straight along the main road to join up with the Cadiz garrison as soon as possible. So the golden opportunity was lost and the whole force straggled on, the pace getting ever slower. After one seemingly interminable halt Graham galloped forward to find that the road was blocked by a torrent of water. The Spaniards were crossing in two and threes, the men taking off their shoes and stockings and the officers crossing on their soldiers' backs. With the Rifle Brigade in the van the British plunged into the stream in sections and marched across as though on parade. When one of the guns stuck Graham and his staff entered the water and "fairly lifted it clear." By now all hope of surprise had gone so the French Marshal made his plan to destroy the disorganised and exhausted force which was straggling along the coast road. He positioned 3,000 men to bar the road at a narrow isthmus and concentrated 7,000 men in the north east ready to strike the allied flank. This coastal area is covered with pine trees and nowhere is it possible to see more than 100 yards. The only area free from trees offering any visibility at all is the Barossa Hill, a low ridge rising at its highest point to some 160 feet and extending inland about a mile and a half. Even to the most unskilled eye it must have been obvious that this hill was the only tactical feature in the whole area. The army which held Barossa com-



manded the entrance to Cadiz: La Peña, however, failed to appreciate its importance and gave orders that the British rearguard should vacate this key tactical position.

The French now launched their flank attack and as the Spaniards had failed to send out any protective cavalry patrols it came as a complete surprise to the allies. La Peña himself was on Barossa Hill at the time, but when he saw the rapid advance of the enemy presenting "a noble martial appearance... with their arms as bright as silver and glancing in the sun" he completely lost his head and gave orders for an immediate retreat. Graham was some distance away, but on receiving a message to this effect from the rearguard commander he ordered his division to about turn and galloped back himself. He at once realised that the only hope lay in an immediate counter attack before the French could become established on the ridge. In three minutes orders to this effect were issued. It says a great deal for the standard of training and discipline of the British troops that in spite of the enclosed nature of the country which made it very difficult to avoid confusion they were able to turn about, form up and launch an attack in a remarkably short space of time. Moreover, these troops were already exhausted from the continuous night marches and outnumbered by the French (5,000 British to 7,000 French). Yet, preceded by a screen of skirmishes in the best Wellington tradition, a somewhat wavy red line duly emerged from the woods. It was now the turn of the French to be surprised.

The British were met by a terrific storm of shot and suffered heavy casualties. The French Commander Ruffin afterwards spoke of "the incredibility of so rash an attack." He declared that he had never seen men fall so fast and expected them to break and turn at every instant.

In spite of the fact that after turning about they had covered two miles at speed and were now required to climb a 160-foot hill in face of murderous fire, they never hesitated. Grenadiers, Scots and Coldstream Guards, Rifle Brigade, Royal North Lanes, Royal Norfolks, Gloucesters, South Lancashire, Hampshire and Royal Irish Fusiliers all played a notable part in the charge, which drove the French in confusion down the other side of the hill. The beaten French troops now withdrew to Chiclana, but the British were too exhausted to follow them up.

Sir John Fortescue has described the battle as "one of the bloodiest and one of the most creditable to British Troops that is to be found in the history of the Army." The French suffered 2,000 casualties and the British lost 1,200 killed or wounded in one and a half hours fighting, out of a total of 5,000. No wonder Surtees of the Rifle Brigade wrote in his memoirs, "In all my fighting I never was in an action where the chances of death were so numerous as in this." Throughout the battle La Peña, with 3,000 infantry and 500 cavalry in the vicinity, refused to intervene. Had he done so, the French would almost certainly have been wiped out. As it was, thanks to lack of co-operation between the allies, this hard fought battle which might have resulted in the complete elimination of French influence in the S.W. of Spain proved barren of any strategic result. The British were naturally furious at

what they regarded as rank desertion, and it is doubtful whether during the course of the whole Peninsular War feeling between the allies ever ran so high.

Graham would have nothing further to do with the Spaniards: he refused a Spanish Dukedom and fought a duel with a Spanish General. La Peña was exonerated from blame by a court martial but was never given another command. Peace between the allies in Cadiz was only restored when Graham resigned his command and went to join Wellington in Portugal.

Though the battlefield of Barossa is within easy reach of British visitors to Gibraltar and the South of Spain, I must warn them that owing to the enclosed nature of the country it is a difficult battle to follow on the ground. The late British Consul in Jerez—Guy Williams of sherry fame—has made a deep study of the whole operation, and his wife's nephew, R. J. Milward, B.A., has produced two excellent handbooks entitled "The Battle of Barossa" from which I have quoted freely.

For those visitors who are not serious students of military history, fortresses are the obvious choice because the details of the different battles can usually be seen quite clearly from the old walls, which remain today in much the same state as they must have been during the Peninsular War. As Badajoz may be too far for people spending a brief holiday in the South of Spain, I would strongly recommend a visit to Tarifa as an alternative to the endless sunbathing and lying on the beach which can very soon become monotonous even to the most fervent of sun worshippers.

### Tarifa

This small fortress and port, being at the south-west tip of Spain, has a romantic history. It was first built by the Arabs in 711 when they landed in Spain, and the attractive little town with its narrow streets still retains evidence of its Moorish origin. Subsequently the castle was captured by the Christians, but in 1292 it was once more besieged by the Arabs. The Christian garrison was under the command of Alonzo Perez de Guzman but the enemy had captured his small son whom they paraded under the walls, calling out that if the fortress was not surrendered the child would be put to death before his eyes. Nothing daunted, Guzman mounted the parapet and threw his dagger down to the Arab Chief saying at the same time "In case you lack the means of killing my son, here it is." One of the most prominent forts in the Castle has been named Guzman Tower.

At the end of 1810 the places occupied by the allies in South West Spain were Cadiz, Tarifa and Gibraltar. Marshal Soult was naturally anxious to clear up these last centres of resistance, so he despatched the French General Laval, at the head of 15,000 French troops, to seize Tarifa which he could then use as a base from which to blockade the other two.

The allied commander of Tarifa was an Englishman, Col. Skerret. The Governor of Gibraltar, Lt.-General Sir Colin Campbell, realising that a French assault on this port was likely, despatched on November 17, 1811, considerable reinforcements in the shape of one company from each Regiment stationed on the Rock (The Royal Irish Fusiliers, Devonshire, South Lanes, Sherwood Foresters, Hussar, German Legion and 70 Marines).

This composite force was under the command of a hard-bitten, one-legged officer called Major King, who was to play a prominent part in the forthcoming siege.

On December 8, when the French set off on their difficult approach march through the mountains, Col. Skerret had under his command 1,758 British plus 1,346 Spanish troops under the orders of a Spanish General Copons, who, unlike his co-patriot at Cadiz, appears to have co-operated most loyally with his allies. The stage was now set with the odds apparently very much in favour of General Laval, but the French at once ran into difficulties. This mountainous country (well known to all travellers motoring from Gibraltar to Cadiz or Seville) was the perfect hunting ground for the Spanish guerrillas, who harried the invaders to such an extent that 5,000 Frenchmen had to be left behind permanently protecting their precarious lines of communication. To add to their miseries, the rains started and most of the so called roads became quagmires, almost impassable for artillery. It took 40 horses to pull one of the guns belonging to the siege train, and much ammunition was ruined. Nevertheless the French struggled on and by December 19, 4,000 hungry and rather miserable French soldiers were positioned in the hills around the town and on December 20 the fortress was invested. The French engineers were very experienced in siege technique and Laval's Chief Engineer selected the north-east corner as the most suitable place for the assault. The great merit of this corner, as I saw for myself, lay in the fact that once the forts on either side of the beach had been silenced there was nowhere else other than the tops of the walls from which the defenders could bring fire to bear on their assailants. Skerret had positioned four battalions (two British and two Spanish) for the defence of the Castle, leaving the remaining two on the island, which is joined to the town by a narrow promontory, to act as a rear guard and cover the main body's embarkation should a withdrawal become necessary.

On December 28 the siege guns were in position and the first round, fired at 10 a.m., went straight through the wall into the houses beyond. This had a most depressing effect on Col. Skerret who does not appear to have been a very robust type of officer. He therefore gathered his officers together and announced that they would withdraw from the town, embark and evacuate Tarifa—a decision which was at once violently opposed by the junior officers. His chief Sapper, Capt. Smith, announced that even if a breach in the outer wall was made, he could make it almost impregnable by erecting sharp-pointed obstacles of the chevaux de frise type which he proposed to construct from the iron window gratings (which almost every Spanish house possesses) by turning every second bar upwards. On getting over the wall the assailants would then be faced with a 14-ft. drop into an area filled with sharp points, while loopholes could be constructed in all the houses beyond so as to make the breach a veritable death trap. He was strongly supported by the Chief Gunner Officer, Capt. Mitchell, and also by Major King, the one-legged officer, who managed to get a message to the Governor of Gibraltar protesting against the decision to withdraw. Colin Campbell immediately insisted on the defence

continuing and, in order to ensure that no withdrawal took place, he ordered all the transports to leave the harbour and return to Gibraltar.

By December 30 the walls were breached and Laval sent in a messenger calling on the garrison to surrender. This was rejected out of hand and Laval was told not to send any more, though the answer was framed more politely than was General McAulif's reply of "Nuts" when the 101st U.S. Division in Bastogne was sent a similar message by the Germans during the Battle of the Ardennes in 1944. By December 31, the breach was 60 ft. wide. At 9 a.m. two columns of French Grenadiers and Voltigeurs dashed forward, sliding and slipping down the greasy slopes in face of hot fire from the walls. As the Assault started a British band behind the breach struck up the well-known regimental air "Garry Owen." In spite of heavy losses the French came on most gallantly and managed to scale the walls; but by now the two columns had merged and confusion reigned; moreover, the top of the wall was under continuous fire from the loopholed houses beyond, and in front was the unpleasant prospect of dropping 14 ft. onto the spikes below. It was too much to ask of any men, particularly when they were wet, cold and above all hungry. Some fled, some surrendered.

On January 1, 1812, Laval requested permission to retire from his immediate superior, Marshal Victor, but he was ordered to make one more attempt. All this time, while the British and Spaniards were living snugly in billets, the French were suffering from wet and hunger in the bare hill outside. A second assault proved quite impracticable and on January 4, after spiking their guns and opening powder casks to the rain, the dejected French army crawled back the way they had come through the inhospitable mountains.

Few people have even heard of the defence of Tarifa and I do not for one moment suggest that this was an epoch-making battle: in fact the casualties in the actual fighting were quite low; nevertheless, it is an astonishing example of when a refusal to obey orders was thoroughly justified.

### Conclusion

During the Peninsular War Wellington had two great advantages over the French. Thanks to the operations of the Spanish Guerrillas, the French Marshals were isolated and could never concentrate their forces to the fullest extent. Wellington could move at will without fear for his lines of communication and always with the most accurate information about the enemy dispositions at his disposal. Without these guerrilla operations he could never have possibly hoped, with an Army which never exceeded 40,000, to hold down 250,000 French troops. His second big advantage lay in the fact that Napoleon tried to run the war from Paris. Very often his orders never got through to the French Marshals at all, and when they did they were many weeks out of date. It is never possible to run a war by remote control, as Hitler found to his cost when he tried to control the Western Front from his Headquarters in East Prussia; yet he had wireless at his disposal while Napoleon had to rely on couriers, usually with large escorts to protect them.



Yet when both these advantages are taken into account Wellington still emerges as a very great captain of war. Many critics have accused him of being unduly cautious but, remember, for political reasons he simply dared not lose a battle. As he himself said, "I knew that in my early years in the Peninsula if I were to lose 500 men without the clearest necessity I should be recalled and brought upon my knees to the bar of the House of Commons."

Moreover, he was opposed by an all-conquering army which took a fierce pride in its previous victories, such as Austerlitz and Jena; and it was a conscript army composed of all strata of society in which promotion was strictly by merit. Many of their victories had been won not only by the genius of Napoleon but also because the same Marshals who were now opposing Wellington were far too experienced in the art of war for the incompetent aristocrats and Royal Princes who usually commanded the armies opposing them. The British Army was a volunteer force, but in those days when discipline was harsh and a soldier's life hard, it was unlikely to be filled with the cream of the country's manhood. Discussing the two armies many years later, Wellington said this: "A French Army is composed very differently from ours. The conscription calls out a share of every class—no matter whether your son or my son—all must march; but, my friends, the British soldier—I may say it in this room—are the very scum of the earth. People talk of them enlisting from their fine military feeling—all stuff—no such thing; some of our men enlist from having got bastard children—some for minor offences—many more for drink: but you could hardly conceive such a set brought together and it really is wonderful that we should have made them into the fine fellows they are."

It is probable that Wellington was somewhat over-

stating the case, but he certainly had to be careful when opposing the experienced French armies.

Yet he was one of the first Commanders to understand the value of fire power; in consequence, the British line always defeated the French columns trying to smash their way through by force of numbers. His selection of defensive positions with his troops behind the reverse slope concealed from the more powerful French artillery, was masterly. He was an adept at tailoring the battle field to fit his force.

In two other directions also he was before his time. He appreciated the power of Sea Power in order to create mobility for land armies. When the moment came, he did not hesitate to switch his main base from Portugal to the Bay of Biscay, thus shortening his lines of communication by many miles. Finally, more than any General of his day, he realised the value of administration. In his correspondence he wrote far more frequently of kettles, money, biscuits, shoes, blankets and carts than he did of tactical or strategical matters. From Talavera onwards the British Army was never really short of anything while the French were scratching a bare existence from the poverty-stricken Spanish countryside.

It has been said that Wellington was not popular with his troops; this may have been so but there can be no doubt at all that they had complete confidence in his judgment.

Pte. (by then Sergeant) Wheeler describes in his letters how the British Army reacted to the news that Wellington was to command them in the forthcoming battle of Waterloo against Napoleon in 1815, "I never remember anything that caused such joy, our men were almost frantic, every soldier you met told the joyful news . . . 'Glorious news, Nosey has got the command, won't we give them a drubbing now'."

No General could wish for a better epitaph than this.

## 1st Battalion Notes

The last edition of these notes ended with some speculation about our tour at Lydd. Varied ideas had been propounded about soldiering in the United Kingdom in general and at Lydd in particular, but all agreed that life would be leisurely with ample time for sport and recreation and not too much work—a change and a contrast to the continual rush of activity in B.A.O.R. Just how wrong these forecasts proved to be can be judged from these notes.

Since April the Battalion has moved home, reorganised to fit its new role and on a regular basis, despite the fact that a few National Servicemen remain. Commanding Officers have changed, the reorganisation has affected most senior and many junior ranks and many officers and N.C.O.s have left and others re-joined the Battalion. A large-scale and successful recruiting drive has been staged by a recruiting and publicity organisation headed by Major C. H. Mievile, M.C. Furthermore, no sooner had we set about re-

organising and making ourselves comfortable at Lydd in our somewhat ancient barracks than we were told we were to go to Greece in August for exercises with 16th Independent Parachute Brigade Group. From then on, apart from a period of block leave, detailed planning and intensive training has not ceased until now, when the Battalion is actually moving to Greece.

### Change of Command

On May 17 Lt.-Col. I. H. Battye, M.B.E., relinquished command of the Battalion after a period of command of two-and-a-half years. During this period the Battalion was stationed at Hameln in Germany and it reached a high peak of efficiency as a motorised infantry battalion in 11th Infantry Brigade Group—a fact that was proved by its performance on 1st (B.R.) Corps exercise—Exercise "Spearpoint"—in September 1961.

Col. Battye has taken up his new appointment as G.S.O.1 at H.Q., Northern Army Group, and we wish



Lt. Colonel I. H. Battye M.B.E. saying farewell on relinquishing Command of the Battalion on 17th. May 1962.

him and Mrs. Battye good fortune and happiness in their new station.

Our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C., comes from The Queen's Own Buffs, one of our sister Regiments in the Home Counties Brigade.

We extend to him and to Mrs. Morgan a very warm welcome and hope that they will be happy in the "Die-Hards."

In February the Support Platoons carried out field firing at Hohne Ranges. Shortly afterwards a composite company commanded by Capt. H. M. du V. Lohan, and based on "B" Company organisation, acted as enemy in a combat ration trial exercise conducted by 1st Battalion The Camerons under War Office supervision. We also supplied about 20 controllers, umpires, signallers and drivers for the exercises. The weather was bitterly cold and the Battalion contingent were glad to be on an unrestricted diet.

In early March the vanguard of the Battalion's special recruiting organisation, led by Lt. D. M. Everard, emplaned for England. On the 24th the rifle companies and elements of "H.Q." Company went to Sennelager for two weeks' field firing during which the 1962 Battalion Rifle Meeting was held and won by "C" Company.

On April 4 the Battalion hockey team played 1st R.H.A. in the final of the B.A.O.R. Hockey Competition at Minden. After extra time neither side had scored and a replay was ordered. The replay was held on our ground on April 7 and, after extra time, the

score was 3—3. During a further 10 minutes' extension C.S.M.I. Issitt, A.P.T.C., scored his second and decisive goal from a corner, enabling us to win.

On Saturday, April 14, the Band and Drums gave a farewell beating of Retreat on the square by floodlight. During the morning the Band and Drums marched through Hameln to publicise the event and in spite of the cold weather some two thousand local people attended the Retreat.

The Officers' Mess held a preliminary cocktail party and a buffet supper afterwards. Notable guests included the new Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. K. T. Darling, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Darling, and leading local German officials. The W.O.s and Sergeants' Mess gave a similar function and the Corporals' Mess held a ball. In spite of the bad weather the Retreat beating was a great success and was a brilliant spectacle by floodlight with the Drums dressed in scarlet and the Band in blue.

The following week the Battalion marched through Hameln during the lunch hour. The salute was taken by the Oberburgemeister accompanied by the Commanding Officer at the town hall. The parade was commanded by Major P. W. Galvin and the Colours carried by Lts. Legg and Julian. A short reception was held in the Oberburgemeister's parlour afterwards. On April 28 the Officers with their ladies were entertained at a cocktail party given by the Town Council. The Commanding Officer was presented with a brass plaque and a silver dish for the Mess and a replica of a Hameln coin some 200 years old. Each officer present received a book giving a photographic record of the town. The Oberburgemeister in his speech referred to the excellent relationship which existed between the town and the Battalion—a valuable tribute in view of recent criticism levelled at the Army in Germany.

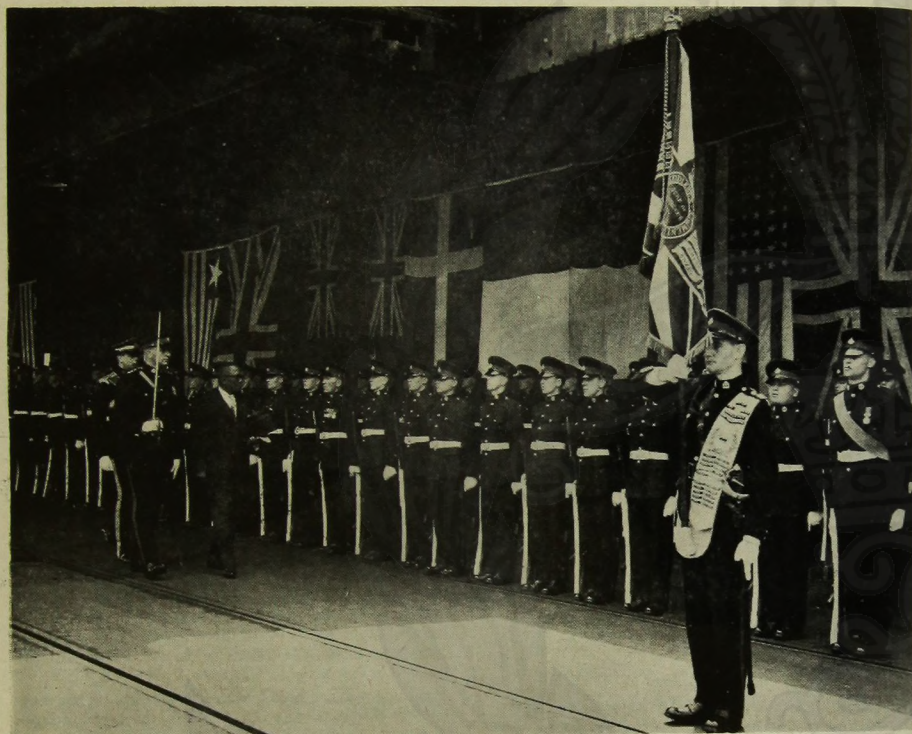
Albuhera Day was celebrated in Hameln by the main body of the Battalion and at Lydd by the advance party. A church service was held at Hameln in the morning, followed by six-a-side inter-company hockey and football competitions. Before lunch the Commanding Officer presented "B" Company with the Albuhera Shield for 1961. The W.O.s and Sergeants visited the Officers' Mess and all attended the soldiers' lunch. The dinner in the Officers' Mess was attended by both the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Battye, and his successor, Lt.-Col. Morgan, who was due to assume command the following day—certainly an unusual if not a unique occasion.

During the final weeks of our tour in Germany a lot of training and sport, several ceremonial, and a host of social, events featured in our programme.

The Battalion travelled by air home to England, from Hannover to Gatwick, from where the majority of members went on leave. We were the first Battalion to move by this means and to those who remember the traditional type of move, with the Battalion marching out of station in a body to the music of Band and Drums, the sight of small flights embussing at intervals in motor coaches would appear a particularly unromantic way of leaving a station after several years' service there.

Soon after arrival at Lydd from disembarkation leave the news was announced that we were to go to Greece from late August until the beginning of October to train





*Guard of Honour of 1st Battalion formed at Dover for the President of Liberia on his State visit, 10th July 1962*

with the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade Group and to act as enemy on its formation exercise late in September.

Immediately, priorities were re-assessed, planning was commenced and training aimed at maximum fitness began. The tempo steadily and relentlessly began to rise and has continued to remain high until going to press when the Battalion is actually in the air moving to Greece. For training in Greece the Battalion's strength has been augmented by a contingent from the 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, whom we are very pleased to have serving with us.

On July 10 a guard of honour was produced to receive President Tubman of Liberia when he landed at Dover at the beginning of his state visit to the United Kingdom. The Guard Commander, Capt. P. V. Cheesman, was presented with the Insignia of the Knight Commander of African Redemption. The Subaltern of the Guard, which was provided from "A" and "B" Companies, was Lt. A. B. Cowing, and the Queen's Colour was carried by Lt. G. Bulloch. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent

met the President at Dover and accompanied him when he inspected the guard.

On July 21 the Home Counties Brigade "At Home" was held at Canterbury. "A" Company gave an impressive demonstration of "Modern Drill" with the Company including Mortar and Anti-Tank Sections in full battle array and mounted in armoured 1-ton vehicles. For the same event "B" Company competed in a marching competition, securing second place, and the Band and Drums, part of the Brigade Massed Bands, beat Retreat.

#### Visits

In February Capt. F. M. Coppard, R.M., stayed with the Battalion to learn the art of Quartermastering from the Q.M. By all appearances he thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

In March Lt.-Gen. Sir William Stirling, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., the Military Secretary, on a visit to Rhine Army, paid a flying visit to the Battalion. He had, two years previously, been our Divisional Commander in B.A.O.R.



*"A" Company driving past the Brigade Colonel. Home Counties Brigade at Home Canterbury, 21st July 1962*

and we were glad to be able to entertain him again. Two days later we were visited by our new Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. M. A. H. Butler, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. He spent some time in the O.R. dining hall, the Corporals' Club and the W.O.s' and Sergeants' Mess before lunching in the Officer's Mess. During March we were also visited by Col. R. H. Wheatley, D.S.O., the Assistant Adjutant General (A.G.2) at the War Office, who spoke to all Officers, and Col. M. G. H. Henley, C.B.E., O.I.C. Infantry Records, Exeter. In April Lt.-Gen. K. T. Darling, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., visited the Battalion for the beating of Retreat.

Brigadier J. A. T. Sharp, M.C., Commander 11th Infantry Brigade Group, visited the Battalion on May 15 to say farewell to all ranks. He spoke of the Battalion's achievements in B.A.O.R. and highlighted our training, administration and sporting successes.

In June at Lydd we were visited by our District Commander, Maj.-Gen. E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O., G.O.C. 44th (Home Counties) Division/District, and by Brigadier C. M. M. Mann, O.B.E., M.C., and Major J. N. Shipster, D.S.O., both camping nearby with their T.A. Brigade. We were delighted to see them.

On June 20 a party of reporters from the Middlesex Press visited the camp. The previous night the Middle-

sex Press had been entertained at the R.H.Q. and many of the Battalion Officers attended the reception.

In July Lt.-Gen. Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, visited us at Lydd and Brigadier M. Forrester, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Commander 16th Independent Parachute Brigade Group, also paid a short visit to the Battalion.

Finally, we were very pleased to see Col. F. Walden from R.H.Q. on July 31. We look forward to seeing a lot more of him while we are in England.

#### Personalia

There have been numerous changes in personalities since the last notes. Capt. J. M. Hewson, M.C., has rejoined from 3rd Para. to become Adjutant. Major B. K. Clayden, Capt. M. C. D. L. Gilham and Sgt. Turner have all returned from the 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and Lt. P. D. J. Clarke, Sgt. Argent and Sgt. Shinn from the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion. W.O.2 R. Benson returned from the Signal Wing, School of Infantry, W.O.2 D. Steward from 4/5th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, Sgt. Burke from H.Q., 11th Infantry Brigade Group and Sgt. Redmond from the West Indies Regiment.

Capt. J. S. B. Pollard has left us to join the "gilded staff" at H.Q., 2nd Division. He is missed in many



ways—not least in the C.P. It has been confirmed that his posting has no connection whatever with the cessation of Saturday night parties in the Officers' Mess.

Major J. N. Shipster left us to become B.M. to the Liverpool T.A. Brigade, Capt. A. E. McManus to our own T.A. Battalion, Lt. P. Mallalieu to the Sierra Leone Regiment, Lt. M. Rose to the Royal Military Police, Lts. P. Dubbery and M. Julian have returned to civilian life.

W.O.2 K. Beale has become R.Q.M.S. at H.Q., 11th Infantry Brigade Group, W.O.2 S. Michel has been posted to the 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), W.O.2 J. Da Costa to the 4/5th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment, Sgt. Raffael to A.M.I.C. Warminster, Sgt. D. Lagden to A.A.S. Arborfield, and Sgt. Hawes to H.Q., 5th Infantry Brigade Group.

C/Sgt. A. Probert has left us on release to join a Canadian Army Band and Sgt. T. Parnell to be an instructor at the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

We congratulate W.O.2 R. Wildgoose on his promotion to W.O.1 and appointment as R.S.M. of 3rd Queen's Surreys, T.A.

We also congratulate on their promotions Capt. P. V. Cheesman, Capt. M. D. Legg, Lts. P. Hubert and B. Finch, W.O.2 J. Lewis and Sgt. O'Rawe.

Finally, we left behind in Germany Sgt. Tingey, A.C.C., and W.O.2 Issitt, A.P.T.C. We would very much like to have brought with us C.S.M.I. Issitt, but that was not possible. We welcome Sgt. Mills, A.C.C., who joined us at Lydd.

### Recruiting

Early this year it was appreciated that recruiting for the Regiment should become a matter of priority if we were to replace the National Servicemen who would all be leaving by the end of the year.

To this end Lt. Everard and a team of soldiers who had bases in the county were sent home from Germany to set up a regimental recruiting team based on the R.H.Q. at Edgware. Their brief was to bring the name of the Regiment before the people of the county and make contact with as many groups of the youth of the county as possible.

This team has now been reinforced and consists of Lt. Everard, Lt. Freeborn, Sgt. Pritchard, Cpls. Burford, Pryor and Stephenson and about seven private soldiers. In addition, the Regiment has six special recruiters working from Army Information Offices in the county.

The regimental team are at all shows and displays in the county, have made contact with youth clubs and cadet units and also tour the county with a special caravan.

They are to be seen seven days a week at strategic points and manage to make contact with a large number of the young men of the county.

To support this organisation an operations room has been set up at Lydd under the direction of Major C. H. Mievile, M.C., and a small staff. Here the initial financial tangles are sorted out and the long-term plans made.

Results so far have been encouraging and the numbers joining our Regiment are on the increase. It is hoped that by the end of the year we shall have filled

the vacancies caused by the departure of the National Servicemen. However, that is not enough and we still need many more Regular Soldiers of the right type if we are to play our full part in the Army of today.

### BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

The last few months have been particularly busy ones for the Battalion Headquarters. The move from Germany to U.K. by air produced the usual crop of problems to be solved, but despite the fact that the Orderly Room remained working up to the last minute of leaving Germany, we are glad to say that all the Battalion managed to arrive safely in England and go on a well-earned spell of leave.

We hope that no skeletons were left in the cupboards for our successors in Germany—1st Royal Warwicks.

The Orderly Room staff are now firmly established at Lydd, and despite all previous stories of the station, life is quite pleasant and we look forward to an interesting tour at Lydd, where the air is not only fresh but brand new.

The Adjutant, Capt. Pollard, left us in Germany on posting to H.Q., 2nd Division. We wish him the best of good fortune in his new post. Capt. Hewson arrived from 3rd Para. to take the Adjutant's chair and we extend him a hearty welcome. During the same period we said good-bye to L/Cpl. Appleton and Pte. Hill, the last of our National Service staff—a sad day, indeed, particularly when one remembers all the fine clerks and personalities National Service has given us. The staff are now all regular and the latest new-comer is Pte. Gibbs formerly of "B" Company, who recently returned from a clerks' course at Warminster and brought within him a B2 grading and a very good report.

Our main efforts are devoted to the work connected with the forthcoming "big" exercise. Pte. Fordham gallantly carries on as our expert typist and, between long periods of deciphering the 2IC's writing, is cheerfully carrying out his marching training with the remainder of the clerks. Twenty miles is a long way for any clerk to march, but we are glad to say that all have managed to stay the distance. It was a great relief to learn that typewriters were not to be taken in the large pack on marches.

Sgt. Gibbs has car trouble again; the O.R.Q.M.S. wishes he would buy a decent one and leave us all in peace.

### P.R.I.

The P.R.I., as if on a slimming diet, has been drastically reduced in size since the Regiment's arrival in Lydd. No longer does this department enjoy the "Rolls-Royce" establishment of Germany, where two clerks (one female) were employed in what seemed, outwardly, to be a hive of streamlined activity. Instead, the P.R.I. in England assumes a "Free-lance Role" which adds confusion and frustration to other departments when typing, printing and clerking is required.

### Stopp Press

Cpl. Stopp has just become P.R.I. Clerk.



Battalion Headquarters emplaning at Lyneham for Greece 25 August 1962.  
Left to Right: Lt. Monypenny, Captain Legg, Lt. Bulloch, Major Clayden, Lt. Col. Morgan, CSM Steward, RSM Dodkins and C/Sgt. Power.

### Cookhouse

The cookhouse has been redecorated and is generally being made brighter with the use of awnings, pictures and, in due course, some plants. The Cafeteria system is being encouraged to reduce queueing and speed up food service.

### N.A.A.F.I.

N.A.A.F.I. Institute meetings have taken place each month and the various requests and suggestions have been taken up by the N.A.A.F.I. authorities at Shorncliffe. A large bulk coffee and biscuit machine is being installed outside the cookhouse for general use and a juke box is shortly arriving in the N.A.A.F.I. Canteen. There are two A.K.C. TV sets in the O.R. Canteen and one in the Corporals' Club. There is also a set in the Guard Room.

### Entertainment

It is hoped in the autumn that it will be possible to produce film shows in the camp. The A.K.C. have been asked to help and, if successful, we aim to have two different shows a week in the unit cinema. We are also hoping to run Bingo sessions.

(Note—To allay readers' fears we confirm (a) Capt. Durnell has not lost weight since arrival in Lydd; (b) Prisoners are not provided with TV.—Editor.)

### "H.Q." COMPANY

Since the last Journal many changes have taken place. First we welcome Major B. K. Clayden, who has just

joined from 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A. He takes over command from Capt. Cheesman, who has commanded the Company since Major Carter left to become O.C. advance party for the move. C.S.M. Walters has also gone to "A" Company and W.O.2 Cakebread is our new C.S.M.

Pte. Eade left us to go back to civilian life, hotly pursued by Gregory and McLaren, the last of the National Service men. We wish them every success in the future.

Cpl. Flynn finally got married—a cruel blow but, even worse, he nearly escaped to the Battalion Orderly Room. However, he is still pounding his typewriter whilst L/Cpl. Wright is away on a clerks' course at Warminster.

We welcome Pte. Milburn from the Assault Pioneers as Arms Storeman and Pte. Casey from the M.T. Platoon, who is looking after the Accommodation Stores under the eagle eye of C/Sgt. Clements.

We are all enjoying the "freshness" at Lydd and we hope that our stay here will be as happy as our stay in B.A.O.R.

### Signal Platoon

Our last few weeks in Hameln were spent in murky cellar stores, rewinding cable ready for the handover (we brought it with us in the end), packing, unpacking and repacking countless boxes. Those who were not doing this were given the task of finding, borrowing or appropriating stores in an all-out effort to hand over to 1st R. Warwicks. Sgt. Briggs denies that he awoke



every morning at 4 a.m. muttering: "I did not sign for that C12."

Packing, farewell parades through the streets of Hameln, and many farewell parties held for those leaving the Battalion, tended to push our last exercises into the background. Slater and Edge were most impressed by the send-off they received from their favourite host in Hameln and sadly disillusioned by the publicans in Tottenham who were, apparently, not at all amused to see them back.

We have settled down quickly in Lydd although most weekends are spent in London, if not on guard. Perhaps our new Company Commander, who was Signals Officer for many years, may listen to our plea for fewer duties. Shortly after arrival home our last National Servicemen left, but before they went they held a farewell party in "The George." Capt. Cheesman, Sgt. Briggs and Pte. Hunt were invited. Despite being committed to the life for many years to come they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We welcome to the Platoon W.O.2 Benson, who has just completed a most successful tour as an instructor at the School of Signals. Back too from the School are Cpl. Dowsett, who was on the staff there, and Cpl. Redrup with an excellent "B" grading. Cpl. (Timothy) O'Riordan is now at the School and from all reports he is doing very well.

We are now training very hard for the forthcoming exercises in Greece. We have completed our quota of marches and members have attended all the exercises so far held by the Battalion and Rifle Companies. We are told that shortly we are to start rope training—for helicopters perhaps?

#### Administrative Platoon

Since the last publication the Administrative Platoon has suffered badly from the "Galvin Axe," and now comprises three sections of workers!—as shown below:

*Q.M.'s*—Capt. A. E. F. Waldron, M.B.E., R.Q.M.S. A. Cooper, C.Q.M.S. Nicholson (i/c M.Q.A.S. and general stopgap), Sgt. Langford (i/c accommodation stores), Cpl. Stubbings (i/c clothing stores), L/Cpl. French (i/c A.F.G.1008 and mob stores), L/Cpl. Caton (i/c Q.M.'s office?), L/Cpl. Tuvey (i/c solid-fuels and meters), Pte. Williamson (storeman accommodation and equipment repairer).

*Assault Pioneer Section*—Cpl. Pryor, Pte. Berg (doubles as a carpenter), Pte. Russell (doubles as a signwriter).

*Attached*—S/Sgt. Girling, R.E.M.E.; Cfmn. Mellor, R.E.M.E.; Cpl. Kelly, R.A.O.C.

*N.S. man still serving cheerfully*—Pte. Brooker (carpenter and joiner).

It can truthfully be said that "never have so few served so many and remained sane."

After the hectic days of closing down Hameln (when even the Q.M. opened up his heart and his buckshee store) the staff are back to normal, but strange as it may seem, we are at present unable to give stores away, having obtained the new uniform, No. 2 dress, combat clothing, suitcases and even new overalls for the R.E.M.E. fitters. No one seems to want to draw these attractive stores; they prefer to hike around the country

side and sleep in wet fields. Well perhaps it is the new army.

C/Sgt. Nicholson, who in Germany tore his hair out with anguish when handing over the M.Q.A.S., and who swore he would commit suicide if he had that job again, is now heard to be saying: "If you cannot break a racket, get into it." Are you doing a "Gilly" on us, Nick?

Cpl. Stubbing ("Bilco") has been seen wandering around the camp with what appears to be a cat on the end of a lead, and rehearsing how he can talk the C.O. into giving him a third stripe.

L/Cpl. French ("Froggy"), who travelled about 2,000 miles during the close-down in Hameln, now never leaves his bunk and is heard occasionally to mutter: "October in Scotland."

Pte. Williamson, our hard-working equipment repairer (he did repair that pair of anklets in the end), has passed his test as a storeman (Q.M.'s). Now even with a chit signed by the Q.M. you cannot get stores from him.

L/Cpl. Caton, our Monday to Friday clerk, has been seen looking up the A.C.I. on married quarters, and, judging by the speed with which he leaves the office on Fridays, I think we had better put him on the roll.

Cpl. Simpson (R.E.M.E.) has left us on posting to Singapore, and we wish him well.

In closing may we thank those who have now been posted to other jobs in the Battalion for the hard work they did for the Platoon, when serving with us, and wish them the best of luck in the future:

Pte. Berry to "H.Q." Company stores (what a come-down). Pte. Constantine to the R.P. (fast enough for you, Speedy?)

Pte. Sheffield to "A" Company (oh, my feet!)

#### M.T. Platoon

Since the last notes were written we have been extremely busy handing over our transport to 1st R. Warwicks in Germany, taking over new vehicles and reorganising the Platoon in Lydd, and preparing for the forthcoming exercise in Greece.

The handover in Germany, although hectic, was splendidly completed, with L/Cpl. Percy ("Aqua") Butler managing to convince everyone, including the R.A.M.C., that there was nothing wrong with the water truck.

A special word of praise must be given to Sgt. Peacock and his R.E.M.E. technicians for enabling the Platoon to gain and keep such a good name in Germany. Throughout the past two years we have only withdrawn three vehicles from exercises, this out of a total of some 90 in use.

Inevitably we are short of drivers in Lydd, but those we have are grossly overworked. Most of them have visited the local junk yards and now have other "means" of transport. Pte. King sports a Riley, Pte. Payne a Jaguar and Cfmn. Speed actually runs two—one bought for the huge sum of £6 and the other, not quite so expensive, for a fiver.

Shortly after our return from Germany Pte. Bryant joined the ranks of the "Ton Up Boys." His member-

ship was brief but glorious. We all hope that his visit to Ashford Hospital will be only temporary.

July has been a sad month for us all. L/Cpl. Brown, after many years of loyal service, has returned to the Channel Islands. A splendid artist, his diagrams on F.M.T. 3 were works of art and invariably proved that the other chap was entirely to blame; he will be missed by all of us. We wish him every success and happiness in his new career. Our good wishes go to Sgt. Hawes, now with 5th Infantry Brigade, Sgt. Minnett who has been posted to "B" Company, and to Ptes. Smith, Yeoman, Griffiths, Cook, Castle, Holmes, "Professor" Holland and L/Cpl. Jevon, who have returned to civilian life. Newcomers to the Platoon are Sgt. Eldridge and Sgt. Burke, Cpl. Whitt and Pte. Hitch. We hope that their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

#### Corps of Drums

We now have no National Servicemen in the Corps of Drums and our numbers still stand at 24. Dmr. Oliver was the last of a long line of first-rate National Servicemen, who have given very good service for many years. We were all sorry to see him go, and wish him well in the future.

Many Drummers saw the border between East and West Germany both in January and April and compared the life on the far side with life in the West. However, more was seen of Bad Harzburg after dark as Butler, L/Cpl. Dawson, Mason and others will remember. The officers from The Royal Warwickshire Regiment who accompanied us will also remember those pleasant days.

A visit to the N.C.O.s' Cadre Exercise gave several of us a change of air—it seemed one long pub crawl, and one hardly knows whether it was the beer or cold weather which made hill-climbing so difficult. One particular hill almost beat the "Governor," L/Cpl. Dawson and Mason. Some violent words were uttered all round. Fighting through a small German village at night created a pleasant finale to a good exercise, until a mortar smoke bomb fell on a barn.

The beating of Retreat on April 14 was an unqualified success, and the Drum-Major must be given a large share of the credit, although final credit goes to all the Drummers concerned. The scarlet uniform, which took some getting used to, added extra colour to a very memorable evening.

Now with feet firmly fixed in England a lot of irritable problems have been solved by weekends at home. These have been replaced in some cases by others equally annoying—such as why does the officer-in-charge of the Corps of Drums only have a bicycle when "Nobby" Clarke drives a car? Anyway, both forms of transport are better than Freemant's motor-bike—we hope he is recovering quickly. Even the Drum-Major rides a rather superior lady's green bicycle.

#### "A" COMPANY

Major Mieville became so tired of using an "imaginary 3 Platoon" on exercises that he decided to make a personal effort at recruiting. We all wish him great success as the head of the Battalion recruiting team. Major Carter, having been one of the early settlers at

Lydd with the advance party, now has the great honour and pleasure of taking over the company.

From the quiet little town of Hameln, we have been welcomed with open arms by the even-quieter little town of Lydd. "Jane's Cafe" and "The George" have replaced "The Icebox" and "The Boot." Nowhere is out of bounds—yet.

A most unfortunate part of the move has been the loss of our armoured "pigs." Even the Company drivers and storemen are marching now. We seem to carry more kit on our backs than we did in the "pigs." Our preparation for the forthcoming training period in the mountains of Greece have been very hard on the feet (and arms for that matter). We hope that real helicopters will not be as difficult to get out of as Sgt. Young's "mock-up" helicopter cat-walk and rope. Sgt. Young is now employed as Battalion P.T. Instructor and has been transferred to "H.Q." Company with Pte. Healey assisting him in the gymnasium.

When President Tubman of Liberia arrived in England recently we found half of the guard of honour which met him at Dover. All members of the guard were congratulated on their drill, turnout and bearing (see photographs elsewhere). We quickly switched from practising ceremonial drill to rehearsing for the Company demonstration of "Drill of the Future" at the Home Counties Brigade Depot "At Home" on July 21. We paraded, equipped and ready for operations, complete with vehicles, mortars, anti-tank guns and radio sets. All orders were given and acknowledged over the radio. After many tedious rehearsals we were rewarded by a most impressive and successful show on the day. During the week at Canterbury, Sgt. Partridge upheld his reputation as "Company Tent Pitching Expert."

Sgt. Turner has joined us from the 5th Battalion and a number of "C" Company men came over to the Company in June. We welcome them and all other newcomers to the Company.

Capt. Gilham, our new Company 2IC, looked in for a few days but was quickly sent off to Greece as an advance representative of the Battalion and Company. We will welcome him next time we see him—if we have time.

Pte. "Yogi" Claeson is now cooking in the Officers' Mess. He has had to join "H.Q." Company unfortunately, but Pte. Le-Worthy is still working a can spanner and No. 1 Burner for us when required. The Colour Sergeants' list of storemen gets longer and longer owing to circumstances beyond his control. However, he hasn't lost anything yet.

Ptes. Powell, Sallis and Tabone have finished counting "the days" and are now on the labour market. The best of luck to them all.

#### No. 1 Platoon

Our numbers have increased slightly since the Battalion returned to England. We welcome McNab and "Daisy" May from "C" Company and Tofts from "H.Q." Company. They have settled in well and Tofts is now platoon radio operator. Jim Allen has returned to us from recruiting and, living up to his reputation,



never fails to keep us amused. He seems to miss the Gasthaus atmosphere though!

The Battalion exercise in July was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, especially as the Platoon "hide" overlooked a civilian camping site. Sentries were particularly alert!

The Brigade "At Home" proved to be hard work but the opportunity of riding in "pigs" again was appreciated by all as a welcome relief from marching. (See photograph.) Blisters seem to be the main cause of sickness of late (physical and mental) but for no reason they disappear magically on Fridays.

A distinct Irish element is making itself felt in the form of Brady and McDaid, who consider that the British Army is fortunate to have their services! This has yet to be seen!

Cpl. Holland is busily training for a place in the British Olympic Bi-athlon Team. He daily submits himself to the worst possible torture in order to keep fit enough for this exacting event. We wish him the best of luck and eagerly await the selection results.

By the time these notes appear, Hards, Horner and Smith will have left us. We wish them all the best of luck.

#### No. 2 Platoon

Sgt. Dickens, who "stood in" very capably as Platoon Sergeant during field firing at Sennelager, has now taken over from Sgt. Davies. We also welcome Cpl. Meacock, who commands No. 4 Section, Cpl. McFarlane from "B" Company who now commands No. 5 Section and Ptes. Flack, Fry, Gapp, Glazer and Syme.

The most popular activity in England with the Platoon recently has been a guard. This is obviously no ordinary guard. It is mounted in Brighton and the unfortunate members have 36 hours free in 48. They also share a dining hall with a W.R.A.C. unit. Rumour has it that Pte. Cunningham . . .

During Lydd Carnival, Pte. Hayes was wounded in action. He caught his foot between a "dodgem car" and the side of the booth. However, he is now back on his feet and marching strongly.

We had quite a restful week at Canterbury where, instead of marching in battle order, we spent our time running in it. But we are now back to the marching and a new activity. We climb up thick ropes and slide down thin ones (some faster than others). Our feet are letting us down once again.

Owing to two recent major navigational errors (one which stopped all firing on the Lydd Ranges and the other which caused us to walk about four miles extra after an all-night company digging exercise) the Platoon has developed a special double cheek guidance system based on inertial navigation (waiting to see which way other people go—Editor).

During one exercise in July, we chose a very stormy night to sleep out. It was surprising how quickly one can learn to make a tent out of a ground sheet. Just to see what it was like we carried our packs on this exercise. We found out that they can carry more cream cakes and eggs than a 2-in. mortar.

Having again made a name for himself with the

Battalion athletics team, we were sorry to see L/Cpl. Nicholson go. By the time this is printed we will also have lost Ptes. Davis, Glack, and Hartnup. They have all worked and played very hard for the Platoon. Jolly good luck in your new jobs.

#### No. 4 Platoon

All true support weapon specialists will be sad to see now that even the term Support Platoon has been suppressed; and under War Office policy too! "They" have always been nervous of us. But the old "support" skills are still there. The food in our Mobats would do justice to a lighthouse-keeper's pantry.

We had a useful period of training at Hohne ending in firing Mobats and mortars. Lt. Mallalieu left us then, after a long period with the Platoon. We wish him well in Africa. He was the last of the old Support Company men to go. We are now more used to the rifle company atmosphere; in fact, it's not as bad as we had thought.

Since our return to England and the disturbing influences of almost too much leave, we are now decidedly rusty and in need of more support weapon training when it can be fitted in.

Lt. Clarke went off to Netheravon shortly after joining us in Germany. He has now returned to kid everyone that he knows more about it all than before he left. Sgt. Lagden has also gone. His strange noises will be sadly missed; we wish him every success in his new posting. Sgt. Seager, his replacement, is away on a Mobat course and is alleged to be working hard (Stop Press: He got a "B" plus—no Black Watch around—congratulations). After a long innings at anti-tank gunnery, L/Cpl. Hyton has now joined the Regimental Police. We were sorry to see him go but he had to have a change sometime.

We all soldier on. Peak still hasn't learnt to drive and Marshall isn't any happier. The Mortar Section are very worried about the new "difficult" mortar and the word redundancy has been heard in the Anti-tank Section in connection with the Wombat.

#### "B" COMPANY

Exercise "Short Commons" was the Company's final exercise in Germany. Acting as enemy to The Cameronians, who were on a ration trial exercise, the Company had a pleasant and enjoyable time with our old friends. All ranks will remember (especially the C.S.M.) the first morning of the exercise after a very social evening the night before.

Classification followed next. The Support Platoon went to Hohne for field firing in February under the direction of Major Pike, whilst the remainder of the Company classified on the rifle and L.M.G. at Sennelager.

The 1st Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Regiment advance party arrived on March 26 and at that time we were, once again, at Sennelager, this time for field firing. With Company demonstrations on how to cross rivers by the Officers (Lt. Hubert won't forget), and the accuracy with which the Company shot at Capt. Lohan (we hope by mistake), Sennelager proved interesting. Mention must also be made of the young officer who



"B" Company Gordon Barracks, Hameln

sent away the N.A.A.F.I. truck because it was too early. (You won't do that again, will you, Sir)

During our stay at Sennelager the Battalion Rifle Meeting took place, in which Ptes. Webb and Curtis were runners-up in the L.M.G. Pairs Match. To them and all who took part—congratulations (especially Sgt. Blackwell, winner of the coveted Sergeant's Mess Trophy—the Wooden Spoon).

Although the hockey team was officially to remain in Hameln, to train for the B.A.O.R. and Army Cup, call sign "8" found himself driving backwards and forwards to Sennelager in order to meet both commitments. Eventually, on the last day of Sennelager, the Brigade Commander saw a very fine performance of support weapons firing and all credit must go to the Support Platoon for their very hard work. Even Sgt. Raffael, himself an ex-instructor from Netheravon, thought it was good. But special mention must also be made of "Wheels Webb," whose driving in the crash action was "wizard" to quote his own words.

Capt. Lohan commanded the Company at Sennelager as Major Shipster was on leave prior to his posting to Liverpool as Brigade Major of a Territorial Army Brigade. We were very sorry to see him go. "Best of luck in the future, you old horse."

Albuhera Day was a happy occasion for the Company as the Commanding Officer presented the Albuhera Shield to Lt. Cowing, deputising for Capt. Lohan, who had already gone to England. This was the third time "B" Company had become the champion company in Germany, and was a very fitting end to our stay in B.A.O.R.

B.A.O.R. Albuhera results were as follows:

First: Swimming and soccer.

Second: Boxing, athletics, cricket, rugby, cross-country, hockey.

Fourth: Basketball.

Congratulations to all the following who took part in Battalion sports activities in B.A.O.R.:

Shooting: Lt. Pitman, Sgt. Tarry, Sgt. Raffael, Cpl. Shave, L/Cpl. Hedges, L/Cpl. Finnis, Ptes. Godfrey, Pettifer and Blackburn.

Rugby: Capt. Lohan, L/Cpls. Finnis and Jones (86) (A team); Sgt. Raffael, Cpl. Shave and Pte. Elliot (B team).

Reserve: Cpl. Flanagan.

Hockey: Lt. Cowing, Sgt. Miles, Pte. Bassett (89).

At the end of May the Company moved from B.A.O.R. into its new home at Lydd, which had been suitably prepared by the advance party under Lt. Pitman with Sgts. Shinn and Redmond (who both returned to the Battalion after a long absence). Also new to the Company was our chief, Major J. I. D. Pike, M.C., with the "Dreaded Book." The process of settling in is now almost complete, though we have yet to find a replacement for the "Crazy Horse Saloon" as the Company Club was known in Germany.

"B" Company sportsmen, as usual, have been well to the fore by showing speed on land and sea, with Lt. Hubert, Cpl. Flanagan and Ptes. Johns and Hannaford performing in the long-distance teams and Sgt. Miles in the sprints at the Home Counties Athletics Meeting. Lt. Hubert, L/Cpl. Hills, Ptes. Heale, Jolly, Washer, Quartermaine and Blackburn have also been represented in the swimming team, and we hope they will do great things this season. In the more leisurely sport of gentlemen, i.e. cricket, we were represented by none other than the "Master" himself, Major Pike,



ably assisted by Lt. Cowing and Pte. Hyland. Capt. Lohan is away, performing at Pentathlon with considerable success.

On the military side we have been trying to forget about all the vehicles we had in Germany and to regain the use of our feet by marching great distances over the very rural Kent countryside. Two teams of 10 even volunteered to march 20 miles to Canterbury to give publicity to the Brigade "At Home." But never again. The Company didn't even win the beer, though No. 5 Platoon team was a close second. On Lydd carnival day some found the time and energy to pull the "Queen" around the town. Pte. Hannaford nearly got a ride with her.

Pte. Webb (now departed) and Pte. Acton managed to gain publicity for the Regiment in their local papers and Cpl. Chapman and Sgts. DaCosta and Warner have been having a busy time living it hard in London showing off the soldier of the 60's.

With the final collapse of "C" Company we welcome the survivors—Pte. Walsh, who moves in behind the typewriter to replace the large shape of Riddle; Pte. Jolly, who seems to be away on sporting activities most of the time, and Ptes. Milsom, Milner and Ramadan.

We congratulate Pte. Elliot on his marriage to Christine last April, and Pte. Godfrey on his marriage to Hannelore in June. L/Cpl. Hills now has a son and heir in Andrew, and Marden a baby daughter. Rumour has it that Cpls. Shave and Mulender are about to join the ranks of the married pads.

The long line of National Servicemen is at last coming to an end. In the last few months our valuable drivers, Wrightson, Betts, Bunyan and Austen, have departed. The Colour-Sergeant's right-hand man, Ingerfield, and even Capt. Lohan's trusty batman, Williams, could not be persuaded to sign on. Others have heard the call to duty in foreign fields: Sgt. O'Rawe left us on promotion to the Gestapo (Provost Sergeant), where he has been joined by L/Cpl. Warnock and Pte. Constantine as Regimental Policemen. Lt. Freeborn, too, has found some dark and sheltered corner in "H.Q." Company, away from the front line, in which to hide.

#### "B" Company Personalities

Pte. "Darkie" Cuff, No. 6 Platoon

Pte. Cuff came to England four years ago from Jamaica. After two years in Civvy Street, he joined the Army. After normal training at the Regimental Depot at Mill Hill he was posted to Germany, where he decided to take up boxing. So successful was this decision that Cuff reached the B.A.O.R. Championships, only losing to a very experienced boxer in the last round. Pte. Cuff has also played in the Battalion cricket team in Germany and his best performance was 34 not out against 24th Regiment, Royal Artillery.

On completion of his service, next year, "Darkie" Cuff intends to return to the warmer waters of the Caribbean.

#### "C" COMPANY

##### General

The period covered by these notes is one of special significance to "C" Company. While the move to

England was, for the rest of the Battalion, predominantly a change of scenery, it was, for "C" Company, the end of a chapter in our history. Upon arrival at Lydd, the Company was disbanded and immediately reformed as the Training Company.

It would need more than one edition of the Journal to remember all the colourful events during our time as a rifle company. Looking over the immediate past spent in Hameln, we are reminded of three-and-a-half years crowded with incidents and personalities, successes and achievements. We can remember winning the Albuhera shooting competition every season but one. We remember winning more inter-platoon competitions than any other company; we remember winning the Albuhera cricket, soccer and hockey. Most of all, however, we remember that we were all members of "Charlie" Company—the best!

We know that our eclipse as a rifle company is only because the letter "C" comes after the letters "A" and "B" in the alphabet, and we look forward to the day when "C" Company becomes a rifle company again. Meanwhile the old members will be watching its progress closely in its new role as Training Company.

#### Last Days in B.A.O.R.

The scene closed on training in B.A.O.R. with the Company's fourth and final appearance at Sennelager, a name which will not be easily forgotten by those who became acquainted with it.

A fitting climax for the efforts of the Company, while it was at Sennelager, was the Battalion shooting competition held on Deer Park Range. We repeated our successes of recent years in the shooting by winning not only the meeting but almost every event in it. In winning the rifle team event, we must congratulate the individual winner, Sgt. Ford, whose score of 168 out of a highest possible score of 200 would go very near to winning the Rhine Army competition in any normal year. Pte. Gapp is to be congratulated, too, on being the runner-up in the Young Soldier competition with a score of 114. The L.M.G. team event was won by "C" Company and we also had the winning pair and the runners-up. The winning pair were L/Cpl. Brooks and Pte. Howarth and the runners-up were Pte. Young and Pte. Milsom. Subsequently, 10 members of this victorious team were included in the Battalion team which came a close second in the 11th Infantry Brigade Group major units competition at Minden.

The remainder of our time in Hameln was taken up in packing prior to leaving for England in May, and in frenzied conjecture as to how we were all to be employed once we reached Lydd.

It was disappointing for "C" Company and especially the soccer supporters that we were unable to complete the Hunter Cup Competition before we left B.A.O.R. In a league which included a team from every company in the Brigade, the "C" Company eleven, under the able leadership of L/Cpl. Brooks and Pte. Lake, was lying second with five games in hand. It is interesting to note that this particular team had been unbeaten within the Battalion for four months, the chief goal scorers being Ptes. Baldry, Conkling and Ticehurst.



'C' Company Shooting Team 1962

#### Arrivals and Departures

Just before leaving Hameln, the Company said goodbye to our Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Wildgoose, and very sorry we were to see him go. His enormous figure and his equally enormous voice dominated our every moment. In the field his astonishing knowledge of farmyard German afforded the Company many a stormy night billeted comfortably in various villages where we might otherwise have been sleeping in ditches and hedgerows. "The Goose" has been appointed R.S.M. to the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Surrey Regiment (T.A.) and with him go our congratulations and best wishes. In his place we are pleased to welcome C.S.M. Moysie back from the 5th Battalion, where he was with "A" Company for two-and-a-half years. Recently we also lost the services of Cpl. Niles. Ken Niles has been a well-known and well-liked personality in "C" Company for two-and-a-half years. His soft Canadian drawl and his ever puffing pipe became part of the Company character. His ski-ing trips to the Bavarian Alps, which grew longer on each occasion, hinted at his growing longing to return to his homeland of Canada. We were not surprised, therefore, but extremely sorry to see him depart in June.

Lt. M. Julian and Lt. M. H. Rose both left the Regiment from "C" Company during this period, the former to lead the life of a civilian and the latter to enter the Royal Military Police on taking a Regular Commission. We trust that our connections with Lt. Rose in future will be purely on a social level.

We bid farewell, at last, to Tommy Carlin, who purchased his release. The "Wee Scot" has gone to

look for "Wally" McShannon and together they intend to seek a life on the ocean wave in the Merchant Navy. We cannot help feeling that this is why the Army is starting to fly everywhere.

Sgt. Young joined us when we reached Lydd although it is still his task to physically train the whole Battalion. We hope that we will not be seeing too much of him and his minions ourselves, however, during working hours.

#### First Days at Lydd

"C" Company reassembled at Lydd after three weeks of disembarkation leave in its new role of Training Company. It would be easier at this point just to mention the people who remain in the Company rather than all those who have been posted elsewhere. We fully expect all the old members to make themselves felt very quickly in their new companies and hope that they manage to infuse a small corner of "C" Company into whatever department of the Battalion they are now in. Suffice it to say here that our Company Commander, Major J. I. D. Pike, M.C., has taken over command of "B" Company, about which, no doubt, they will have something to say in their notes. "C" Company establishment is now:

O.C. and Training Officer: Lt. Monypenny.  
C.S.M.: W.O.2 Moysie.  
C.Q.M.S.: C Sgt. Potter.  
P.T. Sergeant: Sgt. Young.  
Training Sergeant: Sgt. Ford.  
Training Corporal: Cpl. Cairns.



Storemen: Pte. Penfold, Pte. Whyte, Pte. Lake, Pte. Playford.

It was not long before "C" Company was in action in its new role as eight soldiers arrived on June 20 from the Depot to carry out six weeks' continuation training. They had only completed three weeks' training, however, when they had to be prematurely attached to "B" Company in order to prepare for the move to Greece, which was suddenly sprung on us.

This was not the full extent of the Company's activities at this time. The Middlesex County Army Cadet Force, hearing of the return of the 1st Battalion to England, immediately asked to visit us. On the weekend June 30, 16th (Hornsey) Cadet Company arrived in "C" Company lines for two days' training. Their two days appeared to include what must have amounted to an annual training programme. Undeterred by the weight of events, the Cadets bore themselves with a smartness and enthusiasm that would have been a credit to many regular units, and it was a pleasure to have these young "Die-Hards" with us.

The Battalion recruiting team has also enlisted the resources of "C" Company in its campaign. Already, several long-haired individuals have been staying with us before they are due to enlist at Canterbury. With constant hot water and all modern conveniences we are thinking of asking the Automobile Association to give us a star grading.

#### OFFICERS' MESS

The major event before our departure from B.A.O.R. was the "Die-Hards" farewell on April 14. This event was commemorated by the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums beating Retreat, followed by a cocktail party and buffet supper in the Mess. Over 230 guests attended the farewell and, judging from the late departures from the Keller Club in the early hours of the morning, all enjoyed themselves. We were honoured by the attendance of the Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders, and Gen. Butler particularly distinguished himself by not leaving until past three o'clock. The Mess Committee and the Mess Staff are to be remembered for their hard work in ensuring the success of the party; in particular, we remember W.O.2 Medlock's splendid buffet supper.

Another memorable occasion was the farewell cocktail party given by Stadt Hameln. The Ober Burgemeister, Dr. Sander, in a short speech, praised the Regiment for the happy relationship that had existed between the soldiers and civilians in Hameln, and wished all ranks success for the future. Lt.-Col. Ian Battye then thanked the Ober Burgemeister, after which an ornamental plate was presented to the Mess and individual presents given to the officers. Needless to say this gesture was much appreciated as it was a fitting end to the happy tour the Regiment had spent in Hameln.

The Mess at Lydd proved to be much smaller than the Mess in Gordon Barracks and a great deal of hard work has had to be done to make it habitable. Luckily, however, although much delayed by Customs, none of the Mess crates were lost in transit from B.A.O.R.—much to the relief of David Pike and Peter Monypenny.

The Mess cocktail party arranged for late July has had



C/Sgt. 'John' Potter, still going strong at forty

to be cancelled owing to forthcoming commitments, but both Gen. Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., and Maj.-Gen. E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O., have been entertained to lunch.

The following senior officers have visited the Mess since the last notes: Lt.-Gen. Sir William Stirling, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Lt.-Gen. K. T. Darling, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Gen. Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., Maj.-Gen. E. H. W. Grimshaw, C.B.E., D.S.O., Maj.-Gen. M. A. H. Butler, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Brigadier J. A. T. Sharp, M.C., Brigadier C. M. M. Mann, O.B.E., M.C., Col. F. Walden, Col. R. H. Wheatley, D.S.O., Col. H. G. H. Henley, C.B.E., Col. I. R. Ferguson-Innes, O.B.E., M.B.I.M.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

During the last few weeks of our tour in B.A.O.R., apart from Battalion Training at Sennelager, packing, form filling and preparing for our move back to England, we were still able to find some time for social activities.

On April 14, to coincide with the beating of Retreat, we held a very successful cocktail party, at which we had the opportunity to welcome members of the 1st Royal Warwickshire advance party. On Easter Saturday we held a farewell ball which was enjoyed by all present. Albuhera Day was celebrated in its usual grand style and we had much pleasure in welcoming Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C., into the Sergeants' Mess for the first time. Our final fling was a visit to Minden Barracks to



General Sir Roderick McLeod, K.C.B., C.B.E., visiting the Sergeants mess. 27th. June 1962

bid farewell to our good friends of the Station Sergeants' Mess.

A few members travelled with their families back to England by car and, although heavily weighed down with luggage, all managed to arrive safely. Much "ribbing" went on amongst car owners as to the capabilities of their machines; however, apart from the R.E.M.E. Sergeant's car, which had to be towed most of the way by Sgt. "Fanny" Gibbs, and C.S.M. Jessup experiencing engine trouble on the autobahn, everyone had a trouble-free journey. The longest route home was taken by C.S.M. Cakebread, who travelled 700 miles in three days, proving conclusively that his old Merc. could "stay the course."

We would like to congratulate C.S.M. Wildgoose on his promotion to R.S.M., and hope that he and his family enjoy their tour with The Queen's Surreys (T.A.).

We also congratulate C.S.M. Beale on his appointment as R.Q.M.S. at 11th Infantry Brigade at Minden, and C/Sgt. and Mrs. Dive on the birth of their daughter at B.M.H., Rinteln, on April 20.

We say farewell to C.S.M.I. Issitt, A.P.T.C., who stayed in B.A.O.R., and we thank him for his sterling support to the Battalion hockey team. Also farewell to C.S.M. Michel, C.S.M. Da Costa, Sgt. Hawes, Sgt.

Tingey and to Sgt. Parnell, who is now at the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

We welcome W.O.2 Steward as W.T.W.O., W.O.2 Benson as Signals W.O., Sgts. Turner, Redmond, Shinn and Mills, A.C.C.

We have all settled down at Lydd. Many members are now becoming proficient sea fishermen and no doubt hoping to catch the proverbial "one that got away." In closing we wish all our members and their families many fish suppers and a happy stay here in the months to come.

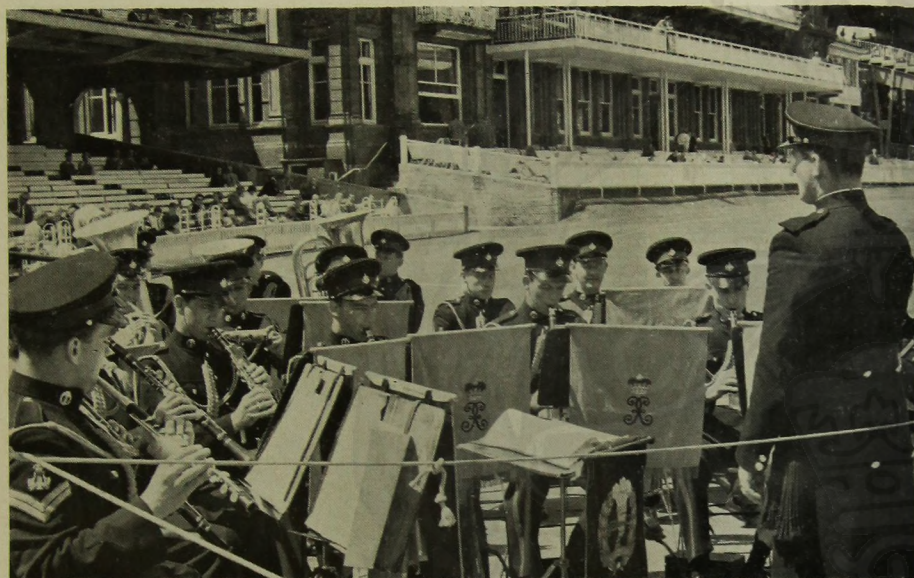
#### CORPORALS' CLUB

Before leaving for England the Club members said farewell to Hameln with a Tramps Ball, an event attended by The Royal Warwickshire advance party corporals.

A few members attended as tramps. It is said that the Pay Office Staff were included among them but others say that they did not notice any difference from their usual attire. The dance was a success and was a fitting farewell to Hameln.

On arrival at Lydd Camp (oh, what a disappointment!) the Mess slowly got together and elected a new working party. Cpl. Dowsett, who reckons that he is





'The Band at Lords'—The Band continued to play unconcerned after having had a ball hit amongst them by Ted Dexter

as good as 10 pressed men, volunteered for the appointment of President. Six other stalwarts were eventually "persuaded" to join the "elite" and, working on this basis, we now have a committee of 70.

Some members have walked out of the gates for the last time. The sad looks on their faces as they waved good-bye will be a thing that we shall long remember. Among the departed ones, L/Cpl. Ken Atkinson is sadly missed. No more will he have to put up with the refrain of "Big Bad Ken" from L/Cpl. Rappoport. I understand he has got a job as "stand-in" for "Hoss" in the ITV western show, "Bonanza."

We congratulate L/Cpl. Lodge and his wife on their new arrival. Father and son are doing very well.

Our middle-aged Teddy has got himself hitched at last, as has our previous president, Cpl. Jack Meacock. Best of luck to them both.

We are determined that our Club shall be the envy of all in the District. So far we have had little opportunity to hold any worthwhile functions, but this will be rectified in the months to come.

#### BAND

On leaving Germany and all its comforts and customs—beer, etc.—we find ourselves not so comfortably accommodated. Fortunately we have not spent much time here in Lydd owing to numerous engagements in London. Many hours have been spent watching cricket

at Lords, where we have fulfilled engagements during the lunch and tea intervals. An engagement most popular with the Band. At one time, during a match between the Lords Taverners and an Old England XI, the Band almost had to make a hasty retreat, a well-judged six by "Lord" Ted Dexter nearly decapitated the trombone player! This caused much amusement among the spectators. During these engagements at Lords the Band received a favourable amount of publicity from the Press and radio.

At the Home Counties Brigade "At Home" we joined forces with two other bands of the Brigade to give a marching display in the form of a Retreat Beating, under the able baton of Bandmaster Watkins, Brigade Bandmaster. This display ended a very successful day for the Home Counties Brigade.

After our arrival in this country, three members of the Band were married. We take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Cpl. Wornes, L/Cpl. Cox and Bdsman. Palmer.

A great loss to the Band has been caused by the departure of C/Sgt. Probert. He joined the Battalion in 1946 and has always been the corner-stone of both our concert and marching bands. Indeed, one would have to search hard throughout the British Army to find a cornet of his accomplishments. He has thrilled many Bandstand audiences with his excellent interpretations of well-known cornet solos. We wish him all



#### BATTALION HOCKEY TEAM, 1961/62

##### Winners of the B.A.O.R. and Runners-up of the Army Championship

Back row (left to right): Captain Waldron, L/Cpl. Rappoport, S/Sgt. Harrison, Pte. Bassett, Sgt. Miles, C.S.M. DaCosta and Sgt. Leat. Front row (left to right): Lt. Cowing, Cpl. Torrie, Lt. Bulloch, Lt. Col. Battye, C.S.M.I. Issitt, Major Carter, Bdsman. Wallwork

good luck and success in his new appointment in the Canadian Armed Forces and hope he still continues to thrill crowds in Canada with his virtuosity and crystal-clear tone.

Also demobbed was Bdsman. M. Wallwork. He, too, will be a great loss to the Band, to the clarinet rank in particular, and not least to the Battalion hockey team. We wish him good health and prosperity in his chosen vocation—banjo player in the Black and White Minstrel Show!! L/Cpl. Routledge has also left the Band to take up an appointment at the Junior Boys' Training Wing at Canterbury. From Canterbury we welcome Cpl. Rose, whose appointment there L/Cpl. Routledge now fills, and Bdsman. Bradford. Replacing C/Sgt. Probert we have B/Sgt. McGowan, formerly with The Queen's Own Buffs. We hope he will enjoy his service with us. Bdsman. Kerrigan also joined us recently after serving 10 years in The Queen's Own Highlanders.

To conclude these notes we would like to thank Col. Walden for his interest and hard work in connection with the Band engagements.

PS.—Beware all road users around Lydd, the Bandmaster has recently acquired a black Jaguar!

#### SPORT

##### Hockey

Prospects were bright when the previous notes ended, and many readers will know of our subsequent fortunes.

In the Divisional Final, we won a hard contested game against 35 Corps Engineer Regiment (3—1), C.S.M.I. Issitt and Sgt Miles playing particularly well. The B.A.O.R. Semi-Finals were played at Bielefeld. Extreme snow and weather conditions almost postponed the match, but a late thaw enabled the match to be played. Our opponents were 45th Regiment Royal Artillery, who travelled from Dortmund. Another very close match was played, which eventually we won (2—0). Cpl. Torrie, Sgt. Miles and Sgt. Harrison all played exceptionally well.

The B.A.O.R. Final proved a long marathon with no result after one match. The match was replayed at Hameln. Our opponents were 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, whom we already knew were a very good team. Minden was the first battleground, and in very wet conditions the game was played at a very fast pace. However, after extra time, there being no score, a replay was arranged on our own pitch at Hameln. Wet weather conditions prevailed on Saturday, April 7, and





44 (HC) Dio/Dist Athletics Meeting 4th July 1962.  
Sgt. Blackwell 4x120 yds. Hurdles Final

again the match began at a tremendous pace. At half-time 1st Middlesex led 2-1, but just before full time 1st R.H.A. were leading 3-2, having scored 2 goals in quick succession. C.S.M.I. Issitt levelled the score at about 20 seconds from full time with a short corner which was hardly seen. Extra time followed, and again, after some very frightening moments, Issitt put a short corner into the goal, and we had won. Brigadier Sharp presented the cup and later the team had a celebration dinner in Hemeln. All the team played well on both occasions, but special merit must go to C.S.M.I. Issitt and Pte. Bassett, who more than once literally saved the day.

After a flight home and two weeks' preparation in Aldershot, we played the Army Hockey Final on Wednesday, May 2, on grass. A large crowd of spectators, including Mr. Jackson, were there to see the team play 5th Regiment Royal Artillery from Tidworth.

The grass conditions were entirely different from the tarmac squares of Germany and although the team played well, it was not the same team that had left Hameln. However, we were 2-1 up at half-time and playing well. A lapse in the second half caused us to give a goal away and extra time was called for. After a break 5th Regiment, R.A., scored, and thus won the Army Hockey Cup for 1962. We collected our runners-up cup and medals and went our way. C.S.M.I. Issitt, Sgt. Leat and Pte. Bassett all played exceptionally well.



44 (HC) Athletics Meeting 4th July 1962  
L/Cpl. Cleasby—Pole Vault

During the whole season the hockey team played 27 matches and only lost two. (One friendly and the Army Cup Final.)

Pte. Bassett played regularly and consistently well in goal, and was ably supported by Lt. Cowing and Major "Nick" Carter—whether they finally worked out their system of play they only know. We all know that the cap became our lucky mascot.

Wallwork, S/Sgt. Harrison and W.O.2 DaCosta formed the half-back line, and despite some difference of opinion as to when to be up and when to be back, they played regularly, consistently and with great enthusiasm.

It has been said that the forward line generally was the best the Battalion has seen for many years. Certainly this is borne out by the goals scored. Individually C.S.M.I. Issitt stands head and shoulders above all other players, and his efforts for our team will long be remembered. Sgt. Leat as always played right wing and lost none of his speed and guile—an object lesson to younger men. Cpl. Torrie, at inside-right, played regularly and was always doing a lot of fetch and carry work. He paved the way to many goals. Sgt. Miles played brilliantly, and at times erratically, and was responsible for scoring many fine goals. Although his methods were unorthodox he was always a threat to opponents; he was, in fact, the fastest runner with the ball and used this ability to good effect in splitting an opponents' defence on many occasions. Lt. Bulloch



Eastern Command Inter Unit Team Swimming Championships 1962—Lt. Hubert, team captain, receiving the Cup on behalf of the team from Major General D. Peel Yates, D.S.O., O.B.E., Chief of Staff

played on the left wing and despite a left-handed approach to the game was able to keep the opponents' defence busy. Although erratic he fitted in with C.S.M.I. Issitt at inside-left, and a good combination was formed.

Lt. Bulloch was the captain of the team and although on the field this duty was hardly necessary, did all the match arrangements, including the arguing as to when exactly Army Cup matches were to be played.

C.S.M.I. Issitt gave instruction in all the finer points of hockey play, and was the team's planner of strategic moves.

Sgt. Leat organised tea and beer and all matters connected with the entertainment of teams and did a very good job, and finally Major "Nick" Carter gave us the support of his rank when it was necessary.

Team: Pte. Bassett; Lt. Cowing, Major Carter; C.S.M. DaCosta, S/Sgt. Harrison, Bdsm. Wallwork; Sgt. Leat, Cpl. Torrie, Sgt. Miles, C.S.M.I. Issitt, Lt. Bulloch.

Reserve: L/Cpl. Rappoport.

#### Athletics

Owing to the pressure of summer training, both the Albuhera Day Novices and the Inter-Company Meeting had to be cancelled.

A team was entered on Wednesday, July 4, for the 44th (Home Counties) Division/District Inter-Unit

Team Athletic Championships at Chatham. The final results were:

- 1st—Depot Regiment Royal Engineers.
- 2nd—12th S.M.E. Regiment Royal Engineers.
- 3rd—1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
- 4th—1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment.

The team had only a very short time to practise and must be congratulated on a good effort.

We came first in three events and second in three more. Capt. Cheesman threw the discus 127 ft. 6 in. and put the shot 40 ft. 5 in.; both beat the best of the day. L/Cpl. Meehan helped us to win the discus by 10 in.; and Sgt. Miles "put" another 31 ft. 4 in. on to our distance for the shot, which we also won.

Lt. Hubert came in first in the 3-mile race, running in bare feet. L/Cpl. Nicholson, Pte. Quartermaine and Pte. Johns enabled the team to win.

In the pole vault L/Cpl. Cleasby cleared 10 ft. with no training at all. Helped by L/Cpl. Clift we came second with a total height of 17 ft. 3 in. L/Cpls. Moore and O'Brien put up a good effort with the hammer and qualified for second place.

Lt. Hubert ran the mile also without slippers and, supported by Cpl. Flanagan, L/Cpl. Nicholson and Pte. Hannaford, we gained second place.

The one great misfortune of the day was in the 4 x 220 yards relay, when the baton was dropped and we did not



complete the course. This resulted in the loss of two points, which we could have collected by walking round.

### Swimming

We hoped at the beginning of the season that this would be our great year although we had the slight hindrance of the move back to the U.K. during the season. With the problems of getting soldiers back off recruiting to swim, of finding new baths, and the time in which to train, we had also to take part in a host of other activities connected with forthcoming exercises.

By training in the long salt water pool at Hastings we worked ourselves up to a fine pitch for the Home Counties District competition on July 25, but were disappointed when our rivals, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, hearing of our entry, scratched. However, we put in a relay race team for the Minor Units relay unofficially, and won it comfortably.

The Eastern Command competition held at Caterham on August 1 was the second step. The long-distance free-style relay was won by a length, Capt. Cheesman returning the time of 61 seconds for the 100 yards. The breaststroke resulted in our being narrowly beaten into second place in spite of magnificent performances by L/Cpl. O'Brien and Pte. Heale. The backstroke offered no problems at all, with Cpl. Dowsett finishing three-quarters of a length ahead of his rival from 1st Battalion The Coldstream Guards. The only weak link was the free-style sprint in which L/Cpl. Finnis was sadly missed. The medley relay was a wonderful end to the competition with Pte. Seatory swimming a magnificent 75 yards butterfly to gain the lead that was maintained to the end. This combined to give us a sound victory over both teams—1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers and 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards.

## 5th Battalion (T.A.) Notes

The past six months has been a period of expansion for the Battalion. A steady and at times overwhelming influx of recruits has raised us to a volunteer strength of about 60 per cent. of establishment. At our present rate of progress we shall reach a complete volunteer strength well before the supply of National Service men stops.

A number of volunteers have terminated their service during the period as a result of a policy of insisting that only effectives remain on strength. Another source of lost recruits, which is however welcomed by all concerned, is recruiting for the Regular Army, particularly for the 1st Battalion. The special recruiters and the regular recruiting team are well known and welcome in our drill halls. We encourage the idea that the Territorial Battalion is an avenue into the Regular Battalion and would particularly welcome ex-members of the 1st Battalion, of whom we are at present lamentably short.

Annual camp was near Catterick this year during the first half of June. We were very fortunate in our

A water polo team was raised for the Home Counties meeting. We had two games with the Hastings Police prior to the meeting. Both were lost but were a most valuable practice. Capt. Cheesman was the driving force behind the team throughout. Cfmm. McCann had a very useful hard throw and he never seemed to tire. Cpl. Dowsett did much to keep the ball out of our own goal and at the meeting Sgt. Blackwell's experience combined with Sgt. O'Rawe's weight did much to make it a good fight. But the extra experience of the Depot Royal Engineers was decisive and they beat us 8—2.

Ahead of us lies the Army meeting on August 31, which will bring to an end our first season in the U.K.—a very good beginning to our tour.

### Cricket

The season has been disappointing due to our move from Germany and our new and unexpected battalion training commitment. As a result we have only played two matches—one in Germany against the 1st Battalion The South Wales Borderers and one against Lydd Cricket Club. Both were enjoyable games, but showed our lack of practice, and resulted in losses.

More enjoyable and profitable were the matches of the Home Counties Brigade Cricket Week at Canterbury, ending with our traditional match versus the Hampstead Heathens. The Regiment had seven players selected to play of whom four were from the 1st Battalion. Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C., captained the side to a convincing victory. Lt.-Col. Morgan, Major Pike and Lt. Cowing all played in two matches. Capt. Cheesman played in the final match.

weather and had an even more successful camp than last year. The performance of our newest recruits was impressive and augurs well for the future. A particularly welcome feature of camp was the presence of Sgts. Minett and Pritchard from the 1st Battalion.

Shortly after camp we lost Major Ken Clayden and Capt. Malcolm Gilham, both to the 1st Battalion. These two saw this Battalion through the pain of amalgamation and our present efficiency is to a great extent based on their hard work. We wish them luck in their new appointments. We welcome their successors, Major John George and Capt. Tony McManus.

### "H.Q." COMPANY

"H.Q." Company went to camp this year 117-strong including Band and Drums. The first week of camp was spent in platoon training and the second week was devoted to Battalion and Brigade exercises.

There was a high proportion of recruits in the Company and it is to their credit that they rapidly settled in

and by the end of the first week were seasoned Territorials. Those recruits who joined after camp and those who were unable to attend camp will be attending autumn camp at Lydd for one week where they will carry out basic recruit training.

Capt. McManus joined us at camp from 1st Middlesex to take over from Capt. Gilham as Adjutant. We hope his stay with us will be a happy one. After camp, Major Ken Clayden left us at the termination of his tour as Training Major to return to 1st Middlesex. Before the amalgamation Major Clayden was, of course, Adjutant of 7th Middlesex and he leaves many old friends in the Battalion who were very sorry to see him go. We welcome his successor, Major George, of the Queen's Surrey Regiment, who has just joined us.

On the last evening of camp a very successful Company dinner was organised by Capt. Beaumont in Leyburn. Our guests included the Commanding Officer, Major Clayden, Capt. McManus and the R.S.M. After dinner, the R.S.M. accompanied the singing on the piano and we were entertained by some amusing monologues from the Band.

We were very pleased to have the assistance of Sgt. Pritchard from 1st Middlesex at camp and he initiated our Assault Pioneers into the mysteries of many alternative methods of making bangs. Sgt. Birmingham stoutly denies the rumour that he will now be growing a beard.

The Recce Platoon devoted camp to M.M.G. training and were able to carry out quite a lot of live firing on the field firing ranges and on one memorable afternoon were able to teach the Company Commander and the Training Officer to fire the gun, although it is feared that their gun drill left much to be desired. Lt. Robertson assumed command of the platoon after camp and Lt. Herriott transferred to "A" Company.

The Signal Platoon, under Capt. Enthoven and S/Sgt. Hawkins, made great strides at camp and are now looking for more recruits to swell their ranks. Any past signallers from 1st Middlesex who live within easy reach of Edware may be sure of a welcome if they care to call in on any Tuesday or Thursday evening.

A permanent record of our activities at annual camp was made on film by L/Cpl. Hamilton of the Signal Platoon and it is proposed to use this film for recruiting purposes. L/Cpl. Hamilton is a cameraman on the B.B.C. "Panorama" team.

Since camp we have been training for the County of Middlesex Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association Tough Training Competition which takes place in October, and the team led by Capt. Beaumont is confident of putting up a good performance.

The most outstanding activity since camp was the Company expedition to Snowdonia. On August 10 an advance party moved by road to North Wales and established a base at Blaenau Ffestiniog. The main party travelled by rail, arriving at Llandudno at 0130 hours on August 11. When they arrived, it had been raining continuously for nine hours and the roads between Llandudno and Blaenau Ffestiniog were badly flooded in places. At 0930 hours, as it was still raining and there were gale-force winds, the original intention to ascend Snowdon by the Watkin Path from Beddgelert and descend by the Pyg track had to be abandoned, and

the whole party, which was split into four groups, ascended the mountain by the easier but longer path from Llanberis. The rain continued throughout the morning and the path above about 1,500 ft. became a stream which was 18 in. deep in places. Nearer the summit, visibility was down to three or four yards and the rain had turned to hail and sleet. The parties led by Capt. Beaumont and Lt. Robertson eventually reached the summit where they recuperated and took refreshment in the hotel before returning to Llanberis. The other two groups, who had taken a more westerly path for the last mile of the ascent, were forced by the adverse conditions to abandon their attempt about 300 yards from the summit. By 1700 hours the entire party had re-assembled at Llanberis and returned to Blaenau Ffestiniog to dry out. Early on the morning of August 12, in bright sunshine, the rail party moved to Llandudno to catch the train back to London. It is hoped to pay another visit to Snowdonia next year when the weather may be kinder.

### "A" COMPANY

Since the publication of our last notes "A" Company has been concentrating on recruiting and our efforts have been so successful that over three-quarters of those attending annual camp at Bellerby in June had never been to camp with the T.A. before. These results were achieved by displays at the local cinemas, and an intensive "follow up" to the Middlesex T.A.F.A. campaign conducted by advertisement in the national Press. Several of our recruits so liked their first experience of military life that they have since joined the Regular Army. Possibly they were persuaded by Sgt. Warner and his recruiting team, who appear at regular intervals at Hornsey armed with a plentiful supply of glossy literature.

This recruiting success has set the problem of how to assimilate and train the new soldiers with relatively few instructors, while still maintaining the interest of the trained men. For the few weeks prior to camp we concentrated on training the recruits in elementary tactics, battlecraft and weapon training. This last subject was complicated by now having the self-loading rifle.

Sporting and social activities were not neglected in the pre-camp period. The Company provided the Battalion boxing team for the T.A. Championships. Many of our boxers were lacking in experience and the results will, undoubtedly, be better next year. Pte. Daykin, in particular, acquitted himself well and we have great hopes of him in the future.

The first week at camp was taken up by platoon and company exercises and the second by Battalion and Brigade schemes. "A" Company took a prominent and successful part in both the schemes, perhaps, in the Brigade exercise, because the W.R.A.C. and the London Irish provided the "enemy." Since camp members of the Company have had the opportunity of seeing themselves in the film shot by L/Cpl. Hamilton, a member of the "Panorama" camera team, and the Signals Platoon, which has been likened for realism to that well-known training film, "The Soviet Army in the Attack." We





Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess, 5th Bn., The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) T.A., Annual Camp WATHGILL 1962

are pleased to note that, due to a misunderstanding between the umpires, one weak section of No. 2 Platoon captured a strongly defended Battalion position.

The Company was involved in several night exercises. Sgt. Elderfield distinguished himself by leading his platoon across a Yorkshire bog up to his shoulders in muddy water without a thought for his own health and safety. Pte. La Touche, now with the 1st Battalion, was also very prominent in night exercises on the moors and his exploits were even brought to the attention of the C.O.

During the middle weekend of camp the Company hired a coach and spent the day by the seaside. Paddling in salt water works wonders for blistered feet. The coach did not return until early on the Monday morning and the whole Company were involved in candlelight blancoing and polishing to be ready for the morning parade.

Both C.S.M. Stack and C/Sgt. James were newly promoted before camp and they had developed the air of being old hands at the job by the end of the 14 days. C/Sgt. James was particularly zealous in the execution of his duties and on one occasion was seen counting bayonets by candlelight dressed in a huge bell-tent-type greatcoat with a pair of luminous-striped pyjamas. C.S.M. Stack's meteoric promotion in the T.A. is a model for every recruit. He only joined the T.A. as a Private after National Service in 1959!

Since camp the Company has been involved with preparations for the mobilisation exercise, shooting practice for the autumn competitions and in training two teams of tough soldiers for the Battalion and Middlesex Tough Training Competitions. Unfortunately several senior members of the Company are

affected by slipped discs, injured knees and other semi-crippling disabilities, but it is confidently expected that they will be restored to full health in time for the winter's rugby "twisting" season. On occasions the Company have used Hampstead Heath for training purposes and recently held a map-reading exercise there. This took place on the Tuesday before August Bank Holiday and was somewhat disrupted, as a large fair, complete with vehicles, trailers and compression engines, arrived on the Heath between the time the officer responsible set the exercise and the actual evening it took place. A considerable part of the evening was spent wandering round the encampment and this seemed to annoy the occupants of the caravans and provided very poor map-reading experience. We will know better next year.

It is accepted that transfers and postings should be mentioned somewhere in these notes. After camp we lost Lt. Robertson to "H.Q." Company and the Reece Platoon. Lt. Herriott replaces him. W.O. Moyses, our most helpful P.S.I., returned to the Regular Battalion, being replaced by W.O. Michel. During annual camp Major Leighton presented W.O.2 Moyses with an inscribed clock and sleeping bag (the sleeping bag was reputedly stamped "D" Company but may have been quite honestly come by). The T.A. will always be in debt to its P.S.I.s. They are the men on the spot and carry out the duties of storekeeper, deputy company commander, military adviser, and company clerk all rolled into one. W.O.2 Moyses had a well-deserved reputation for the excellent state of his stores.

In the next issue we hope to report a number of successes in the competitions for which we have been training since annual camp.

### "B" COMPANY

"B" Company is very pleased to announce that the optimistic forecast of our attendances which was mentioned in the last edition of *The Die-Hards* has been fully justified. We held a recruiting drive in the spring during which we gained 19 recruits in one weekend. Since then Lt. T. D. Jones has organised a standing team of recruiters, who are at 24 hours notice to "spread the word" at any local function including suitable war films and fetes.

Annual camp this year was held at Wathgill, in Yorkshire, and was attended over the two weeks by nearly 60 members of the Company, including a large number of recruits. The progressive training programme was enjoyed by everyone and the highlight of it all was the rescue of two real casualties from a recently secured position on a ridge at 0200 hrs. in the morning. One soldier, displaying a rare wit for that time in the morning, was heard to compare the spectacle of four lamp-carrying "medics" burdened by two stretchers with that of grave robbers in *Great Expectations*.

The after-camp activities have yet again concentrated on preparation for the tough training competition. Lt. R. G. Tett is team captain this year and the old faithfuls, Sgt. Gainsbury and Cpl. Tomkins, together with others who are doing it for the first time, are to be seen every week pounding their way around Ealing training for this gruelling competition.

Since the last notes were written we have been joined at Ealing by C.S.M. "Taffy" Roberts, who for some time has been R.Q.M.S. at Edgware. For many years Taffy was with the old "C" Company at Wealdstone and we are very pleased to welcome him to "B" Company.

In conclusion we congratulate Major B. A. Skinner on his recent promotion.

### "C" COMPANY

In April, due to the demands of his professional life coupled with the fact that he was moving house out of London, Capt. J. K. E. Slack felt obliged to relinquish command of the Company, and handed over to Major E. J. Naish early in May. We are glad to say, however, that Capt. Slack continues to serve with the Battalion as Intelligence Officer.

Major Naish rejoins the Regiment after several years' service elsewhere in the T.A., having formerly served with the 2nd Battalion in 1945-7.

We are also pleased to welcome back to the Battalion Sgt. Medcalf, who was with the 7th Battalion until the amalgamation last year and now succeeds C/Sgt. Carnie. Our congratulations and best wishes go to the latter on his promotion to C.S.M. of "H.Q." Company.

Another changeover was brought about by the return of our P.S.I., Sgt. Turner, to the 1st Battalion. We are all grateful to Sgt. Turner for his very energetic services to the Company. His place is now being ably filled by Sgt. B. Pritchard.

At camp we functioned as two platoons of approximately equal size—trained soldiers and recruits. This worked out very satisfactorily, particularly as during the first week we were lucky enough to have the assistance

of Sgt. Minett of the 1st Battalion and were thus able to concentrate on improving the standard of individual training of the recruits. A hilarious social evening was spent in the "King's Arms" at Leyburn, and at the weekend those members who had not cars of their own took advantage of a coach trip to Blackpool.

In July, the Company spent a weekend at Hankley Common. Part of the time was spent preparing a defensive position and, after a relatively short spell of navying, most people were satisfactorily below ground. Admittedly this was assisted by the sandy nature of the soil, but the lesson was learned that this introduces problems of concealment and of providing overhead cover which are not as quickly overcome. The Company bivouacked overnight and the following day Lt. Hume and Sgt. Pritchard, in the roles of enemy and umpires, were chased from fox-hole to fox-hole across the training area.

Evening attendance has been good and we hope this will continue throughout the winter months, when one of our chief tasks will be the reforming of the 3-in. Mortar Section.

Congratulations to Ptes. Brunton and Bourne on promotion to Lance-Corporal, to Cpl. Hill on his recent marriage, and to L/Cpl. Reid and Mrs. Reid on the birth of a son in August.

### "D" COMPANY

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting we regained with ease all we had won the previous year. We won by almost 500 points and some additional silver appeared in the bar.

Following an adoption by the Borough in April, much training was done in preparation for annual camp, both by the Company and by individuals. Honest Murray and J.C. got the message at a small arms course at Hythe. Sgt. Young led his platoon on several expeditions, notably a combined Stick Exercise with 10th Para. on Hankley Common and a Whitsun excursion to Lulworth Cove, which the R.T.R. have cause to regret. The Company had a good weekend at Colchester, where everyone particularly enjoyed the Malayan type "Jungle Glade."

Camp, it was agreed by all, was the best for years. The platoon competition was a great success and was narrowly won by No. 10 Platoon. We won the Battalion soccer in the colours of Spartacus Incorporated, Pte. Gelgon getting the better of the Adjutant. The strains of the new Company march were heard on many an occasion, on and off parade. A special word of praise here to the Bandmaster for his brilliant orchestration. (It may yet be heard on future battlefields.) The highly organised week-end at Scarborough was excellent training in initiative for the Battalion schemes when, with the aid of walking sticks and tanks, the latter kindly lent us by The Westminster Dragoons, we completely routed the enemy from the "Land of Nod." Our trenches dug there must have been some of the best ever excavated by T.A. soldiers.

We soon learnt, however, that a good camp has severe drawbacks. On our return to Hounslow men started flocking to join the Regular Army, but despite this we





STAFF AND JUNIOR SOLDIERS OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AT THE JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING, HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE, CANTERBURY

Front row (left to right): J/D Cameron, J/B Richardson, J/D Ranger, L/Cpl. Parker, Major P. G. U. Bellers, J/Sgt. Schofield, J/B Scarfe, J/D Cox, J/D Taylor P. Centre row (left to right): J/D Taylor A., J/D Marsh, J/D Chapman, J/D Coombes, J/D Stanislaus, J/D Furlotte, J/B Tubbs, J/D Clare, J/D Evan; G. Back row (left to right): J/B Smith R., J/B Hull, J/D O'Callaghan, J/D Tracey, J/B Peterson, J/B Linfoot, J/B Barclay

still welcome the 1st Battalion recruiting team and look forward to Stanford next year. So many deeds were done during this period that it is hard to single out individuals and, anyway, we are a team at Hounslow and, like many other creeds, do not believe in the glorification of individuals. People still, however, think "D" Company is a benevolent dictatorship—but as long as Sgt. Ward does not assume control we shall probably survive.

Just before going to press we come up against some competition and opposition in the shape of No. 4 Company, 1st Para., who have rudely taken our T.A.F.A. Rifle Trophy from us. Should they subscribe to *The Die-Hards* we say this: "This is not the end, neither is it the beginning of the end, but it is only the end of the beginning."

## HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE DEPOT

### The Middlesex Regiment Element

All "Die-Hards" at Canterbury have found life very hectic since March of this year. This has been due to a big increase in the number of recruits and Junior Soldiers who have entered the Depot since March 1962. The recruiting figures for the Regiment have been very encouraging, 75 recruits for the Regiment having entered the Depot in the past four months. This is quite obviously due to the efforts of the regimental re-

cruiting team and the quality of their special recruiters.

### Junior Soldiers' Wing

Major Bellers continues to work extremely hard in training and occupying the time of the Junior Soldiers. In June of this year he took a number of boys to Scotland for three weeks' training, and previous to that a small party went to the Scilly Isles. There are a total of 120 boys in the Junior Soldiers' Wing, and it was to the credit of the staff that the Band and Drums were able to play at the Brigade "At Home" on July 21. This was their first public appearance, and there is no doubt that they captured the hearts of the 5,000 spectators in their scarlet tunics.

### Training Company

Lt. Goring has successfully completed two, if not three, final parades with recruits, besides running and competing in the Depot athletics. The Depot team got as far as the Command Meeting, when they came 3rd in the Minor units to East Anglian Brigade Depot and the Intelligence Centre, Maresfield. Lt. Goring in this meeting with a throw of 125 ft. in the discus was the best throw in both major and minor units on the day. Lt. Goring has also shot with some distinction. In the Home Counties District Meeting for minor units, which the Depot easily won, Lt. Goring captained the Depot team and represented the Depot in the L.M.G. pairs.

Lt. Lofting has had his share of training recruits in between playing cricket. We would like to congratulate



HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE DEPOT RIFLE TEAM  
Outright Winners of the Home Counties Division District Rifle Meeting

Back row (left to right): Sgt. J. Redmond, Middlesex; Cpl. A. Ford, Royal Sussex; Cpl. A. Brumwell, Middlesex; Cpl. J. Whittle, Middlesex; Cpl. R. Rough, Queen's Surreys; Cpl. L. Turner, Middlesex; Sgt. L. Hart, Royal Sussex; Cpl. M. Wright, Queen's Own Buffs; Sgt. A. Prudence, Queen's Own Buffs

Sitting (left to right): Sgt. D. Hodges, Royal Sussex; Sgt. A. Butler, Queen's Surreys; W.O.2 G. Simmons, Middlesex; Lt. G. Goring, Middlesex; Capt. R. W. Neve, M.C., Queen's Own Buffs; Q.M.S.I. R. Howard, S.A.S.C.; Cpl. T. Phillips, Queen's Own Buffs

him on being selected to play for the Army in their last three matches. He has had a very successful cricket season for the Depot, and particularly during the Brigade Cricket Week. He started the season well by spending a week on an uninhabited island in the Scillies.

W.O.2 Simmons after three weeks' leave is back with the Company. He finds life pretty hectic at times, coping with new recruits and in many cases their parents or girl friends. He has been heard to let off steam whilst relaxing on the miniature range during training of the Depot team. I think he finds life much more hectic than with the 1st Battalion in Germany. Cpls. Foster, Quinn, Brumwell and Whittle we very seldom see, and can only assume that they are busy training recruits.

Cpl. Turner has recently joined the staff at the Depot as a member of Training Company.

Sgt. Kerr and L/Cpl. O'Brian are entrusted with the care of prisoners and defaulters, and also the control of traffic on special occasions. L/Cpl. O'Brian was recently successful as a member of the Depot table tennis team in winning the Third Division of the Canterbury and District Table Tennis League for 1961-62 and was awarded the Viggers Cup.

Sgt. Plumb is to be congratulated on obtaining an "A" Grading (Outstanding) on the Assistant Unit Instructors Course No. 212 at the Joint School of Nuclear and Chemical Ground Defence.

### Small Bore Shooting

The Brigade Depot small bore team of 10 consisted of six "Die-Hards." This team entered for the Regular Army Small Bore Rifle Match 1962 and was placed 12th. Individual scores were as follows:

Possible: 200	1st Target	2nd Target	Total
Major Clayden ..	98	98	196
Lt. Goring ..	94	98	192
Sgt. Kerr ..	97	95	192
Cpl. Whittle ..	93	99	192
W.O.2 Simmons ..	96	93	189
Sgt. Plumb ..	94	91	185

Sgt. Redmond also trained with the team, and would have represented the Depot, but was posted a week prior to the shoot.

### Brigade "At Home"

This was held on July 21, 1962, and judging by the attendance of well over 5,000 civilians, was a great success. It was the first time since the amalgamations and the formation of the Brigade Depot that we have had three of the four Battalions at Home in England. The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment, The Royal Sussex Regiment and The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) were all represented at the "At Home." Our visitors were very impressed with the various Military



## Displays:

- (a) Drill by the 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (in scarlet tunics).
- (b) Company Demonstration by "A" Company, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).
- (c) The Massed Bands.

## Visitors

We were very glad to see at the "At Home" Col. F. Walden and Major E. L. Heywood from R.H.Q., Major Dick Allott, who is living at Chestfield, near Whitstable; C/Sgt. Tulley and wife, who live at Whitstable; Sgt. Bailey (Butcher Bailey of the Med. Centre), who is working at Dover Stage Hotel, and also a number of personalities from the Battalion, headed by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Francis Morgan, and Major Chris Mievile.

Capt. Kenrick spent a few hours at Canterbury after landing at Dover, having motored home from Sierra Leone. He hopes to get an appointment in the Far East.

## Brigade Staff

Major Clayden has been preoccupied with running the Infantry Stand at Earls Court. This stand had to be built from scratch and work was started in April to prepare the stand for the opening day of the Royal Tournament on July 11. The staffing of the stand has been carried out by the three Battalions serving in England with the assistance of the Household Brigade.

## News of Old "Die-Hards"

L/Cpl. Reynolds, late of "S" Company, 1st Middlesex, we understand is returning to the Army and we expect him through the Depot in August; ex-W.O.2 Shrubbs is working at Barclays Bank Head Office; and ex-Sgt. Field, who was with the Battalion in Cyprus, is also at Barclays Bank Head Office as a caterer.

Capt. Jordan, late of the 1st Battalion, is a sales manager of a large firm in Southern Rhodesia; he is in touch with Major Fox, who commanded a Company in the 2nd Battalion in Germany; and also Capt. Cattell, who is in business in Southern Rhodesia. Major Orr, who served as a Mortar Platoon Commander in the 2nd Battalion from 1941 to 1945 is overseas sales manager for Moygashel, Northern Ireland.

Ex-C.S.M. Barker, late of the 7th Battalion, was seen at Earl's Court during the Royal Tournament. He was looking remarkably well and was visiting his son, who was a member of the Royal Marines Band.

We at the Depot will be delighted if any "Die-Hard" passing by Canterbury will drop in and make his number with us.

### JUNIOR SOLDIERS' WING An Old "Die-Hard's" Impressions

On Saturday, August 4, 1962, the Junior Soldiers' Wing held its annual "At Home" and prize-giving. One of the guests at this function was the father of one of the junior soldiers, Mr. (ex-Sgt.) H. C. ("Busty") Hull, M.M., who is one of our staunchest and most loyal "Die-Hards."

His impressions of the day he spent at Canterbury

are given in the following short account which he sent to the Editor:

"This was one of the most enjoyable days I have spent for a long time and, from an 'Old Soldier's' point of view, claiming without fear of having the requisite experience to judge, everything I saw and heard was of the very highest quality. The music, the drill, the P.T., the discipline and the turnout were without exception excellent.

"At the Old Comrades' monthly meetings it is often said that the present day Army is not a patch on the Army of yesterday (our Army). I have myself been guilty of this sort of talk. As far as the Junior Soldiers' Wing is concerned I withdraw all I have said. These boys are nearly 100 per cent. Like myself many Old Soldiers were present and everyone without exception had nothing but praise for the whole show.

May I be allowed most respectfully to say that Major P. G. V. Bellers and his staff can surely be proud of their achievements."

## CRICKET

## Home Counties Brigade Week, 1962

The Brigade Cricket Week this year was held on the Chaucer Barracks ground at Canterbury, and each Regiment of the Brigade chose a team who were willing to make the journey and take on the Brigade team. Our choice fell on our old friends, Hampstead Heathens, and we are glad to say that members of the Regiment predominated in the team selected to play in this very enjoyable match, which took place on Sunday, July 1.

Detailed results, together with the scores made by players from the Regiment, were as follows:—

Wednesday, June 27. Home Counties Brigade (246 for 4 declared) beat Kent Police (120) by 126 runs. (Lt. Lofting—74).

Friday, June 29. Sussex Martlets (168) beat Home Counties Brigade (159) by 9 runs. (Lt. Lofting—46).

Saturday June 30. Home Counties Brigade (241 for 7) beat Band of Brothers (238 for 9 declared) by 3 wickets. (Lt. Lofting—35; Lt.-Col. Morgan—19; Lt. Cowing—12; Major Clayden did not bat).

Sunday, July 1. Home Counties Brigade (210 for 5) beat Hampstead Heathens (209) by 5 wickets. (Lt. Lofting—56; Capt. Slack—52; Capt. Cheeseman 4 not out; Lt.-Col. Morgan, Major Pike and Lt. Cowing did not bat).

### THE WELLINGTON WEST COAST and TARANAKI REGIMENT

Major Murray Urquhart, M.C., an ex-officer from our Allied Regiment in New Zealand, the Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiment, paid a visit to Regimental Headquarters recently and delivered greetings personally from the Colonel of that Regiment, Col. C. N. Armstrong, and from the President of their Regimental Association, Col. G. J. McNaught.

Major Urquhart was ably chosen to be the bearer of greetings from our oldest Allied Regiment, a regiment shown as affiliated to the "Die-Hards" for half a

century when the system of affiliations was adopted. The Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiment shares with us the Battle Honour "New Zealand" on its Colours, the only New Zealand unit to be awarded that Battle Honour.

As stated in the previous paragraph, it was an apt choice for an old unit, as Major Urquhart is an old soldier. He served in the Boer War in the 17th Imperial Yeomanry and with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force during 1914-18 and again gave his services during 1939-45. Now a young 81 years of age he has been the courier between our two regiments and a very welcome and popular visitor to the Mess.

On his arrival back in New Zealand he is reciprocating this friendly gesture and, on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment and all ranks, past and present, is delivering our greetings personally to our comrades of the Wellington West Coast and Taranaki Regiment.

### THE HONG KONG REGIMENT (The Volunteers)

Training this last quarter has continued steadily with the Recce Squadrons taking part in three major colony exercises with the Regular Army.

This training has been of great benefit to them and much experience has been gained by working with the Regular units under whose command they were placed. Brigadier Kent, commanding 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade Group, was most complimentary about the reports sent in by the squadrons.

We are very pleased to record that at the R.H.K.D.F. Rifle Meeting the Hong Kong Regiment made a complete sweep of the board by winning all the major events. In the final XX we had seven members and they are to be congratulated on their efforts. In the individual events Pte. H. G. Silva won the R.H.K.D.F. championship, Sgt. R. Remedios won the Petty Officers' and Sergeants' championship and Major Bill Lane won the Officers' championship.

The Regiment entered two teams in most of the events at the Hong Kong Bisley this year. Our experience in previous years bore fruit and once again the Regiment proved that it could shoot as well, and sometimes better than, the Regular Army. This is proved by the results listed below:

O.R. Sadick Cup: H.K.R. "A" team.

Eu Cup: H.K.R. "A" team.

South China Morning Post Bowl: H.K.R. "A" team.

Caldbeck Macgregor Challenge Cup: H.K.R. "A" team.

Gilman Cup (individual): Pte. H. A. Silva, H.K.R.

Essex Cup (individual): Sgt. H. A. Souza, H.K.R.; runner-up, Major F. E. C. C. Quah, H.K.R.

Terry Cup: runners-up, H.K.R. "B" team.

Bronze Medal: 3rd, Cpl. E. M. Rosario; 5th, Pte. S. E. Carvalho; 11th, Pte. E. H. Silva; 16th, Sgt. H. A. Souza.

These are very creditable results and we are all very proud of our teams. Pte. H. G. Silva must be congratulated on winning the Gilman Cup (individual) against severe Service competition.

On the Queen's Birthday parade we had a detachment of over 300 members with the Colour Party, Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band. For the first time since the last war the Regiment provided a mechanised column from the two Reconnaissance Squadrons and the Support Company. The weather proved to be very kind and we all enjoyed our annual tour of the streets of Kowloon.

The Colour Party carried out their part magnificently. In fact, the Regiment can be very proud of its showing on this occasion and we were congratulated afterwards on our smartness, drill and bearing.

It is with regrets that we have had to say farewell to our Commandant, Brigadier Sir Lindsay T. Ride, K.T., C.B.E., E.D., who after 31 years with the R.H.K.D.F. has now retired. His help and guidance will be missed by us all.

As usual, we end by wishing all members of our affiliated Regiment the very best and we hope that more and more news of their activities will be forthcoming.

## MIDDLESEX A.C.F.

The Annual Camp for the County of Middlesex A.C.F. was held at Proteus Camp, Ollerston, from July 22, to August 4, 1962.

This district of Nottinghamshire is one where the badge of the Regiment is no stranger as Clipstone, nearby, saw the last days of the 5th (Special Reserve) Battalion and the reforming of the 1st Battalion in August, 1919.

The Cadet training was very beneficial as it is only once a year that the different groups meet as one body to do field training. The cadets mess together in large dining halls and the boys get their first experience as members of a community, teaching them to become citizens of worth and able to appreciate each other's point of view. Sherwood Forest, besides holding historic associations, also provides good training areas where combined exercises with armoured vehicles were possible.

The first week saw a 24-hour exercise where I am sure some of the cadets were spending their very first day in the open. One little "Cockney Sparrow" simply could not believe so much area where only trees and grassland existed was possible. He rolled over and over in the grass like lino rolling along a store floor, and when told by the N.C.O. i/c his group to cook his own meal, he was in ecstasy. The Middlesex Outlaws were every bit as merry as those of Robin Hood!

Besides field training, the County put on a ceremonial parade on Sunday, July 29, when the Colour was paraded and draped over the altar during the Drumhead service. The Colour Ensign, 2/Lt. Saunders, and the escort, Sgt.-Majors Hayter and Howes, S/Sgt. Slade and Sgt. Hooley rivalled any unit in their size and bearing, all being 6 feet tall and proud in their duties. The salute was taken by ex-Sgt. R. E. Ryder, v.c., who won his decoration with the 12th Battalion in 1916. He afterwards visited the canteen and the Officers' Mess, where the Sergeants were entertained as guests.

The march of 16 Company is covered elsewhere in the Journal but another incident occurred, which shows the



result of the training these men of tomorrow are given.

A number of cadets were training for the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the Peak District when a small boy came running up to them and said his friend had fallen and had been hurt. This boy went on to Edale and the cadets went back along the mountain track and on the way saw two more boys running down. These boys confirmed the accident and they continued running on. When another boy came running down, the cadets took him back as a pathfinder and located the injured boy who was found to be alone.

L/Cpl. Weeks of 10 (Tottenham) Company remained with the injured lad whilst Cpl. Chandler climbed to the skyline so that he could direct the rescue squad whilst Cadet King took the boy who had acted as pathfinder back to his senior officer, Capt. Weeks. L/Cpl. Weeks had, in the meantime, collected his own and the other two cadets' top clothing to keep the casualty warm and alleviate shock. He had done his best to stop bleeding, and most important of all, made no attempt to move the gravely injured casualty. Unfortunately, the boy's injuries were so severe that he succumbed.

The cadets then helped to carry their burden down the rocky path in the darkness, the operation under the control of Capt. Weeks and the Peak Warden (Mr. Garlick). All the Middlesex A.C.F. members were thanked by the Warden and by the Police.

All had shown very creditable conduct and the benefits of their training. When they first heard of the accident they immediately went to render help. Instead of wandering aimlessly, they took back a guide who knew where the casualty lay, and then immediately sent the guide with one of their own party to bring back professional help. L/Cpl. Weeks did the right thing and did not attempt to move the injured person and finally all helped to carry the body to the bottom of the peak. With the exception of Capt. Weeks, none of this party had yet reached the age of 18 years, the maximum age for a cadet. Boys they may be in age, but they proved themselves men in emergency.

R.W.J.S.

## 16th HORNSEY CADET COMPANY The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)

### Nijmegen Marches 1962

Three officers, two warrant officers and 12 cadets of 16 (Hornsey) Cadet Company (affiliated to the 5th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)) T.A. represented Middlesex Army Cadet Force at the Four-day International Marches this year in Nijmegen, Holland. The marches sponsored by the Royal Netherlands League for Physical Culture cover a distance of 100 miles. All military teams have to complete the course at the rate of 25 miles per day carrying 22 lbs. of equipment. It was a proud moment for all concerned when the cadet team arrived at Nijmegen on the fourth day and were able to report to the officials "all present and correct." The team was presented with a trophy

for completing the course without any casualties and each man received a medal. It was pleasing to hear regular officers complimenting the cadets on their performance which came well up to regular standard both in discipline and general turnout. It was also a pleasure to hear Dutch civilians calling out the name of the Middlesex Regiment with occasional reference to "Die-Hards,"—in fact one young Dutchman insisted on marching with the team throughout wearing a Denison smock complete with Middlesex collar badges and one Eversleigh star! Too often cadet units are considered incapable of tackling man-sized tasks, but it takes the exception to prove the rule and 16 Company certainly did on this occasion! For the record this is the first Army Cadet Force team to complete the full course of 100 miles with the requisite weight. Previously cadets had only entered for a graded course for Junior Leaders of 20 miles per day with no equipment.

### Annual Training

On return from Holland the unit moved to 12 W.E.T.C. (Proteus) for annual training and on arrival the Nijmegen Team were inspected by the chairman of the Army Cadet Force, General Sir Lashmer Whistler. Highlights of the camp were an exercise using tanks and tough training exercise which lasted 48 hours non-stop. Over 40 members of the unit attended camp this year and before long it is hoped to reach the unit target strength of 80 all ranks.

The A.C.F. training year for 1961/1962 has now concluded and the Officer Commanding 16 (Hornsey) Cadet Company, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all officers, N.C.O.s and Cadets of the unit to thank all those who have rendered assistance during the last year—a year which will go down in the history of this unit as being one of the most rewarding and exciting ever.

I.O.



24-27 June 1962. Nijmegen team 16 (Hornsey) Cadet Coy., Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.)

## CHRIST'S COLLEGE CONTINGENT C.C.F.

### Annual Display

The 50th Annual Display of the Christ's College Contingent was held at the College in Finchley on Saturday, April 14, 1962. The first Display was held on the same spot in 1912, so that the Display has been held every year without a break.

The Guest of Honour at the Display was Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.F.C. He is a vice-president of the Combined Cadet Force Association. More interesting, however, is the fact that he was seconded from the Middlesex Regiment in 1916 to serve with the R.F.C., which he did with distinction.

Sir Leslie was met by the headmaster, K. W. James, Esq., B.Sc., and by the Commanding Officer of the Corps, Major D. Watterson, M.B.E., B.A. Major Watterson has been commander since 1947.

The programme opened with the general salute, followed by the trooping of the unit emblems, which take the form of Colours similar in appearance to Regular Army Colours. These emblems were presented to the unit in October, 1952 at Mill Hill Barracks and were given by parents and Old Boys as a memorial to those former members of the Corps who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The parade was commanded by the Adjutant of the contingent, Capt. E. P. R. Jennings, M.M., and the whole of the Colour party was provided, as always, by Old Boys of the Corps.

The music was provided by the Corps of Drums, under the command of W.O.1 F. J. Lane, and the Drum-Major was Cpl. Fife.

A varied programme of training including P.T., signals work, weapon training, fieldcraft and continuity drill by the N.C.O.s followed. The final item was the beating of Retreat by the whole Corps of Drums.

Among those present were Col. F. Walden, representing the Middlesex Regiment; the former

headmaster, Major H. B. Pegrum, M.C., M.A., T.D.; D. Cope, Esq., president of the Old Boys and Lt.-Col. H. W. Turl, B.A., former commander of the Corps and also president of the Centarian Association, the association of former members of the College Cadet Corps.

A letter received from Sir Leslie Hollinghurst after the display stated "I thought that the cadets put up a first-class show; much better than the usual formal parade. I was particularly impressed by their obvious enthusiasm. It was grand, too, to see so many links with the Middlesex Regiment."

### Annual Camp

This year the contingent carried out a self-help camp at Bordon, Hampshire, the sponsor unit for which was the Depot Battalion, Royal Army Service Corps. The camp ran for a slightly longer period than normal, being from July 22 to August 5. This was due to the inclusion of arduous training in the camp programme.

A self-help camp in the strict sense is one where the contingent provides all services for itself although it is quite normal for the Services to provide some assistance in cooking which is an administrative matter that is extremely difficult for a cadet unit to find from its own resources. In fact, the Depot Battalion fed all ranks from their main cookhouse and the unit also had the benefit of basic barrack accommodation for all ranks, and for offices and stores. In previous self-help camps the equipment for accommodation has had to be drawn by the unit and returned on the completion of camp but in this case no work of this nature had to be undertaken.

The training programme of a town contingent of the C.C.F. at annual camp has to be centred round the practical application of the basic training carried out in the school premises during the remainder of the year. It is not easy to fit in to a short camp the many subjects of the cadet training syllabus and this is still more complicated by the many stages of training of cadets in the unit. The most satisfactory method that has been found within the unit is for all training, other than recruit training, to be based on various applications of platoon elementary tactics.

All training and administrative staff for the unit had to be found from within its own resources. This includes the office staff, drivers and signal staff, in addition to the officers and school staff instructors who instruct the cadets under training. The small establishment of officers precludes instruction at a low level and instruction has been found to be best carried out by using officers and staff in an umpire role, leaving the cadets to provide all ranks within the platoons up to platoon commander.

Some idea of the extent to which staff are required to maintain a complete contingent of 130 all ranks, both in camp and in the field for five days, may be obtained from the following allocation:—

Office staff	1 Officer, 2 Sgts., 1 Cadet N.C.O.
Training staff	2 Officers, 4 Sgts.
Signal staff	1 Officer, 2 Sgts.
M.T. staff	1 Officer, 7 Sgts.
Company instructors	3 Officers, 2 Sgts.



Corps of Drums—Christ's College C.C.F.





On range—Bordon Camp, July 1962

Several of the Officers and many of the Sergeants had to "double up" on their duties whilst in camp, all of the drivers having other tasks which often conflicted with training or administrative requirements.

The first week's training consisted of revision and instruction in minor platoon tactics together with one day on the range and a visit to the Army M.T. School. A visit to the Waterborne Company, R.A.S.C., Gosport, took place in the second week together with a further morning on the range. During the range practices the Depot Battalion, R.A.S.C. kindly enabled a number of senior cadets to fire the S.L.R. The normal hours of training in the first week were from 08.30 hrs. to 16.45 hrs. and lunch was taken from haversack rations. One night exercise also took place.

During the second week of camp the contingent, excepting recruits, engaged in a five-day bivouac exercise, starting on Hankley Common near Haslemere and finishing on Canford Heath near Poole, Dorset. The contingent was divided into two unequal groups representing opposing infantry formations and the staff maintained the formations in the field and controlled the exercises. The administrative groups were largely responsible for cooking the compo rations on No. 1 cookers and for this purpose all the adult staff other than officers had to spend the majority of their time, when not engaged in training, in cooking for all ranks and in cleaning the utensils concerned. The basic idea behind the administrative set-up in the field was that as little interference with the exercise as possible should be caused and it was frequently necessary for the cadet

platoons to be fed forward from haybox containers, using 4-ton trucks across country for transport.

During the exercise, hours of training were normally from 08.30 hours to 19.00 hours but tactics often ran on into night. Recovery in the field of vehicles temporarily "bogged down" was carried out by unit staff using a Fordson tractor with winch and at no time was it necessary to call upon Army units for assistance.

This type of training is arduous training adapted to the requirements of the contingent and is a natural end to the annual training course and to the first week of camp spent in "working up."

Three former cadets are at R.M.A. at the moment and we are pleased to hear that one of them has been selected to serve with the Middlesex Regiment when he completes his service at Sandhurst.

At the Easter, 1962, Cadet Advanced Leadership Courses held by Eastern Command the Cadet Corps of the college carried away two of the four awards for the best cadets in each of the four platoons. This is, moreover, the second time that the unit has won two awards on one course. In all seven such awards have been won.

The most advanced leadership course for cadets is the Joint Services Cadet Badge Course, held each year at Frimley Park, the Cadet Centre near Aldershot. So far the college unit has sent 12 cadets and 11 have passed. On each course only about 25 to 30 per cent. gain passes, so the college unit has a fine record.

During the past six years the cadets of the college have attended over 50 War Office courses and only two have failed.

D.W.

#### A NONAGENARIAN DIE-HARD

When the news of the Battle of Tofrek reached England in March 1885, young Francis Hurst, then aged 17, decided to follow the footsteps of his brother who had been wounded in the battle, the battle at which the Berkshire Regiment earned the prefix "Royal" to their title—the only one in the British Army which has had this distinction for gallantry in a single engagement.

At that time he was a thin lad, and because of his long, lean build was known to his audiences as "Squib." Wandering around the countryside playing a banjo was his way of helping out the family exchequer, and a very meagre exchequer it was too. He was so thin that the Army would not accept him but told him to go away and put some meat on his bones.

In 1887 he was accepted into the Berkshire Militia, their job being to build him up to a standard suitable for enlistment into the Regular Army. The Militia of those days was not the acme of military smartness and the young recruit was firmly convinced that only two sizes of trousers were issued—those that were too long, and those that were too short. He told the writer of these notes that his trousers were of a completely

different character: one leg was too long and the other leg too short!

His first duty was to accompany a Corporal around the town on pay night picking up the drunks and getting them back to camp. His duties appear to have suited him, as when the year drew to a close he decided to go to London and enlist in the Regular Army.

Not for him the long, tedious wait at the railway station. He walked every mile of the way, arriving in the capital with 2d. in his pocket and hunger in his stomach.

In December 1887, two months before the anniversary of his 20th birthday, February 9, 1888, he enlisted and was sworn into the Middlesex Regiment and posted to the 1st Battalion. That term was very rarely used though, everybody at that time still referring to the old numbers which had been in use up to seven years previously. It was "the 57th" and "the 77th" and remained so until the turn of the century when the two extra Regular Battalions were formed.

When his Depot training at Hounslow was finished, he was sent to join his battalion then stationed at Buttevant, Ireland. On the journey the troops, who were wearing dark blue trousers with a thin red stripe, red tunics with white collars and "jam pot" cuffs, which caused so much anger to the old soldiers who never ceased grumbling about the loss of the yellow facings; and the spiked regulation helmet, stopped at Swindon Station where a number of them scooped all the eggs on show at the food stall into their helmets and made for the train again. The railway telegraph eventually caused retribution to catch up with them and our old soldier is very vague about who were the culprits. The twinkle in his eye doesn't leave any doubts though.

Col. A. L. Tickell was then commanding the Battalion and the Company Commander of "B" Company to which Pte. Hurst was posted was Capt. Warden. C/Sgt. Joe Smith, seeing the recruit was a smart soldier, chose him to be the Company Commander's servant. To be an officer's servant in those days was a vastly different thing than it is now. The officer did not just employ a man to clean his uniform and see to his needs; it was the case of a soldier taking over the officer. The officer became "my bloke" and the man ensured that "my bloke" got his hot water first, was turned out smarter than any other officer, and was cosseted and looked after as much as any doting mother would look after an only child. This didn't stop the man occasionally "minding" some of his officer's whisky for him and it did not stop two servants fighting each other to show that *their* bloke was the best of them all. This loyalty of servant was still very noticeable up to the early days of the First World War.

Young soldier Hurst was warned about the peppery senior officers of the unit, one of whom was "Get your hair-cut Garstin," later to become a General. Major A. A. Garstin had been Adjutant to the 57th during the Zulu War and was a tartar as far as "short back and sides, neat on top, your quiff well rolled" was concerned. The quiff, sometimes called "the butcher boy's quiff," was a thing of pride to the Regular soldier and the writer always admires the one as still worn by the last

Drum-Major of the 3rd Battalion (ex-Drum-Major Holmes). Major Garstin, it was said, checked all and sundry for a hair-cut on sight, including his dog on the morning after guest night. Major Garstin had another distinction in the Regiment. He was the last officer in the 57th to be appointed to the rank of Ensign, the rank being abolished in 1871, the same year as the Purchase System came to an end. The new rank introduced was Sub-Lieutenant, later to be called Second-Lieutenant.

In 1892 Pte. Hurst sailed with the Battalion on board H.M.S. *Himalaya* for Gibraltar, the Commanding Officer then being Lt.-Col. H. T. Hughes-Hallett, who succeeded Col. Tickell.

His service in Gibraltar was the normal garrison duties of the end of the last century and on termination of his seven years' regular service, he was transferred to the Army Reserve in December, 1894.

Being a tall and well set up man, he joined the Corps of Commissionaires in 1895. This Corps had been set up in 1859 to give employment to good conduct veterans of the Crimea and Indian Mutiny. He was on duty at the State Balls at Buckingham Palace a number of times. Another duty he had was with the firm of Devine's in Park Lane, where he gave such satisfaction that whilst on duty at St. James's Club, he was called by the Corps of Commissionaires Superintendent and was asked if he would like to accept a job with the Paris branch of Devine's.

Before being able to go to Paris, he was recalled from the Reserve in the last month of his Reserve Service in December 1899, to join the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment mobilising for the Boer War. He was one of the 507 reservists to join the Battalion which had arrived at Woolwich from India the year before. The Battalion was under the command of Lt.-Col. Augustus West Hill who had taken over command in September, 1898 after two years in command of the 1st Battalion (1896-98). On December 1, Pte. Hurst was due to embark on the "Avondale Castle" but fog prevented this and the Battalion left Woolwich and embarked at Southampton the next day.

Capt. Pemberton, who had joined the 1st Battalion in 1893 whilst it was in Gibraltar, was at that time a Company Commander serving with the 2nd Battalion, and remembered that the recalled reservist had been a very efficient servant to Capt. Warden. He promptly arranged for Pte. Hurst to be his servant and this he was until he left the Battalion the following year. One of the first duties all the troops had on landing at Durban on December 31, was to stain the white blanched Wallace-Slade equipment with mud and juice from trees, to a dull colour. The reverses at Modder and Colenso were fresh in the minds of all, and camouflage was beginning to be appreciated.

Pte. Hurst was present at the Battle of Spion Kop on January 24, 1900 and at the Relief of Ladysmith on the last day of February. He remained with the Battalion until he came home in September 1900 when he was discharged.

Returning to his old job with the Corps of Commissionaires he again did duty at St. James's Club as



waiter and carver during special banquets etc., until eventually going to Paris with the firm of Devine's. He was home to share the jubilation of the Regiment on the restoration of the yellow facings on the scarlet uniforms, all regiments having their old facings restored by Royal Command in appreciation of the conduct of the soldiers in the late war. It is difficult for the soldier of today to appreciate the feeling which existed over the loss of the old facings. For 21 years, from 1881 to 1902, the English Line all wore white facings with the exception of the Royal Regiments. Prior to that the 57th and 77th had both worn yellow facings and the 57th had had 121 years of this colour both on their uniform and on their Regimental Colour. The colour of the original facings was yellow, then green and again yellow until 1881.

In 1914 when war was threatening, Francis Hurst joined the British Volunteers, a force formed by the British population in Paris. When war did come to France and that country mobilised on August 1 a number of British volunteers formed a section of the Foreign Legion and Cpl. Hurst was one of this number, this promotion giving him the magnificent pay of 2d. per day! His first job with the "British Section" of the Legion was at Marjé Camp where the garrison had decamped on the news of the approach of the Germans. When told it was a ticklish place in which to be his answer was "Don't worry, we shan't run away." As is well-known, the situation at the time was saved for the French by the speedy action of Gen. Gallieni sending re-inforcements to the front in a fleet of taxi-cabs.

In December 1914 ex-Legionnaire Cpl. Hurst returned to England, landing on Christmas Eve. After settling in, he called at Mill Hill where it appears his reception was as cold as the weather, and the staff did not want to know him, so he and a friend went to a recruiting booth where a wealthy business man was giving a gratuity to every successful recruit who joined the newly-formed 24th Battalion (2nd Sportsman's) of the Royal Fusiliers. Here his military knowledge was quickly appreciated and he was soon wearing Sergeant's stripes.

During the illness of King George V in May 1915, Sgt. Hurst commanded the Guard of Honour of 60 men on the occasion of the visit of Queen Mary to the Battalion. He later went to France as a Company Sergeant-Major. One of the first things the unit did on arrival was to paint their buttons yellow to avoid glint. This took the Old Soldier's thoughts back to his arrival in South Africa for the Boer War, when he dyed his equipment.

At the end of the First Great War, he returned to his job in Paris where he did good work on behalf of the British Legion and became a prominent worker in the British contingent of ex-Service men. Remaining in France until 1940, he managed to return to England in time to avoid internment by the Germans.

Once in England, he immediately joined the newly-raised Local Defence Volunteers, later to be named the Home Guard. He was one of the original members of the Dummer detachment and was to be seen doing his rounds wearing his steel helmet whenever there was an air-raid in his locality, which was adjacent to military

dumps. At the stand down of the Home Guard, the old "Die-Hard" returned to his little cottage by Dummer Church and when the writer of these notes visited him, it was to be greeted by a bright-eyed and alert veteran who had a toast for his Queen and Regiment as he had for her great-great grandmother when he first accepted the Queen's Shilling 75 years ago.

He has given military service to his country in three wars and now in the autumn of his life, sits back, wearing a comfortable old jacket of Lord Devine, full of contentment and fond memories and recollections of soldiering three-quarters of a century ago, when Henry Holloway, who had fought at Albuhera, was still alive.

R.W.J.S.

### GHOSTS AT THE INN

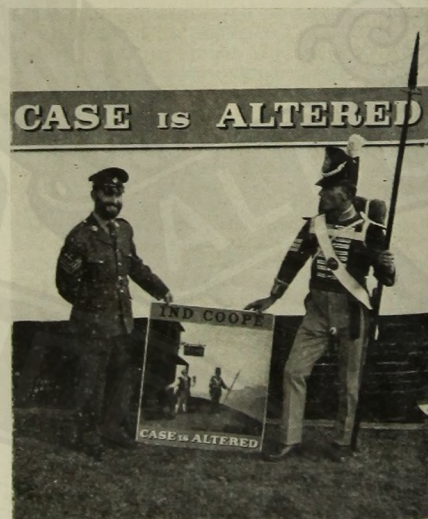
*Finchley Times, Friday, September 14, 1962.*

The ghosts of an 18th-century inn at Harrow Weald must have been stirred last Thursday night when members of the Middlesex Regiment, clad in their picturesque uniforms of 1812, took their beer at the "Casa Alta," or, to give it its Army name, "The Case is Altered."

The occasion was the presentation to the Inn of a new sign by the Brewers, showing a soldier of the Middlesex regiment of 1812 with the landlord.

It was during the Peninsular War that the Middlesex Regiment first became acquainted with the Inn sign, "Casa Alta." It means "House on the Hill," but in typical Army fashion it soon became more widely known as "The Case is Altered."

When the men returned from the wars many of them opened pubs in various parts of England and, as one



Photograph by Graphic Studios, Watford

would have expected, they were invariably named "Casa Alta." The brewers who own the present inn where the ceremony took place believe that it was about 1812 that a member of the Middlesex Regiment actually opened the pub.

In the picture (left), with the new inn sign: L/Cpl. Stephenson of Willesden in the uniform of a Sergeant of the Battalion Companies, 1812, and Pioneer Sgt. Pritchard of Rayners Lane of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, the only man in the whole regiment to wear a beard and one of the few in the British Army allowed to do so.

### FRONT STEP FOR 30 YEARS ... A TOMBSTONE

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"The Aldershot News"*

A tombstone is puzzling Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wenn, who live at 167 Farnborough Road, a house at the corner of Farnborough Road and Oak Road. It lies now, cracked into several pieces, in the front garden of their home. But for 30 years or more, it was the front step of their house. It was only when builders, extending the

front of the house took up the white stone step which housewives had scrubbed carefully for three decades that it was found to be a tombstone.

When they turned it over, they found the inscription on the side which had been placed downwards when the house was built, over 30 years ago.

Small and rectangular, it is an Army gravestone and is topped by a carved reproduction of the crest of the Middlesex Regiment. Below appears the number and name: 11082 Pte. F. A. Cowen, Middlesex Regiment. Below that is the date, August 23, 1914.

Intrigued by this discovery, Mr. and Mrs. Wenn scraped away the earth and tried to look at the underside of the stone doorstep at the side door of the house. They discovered that this too was once a gravestone, although it is impossible to read the inscription. This stone is going to stay in position.

This week, Mrs. Wenn said: "We have been here for five years but we don't know the history of the house or how the stones came to be used for steps."

"We wondered whether someone went into a churchyard and made off with them before selling them to a builder."

### ARMY BEAGLES ASSOCIATION

The Army Beagles Association was formed on May 4, 1961. Beagling is now a recognised Army sport and details appear in "Games and Sports in the Army." All military packs are members and the object of the Association is to promote and encourage the sport in the Army. There are no financial arrangements, as the Association plans to work on a mutual self-help system.

The aims are as follows:

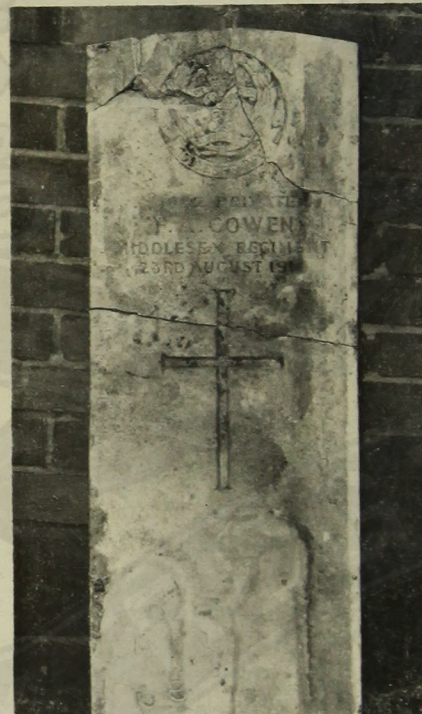
- To help and advise those wishing to start a pack of beagles in an Army station.
- To effect a close connection between Army packs already in existence.
- To help and advise in cases where difficulties may arise.
- To encourage the breeding of a sound type of hunting beagle by Army packs.
- To ensure that close liaison is maintained with the Association of Masters of Harriers and Beagles, which is the recognised authority on hare hunting in the country.
- To maintain a roll of officers and other ranks capable of hunting hounds or having hunting experience.

Already the R.E. Beagles at Chatham have re-formed and are going well and assistance has been given to other packs in a number of instances. It is to be hoped that the many advantages of being a recognised sport and the backing of a flourishing Association will encourage keen sportsmen to form more military packs. Should anyone wish for further information their queries should be addressed to:

Major A. F. Mackain-Bremner, M.H.,  
H.Q. School of Infantry,  
Warminster, Wilts.

(Tel.: Warminster 3101, ext. 13.)

An annual meeting is held at the Aldershot Hound Show in May. There is a special military class of two





couples of hounds from Army hunts, which is always well supported and keen interest taken. All members of the Association look forward to seeing any Army beaglers who will be able to come in May 1963.

H. FOSTER, Lt.-Col.,  
Chairman,  
Army Beagles Association.

Heybridge Mill,  
Maldon,  
Essex.

August 13, 1962.

#### PRIVATE TREATMENT IN ILLNESS SPECIAL TERMS FOR SERVING PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES

with  
THE BRITISH UNITED PROVIDENT  
ASSOCIATION

The British United Provident Association (B.U.P.A.) formed a Group on November 1, 1960, which is open to serving personnel in the Army and W.R.A.C. and the wives and children of Army personnel.

Not everyone may be aware of the existence of this Group within B.U.P.A. to help those who, in the event of serious illness, would like to be able to have private treatment for themselves and their families.

#### Illness, Counting the Cost

There are, of course, some happy-go-lucky people to whom the possibility of serious illness or injury never occurs. To most of us, however, particularly those with family responsibilities, it is a source of nagging anxiety. Admirable as the National Health Service is, many of us would like to be able to have private treatment—if not for ourselves, at least for our dependants.

But what about the cost? It is true that private treatment in nursing homes, hospital pay beds and specialists' consulting rooms does not come under the National Health Service. The patient has to bear the full cost. It is equally true that such treatment is necessarily expensive and, with costs continually rising, likely to become more so. Facts, however unwelcome, have to be faced. For people of moderate means the cost of the kind of treatment they would like to have could well prove to be prohibitive or crippling.

Is this, then, a problem to which there is no solution? Must private treatment be written off as a prerogative of the rich? Fortunately not, and this is where B.U.P.A. comes into the picture.

#### What is B.U.P.A.?

B.U.P.A. was formed in 1947 with the active support of Lord Nuffield with the sole object of providing, as economically as possible, a service that would enable its subscribers to protect themselves against the heavy expenses of the private treatment of illness or accident. The Association is non-profit-making; there are no shareholders and the governors give their service without fee.

Since its foundation B.U.P.A. has expanded rapidly and now covers nearly 1,000,000 people in the United Kingdom—striking testimony to the success with which

it has met a widely-felt need. Although for many years no less than 85 per cent. of its subscription income has been paid out in claims, B.U.P.A. has been able to accumulate reserves which now stand at about £1,200,000.

#### Benefits

To provide adequate cover in accordance with varying individual requirements there are at present five scales of benefit numbered 7-11. If, for example, you are a subscriber under Scale 9 you are entitled to grants of up to 26 guineas a week for accommodation in a hospital or nursing home and up to 80 guineas for each major operation. There are many other benefits obtainable, and if your wife and children (up to 18 years of age) are included in the registration, each will be entitled to similar benefits.

If you, or your dependants, elect to receive in-patient treatment free under the National Health Service or from the Army, a special grant is payable towards other expenses directly associated with the illness, such as convalescence, which would otherwise be outside the scope of the schedule of benefits. You will find, in fact, that this is characteristic of B.U.P.A.'s attitude toward its subscribers. "We always try," they say, "to be better than our word." Their attitude is one of friendly sympathy rather than strict adherence to the letter of the contract.

Although you must normally be resident in the United Kingdom, to be eligible for enrolment, you and your dependants are protected during temporary absence abroad (either on business or pleasure) in exactly the same way as you would be in the U.K.

#### Why a Group?

If you apply to join the Army Group and you are accepted, you will enjoy two important concessions: (1) You will pay 20 per cent. less than the standard rate of subscription for whatever scale you select; (2) You will become eligible for benefit immediately on acceptance, i.e. you will not be subject to the normal three months' "waiting period." Similarly if you are already an individual subscriber to B.U.P.A. you may apply to transfer your registration to our Group. On acceptance, any balance of your current subscription will be refunded.

#### Special Terms for You and Your Family

(a) These concessionary terms of membership will be available for wives and children of serving personnel, even though, because of army facilities, such personnel themselves decide not to enrol;

(b) Whilst serving overseas, personnel (if they have enrolled) and their families will be entitled to the full range of benefits.

(c) Personnel may continue Group Membership after leaving the Army.

#### Subscriptions

These are graded according to age and the scale of benefits selected. Full particulars will be found in the brochure but, if for example, you decide on Scale 9 (the middle scale) and are between 30 and 49 years of age,

your annual subscription after deduction of the 20 per cent Group concession is £9 16s. od. to include your wife and pay an additional £4 17s. od. and to include all your children (up to 18 years of age) a further £3 5s. od. You thus secure full family coverage under scale 9 for rather less than 30s. a month. The Association has recently increased the benefits for hospital pay-beds and nursing home maintenance by two guineas per week, without any change in rates of subscription. (This brings Scale 9, as we have said, up to £27 6s. od. per week.) Your subscription will be payable annually in advance by Banker's Order in favour of the Group Secretary together with a fee of 5s. per annum to cover administration charges.

#### How to Apply

Write for a brochure and an application form to: The Group Secretary, Army Association Group, Group Management Limited, 10 Essex Street, London, W.C.2.

## OBITUARY

### Col. A. Rudston Brown, O.B.E.

Arthur Rudston Brown died peacefully in his sleep at his home in South Africa, on March 25, 1962, aged 87.

He was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the 5th (Militia) Battalion on September 25, 1895, and served with that Battalion as a Company Commander in the South African War overseas and subsequently, until he resigned his commission on July 8, 1911, when he was granted the honorary rank of Major.

On mobilisation in August 1914 he was employed on recruiting duties and, on August 8, 1917, was appointed Deputy Director of Recruiting, Birmingham area, with the temporary rank of Colonel. He held this appointment until the end of the war.

For his services on the recruiting staff he was awarded an O.B.E.

### Col. N. H. Moller, O.B.E.

As reported briefly in last April's issue of *The Die-Hards*, Nils Henry Moller died suddenly on Sunday, January 28, 1962.

At the outbreak of World War I in 1914 he enlisted in the 9th Lancers, and obtained his commission in The Middlesex Regiment in January 1915.

At Ypres in February 1915 he was wounded and evacuated to the United Kingdom. Some sixteen months later he was appointed Recruiting Officer, London Area, but managed to get overseas again.

He retired in October 1919 after returning from North Russia. For his services in that short campaign he was awarded the 2nd Class Order of St. Stanislaus with swords.

In 1920 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and practised for a time in New South Wales, but his war wound still troubled him, and he returned and continued to practise in this country.

On the outbreak of World War II he reported at the Depot, which had now been converted into a Machine-

Gun Training Centre, and was shortly afterwards posted to Headquarters, East Anglia Area, as D.A.A.G. In 1943 for his services in this appointment he was awarded the O.B.E.

In 1944 he went to No. 1 (C.A.) Pool as S.O.I. (Legal) 21st Army Group, becoming Colonel in No. 2 C.A./M.G. Pool in December 1945, and Controller, Legal Branch Military Government, North Rhine Region, in January 1946.

From 1946 to 1950 he served with the Control Commission for Germany as Deputy Chief of the Legal Division, and on the formation of the Foreign Compensation Commission in 1950 was appointed a whole-time Commissioner. He became vice-chairman in 1956, which position he held until his death.

### Bt. Col. W. D. Kenyon, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., J.P.

Wynne Durham Kenyon, who formerly commanded the 9th Battalion after its conversion to an anti-aircraft unit of the Royal Artillery, died peacefully at Brighton, after a short illness, on August 24, 1962, aged 56.

He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks in 1954 and a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of London.

Major E. L. Heywood attended the funeral service at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens, W.2, as the representative of the Regiment.

As it has not yet been possible to get all the details required, a full obituary notice will be published in the next issue of the Journal.

### Major G. J. B. Furness

George James Barnard Furness died suddenly last June at his home at Little Somerford, Wiltshire, aged 61.

He was granted a commission in the Territorial Army on July 30, 1924, gazetted into 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and joined "C" Company at Wealdstone. It was not long before he was transferred to Headquarters at Pound Lane, Willesden, where, as a subaltern in "H.Q." Company, he did much to promote sports throughout the Battalion and, in particular, was prominent in training a very successful football team.

In 1932 he married Phyllis Radford of Washington, D.C., and had as his best man a fellow subaltern from the Battalion, L. C. Wright, who travelled with him for the wedding in Washington.

He had many connections with the County of Middlesex. He was educated at Harrow, served as a Middlesex County Councillor from 1930 to 1946, and was High Sheriff of Middlesex in 1939-40.

He was on the British Army Staff in Washington from 1941 to 1943, and was appointed Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, New York, from 1943 to 1945.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

George was known for his joy of living. Those who served with him will remember well his jovial spirit and strong sense of humour, as well as his enthusiastic vigour and pride in his Regiment.

A.S.H.



**Captain Cecil C. Sherlock, M.C.**

Cecil Sherlock, who died recently, lived during his boyhood opposite the 7th Battalion Headquarters in Priory Road, Hornsey, was educated at Highgate School and Merton College, Oxford, and served with the 1st/7th Battalion during the greater part of the 1914-18 War.

He was wounded during the Artillery duel, lasting several days, prior to the attack on the Gommecourt Salient on July 1, 1916. He gained his Military Cross in August 1917 at the Battle of Langemarck (described by the late Sir Edwin King in his History of the 7th Battalion as "the most confused and futile battle of all the battles in which the Battalion was ever engaged. To most of the officers and men taking part, it never seemed anything else but an aimless floundering about in thick mud or slushy swamps, whilst suffering horrible losses from the heavy artillery and machine-gun fire") while serving temporarily with a Labour Battalion, the official announcement stating: "He rallied his men who had been scattered by shell-fire and led them forward to their work. He showed splendid courage and leadership and rendered valuable service in his preparations for the attack."

Sherlock was a worthy and loyal member of The Middlesex Regiment.

G.A.H.B.

**Capt. B. H. Kerr**

Bram Hugo Kerr, who served in World War II with the 2/8th Battalion, died at his home at Windy Ridge, Parkgate Avenue, Hadley Wood, Herts., on April 19, 1962.

Col. F. Walden attended the funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium as the representative of the Regiment.

As there has been considerable difficulty in getting all the details required a full obituary notice will be published in the next issue of the Journal.

**Lt. P. Pater**

News has recently been received of the death, on May 1, 1962, of Philip Pater.

Many who served with the 2nd Battalion shortly after World War I will remember "Percy," though, after his retirement, the Regiment lost trace of him.

Philip Pater was born on May 5, 1898, and was educated at Haileybury.

He was commissioned from Sandhurst on December 21, 1917, and was gazetted to The Middlesex Regiment, joining the 6th Battalion at Chatham the following month.

In April 1918 he was posted to the 4th Battalion in France. He returned to the United Kingdom later that year and joined the 5th (Reserve) Battalion in January 1919 before being posted to the 2nd Battalion in April 1919. He served with that Battalion for nearly eight years in Cairo, Singapore and India.

On July 15, 1925, when new Colours were presented to the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar, Lt. Pater received the King's Colour from His Excellency Gen. Sir Claud

Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief, India.

In 1927 he was placed on the half-pay list and five years later he retired on account of ill health.

After his retirement he took a great interest in the British Legion in Newcastle-on-Tyne and continued to do so until he died.

His main sport was rugger. He played in the XV at Haileybury and, whilst serving, for the Battalion and Garrison teams.

**C.S.M.I.M. H. Cartwright**

Harold Cartwright was born at Berkhamsted on October 29, 1884 and enlisted into The Middlesex Regiment on March 26, 1903 when the Regimental Depot was at Hounslow.

After his recruit training he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, which had recently returned from the Boer War, and served with them at Portsmouth, the Channel Islands and Warley.

He was promoted Lance-Sergeant on September 3, 1912 and twelve months later to the day he sailed for Malta on the H.T. *Soudan* to begin a tour of foreign service. In the meantime he had married and also qualified for promotion to Sergeant, to which rank he was promoted in November 1913.

The 2nd Battalion returned home in September 1914 and crossed over to France two months later. Sgt. Cartwright was with the Battalion in its various actions until Neuve Chapelle in March 1915 when he was wounded.

On recovering from his wounds he joined the 18th (Public Works) Service Battalion and was promoted to Company Sergeant Major on November 6, 1915 just prior to the Battalion embarking for active service.

He was mentioned in despatches on November 7, 1917 for gallant and distinguished services in the field, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal when that medal was given for conduct on active service.

After the war he served with the 1st Battalion, first as a Company Sergeant Major and later as Company Sergeant Major Instructor of Musketry, being discharged to pension with 22 years' service in March 1925. On his discharge certificate his Commanding Officer, Col. W. A. Stewart, wrote as his testimonial "a very intelligent, most reliable and hardworking man, strictly honourable in every way." A rare compliment indeed.

In addition to the Meritorious Service Medal he had the 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal with oak leaf, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He returned to the town of his birth and delighted in tending his garden, and that of his more aged neighbours, and on June 10, 1962 he died still known to his family and friends as he was to his former Commanding Officer and comrades, "a strictly honourable man."

He was buried on June 15, 1962 in the old cemetery in the same grave as his wife, who had pre-deceased him by many years.

Major R. W. J. Smith represented the Regiment at the funeral of this gallant and respected old "Die-Hard."

**C.S.M. C. W. R. Soper**

Charles William Roland Soper, formerly of the 1st Battalion, died suddenly at Portsmouth on May 9, 1962.

As it has not yet been possible to get all the details required, a full obituary notice will be published in the next issue of *The Die-Hards*.

**C.S.M. R. Wilson**

As we go to press the sad news of the death of Bob Wilson (6191208) has reached us.

Time does not allow a full obituary in this issue, but many will remember this old comrade as a member of the 2nd Battalion and Regimental cricket teams. He played regularly for the Regiment from 1920 and was an excellent wicket keeper.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

**Sgt. A. Grayer**

Sgt. A. Grayer died on July 19, 1962. He enlisted as a Territorial soldier in "A" Company, 9th Battalion (T.A.), before World War I and, soon after the outbreak of war, went with the Battalion to India. Eventually ill health caused him to be invalided home.

**Cpl. C. Armitage**

Charles Armitage died suddenly from the effects of a coronary thrombosis on March 24, 1962, aged 56.

Prior to enlisting in the Regiment on January 14, 1924 he had served as a seaman in the Merchant Navy.

After completing his recruit training he was posted to the 1st Battalion. In 1925 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then stationed at Ahmednagar in India, where he joined "A" Company, which at that time was commanded by Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence. In 1927 he was transferred to H.Q. Wing for duty with the M/G. Platoon.

He was with the 2nd Battalion when they moved to Madras in 1928 and later to Khartoum, and returned to England in December 1931 when the Battalion relieved the 1st Battalion at Colchester.

On the outbreak of World War II he was employed as a cook and went to France in April 1940, returning home after the collapse of that country two months later.

On its formation he was transferred to the Army Catering Corps with other qualified Regimental cooks. He returned to France on October 1, 1944 and, whilst on active service, his home was hit by a German V1 rocket, or "Doodle bug," as it was more commonly called. His wife was seriously injured, suffering from a fractured pelvis and leg.

On November 25, 1945, having served nearly 22 years with the Colours, he was transferred to the Army Reserve with an "Exemplary" character.

For his war services he was awarded the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, and War Medal 1939-45.

On returning to civil life he worked at Ford's of Dagenham.

On Saturday, March 24, he went to a football match and enjoyed watching the game. Just before reaching

his home at Romford after the match he had a seizure and died shortly afterwards.

At his funeral, amongst the floral tributes from his family, the Regiment and his friends, was one from the family of "Buck" Wilder, who had been his comrade from their enlistment until the day of his death.

**Cpl. J. V. Bailey**

Died in April, 1962.

Known to his friends as Vic, he went to India with the 9th Battalion at the outbreak of World War I in 1914, and served in "D" Company in most of the military stations there, including those in the Murree and Simla Hills.

On active service with the Battalion in Mesopotamia in 1917 against the Turks, Armistice Day eventually found him at Mosul after a spell of duty with Armenian refugees.

Early in 1919 he left Mesopotamia for demobilisation, but unfortunately his transport, and many others, were diverted to India owing to native riots at Amritsar. A few months later he was again on active service on the North-West Frontier in Baluchistan, where fighting between the natives had broken out. It was not until December 1919 that he eventually landed in England after over five years abroad.

His service in Baluchistan earned him the Indian Frontier Medal.

Vic was buried in Edgware Parish Churchyard, and his funeral was attended by representatives of the 9th Battalion Branch and the Regimental Association.

**L/Cpl. F. T. Turner**

Died in June, 1962.

A pre-1914 War Territorial of the 9th Battalion, "Tiny" Turner went to India with the Battalion at the outbreak of World War I.

He was on active service in Mesopotamia from the time the Battalion landed at Basra until it reached Mosul, where the Turks surrendered.

Representatives of the 9th Battalion Branch and the Regimental Association attended his cremation at Ruislip.

**Pte. H. J. Hagley**

As announced briefly in the last issue of *The Die-Hards* Henry James Hagley died last January.

He enlisted in the Regiment on August 7, 1914, and served in the B.E.F. in France and Flanders with Service Battalions of the Regiment from June 31, 1915, to August 17, 1915, and from September 1, 1916, to December 24, 1916.

As a result of wounds received in Flanders he was transferred to 23rd Training Reserve Battalion on April 2, 1917, and to the Labour Corps on June 14, 1917.

He was discharged as medically unfit on December 10, 1917.

For his war services he was mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



**Pte. F. Saltmarsh**

Frank Saltmarsh died after a short illness on May 31, 1962.

He enlisted in the Regular Army on April 9, 1907, after having served for two years with the 1st Volunteer Battalion, which became the 7th Battalion (T.F.) on April 1, 1908.

In August 1907 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, then stationed at Portsmouth, and, in October that year he moved to the Channel Islands with the Left Half Battalion, under the command of Major B. E. Ward.

In 1907 he was posted to the 1st Battalion and served with them in Allahabad, Dum Dum and Aden, returning home with the Battalion to Woolwich on December 30, 1913.

On completion of his Colour service he was transferred to the Army Reserve on April 9, 1914.

At the outbreak of World War I he was called up from the Reserve and shortly afterwards joined the 1st Battalion, which was already in France with the B.E.F. He was frequently in action and, at La Boutillerie on November 3, 1914, he was seriously wounded, in consequence of which his right arm had to be amputated. As a result he was discharged on medical grounds on June 7, 1915.

Since his discharge he had kept in touch with the Regiment, and it is much regretted that, owing to the news of his death not reaching Regimental Headquarters until a fortnight after, no representative from the Regiment was able to pay our last respects to a fine old soldier.

**Mr. S. G. Blaxland Stubbs, O.B.E., F.R.S.A.**

The death occurred on March 12, 1962, of Mr. Stanley G. Blaxland Stubbs, at the age of 77.

Up-to-date efforts to obtain details of his service in the Regiment have been unsuccessful, but he was a regular subscriber to the Regimental Association.

He began life as a journalist in 1903 and, after a busy life as such, retired from Fleet Street in 1952.

He played a very prominent part in local affairs at Fetcham, Surrey, where he lived. In addition to scouting his many interests included the Leatherhead and District Local Savings Committee, of which he was the first organising chairman, the Fetcham Players, of which he was president at the time of his death, the Fetcham Branch of the British Legion, of which he was a life vice-president, the Bookham Camera Club, of which he was an honorary life member, and the Association of Surrey Amenity Societies.

Mr. Blaxland Stubbs was twice decorated for his work for national savings, becoming an M.B.E. in 1942 and an O.B.E. in 1950.

He served as Information Officer of Leatherhead from 1941 until the end of the war. He became first president of the Leatherhead District Scouts Association on its formation in 1950, and was chairman at the time of his death. He also served on the welfare committee of the Leatherhead A.T.C.

The funeral service at Fetcham Parish Church was attended by many people from the various organisations in which he took such a keen interest. Major E. L. Heywood represented the Regiment.

**Lady Gillett**

The death of Audrey Isabel Penrose, beloved wife of Major Sir Harold Gillett, Bart, M.C., T.D., a former Lord Mayor of London, occurred suddenly in London on July 30, 1962. She was the daughter of Capt. Edgar Penrose Wardlaw.

Sir Harold Gillett served with distinction for some years in our 7th Battalion, before and during World War I.

Colonel F. Walden represented the Regiment at the Memorial Service held at St. Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall, on 19th September 1962.

**Mrs. Bennett**

We regret to announce the death of Sybil, wife of the late Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), which occurred on March 31, 1962, after a short illness, at 8 Withean Road, Brighton.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

From A. E. C. Morgan, Esq., M.A.  
Gadlys Cottage,  
Llansadwrn, Anglesey.

May 26, 1962.

To the Editor of the most interesting Magazine, *The Die-Hards*.

DEAR SIR,

It has been most kind on your part remembering Maurice Browne's school friend of over 60 years ago, and of taking the trouble to include my heart-felt little appreciation.

The article of his life was particularly charming and beautiful.

The photograph shows him off with a charming smile. With deep appreciation for the "Die-Hards" and the Life Story.

I am, sincerely,  
A. E. Clarisford Morgan.

Headquarters,  
The School of Infantry,  
Warminster, Wilts  
August 13, 1962.

DEAR SIR,

I am forwarding with this letter a short article on the Army Beagles Association, which was formed in May 1961. The committee is most anxious to give this as much publicity as possible. As you may know, beagling has become a recognised Army sport, and as such appears in "Sports and Games in the Army." This recognition entitles a pack and followers to the normal advantages and privileges.

Would you be so kind as to give space to this article in your Regimental Magazine. In this way the word will get around far more quickly than by the normal army channels.

Yours sincerely,  
A. F. MACKAIN-BRENNER, M.H. (Major),  
Hon. Secretary Army Beagles Association.

Note.—The article appears on page 219 of this issue—EDITOR.

**THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION****The Middlesex Regiment****(Duke of Cambridge's Own)**

Headquarters: Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

President: Brigadier J. E. F. Willoughby, O.B.E.

Chairman: Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L.

Vice-chairman: Lt.-Col. I. R. Burrows, O.B.E.

Secretary: Col. F. Walden.

**BRANCHES**

Branch	Hon. Secretary	Meetings	Place
Ealing .. ..	Mr. F. Hutchings, 2 Longhook Gardens, Grange Estate, Northolt, Middlesex.	Monthly, on 2nd Friday.	T. A. Centre, Churchfield Road, Ealing, W.13.
Enfield .. ..	Major A. T. Jones, M.B.E., T.D., 4 Morley Hill, Enfield, Middlesex.	Monthly, on 1st Friday.	T.A. Centre, Old Park Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex.
Hong Kong ..	Major W. T. J. Lane, M.B.E., H.Q., Royal Hong Kong De- fence Force, B.F.P.O.1.		
Hornsey .. ..	Mr. C. Holdford, T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	Quarterly, usually on a Wednesday.	T.A. Centre, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.
Hounslow ..	Mr. J. Castree, 20 Heldman Close, Heath Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.	Monthly, on 2nd Friday.	T.A. Centre, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.
Mill Hill ..	Mr. H. Hull, M.M., 32 Shuttleworth Road, Battersea, S.W.11.	Monthly, on last Saturday.	T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex.
Uxbridge .. ..	Mr. J. R. Bell, M.B.E., 88 High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex.	Four per year, at irregular intervals, plus an annual dinner.	T.A. Centre, Whitehall Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex.
2/7th Battalion ..	Major R. E. Robotham, M.C., T.D., 39 Cyprus Avenue, Finchley, N.3.	Yearly, on 1st Friday in October.	Varies from year to year. Dinner Club only.
9th Battalion ..	Mr. H. J. Fisher, 180 Purves Road, Kensal Rise, N.W.10.	Monthly, on last Thursday.	T.A. Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex.
12th Battalion Home Guard	Capt. S. R. Bonnamy, 3 Claremont Road, Ealing, W.13.	Two per year, on 1st Friday in May and November.	Varies.
Bandsmen and Drummers	Mr. A. R. Drane, 11 John Dee House, Mortlake, S.W.14.	Quarterly in March, June, September and December on dates to be notified.	47th Signal Regt. T.A., (Middlesex Yeomanry), Duke of Yorks H.Q., Chelsea, S.W.3.



## SECRETARY'S NOTES

## Army Benevolent Fund—Visit of Regional Organiser

On July 12, we received a visit from Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Eastern Regional Organiser of the Army Benevolent Fund, during which the work and plans of the Regimental Association were explained to him in some detail. The following is an extract from a letter he wrote after his visit:—

"I did enjoy my visit to you yesterday and hearing about the plans for your Regimental Association. It was kind of you to explain the situation so fully. I wish all Associations were not only so well founded but so forward thinking as yours."

During the course of conversation it came to light that General Tapp's great-great-grandfather, Major-General James Allan, C.B., commanded the 57th in 1828 when the Battalion was stationed in New South Wales, and moved with them to India in 1830.

## Appeal, 1961—Increase in Subscriptions

The Secretary thanks the following, who have increased their annual subscription to the Regimental Association Charitable Fund in response to last year's appeal:—

Mr. A. T. Bedwell, Mr. I. E. Blythe, Capt. M. G. Brock, Mr. A. W. J. Brown, Capt. H. A. B. Claypole, Major J. A. Hamilton and Capt. A. Kenrick.

## Donations

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges donations from the following to the Regimental Association Charitable Fund:—

The Merton and Wimbledon Girl Guides, The Muswell Hill Home Guard Association, Major Ponsford, Col. J. G. E. Reid and Mr. J. Wass.

## News of Old Comrades

It will be of interest to ex-Bandsmen of the 1st Battalion to know that one of their comrades, E. C. Bellchambers (6204475), who enlisted as a Boy, is now settled down in Australia. His address is 168 Bestic Street, Kyeemagh, Sydney.

Another of our old "Die-Hards" living in Australia is ex-Cpl. Chas. Bullis, late of the 4th Battalion. He emigrated to Australia with his wife and four children in 1927, arriving there on Albuhera Day. He eventually had a family of nine, and now has 32 grandchildren!

An old 2nd Battalion bandsman who enlisted as a Boy in 1898 called at Regimental Headquarters recently. He is A. F. Corke (5571) who served in the 2nd Battalion until 1912 when he transferred to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He served with that Regiment in the Dardanelles and in France, where he was wounded.

Another visitor to Regimental Headquarters recently was ex-Sgt. E. Isherwood, D.C.M., who served with the 12th (Service) Battalion from 1915 until March, 1918, when he was wounded.

He was a member of the Battalion football team throughout his service with the 12th Battalion.

He is very keen to find, or receive news of, ex-Sgt. J. Holmes, 12th Battalion.

Last July we were very pleased to hear from one of our old Sergeant Master Cooks, ex-Sgt. George Knock, who now lives at Warminster, Wilts., and, judging from his letter, is still as sprightly as ever.

Incidentally, during his Army career he seems to have created a record in collecting Regimental, and Army, numbers. When he joined the 7th Battalion (T.A.) in January, 1914, he was allotted number 2051, which was changed to 43568 when he served with the 17th (1st Football) Battalion in 1916 and with the 13th (Service) Battalion during 1917 and 1918. After the Armistice he joined the Regular Army and was given number 18953 whilst serving with the 4th Battalion from 1919 to 1922. When the system of allotting Army, instead of Regimental, numbers was introduced his number was changed to 6189749, which he retained for the remainder of his service.

Ex-Sgt. H. G. Purdue (6188355) was admitted as an In-Pensioner to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on July 23, 1962.

Six former members of the Regiment are now In-Pensioners at Chelsea.

Ex-Cpl. A. G. Sarson (G/341463), who enlisted in the 5th (Reserve) Battalion in 1914, visited us at Edgware earlier this year. He was posted to the 11th (Service) Battalion as soon as they were formed, and went to France with them in May, 1915. He remained with that Battalion until the following year when he was posted to the 7th Battalion. He was wounded at the end of 1916 and, after coming out of hospital, was posted for duty with the Chinese Labour Corps until he was demobilised in 1918.

Ex-Bandsman F. J. Wallace writes to say that he would like to hear from any old Bandsmen of the 1st and 4th Battalions. His address is 48 Netley Street, Farnborough, Hants.

Ex-Pte. P. S. Winslade, who served for two-and-a-half years in the 4/7th (T.A.) and 17th (Service) Battalions, during World War I, was admitted to The Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey, on August 17, 1962.

He had his right leg amputated above the knee in 1916, following a gunshot wound, and in 1960 he had a stroke. Since then he has been mainly confined to bed.

He is 79 years of age.

## HONG KONG BRANCH

Here we are back again in this year 1962. Our annual celebration took place as in the past years with past and present members of The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) celebrating Albuhera Day in true form. On the Sunday before Albuhera Day they proceeded through the Cathedral, led by Brigadier J. E. F. Willoughby, who laid the wreath at the foot of the Regimental War Memorial and turned a page in the Roll of Honour. The Rev. J. W. Foster was kind enough to quote during his service the outstanding service given by officers and

men of the Middlesex Regiment during the Peninsular War and Second World War.

After our usual gathering in the R.H.K.D.F. Sergeants' Mess, and a few discussions about old times, the party attended a luncheon party given by Brigadier and Mrs. Willoughby.

The afternoon was spent visiting Sai Wan and Stanley Cemeteries, at each of which a short service was held by the Rev. J. W. Foster and a wreath laid. Major W. T. J. Lane laid a wreath at Sai Wan and Mr. H. M. Howell at Stanley.

On May 16, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. K. C. P. Ive, 17th/21st Lancers, Commanding the Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers), the flag of The Middlesex Regiment was flown. In the evening 18 "Die-Hards" met for dinner in the Officers' Mess of the R.H.K.D.F. and by all accounts the evening was well and truly celebrated.

As our guests on this occasion we were pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. K. C. P. Ive, and Lt.-Col. M. A. Lowry, Officer Commanding 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

We are sorry to say farewell to Major Rex Cain who was a great supporter of the Association, and we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

W.T.J.L.

## MILL HILL BRANCH

Quite a lot has happened since the last issue of the Journal and so it should, for six months have passed. This means that one is apt to forget some of the things one would like to write up, though of course it has its advantage in that one only has to get down to the business of trying to be a journalist twice a year.

A few more of our old comrades have passed on since our last issue and as someone more capable than I has written their obituaries, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, I'll say no more than "We salute you" and tender our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Our monthly meetings continue to go with a swing and are well attended. It is over 12 months since we had to move home and take up residence as it were at Deansbrook Drill Hall, but the move has made no difference to the attendance or keenness of our members. For each month we have a full house of members and their ladies. Many new faces have turned up during the last six months.

The two brothers Heselton, late 2nd Battalion, my own brother Ted, late 1st Battalion, Bert Wright, 1st and 2nd Battalions, Mr. Gill, 2nd Battalion (1st World War), Mr. Ashby, 4th Battalion, Jim Harper, 2nd Battalion, Buck Ryan, 2nd Battalion. These are only a few who have recently joined the Branch—to you all a hearty welcome. Then there are many more who, through distance to travel, can only visit us occasionally. Each month brings someone whom we have not seen for many years. This is what makes it so worth while to belong to one of the Branches. You can look forward to, at least once a month, meeting up with someone you have not seen for so long, renewing an old friendship and striking up a new friendship. With all these new members, I still hope that many who came

after us, or serving members of the Battalion whose homes are in the district, will come along and join.

But then who knows? Now that the Battalion is stationed once again in England, we may see some of them come along, if not as members, as guests; they will be more than welcome.

The monthly raffles are maintaining their attraction and continue to show a profit. Thanks here are due to the following ladies—Mrs. Ivy Clarke, for her selection of prizes each month; and to Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Dolly Smith, who, with Mrs. Clarke, succeeded so well in extracting from our members' pockets, money for the tickets. In addition to the above raffles we started in June to collect money towards a donation to the Widows' Cottages Fund. This was in answer to a challenge thrown out to us that we would not raise £10 by Christmas. We passed that amount at our July meeting, raising money by a collection at the June meeting, a raffle for a bottle of Scotch kindly given by Mrs. Newman at the July meeting and the following amounts donated by individual members—Mrs. W. R. E. Wilson 3s.; Mr. J. G. Cove 10s.; Mr. G. Garrett 17s.; and Freddy Cook, late 2nd Battalion, well known to all of us by the way he could use his hands, £5. To all these, bless you, and may your generosity be rewarded by the fact that someone will have comfort and a home during their declining years.

The result of our combined efforts at the time these notes were written was £14 1s. 0d. and though we have passed the challenge total, we are continuing with our monthly efforts in the hope of at least trebling this amount.

Two main events affecting our Branch have taken place since the last issue.

First the 5th Annual Albuhera Dinner, held at Cornwall Rooms, High Street, Edgware, on May 1. The guests of honour were Major and Mrs. J. D. Gunnell, 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, other guests being Capt. M. Beaumont, 5th Battalion, Major and Mrs. Graham Sutherland, late 4th Battalion, and our Padre, Mr. Milliner, C.F. Following the Loyal Toast, toasts were made to "Those who fell at Albuhera" (Major R. W. J. Smith, M.B.E., vice-chairman), "The Mill Hill Branch" (Major P. Newman, M.B.E., treasurer), response the chairman; "The Guests" (Mr. C. Trowt), response Major J. D. Gunnell, T.D. It was during my response that I "dropped a clanger" for having asked for the speeches to be kept short, and that I was only going to speak for four minutes. I went on for about 15 minutes or more; for this my apologies. I shall not forget this either, for I am being called Bill Kerr by quite a few people. Apart from this boring 15-20 minutes, the evening was quite enjoyable. The food and service were quite good and, up to date, we have had no adverse reports about the whole evening. Now we must get down to organising next year's dinner. For this annual event is a must.

The second event was the O.C.A. annual church parade held at Edgware on Sunday, May 13. This, though not attended by as many as we thought, was a very inspiring turn-out. The Branch was given the honour of being in the lead with Major P. Newman,



M.B.E., our treasurer, in command of the parade and I, as the Branches' chairman, his 2IC. A very nice service was held in St. Margaret's Church, Edgware. For the march to and from the church we were led by the Band of the 5th Battalion. What memories were revived marching behind a band once again, more especially on the approach to the saluting base, when the Band struck up the 1st and 2nd Battalions' March Past!! I am sure that, like mine, others' thoughts were carried back to those years when we were serving and of those comrades who have passed on. After the parade was dismissed a reception was held in the Drill Hall and was attended by the wives and friends of those on parade. This was an excellent affair and must have entailed quite a lot of work by Capt. M. Beaumont, 5th Battalion, and his assistants, the two Cook Sergeants. Now that this event has started it must continue, for I am sure that after the initial parade the strength of future parades will increase. It will be hard work for the persons organising these parades, so we must ensure that their efforts are rewarded—by attending.

We are all looking forward to the annual reunion on October 12, at the Seymour Hall, when we hope to see many friends whom we are only able to meet at this annual function. Details of this and of the annual memorial parade on Remembrance Sunday are being sent out by the Association. I do hope that we as a Branch are well represented at both these events.

To all Branches, especially the Bandsmen's and Drummers' Branch, which has just recently formed, and whom we wish the greatest of success, and to all past and present "Die-Hards," we send greetings and best wishes for good health and prosperity.

L.R.J.

#### 9th BATTALION

The 9th Battalion Branch held their annual dinner at the Cavendish Ballroom, Willesden High Road, on Saturday May 12, 1962.

Fifty-nine members, together with 35 of their ladies, sat down to dinner.

We had the honour of the company of Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion T.A., and Col. and Mrs. Walden as our guests. We particularly missed not having a serving representative of the 5th Battalion as a guest. This is the first time for 15 years that we have not had a serving member of the T.A. unit with us on this occasion, and we shall look forward to having one next year.

Our toasts were "The Queen," "The Regiment," and "Fallen Comrades." Before the last toast Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L., read out the names of the following comrades of our branch who had passed on since our previous dinner: J. V. Bailey, A. Bicknell, "Scaney" Bishop, A. J. Jefferies, William Middleton, Steve Payne, C. A. Sampson, and Wally Taylor.

A brief silence was observed in their memory.

A suitable wreath in Regimental colours was displayed at the foot of the tables. This was committed to the care of W. Fitzgerald, who was entrusted with the

task of placing it on the 9th Battalion War Memorial at the T.A. Centre, Edgware.

Prior to the dinner the annual general meeting of the branch was held, with Major H. Sherwood in the chair. A committee of 10 was present, together with 40 other members.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Fisher) in his report stressed his concern at the rapidly failing response to the circular sent out about the dinner, and asked members who have any ideas on the matter to send them to him so that the committee can continue to try and remedy the situation.

Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., was elected as honorary vice-president of the branch.

After dinner the hall was cleared for dancing, and a very pleasant evening concluded at midnight.

#### 12th BATTALION HOME GUARD BRANCH

The half-yearly reunion was held at the Rest Hotel, Kenton, on Thursday, May 3, 1962, the chair being occupied by Lt.-Col. A. B. McQueen, M.C.

Seventy ex-Home Guards, with their ladies, sat down to an excellent dinner and were afterwards entertained by the "Four Squares."

On this occasion the list of official guests was kept low, but we were honoured with the presence of the secretary of the Middlesex Regimental Association, Col. F. Walden, and Mrs. Walden. Certainly Col. Walden, dining with old soldiers—chiefly those who served in the 1914-18 war—must have felt a very young man again.

S.R.B.

#### 2/10th Bn. MIDDLESEX REGT. O.C.A. (1914-18)

The 34th reunion dinner of this unit, which was disbanded in August 1918, was held at the Bolton Hotel, Earls Court Road, S.W.5, on May 12, 1962. Major Sir Arthur Lewey, Q.C., M.A., presided and 63 members attended, many having travelled considerable distances for that purpose.

This is an annual gathering, as is also the Service of Remembrance held on each Armistice Sunday (3 p.m.) at Chiswick Parish Church, The Mall, W.4, where the Battalion's Colours are lodged and the memorial erected. Details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. D. Scudamore, of 30 Palewell Park, East Sheen, S.W.14.

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1962

*Present:* Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Lt.-Col. I. R. Burrows, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, D.L., Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., Col. F. Walden (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Lt.-Col. G. W. Webber, T.D., Major C. N. Clayden, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D.

#### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 22, 1962, were passed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2. Secretary's Report

(a) The report, which had been circulated with the Agenda, was adopted.

(b) Arising from item 4 of the report, the Secretary was instructed to send a further letter—registered—to Major Bywaters asking for a decision.

#### 3. Club Accounts for Year ended December 31, 1961

(a) The Chairman drew attention to the fact that, as no Regimental Cricket Week had been held in 1961, the 3rd Battalion Trust Fund had not been used.

It was agreed that, as the Regiment was taking part in the Home Counties Brigade Cricket Week this year and we should no doubt be asked to meet certain expenses, the Trust Fund could be used for that purpose.

(b) The Chairman stated that the Finance Subcommittee had recommended that a donation should be made annually under covenant from the Officers' Club General Fund to the Officers' Club Charitable Fund to cover the donations made to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, S.S.A.F.A. Officers' Branch and the Royal School for Officers' Daughters.

After discussion it was proposed by Lt.-Col. Roberts, and seconded by Col. Ellis, that a donation of £50 should be made annually under covenant from the Officers' Club General Fund to the Officers' Club Charitable Fund for the aforesaid purpose.

Subject to Major Hardcastle's legal opinion the proposal was carried unanimously.

(c) Lt.-Col. Roberts drew attention to the increases in the various administrative expenses.

The Secretary was instructed to investigate and give reasons for the increases at the next meeting.

(d) There being no further comments, the adoption of the accounts was then proposed by Col. Clayton, seconded by Lt.-Col. Burrows, and carried unanimously.

#### 4. Tennis and Golf Competitions

(a) *Tennis.* It was decided that no tennis tournament should be held this year.

(b) *Golf.* It was decided that a one-day autumn meeting should be held at Littlestone Golf Club.

Lt.-Col. Morgan agreed to ascertain from the Club if a day—a Saturday, if possible—could be allocated to the Regiment late in October or early in November.

Lt.-Col. Morgan was asked to notify the arrangements he was able to make to the Secretary, who would then circulate full details to members of the Officers' Club.

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### (a) *Honorary Membership.*

(i) The honorary membership of the Rev. H. L. O. Davis was confirmed.

(ii) Lt.-Col. Morgan asked if officers from other Corps (e.g. Paymaster, Education Officer) shown as permanently attached to the Battalion could, on his recommendation, be considered for honorary membership to the Club whilst serving with the Regiment.

The Chairman stated that under Section I, paragraph 4 (i) of the rules of the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club such officers were eligible and he asked Lt.-Col. Morgan to submit their names to the Secretary.

(iii) Lt.-Col. Morgan then asked if the officers mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) above could attend the Officers' Club Dinner on June 27 as members of the Club.

The Committee agreed to this request.

(b) *Cocktail Party.* It was proposed by Col. Clayton that the venue for this party should be the Middlesex Guildhall. This proposal met with full approval of the Committee and the Secretary was instructed to find out from the Clerk of the County Council available dates—preferably a Friday—during the second half of November.

(c) *List of Members.* The Secretary asked if the list of members of the Officers' Club, first published in 1959, was now to be republished in view of the large number of amendments involved.

It was agreed that this matter should be deferred until the next meeting.

(d) *Next Meeting.* The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 25, 1962.

F. WALDEN, Colonel,  
Secretary, Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club.

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MIDDLESEX GUILDHALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1962

*Present:* Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L. (Chairman), Lt.-Col. I. R. Burrows, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P., Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., Col. A. S. J. de S. Clayton, D.L., Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., Col. S. F. Hedgecoe, Col. A. M. Man, D.S.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C., Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L., Lt.-Col. J. D. Robbins, O.B.E., T.D., Major E. L. Heywood, Major P. F. Newman, M.B.E., R.S.M. R. Dodkins, R.S.M. F. Webb, Col. F. Walden (Secretary).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lt.-Col. G. W. Webber, T.D., Major C. N. Clayden, Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D., Mr. D. Stockman.

#### 1. New Ex-Officio Member

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman welcomed Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, who recently took over



command of the 1st Battalion, as a new *ex-officio* member of the Executive Committee.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 22, 1962, were passed and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Secretary's Report

- (a) Lt.-Col. Roberts said that once again he would like to congratulate the Secretary on his report and the very full details given of people assisted by the Association. At the same time he wished to emphasise the fact that we were still receiving a considerable number of applications for help and that there is no sign at all that the people in need are dying out. As this demand will apparently go on for years, he hoped that this would be borne in mind when finances and capital investments were being considered.
- (b) The Chairman stated that, in accordance with Minute 9 (c) of the previous meeting, he had sent a dozen copies of the Secretary's report to the 1st Battalion. He hoped that Lt.-Col. Morgan would still accept copies of these reports and have them distributed to companies and made available for the men to read.
- (c) There being no further comment, the Secretary's report was received and adopted.

### 4. Correspondence

The Secretary produced seven letters of appreciation from people who had been assisted by the Association. These were circulated for members to read.

### 5. Finance Sub-Committee

- (a) *Chairman's Report.* The Chairman stated that in future copies of the minutes of this Sub-Committee's meetings would be circulated with the Agenda for the Executive Committee meetings. He reported that:
  - (i) The current position was that there was a cash balance of £340 in the Association Fund and of £186 in the War Memorial Fund.
  - (ii) The Finance Sub-Committee had approved the audited accounts for submission to this Committee.
  - (b) *Adoption of Association Accounts.* (i) The Chairman made the following observations on the accounts:
    - (a) There was a deficit on the year's working at the end of 1961 of £794. This was due to a loss on the Regimental Journal of £552, a fall in the donations received from the Middlesex County Council Sunday Entertainments Fund and a considerable fall in the subscriptions from the 1st Battalion.
    - (b) Office expenses showed a figure of £160 as compared with £66 in 1960. This was accounted for by the purchase of a new office typewriter and the employment of a part-time gardener for the gardens of the Mill Hill cottages occupied by widows.
    - (c) Journal losses would be reduced by cutting down

the number of issues to two per year and economising in photo blocks, which were expensive items.

(ii) In reply to a question as to when the overdraft at December 31, 1961, would be cleared, the Chairman stated that it was in fact cleared within a month, because in January a very large number of subscriptions are received.

(iii) In reply to a further question regarding a donation not having been received from the Army Benevolent Fund, the Chairman explained that none had been asked for, since the Army Benevolent Fund had themselves been in difficulties and were appealing for Funds.

(iv) In regard to the reduction in the grant received from the Middlesex County Council Sunday Entertainments Fund, the Chairman explained that this was due to the falling off in the attendances at Sunday cinemas and, in consequence, the administrators of the fund had to cut drastically the donations to all charities.

(v) Lt.-Col. Roberts said that he was worried over the financial position of the Association and particularly asked the Finance Sub-Committee to take some steps to cut down administration expenses, which he considered very high. The Chairman stated that this matter was receiving attention.

(vi) The Chairman explained the various changes in investments which had taken place during the year. After some discussion the Committee expressed satisfaction with the changes.

(vii) The necessity for increasing subscriptions to the Charitable Fund was discussed, and the Chairman reported that the written appeal, which had gone out to all members of the Association in 1961, had met with some success.

Lt.-Col. Roberts said that it would be appreciated if the Secretary could produce particulars of the increased subscriptions at the next meeting.

(viii) After further discussion the Secretary was asked to approach branch secretaries with a view to enlisting their help in organising means of raising funds for the Association.

(ix) Col. Ellis suggested that, in order to appreciate the financial position, a survey of the finances over the past five years should be produced at the Annual General Meeting.

This suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

(x) There being no further comment, the adoption of the Association accounts was proposed by Brigadier Baker, seconded by Col. Ellis and carried.

### 6. War Memorial Sub-Committee

(a) Brigadier Rackham stated that arrangements for the improvements and repairs to the Mill Hill cottages were in hand, but negotiations regarding the subsidy and the possibility of a loan were still far from complete. He was assured that a subsidy would be granted, but he was unable to say how much this would be.

Regarding the widows who still occupy cottages at Mill Hill and Enfield, as a result of enquiries which had been made at the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows at East Molesey it had been ascertained that there was one vacancy now and another was expected in about three months' time.

Brigadier Rackham was asked to interview the widows and to do his best to get at least one of them to apply for the vacancy which now exists.

The Committee gave approval for any expenses incurred by an applicant in visiting the Home to be borne by Association Funds.

As the result of a proposal by Lt.-Col. Roberts, which was seconded by Col. Hedgecoe, the Committee agreed that any applicant who decided to move to the Home could be assured that removal expenses would be met from Association funds.

(b) The Chairman reported that the Lord Lieutenant's appeal had been launched and as a result of the Ball held at Sunbury last May, at which the Dance Band of the 1st Battalion had played, the Association had received the sum of £131. A further donation of £80 had also been received from Wembley Borough Council.

He stated that the Clerk of the County Council was writing to all the new Mayors of boroughs and Chairmen of urban district councils asking for their support. In addition, it was hoped to arrange for press releases to the local press which would stimulate the interest of the people of the county in the Lord Lieutenant's appeal.

He further stated that other means of obtaining donations were being pursued and, in this connection, the Middlesex County Rugby Football Union had been approached with a view to our being allotted some of the proceeds from the seven-a-side tournament next year. A reply had been received and, although we were unlikely to get as large a donation as we had for the War Memorial appeal, our application would be favourably considered.

(c) After discussion it was decided that the Colonel of the Regiment should be asked to consider a suggestion that past and present members of the Regiment be asked to contribute to the Flatlets Scheme and that their contributions be made in memory of the late Col. Maurice Browne and, further, that a suitable plaque be placed on the building to record this.

(d) The Secretary reported that both the Hendon Borough Council Housing Department and the Town Clerk of Hendon had been approached regarding a house being made available for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, the present occupants of one of the memorial cottages at Mill Hill, but without success.

The Committee agreed that Mr. Stevens should put his name on the Hendon housing list, and the Secretary was asked to see that this was done.

### 7. Journal Sub-Committee

(a) The report of the Sub-Committee, as contained in the minutes of the meeting circulated at Appendix "C" to the Agenda, was adopted.

(b) Lt.-Col. Roberts said that he considered the Editor should be congratulated on the present high standard of the Journal.

The Committee supported this statement.

### 8. Branch Secretaries' Sub-Committee

(a) The report of the Sub-Committee, as contained in the minutes of the meeting circulated at Appendix "D" to the Agenda, was adopted.

(b) Arising from Minute 8 of the Sub-Committee meeting, it was agreed that a standard should be provided for the use of all the branches and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be given full powers to decide on its design, purchase and cost.

(c) Arising from Minute 9 of the Sub-Committee meeting, the Secretary said that he felt that a news sheet would fill a gap between the half-yearly issues of the Journal and keep members of the Association up to date with news of Old Comrades.

After a short discussion it was agreed that this should be done.

(d) The Committee expressed their gratitude for the work put in by the Secretary in holding meetings of branch secretaries and generally fostering the interest of the branches.

### 9. Revision of the Rules of the Association

It was agreed that a special sub-committee consisting of the following should be appointed to carry out the revision of the rules of the Association:

*Chairman:* The Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

*Members:* Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L., and Major H. K. Hardcastle, T.D.

### 10. Albuhera Sunday Parade

After a short discussion it was proposed by Col. Clayton, seconded by Brigadier Rackham, and passed unanimously that the parade should take place in 1963 on May 19.

The Secretary was asked to bring this matter to the notice of branch secretaries and to encourage as many as possible from each branch to attend.

### 11. Formation of New Branch

A letter from Mr. A. R. Drane applying to start a Bandsmen and Drummers' Branch of the Regimental Association was read.

The application received the unanimous approval of the Committee and the Secretary was asked to convey their thanks to Mr. Drane for his efforts.

### 12. Any Other Business

(a) *Lisbon Maru Reunion.* The Secretary stated that there was a demand for a reunion of survivors of the *Lisbon Maru* and that it had been provisionally arranged for Saturday, September 1, at Regimental Headquarters.

The Committee approved of the reunion and authorised the Secretary to spend up to £25 on refreshments.

(b) *Next Meeting.* The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 25, 1962.

F. WALDEN, Colonel,  
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### 1. Benevolent Cases

(a) During the period from February 1, 1962, to May 31, 1962, the sum of £350 16s. 10d. was used to assist 58 cases.

(b) *Clothing Grants*—Five cases were assisted. Four of these cases were elderly people or



widows living on small pensions, and the fifth was made through a hospital almoner to enable an ex-member of the Regiment, of no fixed abode, to go to a convalescent home.

(c) *Convalescent Holidays.* Three cases were assisted, one in co-operation with the Middlesex County Council and the others through the British Legion Service Department.

(d) *Fuel Grants.* Six grants were made for coal, etc. One of these grants was made to a couple, living on a retirement pension, to help towards the cost of a special fireplace which had to be installed in a smokeless zone area.

Another of these grants was made to an ex-member of the Regiment living alone, who cannot move about much, as he has had a leg and an arm amputated.

(e) *Housing.* The following four cases were assisted:

(i) Help with the legal fees so that the two invalid daughters of an ex-member of the Regiment, whose widow had recently died, could take over the house left to them under their mother's will. No money at all was left to them under the will.

(ii) Removal expenses were paid in the case of an ex-member of the Regiment, his wife and family of four children, who had been living under appalling condition. They had been offered a new council house in a better area, but, as the man is unable to work regularly owing to bronchitis caused through conditions in a Japanese P.O.W. camp, he was unable to meet the extra expense.

(iii) A grant was made to help the widow of an ex-member of the Regiment killed in the First World War to move into an old folk's bungalow, which had been allocated to her.

(iv) A grant was made to the wife of a serving member of the 1st Battalion about to be discharged towards the cost of furnishing a home for herself and their three children. The council concerned had allocated them a house after they had been on the housing list for some years.

(f) *Rent and Rate Arrears.* Eighteen cases were assisted. All of these were due to illness or unemployment, except the following:

(i) An ex-member of the Regiment, aged 67, who is unable to work, as he has to look after his bedridden wife.

(ii) The wife of an ex-soldier of the 1st Battalion, who had served in Korea, and had recently been committed to prison for a short term of imprisonment. The wife was anxious to keep the home going and, in order to do this, she was arranging to have their only

child cared for whilst she went out to work.

#### (g) Miscellaneous.

(i) Assistance was given to an ex-member of the Regiment to help him meet the account of his son's keep in a remand home. This boy had been such an anxiety to his parents that his mother's health broke down and it was necessary eventually for the magistrate to release him to their care in the hope that it would help towards his mother's recovery.

(ii) The fares for an elderly couple, who are in constant need of care and attention, was paid to enable them to travel up from Newport to London to the home of their daughter, who is going to look after them.

(iii) Dentures were bought for an ex-member of the Regiment who suffers from heart trouble and has been unable to work for a long period.

(iv) Assistance was given to enable a widow to clear debts left after the recent death of her husband.

(v) A grant was made to a widow to help her settle a H.P. account on a bed bought specially for her invalid husband, who had recently died.

(vi) Assistance was given to a widow towards the funeral expenses of her husband.

(vii) A small grant was given to an ex-member of the Regiment, who had been a P.O.W. in the First World War, to help towards the cost of a secondhand bicycle. This is essential for him, as he suffers seriously from arthritis and has to do the shopping for his invalid wife.

#### 2. Executive Committee

(a) *Chairman and Vice-Chairman.* In accordance with Rule 22 the President has approved of the election of the undermentioned at the Executive Committee Meeting held on February 22, 1962:

*Chairman:* Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L.  
*Vice-Chairman:* Lt.-Col. I. R. Burrows, O.B.E.

(b) *Nominated Members.* In accordance with Rule 21 (b) the President has approved of the following members nominated at the *ex-officio* members' meeting held on February 22, 1962:

2nd Bn. ... Col. S. F. Hedgecoe  
3rd " ... Brigadier B. B. Rackham, C.B.E., M.C., D.L.  
4th " ... Lt.-Col. W. L. Roberts, O.B.E., M.C., D.L.  
5th " (Militia) Major E. L. Heywood  
6th " " Lt.-Col. I. R. Burrows, O.B.E.

7th " ... Col. W. D. Ellis, O.B.E., T.D.

8th " ... Brigadier E. E. F. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., T.D., D.L., J.P.

9th " ... Lt.-Col. G. L. Fox, T.D., D.L.

(c) *Ex-officio Members.* In accordance with Rule 21 (a) the following have become *ex-officio* members on assuming command of their respective battalions:

1st Bn. ... Lt.-Col. F. de R. Morgan, M.C.

5th " (T.A.) Lt.-Col. G. W. Webber, T.D.

#### 3. Association Membership

(a) Up to date 13 new members have been registered this year in this office.

These figures do not include members enrolled by branches direct, details of which have not been submitted in time for inclusion in this report.

(b) The deaths of the following members have been notified since my last report:

Col. A. Rudston Brown, O.B.E.  
Lt.-Col. T. A. Hall, T.D.  
Mr. J. W. Green, M.S.M.  
Mr. S. G. Blaxland Stubbs, O.B.E.

#### 4. New Branches

(a) Steps towards the formation of new branches at Cambridge and Colchester are proceeding, though somewhat slowly. It is hoped that in both cases application for recognition, in accordance with Rule 17, will be submitted before the next Executive Committee meeting.

(b) As soon as suitable persons can be found to undertake the task new branches will be started at Aldershot and Portsmouth.

(c) Contact has been made with the following O.C.s with a view to their affiliation to the Regimental Association:  
2/10th Battalion (T.A.).  
13th (Service) Battalion.

#### 5. Albuhera Sunday Church Parade

A total of 207 past and present members of the Regiment, with, in many cases, their families, attended this service, which was held at St. Margaret's Church, Edgware, on May 13.

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. D. Milliner, Honorary Chaplain to the Mill Hill Branch, assisted by the Rev. W. E. B. Jones, who had been Chaplain to the 1st Battalion in Korea.

The cost of refreshments, which were kindly arranged by the 5th Battalion, amounted to £22 4s. 8d.

#### 6. Legacies

The late Col. Maurice Browne has, by his will dated November 12, 1941, "bequeathed all his property (subject to the payment of his testamentary expenses and debts) to the Secretary of the Regimental Association of The Middlesex Regiment for the

assistance of ex-Regular soldiers of that Regiment who have served in the ranks."

F. WALDEN, Colonel,  
Secretary, Middlesex Regimental Association.

In the interests of economy it has been decided to print only an abridged form of the Association accounts which have been approved by the auditors. Copies of the full accounts are in the hands of each O.C.A. club secretary and may be inspected by any member.

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

BALANCE SHEETS, DECEMBER 31, 1961

	Charitable Fund	War Memorial Fund	Cottage Homes
Accumulated Funds	£ 40,371	£ 38,028	£ 3,199
Creditors	681	99	3
Bank Overdraft	371		45
Provision for Maintenance—Mill Hill and Enfield	109		
Mrs. Renny Legacy	2,826		
Site Improvement Account		205	
Loan Redemption Reserve		570	
Loan Account (Secured)		6,430	
Property Amortisation Fund			676
	44,358	45,422	3,923
Investments at Cost or Valuation (Mid-market value December 31, 1961)	41,339	2,513	1,595
Property	(30,026)	(2,503)	(1,224)
Furniture and Fittings at Nominal Value	1		
Premium Bonds	25		
Stocks at Cost	71		
Debtors	30	130	
Cash at Bankers		579	
Cash in Hand of O.C.A. Clubs	55		
Regimental History—Cost not yet recovered	11		
Mrs. Renny Legacy Investment	2,826		
Amortisation Fund Investment			675
	£44,358	£45,422	£3,923

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1961

	Charitable Fund	War Memorial Fund	Cottage Homes	Die-Hards Journal
INCOME:	£	£	£	£
Grants and Donations	539			
Subscriptions, etc.	400			
Interest on Investments	1,656		58	244
Income Tax recovered on Covenants	44			
Profit on Ties and Badges	21			
Rents		325		
Maintenance Receipts		52		
Advertisements				191
Grant from Charitable Fund				553
Excess of Expenditure over Income	794	9		
	£3,544	£377	£67	£988
EXPENDITURE:				
Grants and Allowances	1,460			
Administration Expenses	1,181	103	30	68
Repairs and Maintenance		92	37	
Cost of Printing				920
Wreaths	50			
O.C.A. Reunion	152			
Grant Die-Hards Journal	553			
Cottage Homes Amortisation Fund	100			
Repairs Colours	16			
Upkeep of War Memorial, Hong Kong	10			
Remembrance Day	9			
Bandsmen and Drummers' Reunion	13			
Excess of Income over Expenditure		182		
	£3,544	£377	£67	£988





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