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EDITORIAL



THE DIE-HARDS has now completed its first volume, consisting of the first twelve issues.

When bound, Volume I will contain 84 illustrations and 400 pages of reading matter.

Our appeal for an increased circulation has met with a ready response from our Regular Battalions, but it is now up to some of the Territorial units to support their Journal by becoming subscribers.

No less than six pages of the last issue was occupied by the notes of one of our Territorial battalions. We are always delighted to publish news from all branches of the Regiment, but desire to point out that the more we print the greater is the cost of publication, and it is suggested that if the notes we receive are worth reading they must be worth buying by those who forward the articles.

All readers, especially those who are in possession of old journals, documents,

anecdotes and stories concerning the Regiment, are earnestly requested to assist towards the success of the Magazine by contributing articles of regimental interest, also photos, reproductions of old portraits, prints, relics, etc. These should be addressed direct to the Editor, The Barracks, Mill Hill.

We shall be greatly indebted to all readers of THE DIE-HARDS if they will bring the Journal to the notice of any of their relatives or friends who are likely to become subscribers. This applies especially to those who have connections overseas or elsewhere. Many ex-officers and men of the Regiment are now to be found all over the world. We think these would readily become subscribers once they have seen the paper.

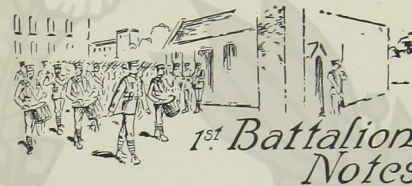
The Officer Commanding the Depot is endeavouring to compile a detailed list of the present whereabouts of the Colours of all battalions of the Regiment. The Editor will be much obliged for information regarding the Colours of any battalion, whether that battalion is in existence or disbanded.

Congratulations to Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., on his award which appeared in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Many photographs have been unavoidably left over until next issue.

Extract from "The Evening Star,"
Tuesday, July 23rd, 1811.

"A detachment of 300 fine men, from the 2nd battalion of the 57th Regiment, with the undermentioned Officers, Captains CAMPBELL and MOSSMAN, and Lieutenant WATSON, embarked at Jersey on the 13th inst. on board the Osborn transport. The men were in excellent health and high spirits. This detachment is commanded by Captain M'LAINE, and is to proceed direct to Portugal, under convoy of the PICKLE gun-brig. The arrival of this draft will again enable that gallant Regiment, the 57th, to take the field, and, no doubt, will, the first opportunity, again distinguish themselves as they did so particularly at the glorious battle of Albuera."



SINCE the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS our time has been very fully occupied in Musketry and Battalion Training. The musketry results were decidedly good, and the honours fall to "C" Company with a combined rifle and Lewis gun average of 314'9. They also won the Efficiency Shield for the second year in succession, and should be undoubtedly very proud of this achievement.

The Royal Review was held on June 10th, and the Battalion was again led past by our Colonel, General Sir Ivor Maxse, who lunched with us after the ceremony. If the comments of the spectators give any indication, the Battalion acquitted itself with considerable credit in the march past. The following day, "B" and "C" Companies, under the command of Major Pargiter, left on a three days' Company March. Except for the great heat, the weather was much more favourable than last year.

The Regimental Sports, held on June 26th on the Guards Brigade Recreation Ground, were as successful as last year, and there was quite an amount of new talent displayed. This is a good sign, and very encouraging for the future. At the conclusion the prizes and shields were given away by Colonel and Mrs. Stewart. The Sports were followed by a Dance, which, according to the Press, was attended by over 1,000, and which undoubtedly did great credit to the organizers and gave much pleasure to those who were present.

Our team did very well at Bisley this year. To have had three representatives in the King's Hundred (Capt. Lyons, C.S.M. Beaman, and Sergt. Willard) was very good indeed. L./Cpl. Harrison

nearly made a fourth, but failed unfortunately by one point. In the Roupell Cup too, Capt. Lyons was thirteenth in Class A, and Sergt. Willard twenty-fourth, and in Class B L./Cpl. Harrison was thirteenth. The Lewis Gunners maintained the good shooting which they showed during classification and at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and all were in or near the prize list in the Worcester Pairs. Cpls. Jones and Kennet were the best, and finished fourth in Class B. The Battalion was unfortunately counted out of the Britannia Cup by only fifteen points. A good deal of training was done before sending our team, and it only shows the great difference that preliminary practice makes. Hard work has brought success. Another splendid example of this is the winning for the second year in succession of the Infantry Transport Cup at the Command Horse Show. Sergt. Moore and the men of the Transport should be heartily congratulated on this. In addition, we were awarded first and third prizes in the "Stripped Mules" Class, and no less than four of our pairs were in the top ten. Capt. Paul, too, did well in winning the Infantry Officers' Chargers Jumping Competition on Capt. Phillips's horse, "Jorrocks," for which he received a very handsome cup. Another result of careful training was in getting first place in the Aldershot Command Unit Team Championship Sports, when we tied with the 1st Bn. Scots Guards. As the *Sporting Life* expressed it, there "was a highly exciting contest between the two leaders, and with one event to go the 'Die-Hards' were a point ahead." It is most satisfactory, and in a Command like this, where the competitors are so numerous and so keen, it is a very creditable result.

When our Colonel-in-Chief (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) visited Sierra Leone during his tour abroad, the Guard of Honour, both on his arrival and departure, was under the command of Capt. J. C. Dallas, who was serving with the West African Regiment. It is certainly a compliment to the Regiment, and provides yet a further link between our Colonel-in-Chief and members of the Regiment, no matter in what part of the world they are serving.

"A" COMPANY.

There is so much that can be said in giving an account of the doings of "A" Company since the Journal last went to press, that it is regretted that this account must necessarily be somewhat curtailed.

We again made a hard fight for the Musketry Shield, this time at Ash, and, although we did exceedingly well on the rifle and were top of the list with an average of 129.28, we were well beaten by "C" Company on the Lewis gun by sixteen points. However, next year we make our third attempt, and the third time being lucky, we hope to be no exception to this rule.

We congratulate the following on their promotion:—

C.Q.M.S. Green to Company Sergeant-Major.

Cpl. Rindle and Cpl. Thomas to Paid Lance-Sergeant.

L./Cpl. Leggett to Corporal.

We regret the loss of Lieut. Royffe, who has gone to "H.Q." Wing quite recently, and C.S.M. Green and Cpl. Leggett, who were transferred to "B" Company on the day of their promotion.

Lieut. J. E. Dobbs has returned to us in place of Lieut. H. S. Royffe, and the Company, particularly No. 1 Platoon, sincerely welcome his return. We also bid welcome to C.Q.M.S. King from "B" Company, and Sergt. E. Burt from the Depot.

Cpl. Young, who was discharged in the early part of June, is doing well, we are glad to hear. We are sorry he has not remained with us, but, as he cannot do so, we wish him the best of luck.

Our success in the Albuhera Sports was tolerable, but not good enough for "A" Company. It was somewhat difficult for Lieut. Hedgecoe to pick out teams from the Company, since very few men's talents were known; he is therefore to be congratulated upon the efforts he made on behalf of the Company, and it must not be left unsaid that his selections were the best.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the Company would like to hear from any old "A" Company men who are in the 2nd Battalion now. We extend our best wishes, and hope that they have not forgotten us.

L. I. P.

"B" COMPANY.

Being midsummer, "King Willow" holds the sway, and although the Company cricket matches have been few and far between, many men have found their way to the nets for a knock.

The first match of the season was the combined teams of Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons against those of Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons. The former won by a narrow margin. We have found some coming players, which was what we were after.

We regret to say that we have lost the "Hero of a midnight bath"—L./Cpl. Stemp. It is keenly felt, because he was a good all-round athlete.

An enjoyable day was spent on June 26th at the Battalion Sports. Pte. Donovan ran well up to his usual form and carried the Mile, and the Company team won the Hurdles. The Boxing Shield came back again to "B" for the second year running. As noted in our previous contributions, we have a keen and promising lot of youngsters, and have great hopes of winning it for the third year in succession.

The Company cricket team played the following matches during July:—

Versus "D" Company, won by 9 runs.

Against "A" Company, lost by 16 runs. In the last-named match we declared at 52 for 7 wickets, and "A" responded with 68 for 7.

We welcome our new Company Sergeant-Major, C.S.M. Green, and offer our congratulations upon his promotion.

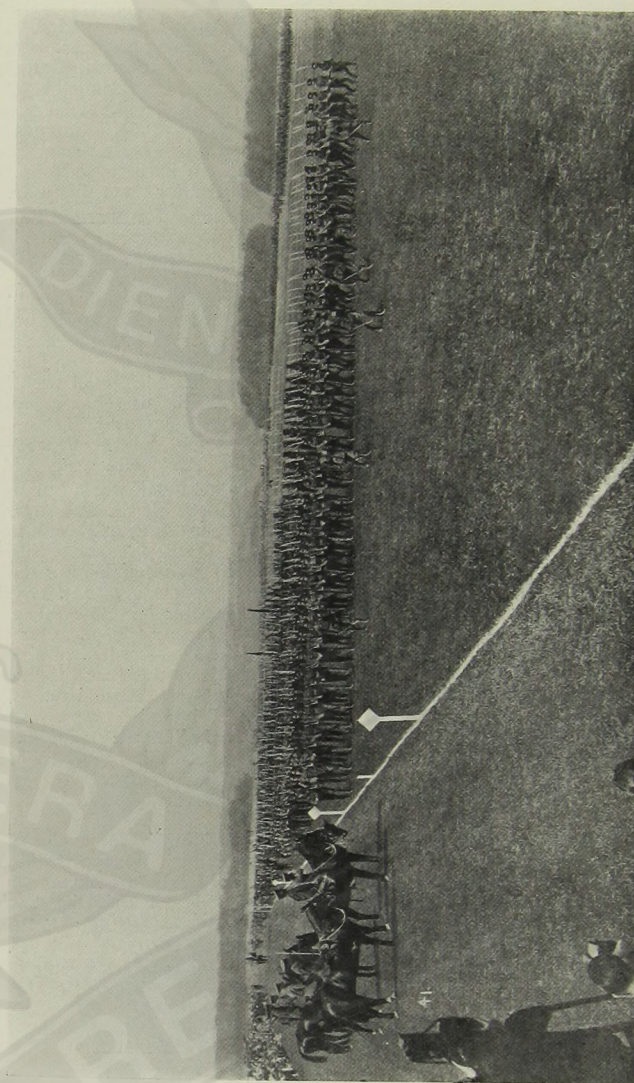
As anticipated, we have spent some long nights around Elstead and Frensham. They proved very interesting—in fact, we have found out how four men can charge and capture a Lewis-gun post.

KNOWALL.

"C" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have not been so settled as we had hoped. With the loss of C.S.M. Denton to the 9th Battalion and C.Q.M.S. Wigginton to discharge, our Company has had another change.

Once again "C" Company has the opportunity of buying shiploads of "Goddards" with which to clean numerous shields which they have won, i.e., Best Shooting Company Shield,



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1st Battalion, Aldershot, June 10th, 1925.

Efficiency Shield, and the Hockey Shield. We are unfortunate in not being able to include the Football Shield among these, owing to the loss of several inter-platoon matches—which was not our fault, but misfortune.

In May we moved to camp to fire our Annual Musketry Course, and you can see by the above paragraph that "C" company upheld its reputation in skill-at-arms in retaining for still another year the Shooting Shield. Bravo "C."

The Inter-Company Evelyn Wood Competition was also carried off by us, with a total of 270 points (against 219 2nd).

The Battalion Sports were held on June 26th. We did not fare too well in these events, owing to the fact of the unsettled state of the Company, brought about by recent changes.

Now we are busy on Brigade Training, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the end of the Manœuvres, so as to settle down once more to winter sports. We are sorry to say we have lost another two of our best sportsmen, in Lieut. J. R. B. Worton and Sergt. H. Farrow, to the Machine Gun Platoon; but still, our loss is "H.Q.'s" gain. Yet still we have another old valiant come to us in C.Q.M.S. Flatman, who has relieved C.Q.M.S. Wigginton. The Company congratulates him on his recent promotion.

So far we have not been able to concentrate on cricket. Owing to our spell in camp, and various Battalion and Brigade shows, we have been kept very busy. Still, we have not neglected this game, having already played several friendly matches with other companies, and, according to the present form of the Company team, we hope to go a long way in the Inter-Company matches that are just commencing. So we shall hope to hear more of this in the next issue of the Journal.

"D" COMPANY.

We are wondering if the fact that the Battalion being 3,000,000 gallons of water down can be traced to a certain non-commissioned officer being "on the tack."

I am sorry to say that our tug-of-war team was not an unqualified success; mind you, they worked hard, and fell over quite a number of times. Our sister Company, "B" Company, under the guidance of their Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, let X equal a real unknown quantity ("Q" Company), and the cup for which both he and the team had worked so hard turned out to be a minus quantity for them this year.

We were more fortunate in the Sports, and gained a total of 32½ points. Apparently we spoke too soon last quarter, for we are sorry to say we are again losing Capt. Horrocks, who joins the "Emma groans" Platoon. We were fortunate in having him for the Albuhera Sports, in which both he and the Company teams worked very hard. We all wish him the best of luck in his new environment. Sports Prize Committee are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their choice—the prizes were many and good.

The Albuhera Ball was a huge success, and it is doubtful if the Maida Drill Hall has ever been so neatly and tastefully decorated. Hutson, alias "Soapy," was demonstrating and explaining football to an admiring audience, Ptes. Everitt and Evans (the latter has now taken on the duties of Company Clerk). Our Quarter Bloke was adsum—he looked a bit seedy, but we noticed the barrels disappeared with periodical regularity. Messrs. Jackson, Riley and Company, Limited, "went a basin" as the saying is. Sergt. Flemming was behind the bar, but as he said a looker-on sees the most, I think he was fortunate in being able to look.

"King Willow" is now the all-important programme in the sports line, and we find it a hard job to pick out an eleven which we hope will gain the "ashes."

Capt. Paul, late of "H.Q." Wing, has now joined the left flank, and we all hope his stay is going to be a long one. He will be a great addition to the cricket team.

J. S.

HEADQUARTER WING.

Having again persuaded several groups to write notes, I am confining myself to general events. At Musketry we were

moderately successful—results are printed in the general notes. Of course, we can do better, and will do so next year. In the Battalion Rifle Meeting we also did exceedingly well. The results are shown in the general notes.

In the Sports we have really excelled. We won the following events—companies are shown:—

100 Yards Relay.—"G" Coy.
880 Yards Relay.—"Q" Coy.
220 Yards Relay.—"Q" Coy.
One Mile.—"Q" Coy. tied with "B" Coy.

Tug-of-War.—"Q" Coy.
Long Jump.—"Q" Coy.
Putting the Shot.—"Q" Coy.

In addition, we were second in the following:—

100 Yards.—"Q" Coy.
Long Jump.—"G" Coy.
220 Yards.—"G" Coy.
440 Yards.—"G" Coy.
Tug-of-War.—"G" Coy.

The above form a very formidable list, and those who took part are to be congratulated upon achieving such a great success. The performance that stands out is that of "Q" Company winning the Tug-of-War, "B" Company, the previous holders, have been unbeaten for three years in succession. Congratulations are due to Sergt. Moore and his team for this really wonderful performance.

In other events we have performed very creditably; these are shown under—

Football K.O. (Platoon).—"Q" Coy. and "G" Coy. tie for second.

Football K.O. (Company).—"Q" Coy. second.

Cricket K.O.—"Q" Coy. first.

Our placing in the Championship was "Q" Company fourth and "G" Company sixth. This was with last year's Musketry, etc.

We shall certainly obtain a better place next year. A curious coincidence of the sports is the fact that last year "G" Company were first and "Q" Company second; this year "Q" Company are first and "G" Company second.

In the Aldershot Command Horse Show we again won the shield for the Best Infantry Turn-out in the Command, and the following:—

All-arms Chamber of Commerce Cup, second.

Stripped Mules, all units, first and third.

Such results as these can only be obtained by hard work and great care on the part of those concerned, and "H.Q." Company should be proud to have won such honours as these, and it reflects great credit upon Sergt. Moore and his staff, the Transport.

In looking through these results it is obvious that "H.Q." Company is coming into its own. It is composed of the best of the Battalion, and should be foremost in all things, not only sports and horse shows, but in all things that are the making of a good soldier.

WINGER.



WHAT with manœuvres and sports, the problem of compiling these notes becomes a very difficult one, not only from the "time" point of view, but from the "copy" point too. Being out most days very little happens in the Mess; at least, I have seen little. However, by hearsay and a little of what some people wrongly term inquisitiveness, I have found some news. Musketry camp kept us busy during May, and, on the whole, life was gay, although work was very obvious. We had our annual shoot, which was again won by C.S.M. Beaman, with C.S.M. Walker winning the spoon (not to mention the £1). This season we entered for the Aldershot Command Sergeants' Tennis League. This League forms a great social opportunity which we have gladly taken. So far, we have only been moderately successful, having won three matches and lost four. As this is our first season, we are not really doing badly. Our tennis court is well used, and it is obvious that several members are keen on the game.

The annual sports took place on June 26th this year, a dance being held later in the evening. The Mess entertained the

"wives and members" of other messes to tea, which was served in the Albuhera Drill Hall. In the sports the Mess was well represented by several of the members, who all upheld traditions. As winners are shown in the general notes, I will not repeat here. The decorations of the Dance Hall were excellent, and great credit is due to the committee responsible. We were pleased to see so many old "Die-Hards" with us on this day.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Everyone in the Journal seems to find a lot to write about, and we are no exception to the rule. I was promised a little addition this quarter from Comrades Holder and Williams in the shape of an ode written in the original esparanto, but as it has not yet come to hand, we shall have to go to press without this—probably it is just as well—although don't let this deter you from reading the rest of the notes.

Thanks to our representatives we won the Inter-Messes Relay Challenge Trophy, and it now resides in the Mess esconced on either side with the remainder of our silver.

Our cueists are still in great form. I have heard a rumour that the table is going to be changed; the present one certainly needs a lawn mower.

"When you think you are potting or going in off the red,
You'll find that your ball oft times goes to bed;
And its wearisome roll you will follow with dread
Lest it sinks in the turf or misses the red."

"When playing at snooker don't pot the pink,
For you'll find that the black is the thing you will sink.
Again, if in doubt, don't slash around,
For the balls disappear and cannot be found.
When playing at billiards; in fact, I can see
The table's no use. Woe is me! Woe is me!"

We all congratulate Cpl. Soper upon his marriage, and wish him the best of luck.

Our President "W.H.E.N." Yes, the staunch Surrey supporter is quite well; seems a trifle bellicose lately. I borrowed the word from a member; it did not seem right to say warlike.

I see Gibson and Sammons have taken to tennis! H'm! well, they probably understand the love game better than we do! Rumour has it that the latter is leaving us shortly on a trade course, but it is only a rumour at present.

Two old cronies of ours have left us for the Sergeants' Mess, Sergts. Raindle and Thomas. We wish them the best of luck. The former will look back upon many an evening spent in the Mess at Kalk with regret.

I noticed in the Mess the other day L./Cpl. Baker. It is surely some time since he entered our Mess! He is gone now for good, I believe, so good luck in the future is the wish of everyone.

J. S.

BAND NOTES.

We have surprised not only ourselves in winning the Platoon Six-a-side Knock-out Competition this year, although, of course, we can boast of two regimental players. This finished our winter activities, and, two days after, we commenced our summer engagements by playing at Bristol (two weeks) and Brighton for one week.

A break of two months was made for the Annual Musketry and other duties, including the Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, where we were included in the massed band of a thousand strong.

At Musketry we did not do as well as we anticipated, but averaged first class shots. We congratulate Cpl. Stenning, L./Cpl. Carnell, Bandsmen Hunter, Middleton, and Arnold on being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Army Rifle Meeting.

Our latest achievements have been the Sports, in which we assisted "G" to gain second place in the Athletic Shield.

In the Athletic Championships our three entrants did well, L./Cpl. Painter winning the 100 Yards, Bdsman. Walker winning the High Jump and getting second in the Hurdles, and Sergt. Cullen getting second in the 440 yards. All

have been chosen to represent the Battalion in the Command Sports Meeting. We tender our "grats."

At the time of writing our time is employed by playing at the Depot cricket matches, and from here we recommence our engagements, of which we hope to give you a full account in the next quarter's Journal.

TREBLE CLEF.

DRUMS NOTES.

We have little to contribute towards the Journal this quarter, our time having been occupied, when not at Musketry, by the Tattoo, in which we took part.

We have played the Grenadiers at cricket and have arranged a return match, and we have also a long list of matches to be played.

During the last couple of months we have unfortunately lost Cpl. O'Brien and L./Cpl. Lazarus, two of our star players, and so we are not doing so well as expected.

Our friend Rex has apparently had his day, for he can only just wander, very aimlessly now, after stray cats, etc.

Congratulations to Dmr. Kruck upon his appointment as Lance-Corporal.

SNAKE CHARMER.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

This was held on Monday, May 25th, 1925. The weather early in the morning was decidedly adverse to good shooting, but about 9 a.m. it cleared up, and for the remainder of the day was favourable, with a good light in the afternoon and evening.

Some very good shooting was seen, particularly among the Lewis Gunners, who, in the team competitions, seemed to hit their targets with wonderful accuracy. Both "Q" and "B" Companies must be congratulated on tying for first place. "B" Company were penalized by being disqualified after gaining the highest score in the Anti-Aircraft Competition, otherwise they would have been the leading Company. However, "Q" Company are to be congratulated in winning such important matches as the Rapid Fire Competition and the Inter-Company

Shoot, and "B" Company in winning the Imperial Tobacco (Platoon) Competition.

An amusing final was provided by "A" Company against "C" Company in the Falling Plates Knock-Out. Two members of the "C" Company team had to go back to fetch their lost ammunition before arriving at the 400 yards firing point, so that it seemed that "A" Company should win easily. In spite of this, however, "C" Company knocked down all the plates before the other company had touched one!

There was a tie for first place in the Rapid Fire Competition, but the honours went to "Q" Company, as they had more hits on the targets.

The results are shown below:—

TABLE I.

1.—Anti-Aircraft Match.

1st	... "Q" Coy.	...
2nd	... "C" Coy.	...
3rd	... "A" Coy.	...
4th	... "D" Coy.	...
5th	... "G" Coy.	...
6th	... "B" Coy. (disqualified)	...

Winning team.—Ptes. Warren, Harvey, and Bayliss.

2.—Rapid Fire Competition.

	Points
1st, "Q" Coy. ...	383
2nd, "B" Coy. ...	383
3rd, "A" Coy. ...	370
4th, "C" Coy. ...	344
5th, "G" Coy. ...	339
6th, "D" Coy. ...	301

Winning team.—Capt. Lyons, Lieut. Tait, R.S.M. Anderson, Sergt. Green, Sergt. Brockman, Cpl. Bray, Ptes. Warren, Harrison, Chant, Bayliss, L./Cpl. Staines, L./Cpl. Pope, and Cpl. Page.

3.—Section Knock-out.

First Round.—"A" beat "G," "B" beat "D," "Q" and "C" byes.

Second Round.—"A" beat "B," "C" beat "Q."

Third Round.—"C" beat "A."

Winner: "C."

"C" Company's winning team.—Cpl. Kennett, Ptes. Chalkley, Sampford, Maund, Sharman, Thompson, and Bonner.

4.—*Imperial Tobacco Company Competition.*

1st, "B" Coy., 3min. 39 3-5sec.
2nd, "G" Coy., 3min. 51sec.
3rd, "C" Coy., 3min. 53 3-5sec.
4th, "A" Coy., 5min. 7sec.
5th, "Q" Coy., 5min. 15 2-5sec.
6th, "D" Coy., 6min. 27 4-5sec.

Winning team.—No. 8 Platoon: Lieut. Clowes, L./Cpl. Short, L./Cpl. Carter, Ptes. Bowell and Blatchford; L./Cpls. Giles and Balls, Ptes. Walsh and Hollis; Cpl. Phelps, Ptes. Harrison, Driscoll, and Hinton; L./Cpls. Sewell and Lee, Ptes. Marriott, Elliott, and Lloyd.

5.—*Young Soldiers' Competition.*

	Points
1st, "A" Coy. ...	182
2nd, "D" Coy. ...	168
3rd, "B" Coy. ...	165
4th, "G" Coy. ...	160
5th, "Q" Coy. ...	149
6th, "C" Coy. ...	108

Winning team, "A" Coy.—Ptes. Brown, Tyler, Ilett, Maunder, Armitage, and James.

6.—*The Inter-Company Shoot.*

	Points
1st, "Q" Coy. ...	589
2nd, "B" Coy. ...	571
3rd, "A" Coy. ...	558
4th, "C" Coy. ...	553
5th, "G" Coy. ...	520
6th, "D" Coy. ...	482

Winning team, "Q" Coy.—Capt. Lyons, Lieut. Tait, R.S.M. Anderson, Sergts. Green and Brockman, Cpls.

Bray and Page, L./Cpls. Staines and Pope, Ptes. Warren, Harrison, Bayliss, Chant, Watts, and Jennings, Bdsman. Elliott, and Dmr. Webster.

7.—*Berdoo-Wilkinson Cup (Non-Championship).*

1st ...	"A" Coy.
2nd ...	"C" Coy.
3rd ...	"B" Coy.
4th ...	"D" Coy.

Winning team, "A" Coy.—Cpl. Thomas, L./Cpl. Leggett, Pte. Priddy; Cpl. Swindon, L./Cpl. Woodruff, L./Cpl. G. Fletcher; Cpl. McDonald, Pte. Sibley, L./Cpl. Westney; Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Ratty, Pte. J. Fletcher.

TABLE II.

(Showing total points gained).

Coy.							Total
"Q"	48	30	10	12	8	12	120
"B"	40	25	30	9	16	0	120
"A"	32	20	15	15	24	8	114
"C"	24	15	20	18	4	10	91
"G"	16	10	25	6	12	6	75
"D"	8	5	5	3	20	4	45

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Best Officer.—Lieut. Worton, "C" Coy.

Best W.O. or Sergeant.—C.Q.M.S. Pelly, "B" Coy.

Best Corporal.—Cpl. Stenning.

Best Lance-Corporal.—L./Cpl. Westney, "A" Coy.

Best Private.—Pte. Lloyd, "B" Coy.

Best Young Soldier.—Pte. Chant, "Q" Coy.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, 1924–25.

COMPANY	Football		Cricket		Hockey	Cross-Country Running	Tug of War	Athletics	Boxing	Annual Military Course	Battalion Rifle Meeting	Shill at Arms	Total
	Platoon K.O.	Company K.O.	Company League	Platoon K.O.	Company K.O.								
"A" ...	5	5	40	20	30	5	70	20	20	72½	255	140	857½
"B" ...	12½	15	30	12½	25	25	38½	30	55	90	210	80	763½
"C" ...	12½	30	25	25	10	30	49	25	40	65	300	200	1011½
"D" ...	30	20	35	5	5	10	50½	15	70	77½	165	110	682
Headquarter "G" ...	22½	10	20	12½	15	15	17½	35	85	30	75	50	497½
Headquarter "Q" ...	22½	25	15	30	20	20	28	40	100	40	120	170	740½

SPORTS JOTTINGS.

The regimental golf team did well in reaching the third round of the Unit Team Championship. In the first round we beat the Wiltshires 16–0, and in the second the South Staffords by 21–0, but in the third round we were defeated by the Irish Guards—our last year's victors—by 13–1. Capt. Phillips entered for the Open Competition, and should be congratulated upon obtaining fourth place with a score of 166 on two rounds, only seven points behind the winner.

Tom Berry, who is the European Light-heavyweight Boxing Champion, and who used to be in the Regiment, has now started training at Aldershot. He is going to take the Battalion boxing team under his care, so that we consider we are justified in hoping to equal last year's success, if we do not even surpass it.

We entered a team for the Unit Relay Race on June 30th, at the Command Swimming Bath, on the occasion of the Army Championships. We were in the second heat, in which there were five units.

Our team consisted of the following, who swam in the order named:—L./Cpl. Russell, Lieut. Cubitt, L./Cpl. Burton, and L./Cpl. Batt. Each member of the team had to swim 66 yards. We obtained a slight lead on the first take-over, but this was lost, and with the last sixty yards to go we were fourth. L./Cpl. Batt, however, swam a magnificent race and put us into third place. As only the winner and two fastest losers went into the final we did not compete on the next night. We were defeated by the Welsh Guards, who were first, and Grenadier Guards, who were second.

Pte. Cole entered for the 100 Yards Back Stroke, and finished second in his heat.

A new departure this year was the Novices' Inter-Company Knock-out at "soccer." It gives a game to those who otherwise would get no chance, and, although the standard of play is not high, some decided talent was shown. It is a good idea and should be continued in the

future, and when there has been more practice next season no doubt some promising players will be found.

Sergt. Flemming is now the Imperial Services Bantam-weight Champion. Last year, it will be remembered, he was Fly-weight Champion. In both his contests



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SERGEANT FLEMMING.

at Portsmouth on May 1st the *Aldershot News* states he found it hard going. In the first he beat A.C.I. Bridge, R.A.F., and until the declaration was made none could say with a certainty which way the verdict would go. The award, however, was justified by Flemming's clever infighting. In the final he met the bantam-weight title holder, Leading-Seaman Patton, R.N., who carries a heavy right-handed punch. Flemming was the cleverer boxer, and, although he had his share of punishment, he eluded his opponent's right hand and won by a larger margin than he did in the earlier contest.

Major Percy-Smith's "Mother Goose" and Capt. Phillips's "Jorrocks" were entered for the 1st Division Inter-Brigade Team Race at the Hambledon Hunt Meeting, held near Alton on April 18th. "Mother Goose" was ridden by Lieut. Goulden and "Jorrocks" by Capt. Paul. Both unfortunately fell, but Capt. Paul remounted and finished sixth, which enabled the Guards Brigade to finish with the honours.

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The annual "soccer" match between the Officers and Sergeants took place on April 15th, but the Officers succumbed to the superior skill of the Sergeants, and were beaten by 4 goals to 1.

BATTALION INDIVIDUAL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The above was held during the week following the Albuhera Sports.

This was an additional meeting, and was held more for the purpose of selecting the teams to represent the Battalion in the Command Unit Teams Athletic Meeting. Winners and runners-up are given below:—

100 Yards.—Winner, L./Cpl. Painter; runner-up, Cpl. Phelps.

220 Yards.—Winner, Cpl. Phelps; runner-up, Cpl. Gibson.

440 Yards.—Winner, Pte. Denman; runner-up, Sergt. Cullen.

880 Yards.—Winner, Pte. Chandler; runner-up, Cpl. Sammons.

Mile.—Winner, Pte. Donovan; runner-up, Pte. Chandler.

Three Miles.—Winner, Pte. Donovan; runner-up, Cpl. Sammons.

High Jump.—Winner, Bdsmn. Walker; runner-up, Pte. Bolden.

Long Jump.—Winner, Pte. Bolden; runner-up, Cpl. Phelps.

Hurdles. Cpl. Phelps; runner-up, Bdsmn. Walker.

Shot.—Winner, Sergt. Jones; runner-up, L./Cpl. Smith.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Friday and Saturday, July 17th and 18th:—

400 Yards (Relay of 100 Yards).—1st, R.E.; 2nd, Middlesex Regt.; 3rd, K.R.R.C.; 4th Gloucester Regt.

880 Yards (Relay of 220 Yards).—1st, R.E.; 2nd, Scots Guards; 3rd, Dorset Regt.; 4th, Middlesex Regt.

Mile (Relay of 440 Yards).—1st, Dorset Regt.; 2nd, Scots Guards; 3rd, Middlesex Regt.; 4th, R.E.

Two Miles (Relay of 880 Yards).—1st, Scots Guards; 2nd, Middlesex Regt.; 3rd, Dorset Regt.; 4th, R.A.S.C. Training College.

Mile Team Race.—1st, R.A.M.C.; 2nd, Grenadier Guards; 3rd, Scots Guards; 4th, Bedfs. and Herts Regt.

480 Yards Hurdles (Relay).—1st, Middlesex Regt.; 2nd, Bedfs. and Herts Regt.; 3rd, Scots Guards; 4th Essex Regt.

Long Jump (Pairs).—1st, Dorset Regt.; 2nd, Essex Regt.; 3rd, King's Regt.; 4th, R. West Kent Regt.

Putting the Shot (Pairs).—1st, Pack Artillery; 2nd, Scots Guards; 3rd, Bedfs. and Herts Regt.; 4th, Middlesex Regt.

High Jump (Pairs).—1st, Bedfs. and Herts Regt.; 2nd, Middlesex Regt.

NON-CHAMPIONSHIP.

Tug-of-War.—Middlesex Regt. pulled over by the Black Watch in the final.

CRICKET.

Having been in camp at Mytchett for the whole of the month of May—June having been devoted to training for the Albuhera Sports, held on June 26th—there has been very little cricket, and we have only played three matches. Our first match, with the R.A.M.C., was a fiasco, as their two Command players got us out for 37 and then proceeded to make 100 between them. The other two matches, in the first round and semi-final of the group stage of the Command Unit Cricket Tournament have both been victories, and we hope, when we have played a few more games, to settle down and make some runs.

COMMAND UNIT KNOCK-OUT—FIRST ROUND.

The Battalion v. 3rd Grenadier Guards.

Played on the Officers' Club Ground June 27th.

3RD GRENADIER GUARDS.

Mr. Bromley-Davenport, b Kennett	...	23
Mr. Colvin, c O'Brien b Phillips	...	12
Mr. Hogarth, st Sammons b Kennett	...	5
Gdsmn. Pratt, b O'Brien	...	0
C.S.M. Hicks, b Kennett	...	6
L./Cpl. Mott, b O'Brien	...	3
Mr. West, st Sammons b Kennett	...	25
Gdsmn. Ambler, c Kennett b O'Brien	...	26
Mr. Miller, not out	...	13
Gdsmn. Nicholls, c Northcott b Kennett	...	0
Gdsmn. Scrimshaw, st Sammons b Kennett	...	21
Extras	...	4

Total ... 100
Kennett, 6 for 50; O'Brien, 3 for 35; Phillips, 1 for 14.

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Mr. Worton, b Scrimshaw	...	57
Mr. Clowes, b Davenport	...	8
Cpl. Northcott, b Davenport	...	0
Cpl. Sammons, b Hogarth	...	4
Cpl. Painter, not out	...	57
Mr. Goulden, b Colvin	...	49
Capt. Phillips, c Nicholls b Mott	...	28
Cpl. Kennett, b Nicholls	...	2
Cpl. O'Brien, not out	...	12
Extras	...	25

Total ... 242
Cpl. MacDonald and Pte. Elliott did not bat.

COMMAND UNIT KNOCK-OUT—SEMI-FINAL.

The Battalion v. Royal Corps of Signals.

Played on the Officers' Club Ground on July 8th.

R.C.O.S.

Mr. Glover, b O'Brien	...	5
Capt. McDonald, b Kennett	...	1
Mr. Thursby-Pelham, c Painter b Phillips	...	40
R.S.M. Cusens, c Pargiter b Phillips	...	13
Major Hitchens, b Kennett	...	0
Capt. Straight, b Kennett	...	38
Capt. Skelth, lbw b Phillips	...	1
Sigm. Tomlinson, run out	...	9
Sigm. Aldridge, b Northcott	...	0
Sigm. Hayes, c Clowes b O'Brien	...	25
Sigm. Ewers, not out	...	1
Extras	...	17

Total ... 150
Kennett, 3 for 48; O'Brien, 2 for 31; Phillips, 3 for 32; Northcott, 1 for 22.

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Mr. Worton, b Cusens	...	9
Mr. Clowes, c Cusens b Glover	...	11
Cpl. Northcott, c Glover b Ewers	...	21
Major Pargiter, c and b Hayes	...	34
Capt. Phillips, c Hayes b Glover	...	30
Capt. Paul, b Hayes	...	0
L./Cpl. Painter, b Glover	...	10
Mr. Goulden, not out	...	13
Cpl. Sammons, b Glover	...	0
Cpl. Kennett, b Glover	...	3
Cpl. O'Brien, not out	...	10
Extras	...	11

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 152

The Platoon Cricket Knock-out has been started, but owing to training, manoeuvres, etc., it is not very far advanced.

ALBUHERA SPORTS.

The Albuhera Sports were held on the Guards Brigade sports ground on Friday, June 26th, and proved a great success.

The shield winners were:—Football, "D" Coy., 85 points; Cricket, "Q" Coy. and "A" Coy. tied, 50 points; Hockey, "C" Coy., 30 points; Cross-country, "A" Coy., 70 points; Rifle Shield, "C" Coy., 700 points; Boxing, "B" Coy., 90 points; the Championship Shield for the Athletic Shield was won by "Q" Company.

The Band played selections during the afternoon.

The officials were:—Judges, Major M. Browne, M.C., Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C., R.Q.M.S. J. Clark; starter, C.Q.M.S. Pelly; time-keeper, Lieut. J. Tait; recorders, Sergt. G. Anderson and Corpl. D. Holder.

RESULTS.

400 Yards Relay (Four of 100 Yards).—1st, "G" Coy.; 2nd, "Q" Coy.; 3rd, "B" Coy.; 4th, "C" Coy. Time, 45 1-5sec. Winning team: L./Cpl. Painter, Cpl. Gibson, Bdsmn. Andrews, and Sergt. Parsons.

Putting the Shot.—1st, "Q" Coy., 67ft. 9in.; 2nd, "C" Coy., 65ft.; 3rd, "B" Coy., 62ft. 2in.; 4th, "D" Coy. Winning pair: R.S.M. Anderson (34ft. 1in.) and L./Cpl. Smith (33ft. 8in.).

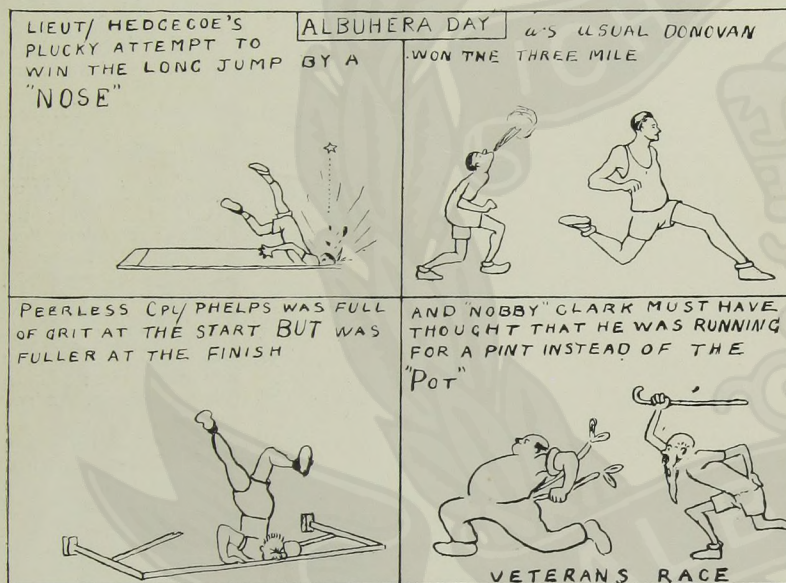
Long Jump.—1st, "Q" Coy., 38ft. 2in.; 2nd, "G" Coy., 34ft. 11in.; 3rd, "D" Coy., 34ft. 10in.; 4th, "A" Coy. Winning pair: L./Cpl. Harrison (19ft. 5in.) and L./Cpl. Smith (18ft. 9in.).

Potato Race.—1st, Pte. Bartrop; 2nd, L./Cpl. Jackson; 3rd, Pte. Bolden.

Boys' Race (220 Yards).—1st, Chillery; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Drane.

Three Miles Team Race.—1st, "D" Coy., 30 points; 2nd, "B" Coy., 33 points; 3rd, "Q" Coy., 46 points; 4th, "A" Coy., 66 points. Winning team: L./Cpl. Brown, Pte. Tear, Pte. Woodward, and Pte. Such. Pte. Donovan, "B" Coy., was first man home. Time, 16min. 17 1-5sec.

*Open Mile Relay (to the Garrison).—*Teams to consist of one officer, one warrant-officer, one corporal, and one private. Final: 1st, R.A.S.C. Training College; 2nd, 1st Scots Guards; 3rd, 1st Cameronians. At the take-over of the last half mile L./Cpl. Maclaren led L./Cpl. Webster, of the Scots Guards, by a yard. A terrific struggle ensued, which resulted in the former winning by two feet. Winning team: Pte. Clarkson, L./Cpl. Maclaren, Lieut. Wyncoll, and Sergt. Bond. Time, 3min. 48 3-5sec.



*Two Miles Relay (Four of 880 Yards).—*1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "D" Coy.; 3rd, "G" Coy.; 4th, "B" Coy. Won by 30 yards and 60 yards. Winning team: Pte. Barling, Pte. Denman, Pte. Chandler, and Cpl. Sammons.

High Jump.—1st, "C" Coy. and "G" Coy. tie, 9ft. 7in.; 3rd, "A" Coy., 9ft. 4in. Pte. Bolden (4ft. 11in.) and Pte. Nicholls (4ft. 8in.) for "C" Coy., Bdsman. Walker (4ft. 10in.) and Sergt. Tibbs (4ft. 8in.) for "G" Coy.

*Sergeants' Race (100 Yards).—*1st, Sergt. Hawkins; 2nd, Sergt. Cullen; 3rd, Sergt. Parsons.

Children's Race.—Boys: 1st Ernie Baynham; 2nd, Willie Goodwin; 3rd, Fred Buckingham. Girls: 1st, Peggy Anderson; 2nd, Doris Crouch; 3rd, Lily Beaman.

*880 Yards Relay (Four of 220 Yards).—*1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "G" Co.; 3rd, "D" Coy. Won by 1½ yards and 6 yards. Winning team: L./Cpl. Smith,



AND "NOBBY" CLARK MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS RUNNING FOR A PINT INSTEAD OF THE "POT"



L./Cpl. Harrison, L./Cpl. Burton, and Pte. Denman.

*Hurdles Relay (Four 120 Hurdles).—*1st, "B" Coy.; 2nd, "D" Coy.; 3rd, "G" Coy.; 4th, "Q" Coy. Won by 25 yards and 8 yards. Time, 1min. 18 2-5sec. Winning team: Lieut. Clowes, Lieut. Cubitt, Cpl. Phelps, and L./Cpl. Sewell.

Veterans' Race.—1st, L./Cpl. Staines; 2nd, Sergt.-Drmr. Goodwin; 3rd, C.S.M. W. Beaman.

*One Mile Relay (Four of 440 Yards).—*1st, "D" Coy.; 2nd, "G" Coy.; 3rd, "A" Coy.; 4th, "Q" Coy. Time, 3min. 48 2-5sec. Winning team: Capt. B. G. Horrocks, Lieut. Gordon Parker, Sergt. B. Overton, and Cpl. J. Stretton.

Band Race.—1st, Bdsman. Gibson; 2nd, Bdsman. Stone; 3rd, L./Cpl. Carnell.

One Mile Team and Individual.—1st, "B" Coy. and "Q" Coy. tie, 23 points each; 3rd, "G" Coy., 54 points; 4th, "D" Coy., 157 points. 1st, Pte. Chandler; 2nd, Cpl. Sammons; 3rd, Pte. Donovan. Time, 4min. 54sec. Won by 50 yards and 4 yards.

Ladies' Race.—1st, Mrs. Hunter; 2nd, Mrs. Bull; 3rd, Mrs. Horton.

Inter-Messes Relay (for the Challenge Cup).—1st, the Corporals; 2nd, the Officers; 3rd, the Privates; 4th, the Sergeants. Winning team: Cpl. Phelps, L./Cpls. Burton, Harrison, and Painter.

Obstacle Race.—1st, Pte. Bunton; 2nd, Pte. Bartrop; 3rd, Pte. Brown.

Tug-of-War.—First Round: "Q" Coy. beat "A" Coy. and "B" Coy. beat "D" Coy.; "C" Coy. and "G" Coy. both drew byes in the first round. Semi-finals: "Q" Coy. beat "B" Coy. and "G" Coy. beat "C" Coy. Final: "Q" Coy. beat "G" Co. 2-0. Winning team: Smith, Boiling, Murphy, Freeman, Bayliss, Canning, Lambert, Harvey, Nicholson, and Lloyd, and Sergt. Moore (coach).

TOM BERRY.

LIGHT-HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND EUROPE.

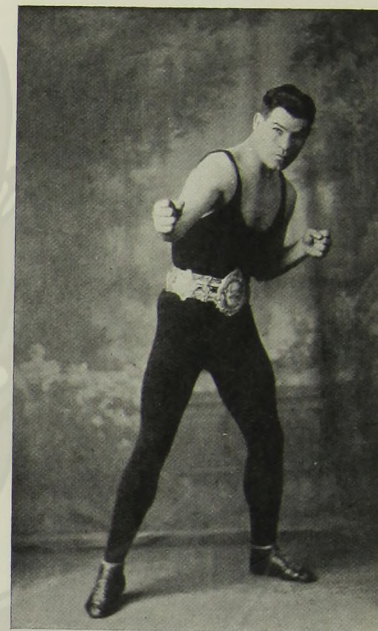
Mr. Tom Berry served for fifteen years in the Regiment, and learned his early boxing with the 3rd Battalion.

He is considered England's premier light-heavy-weight, and has won over 200 fights.

Some of his best performances are:—Beat Battling Siki, ex-Cruiser Champion of the World; Gipsy Daniel, Champion of Wales (twice); Harry Reeve, ex-Cruiser Welter Champion of Great Britain; Alf Bright; Louis Deschamps; Harold Rolph; Bob Spiller; Albert Lloyd, Champion of Australia; Charlie Penwill (three times); Fred Tovee; Joe De Pous, and Sergt. King.

He lost to Phil Scot in fifteen rounds and to David Magill at a like distance.

He won the Light-heavy-weight Championship by defeating Sid Pape, of York, at the National Sporting Club, on March 9th, 1925.



Mr. Berry is at present with the 1st Battalion at Aldershot. In his encounter with Frank Fowler at Liverpool on July 13th he went the full twenty rounds, losing the fight on points.



List of non-commissioned officers and men awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (with gratuity):—

The Middlesex Regiment.—6188466 Sergt. P. Bailey; 6188435 Sergt. W. Beazley; 6188473 Sergt. R. Flatman; 6188482 Sergt. W. Green; 6191352 Pte. C. L. Staines.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE Executive Committee meeting was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 25th, 1925.

Present: Lt.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (in the chair), Lt.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lt.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Presidents of the Dinner and Cricket Week Committees explained the arrangements made for holding the annual events. It was decided that tickets for the "At Homes" would not be sent to members, but that members wishing to invite guests could obtain cards from the Hon. Secretary.

ARMY GOLF MEETING.

For the second year in succession a team from the Regiment entered for the Army Golf Championship, the same team that went to Hoylake last year, viz., Major G. L. Brown, Capt. Phillips, Major Bucknall, and Capt. Procter, making the journey to Burnham in Somerset.

Although neither the individual nor the team trophies were gained for the Regiment, the results were an improvement on last year.

In the individual event, Phillips, returning 85, 81—166, was again well within the first ten, and the regularity with which he has occupied this position for several years past marks him down as one of the most consistent players in the Army, and if he could get sufficient first class practice prior to the meeting he would always be a very formidable challenger.

The individual scores of the remainder were:—Procter, 89, 81—170; Bucknall, 87, 87—174; Brown, 88, 88—176.

Bucknall's score, after the reduction of a nine handicap, secured him a tie in the prize lists in both the Army and Army Golfing Society handicap competitions. He was, however, unfortunate in playing off both ties on Thursday afternoon, after a gruelling round in the morning, and failed to produce anything like the form he had shown earlier in the competition,

but eventually secured a silver cigarette case as a prize.

In the first round of the Team Championship on Wednesday the Regiment drew with the Wiltshire Regt., who were semi-finalists' last year, but had no difficulty in winning comfortably, all four of the team proving successful by fairly substantial margins.

In the afternoon we met the South Staffordshire Regiment in the second round, and another substantial victory resulted, Phillips on this occasion being no less than nine up.

Victory in this round entailed a meeting with the Irish Guards in the third round on Thursday, and as this team had defeated the Regimental team in the first round last year we knew what we were up against, and that it would mean everyone producing their best efforts if we were to win.

This, however, was not to be, and although Major Brown had his revenge for his defeat last year by ending one up, and Procter was fortunate in finding Pym in poor form to start with, thus reducing his deficit of last year, Phillips was unable to repeat his victory over Yarborough, for although he himself had an excellent round his opponent was in exceptionally good form. Bucknall's opponent, starting off in a style far above his handicap, gained such a commanding lead early on that only some superhuman play could have wiped it out.

We very much regret that Major Brown may not be available next year as he sailed for India soon after the meeting to join the 2nd Battalion. Sufficient unto the day, however, must be this year's results, and we must hope for the best next year at St. Andrew's.

ANNUAL DINNER.—The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday, June 30th. General Sir Ivor Maxse was in the chair, and there was a larger attendance than any previous year. A part of the very large quantity of plate now at the Depot Mess was exceedingly well displayed upon the table.

The members who attended were:—

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse.	Col. Heath.
Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley.	Col. Passingham.
Col. Lempriere.	Col. Blumfeld.
Col. Savile.	Col. L. G. Oliver.
Col. Pank.	Col. Glover.

Lieut.-Col. Davy.	Capt. Stock.
Lieut.-Col. C. D. Drew.	Capt. Lyon.
Lieut.-Col. Baker.	Capt. Procter.
Lieut.-Col. Cunningham.	Capt. Fox.
Lieut.-Col. Bull.	Capt. Pemel.
Lieut.-Col. Finch.	Capt. Phillips.
Lieut.-Col. Pearson.	Capt. Paul.
Lieut.-Col. Beach.	Capt. Horrocks.
Lieut.-Col. Poole.	Capt. Haydon.
Lieut.-Col. Hayes.	Capt. del Court.
Lieut.-Col. Stewart.	Lieut. Rackham.
Major Percy-Smith.	Lieut. Wray.
Major Tidbury.	Lieut. Mirams.
Major Allott.	Lieut. Weller.
Major Jarrett.	Lieut. Butterfield.
Major Lewey.	Lieut. Pennycook.
Major Arnold.	Lieut. Hudson.
Major Bucknall.	Lieut. Hogg.
Major Bennett.	Lieut. Furlong.
Major Willoughby.	Lieut. Bailey.
Major Dundas.	Lieut. Bostock.
Major M. Browne.	Lieut. Dix-Lewis.
Major Steed.	Lieut. Royffe.
Major Amor.	Lieut. Hedgcock.
Major Pargiter.	Lieut. Parker.
Major B. R. Newman.	Lieut. Clowes.
Capt. Foster.	Lieut. Worton.
Capt. Whinney.	Lieut. Gordon.
Capt. Thorne.	Lieut. Crawford.
Capt. Parmeter.	Lieut. Doidge.
Capt. Burdon.	2/Lieut. Furness.
Capt. Lamont.	2/Lieut. Goulden.
Capt. Paiba.	2/Lieut. Newton.
Capt. Jamieson.	2/Lieut. Lockwood.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.—The Cricket Week, held at Mill Hill on June 29th to July 2nd, was favoured with exceptionally fine weather and largely attended. The wicket and ground were in good condition. Over 300 members and guests were present at the At Homes on July 1st and 2nd. In several respects these functions were an improvement on those of previous years as regards the enclosure, teas and seating accommodation. There was plenty of room both for watching the cricket and for meeting of friends.

Excellent music, supplied by the 1st Battalion band, added greatly to these entertainments, which offered an occasion for many happy reunions and seemed to be generally enjoyed by members and friends.

Names of some of the Members and Guests who attended:—

General Sir Ivor and Lady Maxse, Col. and Mrs. Glover, Col. L. G. Oliver, Col. and Mrs. Passingham, Col. and Mrs. Savile, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Finch and Mr. K. Finch, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pearson, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. G. L.

Oliver, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Poole, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Stewart, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Davy, Lieut.-Col. Cunningham, Lieut.-Col. Rooke, Lieut.-Col. Beach, Lieut.-Col. C. D. Drew, Col. Heath, Major and Mrs. Dundas, Major and Mrs. Pargiter, Major and Mrs. Amor and Mr. E. G. Amor, Major Percy-Smith, Major Browne, Major Steed, Miss Steed, Miss Rene Steed, Major Bennett, Capt. and Mrs. H. E. Foster, Capt. and Mrs. Thorne, Capt. and Mrs. Whieldon, Capt. and Mrs. Paul, Capt. and Mrs. Lyon, Capt. and Miss Procter, Capt. and Miss Stock, Capt. Steed and Mr. R. Steed, Capt. H. Pegrum, Capt. del Court, Capt. Haydon, Lieut. and Mrs. Hudson, Lieut. and Mrs. Mirams, Lieut. and Mrs. Parker, Lieut. Wray, Lieut. Hedgcock, Lieut. L. E. Dashwood, Lieut. and Mrs. Dix-Lewis, Lieut. and Mrs. Butterfield, Lieut. and Mrs. Clowes, Lieut. and Mrs. Bostock, Mrs. and Miss Ash, the Rev. E. H. Cobb, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mrs. Bucknall, Mr. and Mrs. Showler, Alderman B. Todd, Mr. Charles Wright, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. Molz, Mrs. East, Mr. Hamblin, Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Summersell, Mrs. Dew, Mrs. R. D. Longe, and the officers of the Depot.

This was the first year the Regiment had fielded practically a full side, having Lyon, Whinney and Hudson to help from abroad. The first match was against the Royal Fusiliers, a new fixture this year. The Royal Fusiliers batted first, and, thanks to a fifth wicket stand by Lieut.-Col. Clarke and General Sweny, they compiled 147 on a difficult wicket. Our batting failed, and we managed to muster 75 runs only. Lieut.-Col. Clarke and Sutton did the chief damage. Col. Clarke was very difficult to play.

On the second day we played the M.C.C., F. G. D. Coleman bringing down their team. We batted first and obtained 200 runs. Lyon and Paul both played a good innings. The bowling of Hudson and O'Brien was too good for our opponents, who were all out for 64. Latham was in fine form, and materially helped by his excellent wicket-keeping.

We had a most exciting match on the third day, against the Free Foresters, and managed to win by 2 runs.

Batting first, we made 111. Latham played well for 48. The Free Foresters had three wickets in hand and eight runs to get for a win, but thanks to Hudson and O'Brien, who bowled unchanged, we were able to snatch a victory. Major A. Tod nearly saved the game for them by scoring a faultless 46 not out.

On the last day, *versus* the Cryptics, Hudson and O'Brien were again in fine form, and between them took all the wickets for 68 runs.

For us Latham knocked up one of the quickest centuries seen on the Mill Hill ground since the war. Phillips contributed 79 in good style. We made 281 and gained an easy win.

The feature of the week was the excellent bowling of Hudson and O'Brien.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* ROYAL FUSILIERS.

ROYAL FUSILIERS.

R. F. Garnons-Williams, b Hudson	...	8
L./Cpl. Macey, c Lyon b O'Brien	...	8
Capt. E. Chester-Master, b Hudson	...	0
Fus. Ewin, st Latham b Hudson	...	11
Lieut.-Col. A. E. Hewitt, b Hudson	...	2
Col. E. H. Cox, b Hudson	...	1
Lieut.-Col. M. O. Clarke, c and b O'Brien	...	53
Gen. W. F. Sweny, c Whinney b O'Brien	...	21
Capt. C. L. Sutton, c Phillips b Hudson	...	3
Capt. F. A. Sampson, b Jamieson	...	19
P. E. Bromley-Martin, not out	...	0
Extras	...	21

Total ... 147

Bowling Analysis.—E. V. H. Hudson, 6 for 58; Cpl. J. O'Brien, 3 for 57; Capt. C. T. Whinney, nil for 5; Capt. J. Jamieson, 1 for 6.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

J. R. B. Worton, c Sampson b Sutton	...	2
R. D. Latham, c Garnons-Williams b Clarke	...	25
E. V. H. Hudson, c Sweny b Clarke	...	1
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, c Martin b Sutton	...	8
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Sutton	...	2
Capt. J. Jamieson, c Ewin b Clarke	...	2
Capt. H. Phillips, b Clarke	...	0
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, b Sutton	...	9
Capt. N. P. Proctor, c Sweny b Clarke	...	4
C. A. Goulden, run out	...	0
Cpl. J. O'Brien, not out	...	0
Extras	...	16

Total ... 75

Bowling Analysis.—Capt. C. L. Sutton, 4 for 21; Col. M. O. Clarke, 5 for 39.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* M.C.C.

Col. W. F. Parsons b O'Brien	...	1
R. H. Ingle, st Latham b Hudson	...	0
G. L. Hebden, c Lyon b Hudson	...	30
J. H. Falcon, b Hudson	...	5
S. W. C. Dabeyell, st Latham b Hudson	...	0
G. E. Thatchett, b Hudson	...	0
F. G. D. Coleman, b O'Brien	...	6
Cuthbert, c Latham b Hudson	...	0
C. B. Omerod, not out	...	10
R. M. Bell, st Latham b Hudson	...	3
White, b Hudson	...	0
Extras	...	9

Total ... 64

Bowling Analysis.—E. V. H. Hudson, 8 for 33; Cpl. J. O'Brien, 2 for 23.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

R. D. Latham, b Omerod	...	17
J. R. B. Worton, b Omerod	...	0
E. V. H. Hudson, c Hebden	...	26
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, lbw b Bell	...	35
Capt. C. T. Whinney, c Parsons b Falcon	...	1
Capt. J. Jamieson, lbw b Cuthbert	...	12
Major L. L. Pargiter, b Cuthbert	...	12
Capt. H. Phillips, b Cuthbert	...	23
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, c Cuthbert b Omerod	...	35
J. Clowes, not out	...	7
Cpl. J. O'Brien, b Cuthbert	...	19
Extras	...	16

Total ... 200

Bowling Analysis.—C. B. Omerod, 4 for 77; R. M. Bell, 1 for 53; J. H. Falcon, 1 for 77; Cuthbert, 4 for 47.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* FREE FORESTERS.

Major W. G. Sarrell, b O'Brien	...	0
D. Glass, c Whinney b O'Brien	...	15
Major A. Tod, not out	...	40
R. F. Garnons-Williams, b Hudson	...	19
E. F. Mordaunt, b Hudson	...	0
J. E. S. Tyler, b Hudson	...	18
L. Misa, b Hudson	...	3
C. J. Wilson, b Hudson	...	7
Lord Romelly, c Worton b Hudson	...	0
Lieut.-Col. E. Hewitt, b Hudson	...	0
Lieut.-Col. A. S. H. Sloggett, b O'Brien	...	0
Extras	...	1

Total ... 109

Bowling Analysis.—E. V. H. Hudson, 7 for 61; Cpl. J. O'Brien, 3 for 48.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

R. D. Latham, c Tyler b Sarrell	...	48
J. R. B. Worton, c Garnons-Williams b Sloggett	...	0
E. V. H. Hudson, b Sloggett	...	10
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, b Sloggett	...	0
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Tod	...	2
Capt. J. Jamieson, b Tod	...	2
Major L. L. Pargiter, c Tyler b Tod	...	3
Capt. H. Phillips, c Glass b Wilson	...	21
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, b Wilson	...	13
Major A. Arnold, c and b Wilson	...	4
Cpl. J. O'Brien, not out	...	0
Extras	...	5

Total ... 111

Bowling Analysis.—A. S. H. Sloggett, 3 for 28; Major A. Tod, 3 for 40; Major W. G. Sarrell, 1 for 26; C. J. Wilson, 3 for 12.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* CRYPTICS.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

R. D. Latham, c Resher b Walter	...	101
J. R. B. Worton, c H. Brown b Gavin Brown	...	15
E. V. H. Hudson, lbw b Gwynne-Williams	...	1
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, lbw b Gwynne-Williams	...	1
Capt. C. T. Whinney, b Gwynne-Williams	...	3
Capt. J. Jamieson, b Walter	...	6
Major L. L. Pargiter, b Gwynne-Williams	...	14
Capt. H. Phillips, st Cooper b Walter	...	79
J. Clowes, c King b H. S. Brown	...	22
C. A. Goulden, b Churchill	...	22
Cpl. J. O'Brien, not out	...	7
Extras	...	10

Total ... 281

Bowling Analysis.—Not known.

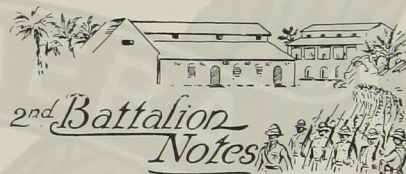
CRYPTICS.

1st Innings.				
E. Resher, b Hudson	...	...	...	0
J. L. King, b Hudson	...	...	...	16
G. R. Walter, c Goulden b Hudson	...	...	...	42
Capt. D. Turnbull, b Hudson	...	...	...	0
H. S. Brown, c and b Hudson	...	...	...	2
G. K. Cooper, not out	...	...	...	0
G. S. Churchill, b Hudson	...	...	...	3
M. Van der Borgh, b O'Brien	...	...	...	0
D. L. Gwynne-Williams, b O'Brien	...	...	...	4
A. Senior, b Hudson	...	...	...	0
W. Gavin-Brown, b Hudson	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	1

Total ... 68

Bowling Analysis.—E. H. H. Hudson, 8 for 40; Cpl. J. O'Brien, 2 for 27.

2nd Innings.—58 (Gwynne-Williams, 13; H. S. Brown, 11).
Bowling Analysis.—E. V. H. Hudson, 7 for 31; Cpl. J. O'Brien, 3 for 21.



LIEUT. S. J. CLARKE passed in Subject (a) at a Promotion Examination held at Poona on 12/1/25.

Bt.-Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., is appointed Instructor at the Small Arms School, Pachmari, 14/1/25.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., qualified at the Fifth Combined Course, 1924, at the Small Arms School, Satara, 10/12/24. (Authority: India Army Order No. 34, dated 17/1/25.)

Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O., is appointed Administrative Commandant, Poona and Kirkee, 2/3/25.

2/Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm, posted to the Battalion to fill an existing vacancy on first appointment from the R.M.C. Disembarked at Bombay *ex* H.M.T. *Assaye*, 20/3/25. Joined Battalion 21/3/25.

Capt. G. N. A. Cursons, M.C., was found permanently unfit for general service and placed on the Half-Pay List. (Authority: *London Gazette*, dated 23/1/25.)

Capt. L. F. Sloane-Stanley, posted to the Battalion to fill an existing vacancy. Disembarked at Bombay *ex* H.M.T. *Assaye*, 20/3/25. Joined Battalion 21/3/25.

Lieut. and Adj. E. P. Manson, M.C., passed in Subject (b) Promotion Examination held in October, 1924.

Lieut. E. T. Pain proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom, 1/4/25.

Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom, 16/3/25.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom, 15/4/25.

Lieut. and Adj. E. P. Manson, M.C., proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom, 15/4/25.

THE ALL-INDIA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

By virtue of winning the Poona District Football Championship the Battalion was eligible to compete for the All-India Cup. The ground selected for the play-off of this competition was at Rawal Pindi, which is some four days' journey from Nagar.

We were lucky in drawing a bye in the first round, and in the second we found that we were due to meet our old opponents, the Durham Light Infantry. When we arrived in Nagar the Durham Light Infantry were about to leave, but we found time for three football matches with them, two of which were draws and one a win for us. Also in the Rovers' Competition we beat this team, so speculation was rife as to the result in the second round. As far as we could judge the betting was about even.

On the night before the match a thunderstorm raged, and our worst fears were realized when we saw the ground. It was in a sodden condition. The match, however, had to be played, so at 8.20 a.m. we kicked off. Our opponents had won the toss, and they decided to play with the sun behind them. The game started with a vigorous attack by our right wing, but the opposing defence frustrated us. The play then shifted to midfield, and, considering the state of the ground, was fast. At last our left broke away, and C.S.M. Siddons sent a stinger towards the Durham Light Infantry goal, but the ball hit the side netting.

First blood was drawn by the Durham Light Infantry. Their outside left shot, the ball striking the post and rebounding into the net. Lincoln might have saved had he not slipped and fell. This set-back got us going, and we took up the offensive. After some clever passing our forwards tried to score, but the enemy custodian saved by giving us a corner. This was fruitless. Just before the interval Flint succeeded in outwitting the backs, and scored.

When the second half commenced the sun was making itself felt, and the play deteriorated in consequence. Each goal was visited in turn, but both defences broke up the forwards' attacks. As time went on the game became slower, the ball being continually put out of play. Hewett looked like scoring several times, but he always failed to meet the ball. Time saw no further score, and owing to the heat it was decided not to play extra time.

Result: 1—1.

SECOND ROUND REPLAY.

The replay took place the next day at 7.30 a.m. The sun had dried the ground, making its condition quite good. The positions of the men of our team were slightly changed. Dack, who usually plays right back, went centre forward, Arnold taking his place.

The crowd of over two thousand who were watching the game were not treated to much excitement at the beginning, for the play was slow and uninteresting. Our defence was taking no chances, and Palmer's well-known kick gave the

Durham Light Infantry forwards something to think about. One of these kicks gave Dack the ball. He passed to Hewett, who centred, allowing Budd to score, but the goal was disallowed, as we were "offside."

The Durhams woke up after this, and their forward line swept up the field. The left wing sent in a high centre, which the inside right headed into goal. Both sides now pressed hard. We had the better part of the game to begin with, but the Durham Light Infantry goalkeeper saved the situation every time. Half-time saw us still down one goal.

At the beginning of the second half we broke away, but Flint's attempt to score was unsuccessful. Our opponents then beat our defence, scoring their second goal. At this stage our position was distinctly precarious, so Palmer went forward; C.S.M. Siddons replaced him. After that the outlook was brighter, for we were given a free kick thirty yards from the enemy goal. Palmer took it. He shot hard and straight, and the ball entered the net via Flint's head. The tide had turned, and we were optimistic.

But the Durhams got away again and their centre-forward scored. After this our play fell off, and a fourth goal was soon added to the total against us. The game ended with the following result:—

Durham Light Infantry, 4; Middlesex Regiment, 1.

This was our first serious defeat for many years. Both games were good, and the better side won.

The Team.—Pte. Lincoln; Pte. Arnold and Sergt./Drmr. Palmer; L./Cpl. Neighbour, Sergt. Capel, and Pte. Smith; Sergt. Hewett, Pte. Budd, Pte. Dack, L./Cpl. Flint, and C.S.M. Siddons.

BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY RUN NOTES.

On Thursday, January 29th, practically the whole Battalion faced the starter behind the wet canteen, but unfortunately we were not going towards it, at least not until we had gone some few miles.

The course was approximately five miles long, and pretty stiff going at that, but there is no need to describe it, as it is still vividly impressed on the minds of most of the Battalion.

The selector of the course, strange as it may seem, got no thanks for his efforts—he was one of the most unpopular men in Ahmednagar that afternoon. His eye for ground was evidently trained in some Tank Corps centre. However, quite a number survived and finished within the allotted time—roughly, two hundred out of a field of approximately six hundred.

"A" Company were the winners with a margin of 1,500 points; about sixty competitors qualified for points. The order was then: "D," "H.Q.1," "B," "C," "H.Q.2."

The first man home was Private Butler, of "C" Company, who completed the course in the excellent time of 29 mins. 53½ secs., with Pte. Poulson (of "D" Company) second, and L./Cpl. Flint (of "A" Company) third.

We hope to see another performance as good, or if possible better, in October next.

CONCERT PARTY.

"The Pothooks" gave their second concert in India on February 23rd and 24th, and judging by the increased receipts our popularity is not diminished.

The Company consisted of Lieuts. Wray and Clark, C.S.M. Rand, L./Cpl. Moss, Drmr. Raymond, and Ptes. Cann, Leonard and Martin.

The biggest successes were C.S.M. Rand ("The Mighty Deep" and "Angus Macdonald"), Pte. Leonard and L./Cpl. Moss with their popular duets and patter, and Pte. Martin, whose monologues met with a very hearty reception, particularly when he gagged at the expense of a certain Warrant Officer of the Battalion.

This time the band contributed largely to the success of the show by accompanying seven of the musical numbers. The remaining songs were accompanied by W.O.-Instr. West, A.E.C., and L./Cpl. Moss.

The concert finished with a musical sketch called "I Like It," taken from the popular winter garden comedy "Kissing Time." In this Pte. Leonard appeared as the ill-used husband, Pte. Cann as his actress wife, Lieut. Clark as her guardian, while C.S.M. Rand wandered gaily about as the wife-stealing dramatist.

S. J. C.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During this quarter we are able to quote quite a number of sporting and social events which have taken place in the Mess. In addition, we have a few new members from the Corporals' Room, and, taking things all round, we are still a happy family. "Pokey Die" still holds "premier place" as regards amusement in the Mess. Besides amusing, the game helps considerably to swell the funds for crippled children. The collection was originally brought into the Mess in Singapore, and since then it has had a permanent place in the "Glory Hole." Members inclined at times to be humorous spin the most terrific "Benders" and for their wickedness they are fined, the money going to help the crippled children. There are numerous other ways of obtaining cash for the box, but as the Editor might object I'll refrain from propounding them.

One of the biggest events lately was the tennis match *versus* the Officers. There isn't much doubt that the officers have the stronger team, but, in spite of all, they only managed to beat us by fifteen games. The match was arranged over two days, and each pair had to play all the opposing pairs, the best two out of three sets. The team who represented the Mess were Colour-Sergt. Pilley, Sergts. Colbourne, Palmer, Fairchild, Wilson and Thompson. The play finished rather early on the second day, and the spectators were invited to play. Our C.O. (Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O.) and R.S.M. Fane make a very good pair. It was rather unfortunate that C.Q.M.S. Smith tried to return one of the C.O.'s "serves" with his eye. Needless to state, the result was not successful except from the spectators' point of view. They seemed highly amused—not so "Smithy," who was very peeved.

On the following day, January 29th, the Battalion cross-country run took place. Practically all the members of the Mess competed, and they nearly all arrived home in the stipulated time. Rather a good result considering the number of "nullahs," "prickly pears," bushes, etc., encountered on the course.

On February 21st we held the first whist drive and dance of the year. Congratulations to C.S.M. Burns and his

committee on the excellent way it was conducted. There were no astonishing scores, and the prizes went to Mrs. Sutherland, 1st, and Mrs. Rand, 2nd. The lucky gentlemen were Sergt. Leatherby, 1st, and C.S.M. Siddons, 2nd. There was a very enjoyable dance afterwards, and we retired thinking that at least one day in Ahmednagar was worth living.

April 9th saw the whole Mess assembled at the 500 yards firing point on the range. The cause of the collection was the annual shoot for the "Kent Cup." Mind you, the shoot did not start at the 500 yards point, but the refreshment tent was erected there, and as the temperature was only about 115 degrees in the shade everybody seemed to develop a thirst. It will probably be sufficient if I state that the range is just on two miles from the barracks, and owing to having a very heavy fall of snow (?) the previous evening all the tram cars (?) were out of order.

There were four practices, 200 yards snapping, 300 yards rapid, 400 and 500 yards application. Taking things all round, there was some good shooting. The results were:—

1st, C.S.M.I.M. Cox	76
2nd, Sergt. Hart	68
3rd, C.S.M. Siddons and C.Q.M.S. O'Brien	52
4th, R.S.M. Fane, Sergt. Hazeldene, and C.Q.M.S. Smith	49
Wooden Spoon, Sergt. Tiller	6

The "Kent Spoon" is a new addition to the Mess, and in future will be a permanent fixture. It has been made very handsomely by our new Pioneer-Sergt. Ingle on his advent in the Mess.

Another whist drive and dance was held on April 11th. Mrs. Siddons won the 1st prize, and Mrs. Rand 2nd, while Sergts. Capel and Colbourne won 1st and 2nd prizes respectively. The usual dance followed, and we had a very enjoyable evening.

On Easter Monday (April 13th) eleven members of the Mess "togged" themselves out in football kit and went to do battle against the Officers. They were not entirely unsuccessful, as they managed to beat them by a comfortable margin of five goals to nil. The members who represented the Mess were: Sergt. Connors, Sergt. Colbourne, C.S.M.

Siddons, Sergt. Mason, R.Q.M.S. Baker, Sergts. Simmonds, Beaveridge, Burgess, Tiller, Hewitt, and Glover. We could have turned out a much stronger team, but our deductions were correct in thinking the above team were strong enough. The result may be very different next time, however, when the Officers pick the Officers' team and *vice versa*.

I cannot stop without letting the world know that the members of the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Tank Corps, again challenged us to tennis and billiards on April 18th. Results this time were much more favourable. In the tennis we finished with 76 games each, and in the snooker and billiards we each won two games.

Congratulations to Cpl. Ingle on his promotion to Sergeant (Pioneer Sergeant), and also to Sergts. Beaveridge and Palmer on their appointments to Sergeant Master Cook and Sergeant Drummer respectively.

Congratulations also to Sergts. Rand and Burns on their promotions to Warrent Officer, Class II, and to Sergts. O'Brien and Kent on being promoted to Colour Sergeants (C.Q.M.S.).

During last month we have a great addition to the Mess, namely, a "clock golf" course. There will be a tournament held in the near future to see who really is the "pro." Some of the members think they are "it," but if this happens to catch the eye of Vardon I don't think he will be very upset about it.

At last we have got our new tennis and Badminton courts finished, or, rather, not quite finished but well on the way: that is to say, the sites for where the courts will eventually be have been selected. The O.C. Pioneer Platoon has given his expert views on the subject, and says the courts will be ready to play on in six weeks, but I am afraid if it were put to the vote the average time given to finish would be about twelve months.

I will close down now, and next quarter hope to be able to report the completion of the above courts (perhaps?).

"A" COMPANY.

We are at present in the midst of individual training, and consequently have very little time for anything except "On Guard," "Gun Stops," etc. This will

continue for at least another six weeks, and then we hope to settle down to a fairly cushy time.

The Company has been doing very well, both in the sports and amusement line. We have held two dances, which proved a tremendous success. There is no doubt that the popularity of our dances is largely due to the efforts of the Jazz Band. This energetic little body is four mandolin players and one banjo player, and when they "get going" with the piano there is no doubt they are "it." They deserve great credit, as all their performances are purely voluntary. It is strongly rumoured that they will take a leading part in the next Regimental Concert.

Another great attraction is the Company Magazine. This is published monthly, and the sales have far exceeded all expectations. It has been christened "The Pioneer," and we have printed copies for March and April. The troops eagerly look forward to each publication. This month (April) we arranged a football competition, and next month we hope to run a cross-word puzzle. The prizes, of course, are not very large, but at the same time these small competitions considerably assist the sale of the magazine.

We have had two or three new arrivals to the Company. Lieut. Chisholm has joined us from Blighty, and Sergt. Connors has come to us from "B" Company. Cpl. Buckley has also joined the Company, from "H.Q." Wing.

Sergt. Massey has just rejoined from a course at the Small Arms School, Satara, where I believe he has done exceptionally well.

L./Cpl. Clarke has recently left us to proceed on a three months' Educational Course at Belgaum.

We started the year well, in the way of sport, by winning the Battalion Cross-Country run; every able-bodied man was entered, and a very creditable number finished within the allotted time. L./Cpl. Flint put up an excellent performance, finishing third. We won by a margin of an odd 1,500 points.

Then No. 4 Platoon won the Battalion Inter-Platoon Football, after a very hard struggle, thus winning the shield and medals. No. 3 Platoon were knocked out

in the semi-final, No. 1 Platoon in the third round, and No. 2 Platoon in the first round.

On the return of half the Company from the Fort we started to play off the Inter-Platoon Football in the Company. This was won by No. 2 Platoon, with No. 4 Platoon a close second, No. 1 Platoon third, and No. 3 Platoon fourth. We are now starting on Inter-Platoon Cricket.

We finished up third in the Battalion Football League; our style was rather cramped in two matches by having five of our team away with the Regimental team at Rawal Pindi. We congratulate them all on representing the Battalion. The Company team put up an exceedingly good show in their last match, against "B" Company, whom they defeated 2—0, although being without the services of Sergt. Capel.

At present we are concerned with cricket; we are quietly optimistic about the results of the League.

"B" COMPANY.

Since the beginning of April the whole Company has been back at East Ridge, after another two months' sojourn at the Fort. We have again lost Major Grove White, who is now Second-in-Command, and we have Capt. V. J. Garrow as Company Commander. C.S.M. Burns, who quite a few of us remember, has taken over the duties of Company Sergeant-Major, and he knows us pretty well.

Ahmednagar has been quiet lately, and we have not been able to run our usual whist drives and dances, owing to the majority of the Company being at the Fort, but now that we are settled down we hope to restart them. We have lost some of our members during the last two months—some to the Machine Gunners, others to the Signals.

In the Company Football League for 1925 we did much better than last year, and although we did not win the shield we came out a good second, having won six matches and drawn one out of ten matches played. No. 8 Platoon reached the semi-finals, where they were beaten by No. 4 1—0, after a drawn game. No. 6 Platoon also did well, but were

unlucky in that No. 6 had to play the two other "B" Company platoons in the first and second rounds.

The Cricket League is just starting, and we hope to do well, but have not got as good a team as last year, Sergt. Wilson, one of our best bowlers, being on leave in England.

In the Battalion Cross-Country run we finished up fourth. The course was an extremely stiff one, and the going hard. Two of "B" Company did well in the Billiards Tournament, Ptes. Lincoln and Stone being winner and runner-up in a Handicap Billiards Tournament at the beginning of the year, while Lincoln also won an open Snooker Tournament held more recently.

The Company has bought a silver challenge shield to be competed for annually by platoons, and we hope to get the first year's contest started as soon as the Company is available again.

"BEE KOL."

"C" COMPANY.

We have been busy playing off our Company and Platoon Football Leagues for 1925.

In the Company League we fared badly, eventually finishing the League by manfully bearing the weight of the remaining teams upon our weary shoulders. In the Platoon League some keenly contested games were seen. No. 10 once again finished on top, the runners-up being No. 12.

L./Cpl. Cook has been performing with the mittens again, and we must congratulate him on winning his weight in the District Tournament. He had some very hard fights, having to give away inches in height and reach in every fight, and great credit must be given him for his success, as in the semi-final and final bouts he was fighting with his right hand almost useless. In his attempt to win further laurels, in the All-India Tournament, he was unfortunate to lose on points in the semi-finals. This bout was described (by the people who know) as the finest bout seen during the Tournament.

Several changes have occurred in the Company during the last quarter.

Lieut. Pain has left us for leave in the United Kingdom.

Sergt. Burns has been transferred to "B" Company, on his promotion to Company Sergeant-Major.

Sergts. Simmonds and Hart have been posted to us from "B" Company to make up the establishment.

Sergt. Banfield has returned, after having a splendid holiday with the Poona Rifles. He is at present assisting "D" Company to carry on, owing to several of their sergeants taking a trip to Wembley.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Rand and C.Q.M.S. O'Brien on their promotion. We are very pleased to know they are remaining with the Company, and wish them every success.

The I.M.S. are still weeding out the aged and infirm. If they continue these outbursts of Medical Boards we shall have to indent on the Quartermaster for some new soldiers (?). "We have heard he keeps them in boxes."

At present the Company is finding a detachment for the Fort; therefore, little can be done in the sports line until next month, when all our star performers return from their various employments to enjoy our Individual Training.

"D" COMPANY.

Nothing very exciting has happened, except individual training, which now occupies most of our time. One might with imagination call that exciting, or, on the other hand, one might not. Judging by the opinion of the "employed men" the latter is the case.

We have lost our Company Commander, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and most of our senior N.C.Os. They have all gone on leave. Lieut. A. N. Overell has taken over command, and Sergt. Hill has been transferred from "B" Company to take over the duties of C.S.M.

Our social life has not been hectic lately, but the few shows we have had have been enjoyable. Shortly we are starting a series of whist drives, and rumour has it that our Entertainment Committee has something else up their sleeve.

We finished up fourth in the Company Championship with a total of 42½ points to our credit. Next year we hope to claim a higher position.

FOOTBALL.

We have certainly not much to write home about regarding the Inter-Company Football League, which has at the time of writing just concluded. Our record was:—Played, 10; won, 2; lost, 3; drawn, 5, points, 9. We are placed fourth on the League Table, which is certainly an improvement on last time, when we finished fifth. There is nothing radically wrong with our team, but there is room for improvement, and we will endeavour to astonish our critics by coming out on top next time.

"H.Q.1" may, however, not see eye to eye with us on that point, but wait and see. The team that represented the Company was: Ptes. Rutland, Loom, Baker, and Webb, L./Cpl. Neighbour, Ptes. Poulson, Rowe and Turley, Cpl. Myland, L./Cpls. Crawley and Addinall. Cpl. Myland, our most prolific goal-scorer, evidently left his shooting boots off. We hope that some of the latter will be found in the new consignment of boots recently purchased by the Company. We have two members of the Company in the Regimental team, viz., L./Cpl. Neighbour and Pte. Turley. Whilst not being very successful in the Company League, we have better things to record of our prowess in the Battalion Platoon Knockout Competition. No. 16 Platoon gave a very good account of themselves, and succeeded in reaching the final. They lost, however, by one goal to nil to No. 4 Platoon of "A" Company. The latter were undoubtedly the better team, and we offer our congratulations to "A" Company.

We now turn our thoughts to cricket, and hope that, in spite of losing many of our best batsmen, we may lower the colours of the other companies.

SKIPPER.

IT AIN'T GOING TO FIRE NO MORE.

The gun was firing quite O.K.,
Stops third, the Sergeant cried;
Fires a few rounds and stops again;
Then change the cartridge guide.

For it ain't going to fire no more, no more,

It ain't going to fire no more,
But how in the world does No. 1 know
That it ain't going to fire no more.

The gun was firing like a peach,
Then stopped with quite a jolt,
An empty case was in the breach,
Extractor's broke—new bolt.

There is a twelfth commandant,
Which is not in S.A.T.,
Thou shalt not strip a loaded gun
If you wish to get a "D."

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

We have been to brigade camp, where our Machine Gun Platoon, together with the Machine Gun Platoons of the Sikhs, Mahrattas and Rajputs were under command of our Platoon Officer, who was Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

About the middle of February we lost half our Platoon, among them being good sportsmen, and since we have noticed several of them in rival company football teams.

At the beginning of April we obtained our new sections, and these also included some good sportsmen.

Our latest hobbies are poultry farming and knitting. Cpl. Lione had some trouble the other day owing to two of his pigeons getting as far as Bombay, to be stopped owing to not being in possession of a passport.

"H.Q.1" won the Football League for the second year in succession, and the team includes six machine gunners. Incidentally this team has not suffered defeat for two seasons.

Sergt. Hewett represented the machine gunners in the All-India Football Cup at Rawal Pindi.

Since the last time of writing we must congratulate Cpl. Ruff on returning from the Machine Gun School with a "D," and Cpls. Hatfield and Richardson with obtaining very good certificates.

We welcome to our fold several late arrivals from England, amongst these being L./Cpl. Noakes, and his second appearance in the Battalion is rather different to the first. He already aspires to the position of platoon commander.

Cross word puzzles, mechanism and I.A., form a source of trouble to our new gunners, and they are beginning to think that they are earning their pay at last.

This must have some effect on their eyesight, as when it comes to laying an aim a certain corporal swears on oath that his team is blind, but they are progressing as well as can be expected.

We must congratulate L./Sergt. Mason and Cpl. Howard (59) on passing their promotion examination.

We do not lack amusement here, as Cpl. Lione entertains us with a series of shadow displays once nightly on a sheet, and is very deserving of the applause he gets for his noble efforts.

We also congratulate Ptes. Boen and Meddons on their promotion to Lance-Corporals, and on passing an Animal Management Course at Poona.

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Capt. R. N. Moore on his leaving us to take over the duties of Adjutant.

STEAM TUBE.

BAND.

Since our last, nothing out of the ordinary has happened, excepting a four days' visit to Poona.

We were the guests of the bandsmen of the Royal West Kent Regiment. We contested them in as many games as time would permit.

The honours were more or less shared, the Royal West Kents winning the hockey and billiards and ourselves the football and tennis.

We are now a very small community, owing to seven of our members being on leave in England. The handicap is not so great as might be expected.

We were unlucky in the Platoon Football, being knocked out in the second round.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Berry on being awarded his First Class Certificate of Education, and to L./Cpl. Secretan on passing his promotion examination. We held a Band Dance some weeks ago. A small band of Volunteers, under L./Cpl. Secretan, supplied the music, and I think on the whole that everyone enjoyed the evening, including "Piggy," who ran the bar.

Our Bandmaster has now quite recovered from his illness, and Sergt. Glover is now settled down and relieved of the responsibility he has been shouldering for the last twelve months.

SAGUE.

CODA.

What does "Roll on" mean?

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To whom is the song, "Stuffers going West, lads" dedicated?

BOLA BRASSES.

DRUMS.

As this is our first contribution to the Journal I should like to say a few words about our sports, which were held on Armistice Day last, and which turned out a great success.

A cup was presented by our late Adjutant, Lieut. E. P. Manson, M.C. It is to be competed for every year by Drums and Flutes. It is now held by the Drums, who were the victors by the narrow margin of ten points.

The Band was in attendance, and played a very good programme. Tea was also provided for the married families, and on the whole I don't think there was anyone who was dissatisfied with the show that was put up by such a small number as we are, our total strength being 32.

Of course Sergt.-Drmr. Palmer did not compete, or I am afraid the Drums would not be in possession of the cup to-day, as he is an all-round sportsman and possesses quite a large number of medals for every kind of sport.

We wish our old and new Company Commanders the best of success on taking over their new appointments.

Before closing, we compliment Drmr. Clarke on winning a snooker cup and thus adding to our collection of silver.

"BRIAN BRO."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is our Sergeant-Drummer going in for any more *hard hitters'* medals?

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When will Drmr. Bugden return from England, so that we can get "Ash Grove" out again?

SIGNAL SECTION.

In all branches of work and play we are pleased to report excellent results. The reports of our classification from the higher authorities were excellent.

Pte. Jelly was top with the aggregate of 99.65, Pte. Lee (since made Lance-Corporal) second with 99.60.

Our other successes have been to obtain second place in the Assault-at-Arms Signalling Competition; a report of "Very satisfactory" in our Collective Tests; and last, but not least, a first class average in our Musketry Course.

At sports our defeats have been few and our victories numerous. The Tank Corps suffered at our hands at both hockey and football. ('Nuff said.)

We wish Ptes. Card and White, who have proceeded to the United Kingdom for discharge, every success in civilian life. We also hope that Sergt. Thompson will enjoy his six months' leave in Blighty.

Cpl. Buckby has left us for a spell of duty.

Congratulations to Cpl. Denchfield on passing his promotion examination.

Ptes. Lee and Gray have also joined the ruling class, and we wish them every success as Lance-Corporals.

We close our notes with a hearty welcome to our new Company Commander (Capt. Sloane-Stanley), and to our new class of Signallers, who we hope will do as well as their predecessors.

"FLAG BASHER."

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Appointed Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant.—6188421 C.S.M.I.M. H. Baker, D.C.M., 30/12/24.

Appointed Company Sergeant-Major Instructor of Musketry.—6188655 C.S.M. S. Cox, 30/12/24.

Promoted W.O. Class II and appointed C.S.M.—6191917 Sergt. E. Burns, and 6188360 Sergt. H. Rand, 28/1/25.

Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal.—6189289 L./Cpl. W. Hathaway, 24/12/24.

Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal.—5987437 Pte. G. Reed, 6191866 Pte. W. Budd, 6192836 Pte. C. Stewart, 6192837 Pte. D. Williams, 6191039 Pte. H. Meddons, 6191673 Pte. A. Boen, 6189121 Dmr. F. Gribble, 31/1/25; 6189394 Bdsman. W. Kemp, 3/1/25; 6193073 Pte. W. Waterman, 10/1/25; 6189509 Pte. A. Grimmett, 7/2/25.

Promoted Sergeant and appointed Sergeant-Master-Cook.—6191945 L./Cpl. J. Beveridge, 28/1/25.

Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant.—6191047 Cpl. E. Hazeldene, 22/10/24; 6190826 Cpl. T. Tiller, 17/2/25.

Promoted Corporal.—6189464 Pte. S. Burgess, 6191178 L./Cpl. V. Hall, 6193751 L./Cpl. A. Wright, 6192538 L./Cpl. S. Bishop, 11/11/24; 6191807 L./Cpl. F. Denchfield, 27/12/24; 6188994 L./Cpl. J. Brown, 4/2/25; 6190571 L./Cpl. S. Copelin, 24/2/25; 6194200 L./Cpl. L. Johnson, 27/2/25.

Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal.—6190571 L./Cpl. S. Copelin, 6194200 L./Cpl. L. Johnson, 6192364 L./Cpl. A. Clark, 11/11/24; 6194191 L./Cpl. W. Millbery, 27/12/24; 6194548 L./Cpl. E. Jenkin, 6191792 L./Cpl. C. Gwinnett, 27/1/25; 6192328 L./Cpl. E. Fisher, 28/1/25; 6193442 L./Cpl. E. Wright, 4/2/25; 6191639 L./Cpl. W. Adams, 6191514 L./Cpl. F. Fisher, 27/2/25; 6191667 L./Cpl. G. Williamson, 5/3/25; 6192521 L./Cpl. R. Baldwin, 13/4/25.

Promoted Colour-Sergeant and appointed Company Quartermaster-Sergeant.—6188523 Sergt. C. Kent, 4/2/25; 6192662 Sergt. E. O'Brien, 27/2/25.

Promoted Sergeant and appointed Sergeant-Drummer.—6189226 Cpl. W. Palmer, 4/2/25.

Promoted Sergeant and appointed Pioneer-Sergeant.—6190197 Cpl. S. Ingle, 27/2/25.

Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal.—6199215 Pte. J. Dyer, 20/3/25; 6192708 Pte. J. Davis, 2/4/25.

BIRTHS.

CUSHION.—On January 6th, 1925, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6188419 C.Q.M.S. F. Cushion, a son, Lawrence Edward.

PLATT.—On January 14th, 1925, at Ahmednagar, the wife of No. 6191939 Pte. T. Platt—a daughter, Margaret Primrose Ellen.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

The undermentioned warrant-officers, non-commissioned officers and men have extended their service to complete twelve years with the Colours:—

6192130 Sergt. E. Margrave.
6190901 Sergt. F. Hill.
6188746 Sergt. C. Cox.
6191923 Pte. H. Frewin.

6189754 L./Sergt. F. Draper.
6191581 Sergt. R. Colbourne.
6190335 Sergt. W. Leatherby.
6191568 C.S.M. C. Davis.
6192703 Pte. W. Bryan.
6189609 Pte. W. Sears.
6189464 Cpl. S. Burgess.
6190336 Sergt. L. Simmonds.

DECREASE OF STRENGTH.

Transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps (w.e.f. 8/1/25).—6193967 Pte. A. Morgan.

Discharged from the Service, 12/4/25, under para. 363 (viii) K.R., at his own request on payment under Art. 1001 (a) Pay Warrant, 1922.—6193882 L./Cpl. S. Hunt.

LEAVE TO UNITED KINGDOM.

The undermentioned proceeded to the United Kingdom, on being granted six months' leave:—

6192130 Sergt. E. Margrave.
6189109 Sergt. W. Thompson.
6189138 Sergt. F. Peck.
6189414 Bdsman. P. Gower.
6189775 Dmr. F. Bugden.
6189398 Bdsman. E. Jennings.
6189493 Dmr. E. Wilby.
6189121 L./Cpl. F. Gribble.
6189483 Bdsman. S. Dark.
6188917 Cpl. W. Harwood.
6188629 Sergt. S. Wilson.
6190335 Sergt. W. Leatherby.
6189325 Bdsman. W. Davis.
6189508 Dmr. R. Cross.
6189394 L./Cpl. W. Kemp.
6189399 Bdsman. F. Kingham.
6190803 Cpl. W. Patterson.
6191568 C.S.M. C. Davis.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Qualified Q.I. at the Fifth Combined Course at the Small Arms School, Satara, 10/12/24.—6192130 Sergt. E. Margrave, 6188629 Sergt. S. Wilson.

Qualified Second Class at the Army School of Physical Training, Ambala, 20/12/24.—6190335 Sergt. W. Leatherby.

Qualified at the First Qualifying Machine Gun Course, Ahmednagar, 2/3/25.—6190780 Cpl. G. Hatfield.

Passed Course of Instruction in Veterinary First Aid and Animal Hygiene at Army Veterinary School, Poona, 16/3/25.—6191039 L./Cpl. H. Meddams, 6191673 L./Cpl. A. Boen.



C.S.M.I.M. S. COX,
Winner "Kent Cup," 1925.

WHAT'S YOURS?
Ours is news please
and double measure!

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. R. F. WESTMACOTT.

LIEUT.-COL. RUSCOMBE FIELD WESTMACOTT, who recently passed away at his home, Edington, near Bridgwater, Somerset, at the age of 75, was gazetted to the 77th Foot in October, 1869, and served with the Battalion on its return from India in England and Ireland.

He served on the staff during the Zulu War, 1879, as A.D.C. to Gen. Sir Henry Clifford, at the time when the Prince Imperial was killed, and I have now a photograph of Capt. Westmacott holding a white pony which belonged to the Prince, and which he afterwards purchased. He rejoined the 77th Regiment in India, and went with the Battalion to Burma, and was serving with it at the time the old members were changed to Territorial titles.

In 1890 he was promoted Major in the Lancashire Fusiliers, and in 1897 he retired, and was placed on the Reserve of Officers, being later on appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Reserve.

During the Great War Col. Westmacott rendered useful service on the Ex-Service Men's Pension Committee.

He was a staunch Conservative, and frequently spoke at local meetings for that party.

Col. Westmacott was a good horseman, and always of a cheery disposition, a faithful friend, and a great lover of his old Regiment, and always attended the 77th Dinner Club as long as it existed.

In the latter part of his life he was a great cripple from rheumatism, and was unable to leave his estate, where he was well known and esteemed.

G. W. W. S.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Edington Churchyard on Monday afternoon amid many evidences of deep respect from a large and sympathetic gathering, which included many relatives, friends, and tenants on the late Colonel's estate, and the villagers.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. G. Cooper (Vicar of Edington), assisted by the Rev. W. J. Leigh Philips

(Vicar of Burtle), and the Rev. J. R. Hearn (Rural Dean and Vicar of Moorlinch).

The chief mourners were Capt. H. F. Westmacott (son), Miss Westmacott (daughter), Canon and Mrs. Westmacott (brother and sister-in-law), and Major T. H. Westmacott (nephew).

Among the many present to pay a last tribute of respect were: Sir William Morrison, Sir Alexander Bethell, the Earl of Clonmell, Admiral Sir Wm. Nicholson, Lord Henry Fitzgerald, Col. G. R. Poole, Major P. Carew, Dr. Campbell, Dr. W. Thomson, Dr. King, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Aldridge, Miss Luttrell (Badgworth), Col. B. A. Warry, Major and Mrs. E. F. Browning, Capt. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Col. Begbie, Major and Mrs. Sargeant, Rev. Parsons, Col. and Miss Perkins, Miss Jones, Mr. G. Whitley, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Seamer, Miss Collings, Mr. C. W. M. Greenhill, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Hibberd, Mr. A. Hughes, Mrs. Ruston, and many others.

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

"ON THE STEPS OF THE TEMPLE."

ORIGINAL SKETCH

BY MAJOR W. LLOYD-JONES, D.S.O.
(Late the Middlesex Regiment.)

"And whoso will from pride released,
Condemning neither creed nor Priest,
May feel the soul of all the East
With Bhudda at Kamakava."

GEORGIE WILLIAMS was a chubby little half-caste boy of some six summers. The youngest of a large family, he used to spend a good deal of his time playing in the court-yard of the Buddhist Temple near his home. His great friend was old Bhuddo, the head of the little community who used to tell him long stories, and frequently produce sweetmeats from his voluminous yellow robe. Georgie's mother, a full-blooded Tamil, rather encouraged this habit than otherwise, as she knew that the boy would come to no harm in the Temple, and was certainly safer there than playing in the highway or by the river. Georgie's father, a time-expired soldier, had died of

drink long ago. His mother was by way of being a Hindoo, but, like most of her kind, respected all priests, and frequently sent offerings of food to the Temple. Georgie's flapper sisters, however, were not so broad-minded. They looked down on natives, and regularly frequented the Convent near by. They also wore silk stockings and European underclothes, and had even been seen making eyes at the Eurasian clerks who sang in the choir.

The eldest, Marjorie—they always pronounced it Marjoree—was now sixteen, and began to take her little brother in hand. Whenever she could catch him she used to make him wash his hands and brush his hair, and eventually dragged him off, an unwilling victim, to the Infant School attached to the Convent. Georgie did not take at all kindly to the discipline, and found the effort of having to always talk English particularly irksome. For one thing, he thought in Tamil. When the sisters tried to explain to him about a new God and a very important goddess called Mariam he pretended not to understand.

Up till then George had not taken much interest in religion, except, of course, to join any procession that might pass through the village, irrespective of creed. This new teaching was very puzzling, but one thing he could not accept. The sisters told him that he must not go to the Temple, and that his old friends were not really priests but lazy old beggars.

One day Marjorie had caught him laying an offering of flowers on the Temple steps, and had severely scolded him, and even threatened to slap him, should he do such a thing again.

Now Georgie was very loyal to his old friend Bhuddo, and did not in his heart believe that the sleek young men in beautiful robes who came to the Convent on feast days were "holy men" at all. For one thing, he had seen the fat one, called Father Barnabas Joseph, deliberately smile at his pretty sister on the way home from Mass. Old Bhuddo would always avert his eyes from a woman.

One morning Georgie determined to bring matters to a head, so evading the vigilance of his sisters he ran off to the Temple and clanged the great bell, as was his wont aforetime.

In a few moments old Bhuddo appeared with his shaven head and saffron robe.

Upon seeing his little visitor a smile lit up his parched and wizened old countenance. "Ohé, it is the little Sahib come again to see his old friend. Thy old Bhuddo had missed the childish prattle, but no doubt thou art now too busy absorbing wisdom at the school to play baby games in the dust among the palm trees."

Frowning a little, Georgie replied: "Oh, Bhuddo, I do not like the great school. They make me sit still for hours at a time on a chair," and then bursting into tears he sobbed. "They tell me that thy gods are false, and that thou, oh, my friend"—clutching at Bhuddo's robe—"art no true priest."

The old man sat down on the steps leading up to the Temple, and, patting Georgie's head, said:

"Listen well to the teaching of the good sisters, for to learn wisdom is to acquire merit. Here we try to follow the way, and as for the matter of the gods, I think, little one, that surely God is everywhere."

DEPOT NOTES.

AS usual we are working at high speed, with our full complement of five squads undergoing training.

A draft of twenty-three joined the 1st Battalion on July 8th, and one of twenty on August 7th.

Major-General Sir Henry Hodgson, G.O.C. Home Counties Area, paid us a visit on June 16th. He inspected the squads at training, the barracks and institutes, and afterwards lunched with the officers.

A competition, open to all those who work an allotment, was judged on July 8th. The conditions were:—

- (a) Variety of vegetables.
- (b) Condition of crops.
- (c) Condition of soil.
- (d) General outlay and neatness.

The order of merit and winners of prizes were:—

- 1st, C.Q.M.S. Gray.
- 2nd, Sergt. Tugate.
- 3rd, L./Cpl. Arnaboldi.

An *en tout cas* lawn tennis court has just been completed in barracks, and will, we hope, provide amusement for all ranks who are keen on lawn tennis.

Our lecture room and theatre has been entirely redecorated. A complete set of coloured prints cover the walls, and there are new curtains and other improvements. It is now a thoroughly comfortable, up-to-date and attractive institute.

The percentage of Certificates of Education gained by recruits at this Depot is greater than any other depot in the Eastern Command.

Pte. Elliott, of "Ladysmith" Squad, by obtaining 108 points out of a possible 120 points in Part III, Table "A," has beaten the previous record score at this Depot.

The previous record, of 103, was obtained by L./Cpl. Knock, of "Mons" Squad, in 1924.

In the Rapid Practice, Pte. Elliott obtained the highest possible score.

"Nivelle" Squad obtained an average score of 81.5.

This is the highest average obtained by any squad since the reorganization of the Depot in 1923.

"Pool Bull" Shooting now takes place four evenings in every week on the Miniature Range. There are separate "pools" for the Depot staff and for recruits. The attendances are very good, and great enthusiasm is shown. The arrangements are ably supervised by Sergt. Griffin.

SPORTS NOTES.

The outstanding event of this quarter was, of course, the Annual Sports Meeting, put off from Albuhera Day in order that we might have the welcome presence of the 1st Battalion Band. All agreed that it was well worth while, and our sincere thanks are due to Col. Stewart for allowing the Band to come, and to Bandmaster Clark and his bandmen for the excellent programme which they gave us. Details of the results of the sports will be found elsewhere, but this opportunity cannot pass without reference to the excellent gymnastic display put up by selected recruits of "Ladysmith" II Squad (Sergt. Goldstraw). C.S.M.I. Elliott is to be heartily congratulated on the success which he has accomplished as a result of untiring and painstaking energy on the part of himself, his assistant instructors and the recruits concerned.

Chiefly owing to the approach of the sports there has been a lull in other games, but an offensive has now been launched, with excellent results. Pass-ball is the craze at the moment. A colossal Recruits' League and a smaller Depot Staff League competitions are in full swing, details of which are given below. An Inter-Squad Cricket League and a Depot Six-a-side Hockey League have been initiated. More will be heard of these in the next issue.

Last, but, it is hoped, by no means least, comes the Depot Sports Ladder. This is a new adventure. Particulars are given below, but it does not yet pretend to be true to form. There has not been sufficient time since its initiation for that.

RECRUITS' PASS-BALL LEAGUE—15/7/25

			P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for.	Lge. p'stu.
"N"	3	L./Cpl. Wilson	11	10	0	1	20	1
"A"	1	Sgt. Hart	7	7	0	0	14	2
"A"	2	Cpl. Kelly	8	5	1	2	11	3
"M"	2	Cpl. Stacey	8	5	1	2	11	3
"M"	1	L./Cpl. Short	9	5	1	3	11	4
"A"	3	L./Sgt. Cobbett	8	2	2	4	6	5
"M"	3	Sgt. Wilcockson	5	2	2	1	6	6
"Y"	3	Sgt. Darby	4	1	1	2	3	7
"Y"	2	L./Cpl. Bearne	3	1	1	1	3	8
"L"	3	L./Cpl. Aldridge	7	1	1	5	3	9
"L"	1	Sgt. Goldstraw	7	1	1	5	3	10
"I"	2	Cpl. Steward	7	1	1	5	3	10
"N"	1	Cpl. Ecclestone	3	0	1	3	1	11
"N"	2	L./Sgt. Trapp	4	0	0	4	0	12
"Y"	1	L./Sgt. Taylor	4	0	1	3	1	13

DEPOT STAFF PASS-BALL LEAGUE—15/7/25.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points For.	Agst.	Ige. points
Sergeants ...	3	3	0	0	21	5	6
Privates " B " ...	4	1	2	1	8	10	4
Officers ...	3	1	1	1	12	13	3
Corporals ...	3	1	0	2	9	10	2
Privates " A " ...	3	0	1	2	5	17	1

DEPOT SPORTS LADDER.

Six-a-side Hockey.—1, Corporals; 2, Ypres IV; 3, Sergeants; 4, Mons IV; 5, Officers; 6, Privates D.S.; 7, Nivelle IV; 8, Albuhera IV.

Pass Ball.—1, Ypres; 2, Nivelle IV; 3, Privates D.S.; 4, Mons IV; 5, Sergeants; 6, Officers; 7, Albuhera IV; 8, Corporals.

Quoits.—1, Sergeants; 2, Nivelle IV; 3, Corporals; 4, Ypres IV; 5, Officers; 6, Mons IV; 7, Albuhera IV; 8, Privates D.S.

Tug-of-War.—1, Sergeants; 2, Ypres IV; 3, Officers; 4, Mons IV; 5, Corporals; 6, Nivelle IV; 7, Privates D.S.; 8, Albuhera IV.

Shooting.—1, Corporals; 2, Ypres IV; 3, Nivelle IV; 4, Officers; 5, Privates D.S.; 6, Mons IV; 7, Sergeants; 8, Albuhera IV.

ANNUAL DEPOT SPORTS.

The Annual Depot Sports were held on the cricket ground on Friday, July 3rd, 1923, the day after the Officers' Club Cricket Week. This proved to be a most satisfactory arrangement, as, apart from the fact that almost everything was ready, we were also fortunate enough to have the 1st Battalion Band with us, which assured the unqualified social success which the day proved to be, and details of which are given elsewhere. Among the many visitors we were particularly pleased to see and welcome the contingent from the 1st Battalion. We hope they enjoyed themselves, and that they will come again. The results of the sports are given below.

The outstanding performances were those of Sergt. Darby and Pte. Patterson (Mons), who walked away with the Depot Staff Individual Championship and the Recruits' Individual Championship respectively. Much has already been heard of Sergt. Darby in the realms of regimental sport, and much will be heard of Pte. Patterson, who is a really good runner.

"Mons" IV (Sergt. Wilkinson) chiefly due to Pte. Patterson, easily won the Inter-Squad Athletic Shield, with "Albuhera" IV (Sergt. Hart) a distant second. Just before the tea interval "Ladysmith" II (Sergt. Goldstraw) provided us with an excellent gymnastic display.

C.S.M.I. Elliott, his assistants, and the recruits of this squad are to be congratulated on their performance.

A word of praise and thanks is due to Major Bucknall and his Committee for the able manner in which the meeting was organized and carried through. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Pearson very kindly presented the prizes as follows:—

Recruits' Tug-of-War.—1st "Ladysmith" Squad (Sergt. Goldstraw); 2nd, "Mons" Squad (Sergt. Wilcockson).

Mess Tug-of-War.—1st, Sergeants; 2nd, Privates.

Recruits' Long Jump.—1st, Pte. Patterson, 15ft. 8in.; 2nd, Pte. Miller, 15ft. 5in.; 3rd, Pte. Doe, 14ft. 3in.

Putting Shot (Final).—1st, Sergt. Darby, 30ft. 7½in.; 2nd, Sergt. Clements, 26ft. 5in.; 3rd, L./Cpl. Foley, 25ft. 10½in.

Recruits' 100 Yards (Final).—1st, Pte. Smith; 2nd, Pte. Benson; 3rd, Pte. Oliver.

Open 100 Yards (Final).—1st, Sergt. Darby; 2nd, L./Cpl. Bearne; 3rd, L./Cpl. Kingdom.

Potato Race.—1st Pte. Hewitt; 2nd, Pte. Hards; 3rd, Cpl. Stacey.

Open 220 Yards.—1st, Sergt. Darby; 2nd, L./Cpl. Kingdom; 3rd, L./Cpl. Bearne.

Corporals' Race.—1st, L./Cpl. Foley; 2nd, Cpl. Goss; 3rd, Cpl. Stacey.

Recruits' 440 Yards.—1st, Pte. Patterson; 2nd, Pte. Hewitt; 3rd, Pte. Bursell.

Children's Race (Boys).—1st, Boy E. Oldham; 2nd, Boy W. Clements; 3rd, Boy Clements.

Children's Race (Girls).—1st, Miss E. Wisdom; 2nd, Miss G. Rogers; 3rd, Miss P. Wigington.

Recruits' 880 Yards (Final).—1st, Pte. Patterson; 2nd, Pte. Lyford; 3rd, Pte. Herbage.

Veterans' Race.—1st, L.-Cpl. Foley; 2nd, S.Q.M.S. Skiggs; 3rd, R.S.M. Mantell.

High Jump (Final).—1st (tie), Pte. Bursell and Pte. Baulch; 3rd (tie), Pte. Hewitt and Pte. Stanford.

Sergeants' Race.—1st, Sergt. Darby; 2nd, Sergt. Clements; 3rd, Sergt. Cobbett.

Recruits' Mile (Final).—1st, Pte. Melish; 2nd, Pte. Joslyn; 3rd, Pte. Dean.

Ladies' Race.—1st, Mrs. Skiggs; 2nd, Mrs. Mynott; 3rd, Miss Rayner.

Recruits' Relay.—1st, "Mons" IV (Sergt. Wilcockson); 2nd, "Albuhera" IV (Sergt. Hart); 3rd, "Ladysmith" II (Sergt. Goldstraw).

Inter-Mess Relay.—1st, Sergeants; 2nd, Depot Privates.

Inter-Squad Tug-of-War.—1st, "Ladysmith" (Sergt. Goldstraw); 2nd, "Mons" (Sergt. Wilcockson).

Inter-Mess Tug-of-War.—1st Sergeants; 2nd, Privates.

Open 440 Yards (Final).—1st, Pte. Patterson; 2nd, Sergt. Darby; 3rd, Pte. Ludkin.

Three-Legged Race.—1st Pte. Knighton and Pte. Miller; 2nd, Cpl. Stacey and L./Cpl. Foley; 3rd, Pte. Allen and Pte. Love.

Sack Race.—1st, Pte. Knighton; 2nd, L./Cpl. Foley; 3rd, Pte. Shandley.



RECRUITS AT DEPOT GIVING GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

Obstacle Race.—1st Pte. Brooks; 2nd, Pte. Hards; 3rd, Pte. Love.

Band Race.—1st, Bdsman. Stone; 2nd, L./Cpl. Edwards; 3rd, L./Cpl. McClone.

Squad Championship.—Winners, "Mons" (Sergt. Wilcockson), 28 points; runners-up, "Albuhera" (Sergt. Hart), 12 points.

Individual Championships:

Depot Staff.—Winner, Sergt. Darby, 11 points; runner-up, L./Cpl. Foley, 4 points.

Recruits.—Winner, Pte. Patterson, 12 points; runner-up, Pte. Hewitt, 6 points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the last quarter all members have been taking advantage of the glorious weather, and consequently there is little to report on the indoor social life.

The "allotmenters," as mentioned in our last notes, have been extremely busy, and our congratulations go to C.Q.M.S. Gray and Sergt. Tungate, who have been rewarded for their labours with the first and second prizes respectively.

We, however, have not been dull, as we held the last of the season's dances on April 23rd. This was well patronized by our friends, dancing being thoroughly enjoyed and continued up till 2 a.m.

We have all been anxiously awaiting the developments of the *en tout cas* Tennis Court, to enable us to enjoy that most popular game, and are now in a position to see a splendid court offering itself to us.

We have not started at the time of going to press, but more about that in our next.

Friday, July 3rd, was the day set aside to keep up Albuhera. This was celebrated by holding the Annual Sports, and a N.C.Os. Dance in the evening.

The weather did not look at all promising, but it eventually did us well.

The morning was taken up with the heats, in which quite a number of the Mess qualified for finals. Results will undoubtedly be found elsewhere.

At lunch time we were delighted to welcome quite a number of the 1st Battalion members, with their wives and families, who had made the journey from Aldershot in a charabanc, headed by R.S.M. Anderson.

Immediately following lunch the Mess were due to meet the Privates in the final of the Tug-of-War, having beaten the Corporals in the morning. We managed it, and our thanks are due to Sergt. Griffin, who organized the team, and C.S.M.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S., who coached.

The members were in full force at the start of the Mess 120 Yards Scratch Race. There were not quite so many at the finish; the race was won by Sergt. Darby.

At 4.30 p.m. we adjourned to the mess tent for tea.

The sports continued up till about 7 p.m., and after the prize distribution we made preparations for the dance, which commenced at 9 p.m. We heartily congratulate the following for their special efforts in the sports: Sergt. Darby for many events and being the winner of the Individual Championship, and Sergts. Cobbett, Clements, Darby and Warren, winners of the Inter-Mess Relay. Also the members of the tug-of-war team.

Sergt. Wilcockson we congratulate for winning the Squad Championship with "Mons" Squad. We were presented with the "Soccer" shield and medals for winning the league, and Sergt. Wilcockson also received the Billiards Championship shield.

The dance commenced shortly after 9 p.m. and concluded at 2 a.m. This was a very nice social gathering, and we were honoured with the presence of all our officers and their ladies. There were well over 200 present; the Gymnasium provided excellent accommodation for dancing.

We take this opportunity of thanking the non-commissioned officers who formed the committee and worked hard in decorating the dance hall; also the M.Cs., our representatives being Sergt. Hart and C.Q.M.S. Gray.

Our Depot Jazz Band rendered excellent music for the dance.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 1st Battalion who were present, and sincerely hope they think it was worth it, and that they really enjoyed the day.

We welcome the undermentioned who have joined our happy throng: C.S.M.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S.; L./Sergt. Warren, on appointment; L./Sergt. Cobbett, from

1st Battalion; Sergt. Griffin, from 1st Battalion.

We wish success to the following who have left us: Sergts. Clarke and Burt, to the 1st Battalion; Sergt. Elliott, A.P.T.S., to Aldershot.

We also take this opportunity of congratulating Col.-Sergt. Finch, firstly on his promotion, and secondly on his braving the "ties of holy matrimony," and we wish both him and his wife all prosperity, success and happiness.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

The recipient of a "Soccer" medal who considers he has missed his vocation and should turn "pro," and has he reserved the "dry spot?"

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The member who, on the morning after, i.e., Saturday, whilst on range spotting, found a "Bull" on the target that wasn't there, the recruit not having fired? Was it anticipatory? And was a half-inch group recorded that morning?

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Was it a "gray" morning when the 1st Battalion members arrived at Aldershot? and did they enjoy their early morning "fizzer," or is it "Kruschen?"

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Is the Gymnasium a long ship?

POOROLDJOE.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Recently most of our spare time has been spent in steadily preparing for the Annual Sports day, but in spite of this the billiards lawn has been kept well occupied by various tournaments. A "ten-up" was carried by Cpl. J. Steward, and a "ten-cannon" by Cpl. G. Goss. A century-makers' tourney was also in progress, but was interrupted by leave movers, and it was decided to have a league to carry things onward.

A Pass-Ball League for the Depot staff is in progress, and many varied steps have been noted for the coming dance season. Our medium record to date is one win out of three matches played.

The day following the finish of the Cricket Week, July 3rd, was chosen for the holding of the Annual Sports at the

Depot, and that the choice was good was evident by the large numbers who turned out to witness or take part in the various events. Several of our members had come through the qualifying heats of the morning safely, and a keen afternoon's sport was promised. The Corporals were at home to friends during the day, and the many who came were delighted at the excellent programme provided.

Among competitors who succeeded in taking prizes were Cpls. Stacey and Goss, L./Cpls. Kingdon, Foley and Bearne. The Physical Training display given by the recruits, with their instructors, was the feature of the afternoon, and met with well-earned applause. The good running of Sergt. Darby and Pte. Patterson enabled them to take the championships of the Depot and the recruits respectively—a by no means easy performance.

At nine o'clock all paths appeared to lead to the Gymnasium, where the Sergeants and Corporals had combined to have a real Albuhera Dance. From far and near friends had come intent on enjoying the dance to the full, while the non-commissioned officers were equally determined that it should be a ripper, and later, when the time came to go home, it was evident that this Albuhera Dance would be remembered for many moons to come.

Among the departures from the club recently have been Cpl. Warren and L./Cpl. O'Neil; our congratulations to them on their promotions, the former to Lance-Sergeant and the latter to Corporal, on proceeding to Aldershot. We welcome a new arrival in L./Cpl. Short, from Aldershot, on a tour of duty.

Many improvements have been added to our club room, which is now most comfortable.

GEG.

GEGISMS.

Has the date been fixed for the rest of the Royal Academy exhibits' arrival at Mill Hill?

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Was it too much understudy of Tishy that really lost the Corporals the Inter-Mess Relay Race?

How did the Corporal feel when told by the civilian-clad, raw recruit found in the Corporals' enclosure: "Ah'm in t' Army naw, laad, tha knaws."?

EXTRACTS FROM "LONDON GAZETTE."

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS—THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

A. F. Lockwood: To be Second-Lieutenant (November 22nd, 1924. L.G. 21/11/24).

A. E. Harrison: To be Second-Lieutenant (December 3rd, 1924. L.G. 2/12/24).

E. Kitching: To be Second-Lieutenant (March 14th, 1925. L.G. 13/3/25).

W. R. Fitch: To be Second-Lieutenant (May 9th, 1925. L.G. 8/5/25).

2/Lieut. A. F. Lockwood, S.R.O.O.: Attached to Depot for first period of Preliminary Training—1/4/25 to 31/5/25. To 1st Battalion, Aldershot, for attachment, to complete second period of Preliminary Training.

2/Lieut. A. E. Harrison, S.R.O.O.: Attached to Depot for first period of Preliminary Training—1/5/25 to 30/6/25. To complete second period at a later date.

POSTINGS.

L./Sergt. W. Cobbett: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 15/4/25.

Sergt. E. Burt: Posted to 1st Battalion on completion of tour, 28/4/25.

Cpl. J. O'Neill: Posted to 1st Battalion on promotion, 30/5/25.

Sergt. J. Griffin: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 4/6/25.

Sergt. L. Clarke: Posted to 1st Battalion on completion of tour, 12/6/25.

DISCHARGES.

6194261 L./Cpl. C. Stevenson: To discharge, K.R. 363 (viii), 8/4/25.

6189668 Cpl. C. Rawlings: To discharge, K.R. 363 (xvi) (a), 4/5/25.

6189992 Cpl. F. Brady: To discharge, K.R. 363 (xvi) (a), 12/5/25.

6189314 L./Cpl. B. Batt: To discharge, K.R. 363 (xvi) (a), 15/5/25.

BIRTHS.

GRAY.—On 14/4/25, at Mill Hill, the wife of C.Q.M.S. W. Gray—a son, Robert Edward.

ROBBINS.—On 5/5/25, at Mill Hill, the wife of L./Sergt. E. Robbins—a daughter—Vera May.

YOUNG.—On 23/5/25, at Willesden, the wife of Pte. R. Young—a daughter, Dorothy Margaret.

MARRIAGES.

STEWART—CHOULES.—On 25/12/24, at Wealdstone, 6189019 Cpl. J. Stewart to Dorothy Edith Choules.

YOUNG—SQUIRRELL.—On 28/12/24, at Kilburn, 6193519 Pte. R. Young to Evelyn Frances Squirrel.

FINCH—THOMAS.—On 6/6/25, at St. John's Church, Chatham, 6190175 Col./Sergt. (O.R.S.) A. Finch to Sylvia Ethel Thomas (placed on M.Q.R. 6/6/25).

DEATH.

MORGAN.—On 13/5/25, at Q.A. Military Hospital, Millbank, 6196603 Pte. C. Morgan.

COURSES.

L./Sergt. E. Robbins: Qualified at the L.Q. Course, Hythe, in Rifle and L.A., 19/1/25 to 26/3/25, "Q.I."

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6081029 Pte. W. Thompson (recruit): Appointed Unpaid Lance - Corporal, 1/5/25.

6188650 L./Cpl. J. O'Neill: Promoted Corporal, 26/5/25.

6189232 L./Cpl. H. Short: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 27/5/25.

6193259 Cpl. H. Warren: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 26/3/25.

6190175 Sergt. (O.R.S.) A. Finch: Promoted Colour-Sergeant (O.R.S.), 13/6/25.

6191073 Sergt. J. Griffin: Appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry, 4/6/25.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned have been awarded Third Class Certificates of Education during the last quarter:—

6196512 Pte. V. Bradshaw, 6196540 Pte. J. Branch, 6196521 Pte. A. Elliott, 6194353 Pte. C. Grainger, 6196538 Pte. S. Holdsworth, 6338772 Pte. W. Ovenden, 6196283 Pte. H. Snook, 6196393 Pte. G. Brooker, 6196506 Pte. T. Curzon, 6196532 Pte. W. Ford, 6196530 Pte. S. Heslton, 6196533 Pte. E. Kent, 6196394 Pte. T.

RESERVE BATTALIONS.

25th Bn.—Hornsey Parish Church.

26th.—St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill

26th Bn.—St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill (deposited, 5/11/22).

The whereabouts of the King's Colours of the following Battalions, presumably issued *vide* A.C.I. 444 of 1919, is unknown, and any information will be welcomed by the Editor:—

2nd/7th, 2nd/8th, 2nd/9th and 32nd Bns. (Territorials).

14th, 24th, 27th and 28th Bns. (Reserve).

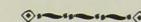
15th and 22nd Bns. (Service).

18th Bn. (1st Public Works, Service).

29th and 30th Bns. (Works).

1st H.S. Garrison Bn. (Garrison).

All Young Soldiers and other Battalions.



THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Location of Colours of the Regular, Special Reserve, Territorial and Service Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

1st Bn.—With Battalion.

2nd Bn.—With Battalion.

3rd and 4th Bns.—Handed over by Colonel of Regiment (General Maxse) to Chairman, Middlesex County Council, Guildhall, Westminster, 20/11/24.

SPECIAL RESERVE BATTALIONS.

5th and 6th Bns.—At Depot.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th, 8th and 9th Bns.—With Battalions.
10th Bn.—Chiswick Parish Church—three Battalions (1st/10th, 2nd/10th and 3rd/10th).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th and 19th Bns.—St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill (deposited, 5/11/22).

20th Bn.—Parish Church, Shoreditch.
21st Bn.—Parish Church, Islington (handed over to Mayor of Islington, 16/11/24).

23rd Bn.—St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill (deposited, 5/11/22).

FROM "EVERYWHERE"—THE MEMOIRS OF AN EXPLORER.

By A. HENRY SAVAGE-LANDOR.

(Publisher: T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd.)

"Near Gambela I came upon the melancholy grave of General Gatacre, who, while travelling there, had died in a pitiful manner, unattended by anyone. The resting-place of this unfortunate British General consisted of an improvised cross made of two boards of a kerosene box nailed upon a stick. A pile of thorns upon the heap of earth covering the body prevented hyenas and other wild animals digging up the corpse.

"Gambela had a good prospect of becoming an important trading station, of being a big store of imports and exports, and a fine distributing centre for all neighbouring countries. But it had a deadly climate. Malarial fever of a most malignant type was rampant there. No stranger living in that place any length of time had a chance of escaping. There were only three or four Greek traders, all pitifully ill with fever, and an Egyptian Official."

Gambela is situated near the S.W. boundary of Abyssinia and near the Baro River, a tributary of the upper sources of the Nile.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1925.

Amount of grants made: £94 5s. 9d.
Number of cases dealt with: 90.
Number of cases assisted: 45.
Number of men registered for employment: 185.

Number of men found permanent employment, 57.

Number of men found temporary employment: Nil.

Number of men offered employment: 137.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 7.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 25th, 1925.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Pasingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair), Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris, and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary's Report for the past quarter was considered, and it was proposed and carried that a sum not exceeding £100 be allocated for relief of necessitous cases during the ensuing quarter.

A letter from Lieut.-Col. Swainson, late Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, regarding a grant made to an ex-Sergeant of the Battalion was read, and, after the question had been discussed, it was proposed and carried that Commanding Officers of battalions abroad should be authorized to sanction, in urgent cases, a grant up to £10, but no second grant in excess of £10 to be made until notification is received from the Secretary that the sum disbursed has been recorded.

It was notified that Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., had kindly consented to

serve on the Executive Committee, and had been unanimously elected by the *ex-officio* members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

10, Wellington Road South,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

28/4/25.

To

MAJOR F. STEED.

Depot, Middlesex Regt.

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to thank you and the members of the Old Comrades Association, on behalf of my mother and family, for your great kindness and sympathy in our recent bereavement.

The wreath sent was most beautiful, and we were all greatly moved to know that his old Regiment had sent such a lovely token of respect.

It came as a very great shock to us all, and also to quite a number of the old Regiment we have since met.

Thanking you once again for your kindness,

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

H. A. TERRY.

98, Queen's Road,
Farnborough, Hants.

May 21st, 1925.

DEAR MAJOR STEED,

On behalf of my mother, sister and myself, I am writing to thank you for your sympathy with us in our recent loss. We are deeply grateful to you also for the beautiful floral tribute which you sent on behalf of the Regimental Association, and also for permitting an N.C.O. to come to represent the Depot at my late brother's funeral.

My mother again thanks you.

Believe me to be,

Yours truly,

T. CONNOLLY.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Thirteen months have now elapsed since the Vocational Training Centres were established on a permanent basis at Catterick and Hounslow, with the object of preparing soldiers during the last six months of their Colour service for their return to civil life and employment.

Under present arrangements provision is made for approximately 1,000 men passing through the courses each year; and of those who have already gone to Catterick or Hounslow more than eighty per cent. have obtained employment immediately on their discharge from the Army—fifty per cent. in the occupations for which they had been specially trained at the Centres, and thirty per cent. in other trades or callings for which their training had also given them a certain degree of fitness.

Vocational Training Courses of shorter duration than those at Hounslow and Catterick are also given at Aldershot and the other Commands, with results, as far as employment is concerned, which have been practically analogous to those obtained at the two centres.

The Committee of the Association wish to draw the attention of serving soldiers who are nearing the end of their service, to the advisability of undergoing one of these courses during the last six months of their service, and thus take full advantage of the facilities provided to learn a trade preparatory to returning to civil life.

The Committee experience the greatest difficulty in placing men in employment, owing to the fact that when they leave the Colours they have nothing but their service and character to recommend them. Employment in jobs as hall porters, lift attendants, bank messengers, watchmen, timekeepers, positions of trust, etc., to which the majority of men leaving the Colours look forward, are extremely difficult to obtain, and for every vacancy there are hundreds of applicants. Also, vacancies are rare and are seldom offered to the Association, and, when they are, the chances of men—without inside influence—are greatly limited.

The Committee therefore strongly urge all men about to leave the Colours to take full advantage of every opportunity of qualifying in something useful preparatory to re-entering civil life.

LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS.

28, Bruton Street, W.1.

SIR,

June 27th, 1925.

May I, as the newly appointed Patroness of the Ladies' Guild of the

Middlesex Regiment, remind intending contributors that the time for sending in their yearly quota of garments is now at hand? It is chiefly in winter that the urgent appeals come in, nearly always for warm clothing, and it would greatly help the work of the Guild if these two facts could be borne in mind when making up the parcels. Men's clothing, old and new, is in great demand, boots are snatched up the moment they arrive, and women's warm underclothing is much wanted, though garments of this kind should always be sent in pairs, as it is courting pneumonia to present anyone with a solitary article which must spend part of its life in the wash-tub. Hats and cotton frocks for women are not of great use. It would also be a great help if members would mention the sizes of boots and shoes they send.

The Guild, as the yearly reports show, is doing a useful work, and we are grateful to members for their staunch and consistent support. I have been struck by the fact that the list of members in the report proves that everyone does their bit, and I should like to congratulate the ladies of the Middlesex Regiment on the loyal and helpful spirit they show.

Yours faithfully,

MARY MAXSE.

Group 127,

Hester,

Nr. Bridgetown,

Australia.

April 19th, 1925.

SIR,

I thank you for the Regimental Magazine of November, 1924, and February, 1925.

Through the medium of the Regimental magazine I should like the present members of the Regiment to hear a little about the Group Settlement Scheme by quoting my connections with the same.

With reference to A.C.I. 94/1923, I decided to undergo a vocational training for oversea settlement during the last six months of my service, and my application was granted. At the Army Vocational Training Centre, Catterick, Yorkshire, I was taught a little of general farming, which included dairy farming (management and feeding and milking, butter and cheese making), pig

farming (management, feeding, breeding, killing, dressing for sale, bacon curing, and sausage and brawn making), poultry rearing and feeding, etc., ploughing and tilling the land, sowing of corn and root crops, harrowing, also farm horse management and feeding.

Being equipped with so much of the aforementioned subjects, I applied to be included in the group of twenty families which was being formed to proceed to Western Australia as the Catterick Group or Army First Group.

Before being selected by the Australian authorities at Australia House, London, we had to undergo a very strict medical examination, and were then personally visited by a representative of the above authorities.

After selection we signed an agreement to repay the reduced passage money of £22 per adult which was being loaned, and also to deposit the sum of £3 per adult ready money as landing money. This was returned to us on landing at Fremantle, Western Australia.

The final formation of the twenty families took place the day prior to our sailing, at the Union Jack Hostel, London, under the supervision of the Commandant of the Army Vocational Training Centre (Major Stibbard) and his wife. During the afternoon we were taken by charabancs to Buckingham Palace, where Her Majesty the Queen personally spoke to each head of the families, amidst the brawling of about thirty young babies. Despite the turmoil, Her Majesty at the end of the interview gave us a farewell speech and hoped we should all do well and become prosperous. We finished up the afternoon by being taken to the servants' hall and given a jolly good tea. In the evening we were taken to the London Pavilion and saw a good show, which drove away all thoughts of leaving England on the morrow.

We sailed from Tilbury Docks on the 27th November, and did not arrive at Fremantle, Western Australia, until the 3rd January, 1925. On the whole the voyage was very pleasant. The only fault that some of us found was that the husbands were separately berthed from their wives. This caused a lot of worry when husband or wife especially was

sick. The food on the boat was plentiful and good. On arriving at Fremantle we were guided to the Immigrants' Home, where each family had a small cubicle (bedroom and sitting-room combined). During our three days' stay at the home we had a comfortable time, and again plenty of good food. We were also given a tea by the Women's Overseas Settlement Society. After the tea we were warmly welcomed by the Governor-General, His Excellency Sir William Campion (a very old friend of our Colonel-in-Chief, as he reminded me after the speech), also the ministers of the different churches and chapels, Minister of Agriculture, and chairmen or chairwomen or presidents of various societies. We arrived at our final destination after an eight-hour train journey, and were again recipients of another welcoming tea given by the residents of Hester and Greenbushes townships combined. After this tea we were motored by privately owned motors to our dwelling places. These places are called shacks, and are made as huts 20 feet by 12 feet and sub-divided into two rooms. With a small family one room may be used as a bedroom and the other as a sitting-room and kitchen.

The kitchen has a fine large stove fitted in, and as there is wood in abundance no fuel is to be bought. No rent is charged, as the cost of the shack is debited against the man by the Australian Government.

Each man has a block of land allotted to him of about 160 acres, and this had previously been marked out and surveyed, for which a further charge of about £13 10s. is put against the man. Each block has twenty-five acres marked out, on which the whole group works to clear and turn into permanent pasture land ready to receive the live stock which will be handed over to him later on. This stock will be a herd of ten cows, one horse, and some pigs and poultry.

Owing to the area of country covered by these twenty blocks of 160 acres, the group of twenty families were made into two separate groups of ten families. Each male member of the group works under the supervision of a foreman, who is an Australian well versed in group work. The group work consists of clearing the twenty-five acres of each block, which is bush country.

This clearing includes sap barking or sap ringing all trees over eighteen inches in diameter, boring and blowing up with gelignite all trees between nine inches and eighteen inches, and grubbing and horse-pulling all trees under nine inches in diameter.

The felled trees are then burnt, the land ploughed up and sown with pasture seed.

The work commences at 7.15 a.m. until 11 a.m., and 12 noon until 5 p.m. on week-days, except Saturday; Saturday's work starts at 7.15 a.m. and finishes at 12 noon, with a break of half an hour at 10 a.m. Total hours worked, forty-eight hours per week. The wages are £3 per week, or 10s. per diem. These wages are paid monthly by cheque, so the whole lot is handed over to the housekeeper to pay her bills, when there is little left for the worker. After working hours and on Saturday afternoon and Sunday a man works around his own shack, and consequently every one has a garden, etc. The church and public are too far (eight miles away) to take up much of a grouper's time. At present I have a garden, about half an acre, in which I am growing all kinds of vegetables and a few flowers. I have also a poultry house with a 50-yards run, in which I have twelve leghorns (eleven hens and one cockerel). This last month in my spare time I have managed to pull down the trees and clear about five acres adjoining my shack, in which I intend to grow potatoes and some root crops, ready for when I am able to buy a pig, which I hope will be in about three months time.

As we have only been out here for three months I cannot write much about the climate, but what we have experienced at present is perfect—a nice warm summer weather, with only a few slight showers of fine rain.

In conclusion, my advice to any member of the Regiment who is thinking of coming to Australia is to think over the matter very carefully.

He should be very healthy and strong and not afraid of giving hard work a trial, for undoubtedly the work is hard, especially after serving some years in the Service. No work in the Army compares with it. It is work which requires brawn,

intelligence and alertness. There is a certain amount of roughing it, especially for the wife.

He should be happily married, as a wife's smiling face after a man comes home from a good day's work is a god-send.

Both man and wife should be prepared for a little monotony, as your nearest neighbour is likely to be a mile or so away, so you have to put up with each other's company to a great extent.

The nearest town or big village affair is likely to be about eight miles away, and the group conveyance is only a one-horse heavy cart.

Well, Sir, I should be pleased to give anyone desiring it a more detailed account of the work and any other information one may require.

Yours truly,

E. F. WALTERS.



THE OLD COMRADES DINNER.

IT has been decided to hold the Old Comrades' Dinner in future in the early winter months, and that the next Annual Dinner is to take place on October 24th, 1925, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, N.W.

The Duke of Bedford, Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Middlesex, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Middlesex County Council, are being invited to attend the dinner as guests of the Regiment.

Further particulars will be sent to all ex-members of the Regiment whose addresses are known. It is requested that members who may be in touch with any Old Comrade who does not receive a notice in due course will notify such Old Comrade's name and address to the Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Battalion has had the great honour to provide two Guards of Honour to His Majesty the King, during the period under review.

The first on the occasion of the opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, when the three Middlesex Battalions of the Middlesex and Sussex Brigade were called upon to represent the Territorial Army at this ceremony. The Battalion found the Guard of Honour, under command of Major A. W. Lewey, for the Stadium, and one Company, under command of Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., to line the route in conjunction with the 7th and 9th Battalions.

The second on the occasion of the opening of the Great West Road by His Majesty the King, when the Battalion provided a Guard of Honour, under command of Capt. W. H. Parmeter.

WEMBLEY, MAY 9TH, 1925.

On May 9th the 8th Battalion mounted a Guard of Honour of three officers and one hundred other ranks, with the King's Colour, on the occasion of the reopening of Wembley Exhibition by His Majesty the King.

Those of us who were detailed for this duty spent the afternoon of the previous day at Wembley, when the ceremony was fully rehearsed by all the Guards of Honour. In addition to ourselves, we found the following guards taking part: The Irish Guards, Navy and Marines (combined) and Royal Air Force. The actual ceremony was to begin at eleven o'clock, and at about 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday we arrived at Wembley and were guided to the Palace of Engineering. The Band played us the whole way there in great style. Here we found the Irish Guards, resplendent in review order. We had time for an inspection and a last brush up, and then moved off behind the Guards to the assembly point outside the Stadium. The other Guards of Honour were waiting there. We stood easy for three-quarters of an hour until the time came for our official entry into the arena. A few moments later the strains of massed drums and pipes of the Brigade of Guards passed into the Stadium, and at

the hour the Navy and Marine Guard and the Royal Air Force Guard moved off and were lost to view in the Pageant Tunnel. A few moments later the strains of "Hearts of Oak," followed by a roar of distant cheering, announced their arrival in the arena. Shortly after we heard the band change into the opening bars of "A Life on the Ocean Wave," which was greeted by another burst of applause. There is no doubt, we reflected, that the British public loves its sea-forces.

A minute later we were signalled to advance into the tunnel; we squeezed in somehow, khaki Territorials and scarlet Guardsmen—eight abreast. The orders were for the Irish Guards and ourselves to appear simultaneously in the Stadium. At the far end of the tunnel stood a solitary scarlet figure, one of the marshals—and on him we fixed our eyes. The massed bands broke into "St. Patrick's Day," and we marked time vigorously to get the step. The marshal raised a white-gloved hand and beckoned, and we swept forward and out into the daylight. We had no cause to complain of our reception, for a tornado of cheering greeted the appearance of the scarlet and khaki. The Guards swung round the track to the right and we wheeled to the left. We got a wonderful lightning impression of the whole vivid scene. The smooth green turf, the scarlet bandsmen, the gorgeous purple and gold of the Royal Pavilion, and, around and above all, tier above tier of white faces. Half-way round the track the band changed to our own regimental march, and so played us up to our position facing the pavilion. At this point the music stopped, and we had the curious experience of halting, turning to the front, ordering arms and standing at ease to the accompaniment of bursts of applause, each movement being separately cheered by the crowd.

After a pause, during which we stood easy (we did not do so again for an hour and a half) a fanfare of trumpets announced the arrival of His Majesty. When he had arrived on the dais the Royal Salute was given, each Guard presenting arms separately. This was a trying moment. The cheers of the huge crowd, the music, and the echoes of the broadcasting instruments made it



[Photos: Walter H. A. Keyte.]

8th MIDDLESEX REGIMENT T.A.

Marching out of Camp at Hampton on July 5th, 1925.

extremely difficult to distinguish the words of command. In the silence which followed we were able to hear the speeches of the Duke of York and the King very distinctly. His Majesty then declared the Exhibition open, and the signal was given for us to move to our second position. This again was not easy, as the din was now added to by guns firing salutes and by the aeroplanes flying low overhead. However, all went well, and we reached our posts and stood for the remainder of the ceremony with our backs to the arena. It was distinctly tantalizing to hear the grand music of the massed bands playing first a slow and then a quick troop and to be unable to see anything of it. At one stage a smart downpour of rain and hail made things rather unpleasant, and the crowds scuttled away for shelter wherever they could. In the words of one of the evening papers describing this: "The rock-like indifference of the troops standing motionless in the rain made us all feel rather ashamed of ourselves"—

At the conclusion of the ceremony the King drove round the arena, passing along the front of each Guard of Honour and being saluted by them in turn. After the departure the bands played our regimental march and we moved off the ground, thus bringing to a conclusion a rather trying but very memorable occasion.

Turning our thoughts to training reminds us that Annual Training is fast approaching.

The brigade is camping at Shoreham this year on the old war-time camp site, and we are pleased to hear that the Depot Cadre is to be with us again.

The Weapon Training Course is well advanced; the Battalion has been firing at Bisley again this year. Five Sundays have been devoted to Weapon Training, one of which was set aside for field firing, with a good attendance.

"H.Q." and "A" Company held their Annual Week-end Camp at Stanwell during June; both companies have apparently been too busy to send any detailed notes on this camp. As a spectator I can say that the camp was a great success, with a very good attendance. The Annual Sports, arranged by

these two companies, were held on the Sunday afternoon, when Headquarters Wing carried off the cup.

The Battalion held a Week-end Camp at Hampton during the first week-end in July. The Battalion marched to Hampton from Hounslow on the Saturday afternoon to camp. Church Parade was held at St. Mary's Church on the Sunday morning. The afternoon was devoted to training and striking camp, and the Battalion marched back to Hounslow in the evening.

YELLOW FLASHES.

Many rumours have been current in connection with an unfortunate little accident that befell a Company Commander at Headquarter Wing and "A" Company's Week-end Camp at Stanwell, but we are able to say that they are all moonshine.

Another Company Commander at the same camp was completely carried away on receiving the Annual Sports Challenge Cup, which his company had won.

It may be the fellow was squiffy,
Or the word have slipped out in a jiffy,
But it somehow leaked out,
And there isn't a doubt
That someone called somebody Stiffy.

Yet another officer now thinks that officers should be entitled to separation allowance. By the way, why weren't there any Yellow Flashes last edition?

Guards of Honour supplied at short notice, with or without plus fours. Ring up Hounslow 61. (Advt.)

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

On Sunday, April 5th, 1925, the officers and non-commissioned officers of "B" Company carried out a Tactical Scheme at Hayes End track. On arriving through Hayes End No. 5 Platoon came under artillery fire, and after lengthy discussions the solution suggested was agreed with in general. On advancing and reaching the centre of an open field, No. 1 Section came under heavy machine-gun fire located somewhere south-west of the Asylum Wood, when the section

mentioned lost their leader and one other rank. The suggestion here worked out in grand style. Obstacles were encountered, but section leaders worked out great ideas and drove the enemy from the wood. We were then detailed as an advanced guard to the brigade. On reaching Hillingdon Heath we remained for the night, the 7th Battalion being in relief to us at dawn. Here many discussions were brought out, but in general agreed to the suggested solutions. We then made our final attack on the Red Lion at Hillingdon, where peace was reigning with the exception of "One pint and a cheese sandwich, please."

I am pleased to say that the recruiting spirit amongst the Company since our latest note is well up to the mark, and we trust to see later in the year that the Company will come up to its usual strength.

On Saturday, April 18th, 1925, we met "H.Q." Wing in the semi-final of the Battalion Football Cup, played on the Fusiliers' ground at Hounslow. After a very good game, including two extra times, we made a draw 1-1, and had we been more fortunate with a goalkeeper with more experience we would have probably won the day. Thanks are due to L./Cpl. Green and several others of the team who played their very best, the man mentioned obtaining one goal after a great effort. In the replay, on the Ealing Celtic football ground, we met our doom; after being one goal to the advantage at half-time, we lost the day 3-1. We must not forget to thank our goalkeeper on this day, as, if it had not been for him, we would have had a great score against us. So we must look forward to the next football season.

On May 9th twenty other ranks of the Company were selected to form, with other representatives from other companies, a Guard of Honour to His Majesty the King, on the opening of the Exhibition at Wembley. We were naturally pleased to be chosen to represent the Territorial Army on this great occasion.

We next come to our journey to Bisley on the 10th. Unfortunately, not many of the Company took advantage of the day's firing, after their strenuous work the day previous.

The Company were then selected to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition Test under "A," in which the best six out of eight to count fired five rounds application on the miniature range. We were rather unfortunate with reference to the team picked, owing to working hours, but we must congratulate those who did fire on arriving at a score of 71 from a possible 120. Now that our trips to Bisley are finished until after Annual Training, we congratulate the recruits on the success of their first Annual Musketry Course, all praise going to Pte. E. A. Keats on such a good score.

On May 23rd we were once again honoured by selection as Guard of Honour to His Majesty the King, on the opening of the Great West Road.

One officer and twenty other ranks of the company were chosen.

We had a Battalion Exercise in a week-end camp at Hampton on July 4th and 5th, in which we had a fairly good turn-out, but we trust this will improve in numbers as we go along, and hope to see more faces of the Company in our Annual Training Camp, held at Shoreham on August 2nd.

BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

	£	s.	d.
Pte. R. J. Baker ...	9	14	5
Pte. H. C. T. Brooks ...	10	9	5
Pte. H. Brown ...	12	12	9
Pte. R. Craggy ...	4	1	11
Pte. H. M. S. Dowdall ...	8	11	0
Pte. J. G. Lillierap ...	19	16	3
Pte. G. Sear ...	5	0	0
Pte. A. White ...	26	0	3
Pte. C. E. Parks ...	21	19	2
Pte. J. R. Wood ...	5	5	11
Cpl. W. R. Jacobs ...	39	19	10
Pte. J. Brown ...	7	5	3
Pte. G. A. Kroft ...	9	18	11
Pte. S. S. May ...	6	2	1
Pte. C. Murdock ...	21	14	3
Pte. A. Porter ...	13	9	10
Pte. W. Day ...	0	12	2
Pte. A. G. Goodwin ...	2	10	6
Pte. H. Izzard ...	7	1	4
Pte. A. T. Rauch ...	2	1	4
Pte. J. Roth ...	2	2	5

THE LATE COLONEL SIR REGINALD HENNELL, C.V.O., D.S.O., O.B.E.

By COLONEL E. J. KING, C.M.G., T.D.

THE recent death of Col. Sir Reginald Hennell has caused the greatest sorrow and regret in our 7th Battalion, which he commanded for no less than ten years, and that regret will be equally



felt in the Regiment, for the deep affection in which he held his county Regiment has been always well-known and appreciated. He died at St. Leonards-on-Sea on May 22nd in his eighty-first year.

Sir Reginald came of a family that has given many of its sons to the Navy and Army. Born in 1844 he was originally educated for the Navy, but in 1861 joined the Indian Army, and was posted to what is now the 5th Bombay Light Infantry.

He was promoted Lieutenant in 1863, Captain in 1871, Major in 1881, and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1885, retiring owing to ill-health in 1889. He first saw active service in the Abyssinian War of 1867-1868, serving with the 25th Bombay Native Infantry, which formed the rear-guard, and was the last regiment to re-embark. His service during the Afghan War of 1879-1881 was mainly on the staff, for which he received the thanks of the Government of Bombay and also of the

Government of India, with a special acknowledgment of his reconnaissance work. During the Burmese War of 1886-1887 he served in command of the 5th Bombay Light Infantry, was mentioned in despatches, and received the Distinguished Service Order.

In 1892, shortly after his retirement, Col. Hennell was appointed one of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. In 1894 he

was appointed an Exon. in Her Majesty's Royal Body-guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, was made Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant in 1895, and promoted Lieutenant in 1902, a position which he held until the day of his death. Sir Reginald Hennell's long and distinguished career in the King's Body-guard is worthily commemorated in the magnificent history of that venerable and gallant Corps, which he published in 1904. He received the honour of knighthood on the occasion of the Coronation of his late Majesty King Edward VII, and was appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in 1911. In recognition of his devoted services in furtherance of the military cadet movement he was appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1919.

Sir Reginald Hennell's connection with the Middlesex Regiment began in 1891, when he was appointed to the command of our 7th Battalion, an appointment which he held until 1901. What Sir Reginald's influence has been over the 7th Battalion only those who had the honour and privilege to serve under his command can ever fully realize. He found it a battalion only in name, composed of six detachments, each with different traditions, and each jealously preserving the remnants of its own independent origin. Gradually he welded them into a united whole, the petty jealousies of a past age faded away, and he left the Battalion with a firmly established tradition of unselfish devotion to duty that has nobly stood the test of two great wars. Three events during Sir Reginald Hennell's period of command will always stand out in the history of the 7th Battalion. He obtained for it the present headquarters at Hornsey, in commemoration of the centenary of the first great Volunteer movement. He linked the Battalion firmly to the Middlesex Regiment when he caused it in 1898 to take the name and uniform of that Regiment, to which until then, it had only been loosely affiliated. Lastly, he gave to the Battalion a war tradition, when in 1899 he induced ninety per cent. to volunteer for active service in South Africa, and though the services of the Battalion as a whole, were refused, it none the less sent to the front a larger proportion of its men than any other Volunteer battalion. Sir Reginald's

deep sense of duty, his devoted loyalty to his Sovereign, and his fiery patriotism have never ceased to influence the Battalion that he loved almost as a father loves his children. We can express no higher wish for the 7th Battalion than that it may ever continue to be inspired by the gallant spirit of its old Commanding Officer, to whom it owes more than any words can describe.

Sir Reginald Hennell's death leaves a gap in the lives of those who had the privilege of his friendship that nothing can ever quite fill. For his was a very noble and beautiful life, utterly devoid of those petty ambitions and selfish aims and objects, from which so few lives are free. The one ideal that he ever strove to attain was to do his duty in life to the utmost of his ability. His noble presence was but the outward sign of that inner nobility of soul which so endeared him to those who understood. He was the very personification of that knightly ideal of which our great poet laureate sang in "The Idylls of the King":—

I made them lay their hands in mine and swear
To reverence the King, as if he were
Their conscience, and their conscience as their
King,
To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
To speak no slander, no, nor listen to it,
To honour his own word as if his God's.

The funeral of Sir Reginald Hennell took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on May 27th. Full military honours were rendered by the 1st Battalion Irish Guards, which furnished the bearer party and firing party. The Rev. Hugh Chapman, Chaplain of the Royal Chapel of the Savoy, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. B. C. H. Andrews, and the musical portions of the service were sung by the choir of the Royal Chapel.

His Majesty the King was represented by Capt. Houston French, C.V.O., Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard. The King's Bodyguard was represented by Lieut.-Col. Angel Scott, Sub-Officer, and Lieut.-Col. G. R. Lascelles, Exon. Major Colin MacRae of Feoirinn, C.B.E., Exon. of the King's Bodyguard, and three veteran members of the Guard, Sergt.-Majors Brock, Fegan and Scriven, were also present. The 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment

was represented by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., formerly commanding, and by Lieut. C. E. Kent, and there were also present Lieut.-Col. A. Reid, D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. G. F. Collinson.

Amongst the floral tributes were wreaths from "The Officers of the Guards" and from the officers of the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

E. J. K.

It is related that once when commanding the 1st Volunteer Battalion on a field day a young Guardee A.D.C. galloped up to him and said: "The General, sir, wants you to put out a line of outposts along this ridge."

Then, seized with a kindly desire to help this ancient dog-shooter, who was wearing a great-coat as well as a beard, he added: "I suppose, sir, you know *how* to put out outposts!"

Hennell's full reply cannot be recorded, but it contained references to "putting out outposts in face of the enemy before you were whelped."

H. E. F.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

EMPIRE DAY.

WHEN Mr. Punch produced on June 3rd in those admirable paragraphs of his, which weekly appear under the same unpronounceable title "A Note on Scrap Iron," we beg to think either he must have overlooked the fact that the particular issue clashed with the publishing of a certain important list, or he must have been feeling particularly tactless. I will go into no further details of Mr. Punch's remarks, as those will know who have read their *Punch* the paragraph I am referring to, and those who have not are better left in ignorance.

The list referred to is naturally the King's Birthday Honours List, an unusually important list as far as we of the 9th Battalion Middlesex Regiment are concerned, as it includes the award of the Order of the British Empire to our Commanding Officer.

Needless to say, many past and present members of the Battalion have already offered their congratulations, but on behalf of the whole of the Battalion we

offer him our heartiest congratulations here in print. No explanation of the services rendered appears against this reward in the Honours List, but no such explanation is required by those who have served or who are serving under him in the 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment and know his work for and in the 9th Battalion and Territorial Army. We can only hope that this is only the prelude to further recognition of his enthusiasm and energy. And now to pass on to the next event.

More congratulations! This quarter's notes are a pleasure to write.

This time we congratulate, firstly, "D" Company on their effort in the Brigade Inter-Battalion Competition, in which they came top in both rifle and Lewis gun, and thereby won the shield presented by Mrs. Sherwood, and, secondly, "B" Company, who from a very bad start made an excellent recovery by finishing second to "D" Company, and represented the Battalion in the final of the Rifle Competition. Thirdly, to the machine gunners on winning the Machine Gun Competition, and on their really excellent number of attendances and general enthusiasm. Finally, as far as the Brigade Competition is concerned, we congratulate all who helped the Battalion to win three out of the four competitions, and hope that those who did not assist will on the next occasion make an effort to do their share.

Still more congratulations. Again "B" Company are the object of our felicitations, not only for renewing the company dinner, but on getting together such a representative, if small, gathering.

Mr. Hogg also becomes the victim of one congratulation on becoming a father, whilst our various invalids are to be congratulated on their complete or partial recovery to their normal state of health.

We hear a rumour that Mr. C. E. Abbott is contemplating returning from his semi-retirement, and we shall hope to have the assistance of his facile pen for the next accumulation of news.

We sincerely regret having to confess that for some time past we have been compelled to notice a pair of "Oxford bags" in the Battalion. As no other cases have been reported yet, we hope that this is an isolated case, and that the disease will not spread.

C.S.M. Green, M.S.M., has taken his discharge on completion of twenty-two years' service, of which the last three and a half has been spent as a permanent staff instructor in the Battalion. Whilst "D" Company and the Battalion at large are the poorer by the loss of his services as one of the permanent staff, we have two facts with which to console ourselves. One is that C.S.M. Green is not leaving the Battalion altogether, but is returning to Pound Lane to continue his work for the Battalion as a civilian, at present in the Orderly Room, and, secondly, his successor is C.S.M. Denton, whom we

instruction shows of what value to the 9th Battalion that decision has been.

The shooting this year, as far as we have gone, shows a marked improvement on last year, both in trained men and recruits, and for this the Winter Weapon Training Competition has to be thanked, and the standard so far gives us reason to hope that in the T.A.R.A. Competition we may at long last get out of the also-rans and have at least one company team in the prize-winning list, and we are glad to see that, if practice makes perfect, the recruits at any rate are making a big bid for the "Young Soldiers."



EMPIRE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT WEMBLEY.
DETACHMENT 9TH BATTALION.

congratulate on his promotion since leaving the Battalion in November, and whose return to the Battalion is very welcome.

Whilst writing these notes, we hear with much regret that Mr. Saunders, who for several years has acted as honorary sergeant drummer to the Battalion, has decided that he is not as young as he was, strange as it may seem to anyone who has seen him on parade. It was only after considerable pressure had been brought to bear that Mr. Saunders consented originally to come out of his retirement, but the proficiency of those of his pupils who have made the most of his

We hope we shall be able to start our next notes with another string of congratulations.

And now we await the event of the year, camp, and although we are numerically weaker than last year on paper we hope that the promise of the preliminary training will be realized by a record percentage at camp.

WEMBLEY.

When, a week before the date of opening of Wembley, it became known that Middlesex Territorial Army Battalions

had been selected to find the troops to represent the Territorial Army at Wembley, and that 500 men would be required, the decision was received with somewhat mixed feelings by those responsible for finding the necessary numbers.

To find a party is one thing, but to turn out approximately fifty per cent. of the Brigade on a Saturday morning is another thing altogether. The portion allotted to the 9th Battalion was a minimum of 200, and this number was not only reached, but passed, the total numbers on parade being 230.

Whilst regretting that the duty of finding the Guard of Honour within the Stadium itself did not fall to the Battalion, we must admit that we were fortunate in having the roadway nearest the Stadium line. The Battalion rendezvoused at the Exhibition, "A," "B" and "H.Q." going by train from Willesden Green, "D" by bus from Hendon, and "C" by train. Willesden High Road had all the appearance of a military centre for a brief period, for scarcely had the Willesden detachment, headed by the Band and Drums, got fairly into the High Road, than the cavalry escort for H.M. the King came riding along in the opposite direction. The process of lining the route was easier said than done, as swarms of people, intent on nothing but getting to their own seats, pushed along and across the road, and cars in hundreds, congested at the Royal Tunnel, kept coming away down the road in the opposite direction to the crowd.

However, patience was at last rewarded, and every man was in position before the procession was due, and also the Band and Drums, who had seemed to be hopelessly cut off by an unending stream of cars.

After the departure of the Royal party on the return journey there was no time for companies to reform before pandemonium, in the form of thousands of people from the Stadium, broke loose, and only by considerable physical persuasion did most companies reform and march away to the rendezvous.

After a short break, during which the 9th Battalion did their best to buy out completely the Police Canteen, the Battalion reformed and marched off along the Harrow Road, with the exception of "C" Company, who went by train to

Harrow, whence they marched to Wealdstone.

We hear from time to time complaints from Harrow that they never see the local Territorials. It may therefore be of interest to note that in marching from Harrow to Wealdstone the Company saw one errand boy, three dogs, and the tail of a cat, but as the greater part of the cat was only intent on escaping from one of the dogs it can hardly count as a spectator. Of course there may have been Peeping Toms behind the curtains, and surely "Socrates" was in some position as on "observe." The marching of the Battalion past the south-west entrance to the exhibition in particular was better than it has been for many a long day, and was really marching. "D" Company turned off half way to Willesden and marched to Hendon, whilst the Willesden party carried on to Pound Lane.

Major Tupper, who had been in command of all the troops to line the route, in dismissing the parade at Pound Lane, congratulated the men on their turn-out, marching, and generally good performance on parade, and added that though he wished the Commanding Officer had been able to be present to witness the parade, he for his part was proud to have been in command on such an occasion.

A copy of the correspondence from the War Office, Eastern Command, 44th Division, and the 132nd Infantry Brigade is published elsewhere. This certainly forms a good budget of praise, and whilst remembering that, in spite of this, we are by no means perfect yet, it is nevertheless most satisfactory that Middlesex Battalions have been selected to represent the Territorial Army. The results produced were considered a credit to the Territorial Army and the Regiment.

One thing is certain—that the addition of the Regimental collar badge, worn on this occasion for the first time by this Battalion as a whole, most materially assisted in the appearance of the turn-out.

114/Exhibitions/424 (A.G.4.B.).
War Office,
London, S.W.1.
11th May, 1925.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Army Council to express to you their appreciation and satisfaction at the display presented by all

ranks of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions Middlesex Regiment, T.A., at the Opening Ceremony of the British Empire Exhibition on the 9th May, 1925, in the presence of the King.

The number that volunteered for the duty of lining the road from the entrance of the Exhibition to the Stadium was most commendable.

In view of the short time available for practice, the display of ceremonial drill provided by the Guard of Honour of the 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment was a credit to the Territorial Army.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) B. B. CUBITT.

The G.O.C.-in-C.

Eastern Command.

E.C.9/3795/4 (A.I.).

G.O.C.,

44th (H.C.) Division.

In forwarding the attached appreciation of the excellent display made by the Battalions and Guard of Honour provided by the Battalions of the Middlesex Regiment, I am directed to add the congratulations of the G.O.C.-in-C. on the smartness and skill in the handling of their arms shown by them at the ceremony.

(Sgd.) J. W. O'DOWDA,

Major-General,

i/c Administration,

Eastern Command.

Horse Guards, S.W.

12th May, 1925.

44th Division T/335/A.

H.Q.,

Middlesex and Sussex Inf. Bde.

In forwarding this War Office letter and congratulations from the G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, the G.O.C., 44th (H.Q.) Division, directs me to express his very great satisfaction at the excellent results achieved by the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions Middlesex Regiment, at the Opening Ceremony of the British Empire Exhibition. This reflects the greatest credit on all ranks.

(Sgd.) R. B. COUSENS,

Lieut.-Colonel,

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

Woolwich,

12th May, 1925.

M.B./129/7.

7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

Forwarded with reference to my 129/7 dated 11th instant, in which I have already expressed my satisfaction with the admirable manner in which all ranks performed their duties.

(Sgd.) SOLLY-FLOOD,

Colonel,

Comdg. Middlesex & Sussex

Inf. Brigade.

66, Victoria Street, S.W.,

18th May, 1925.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
WEMBLEY, EMPIRE DAY, MAY
24TH, 1925.

This year Territorial Battalions were invited to attend the Empire Day Service at the Stadium, a party of three officers and forty-three other ranks and the Colours being required.

Needless to say, there was no difficulty in raising a detachment of this size, and the only trouble was to cut it down to this number, as a party of double that size was ready to turn out.

The Territorial detachments were divided into two companies, the one consisting of all arms other than infantry, and the other comprising the infantry detachments attending.

We were very fortunate to be representing the senior regiment present, and therefore headed the infantry company. This brought us nearest to the centre of the Stadium, and also allowed us to march straight out on to our point without the squashing and shuffling which took place in the rear.

Comparisons are obvious we know, but it is satisfactory to be able to state that the detachment from the Battalion would suffer nothing in comparison with the other representatives, either as regards marching or turn-out and steadiness on parade.

Capt. Sherwood was in command of the parade, and 2/Lieuts. H. Heffer and Ryan, C.S.M. Todman, and C.Q.M.Ss. Linthwait and Fitzgerald were with the Colours. No account of the ceremony is required as this has already been reported in the daily press.

One grouse arises from the parade, which is that not only were no tickets issued to the Battalion taking part, except two for the Commanding Officer, but the spare men necessary in case of an accident were not allowed in, although a complete block of seats remained vacant throughout the service.

ALBUHERA DAY.

Before any mention was heard about the Battalion being required at Wembley on May 9th, we had planned a programme for Albuhera Day, which would have been on a considerably larger scale than last year. Suddenly, however, we were warned to appear at the Exhibition, and all possibility of adequate rehearsals for the 16th were knocked on the head. A considerable revision of ideas was therefore necessary. A further difficulty was the uncertainty as to how many could or would attend a ceremonial parade on two Saturdays running.

As matters turned out, there need have been no qualms on the last point, as with the exception of the outlying companies the attendance was good. The Battalion paraded at 7 p.m. and marched via Willesden High Road to Willesden Green, Chapter Road, Willesden Church, Willesden Road, back to Pound Lane.

This was not quite as long as had been originally intended, but it was decided to cut down the length owing to the heat, as the weather was, strange to say, particularly fine, and even at seven o'clock the streets were uncomfortably hot.

On the return of the Battalion to Pound Lane the parade formed up, a *feu de joie* was fired, the usual cheers given, and the Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion.

The parade was watched by Col. Blumfeld, Col. Hewett, and Col. Passingham, and there can surely be no secretary of a Territorial Association whose enthusiasm nor one who more regularly supports every effort of the Battalions in the Association than the latter. All three expressed themselves well satisfied with the turn-out and the bearing of the parade. After the parade there was an interval, and it was not difficult after a hot march for everyone to fill in that period.

After the interval there was a concert, arranged by R.Q.M.S. Bowles, and the excellent performances of the various artists were thoroughly appreciated by the large gathering of the serving and ex-soldiers of the Battalion and their friends.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

It is many moons since any "B" Company notes have appeared in the Regimental Magazine. This year a general resurrection has taken place, and the doings of the Company can once more be recorded.

The Weapon Training Competition has come and gone, and doubtless with another month or two at our disposal the position of the Company would have been even more satisfactory than it is, in spite of our slow start. Congratulations to Cpls. Batty and Carter on winning the prizes for the best attendances during the four months. They attended fifty-six and thirty-eight drills respectively. Next year we hope the competition will be keener, as it is all for the good of the Company.

It has been decided at a meeting of the non-commissioned officers that in future all non-commissioned officers will wear blue patrols at social functions. This will be a great improvement, and also will, we hope, be an extra inducement to the tyros.

At the beginning of the year the Company suffered from a terrible plague of corpses, the corpses amounting to nearly half the Company. In February war was declared, with the result that our corpses now number ten, but these ten are not going to be allowed to rest in peace. An even more severe war is going to be carried out next winter, if not before. Ours is going to be a live company.

On Saturday, June 6th, we held the first annual dinner at Pound Lane. The numbers from the Company were not as satisfactory as we hoped they would be. Next year we hope to see at least 100 past and serving members of the Company present, as we can safely say that those who were present enjoyed a real good show this year.

During the evening several palms were handed out, but we are not yet perfect. We are only just making a start.

In "B" Company there is one Pte. Littlefield, an excellent young soldier, but we venture to think that even his best friend had not suspected his powers of rhetoric. One day, perhaps, we shall see him at Westminster electrifying the country with ministerial platitudes, considerably less fatuous than most speeches emanating from that august body.

We have decided to go all out to win the Guard Mounting and Lewis Gun Competitions in camp and the competitions at Bisley in October, then, like Alexander, we shall sigh for fresh fields to conquer.

In conclusion, we should like to thank the Regimental Sergeant-Major and the permanent staff for the assistance they have given us in running our Company dinner.

TERRITORIALS AT DINNER.

The large drill hall of the 9th Battalion Middlesex Regiment was comfortably filled on Saturday, when the members of "B" Company sat down to their First Annual Dinner. The arrangements for everyone's comfort, which were all that could be desired, were made by a dinner committee, consisting of C.S.M. Prowse, Sergt. Martin, Cpl. Battey, L./Cpl. Fisher, and Pte. Julian. The chair was occupied by Capt. Sherwood, commanding the Company, who was supported by Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., commanding the Battalion, Capt. and Adjt. N. P. Procter, M.C., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, and 2/Lieut. Furness. The guests included Mr. G. J. Furness, J.P., and Sub-Div. Inspector Powell. The non-commissioned officers present were R.S.M. Beasley, R.Q.M.S. Bowles, C.S.M. Prowse, M.M., Sergts. Martin, G. Smith, L. Morris, Miller, Cpls. Jackson, Carter, Battey, L./Cpls. Powell and Fisher.

After a well served dinner had been enjoyed, the toast of "The King" was proposed by Capt. Sherwood, and that of "The Prince of Wales" by 2/Lieut. Furness, and loyally honoured.

The toast of "The Regiment" was then proposed by Capt. Procter, who reminded them that on their badges the men had "Albuhera," with which they coupled the name "Die-Hards." If anyone was inclined to slacken, he would ask

him to remember that he was not living up to Albuhera, he was not a "Die-Hard," and he was letting the Regiment down. To live up to a "Die-Hard" also meant "live hard," i.e., they must all work to bring the Battalion up to full strength and full efficiency. With the co-operation of the employers, they must get live men to keep their regimental flag flying, not at half-mast, but at the very top of the mast. (Cheers.)

THE 9TH A CREDIT TO THE REGIMENT.

The toast was responded to by Col. Passingham. He thanked them for the hearty way the toast of the Middlesex Regiment had been drunk and the able way it had been proposed. It was an honour to be asked to such a function, for his heart was in the Regiment. He was pleased to say that the 9th Battalion was a credit to the Regiment, and they were a "Die-Hard" Battalion that worked well together. This was "B" Company's first dinner, and he liked to see such little functions. They brought together past and present members of the Battalion and also helped to increase their numbers. He congratulated Capt. Sherwood, and especially did he congratulate Col. Beach on being included in the list of Birthday Honours. (Loud cheers.) The honour of O.B.E. was well deserved, for he knew no more enthusiastic commanding officer than Col. Beach. One of the big firms in the neighbourhood was supporting their Battalion, and he hoped they would soon get all the firms and also the District Council doing their best to stimulate recruiting for the Territorial Army. In some districts this was being done by the local authorities. They brought the Territorials to notice as the second line of defence and the army of expansion in the case of war. Their own Battalion, when the Empire Exhibition was opened, lined the route at the south-west entrance, and comments were heard on all sides on the fine and soldierly bearing of the 9th Battalion. He took the present opportunity of thanking them for their fine appearance on that occasion. (Cheers.)

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

We are now in the middle of a very busy period, what with musketry week-end camps, inter-company competitions,

practice for the various competitions to be held at camp, and the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Life is very full.

The results of the Inter-Company Weapon Training Competition was very satisfactory, the Company winning both the Rifle and the Lewis Gun, and it is now up to us to keep up our reputation at camp and in the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

We are all very sorry to lose our P.S.I., C.S.M. Green, who was discharged to pension on June 16th, 1925.

C.S.M. Green has been with the Company since February, 1923, and he has had a great deal to do with the high standard of efficiency that the Company has attained during this period. Happily, he is not going very far from us, as he is now employed as a clerk in the Battalion Orderly Room, so will still have an active interest in the Battalion. We all wish him the very best of luck as a "civvie."

C.S.M. Denton has been posted back to us from the 1st Battalion, and as he was with the Company for over two years prior to C.S.M. Green he should know how to treat us kindly.

C.S.M. Walton and Pte. Patterson were the Company representatives in the Tyros Competition at the meeting of the London and Middlesex Rifle Meeting at Bisley on June 20th, but both just failed to get a prize. Better luck next time.

We have now only eighteen non-commissioned officers and men to fire their annual course of musketry, and we hope that by the time these notes appear every one will have completed.

THE SOLDIER'S PACK.

(With apologies to Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Camel's Hump.")

The soldier's pack is an ugly sack,
Like the camel's hump at the Zoo,
But uglier yet is the lump you'll get
If you don't make fit to you.

Rookies and trained men too-oo-oo,
If you won't make fit to you-oo-oo,
You'll get a lump,
A very sore lump;
The lump will be black and blue.

You'll come on parade with a grouse
ready-made,
And with M.D. and L.D. looks;
You'll march out of step and moan with
some pep
At parades P.S.I. bandooks.

And there ought to be two pack drills, or
three,
But I know there'll be one for you
If you get a lump,
A very sore lump,
A lump that is black and blue.

The cure for this lump is not pack to the
dump,
Or to wish Army Councils in hell,
But to thank your kind stars that the
order still bars
You from humping a greatcoat as well.

And then you will find, if it fits tight
behind,
That the weight can be carried quite well;
You'll carry that pack
With a much flatter back
That will never be black and blue.

If you don't make it fit to you-oo-oo,
Now you wear it for shooting too-oo-oo,
You'll get a lump,
A very sore lump,
Rookies and trained men too.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it a fact that two privates in "B"
Company were heard to say at Rainham
on Easter Sunday morning: "Well,
Dusty, how did you sleep last night?"
"How did I sleep? I slept all right, but
wasn't we packed, exactly like sardines,
but not so oiled!"

Was a certain Company Quartermaster-
Sergeant who was present during the
Easter musketry rather surprised when the
butt registers were checked and he found
that he had made the best shoot and ob-
tained the highest score the "Clutching
Hand" Society has ever made since the
Battalion was reconstructed?

Is it a fact that a certain Sergeant in "B"
Company (who is also a conductor on the
L.G.O.C.) was doing his duty to his
employer one day when a lady—one of his
fares—kept on worrying him about a
certain road on the route. Eventually he
replied to her continual inquiries, saying

that he would let her know when she
arrived at this particular spot. On arrival
at the place he stopped his 'bus and said:
"Here you are, madam." She then stood
up in the 'bus and said: "There you are,
Fido, that's the road your mother was
born in."

LIES LAID LOW.

1. We have to refute the suggestion
that there is any connection between
Beach's Circus and the 9th Battalion The
Middlesex Regiment.

2. There is no truth in the rumour that
an Army Order is being issued to the
effect that the hair of the head will be
worn long now that the girls are cutting
theirs short.

3. It is quite incorrect that any "B"
Company officer makes anything out of
giving away tips, or that those that follow
them do either.

REGIMENTAL SIDE LINES.

"Do you agree," said the 2/Lieu-
tenant, "that advertising pays?" "I
should say so," replied "Archie," the
Major. "We only issued a notice pinned
on the board in the canteen that a vacancy
was open for a storekeeper, and the next
night the stores were broken into." What
further proof is needed?

"My husband is no fool—he married
me," said the Corporal's wife at the Pen-
sion Office. The lady knows something.

"Military transport drivers are very
respectful in keeping to the centre of the
road," said the Chairman of the Pedestrian
League. "They seem to think that people
should get out of their way simply
because they sound their horn." Do they
expect drivers to get down and kiss them?

A non-attending Territorial's wife
pleaded for time to pay a fine inflicted on
her husband for non-attendance. "I can't
pay this morning," she said, "my
husband is not drawing the dole."
Clerk: "Why?" "Because he's work-
ing this week." Hard lines.

Simon Smith, who was arrested on
suspicion as a burglar, was, said the

policeman, "found at the back of a Drill
Hall that had been forcibly entered
making a noise like a horse. He rattled
chains and kicked the woodwork." He
must have took the police for an ass.

"You are not opening yet?" said an
Old Comrade to the Canteen Manager.
"No, my lad," said the Manager.
"Feeling poorly?" "No, not exactly,
but the wireless forecast was for cold
easterly winds, dull and snow, hail, sleet
and rain, improving later." "I'll wait
till later." So that's that.

STREET TRAINING.

As roads go, ours is quite a good
specimen and possesses several advantages
—District Railway and others two
minutes away, trams and 'buses handy,
and yet it is just out of the full swing of
the traffic. Again, chestnut trees, placed
every twenty or thirty yards, and now
grown into quite imposing trees, give a
certain amount of shade in summer, and
quite a sylvan appearance when in full
leaf. In spite of this, however, it had
never occurred to me to look upon it as a
possible camping ground until to-day.

Since then my eyes have been opened to
the possibilities of using our suburban
roads as camping grounds, especially for
those who cannot, or will not, camp by
the sea. Orders for camp would, under
these circumstances, contain a paragraph:
"Arrangements will be made for all men
who are unable to attend camp at Shore-
ham to camp in their own road."

I must tell you how I got the idea.
This morning, Monday, a hand-cart,
similar to those used by Boy Scouts,
appeared in our road, accompanied by,
presumably, a section, and propelled, very
rightly, by what I took to be the latest
recruit, judging by his age and size.

Having reached the end of the road
(the nearest end) the party halted and
refreshed themselves with long draughts
of tea, and discussed, presumably, the
camp site. Having recovered from the
effort of arriving, the party proceeded to
take up a portion of the pavement
immediately opposite Jones' gate, and
then pitched a small non-military pattern
tent.

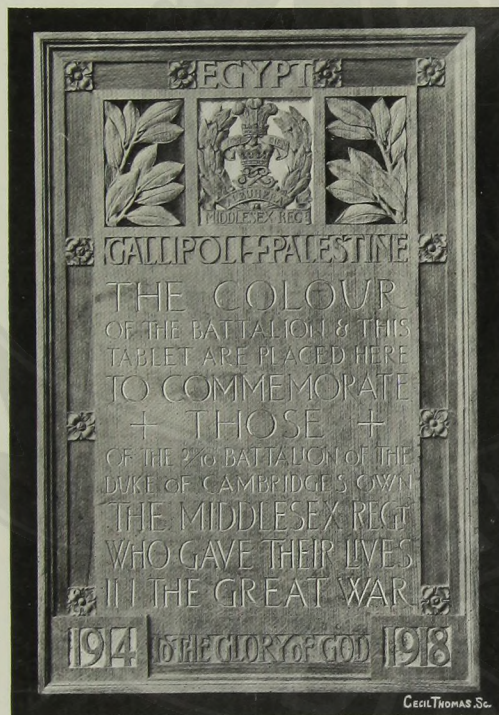
At most times I should have considered their choice of a site unfortunate, but as Jones has been unbearable since he became the owner of the highest wireless pole in the road I am delighted. As Jones is by no means a sylph, I shall be delighted to watch him oscillating to-night in an endeavour to enter his gate.

By 12.30 the campers were settled in, and proceeded to have their midday repast. I call it midday, but, as far as I could see, it went on all the afternoon. I think they must be an advance party, as they have done nothing all day except feed and drink Jones' tea and talk—chiefly to Jones' cook.

At five p.m. they closed the doors of the tent and went away—on pass, I suppose—but I think they ought to have left a sentry.

Tuesday.—I was right. They must have been an advance party. Another two tents have appeared to-day, and are being erected up the road.

I can hear a lot of talking in the tent of yesterday's arrivals. I suppose that is training, but I should think it would be much better if they trained outside in the open air. Jones' cook has brought them five brew of tea to-day. If this goes on Jones will have a good grocer's bill this week.



TABLET IN THE CHANCEL OF CHISWICK PARISH CHURCH.

Unveiled by Lord Wolverton, September, 1921.

5 p.m.—All the campers have gone, and still no sentry.

Wednesday.—I have been away all day, but on returning I noticed another tent still further up the road.

Melisande—that's my wife—says she's got telephone tonsils from continually answering the telephone which appears to have rung at frequent intervals, and on answering the conversation has always been: "Are you Winkle 555?" "You are? Right; thanks!" At any rate, that was the main theme, with variations. I shall have to write to the Postmaster-General about this pest.

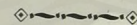
Thursday.—As I went past this morning I heard a camper say "What's your number?" I suppose it was a section commander making out a boot return, though I can't see that they use much boot leather except when walking out.

I must see into one of their tents as I return and see what goes on.

The army were still in possession when I returned this evening, so I stopped at the tent outside Jones' and listened. Judge my feelings when I heard the following:—"What's this one, Bert? That, that's 555. Have we rung 'em lately? Not for the last half-hour." "Oh! Then let's stir 'em up." "Hullo! What's your number?"

I have instructed the General Post Office to remove my telephone forthwith, if not sooner, and have expressed my opinion of them and their workings in suitable language.

Friday.—I have cancelled my instructions to the General Post Office, but asked them to be more careful in future. Meanwhile, I must think over this idea of street camping. It has its points, especially if I could find Jones' wire down in that hole in the pavement.



A CONCHY'S LAMENT.

I am proud of dear old England, the land that gave me birth,
And I love the British freedom that she's famed for;
I admire the gallant Navy, and I know the Army's worth,
And respect the noble Majesty of Law.

I read the daily papers and all about the war,
And hate the nasty, wicked, horrid Hun;
I cry my eyes out nightly until they're red and sore,
And shall not smile again till war is done.

I weep to see the wounded men; poor fellows, it is sad!
And I loathe to read the names of those who're gone;
And the sorrow of the women and the children makes me mad,
As they might have been like me, both well and strong.

'Tis sad to see these fine young men, who volunteer to fight,
Their ignorance and folly is appalling;
And to those possessed of conscience and know what's wrong and right,
The wickedness and sin of it is galling.

Perhaps you think I haven't fought, but that is very wrong,
But I've fought in what I know's the proper way;
I have fought for my exemption and I've fought both loud and long,
And I'll fight like that for ever and a day.

So here's to dear old England, misguided, yes, 'tis true,
Though I chide her not in anger, but in sorrow;
And I've got a little Union Jack, it's red and white and blue,
And I'd wave it if the war were o'er to-morrow.

So you see I've done my little bit, you cannot say I've slacked,
And I've sent our Tommies out some chest protectors;
I blame them not because, poor things, they happen to have lacked
The conscientious feelings of objectors.

R. I. PAIBA,
late Middlesex Regiment.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

READING James Moody's letter, I am reminded of two things—one, it is forty years ago since the Regiment moved to Aldershot from Dover (I know I ought to say the Battalion—but somehow I share the feelings of the long-service men, when there were no battalions, only *the* Regiment) and about forty years ago since I enlisted at Aldershot.

We were the first regiment to occupy the "new" brick huts, and one had no difficulty, coming from Aldershot town, in finding the orderly-room at the top of the lines.

There were very few headquarter recruits in those days, but it seemed to me a waste of time to go to the Depot at Hounslow, so I made my own way to Aldershot. I arrived at the orderly-room shortly before the Colonel appeared, and found the Sergeant-Major, "Old Jeff," the essence of smartness, a fine figure of a man, with a far-reaching voice and an observant eye, pacing up and down in front of the Orderly-Sergeants, etc. It had been suggested to me that it might be a "good thing" to be *his* recruit—I forget what I was "worth," perhaps five shillings; I think that was the amount the body-snatchers (or recruiting-sergeants) in Trafalgar Square used to get at that time for an infantry recruit.

In an unguarded moment "Old Jeff" called his parade to attention, and I was afraid I had rather spoilt my chance of being accepted as his recruit! However, after having said "Please, sir, I want to enlist"—when he hurriedly motioned me on one side, as the Colonel was just approaching—he ("Old Jeff") appeared to forget his slip and accepted me as his recruit and marched me in to be interviewed by one Oscar Smart. I suppose he asked me if I had received a notice, and who had given it to me, and I answered "Yes" and "Sergeant-Major Jefferies." Then, having answered all those intimate questions one is asked on enlistment, I was taken in to be seen by the Adjutant—then Capt. E. V. Bellers, as James Moody has reminded us—and he gave me some very good advice, and, in charge of James Moody, I was sent

along to be medically examined at the hospital. James was not very genial that morning, and I gathered that he thought that one, Trapper Brown, should have taken me to the hospital. He was struck by my ignorance in failing to pronounce the word "Provost" correctly. The only Provosts I had met with before then would correspond to Mayors in England—the Lord Mayor of London, his opposite number in Scotland being the Lord Provost of Edinburgh—and though there is a Lady Mayoress there is no Lady Provost or Provostess! (Before I write any more I must confess I have never kept a diary, and have only mental notes to depend on.) Having passed the doctor, I was brought back by James to the orderly-room, and snubbed on the way because I referred to "hand ball" as "fives." Then I was marched in to be finally approved of by the Colonel, a Mutiny veteran with over forty years' service—Samuel George Huskisson. He had served with the 80th Regiment in the Mutiny and in other campaigns. He was an Ensign of May, 1855, and, taking another leap backwards of forty years, his first Colonel was one George Hutchison, and the date of his first commission was July 14th, 1814—even before that military milestone, the Battle of Waterloo. Col. Huskisson also advised me well.

After I came out we—James and self—went "down the lines," and he condescended to unbend a little before the first dinner bugle sounded.

At this time there was still a considerable sprinkling of twenty-one years men left, and some of very long service—six and seven G.C. Badges and the New Zealand Medal, as well, of course, as the medal for South Africa, 1879—and I cannot help wondering if it is possible that there can be such "celebrities" serving in 1925 as there were forty years ago! There may be, but they do not look the same, the fashion of hair cutting having changed very much, and practically no men were clean-shaven.

T. P. O'Connor is described as the "Father of the House of Commons." "Tommy" Wood might well have been described as the "Grandfather of the 57th." I do not know when or where he enlisted or what his regimental

OBITUARY.

COL. SIR R. HENNELL.

We regret to announce that Col. Sir Reginald Hennell, Lieutenant of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard, died at St. Leonards on May 22nd in his eighty-first year.

LIEUT.-COL. R. F. WESTMACOTT.

We regret to record the death, which occurred on May 21st at his residence, Edington House, near Bridgwater, of Lieut.-Col. Ruscombe Field Westmacott, who was seventy-five years of age, and had been in ill-health for about five weeks.

DRMR. JOHN WILLIAM CONNOLLY.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade, who passed away on May 9th, 1925, aged 38 years. Connolly was the son of an old Die-Hard, and was born in the Regiment. He was educated at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, and enlisted in the Regiment in May, 1901. The deceased, who previously served in South Africa, China and Singapore, went overseas with the 4th Battalion in 1914, and was taken prisoner at Mons after receiving eight wounds. He was repatriated from Germany with the second batch of prisoners in 1915, and was an inmate of King George's Hospital in London until his discharge in September that year as no longer fit for war service. He was mentioned in despatches, and received three medals. The funeral took place at Farnborough in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, including a representative of the Regimental Association, who sent a wreath.

number was—in fact, it is possible he never had one, and became Quartermaster with a brigade number. He was the oldest soldier then serving, even older than the Colonel, having served with the 57th in the Crimea from September, 1854—medal with three clasps, etc. He was made Quartermaster in 1873, and on a cold, dark, snowy morning in the meat store his manner was apt to be a little unsympathetic to the busy lance-corporal who called attention to the proportion of bone or fat to the meat—his Quartermaster-Sergeant was more easily approached, and looked so. I think he became a Major afterwards.

Without having the biceps of a Burgh, the then regimental strong man and suitably employed on the Regimental Police, I was hefty enough to avoid much unpleasantness in my first barrack-room—a place where a man very soon finds his level—and in it there were two veterans of the "old school."

H. A. B.

(To be continued.)



CORRESPONDENCE.

24 Bickenhall Mansions,
W.I.
July 4th, 1925.

DEAR BUCKNALL,

On behalf of the Free Forester side, I would like to express our warm thanks to the officers of the Middlesex Regiment for their kindness and courtesy, and to say how much we have all enjoyed the match. It was a most exciting game, and next year we shall try and see if the result can be just the other way—though it would not be possible to have a closer finish, which is the main thing.

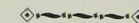
Again with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,
A. J. H. SLOGGETT,
Lieut.

July 10th.

P.S.—I have just discovered that this letter was never posted by the maid, for which neglect I offer many apologies, in that this letter will have arrived so late.

A. J. H. S.



MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

AFTER the Peninsular War Major-Gen. Sir G. Cooke, K.C.B., Colonel of the 77th Regiment, applied for permission to issue a medal to the men who had served at El Bodon, Ciudad Rodrigo, and Badajoz, and a few who still remained in the Regiment who fought at the Siege of Seringapatam. The following reply was received:—

“HORSE GUARDS,
“January 4th, 1818.

“SIR,

“I have had the honour to receive and submit to the Commander-in-Chief your application from the O.C. 77th Regiment for permission to issue medals to be worn by the men of the Corps who served at certain places mentioned, and in reply I have it in command to signify to you, that although the Commander-in-Chief is not aware of the expedience of individual distinction of the above nature being granted, the Prince Regent having

already sanctioned the honors due to the Regiment collectively, yet H.R.H. will not offer any objection to the measure recommended.

“I have his command at the same time to observe that it is presumed that the medals will only be granted to individuals having claims from merit, and particular good conduct.

“Signed HENRY CALVERT,
“A.G.

“Major-Gen. Sir G. Cooke, K.C.B.,
“Colonel, 77th Regiment.”

The medals shown below are:—

No. 1.—Gold medal awarded to Sergt. T. Marshall, 30 years' meritorious service; he enlisted in the year 1799, and was present at Seringapatam 1799.

No. 2.—Sergt. T. Lambert; engraved El Bodon, Ciudad Rodrigo.

No. 3.—George Thompson; engraved El Bodon, Ciudad Rodrigo, and Badajoz. (No. 2 gives the obverse, and Nos. 1 and 3 the reverse.)

The medals are in the possession of Mr. E. Morris, late 1st Battalion, to whom we are indebted for the photo and description.



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

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Colonel	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.		25Feb.21	
Officer Commanding Depot	Pearson, Maj. (Lt. Col.) V. L. N., D.S.O., Midd'x R.		10Mar.23	
1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.)	d. Arnold, A. C., O.B.E. (2) M.C., p.s.c., d. 7Dec.15 bt. maj. 3June19 2Thorpe, J. R. (I) 26Jan.16 1Phillips, H., M.C. 26Aug.16 d. 1Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16 bt. maj. 3June19 1Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16 1Horrocks, B. G., M.C. 1Jan.17 1Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25Apr.17 2Lawrence, F. A. L. 7May17 (1)dei Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. 28Sept.20 c. Dallas, J. C., M.C. 22Oct.20 2Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23Mar.21 1Procter, N. P., M.C. 1Apr.21 (1) Lyons, E. F., M.C. 18Feb.22 2Garrow, V. J. 25Feb.22	2Overell, A. N. 1Nov.18 1Clowes, J. H. 1Nov.18 2Chapman, J. R. S. 5Jan.19 1Tait, J. 12Mar.19 2Pater, P. 21June19 2Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27Aug.19 2Clayden, H. W. 27Aug.19 Stephenson, G. A. (Adj. Singapore Vol. Corps) 24Oct.19 2Howell, H. A. A. 24Oct.19 (1) Clark, S. J. 21Feb.20 c.o. Walden, F. 21Feb.20 2Heywood, E. L. 20Feb.20 2Ayscough, E. S. M. 20Dec.20 spec. appt. Reid, J. G. E. 18July21 a.m. Colam, E. F. 17Dec.21 a.m. Hudson, E. V. H. 17Dec.21 a.m. Musselwhite, C. C. 16July22 1Cubitt, D. Y. 24Dec.22 2Tuckey, P. E. C. 14July23 1Worton, J. B. 14July23 2Lambert, H. P. 14July23 1Gordon, I. D. S. 14July23 1Crawford, M. 23Dec.23		
Lt.-Colonels (2).	2Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24 1Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24			
Majors (8).	1Percy-Smith, D. C., D.S.O., O.B.E. 1Sept.15 2Owen, D. C., D.S.O. 1May16 d. 1Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July16 bt. lt.-col. 1Jan.18 2White, P. G. (Detn. Bks.) 1July18 1Dundas, A. C., O.B.E. (I) 29July18 1Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) 28Sept.24 1Jan.19 2Brown, G. L., D.S.O. 28Sept.24 3June19 1Jeffery, W. W. 19Dec.24	2Overell, A. N. 1Nov.18 1Clowes, J. H. 1Nov.18 2Chapman, J. R. S. 5Jan.19 1Tait, J. 12Mar.19 2Pater, P. 21June19 2Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27Aug.19 2Clayden, H. W. 27Aug.19 Stephenson, G. A. (Adj. Singapore Vol. Corps) 24Oct.19 2Howell, H. A. A. 24Oct.19 (1) Clark, S. J. 21Feb.20 c.o. Walden, F. 21Feb.20 2Heywood, E. L. 20Feb.20 2Ayscough, E. S. M. 20Dec.20 spec. appt. Reid, J. G. E. 18July21 a.m. Colam, E. F. 17Dec.21 a.m. Hudson, E. V. H. 17Dec.21 a.m. Musselwhite, C. C. 16July22 1Cubitt, D. Y. 24Dec.22 2Tuckey, P. E. C. 14July23 1Worton, J. B. 14July23 2Lambert, H. P. 14July23 1Gordon, I. D. S. 14July23 1Crawford, M. 23Dec.23		
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6th Battalion (Militia).	Hon. Colonel. Mashiter, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay l.a. 25Feb.21	Hon. Colonel. Mashiter, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay l.a. 25Feb.21	Hon. Colonel. Mashiter, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay l.a. 25Feb.21	
7th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Bowles, H. F., TD l.a. 13Aug.04	Hon. Colonel. Bowles, H. F., TD l.a. 13Aug.04	Hon. Colonel. Bowles, H. F., TD l.a. 13Aug.04	
8th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Garnier, W., C.M.G., TD l.a. 5Apr.21	Hon. Colonel. Garnier, W., C.M.G., TD l.a. 5Apr.21	Hon. Colonel. Garnier, W., C.M.G., TD l.a. 5Apr.21	
9th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., l.a. 20Feb.23	Hon. Colonel. Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., l.a. 20Feb.23	Hon. Colonel. Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., l.a. 20Feb.23	
10th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Lewey, A. W. 28July23	Hon. Colonel. Lewey, A. W. 28July23	Hon. Colonel. Lewey, A. W. 28July23	
11th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Palmer, H. A. 3Nov.18	Hon. Colonel. Palmer, H. A. 3Nov.18	Hon. Colonel. Palmer, H. A. 3Nov.18	
12th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Parmeter, W. H. 22Apr.22	Hon. Colonel. Parmeter, W. H. 22Apr.22	Hon. Colonel. Parmeter, W. H. 22Apr.22	
13th Battalion (Territorial).	Hon. Colonel. Ellis, H. C., O.B.E., 7Feb.25	Hon. Colonel. Ellis, H. C., O.B.E., 7Feb.25	Hon. Colonel. Ellis, H. C., O.B.E., 7Feb.25	

Lieutenants.		Adjutant.		9th Battalion (Territorial).		Captains.		2nd Lieutenant.	
Newbery, R. E.	M.C.	Thorne, M., capt.	Loyal R.	"South Africa, 1900-02."		Lamont, J. N., M.C.	1 June 16	Heffer, H.	17 Mar 23
Wells, E. T. W.	1 Mar 19					Findlay, L. F.	25 Oct 21	Furness, G. J. B.	30 July 24
Murray, P. F.	28 Mar 19	Quartermaster.		Drill Hall, Pound Lane,	Willesden, N.W.10.	Fox, G. L.	17 Aug 22	Ryan, J. W. S.	24 Oct 21
Boys, R. H. G.	5 July 22	Dymore, H., M.C. capt.	19 Apr 20			Sherwood, H.	22 Oct 22	Procter, N. P., M.C. capt.	15 July 24
Jewson, D. A.	12 Aug 23			Hon. Colonel.				Quartermaster.	
Wells, R. B.	20 July 24			Blumfeld, J. L., TD t.a.	10 Jan 22	Lieutenants.		Lawson, E. C., M.C. (Capt. Res. of Off.)	15 July 24
Pattison, P. R.	1 Nov 24			Lt.-Colonel.		Hardcastle, H. K.	2 Feb 23	[Uniform—Scarlet.	
Pattison, D. R.	13 Nov 24			Beach, G., O.B.E., TD t.a.	17 Aug 22	Hogg, F. G.	31 Mar 23	Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	
				Major.		Furlong, I. E.	11 May 23		
				Tupper, G. W. H.	7 Jan 21	Hewson, A. S.	9 June 23		
				TD t.a.		Townell, S. H.	25 June 23		
						Wright, L. C.	24 Dec 21		
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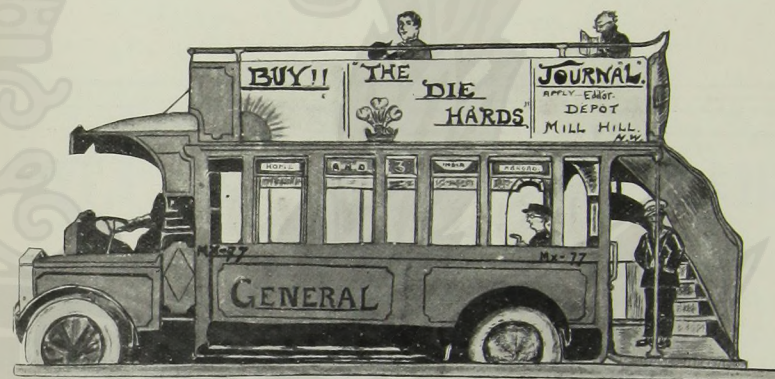
Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	H. Anderson, M.C.	1st	1/5/20	Sgt.	C. Cook ...	Supn.	19/10/15
R.S.M.	F. Fane ...	2nd	29/9/23	Sgt.	G. Hoadley ...	1st	20/11/15
R.S.M.	R. Mantell ...	Depot	26/9/24	Sgt.	W. Green, D.C.M.	1st	18/2/17
Bdmr.	J. Clarke ...	1st	26/6/16	Sgt.	H. Manders ...	8th	28/2/17
Bdmr.	H. Clibbens ...	2nd	22/2/24	Sgt.	L. Hills ...	2nd	26/4/17
R.Q.M.S.	A. Clark ...	1st	21/6/17	Sgt.	W. West ...	2nd	10/9/17
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell ...	Depot	15/7/24	Sgt.	E. Kelly ...	9th	20/11/17
R.Q.M.S.	H. Baker, D.C.M.	2nd	30/12/24	Sgt.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	Depot	19/9/18
C.S.M.	W. Beasley ...	9th	30/1/15	Sgt.	C. Parsons, M.M.	1st	13/10/18
C.S.M.	C. Green ...	9th	18/4/16	Sgt.	E. Pain ...	1st	26/10/18
C.S.M.	J. Walker ...	1st	3/7/16	Sgt.	King ...	1st	18/1/19
C.S.M.	W. Beaman ...	1st	1/9/17	Sgt.	C. Mabb ...	7th	19/9/19
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	Depot	4/9/18	Sgt.	W. Moore ...	1st	7/11/19
C.S.M.	S. Cox ...	2nd	9/7/23	Sgt.	S. Speakes ...	1st	1/5/20
C.S.M.	H. Siddons ...	2nd	29/9/23	Sgt.	H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20
C.S.M.	E. Crouch ...	1st	1/9/24	Sgt.	C. Cox ...	2nd	1/5/20
C.S.M.	C. Davis ...	2nd	13/10/24	Sgt.	A. Walker ...	2nd	1/5/20
C.S.M.	E. Burns ...	2nd	28/1/25	Sgt.	A. Mayhew ...	2nd	1/5/20
C.S.M.	H. Rand ...	2nd	28/1/25	Sgt.	W. Palmer ...	2nd	1/5/20
C.S.M.	C. Denton ...	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	W. Nokes-Bourne	1st	1/5/20
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	1st	26/5/25	Sgt.	E. Margrave ...	2nd	15/5/20
C.S.M.	C. Goodall ...	7th	4/6/25	Sgt.	W. Willard, M.M.	1st	3/11/20
C.Q.M.S.	F. Pelly ...	1st	8/10/16	Sgt.	E. Heath ...	1st	20/11/20
C.Q.M.S.	W. Gray ...	Depot	1/8/20	Sgt.	J. Wilcockson ...	Depot	30/11/20
C.Q.M.S.	F. Cushion ...	2nd	2/2/22	Sgt.	J. Cook ...	2nd	30/11/20
C.Q.M.S.	J. Cook ...	1st	12/10/22	Sgt. Dmr.	G. Goodwin ...	1st	1/7/21
C.Q.M.S.	S. Steadman ...	2nd	23/7/23	Sgt.	H. Darby ...	Depot	25/8/21
C.Q.M.S.	H. Lydiat ...	1st	15/7/24	Sgt.	E. Walsh ...	7th	25/8/21
C.O.M.S.	T. Smith ...	2nd	13/10/24	Sgt.	J. Hart ...	2nd	25/8/21
C.Q.M.S.	C. Kent ...	2nd	4/2/25	Sgt.	F. Stevenson ...	1st	25/8/21
C.Q.M.S.	W. O'Brien ...	2nd	27/2/25	Sgt.	H. Hart ...	Depot	9/1/22
C.Q.M.S.	R. Flatman, D.C.M.	1st	26/5/25	Sgt.	W. Thompson ...	2nd	9/1/22
C.Q.M.S.	C. King ...	1st	26/5/25	Sgt.	G. Capel ...	2nd	9/1/22
C.S. (O.R.S.)	R. Fox ...	1st	1/4/24	Sgt.	S. Wilson ...	2nd	9/1/22
C.S. (O.R.S.)	W. Pillely ...	2nd	15/1/25	Sgt.	H. Tisdale ...	8th	22/1/22
C.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch ...	Depot	13/6/25	Sgt. (O.R.C.)	C. Stuart ...	1st	23/4/23
Sgt.	C. Shaw ...	7th	30/1/12	Sgt.	F. Hill ...	2nd	22/8/23
Sgt.	F. Sparkes ...	8th	25/9/14	Sgt.	S. Colbourne ...	2nd	6/10/23
Sgt.	W. Sperry, M.C.	2nd	23/12/14	Sgt.	V. O-terholme ...	1st	10/10/23
Sgt.	J. Goldstraw ...	Depot	26/4/15	Sgt.	R. Mewett ...	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	F. Rose ...	8th	2/5/15	Sgt.	W. Leatherby ...	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	F. Campbell, D.C.M.	1st	11/7/15	Sgt.	W. Connors ...	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	A. Baynham ...	1st	13/10/15	Sgt.	H. Hewett ...	2nd	10/1/24

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Sgt. (I.M.)	V. Brockman ...	1st	15/7/24	Cpl.	J. West ...	1st	11/1/24
Sgt.	L. Simmonds ...	2nd	24/8/24	Cpl.	H. Gibson ...	1st	11/1/24
Sgt.	L. Clarke ...	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	E. Lione ...	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	W. Clements ...	Depot	10/11/24	Cpl.	W. Grace ...	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	J. Beaveridge ...	2nd	28/1/25	Cpl.	T. French ...	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt. Dmr.	W. Palmer ...	2nd	4/2/25	Cpl.	C. Olden ...	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Draper ...	2nd	17/2/25	Cpl.	T. Hannah ...	1st	2/2/24
Sgt.	A. Russell ...	1st	19/2/25	Cpl.	O. Phelps ...	1st	5/2/24
Sgt.	E. Jones ...	2nd	27/2/25	Cpl.	G. Egan ...	1st	16/2/24
Sgt.	E. Burt ...	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	J. Stretton ...	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	G. Flemming ...	1st	10/3/25	Cpl.	Kelly ...	Depot	12/3/24
Sgt.	G. Lambert ...	1st	20/3/25	Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	18/3/24
Sgt.	W. Rogers ...	1st	20/5/25	Cpl.	E. Norman ...	1st	7/5/24
Sgt.	S. Tibbs ...	1st	1/6/25	Cpl.	E. Howard ...	2nd	4/5/24
L./Sgt.	L. Fairchild ...	2nd	*5/12/21	Cpl.	W. Tibble ...	1st	11/6/24
L./Sgt.	W. Fletcher ...	2nd	*1/12/22	Cpl.	S. Davis ...	2nd	2/7/24
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett ...	Depot	*30/1/23	Cpl.	C. Lewis ...	1st	16/7/24
L./Sgt.	S. Mason ...	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	W. Howard ...	2nd	23/7/24
L./Sgt.	C. Banfield ...	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	W. Patterson ...	2nd	28/7/24
L./Sgt.	C. Taylor ...	Depot	*19/1/24	Cpl.	C. Soper ...	1st	16/7/24
L./Sgt.	B. Gray ...	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	G. Goss ...	Depot	1/9/24
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence ...	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	H. Sammons, M.M.	1st	29/10/24
L./Sgt.	G. Bone ...	2nd	*30/8/24	Cpl.	A. Stenning ...	1st	10/11/24
L./Sgt.	G. Clift ...	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	S. Burgess ...	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	J. Trapp ...	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	V. Hall ...	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	Robbins ...	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	A. Wright ...	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	E. Hazledene ...	2nd	22/10/24	Cpl.	S. Bishop ...	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	T. Tiller ...	2nd	17/2/25	Cpl.	W. Swindon ...	1st	*25/11/24
L./Sgt.	S. Hawkins ...	1st	20/2/25	Cpl.	G. Rawlings ...	1st	*23/11/24
L./Sgt.	A. Ward ...	1st	*26/3/25	Cpl.	F. Denchfield ...	2nd	27/12/24
L./Sgt.	H. Warren ...	Depot	26/3/25	Cpl.	R. King ...	1st	30/12/24
L./Sgt.	A. Clifford ...	2nd	17/5/25	Cpl.	J. Brown ...	2nd	4/2/25
L./Sgt.	W. Overton ...	1st	1/6/25	Cpl.	R. Ecclestone ...	Depot	19/2/25
L./Sgt.	T. Page ...	1st	*1/6/25	Cpl.	S. Copelin ...	2nd	24/2/25
L./Sgt.	W. Bennett ...	1st	*1/6/25	Cpl.	L. Johnson ...	2nd	27/2/25
L./Sgt.	H. Thomas ...	1st	*8/6/25	Cpl.	Kennett ...	1st	1/3/25
A./L./Sgt.	W. Raindle ...	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	A. Williams ...	1st	2/3/25
Cpl.	R. Green ...	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	J. O'Brien ...	1st	16/4/25
Cpl.	J. Sharman ...	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	H. Wilson ...	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	L. Honeybun ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	W. Floyd ...	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	E. Leggett ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	R. Wood ...	2nd	13/5/20	Cpl.	A. Secretan ...	2nd	5/5/25
Cpl.	E. Aird ...	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	J. Jones ...	2nd	8/5/25
Cpl.	L. Baker ...	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	T. Ballard ...	2nd	13/5/25
Cpl.	J. Bray ...	1st	29/12/20	Cpl.	W. Eldrett ...	1st	1/6/25
Cpl.	F. Thompson ...	1st	1/7/21	Cpl.	W. McMurdie ...	1st	4/6/25
Cpl.	R. Newcombe ...	1st	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	J. Murphy ...	1st	*20/8/20
Cpl.	G. Horrex ...	Depot	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Sando ...	Depot	*1/1/21
Cpl.	R. Holder ...	1st	18/7/21	L./Cpl.	B. Pope ...	1st	*1/4/21
Cpl.	F. Stacey ...	Depot	25/8/21	L./Cpl.	F. Clarke ...	1st	*1/4/21
Cpl.	C. Misso ...	1st	25/8/21	L./Cpl.	F. Carter ...	1st	*6/4/21
Cpl.	W. Harwood ...	2nd	4/12/21	L./Cpl.	H. Channon ...	1st	*21/11/21
Cpl.	W. Richardson ...	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	D. Jones ...	1st	*6/6/22
Cpl.	H. Clarke ...	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	C. Kingdom ...	Depot	*12/10/22
Cpl.	H. Ruff ...	2nd	10/1/22	L./Cpl.	G. Skeats ...	1st	*12/10/22
Cpl.	H. Barker ...	2nd	4/3/22	L./Cpl.	J. Morden ...	1st	*24/1/23
Cpl.	R. Rutledge ...	2nd	17/11/22	L./Cpl.	J. Painter ...	1st	*23/3/23
Cpl.	J. Steward ...	Depot	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	A. Reed ...	1st	*1/4/23
Cpl.	G. McDonald ...	1st	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	W. Tomkins ...	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	A. Jones ...	1st	10/4/23	L./Cpl.	W. Curl ...	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	F. Button ...	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	H. Myland ...	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	G. Staines ...	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	F. Buckley ...	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	G. Green ...	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	W. Bratby ...	2nd	21/8/23	L./Cpl.	L. Yesterley ...	1st	*30/8/23
Cpl.	C. Newton ...	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	G. Foley ...	Depot	*13/10/23
Cpl.	G. Hatfield ...	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	C. Mardle ...	1st	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	A. Hames ...	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Travarthen ...	1st	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	G. McGlone ...	1st	*15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Duckmanton ...	Depot	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	P. Edwards ...	1st	*15/2/24
				L./Cpl.	A. Bartram ...	1st	*15/2/24

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L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	S. Hutton	Depot	†18/3/25
L./Cpl.	G. Frost	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	A. Lamkin	...	2nd *12/2/20
L./Cpl.	Bearne	...	Depot *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	F. Colton	...	2nd *13/9/20
L./Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	Depot *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	A. Clark	...	2nd *12/11/20
L./Cpl.	R. Challis	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	S. Hunt	...	2nd *11/7/21
L./Cpl.	C. Watson	...	1st *20/2/24	L./Cpl.	G. Atkins	...	2nd *12/7/21
L./Cpl.	C. Turner	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Berry	...	2nd *22/8/21
L./Cpl.	E. Battersby	...	1st *13/5/24	L./Cpl.	R. Neighbour	...	2nd *22/9/21
L./Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Milne	...	2nd *13/12/21
L./Cpl.	H. Williams	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Simmonds	...	2nd *6/2/22
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Whiting	...	2nd *4/3/22
L./Cpl.	R. Armiboldi	...	Depot †13/7/23	L./Cpl.	A. Webb	...	2nd *4/3/22
L./Cpl.	S. Harnett	...	1st *17/8/23	L./Cpl.	E. Glibbery	...	2nd *7/3/22
L./Cpl.	L. Priddy	...	1st *7/9/23	L./Cpl.	R. Wingrove	...	2nd *8/3/22
L./Cpl.	H. Short	...	Depot *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	E. Addinall	...	2nd *12/3/22
L./Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	J. Jenkins	...	2nd *23/3/22
L./Cpl.	G. Mills	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	F. Welsh	...	2nd *27/3/22
L./Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	C. Clements	...	2nd *21/4/22
L./Cpl.	J. Frost	...	1st *8/10/23	L./Cpl.	W. Makewell	...	2nd *24/8/22
L./Cpl.	E. Ratty	...	1st *22/12/23	L./Cpl.	H. Poulter	...	2nd *30/8/22
L./Cpl.	Goodall	...	1st *22/1/24	L./Cpl.	W. Flint	...	2nd *2/10/22
L./Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	L. Laxton	...	2nd *7/10/22
L./Cpl.	H. Riley	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	A. Rowell	...	2nd *22/12/22
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	1st *14/3/24	L./Cpl.	H. Lucas	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	F. Burton	...	1st *17/3/24	L./Cpl.	S. Simpson	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	H. Hull	...	Depot *5/4/24	L./Cpl.	C. Forster	...	2nd *14/3/23
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder	...	1st *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Donaldson	...	2nd *19/4/23
L./Cpl.	R. Glover	...	1st *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Pollard	...	2nd *29/5/23
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge	...	Depot †18/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Power	...	2nd *4/6/23
L./Cpl.	H. Batt	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	R. Franklin	...	2nd *9/6/23
L./Cpl.	A. Case	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	G. Brown	...	2nd †13/6/23
L./Cpl.	A. Hows	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Potter	...	2nd †15/6/23
L./Cpl.	A. Anson	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Riley	...	2nd *21/7/23
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	H. Crawley	...	2nd *27/7/23
L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	H. Readings	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	S. Nicholls	...	1st †3/6/24	L./Cpl.	B. Gower	...	2nd †13/8/23
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	...	1st †11/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Matthews	...	2nd *13/8/23
L./Cpl.	G. Oskinat	...	1st †21/6/24	L./Cpl.	J. Fowler	...	2nd *15/8/23
L./Cpl.	West	...	1st †14/7/24	L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft	...	2nd *17/8/23
L./Cpl.	Bayles	...	1st †13/8/24	L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	2nd *23/9/23
L./Cpl.	Vials	...	1st †13/8/24	L./Cpl.	W. Millbery	...	2nd *8/10/23
L./Cpl.	Bowden	...	1st †16/8/24	L./Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	2nd *13/10/23
L./Cpl.	W. Banham	...	1st †19/8/24	L./Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt	...	1st †19/8/24	L./Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	Giles	...	1st †8/9/24	L./Cpl.	T. Dibley	...	2nd †29/10/23
L./Cpl.	Gough	...	1st †8/9/24	L./Cpl.	T. Levett	...	2nd †29/10/23
L./Cpl.	Barley	...	1st †8/9/24	L./Cpl.	J. Stanford	...	2nd †10/11/23
L./Cpl.	Marshall	...	1st *1/6/25	L./Cpl.	G. Williamson	...	2nd †17/11/23
L./Cpl.	Norman	...	1st †11/9/24	L./Cpl.	W. Adams	...	2nd †20/11/23
L./Cpl.	O'Neill	...	1st †25/9/24	L./Cpl.	E. Banks	...	2nd †23/11/23
L./Cpl.	Tompkins	...	1st †29/9/24	L./Cpl.	E. Wright	...	2nd †2/11/23
L./Cpl.	Kelly	...	1st *2/10/24	L./Cpl.	F. Fisher	...	2nd †4/1/24
L./Cpl.	L. Westney	...	1st *9/10/24	L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	2nd †4/1/24
L./Cpl.	Thompson	...	1st *11/10/24	L./Cpl.	E. Barker	...	2nd †4/1/24
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson	...	1st †17/10/24	L./Cpl.	F. Wingrove, M.M.	...	2nd †15/1/24
L./Cpl.	Weedon	...	1st *31/10/24	L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2nd †16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke	...	Depot †1/12/24	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2nd †16/1/24
L./Cpl.	Fletcher	...	1st †1/12/24	L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	Hammond	...	1st †1/12/24	L./Cpl.	A. Jones	...	2nd †2/2/24
L./Cpl.	Woodroff	...	1st †1/12/24	L./Cpl.	J. Brooks	...	2nd †4/2/24
L./Cpl.	Wheatley	...	1st †10/12/24	L./Cpl.	T. Grogan	...	2nd †19/3/24
L./Cpl.	Chasney	...	1st †1/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	2nd *25/3/24
L./Cpl.	Carnoll	...	1st †1/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Towell	...	2nd *25/3/24
L./Cpl.	Painter	...	1st *1/1/25	L./Cpl.	W. Schooledge	...	2nd *19/4/24
L./Cpl.	F. Edwick	...	1st †17/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Cook	...	2nd †5/5/24
L./Cpl.	H. Holness	...	1st †6/2/25	L./Cpl.	C. Tisdall	...	2nd †18/6/24
L./Cpl.	W. Lee	...	1st †4/3/25	L./Cpl.	E. Noakes	...	2nd †24/6/24
L./Cpl.	Balls	...	1st †4/3/25	L./Cpl.	C. Champion	...	2nd †7/7/24
L./Cpl.	G. Blackman	...	1st †12/3/25	L./Cpl.	J. Lane	...	2nd †17/7/24
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer	...	1st †13/3/25	L./Cpl.	J. Geary	...	2nd †3/10/24

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L./Cpl.	W. Kemp	...	2nd †3/1/25	L./Cpl.	G. Brown	...	1st †17/4/25
L./Cpl.	W. Waterman	...	2nd †10/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Johnson	...	1st †17/4/25
L./Cpl.	G. Reed	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	E. Foulger	...	1st †8/4/25
L./Cpl.	W. Budd	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Goodall	...	1st †21/4/25
L./Cpl.	C. Stewart	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	Smith	...	1st †5/5/25
L./Cpl.	D. Williams	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	Chalkley	...	1st †6/5/25
L./Cpl.	H. Meddams	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Jaffery	...	2nd †2/5/25
L./Cpl.	A. Boen	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes	...	2nd †30/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble	...	2nd †31/1/25	L./Cpl.	G. Maun	...	1st *2/6/25
L./Cpl.	W. Grimmett	...	2nd †7/2/25	L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher	...	1st †4/6/25
L./Cpl.	J. Carroll	...	2nd †2/3/25	L./Cpl.	T. Martin	...	2nd †9/6/25
L./Cpl.	C. Moss	...	2nd †6/3/25	L./Cpl.	L. Harrison	...	1st †13/6/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lee	...	2nd †11/3/25	L./Cpl.	Pike	...	1st 17/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gray	...	2nd †11/3/25	L./Cpl.	Lack	...	1st 18/6/5
L./Cpl.	J. Davis	...	2nd †2/4/25	L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus	...	1st †22/6/25
L./Cpl.	Deamer	...	1st 7/4/25	L./Cpl.	Kruck	...	1st †30/6/25
L./Cpl.	West	...	1st †7/4/25	L./Cpl.	T. Sibley	...	2nd *30/5/25

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