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EDITORIAL



THE article by Sir Nicholas Lockyer on page 560 is of dramatic interest. Just one hundred years ago the British Government, through his father, Major Lockyer, 57th Regiment, formally declared that the Empire claimed not merely the Eastern half of Australia but the whole of it.

Now one hundred years after that crucial event the son of Major Lockyer comes forward and tells us all of that striking incident.

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We are indebted to Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson for having represented the Regiment at the unveiling of the Menin Gate Memorial, and for obtaining the photographs of the tablets bearing the names of officers and other ranks of the Regiment.

Those officers and old comrades who were serving thirty years ago will well remember Miss Hughes-Hallett, whose death is announced on page 602. Her brother, Col. H. Hughes-Hallett, then commanded the 1st Battalion, and, being a bachelor, Miss Hughes-Hallett discharged the duties which usually fall to a C.O.'s wife. Many will recall with what excellence these were performed, and her kindness and ready sympathy with the married families in distress endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Her affection for the Regiment and the well-being of its members absorbed her whole interest, and deep feelings of sympathy and regret will be occasioned at the news of her death by all who knew her.

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It has been suggested that a Regimental Diary should be issued in place of the Regimental Calendar.

The question was discussed by the Executive Committee of the Association at the last regular meeting, and it was decided to invite the opinion of subscribing members of the Journal. Will our readers, therefore, kindly let us have their views as early as possible?



REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1928.

- January 7th.—Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
- March 3rd.—1/10th Middlesex Sergeants' Mess Association: Annual Reunion Dinner.
- April 7th.—Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
- June 25th.—Cricket, The Regiment v. A. N. Other, at the Depot, Mill Hill, 11.30 a.m.
- June 26th.—Cricket, The Regiment v. Free Foresters, at the Depot, Mill Hill, 11.30 a.m.
- June 26th.—Officers' Club Dinner, at the Trocadero Restaurant, at 7.45 p.m.
- June 27th.—Cricket, The Regiment v. A. N. Other, at the Depot, Mill Hill, 11.30 a.m.

- June 27th.—Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.
- June 28th.—Cricket, The Regiment v. Cryptics, at the Depot, Mill Hill, 11.30 a.m.
- June 29th.—Annual Depot Sports, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2 p.m.
- June 29th.—Old Comrades' Gathering, at the Depot, Mill Hill, 2 p.m.
- June 29th.—Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, 2 p.m.
- October 6th.—Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
- October 19th.—1/10th Sergeants' Mess Association Annual General Meeting.
- November 3rd.—Regimental Association Annual General Meeting, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, N.W., at 7 p.m.
- November 3rd.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
- November 11th.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental Memorial, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 10.45 a.m.



REGIMENTAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

AUGUST 13TH, 1927.

A BRIGHT sun early on Saturday morning encouraged quite a large number of entrants to gather at the Depot for the second Regimental Tennis Tournament. Having shone its best for two hours, however, the sun appeared to think that it had done its share towards making the affair a success, and retired behind banks of rainclouds that from 12.30 onwards did their worst to wreck the whole of the proceedings.

Fortunately, the doubles had reached the semi-finals stage before the rain set in, and these were played off during the afternoon on the hard court. Despite an almost incessant drizzle, the finals in this event produced a very good match between the Depot (the holders) and the 9th Battalion. The steadiness of Major Tupper, combined with some good driving to the back line by Capt. Horrocks, proved too much for the Depot pair, and

although Major Sloane-Stanley, who was playing at the top of his form, returned some amazingly difficult shots, except for a short period in the second set, they were never able to get together sufficiently to improve their game on their opponents, who won the cup with sets of 6-3, 6-4.

Unfortunately, only the first round of the singles had been played off before the rain intervened, and the remaining matches were played off during the following three weeks. This meant that several people had to scratch: a disappointment for everybody.

The final of the singles was played on September 16th. The weather again was inopportune, a gusty wind making accurate driving an impossibility.

The first set was very evenly contested, more so than the score of 6-3 in Major Tupper's favour indicates.

In the second set Major Tupper, by his steadiness and experience, won comfortably (6-1), although Clayden fought gamely to the bitter end.

We were very glad to see the 2nd Battalion represented this year, and there seems no doubt that as this event becomes better known it will prove one of the most popular events of the year.

The following were the results of the matches played:—

DOUBLES.

First Round.—7th Battalion beat 2nd Battalion (Lieuts. Overell and Clark) 6-4; 9th Battalion w.o.

Semi-finals.—9th Battalion (Major Tupper and Capt. Horrocks) beat 7th Battalion; Depot 1 (Majors Jefferd and Sloane-Stanley) beat Depot 2 (Lieut. Clayden and Capt. Manson).

Final.—9th Battalion (Major Tupper and Capt. Horrocks) beat Depot 1 (Majors Jefferd and Sloane-Stanley) 6-2, 6-4.

SINGLES.

First Round.—Col. Maitland beat Lieut. Lambert 6-3; Major Jefferd beat Major Bucknall 6-3; Capt. Horrocks beat Lieut. Overell 6-1; Major Sloane-Stanley w.o.

Second Round.—Major Jefferd beat Col. Maitland 6-0; Major Sloane-Stanley w.o.; Lieut. Stephenson beat 2/Lieut. Jupp 6-0; Lieut. Clayden beat Capt. Manson 6-2; Col. Smith w.o.; Major

Tupper beat Lieut. Clark 6-2; Lieut. Parker w.o.

Third Round.—Major Sloane-Stanley beat Major Jefford 6-3; Lieut. Clayden beat Lieut. Stephenson 6-0; Col. Smith w.o.; Major Tupper beat Lieut. Parker 6-0.

Semi-finals.—Lieut. Clayden beat Major Sloane-Stanley 6-3; Major Tupper beat Col. Smith.

Final.—Major Tupper beat Lieut. Clayden 6-3, 6-1.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND.

GEN. SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE embarked at the commencement of September for another visit to New Zealand, proceeding on this occasion by way of Canada and Vancouver. He proposes to spend three months in New Zealand revisiting the scenes and places so well known to him as a young man in the Maori War.

Few regiments can now boast of a representative with such experience as Sir Charles, whose military record dates from the Indian Mutiny. All must wish him a happy time among the scenes of past days and a safe return to his own country.

THE LATE COLONEL SIR GEORGE MASHITER.

COL. SIR GEORGE COOPE MASHITER (formerly Helme) died on Thursday, August 11th, at Rowden Lodge, Chippenham, in his eighty-fourth year. The second son of Mr. Thomas Mashiter (formerly Helme), of Manor House, Little Bookham, he was sent to Winchester in Short Half, 1856, following his elder brother, Edward, who afterwards became chairman of Ind, Coope and Co., brewers. He passed second into Sandhurst in 1860, and joined the 10th Regiment of Foot in 1862, and after promotion

to Major exchanged into the Wiltshire Regiment in 1883. In 1888 he went on half-pay as Lieutenant-Colonel, and retired in 1889. In that year he became Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the 6th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, and commanded it in the South African War in 1900, when he was mentioned in despatches and created C.M.G. He had been made C.B. in 1898, and was promoted to K.C.B. in 1909. From 1906-7 he commanded the West Yorkshire Volunteer Infantry Brigade, and from 1907-9 the 1st West Riding Brigade, T.F. He had been Hon. Colonel of the 6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment since 1907, and of the 6th Battalion Middlesex Regiment since 1921. He resumed the name of Mashiter in lieu of Helme in 1922. He married in 1874 Florence Sophia, daughter of the Rev. John Pearson, Rector of East Horndon and Little Warley. Sir George Mashiter was a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for Wiltshire. In his younger days he was fond of hunting and shooting.

THE FUNERAL.

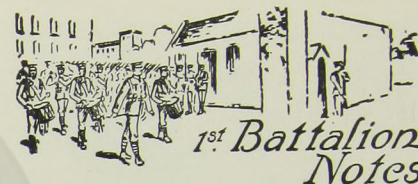
The funeral took place at Chippenham on August 15th. The coffin was borne to the Parish Church after Evensong on Sunday, and lay in front of the rood screen, covered with the Union Jack, the deceased's helmet, sword, and decorations being placed at the head of the coffin. Bishop Maxwell Gambleton, of Ballarat (a former Vicar of Chippenham) and the Rev. M. F. Wood (Vicar) officiated at the funeral, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Pring and the Rev. A. N. Puck (curates). Bishop Maxwell Gambleton conducted the final rites at the cemetery, where a firing party from the Wilts Regiment fired the usual volley, and the "Réveillé" and the "Last Post" were sounded. The family mourners were Capt. W. T. Pott, M.C. (nephew), Miss Emily E. Pott, Mrs. Stanley Gordon Clark, and Mrs. J. Lawrence (nieces), Mrs. Edward T. Mashiter (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. John Kelve, Col. Kelve, Dowager Lady Guise, Mrs. Algernon Elwes, and Mrs. Dalton. Amongst others present were Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, Lord Walter Herve, Sir Edward and Miss Wallington, Admiral Sir Charles Briggs, Sir Frederick Goldney, Col. Sir Audley Neeld, Col. Mortimer Neeld, Col.

W. W. Turnor, Col. and Mrs. Rainsford, Col. and Mrs. R. Steward, Col. R. F. Guy (representing the Wiltshire Regiment), Col. C. A. Graves (representing the 6th Middlesex Battalion), Mrs. Goldney-Robinson, Col. Eyre-Matcham, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Rooke, Mr. E. M. and Mrs. Awdry, Major E. P. Awdry, Capt. N. Awdry, Mr. W. Stancomb, Major and Mrs. Cotes, Major



THE LATE COLONEL SIR GEORGE MASHITER, K.C.B., C.M.G.

George Mackay, Capt. and Mrs. Burt, Capt. F. W. Morley, Capt. C. Selby, Col. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton, Mr. G. W. Northey, Mr. H. R. Coventry, Mr. W. Baultt (Magistrates' Clerk), Col. Forestier-Walker, Major R. F. Fuller, the Rev. J. and Mrs. Penrose, and the Rev. A. and Mrs. Leslie. There was a very large number of wreaths, including tributes from the regiments and bodies with which the deceased had been connected.



CRICKET.

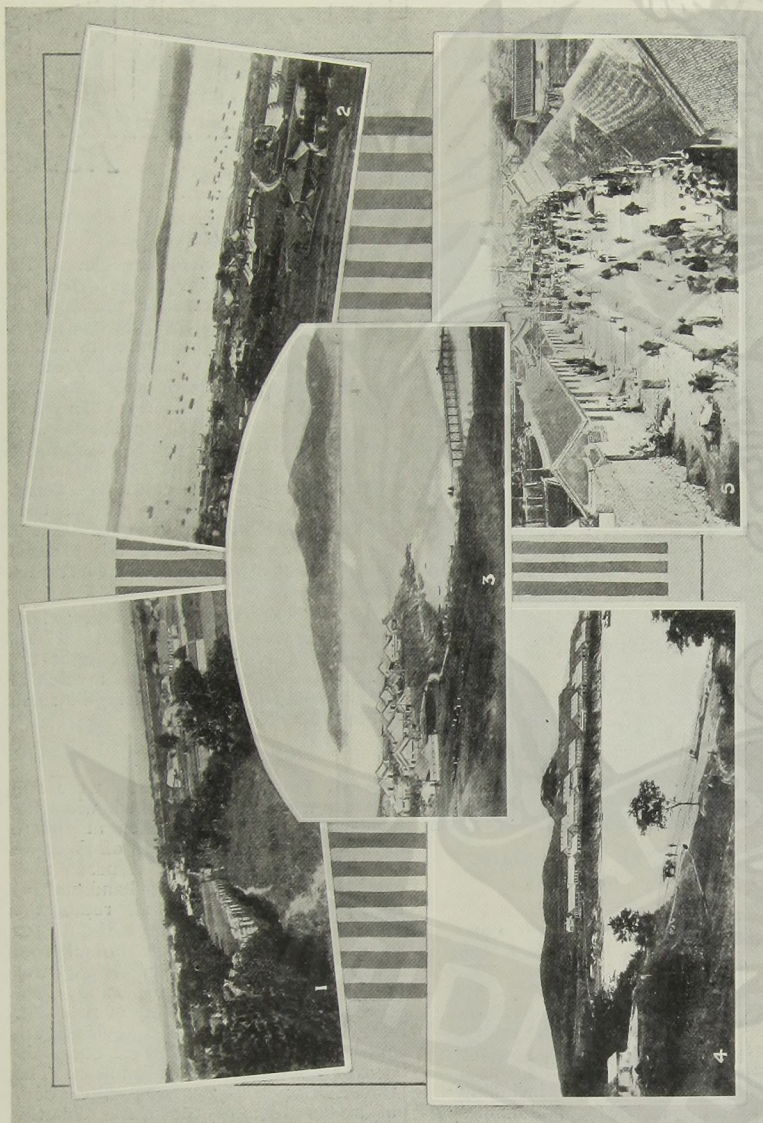
MIDDLESEX v. SHANGHAI RECREATION CLUB.

Fielding a very moderate eleven, the "Recs" had to acknowledge defeat for the first time this season at the hands of the Middlesex Regiment. At one period of the game the Club appeared to be in a very comfortable position, as they had 72 on the board for the loss of only two wickets. So long as Harry Ollerdesen was at the crease their prospects were rosy, but a wonderful catch low down in the slips by Capt. Lyon saw "Harry" receive his marching orders. His departure saw a bad collapse set in, both Hudson and Kennett playing havoc with the extraordinarily weak tail, the result being that the Middlesex were returned winners by 28 runs.

Batting first, the soldiers, on a fast-scoring wicket, lost Worton at 15. Clowes and Hudson then brought the score to 45 before Smith held a catch at mid-off from Clowes, the retiring batsman having compiled 31.

HUDSON HITS OUT.

Sergt. Palmer and Hudson were still together when 71 was reached, when the former was beautifully taken at square leg by H. B. Ollerdesen, off Wilson. He got 16 in quick time. Hudson then commenced to use the long handle of his bat, and scored rapidly all round the wicket. He was not disposed of until 102 was reached, when he played a ball from "Coco" on to his wickets. His 45 was the outcome of brilliant batting, tempered at intervals with plenty of restraint. Reid was the only other double-figure contributor, making 25 before succumbing to a good ball from Thompson. The Middlesex score of 152 was quite good, but at no time of the game did the "Recs" bowling touch high-water mark.



1st BATTALION AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

- 1.—Wall (on left) enclosing Native City. 2.—The Bay. 3.—Camp, with Island in background.
4.—The Camp, looking from Officers' Mess. 5.—The Native City.

Torry Wilson bowled with little luck, often missing the sticks by the fraction of an inch. His two wickets cost 59 runs out of 17 overs. Thompson got three for 50 and "Coco" Ollerdesen five for 39, but on the whole the "Rees" attack was devoid of that bite and sting which has been characteristic of their work this season. Isaacs was badly missed.

Special mention should be made of the "keeping" of A. H. Mancell, of Hankow Inter-port fame, who only conceded one bye, the remaining three being leg byes. The fielding was patchy in the extreme.

OLLERDESSEN STAND.

If one was to eliminate the batting of Harry Ollerdesen, who played magnificently for 53, the rest of the Club batting could briefly be summarized as awful. When 72 was on the board, with Pat Madar and Smith out, the "Rees" looked easy winners, as H. B. O. was batting as confidently as ever and playing right on top of the bowling. A rising ball and crumbling pitch, however, proved his downfall, and the manner he dominated the batting can be gleaned from the fact that he actually made 53 out of 81—a typical Ollerdesen display, eight fours being amongst his best hits.

Of the remaining batsmen only Tom Madar could do anything with the deadly attack of Hudson and Kennett. He made 22, but it was essentially a lucky innings, as he made several lucky snicks to the tapes. Kennett got seven for 19 runs, mainly by good length bowling against weak batting. Hudson had to be content with three for 55, but he had the misfortune to operate mostly against H. B. O. Incidentally Hudson mixed his expresses with an off and leg break which turned fully a couple of feet either way.

Mr. W. E. Wilson and Lieut. James officiated as umpires. Scores and analyses follow:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Worton, c Wilson b Thompson	...	...	13
Lieut. Clowes, c Smith b Wilson	...	...	31
Lieut. Hudson, b Ollerdesen	...	...	45
Sergt. Palmer, c H. B. Ollerdesen b Wilson	...	...	16
Capt. Lyon, c P. Madar b Ollerdesen	...	...	9
Pte. Northcote, b Ollerdesen	...	...	1
Capt. Phillips, c Brandt b Thompson	...	...	7
Pte. Reid, b Thompson	...	...	25
Capt. Paul, c G. Madar b Ollerdesen	...	...	1
Pte. Kennett, c P. Madar b Ollerdesen	...	...	0

Cpl. Brien, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	152

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
T. W. R. Wilson	17	3 59 2
Lieut.-Comdr. Thompson	15	5 3 50 3
C. E. Ollerdesen	12	1 39 5

SHANGHAI RECREATION CLUB.

H. B. Ollerdesen, c Lyon b Kennett	...	...	53
P. Madar, b Hudson	...	...	3
C. J. Smith, b Kennett	...	...	11
T. Madar, b Kennett	...	...	22
G. Madar, b Kennett	...	...	0
W. T. Manley, b Hudson	...	...	2
T. W. R. Wilson, b Kennett	...	...	7
R. J. S. Brandt, c Paul b Kennett	...	...	0
C. E. Ollerdesen, c Paul b Kennett	...	...	5
A. H. Mancell, c Reid b Hudson	...	...	0
Lieut.-Comdr. Thompson, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	21
Total	...	...	124

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Hudson	13	1 55 3
Pte. O'Brien	5	— 21 —
Pte. Kennett	11	5 19 7
Sergt. Palmer	3	— 8 —

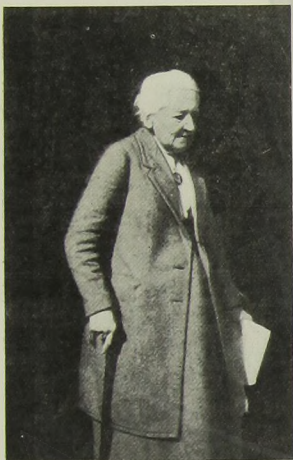
THE LATE MISS HUGHES-HALLETT.

NOT a few in the Regiment but must have regretted to read in the newspapers of the death of Miss M. F. Hughes - Hallett, at her residence, "Palazzo Sliema," Malta, on June 8th. She was at one time very well-known to all in the 1st Battalion, and particularly so during the period of her brother's (Col. H. T. Hughes-Hallett) command. The officers of the 2nd Battalion, when stationed at Malta prior to the European War, also knew her well. Moreover, she never lost an opportunity of finding out, whenever possible, all members of the Regiment who from time to time passed through the island *en route* to or from other stations.

Miss Hughes-Hallett was one of the oldest and best known of English residents in Malta, and was the last survivor of a family which has occupied "Palazzo Sliema" for the past 103 years. Her social position was such and her personality so remarkable she was held in such affectionate regard by all, and was so

universally respected and esteemed that she will be much missed throughout the Island.

She came of a purely naval and military stock, and was firmly convinced that no one could be of any use unless belonging to one of the Services. The following very characteristic wish expressed in a letter found among her papers after death will appeal to readers of this Magazine, viz.: "That no civilian should touch her." Again, in conversation with a friend during her last illness, she said: "For pity's sake no hearse or pall, but the Union Jack."



THE LATE
MISS HUGHES-HALLETT.

A military touch which she would have loved was given to her funeral on June 10th. The arrangements for this were kindly undertaken by Col. R. H. M. Watson, Commanding the Royal Artillery at Fort Tigné, adjacent to "Palazzo Sliema." Men of that regiment placed her body in the coffin, which, wrapped in the Union Jack, was then conveyed to the cemetery in the military ambulance, and carried to the grave by eight Royal Artillery sergeants, the regimental flag meanwhile flying at half-mast.

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, many naval and military officers and a large number of personal

friends were present at the funeral, the service being conducted by naval and military chaplains.

At the conclusion of the Sunday Parade Service on June 12th a touching allusion to Miss Hughes-Hallett's life and work was made by the Acting Chaplain-General to the Forces.

A very appreciative account of Miss Hughes-Hallett was written by Col. Watson, R.A., in the *Gunner*. In this article special stress was laid by the writer on the constant kindness shown by her to all ranks of her Royal Artillery neighbours at Tigné, which determined them to show their respect and affection for her memory in the manner above described.

Miss Mary Hughes-Hallett, "Palazzo Sliema," Malta, left £5,143, net personalty £3,080. She bequeathed the gold medal presented to H.M.S. *Gannet* by the Government of Peru, the iron plate of H.M.S. *Superb* with the shot that penetrated it, and the framed engravings of the Siege of Gibraltar, with the portrait of Lord Hothfield, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in trust for custody while no ship of the name of *Gannet*, *Superb* and *Gibraltar* is in commission. When such ships are in commission these articles are to be entrusted to the officers in command for the time being. Miss Hughes-Hallett gave a silver cup presented to her late brother, Col. Hughes-Hallett, by the Malta Militia to the Commanding Officer for the time being of the 57th Foot, now the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

ALL AUSTRALIA.

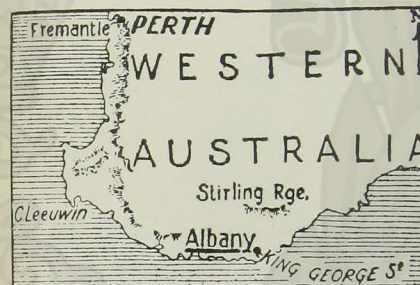
CLAIMED FOR THE BRITISH BY
AN OFFICER OF THE 57TH FOOT.

By NICHOLAS LOCKYER.

In this article Sir Nicholas Lockyer describes an event of great historical importance. Not less remarkable is the fact that Sir Nicholas is able to tell the story of what his father did 100 years ago. Their two lives cover a period of 143 years.

JANUARY 21st, 1927, invites attention to an interesting event in our history, the full details of which have been

but recently disclosed in the published historical records. On that date 100 years ago, by direction of the Imperial Government, the first official claim to British Dominion over the whole continent of Australia was formally asserted. For nearly thirty-nine years after the proclamation of Governor Phillip in 1788, when the first British settlement was established in New South Wales, that portion of the continent westward of the 129deg. east longitude, representing nearly one-third of its total area, remained unclaimed, and open to any foreign power desirous of forming a colony in the South Seas. Only the mere fringe of the western coast had engaged the attention of early navigators. Had there been closer inquiry it is probable we now would have as near



Locality plan showing King George Sound, where Major Lockyer hoisted the British flag on January 21, 1827.

neighbours an alien race, whilst the unique possession of "A continent for a people and a people for a continent" would have been beyond attainment. It was an event of outstanding national significance when all Australia became all-British and an integral part of the British Empire.

Early in the year 1826 the mind of the Imperial Government was seriously disturbed by the fear that the French—who had equipped an expedition for the South Seas—contemplated forming a settlement or settlements on the western coast of Australia. As a result, Earl Bathurst, in March, 1826, instructed Governor Darling to dispatch without delay expeditions for the purpose of forming settlements at Shark Bay, on the western coast and at Westernport. In a later despatch—

though the several despatches relating to this event arrived by the same vessel—King George Sound was substituted for Shark Bay. Accompanying these directions were secret instructions to Darling, in which it was explained that "the sailing of two French ships on a voyage of discovery had led to the consideration how far our distant possessions in the Australian seas may be prejudiced by any designs which the French may entertain of establishing themselves in that quarter. . . . I allude to that line of coast which extends to the westward from the western point of Bathurst Island in 129deg. east longitude. . . . You will observe that I have carefully avoided any expression which might be construed (in the event of the instruction being hereafter referred to) as an admission of there not having been a preoccupation by us before the French may have attempted to establish themselves there, and you will regulate your language accordingly."

LOCKYER'S COMMISSION.

Darling dispatched the two expeditions from Sydney on November 9th, 1826. It would appear evident by the wording of the despatches that the expedition to Westernport (Victoria) was due to a mistake on the part of some Colonial Office official, who concluded that Westernport was necessarily on the western coast. That for King George Sound, with which this article is solely concerned, sailed in the Colonial brig *Amity*, 148 tons, commanded by Lieut. Colson Festing, R.N. Apart from the crew, those on board numbered about fifty persons, including a detachment of the 19th Regiment and twenty-three convicts. Edmund Lockyer, Major H.M. 57th Regiment, was in command of the expedition, with Capt. J. Wakefield second in charge.

After a stormy passage, during which it was necessary to call at Port Dalrymple (Tamar Heads), and also at Hobart, to effect repairs, King George Sound was reached on the evening of December 25th. Darling's confidential instructions to Major Lockyer were clear and precise. After referring to the probability of the French having in view the establishment of a settlement on the coast of Australia, he went on to say: "I am to desire, in the event of their touching at King George Sound, that you will be careful to

regulate your language and communications with the officers, so as to avoid any expression of doubt of the whole of New Holland being considered within this Government, any division of it which may be supposed to exist under the designation of New South Wales, being merely ideal, and intended only with a view of distinguishing the more settled part of the country. Should this explanation not prove satisfactory, it will be proper in that case to refer them to this Government for any further information they may require. But should it so happen that the French have already arrived, you will, notwithstanding, land the troops agreeably to your instructions, and signify that it is considered the whole of New Holland is subject to His Britannic Majesty's Government." By a further instruction the Commandant was directed: "When the site is determined upon you will display the colours with which you are furnished for this purpose, cause the troops to fire a *feu de joie*, and observe all other formalities which are usual on such an occasion."

A place for the settlement was selected on the site of the present town of Albany. Huts were erected to accommodate the people, and afford protection to the stores. A flagstaff was raised on a projecting point on the beach (since known as Point Frederick), beside which two cannonades were mounted, and on January 21st, 1827 (which happened to be Lockyer's birthday), it is recorded in his journal: "This day at sunrise the colours were displayed on the flagstaff, at 12 o'clock a Royal salute was fired from the battery, and a *feu de joie* by the troops. An extra allowance of flour, with raisins and suet, was ordered on the occasion to be issued to the troops and convicts. A number of the natives having come to the settlement in the morning, the seine was hauled on purpose to give them a feast. About three hundred-weight was taken of capital fish. The day proved fine, and the whole went off well."

A BENEVOLENT AUTOCRAT.

In these modest circumstances the first official claim of British possession to the continent of Australia was made. No one at the time appears to have realized the real purport of the event, nor of its influence on the future of Australia. Darling was indifferent. It meant only an undesirable addition to his responsi-



MAJOR EDMUND LOCKYER, 57th REGIMENT.

In the uniform of The New South Wales Volunteer Infantry, 1854.

bilities. To Major Lockyer it was merely an incident in the ordinary course of duty. He reported very favourably on the climate and country and the importance of King George Sound from a strategical point of view. His visit was not marked by any serious adventure. The blacks at first were troublesome, and speared one of the convicts. He was just in time to forbid reprisals, and succeeded

in getting into friendly relationship with the aborigines. Some years later Surgeon T. B. Wilson, R.N., who published a narrative of a voyage round the world, and who visited King George Sound, wrote: "We were glad to hear that the natives were exceedingly friendly, no act of hostility having been committed by or against them. On making inquiries I discovered in an old order book an order of Major Lockyer which, from being attended with such favourable results, deserves to be known and imitated by those who may hereafter be placed in the same responsible situations." Some trouble was occasioned in the early days of the settlement by the convicts becoming mutinous and defying authority. The ringleader was arrested and ordered for punishment. Upon the overseers refusing to inflict it, Lockyer himself at once undertook the unpleasant task. After a few strokes the culprit became penitent and promised obedience. He was at once released, and there was no further trouble. It is interesting to note that the French ship of war, *L'Astrolabe*, had actually visited King George Sound a few weeks prior to the arrival of the expedition from Sydney, and had remained there from October 8th to 25th. On April 2nd, 1827, Major Lockyer handed over command of the settlement to his successor, Capt. Wakefield, and returned to Sydney on H.M.S. *Success*, in command of Captain Stirling. On May 2nd, 1829, claim to possession was again formally made to the western portion of the continent by Capt. Fremantle, and it is that date which has been adopted by Western Australia as the starting point of its history. That event marks the establishment of the colony of Western Australia. British occupation, however, has been continuous since January 21st, 1827, on which date for the first time the whole continent became British territory.

LOCKYER'S CAREER.

Edmund Lockyer, whose good fortune it was to take so prominent a part in this interesting event in our history, was born at Wembury, County Devon, in 1784. He entered the Army in 1803, and after serving in India and Ceylon arrived at Sydney in 1825 in charge of a detachment of the 57th Regiment. In September of

that year he was sent by Governor Darling to explore the Brisbane River, which, although in flood, he succeeded in navigating by boats for a distance of 121 miles. His report of the country was extremely favourable, and he was the first to advise of the occurrence of coal in that locality. His vessel, the *Mermaid*, was the first seagoing ship to ascend the river. In 1827 he endeavoured, but without success, to find an alternative route from Sydney to the western plains by exploring the Grose Valley, in the Blue Mountains. In 1828 he decided to settle permanently in Australia, and sold out from the Army. He purchased a property near Goulburn, where in 1847 he took a leading part in the anti-transportation movement. It may be mentioned that, while he received a small grant of land, he was denied the larger grants to which he had looked forward under the regulations then existing for the encouragement of settlement in New South Wales by ex-Army officers, the reason for refusal being that to conform with the regulations he should have retired from the Army before leaving for Australia. This peculiar interpretation of the regulations involved him in unanticipated difficulties. Later on he accepted the position of Usher of the Black Rod in the Legislative Council. During the Russian war scare in 1854, although aged 70 years, he enlisted with the rank of Captain in the New South Wales Volunteer Infantry. He died at Sydney on June 10th, 1860, aged 76 years.

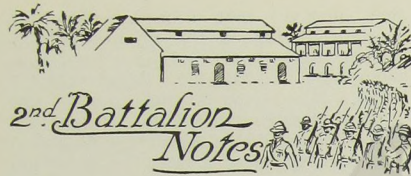
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A Scotch preacher, noticing that his congregation were shivering with the cold, thought it wise to admonish them thus:—

"If ye dinna mind what I ha told ye, ye'll all gang to hell, and that's ten times colder than it is in church this morning."

After the sermon a member of the congregation stayed behind to ask the minister why he had described hell as cold when it was commonly supposed to be the reverse.

"Why, mon," was the answer, "if I'd ha said it were hot, they'd all have wanted to gang there and get a warm."



OFFICERS.

LIEUT. P. PATER was placed on the half-pay list, with effect from May 18th, 1927, owing to ill-health.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., passed for promotion in Subject (c) at an Officers' Promotion Examination which was held in Poona in July, 1927.

Lieuts. J. R. S. Chapman, E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., E. L. Heywood, and P. E. C. Tuckey passed for promotion in Subject (a) at an Officers' Promotion Examination which was held in Poona in July, 1927.

Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm qualified "Distinguished" at the second course of 1927, at the Army School of Education, Belgaum, which terminated on May 23rd, 1927.

2/Lieut. F. H. Else qualified at a Transport Training Class at Poona, which terminated on July 16th, 1927.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

There does not appear to be very much to write about for the quarter under review. However, we shall have to make the best of what there is.

Sergts. Walker, Tiller, Wright and Copelin have rejoined from courses of instruction, and Sergt. Palmer has returned from his two months' holiday at the School of Education, Belgaum. We believe the latter had a very strenuous time—"gowf" demands a lot of energy, especially if one plays a good deal.

On his return from the Small Arms School, Pachmari, Sergt. Walker took over the duties of Regimental Provost-Sergeant, and has been transferred to "H.Q." Wing. It is quite like old times to see "Hookey's" smiling face on the guard-room verandah.

We were very pleased to welcome an old Member of the Mess, Sergt. Simmonds, who came down from Pachmari for two weeks' leave in August. He had

a right royal time, and also made a pleasant change for the other members of the Mess. We shall be pleased to see him again at any time he can get away.

We hear that Sergt. Barker, who was reported in our last notes as being invalided to the United Kingdom, has recovered and is to be allowed to soldier on. We sincerely hope that this is the case, and that we shall see something of him in the future.

We have had the usual tournaments twice monthly to pass away the time, and also, incidentally, to add to the collection of silver spoons which are coveted by the "pot-hunters." As a variation from the usual card or billiard-table tournaments, a shoot on the thirty yards range was held in July.

Speaking of shooting, Sergt. Hewett has been carrying off the prizes for "pool-bull" shooting at the Battalion voluntary shoots. He now answers to the name of "Bully," and the officer in charge of the Rifle and Revolver Club has threatened to handicap him. He has, however, been temporarily removed from the competition by proceeding to Bombay in charge of the football team which has been selected to represent the Battalion in the Rovers Cup Tournament.

The outstanding event of the quarter was the cricket match, Officers *v.* Sergeants, which was played on Sunday, July 10th. The Mess was "at home" to the Officers and their wives. The Sergeants batted first and were all out for 119 just before the tea interval. C.S.M. Wilson made the highest score for the Sergeants by making a useful 20, and C.Q.M.S. Kent and Sergt. Colbourne each contributed 16. The innings provided a good deal of amusement, owing to the bowling of 2/Lieut. Baldwin, who took seven wickets for 48 runs. He bowled very slow "yorkers," which were, apparently, very difficult to cope with. At least three of his victims were stumped as a result of missing the ball after a huge lunge intended to send it for six.

The Officers commenced their innings just after the tea interval, and were disposed of for 105 runs just before half past six. Lieut. Heywood made 28—the highest score of the match—and Lieut. Chapman contributed a useful 19.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, and everyone had a good time. The detailed scores of the match are as follows:—

OFFICERS.	
Lieut. Heywood	28
Lieut. Wray	12
2/Lieut. Gilbert	9
Capt. Whinney	7
Capt. Chisholm	11
Lieut. Walden	0
Lieut. Thorat	2
2/Lieut. Chapman	19
Lieut. Ayscough	6
2/Lieut. Baldwin (not out)	0
Lieut. Tuckey	0
Extras	11
Total	105
Bowling.—Sergt. Glover, 6 for 37; C.S.M. Wilson, 4 for 61.	

SERGEANTS.	
C.S.M. Wilson	20
Sergt. Colbourne	16
Sergt. Beaveridge	7
Sergt. Glover	8
Sergt. Rand	9
C.S.M. Neighbour	0
Sergt. Burns	9
C.S.M. Bishop	9
C.Q.M.S. Kent	16
Sergt. Peck	2
C.Q.M.S. Steadman (not out)	4
Extras	19
Total	119
Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 2 for 36; 2/Lieut. Baldwin, 7 for 48; Lieut. Chisholm, 1 for 3.	

We are looking forward to the return of the members who are at present on leave in the United Kingdom. They should be back at the end of September or the beginning of October—perhaps?

CRICKET.

The cricket team spent the last week of July in Poona. They had three fixtures—a two days' match with each of the following: The Cheshire Regiment, The Royal Ulster Rifles, and the Poona Gymkhana Club.

Unfortunately it had been raining heavily for three or four days prior to their arrival, so the original dates could not be adhered to, as all the grounds were waterlogged.

Eventually the first match was started on Tuesday at 2 p.m. The Cheshires, winning the toss, decided to make our team bat. The first few wickets fell rapidly (five for 37), but a strong wind and intervals of sunshine soon dried the pitch, and Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.,

and C.S.M. Wilson made a very valuable seventh wicket stand, putting on over 100 runs before they were parted.

On reaching the total of 200 runs for nine wickets, Capt. Whinney decided to declare and make our opponents bat for the remaining forty-five minutes of the first day's play.

It was a successful declaration, as four wickets fell for 17 runs in the failing light. The Cheshires' team then appealed against the light, and so stumps were drawn. Continuing next morning at ten o'clock, the whole side were dismissed for 84. This necessitated their following on, and, failing to reach the required total, they suffered defeat by an innings and 65 runs.

The next fixture, against the Poona Gymkhana Club, was commenced the following morning at 11.30. Capt. Whinney won the toss and decided to bat, but, as several members of the opposing team were late, to save time he allowed our opponents this privilege. With the exception of Prince Gaekwar of Baroda and Mr. J. N. A. Foster, who scored 43 not out and 21 respectively, the batting failed lamentably, the side being dismissed for 88. Again our side was saved by a seventh wicket stand, Capt. Whinney again figuring, but associated this time with Pte. Bish. Sergt. Glover hit out vigorously for his 26 runs, but the total score only reached 136. The Poona Gymkhana Club, on going in, made a stand, and stumps were drawn at 6 p.m., when they were 17 on with seven wickets to fall. The next day's play was commenced at 2 p.m., and when the last wicket fell the Poona Gymkhana Club had a lead of 87. This was at 3.15 p.m., when Capt. Whinney was informed that as four of the opposing team had to play Rugger that evening, stumps would be drawn at 4.30. The interest in the match was lost, so we merely played out time and the match was drawn, the Regiment winning on the first innings.

The next—and last fixture—should have started on Saturday, but, as it rained continuously the whole day, play was impossible. The Royal Ulsters had not time to prepare a pitch, so a mat was put down on the soccer field and play was commenced at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The ball performed wonderful gyrations of its own accord, without any help from the bowlers, as the Ulsters, who batted first, discovered to their cost. The side was dismissed for a total of 17.

No one on our side managed to master the bowling, and we were all out for 52. The Ulsters then amassed a second innings total of 64, which gave them a lead of 29. This we managed to make for the loss of four wickets.

The most noticeable feature of the week was the excellent fielding of our team, who, although we are considerably weaker than last year's eleven, still managed to keep our record of being unbeaten for five seasons.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. THE CHESHIRE REGT.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Lieut. Heywood, b Thomas	7
Pte. Butterfield, c Barton b Alexander	5
Lieut. Gilbert, c Birch b Thomas	4
Capt. Whinney, c Lewis b Thomas	61
Sergt. Glover, b Pritchard	3
Pte. Worger, c Chase b Thomas	10
Pte. Bish, b McHugh	7
C.S.M. Wilson, c McHugh b Birch	61
L./Cpl. Kemp, c Dawbarn b Chase	10
Cpl. Addinall, not out	4
Extras	22

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 200

Lieut. Chisholm did not bat.

CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Pte. McHugh, c Addinall b Glover	1
Lieut. Suther, b Glover	7
Sergt. Dawbarn, c Chisholm b Worger	10
C.S.M. Lewis, b Worger	0
Lieut. Chase, b Glover	3
C.S.M. Barton, c Pte. Butterfield b Whinney	7
C.S.M. Jacques, c Bish b Kemp	21
Lieut. Pritchard, b Worger	14
Lieut. Alexander, c Wilson b Worger	4
E. W. O. Thomas, not out	4
Extras	13

Total ... 84

Lieut. Birch did not bat.

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 1 for 28; Sergt. Glover, 3 for 15; Pte. Worger, 4 for 15; L./Cpl. Kemp, 1 for 13.

2nd Innings.

C.S.M. Jacques, c Addinall b Whinney	0
C.S.M. Lewis, b Glover	0
Sergt. Dawbarn, run out	6
Lieut. Suther, b Worger	3
E. W. O. Thomas, c Chisholm b Worger	4
Lieut. Pritchard, c Gilbert b Glover	8
Pte. McHugh, run out	4
Lieut. Chase, c Butterfield b Worger	4

Lieut. Alexander, c Gilbert b Glover	13
Lieut. Birch, b Worger	0
C.S.M. Barton, not out	8
Extras	1

Total ... 51

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 1 for 5; Sergt. Glover, 3 for 26; Pte. Worger, 4 for 19.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES.

THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES.

1st Innings.

Mr. Adamson, run out	0
Capt. Dean, c Worger b Whinney	6
Rfmm. McQuade, b Glover	4
Rfmm. Hyndman, b Glover	1
Mr. Cole, c Whinney b Glover	0
Mr. Croft, b Whinney	1
Rfmm. Sibley, b Glover	0
Major Wilberforce, b Glover	0
Rfmm. Kellywood, c Kemp b Whinney	0
Rfmm. Tibbutt, not out	4
L./Cpl. Wilson, b Glover	0
Extras	1

Total ... 17

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 3 for 5; Sergt. Glover, 6 for 12.

2nd Innings.

Mr. Adamson, b Glover	14
Capt. Dean, c Heywood b Glover	10
Rfmm. Kellywood, b Worger	9
Rfmm. Tibbutt, b Glover	3
Major Wilberforce, b Glover	1
Rfmm. McQuade, b Glover	4
Rfmm. Hyndman, b Glover	3
Mr. Cole, not out	15
Mr. Croft, b Worger	3
Rfmm. Sibley, c Heywood b Worger	0
L./Cpl. Wilson, run out	0
Extras	2

Total ... 64

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Lieut. Heywood, b Hyndman	7
Pte. Butterfield, c Sibley b McQuade	3
Lieut. Gilbert, b Hyndman	6
Capt. Whinney, b McQuade	3
L./Cpl. Kemp, b McQuade	4
C.S.M. Wilson, b Cole	16
Pte. Worger, run out	0
Pte. Bish, c Tibbutt b Hyndman	9
Lieut. Chisholm, lbw b McQuade	0
Sergt. Glover, not out	0
Cpl. Addinall, c Sibley b Cole	0
Extras	4

Total ... 52

2nd Innings.

Lieut. Heywood, not out	12
Pte. Butterfield, c Dean b McQuade	0
Lieut. Gilbert, b McQuade	18
Capt. Whinney, c Wilson b Hyndman	4
L./Cpl. Kemp, not out	5
Pte. Worger, c Adamson b McQuade	0

Sergt. Glover, b McQuade	0
Cpl. Addinall, c Cole b Hyndman	0

Total (for 6 wks.) ... 39

C.S.M. Wilson, Pte. Bish and Lieut. Chisholm did not bat.

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, none for 20; Sergt. Glover, 6 for 34; Pte. Worger, 3 for 8.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. THE POONA GYMKHANA CLUB.

POONA GYMKHANA CLUB.

1st Innings.

Rev. A. R. Cooper, c Gilbert b Whinney	1
J. A. S. Stephens, run out	3
J. N. A. Foster, b Glover	21
C. L. Alexander, b Whinney	4
P. Gaekwar of Baroda, not out	43
J. A. L. Pritchard, b Glover	0
C. A. Suther, c Heywood b Glover	0
Capt. J. Marshall, b Whinney	0
Sergt. Dawbarn, c Addinall b Whinney	7
Cpl. Davis, c and b Glover	3
Extras	6

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 88

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 4 for 24; Sergt. Glover, 4 for 27.

2nd Innings.

C. A. Suther, c Butterfield b Bish	19
P. Gaekwar of Baroda, c Wilson b Whinney	3
J. A. Foster, c Bish b Glover	20
Rev. Cooper, b Kemp	33
Lieut. Alexander, st Butterfield b Bish	10
Lieut. Stephens, st Butterfield b Bish	0
Lieut. Pritchard, c and b Whinney	7
Capt. Marshall, b Whinney	0
Sergt. Dawbarn, not out	24
Cpl. Davis, c Whinney b Bish	13
Extras	6

Total (for 9 wks.) ... 135

Lieut. Jackson did not bat.

Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 3 for 30; Sergt. Glover, 1 for 40; L./Cpl. Kemp, 1 for 21; Pte. Bish, 4 for 8.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Lieut. Heywood, b Jackson	2
Pte. Butterfield, b Stephens	3
Lieut. Gilbert, c Stephens b Jackson	7
C.S.M. Wilson, c Stephens b Jackson	3
Pte. Bish, b Pritchard	41
Pte. Worger, c Stephens	1
L./Cpl. Kemp, b Jackson	1
Capt. Whinney, not out	49
Lieut. Chisholm, c Stephens b Cooper	1
Sergt. Glover, c and b Stephens	26
Cpl. Addinall, lbw b Jackson	0
Extras	2

Total ... 136

2nd Innings.

Lieut. Heywood, b Pritchard	1
Pte. Butterfield, not out	28
Lieut. Gilbert, c and b Alexander	9
L./Cpl. Kemp, c Stephens b Cooper	2
Cpl. Addinall, c Dawbarn b Pritchard	10

Lieut. Chisholm, lbw b Cooper	0
Sergt. Glover, c Foster b Pritchard	2
Pte. Bish, c Davis b Cooper	5
Capt. Whinney, not out	6
Extras	6

Total (for 7 wks.) ... 69

C.S.M. Wilson and Pte. Worger did not bat.

BOXING.

Since the last notes were submitted an experiment has been made in organizing a tournament consisting of four and six-round contests. This took place on Thursday, July 7th, and we can safely say that the experiment was successful. The competitors were picked men, who were either members of the Battalion team or who had done well in previous tournaments.

It was not surprising, therefore, that a large number of spectators turned up to witness the fighting, which was both scientific and keen from start to finish.

Two six-round and four four-round contests were arranged, and, in addition, there were open novices' welter-weight and middle-weight competitions, which, unfortunately, gained very few entries. This was due, no doubt, to the fact that such short notice had been given that these competitions would take place. The chief events of the evening were, of course, the six-round contests, one of which was a challenge bout for the light-weight championship belt between Pte. Cook (holder) and Cpl. Readings. After an excellent fight, fought at a fast pace throughout, Cook proved victorious, and is to be heartily congratulated. He was giving away a lot of weight, but what disadvantage he had in this respect he made up for by his quickness and ring-craft. Readings was a worthy opponent, and has improved considerably since he last fought.

In the other six-round contest, Pte. Brown (fly-weight champion of the Southern Command) knocked out Pte. Murray, 1st Bn. The Cheshire Regiment, in the fourth round, after a promising start by the latter.

Details of the contests are as follows:

FOUR-ROUND CONTESTS.

Pte. Kerr ("A" Coy.) v. L./Cpl. Clifton ("C" Coy.).—This fight only lasted about half a minute, Kerr knock-

ing out his opponent with a straight left to the jaw.

Pte. Batchelor ("B" Coy.) v. *Pte. Williams* ("D" Coy.).—Williams, who deputised at the last minute, put up a good fight, considering he was not fit. Batchelor won well on points.

Pte. Hammer ("D" Coy.) v. *Pte. Baker* ("D" Coy.).—Baker had the advantage of height and reach, but did not make use of either as he should have done. He allowed Hamer to get to close quarters, instead of keeping him out of striking distance and using a straight left. Hamer did not box as well as he has done, but won comfortably on points.

Pte. Cole ("H.Q." Wing) v. *Pte. Green* ("D" Coy.).—These men met in the Individual Championship last year, when the latter won on points. On this occasion the decision was reversed, Cole gaining the victory. From the commencement Cole was the quicker and more aggressive, and scored freely with body blows. In the last round, however, Green made a great effort to get level, but it was too late, and Cole gained the verdict after a good, clean fight.

SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Pte. Cook ("C" Coy.) (holder) v. *Cpl. Readings* ("B" Coy.).—From the start Cook was the more aggressive, using the straight left to good advantage, and, before the end of the second round, had gained a useful lead on points. The third round consisted of a series of hard exchanges, during which Readings showed that he had developed a punch; a close and exciting round. In the fourth round Cook seemed to have matters all his own way again, and scored many points by straight leads. The fifth round saw Readings open out, but Cook retaliated, and by the end of the round, the challenger was again on the defensive. During the sixth round both sparred for an opening, but nothing resulted, and the gong went with Cook a good winner. He thus retained his title and the belt, after a very fine fight against a heavier opponent. The loser also is to be congratulated on his pluck. He was "game" throughout, and put up a good fight against a cleverer and more experienced boxer.

Pte. Brown ("D" Coy.) v. *Pte. Murray* (1st Bn. The Cheshire Regt.).—

As in the case of the other six-round contest, this was fought at a fast pace whilst the fight lasted. Murray, who was heavier than Brown, fought well for the first two rounds, but after that Brown made the pace, and, boxing extremely well, knocked Murray out in the fourth round. Praise is due both to the winner and to the loser for the excellent show they gave. More will be heard of Brown in the future. He has the makings of a really high-class boxer, and should do well.

The winners of the open novices competitions were as follows:—

Welter - weights.—*Pte. Waddington* "D" Coy.

Middle - weights.—*L./Cpl. Harper*, "B" Company.

At the conclusion of the tournament the championship belts won at the last open tournament, and prizes for the contests, were presented by the Commanding Officer, who congratulated all the competitors on the excellent show they had put up. The belts, which were made by Messrs. Krishniah Chetty and Sons, of Bangalore, are beautifully finished, and have been admired by all.

It is hoped that they will be the means of stimulating even further keenness amongst our young boxers, who are anxious to attain to championship honours.

NOVICES' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The second Novices' Individual Tournament for the present year was held on August 22nd and 23rd.

The entries—33 in Class "A" and 19 in Class "B"—were not so numerous as on former occasions, but the standard of boxing was well up to the average, and a distinct improvement on that shown in the last tournament, held in May.

"B" and "C" Companies both supported the tournament really well, and the former again provided a number of prize-winners, including all those in Class "B."

The list of prize-winners, by class is as follows:—

CLASS "A."

Feather-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Evans*, "A" Coy.; runner-up, *Sergt. Mason*, "C" Coy.

Light-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Waddilove*, "B" Coy.; runner-up, *Pte. Cooper*, "B" Coy.

Welter-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Hines*, "A" Coy.; runner-up, *Pte. Aylett*, "B" Coy.

Middle-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Smith* (07), "C" Coy.; runner-up, *Pte. Digby*, "C" Coy.

Light Heavy-weights.—Winner, *Cpl. Schooledge*, "D" Coy.

CLASS "B."

Feather-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Matthews*, "B" Coy.

Light-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Bampton*, "B" Coy.

Welter-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Barnard*, "B" Coy.

Middle-weights.—Winner, *Pte. Wright*, "B" Coy.

At the conclusion of the boxing on the last night, the medals for the prize-winners were presented by Major Grove-White, in the absence of the Commanding Officer, who was unable to be present.

We are all looking forward now to the chief events of the year—the Novices' and Open Team and Individual Championships—but will not be so bold as to forecast the winners of any of these events at this stage. By the time these notes appear in print the results of all will be known, so suffice it to say now that the competition promises to be keener than it has ever been before, and we are looking forward to some really first-class boxing.

"A" COMPANY.

"Hitch your wagon to a star and you may strike a mountain top," is the saying we keep in mind when penning these lines, for, with no events of importance to record, we have perforce to make some attempt to fill in our allotted space.

Since the return of the Company from the Fort we have had one long spell of training, and, but for a short respite at the end of September, we shall, when the season ends, have completed a round twelve months' continual training.

The Annual Musketry Course is now a thing of the past, and the yearning and the longing for that elusive sixpence is gone. Some of the shooting stalwarts

have been disappointed, and those decorative tokens of marksmanship will have to be pulled down for another year. Better luck next time. We must, however, congratulate the Lewis gunners, whose fine shooting average—137—has not been beaten for years in the Company.

The Inter-Platoon Cricket League has come to an end. Some interesting games were witnessed, and No. 2 Platoon again finished up without a defeat. It was a pity that the absence of regular players deprived them of further success in the Battalion Knock-out Competition.

The Inter-Platoon Football Tournament has recently commenced, and it would be idle to prophesy as yet who will ultimately head the table—but one can guess.

We are in the midst of Section and Platoon Training, and those aspirants to the baton will now have full scope to display their skill and show their knowledge in the field. It is to be hoped there will be no repetition of "150 rounds rapid" from a certain rifle section. Night operations are becoming frequent, and we are still wondering how a certain section got lost in the vicinity of the "Pimple."

Soon will come once more the trudge, trudge, trudge of the Vilad Road, and the vagaries of a sojourn at Shingwe "Att 'A' ex Boots" is now of frequent occurrence; it is an omen that camp is nigh!

The trooping season is in the offing, and we shall lose the majority of our seniors. We have heard a lot about the "big boat," but whilst we give voice to feelings or indulge in flights of fancy, few realize what is ahead. The breakers roll heavily, and some no doubt are unprepared, but they all carry with them our best wishes for their future welfare, and, in particular, we hope that the imaginary "coffee stall" in the dreams of a certain senior will become a reality, and that he'll run a "kitab"?

"B" COMPANY.

There has been very little happening in the Company since the last notes. The Company has been doing its tour at the Fort, and it is now duty company. No. 5 Platoon represented the Company

in the Inter-Regimental Platoon Cricket Competition. They were beaten by No. 16 Platoon in the opening round in spite of a very fine effort by Mr. Gilbert, who knocked up 49 runs and was not out at the end of the innings.

The Company Inter-Platoon Cricket League has finished, and was won by No. 5 Platoon, who never lost a match. The other platoons finished in the following order: Nos. 7, 8 and 6. The Company congratulates No. 5 Platoon.

There has been another small Battalion boxing meeting. "B" Company had three representatives taking part. The draw of the evening was a challenge contest between Cpl. Readings, "B" Company, and Pte. Cook, "C" Coy., the holder of the light-weight belt. It was a very fine contest, and Pte. Cook, who won the contest, is to be thoroughly congratulated when one considers that he was giving away a lot of weight. The Company also congratulates Cpl. Readings on the fine fight he put up, and wishes him better luck next time. The other contest in which "B" Company was represented was between Pte. Batchelor, "B" Company, and Pte. Williams, "D" Company. This was not quite as good as was expected for a very good reason. Originally Pte. Batchelor was matched to fight Dmr. Dearman, "H.Q." Wing, but when the time came he was unfortunately unable to do so. Four days before the meeting Pte. Batchelor went into hospital with fever for two days. When he came out he was still anxious to fight, so Pte. Williams, of "D" Company, very sportingly came along and filled Dmr. Dearman's place on the morning of the meeting. Pte. Batchelor was declared the winner of the contest. L./Cpl. Harper, our last representative, won the open novices' welter-weight, and is to be congratulated.

We have had two of the Company invalidated home lately, namely Ptes. Kirby and Coward. We all hope they fare well at home.

By the time these notes are published there will be another batch of the Company "time expired," either on their way home or waiting patiently for the boat. The Company takes this opportunity of wishing them good-bye and the very best of luck in civilian life.

We are very pleased to hear about old members of the Company, through the latest Regimental Journal, who are now with the 1st Battalion. If the gentleman known as the "Snake" is still with the Signallers of the 1st Battalion when these notes are published, we would like him to know that we are still waiting for him to acknowledge the receipt of his cricket medal. Perhaps he left the receipt in the pocket of the suit of clothes he has "lost the ticket for."

"C" COMPANY.

We have just completed our Inter-Platoon Cricket League, and No. 10 Platoon were again the winners. The following is the result of the League:—

	P.	W.	L.
No. 10 Platoon ...	6	6	0
No. 9 Platoon ...	6	3	3
No. 11 Platoon ...	6	2	4
No. 12 Platoon ...	6	1	5

Points for the Athletic Shield were awarded as follows:—

	Points.
No. 10 Platoon ...	20
No. 9 Platoon ...	15
No. 11 Platoon ...	10
No. 12 Platoon ...	5

The Company Cricket League is again postponed, owing to so many N.C.Os. and men being away from the station, either with the football or shooting teams. We are a little more hopeful this year, and feel sure we have a much better team. We are looking for big things from 2/Lieut. Else. He has shown great form with the bat up to the present.

We congratulate Pte. Cook on winning his fight against Pte. Guerin, of the Hampshire Regiment, and also on his victory on retaining the light-weight belt when he is really a bantam. He has the bantam's proverbial courage. We were very glad to see so many new men enter for the last Battalion Open Novices' Tournament, and, although we did not win many contests, we were very near to victory in some cases, and all put up good and plucky fights. Rome was not built in one day, and time is required to build a team.

Nothing else of note has happened in the sporting world, as far as we are con-

cerned, but we are very interested in various football teams in the Company, and wonder if they will enter for the Rovers Cup next year.

We have just finished Individual Training and are busy with our Annual Musketry. We hope to keep up our good shooting average again this year, but we have many young firers who have not yet grown accustomed to the Indian weather conditions, which are always bad.

We should like to congratulate the platoons on their marvellous display of night wiring during Individual Training. It is rumoured that the only part of one platoon's wiring that was left standing on the following morning was the tent peg, and that had been used for tracing out the task. Some of our old hands became quite chatty, and told the youngsters dreadful stories of war when the Verey lights went up.

We were pleased to welcome one of our old comrades back at Nagar for a short time—Sergt. Draper. I wonder if he enjoyed his month's leave on the Training Cadre!

"D" COMPANY.

The events for the last quarter have not been as numerous as heretofore. The first item of interest is the Inter-Platoon Cricket, and in this competition the best platoon in the Company was selected to represent the Company in the Battalion Knock-out. This coveted honour fell to No. 16 Platoon, who did not lose a match in the Company League. There was a close fight as to which platoon would represent the Company between Nos. 13, 15 and 16 Platoons. No. 14 Platoon did not prove much of a stumbling block to the remainder, although in one of the final matches they made a bold bid for victory by scoring 121 against No. 16 Platoon. This was one of the highest scores made in the Platoon League up to then, and No. 14 Platoon were highly elated to think that they might get a win, but No. 16 Platoon scored 160, and therefore snatched the victory from them. Pte. Trendall (08) was mainly responsible for this, scoring 75. Better luck next time, No. 14.

In the Inter-Platoon Knock-out (first round), No. 16 Platoon drew a bye. This

was considered a good omen by the remainder of the Company. In the second round they met No. 5 Platoon, of "B" Company. They had met this platoon on numerous occasions previously, so, of course, they knew No. 5 Platoon's weak spots. The spirit to win on the part of No. 16 Platoon was responsible for their victory. In the third and last round they met the "Drums and Employed," to whom they lost. On this occasion they put up a good fight, but the Wing team was a bit "Gooder." We congratulate the "Drums and Employed" on their victory.

The companies are busy preparing a team for the forthcoming Company League, and with this object in view we played two friendly matches, one against "H.Q." Wing and the other against "A" Company. The former we won by a comfortable margin of 63 runs. We made every endeavour to win by an innings, but the "gong" saved them. Our match with "A" Company provided some good sport. Pte. Lloyd played a good game, both with the bat and behind the stumps. In the first innings he scored 37 runs; the remainder of the team played well. When "A" Company went in to bat they wanted 130 to win on the first innings, but were only able to score 92. This was mainly due to our bowling, which was very accurate. The fielding was also very good. The second innings provided many thrills, as our first six wickets fell fast and furious, the score board showing one for 18, two for 20, three for 22, four for 23, five for 24, and six for 27. Capt. Whinney was responsible for the victory, as when he went in to bat he held a short conference with the other batsman, and after frequent cries of "Steady" the score was raised to 66 when Pte. Squires was caught out. The final score was 88, which left "A" Company 125 to get to win, but when one reads the bowling average of Cpl. Addinall, eight wickets for 21 runs, it is not to be wondered at that their hopes were soon dashed to the ground. We eventually won by 65 runs.

"Moves may come and moves may go, but we stop here for ever." We have just had the news that the Battalion move to Jhansi has been cancelled. This caused consternation and, as usual, an extra rush on the rumour department. In spite of

all, there are strong rumours that we move some time during the next "cold season." The optimists say to the United Kingdom, and the pessimists to Shingwe.

The Company are at present at the Fort, and this provides a certain amount of amusement. It is evident that the part of training known as the individual "Stork" has not been "Love's Labour Lost," as every evening one can see a number of men stalking tree rats with air guns. Some say it is the love of sport, whilst others blame the sun. The prominence of the sporting spirit is proved by the fact that "Tarsie" had not been in the Fort many minutes before he had made a "mongoose trap," and it is rumoured that he actually caught a cat. Cats have been known to have been caught with a fly paper (but not very often).

The Battalion football team have gone to Bombay to take part in the "Rovers" Cup Tournament. They have great hopes of "pulling it off again" this season. We wish them luck.

2/Lieut. Baldwin has gone to Poona on an animal management course, and we wish him the best of luck.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Harman, Lane and Green on their appointments.

BAND.

Without doubt the quarter just concluded has been one of the quietest periods of our somewhat lengthy stay in "Nugger." Consequently, we have very little to "crow" about.

First and foremost we must congratulate Sergt. Glover and L./Cpl. Kemp on being chosen to play for the local Gymkhana Club at cricket, and we are pleased to say that they did not fail.

The Band also is very much engrossed in that same game at the time of writing, as there is a group league in progress, and most of the teams appear to be well matched. Up to date the wooden spoonists are the Machine Gun second team, but there need be no shame attached to them as they are recognized as the best sporting losers in the "Wing."

Congratulations are heartily extended to the "Drums and Employed" on their winning the Battalion Cricket Knock-out.

The forthcoming "trooper" will once again take its toll of our slender numbers,

and by the time these notes appear in print some of them will be already on their way to a better land (?). To counteract this, the Bandmaster and Bdsn. Smith (who have been recuperating at home) are returning to the fold, in company with eight or ten new boys who are desirous of visiting the wonders of the magic East. We fear they will be disillusioned, but they have got Christmas to look forward to at any rate.

SIGNALS.

Owing to the bugbear of Signallers. "standard tests," we are unable, although swathed heavily in wet towels, to devote much energy to signal notes in this issue.

Classification is drawing very near, and everyone is confident that they will get their names engraved on the much-coveted "Silver Flags," which were presented by Lieut. E. L. Heywood, especially one bright aspirant, who is able to march on a bearing of 128 degrees. After classification we go to camp.

It is deplored by everyone that the Battalion is to remain in Ahmednagar yet another year. The cry is now: "May be for years, and may be for ever."

We note in the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS that a couple of our old members at present in China, "Snake" and "Peasy," wish to be remembered to us. We sincerely hope that "Snake" will not find his suit moth-eaten when he arrives home again.

In the sporting world we are still holding our own. In the Group Football League we found ourselves on top without losing a match. In the cricket we have to date played three games, and have won them all. We are rather optimistic, and have prepared a place for the shield.

The Battalion football team are away at Bombay endeavouring to retain the Rovers Cup; two of our members represent our section. Let us hope that they bring it back to Ahmednagar for the fourth time in succession, and so create a record.

Before closing we congratulate L./Cpls. Hobbs and Ramsey on their recent appointments.

SUGAR CHARLIE.

P.S.—Is it a fact that sunshades are popular with the section in China?



2nd BATTALION TRANSPORT SECTION, POONA HORSE SHOW, 1927.

MACHINE GUNNERS.

Things have been very quiet since our last issue, but we are still the "merry gunners" of yore. The news that the move to Jhansi had been cancelled did not damp our ardour. We are bound to move from this delightful station at some time or other. Nevertheless, we are not groaning at our sad plight, but take the prolonged stay here as a matter of course.

Two certain individuals of the "gunners" have bought a wireless set. "Skipper" and "Chuckles," no doubt, are doing their level best to give the lads a treat for the dull evenings. When the set was first installed in the bungalow we gathered round and gazed upon it with awe. When "Skipper" first tuned it in to receive from Bombay there was an awe-inspiring silence. From the sundry remarks that emanated from the spectators it was not much of a success. At the time of writing, however, the set is behaving quite admirably, and music is relayed from Bombay at all hours of the night. This music calls for dancing, of course, and "Charleston" classes have been started under the able direction of L.E. (But, of course, the writer has other views on the aforementioned "Charleston.")

Training at camp will soon be here again, and we look forward to "Humping Charlie" once more. Life at camp is hard, but, nevertheless, the lads enjoy it, because at the close of camp they can see "Yuletide" looming in the distance in the shape of a barrel, tap and mallet.

In the "Group Cricket" the Platoon has not done very well, and at the time of going to press M.G.2 are at the bottom of the league, with M.G.1 just in front of them. Probably this is due to the absence of a few J.B.'s and W.G.'s. However, we still maintain that we can put up a good show when called upon to do so.

These notes are very short indeed, due, no doubt, to the extreme "brain" fag of the writer. The next issue will certainly be on a much larger scale.

This Issue's Hero.—The man of the 2nd Battalion who went to Poona on furlough and had rissoles for breakfast.

HEARD AT 'NAGAR.

Corporal: "Did the Sergeant call you a blockhead?"

Private: "Well, no; not directly."
Corporal: "What did he say, then?"
Private: "He said to me, 'Put your hat on; here comes a woodpecker.'"
Cheerio, brother gunners.

F. L. H. J.

DRUMS AND EMPLOYED.

Since our last contribution the Sports Committee have decided to hold an inter-Group Championship. The events, for which points will count, included football, hockey, cricket and a cross-country run. It is with these games, as far as they have progressed, that the body of our notes deal.

Football was the first branch of sport to be contested, and, with the aid of some very good players to uphold our group in the field, we forced our way along the path of success. Progress was good at the start, but after proceeding along the said path for quite a considerable distance an obstruction was encountered, namely, the Signallers. They simply refused to let us pass them, and the result was that we were compelled to take second place to them in the League. We played 8 matches, won 4, drew 3, and lost 1.

The standing team was as follows:—Pte. Arnold; Ptes. Hastings and Davis; Cpl. Moss, R.Q.M.S. Pilley and Pte. Poulson; Sergt. Beaveridge, Pte. Downer, Dmrs. Bugden, Dearman and Lewin. However, it was found necessary to fall back upon the reserves at times, and Lieut. F. Walden, L./Cpls. Gilbert and Dyer, Dmr. Porter and Pte. Cable ably filled the gaps when called upon to do so.

Amongst the outstanding players and well deserving of credit was Pte. Arnold, who played a brilliant game in goal throughout, and much of our success was due to his ability to cope with the elusive leather from all angles. He has now been selected to defend the goal for the Battalion in the forthcoming fight to retain the Rovers Cup. Dmr. Bugden, another clever member of the team, is also included in the Battalion team.

The Drums and Employed, besides possessing a good football team, also have a good cricket team. It appears, from results, that no kind of sport comes amiss to us (from the humble indoor game of "fat" to the national outdoor game of

football). We always seem to be well to the fore.

In the Battalion Inter-Platoon Cricket Knock-out, members of the team proved that they knew quite as much about the game as they did about the various occupations which they follow. Beginning with the "Wing," our opponents were the Signallers, M.G.1 and the Band, and all games resulted in a win for us as the following indicates:—

Signallers: 1st innings, 91; 2nd innings, 44.
Drums and Employed: 1st innings, 93; 2nd innings, 91. Won by 49 runs.

M.G.1: 1st innings, 94; 2nd innings, 86.
Drums and Employed: 1st innings, 192. Won by an innings and 12 runs.

Band: 1st innings, 85; 2nd innings, 88.
Drums and Employed: 1st innings, 43; 2nd innings, 166. Won by 36 runs.

Later, on emerging victors within the Wing, it was learnt that No. 10 Platoon would be our next opponents, but before that match took place it was thought that a game between the Drums and Employed v. The Rest (of "H.Q." Wing) would be very interesting. We met and we lost, but who would gainsay the fact that it should have been otherwise, for there are some excellent players distributed throughout the Wing. Of course, we could say that we were reserving our energy, but—we won't.

We will not delve too deeply into the subsequent matches which we had to play, so suffice it to say that No. 10 Platoon was eventually met and vanquished by an innings and 21 runs. Later No. 2 and 16 Platoons were also disposed of by five wickets and 19 runs respectively.

The team on all occasions was chosen from the following:—Lieut. F. Walden, R.Q.M.S. Pilley, Sergts. Beaveridge and Copelin, Cpl. Moss, L./Cpls. Dyer and Sherrieff, Dmrs. Crawshaw, Lewin, Faulkner and Bugden, Ptes. Davis, Poulson and Presland, and Boy Thompson.

Hockey and a Cross-Country Run take place at the termination of the cricket, and, therefore, will be too late to report upon for this issue, but something will be said about them in the next.

We congratulate Cpls. Moss and Stagg on their promotion to their present rank, but they have both left our humble coterie now. Cpl. Moss is undergoing vocational training with the band with a

view to becoming a musician in civilian life, and daily the sweet cadences of the saxophone are wafted to us from the Band bungalow. We are given to understand that he is progressing well, and should draw full houses in England. Cpl. Stagg, the ex-bandsman postman, has been posted to "C" Company. L./Sergt. Copelin has also left us, and is added to the ranks of "A" Company. He was one of our best cricketers. Sergt. Walker has filled the vacant post of Provost-Sergeant incurred by the transfer of L./Sergt. Copelin. We wish them all the best of luck.

EMPLOYEE.

LADIES' GUILD.

MRS. CLAYDEN has kindly consented to perform the duties of Honorary Secretary to the Guild, and members are requested to forward Guild garments and part-worn clothing direct to her, addressed "The Hon. Secretary, Ladies' Guild, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7."

Great difficulty is being experienced in providing garments for the numerous applicants owing to the stock having become nearly exhausted. Will members who have not yet sent their annual Guild garments please do so as early as possible, as there are many very necessitous cases on our list for whom no garments are available?

The Committee would be very grateful if members would further assist by collecting from friends additional supplies of cast-off clothing. Officers are also earnestly asked to help in this way. Parcels can be sent "carriage forward."

Children's worn clothing and boots of all sorts and sizes are in great demand.

NOT LETTING GO.

THE following extract from a popular Sunday newspaper which appeared in 1912 is worth reproducing, in view of the writer's opinion and the events which followed in the Great War.

The Depot referred to is Mill Hill, then commanded by Major, now Brigadier-Gen., J. Hamilton Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O.:

"THE NEW MODEL.

"In the days not so very long ago, when the British Army consisted of the froth and the dregs of Society, the dandies and the scallywags between them presented a remarkable spectacle of the art of Not Letting Go. The Army that Mr. Rudyard Kipling painted in 'Soldiers Three' has ceased to exist. The type of man who fought in the Peninsular War and the Indian Mutiny was full of the elemental. With drink inside them there were men in every regiment who could clear a whole Guard Room. The behaviour of the modern Army is demure as a girls' finishing school. The officer commanding one of the largest depots near London tells me that the Special Reservists drink ginger beer when they enter public-house or canteen and spend their pay on lolly-pops and hardbake. Seventy per cent. of them are abstainers. They go to bed early. Crime scarcely exists, and when a glimpse of the devil's horns, hoofs, and tail is obtained a petticoat flutters in the background. The last time I was at Malta I saw a boy sentry weeping when his sergeant scolded him. On the Great Day will these virtuous drinkers of mineral waters and consumers of brandy balls refuse to Let Go like the Fifty-Seventh Regiment at Albuhera? High authority holds to it that the reckless, roystering, drunken scallywag made the better soldier. I don't agree. As a civilian I am dumb on military problems, but the courage and discipline in emergencies shown by miners, sailors, and artisans generally incline me to the belief that the British soldier under the right leading will do no worse in the future than the men whom Napier extolled. Temperance must tell."

And, further, this letter addressed to Col. E. W. M. Norie, whilst Assistant Military Secretary at the War Office:—

"Mr. J. B. Dolphin, British Vice-Consul at Liege after he had communicated official information, told me the following which may be interesting:—

"A German General told me, enthusiastically, that he had never dreamt of such magnificent bravery as that displayed by the Middlesex Regiment in the fighting 23rd to 27th August. The accuracy of their firing was a revelation; they hit here (tapping his forehead) every time. Their

coolness was wonderful and their trench work splendid."

"I personally could see the fighting from my house in Liege. I saw Vise—it was terrible, there was not a roof standing—it was as if an earthquake had passed. The German shells are terrible, one hits a house, there is a burst of flame, and the house has vanished."

"I imagine a box of wax vestas catching fire, and that is what seems to appear to a building when it is hit. Were these atrocities committed? Certainly, the Germans glory in it. I have actually a German newspaper showing women and children in front of the guns."

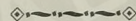
"The slaughter in front of Fort Boucailles was terrible—it is said that the German losses there amounted to 45,000. There were lines of corpses piled up—the Germans had to clamber over them and Belgians told me they were sick at the slaughter. It is said that several German officers committed suicide in Liege as they couldn't stand the horror of leading their men to absolute certain death."

"I am going off now to the Foreign Office to see Sir Edward Grey."

"(Sd.) J. F. C. CARTER,
"Capt. for Lt.-Colonel V. Kell.
"12-9-14."

"My Dear Colonel,
"I thought you would like to see this; it was taken down by one of my Staff from what Mr. Dolphin told him.
"Perhaps the Depot might like to hear it."

"Yours,
"(Sd.) V. G. W. KELL.
"13-9-14."



DEPOT NOTES.

LIEUT. G. A. STEPHENSON, on the termination of his appointment as Adjutant of the Singapore Volunteers, is attached to the Depot for duty pending the arrival home of the 1st Battalion to which he has been posted.

2/Lieuts. P. Watson and L. H. J. de le M. Herapath have been posted on first appointment to the 1st Battalion, and attached for duty to the Depot pending the arrival home of the 1st Battalion.

2/Lieut. C. F. Jupp, Supplementary Reserve of Officers of the Middlesex Regiment, is attached to the Depot for his initial training.

A representative detachment of the Indian Army has been staying at the Depot since September 25th. The detachment, which consists of 2 British officers—Major A. B. McPherson and Capt. P. L. Lindsay, 6 native officers and 30 other ranks, has come home to represent the Indian Army at the unveiling of the

on September 15th had to be abandoned, although the players struggled manfully in a downpour of rain until after tea. Several matches were cancelled owing to wet weather.

Although not always brilliant, our side was not, on the whole, unsuccessful. We were really fortunate to enjoy the amount of cricket actually played. Many other clubs fared far worse.

The following shared our "ups" and "downs" at cricket this year:—Major



INDIAN VISITORS TO MILL HILL.

[Photo: Photopress, London]

Memorial at Neuve Chapelle to all ranks of the Indian Army who lost their lives in France and Flanders during the Great War. The detachment will leave for India on November 10th.

SPORTS NOTES, 1927.

CRICKET.

Our cricket season petered out in miserable weather.

The last match actually played against the East Surrey Regiment on our ground

G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., Lieut. F. G. Parker, Sergt. Mewitt, Sergt. Capell, L./Cpl. Scott, Pte. Bland, Cpl. Painter, Pte. Sears, Pte. Lazarus, C.Q.M.S. West, Capt. V. E. Stock, Pte. Dyer, and Sergt. Raindle.

Our best thanks to our umpires, Sergt.-Instr. Osborne and Cpl. Soper, and our scorer, Pte. Wray.

FOOTBALL.

We passed on to football with relief in the middle of September, and are just

beginning to get into our stride. Several promising players have appeared, and we hope to field a good and merry team.

Our first match is against 9th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment on October 8th. In the meantime the Inter-squad and Platoon Football League is going with a swing.

There are considerably more names than we can deal with for voluntary games on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, but we try to give everyone a game. We now have two grounds in play, and could do with three.

HOCKEY.

The draining of our lower ground has made our hockey pitch playable, even after several matches of appalling weather. Unfortunately the ground is slightly smaller in size, as the area outside the drains is quite unplayable.

We have had some trial games in search of golden talent, and we have distinct hopes of a successful season. Our first match is on October 12th, against the Royal Fusiliers at Mill Hill.

PASS BALL.

The "ladder" is again in operation for the autumn season. We hope all Messes are getting their teams going, bent on changing the order. The pass ball pitches are now in play.

GYMNASIUM.

Attendance at voluntary gymnasiums is on the increase. C.S.M. Elliott will welcome many more: the more the merrier.

We intend to hold a boxing meeting this month.

Winners of C.O.'s silver medal for best recruits at physical training and physical exercises:—Pte. C. Bland, Ypres Squad; Pte. G. Smith, Nivelle Squad; Pte. A. Millar, Ladysmith Squad.

SHOOTING.

The Depot Rifle Meeting passed off successfully on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, in spite of terrible weather.

The results were as follows:—

COMPETITION A. *Individual Championship*. .303; *Application*; *Snap*; *Rapid*.—1, Cpl. Short; 2, C.Q.M.S. Cook; 3, Sergt. Robbins.

COMPETITION B. *Clay Pipes, Knock-out*. .22.—1, Ptes. Forey and White; 2, Ptes Walker (66) and Groves.

COMPETITION C. *Inter-Mess Challenge Shoot*. .303.—1, Corporals' Mess (Cpls. Soper, Pinder, Painter and Housden); 2, Sergeants' Mess (Sergts. Robbins, Warren, Steward and Bearne).

COMPETITION D. *Recruits' Handicap*. .22.—1, Somme "A" (Forey, Sneezeby, Tutte and White); 2, Albuhera "A" (Kirby, Lovell, Kent and Calman); 3, Somme "B" (Pinkney, Swadling, McDavitt and Parker).

COMPETITION E. *Lewis Gun Pairs*. .303. 1, Sergt. Griffin and Dmr. Stuhldreer; 2, L./Cpl. Reid and Cpl. Soper.

COMPETITION G. *Recruits' Snapshoot-ing*. .22.—1, Ladysmith "B" (Drury, Thomson, Benningfield and Raynor); 2, Ladysmith "A" (Millar, Bond, Dalton and Rogers).

COMPETITION H. *All-Comers' Rapid Fire*.—1, L./Cpl. Millar; 2, C.Q.M.S. Cook and Sergt. Cobbett.

At the conclusion Mrs. Sloane-Stanley very kindly presented the prizes, and the meeting finished amidst universal acclamations.

Whilst going to press we are in the middle of an interesting two days' competition with the members of the Indian detachment here.

The results may be seen below:—

COMPETITION A. .22; *Application*.—Depot, 125 and 126; Indian Detachment, 126 and 131.

COMPETITION B. .22; *Snapshooting*.—Depot, 87; Indian Detachment, 69.

COMPETITION C. *Clay Pipes Knock-out*.—Lieuts. Clayden and Stephenson.

COMPETITION D. .303; *Application*.—Depot, 89; Indian Detachment, 107.

COMPETITION E. .303; *Snapshooting*.—Depot, 78; Indian Detachment, 69.

COMPETITION F. .303; *Rapid*.—Depot, 208; Indian Detachment, 135.

Grand Totals.—Depot, 713; Indian Detachment, 637.

The following shot for the two teams:

Depot.—Major Bucknall, Lieuts. Clayden, Lambert and Stephenson, C.Q.M.S. Cook, Sergts. Cobbett, Griffin, and Robbins, and L./Cpl. Goodall.

Indian Detachment.—Havildar Jabbar Khan, Havildar Fazl Ahmad, Havildar Hukman Ram, Br.-Har. Major Arjan Singh, Br.-Har. Major Mohd. Hussim, Sqdn.-Daffadar-Major Mohar Singh,

Hon. Lieut. Dhanna Singh, Sepoy Jai Ran, Havildar Abdul Rahman, C.Q.M.-Havildar Hazara Singh.

It is interesting to note that while we generally came off best at rapid and snap-shooting, we were generally worsted at slow practices. It was noticeable that every shot fired by our opponents, whether rapid or slow, was a dangerous one. There were no wasted shots.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The quarter under review was marked by a varied assortment of entertainments.

A very good attendance was obtained at the Sports and Dance (which was held in the gymnasium), and we were pleased to have amongst us a good number of past members of both 1st and 2nd Battalions, and several members of the 2nd Battalion Mess at present on leave.

Early in July several of our members again proceeded to Purfleet to instruct the young element in the glories of using the rifle on the firing point and the paste pot in the butts.

We offer our congratulations (or condolences) to L./Sergt. Bearne on joining the Mess.



[Photo: S. H. Brock & Co., London.]

LADYSMITH SQUAD.

The Depot Sports Meeting was held on July 6th, 1927, and except for occasional showers the weather was at least attempting to cultivate a "Die-Hard" spirit. The day itself was voted as a success by all who attended, and although the N.C.O.s' dance which followed the sports was marred slightly by the weather, all and sundry were satisfied. At the Sports Meeting the Mess team had extreme hard luck in the Inter-Mess Relay (obtained third position), and our tug-of-war team took off rather badly against the Officers, who appeared to have trained with the defaulters' bicycle.

On August 17th the members were "At Home" to the Officers. Although the Officers annihilated us at tennis, we easily gained the "laurels" for agility. Hence our new first rule of tennis—self-preservation. In addition to tennis, we introduced the Officers to—from our point of view—more appropriate games, "Pokey Die," "Brag," "Maxie," etc. In these games we easily excelled.

The monthly tournaments are still carrying on.

L./Sergt. Steward won the July "Skittles," and L./Sergt. Warren the "Pokey Die."

On August 31st we were at the Officers' "At Home." The weather was ideal, and we spent a very enjoyable time, dispersing about 7.30 p.m.

The Rifle Meeting which took place on September 16th was a success from the Mess point of view, but a "wash out" as far as the weather was concerned. The Musketry Staff was unable to get his eye down the same as he did last year. He, however, managed to win in the Lewis Gun Pairs, thanks to his partner and the favourable tide.

We tied for first place in the Inter-Mess Shoot with the Corporals, as far as the aggregate was concerned, but they gained the trophy *vide* rule Q.G. 1, code C (2), a Rifle Meeting, Depot, The Middlesex Regiment, rules governing.

C.Q.M.S. Cook gained second in the Individual, and second in the Rapid Fire.

Unfortunately, we lost the spoon after a tie, but we cannot blame the member concerned, as he was "Trapp-ed" into using our educated rifle that was well experienced in finding bulls.

We are now on the eve of the opening dance, particulars of which will appear in our next.

J. C. T.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last time of going to press the Corporals have been doing well, and have collected a cup and a shield. However, before going into details of these successes, I must tender my apologies on failing to congratulate L./Sergt. Steward on his promotion, and now take the greatest of pleasure on behalf of the Mess in heartily congratulating him, and wishing him the greatest success in his present position.

Concerning the cup and shield which I say we have collected, I do not mean to infer that it was at all easy.

The shield was for the Inter-Mess Relay, which took place during the annual sports, and which we won for the second year in succession. Cpl. Kingdon ran first, and managed to gain a useful lead for us; then "Bill (Cpl. Woodroff) carried on and maintained the lead; Eric (Cpl. Pinder) followed their example, leaving "Bogey" (Cpl. West) an easy passage in the last lap.

Our rifle team, Cpl. Soper, Cpl. Pinder, Cpl. Painter, and L./Cpl. Housden, just triumphed over our old rivals, the Sergeants, in the Inter-Mess Shoot, thus depriving the Officers of the pot, and we congratulate both teams on their respective successes.

We very much regret the loss of three of the members of the Mess, namely, "Skinny" Kingdom, "Nobby" Clarke, and "Trunky" Smith, and wish them the best of luck in civvy street, and at the same time hope they continue to scheme as well as they did whilst at the Depot.

Before closing down, we should like to tender our hearty congratulations to Cpl. Woodroff on his promotion, and also to L./Cpls. Smith (38), Ormes, Millar and Bond, whom we welcome to the Mess.

We also offer a hearty welcome to Cpl. Jones, who is with us prior to embarking for the 2nd Battalion in India.

ELSIE.

DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

6188473 C.Q.M.S. R. Flatman, D.C.M.: Discharged under K.R. 203 (xxi), 10/7/27.

7811521 Sergt. H. Barker: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xvi), 16/8/27.

723823 Cpl. C. Kingdon: To Army Reserve, 25/8/27.

6192848 L./Cpl. Clarke: To Army Reserve, 20/9/27.

6189500 L./Cpl. J. Smith: To Army Reserve, 23/9/27.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6199359 L./Cpl. M. Reid: Attended Fire Fighting Course at Aldershot, and passed as "Qualified to Instruct," 1/7/27.

6191537 Pte. J. Everett and 6197621 Pte. A. Nicholls: Attended No. 48 Selected Cooks' Course at Aldershot and passed.

6197305 L./Cpl. Williams: Attended 23rd Assistant Instructors' Course P.T. at Aldershot, and obtained a 2nd Class, 28/7/27.

6584440 L./Cpl. F. Butfield: Attended 23rd Assistant Instructors' Course P.T. at Aldershot, and obtained 1st Class.

SERVICE.

6193259: L./Sergt. H. Warren: Extended his service to complete 12 years with the colours, 30/8/27.

BIRTHS.

COOK.—On 30/8/27, at Woolwich, the wife of 6191836 C.Q.M.S. J. Cook—a daughter (Patricia May) and son (Terence George).

GRAINGER.—On 24/10/26, at Finchley, the wife of 6194353 Pte. C. Grainger—a son (Eric Charles).

WARREN.—On 24/7/27, at Hackney, the wife of 6193222 Pte. T. Warren—a son (James Mackeith).

RUMENS.—On 4/2/27, at Guernsey, the wife of 6191570 L./Cpl. F. Rumens—a daughter (Evelyn Doris).

KING.—On 23/8/27, at Aldershot, the wife of 6195503 Cpl. R. King—a son (Richard Ernest).

MARRIAGES.

BEARNE—COX.—On 17/7/27, at Mill Hill, L./Sergt. E. Bearne to Dorothy May Cox.

WARREN—FURZE.—On 16/11/24, at Hackney, Pte. T. Warren to Ethel Elizabeth Furze.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

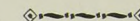
The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

6197713 Pte. W. Arney, 6197786 Pte. R. Benningfield, 6197776 Pte. R. Cater, 6197782 Pte. F. Drury, 6197695 Pte. J. Hicks, 6197711 Pte. J. Marling, 6539280 Pte. T. Rodgers, 6197788 Pte. C. Short, 6197784 Pte. H. Thompson, 6197787 Pte. A. Wray, 6197796 Pte. G. Blythe, 6197715 Pte. N. Cockburn, 6197742 Pte. A. Ellis, 6197783 Pte. W. Hancock, 6197918 Pte. T. Murphy, 6197915 Pte. W. Murcott, 6197916 Pte. W. Pinkney, 6197478 Pte. E. Swadling, 6197763 Pte. A. Tutte, 6197765 Pte. W. Ayles, 6197620 Pte. L. Livens, 6197934 Pte. G. Bird, 5880527 Pte. L. Course, 6197945 Pte. T. Calman, 6630823 Pte. E. Forey, 6197913 Pte. J. Isaacs, 6197935 Pte. T. Mann, 6722931 Pte. A. Stanford, 6197928 Pte. A. Williamson, 6197778 Pte. B. Bourne, 6197790 Pte. A.

Bond, 6197730 Pte. A. Cokeley, 6197781 Pte. F. Dudley, 6197733 Pte. D. Hunter, 6197774 Pte. W. Millar, 6197794 Pte. J. Raynor, 6197729 Pte. A. Staveley, 6197795 Pte. E. Trevis, 6757398 Pte. A. Andrews, 6197905 Pte. L. Boughton, 6197911 Pte. R. Dyson, 6197766 Pte. H. French, 6197912 Pte. G. Knowles, 6197927 Boy H. Merrett, 6197909 Pte. T. McDavitt, 6197718 Pte. L. Savagar, 6197924 Pte. J. Shipley, 6197799 Pte. J. White, 6197399 Pte. G. Hilleard, 6197940 Pte. C. Baltus, 6197944 Pte. T. Brooker, 6197682 Pte. C. Crabb, 6197929 Pte. J. Ewens, 6196949 Pte. A. Greene, 6197942 Pte. H. Lovell, 6197950 Pte. W. Romer, 6197932 Pte. S. Turner.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

6192854 Pte. F. Green, 6190796 Pte. J. Gillett, 6196835 Pte. J. Pilgrim, 6197689 Pte. T. Groves, 6757380 Pte. E. Moir, 6197608 Pte. J. Straw.



THE LATE MAJOR EDWARD AND MRS. BRUTTON.

THE death of Mrs. Brutton, widow of Major Edward Brutton, 57th Regiment, in a nursing home at Chelsea on September 1st, should not be allowed to pass without notice. Her husband, Major Brutton, was in his day a very well-known and popular officer who served on the staff in the China Campaign of 1860, and with considerable distinction in his Regiment in the New Zealand War, 1863-5. After his retirement, Major Brutton, who was a Devonshire man, joined the County Constabulary as a Superintendent on November 15th, 1872, and continued to serve in that capacity until October, 1888, when he retired from the force on pension. Immediately after his retirement from the Constabulary Major Brutton was appointed a Captain of Invalids at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and held this appointment until his death there on July 26th, 1911. A tablet to his memory was placed in the Colonnade of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea,

of which the following is a copy of the inscription thereon:—

IN MEMORY OF
MAJOR EDWARD BRUTTON,
LATE 57TH REGIMENT,
FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS CAPTAIN OF
INVALIDS IN THIS HOSPITAL,
WHO DIED ON THE 25TH JULY, 1911,
AGED 74.
HE SERVED IN THE CHINA CAMPAIGN OF
1860, BEING ATTACHED TO THE 2ND
DIVISIONAL ROYAL ARTILLERY, AS STAFF
OFFICER, AND WAS PRESENT AT THE
STORMING OF THE TAKU FORTS AND
OTHER ENGAGEMENTS. HE SERVED
ALSO WITH THE 57TH REGIMENT IN THE
NEW ZEALAND WAR, 1863-5, BEING
FREQUENTLY ENGAGED WITH THE
ENEMY, AND REPEATEDLY MENTIONED IN
DESPATCHES.

Major Brutton's widow, who has just died, outlived her husband by sixteen years. She continued, in her widowhood, to take a deep interest in the Regiment, and was always glad to see anyone connected with it. It will be seen from the above how intimately connected Mrs. Brutton was with the 1st Battalion in past days. Besides this, she has an additional claim to the interest of many still serving in the Regiment from the fact she was related to the late Brig.-Gen. Lumley.

JOHN BARRY.

(An old Peninsula Veteran who was present at the Battle of Albuhera.)

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I came across the other day an interesting account of this old soldier, who served with the 3rd Regiment (The Buffs), which Regiment was later on brigaded with the 57th Regiment. He relates of the Battle of Albuhera (which was his fourth engagement, having been present at the Battles of Oporto, Talavera and Busaco): "This was a most desperate fight. The French thought they had taken the Colours of our Regiment from us, but it was not so, as the brave officers who carried them, Lieut. Welsh and Lieut. Ferguson, had both concealed the Colours inside the breasts of their military coats, having torn them from the

staffs in their struggle with the enemy." He goes on to say: "I then fought in the Battle of Almaraz, and was afterwards engaged in the Battle of Burgos in 1813, and I then crossed the Ebro with my regiment and marched over the Pyrenees, fighting the way, and on June 22nd, 1813, I was engaged in the Battle of Vittoria. Soon after this my Regiment was ordered to America, where I had more fighting in attacking the City of Plattsburgh."

In the year 1816 he was discharged with a medal, but without a pension, having entered the Army as a seven years' soldier only.

He was in appearance very like the old Duke of Wellington, and one day Gen. Frazer, R.A., said to him: "I tell you what, old veteran, you are so like the great Duke that if you had on Field-Marshal's dress, and were mounted on the Duke's old charger, and were to ride down Pall Mall, the Londoners would say the Duke of Wellington has come to life again."

The above statement was sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, who forwarded £5 to procure any little comfort for the old soldier (John Barry) and so through the generosity of his Royal benefactor he took a glass of port wine daily at 11 o'clock, in which he did not forget to drink health and long life to Queen Victoria.

G. W. W. S.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER
30TH, 1927.

Amount of grants and loans made:
£143 17s. 1d.

Number of cases dealt with: 149.

Number of cases assisted: 70.

Number of men registered for employment: 91.

Number of men found permanent employment: 6.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 16.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central

MALAYA BRANCH, ALBUHERA DINNER.



Seated at Table (Left to Right).—Mr. G. C. Champ, Mr. G. C. Miller, Mr. J. Schooling, C.S.M. & I. H. Enser (King's Own Regt.) R.S.M. A. J. Pharaoh, Capt. H. A. A. Howell, Major M. F. Grove-White, D.S.O., O.B.E. (R.E.), Lt.-Col. B. A. Thompson, Mr. A. E. Lickfold, Mr. F. Deason, Mr. F. C. Johnson, Mr. G. E. Pockney, Capt. H. S. Chapman, M.C., D.F.C. (late 10th/4th Punjabis), Mr. W. H. Follenfant.



Standing (Left to Right).—C.S.M. & I. H. Enser (King's Own Regt.), Mr. G. C. Miller, Capt. H. S. Chapman, M.C., D.F.C. (late 10th/4th Punjabis), Mr. A. E. Lickfold, Mr. F. C. Johnson, Mr. J. Schooling, Mr. G. E. Pockney, Major M. F. Grove-White, D.S.O., O.B.E. (R.E.).

Seated (Left to Right).—Mr. G. C. Champ, Capt. H. A. A. Howell, Lt.-Col. B. A. Thompson, Mr. F. Deason, R.S.M. A. J. Pharaoh, Mr. W. H. Follenfant.

London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, September 10th, 1927.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C. (2nd Battalion), Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. J. W. Holwell, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Secretary and Hon. Treasurer).

It was proposed and carried that the Association apply to the Charity Commissioners for an order extending the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1852 to 1925, to the Association Fund, which it is intended to call The Middlesex Regiment Charitable Fund, so far as the said Acts may not at present apply to it, and that Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign the necessary application to the Charity Commissioners in that behalf.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee explained the arrangements for holding the Old Comrades' Dinner on November 5th, and it was proposed and carried that the following guests be invited:—Lord Revelstoke, Lord-Lieutenant of the County; Col. Pinkham, Chairman of the Middlesex County Council; Mr. Cecil de Salis, Chairman of the Territorial Association; Sir Benjamin Gott, Secretary of the Middlesex Education Committee; and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, M.B.E., Clerk of the Middlesex County Council.

A suggestion, received from Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, that a Regimental Diary be issued in place of the Regimental Calendar was considered, and it was proposed and carried that the question be deferred and opinions invited from all battalions and from individual subscribers to the Journal.

It was proposed and carried that the following grants be made on behalf of battalions to the undermentioned charities:—

	£	s.	d.
British Legion	1	1	0
Charity Organisation Society ...	4	4	0
Charity Organisation Society (Registration Branch) ...	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Friends of the Poor	2	2	0
Gordon Boys' Home	1	1	0
Hospital for Sick Children ...	2	2	0
National Association for Em- ployment of Ex-Soldiers ...	2	2	0
Netley Charitable Fund... ..	2	2	0
Newport Market Training School	1	1	0
Royal Drummond Institute ...	2	2	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	2	2	0
Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society	2	2	0
Special Fund for Blind Ex-Ser- vice Men (National Institute for the Blind)	1	1	0
St. Dunstan's	1	1	0

A number of special applications, referred from the Standing Sub-Committee, were considered, and decisions given in all cases.

A suggestion to alter the day on which the Executive Committee meets was considered, and it was proposed and carried that, provided the room can be obtained, the Committee will in future meet at 2.0 p.m. on the last Wednesday instead of at 10.30 a.m. on the last Saturday in the first month of each quarter.

It was proposed and carried that the Old Comrades' Summer Gathering be in future held on the Depot Sports Day.



CORRESPONDENCE.

FORMATION OF MALAYA BRANCH.

FORT CANNING,
SINGAPORE, S.S.

September 9th, 1927.

THE SECRETARY,
THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT
(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN),
THE BARRACKS, MILL HILL,
LONDON, N.W. 7, ENGLAND.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that at a meeting held here on September 1st, 1927, at which Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson presided, it was decided to form a local

branch of the Regimental Association to be known as the "Malaya Branch."

2. I am to request that the formal approval of the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association may be given thereto to enable us to act under the auspices of the Association.

3. The following officers and Committee were elected:—

President: Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson.

Committee: Mr. F. Deason and Mr. A. E. Lickfold, Singapore; Mr. C. Nixon, Penang; Capt. C. Darby, J.P., and Mr. A. Preston, Federated Malay States.

(Some of the above have not yet signified their willingness to serve.)

Hon. Treasurer: R.S.M. A. J. Pharaoh.

Hon. Secretary: Capt. H. A. A. Howell.

4. It was decided that the official address of the Malaya Branch should be: Fort Canning, Singapore, S.S.

5. The telegraphic address will be notified to you later.

6. A copy of the minutes of all meetings is to be sent to the Regimental Association.

7. Fifty-three past members of the Regiment are on our roll to date.

8. It is hoped that the Malaya Branch will be able to help the Association by keeping it informed of any vacancies in local firms, the Government (e.g., as prison warders, the Police, etc.), etc., which are considered likely to suit members of the Association.

Enquiries are already being made in this direction.

(Ten past members of the Regiment are employed as warders in the gaols out here.)

9. If any member of the Association especially desires to obtain employment in Malaya, the Malaya Branch will do its best to find him a suitable job, provided that the Association will send out full particulars, copies of references, records, etc., and a recommendation as to the kind of employment most suited to the applicant.

It is taken for granted that the Association will only send out good, steady men, as when seeking offers of employment we shall work on the basis that we can guarantee to supply only good men.

10. A copy of the minute of the meeting held on September 1st is attached.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. A. A. HOWELL, *Captain,*
The Middlesex Regiment,

Hon. Secretary, The Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment,
Malaya Branch.

ANERLEY, S.E. 20.

September 21st, 1927.

DEAR MAJOR STEED,

Enclosed postal order value 5s., which I regret is all I can offer as my annual subscription for the current year.

Thanking you for your prompt attention when I applied for assistance last year.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,
R. H. G.

89, ATHELSTONE ROAD,
WEALDSTONE, HARROW,
MIDDLESEX.

September 21st, 1927.

DEAR SIR,

Will you please note my new address as above for future reference. I also wish to record my appreciation and thanks for the effort you made in procuring me employment at the G.P.O., Harrow, and will always look back to the great favour I have been done.

I herewith wish to subscribe 10s. to the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

R. C. WHITING,

Late C.S.M. The Middlesex Regt.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE,

April 30th, 1927.

MAJOR F. S. STEED,
"DIE-HARDS" JOURNAL,
MILL HILL BARRACKS,
LONDON, N.W.

DEAR SIR,

In your issue of February last there appeared an extract from a letter from Professor Cumbræ Stewart, of Brisbane,

referring to my late father, Major Edmund Lockyer, formerly of the 57th, and incidentally to myself.

This suggested a visit from Mr. Frederick Arden, who was Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Middlesex Regiment, and who desired employment. His credentials were extremely satisfactory, including one from yourself, and cover a period of twenty-nine years. At the time a vacancy occurred in this office in a position requiring keen interest, ability and exceptional trustworthiness. He impressed me with his apparent suitability for our work, and he is engaged for a period of probation. He produced a testimonial from yourself, dated January 10th, 1920, and I would be grateful if you would kindly say whether you know of any reason which might lead you to vary the high opinion you then held of him.

I enclose copy of our last report, which may be of interest in showing what we are endeavouring to do here for the welfare of our disabled soldiers and the war orphans.

My father served in the 19th for many years, and transferred to the 57th in 1824, retiring in 1827. It was while he was with the 57th he took a prominent part in a very interesting event in Australian history, an account of which I beg to enclose, as it may be acceptable as an addition to the distinguished record of the "Old Die-Hards."

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
N. C. LOCKYER.

[The account referred to by Sir Nicholas Lockyer will be found on page 561.—ED.]

MIDDLESEX AND SUSSEX INFANTRY BRIGADE RIFLE MEETING.

THE Annual Brigade Rifle Meeting took place again this year at Bisley on Sunday, September 11th. As well as the three Middlesex Battalions, our old friends the Divisional Signallers competed against us, as did also the 5th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment, who have taken the place of

the 4th Royal Sussex in the Brigade. There were large entries for the various competitions from all units, and, aided by fine weather, we enjoyed a most successful day's shooting.

It has been the fashion in the past for one unit or another to sweep the board of practically all the cups, but this year saw a much more even distribution of the many trophies amongst the competing units. The scores obtained showed a distinct improvement on recent years, and the 44th Divisional Signals are especially to be congratulated on their win in the Middlesex Justices' Shield and the High Sheriffs' Challenge Shield. The competitors arrived at Bisley during the afternoon and evening of Saturday, and were accommodated in the huts of the N.R.A., and excellently catered for in the N.R.A. Pavilion. This enabled shooting to commence at an early hour on Sunday, and enabled everyone to get away in good time on Sunday afternoon. The following were the results:—

Middlesex Justices' Shield and Sir William Crump Cup.—1st, 44th Divisional Signals, score 511; 2nd, 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 473; 3rd, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 426.

Ross Brigade Challenge Shield.—1st, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 2,843; 2nd, 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 2,609; 3rd, 8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 2,410.

High Sheriff's Challenge Shield.—1st, No. 1 Coy., 44th Divisional Signals, score 250; 2nd, "H.Q." Coy., 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 249; 3rd, "C" Coy., 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 226.

B.S.A. Guns Challenge Trophy.—1st, "C" Coy., 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 222; 2nd, "C" Coy., 5th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt., score 216; 3rd, "B" Coy., 5th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt., score 203.

Lewis Gun Cup.—1st, "C" Coy., 8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 229; 2nd, "C" Coy., 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 193; 3rd, "D" Coy., 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 181.

Vickers Gun Cup.—1st, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 457; 2nd, 8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 336; 3rd, 8th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 298.

Brigade Individual Championship.—1st, Sergt./Dmr. March, 7th Bn. Middle-

sex Regt., score 41; 2nd, Capt. Sherwood, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 38 (one miss); 3rd, L./Cpl. Lamb, 5th Bn. R.W. Kent Regt., score 38 (two misses).

Cheylesmore Cup.—Capt. Sherwood, 9th Bn. Middlesex Regt., score 53.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past three months have been, as usual, the busiest of our Territorial Training Year: Annual Camp, the Brigade Rifle Meeting, and the Annual Musketry Course are now all behind us, and we are enjoying a short breathing space before once more plunging into the new training programme for 1927-28.

Numerically this year shows an improvement upon last. The lowest numbers we reached during this period last year were 328; this year we have never dropped below 351, and if during the next few months our recruiting is as good as it was during the end of 1926, we should reach the dizzy height of 400 by January next, though to do so will need the keen co-operation of all ranks of the Battalion.

An account of this year's Annual Training appears elsewhere, but it is interesting to note that a total of 18 officers and 308 other ranks attended training this year, as opposed to a total of 16 officers and 282 other ranks last year. This gives a figure of 85 per cent. of our total strength as compared to 81 per cent. in 1926. Next year we hope that this percentage may be still further improved upon.

At this year's Brigade Rifle Meeting we failed to sweep the board of all trophies, but in a competition where all units showed a great improvement over last year's efforts, we successfully held our own. "C" Company are to be congratulated on winning the Young Soldiers' Competition with a score of 222, as opposed to the winning score of 205 last year. Though our Battalion team improved their shooting in the Middlesex Justices' Shield and the Sir William Crump Cup by 42 points, they still could only retain second place, this year the shooting of the 44th Divisional Signals proving too much for them. We should like to take this opportunity of congratu-

lating Sergt.-Dmr. March on winning the Brigade Individual Championship. Here again his score was better than last year's winner.

It is too early as yet to say what exactly our musketry averages for 1927 will be, but there appears every likelihood of a further improvement upon last year. There are still, however, in some companies a large number of men who failed to qualify, and if only the companies will concentrate on these our 1928 record should be one to be proud of.

To turn from the past to the future, it is most likely that the ensuing winter months will see a great increase of social activity in the companies; on all sides we hear rumours of dances, whist drives, and organized games. "B" Company have already launched forth on the first of their winter dances, and we expect soon to see all companies following suit.

Since the last notes were written, the Battalion has lost the services of Lieut. E. C. Kent, of "C" Company, and Lieut. A. G. Womersley, our Signalling Officer. Both these officers were compelled to transfer to the Territorial Reserve, owing to the fact that their work has taken them overseas, Lieut. Kent to plant rubber in Malaya, and Lieut. Womersley to do the same in Burma. Their departure will be keenly felt by the Battalion, as, during the period of their service, they both took a very great interest in their work, and their places will be hard to fill. We take this opportunity of wishing them "bon voyage" and the very best of luck in their new surroundings.

ANNUAL TRAINING.

This year the Battalion carried out their Annual Training at Dilgate Camp, Shorncliffe, from July 24th to August 7th. Some trepidation was felt on hearing that we were once again bound for Shorncliffe, as several members of the Battalion had bitter memories of barked shins caused by the remnants of the old standing camp amongst which we had previously been situated. These fears proved quite groundless, since a lot of clearing had been done, and with the standing cook-houses and bath-huts the camp proved one of the most comfortable that we have experienced.

In view of the distressing summer, we have no cause to complain of the weather conditions. The weather was showery, but it never rained sufficiently hard to seriously interfere with either our training or our amusements.

This year the entire Brigade went into camp together, while in the same area we had also the Divisional Signals, a Field Ambulance, and various Artillery and R.E. units of the Division.

As usual, the first week was devoted to section and platoon training, though not so long was spent on these as heretofore, and we were able to spend longer on company work, which finished with a Brigade exercise.

The usual sporting events were held, "B" Company carrying off the Battalion Sports Cup; though perhaps the greatest sensation of the training was caused by "D" Company wrestling the Tug-of-War Shield from "B" Company, who have held this trophy for some sixteen years. The annual cricket match between the Officers and Sergeants took place, and once again the Officers proved victorious. The Brigade Gymkhana produced some very keen contests, and we congratulate the Transport Section on winning the Albuhera Cup for the best turned-out transport. We also proved victorious in the Mounted Officers' Team Race; our victory may have been due to the fact that this year no map-reading was required.

On August 5th we were visited by the Secretary and several members of the Territorial Army Association, when Mr. de Salis presented the various challenge trophies won by the units during the past year.

Camp was struck on Sunday morning, and the Battalion reached Wood Green at 1 p.m., where the various companies dispersed to their own drill halls, and dismissed.

"A" COMPANY.

The most important event to mention in this issue is camp. The Company as a whole did very well; its efforts being rewarded by winning the Warner Drill Cup for the second time in succession, although by only a very narrow margin. This event was duly celebrated.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Bisley the shooting of our Company team was disappointing. The B.S.A. gun team, however, tied with "C" Company, 9th Battalion, for fifth place. As the team was composed, with one exception, of recruits within their first six months of training, this result was quite creditable.

Since camp, we have been leading a rather quiet life, our energies being mostly centred in training our team for the King Cup. After parades, we have taken up games in the drill hall, basketball being the favourite, but we hope yet to produce some agile "feather pushers" to challenge "B" Company's supremacy at Badminton.

In closing, we must congratulate Pte. H. G. Chapman, who has been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

"B" COMPANY.

Annual Training has come and gone, the weather on the whole being good. The Company worked very well. Congratulations to "D" Company on winning the Tug-of-War Shield. We have held it so long, that our canteen will be lonely without it. We may add that we have only loaned it for one year to "D" Company.

The Company won the Sports Cup handsomely, thanks to the fine work of the cricket and football teams.

Training is now in progress for the King Cup Competition. We hope to meet "A" Company on October 13th next, and the other companies at a later date.

The Company has formed a Sports Club. The Committee have already held their first dance and whist drive, but more support is required from the individual members of the Company. Talking about the Club, we are always pleased to give a hearty welcome to the Old Comrades Association, and are glad to report that already several Old Comrades have joined.

The "feather pushers" are getting ready for the Badminton season, and will be very glad to have the decorators out of the way, so that they can begin play. They would be glad if some of the other companies would hurry up and challenge them to some matches.

We only hope that the officers' match, which was postponed last season, will take

place this season. Our men are very keen to show them that they have improved tremendously.

"C" COMPANY.

We have now reached that period of the year when it is difficult to find any interesting or relevant "copy."

As this is the first issue of the Regimental Magazine since the Annual Camp, we must tell of our martial adventures at Shorncliffe. We reached camp on Sunday, July 24th, and proceeded to dig ourselves in. As far as the weather was concerned, though for the greater part dull, we only had one or two thorough wettings. On the whole, we had a very good time, and came home feeling very fit.

We feel justly proud of our shooting achievements. At the Brigade Meeting our Young Soldiers' team gained first place, and each member was awarded a bronze medal. In the High Sheriff's Challenge Shield the Company team was third in the Brigade and first in the Battalion. In the Annual Musketry Classification the Company average is 80.16, over that required for a first-class shot.

A Committee has been formed, and our Company dances are now being organized.

We deeply regret to hear of the death of Cpl. Healey, who died last September. We tender our sympathies to his relatives and friends.

The Company has recently had another loss in Lieut. E. C. Kent, who has gone to Malaya, where we wish him "all the best."

In conclusion, we extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. W. E. Pringle, M.C., who, on rejoining the Battalion, has come to "C" Company, and to all others who have enlisted since our doings last appeared in print.

"D" COMPANY.

Camp has once more come and gone, being attended on the whole with more success than last year. It is true that the weather was treacherous, but we were fortunate in that we were not often caught by heavy rain when out on parade, while the work possessed many features of

interest, despite the preliminary mountaineering which often preceded it.

As usual, we had our full share of success in sporting events, though we hope to do even better next year. Our outstanding success was the winning of the Battalion Tug-of-War Competition, although ours was the lightest team entered. We have to thank C.S.M. Bennett in this connection, as his efforts were undoubtedly largely responsible for our success, which robbed "B" Company of a long-held cup. At football we were not so successful, as, whereas last year we were unbeaten, this year we only succeeded in scoring one win and one draw out of four matches played. However, the team showed great energy in play, and also at times most promising combination, so we are expecting a different result next year. Following up our initial good fortune in drawing a bye in the cricket tournament, we succeeded in reaching the final, but there passed away somewhat ingloriously. For those in search of less strenuous diversions, there was always Folkestone conveniently near.

Since our return, we have attended the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley. The performance of our rifle team was not inspiring, but our Lewis gunners, despite an unlucky jam, succeeded in finishing well ahead of any other team in our Battalion. Our Young Soldiers' team also did well in coming in second in the Battalion teams.

At present we are in the closing stages of our annual Company Miniature Range Competition, which is being carried out with great enthusiasm. The scoring is very close, and the issue still in doubt.

Following up our great successes of last year, we have already arranged to hold three dances during the course of the winter, which we hope to make as successful as those of last year.

We regret to announce the death of one of our comrades, Pte. J. Williams, who passed away quite suddenly on September 17th last.

We have also lost another popular member of our Company in Pte. A. C. Wood, who had the misfortune to lose his hand recently in an accident while at work.

RECRUIT.

IN MEMORIAM.

We regret to have to report the death of No. 6195883 Cpl. A. J. Healey, of "C" Company, who died of meningitis in the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonston, on September 11th.

Cpl. Healey joined "C" Company in July, 1923, and was promoted Lance-Corporal in July, 1926, and Corporal in April, 1927. During his five years' service with the Battalion, he proved himself a very keen and zealous young soldier, and was one of the Company's most promising junior N.C.Os. His loss will be greatly felt, and we take this opportunity of tendering our sincere condolences to his family.

We also regret to report that No. 6197881 Pte. J. Williams, of "D" Company, died of meningitis at Guy's Hospital on September 17th.

Pte. Williams joined "D" Company in June of this year, and had already proved himself a keen and energetic young soldier whose death will be a great loss to the Company. We offer our sincere condolences to his family in their bereavement.

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EXTRACT FROM "WANDERINGS IN THE HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS."

By W. H. MAXWELL.

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A PROPOS to Monumental inscriptions: The papers of a defunct pensioner were once submitted to me, to direct me in arbitrating the claims of divers relatives touching the assets of the deceased. One short document addressed to the priest, was thus worded: "I, Peter Cannavan, three years in the Tipperary Militia No. 7* and the remainder of my time, lance and full corporal in the Die-Hards (57th Regiment). Will your Reverence put my mother's death in the corner, and mention that Father Paul Feaghan was her second cousin; also the day of my own death; and anything else you please, provided the cutting doesn't come to more than thirty shillings."

* The companies of a battalion, the flank excepted, are described by a number.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

THE first concert of the season was held at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, on Saturday, October 1st.

Our genial Chairman, Mr. E. Morris, occupied his usual position, and was supported by Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel and Capt. H. E. Foster.

A very good gathering assembled and enjoyed the excellent and amusing items presented by the Edwynne's Entertainers.

During the evening, Capt. Foster, in the absence of Col. Passingham, thanked Mr. Morris and his Committee for so ably looking after the amusement part of the Association, and for the excellent entertainment provided. He also complimented the artistes, and thanked Mme. Corri for arranging such an enjoyable programme.

The following were present:—

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuels, Major R. A. Slee, Major F. S. Steed, Major E. Amor, Major G. C. Bucknall, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, Lieut. McDonald, Lieut. Lambert, Lieut. Jupp, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Mme. Corri, 2/Lieut. Amor, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Avant, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Helps, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. Judd, Mr. H. J. Hills, Mr. Breach, Mr., Mrs. and Master Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Mr. Cattell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Skelly, Mr. and Mrs. Dellow, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock, Mr. and Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Luckett, Mr. Finnimore, Mr. Lavender, Mr. B. Sullivan and Daughters (2), Mr. and Mrs. Fairs, Mr. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, Mr. Coldicott, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Meachen and Sons (2), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Donoughue, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Miss Andrews, Mr. R. White and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mr. and Mrs. Furniss.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

ANOTHER training year is ended, and we are about to start again what has now become a "hardy annual"—the winter weapon training period. But before we talk about what is to come perhaps we should record our past doings.

Camp seems to have passed off very satisfactorily, in spite of rather poor weather. One of the difficulties of training is that, owing to the Battalion being below strength, platoons have to be amalgamated in order to carry out an exercise. We still look forward to the day when this amalgamation will become unnecessary, but it will never be, so long as recruits join at the present rate. What is needed is that every man in the Battalion should determine to bring in one recruit. This really should not be a difficult matter if everybody set their minds on it, but the result to the Battalion would be out of all proportion to the amount of energy expended by the individual.

The Battalion Sports had to be postponed owing to bad weather, but they were eventually held on the second Wednesday in camp. "B" Company are to be congratulated on winning the Sports Cup. Their win showed what team-work can accomplish when, in the last race, their team took the first five places and so snatched the trophy from the waiting arms of "A" Company, who up till then had been leading. In the Brigade competitions on the second Friday, the Battalion won both tug-of-war events. We have won the Tug-of-War Cup so many times recently that even some of the other battalions have come to regard the result as a foregone conclusion.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley on September 11th, "C" Company distinguished themselves by winning the Lewis gun competition. They deserve special praise for this, in view of the fact that "C" Company strength is below the average, and so there are fewer men from which to choose a team. The machine gunners did not manage to win the machine gun match this year, but our teams were placed second and third in the Brigade.

The date of the Annual Prize Distribution has not, at the time of writing, been definitely fixed. It will probably be held early in December, and this year we hope to see a larger attendance of the men of the Battalion.

We have to say good-bye to Capt. H. A. Palmer and 2/Lieut. I. B. Addis. Capt. Palmer, who has served with the Battalion since the early days of the late war, is transferring to the Reserve, and 2/Lieut. Addis has accepted an appointment in Burma.

We are about to start another training year. As we look forward we wonder what changes the New Year will bring. There are rumours that at next camp our transport vehicles will not be required. Instead, our guns will be carried on lorries. Then there is a movement on foot to turn one company of each battalion into a machine gun company. Although we must be prepared for some such changes sooner or later, we should probably do well not to expect too much at the moment. We are rather inclined to "wait and see."

"H.Q." WING.

It is with much regret that we have to record the retirement from the Active List of our Company Commander, Capt. Palmer. He will be very much missed by all ranks, and we hope that we may often see him in the future.

Since the last issue of the notes, the most important event of the year has taken place, namely, Annual Training. This was carried out at Shorncliffe, and, in spite of the rather treacherous weather, we had a very enjoyable time. Unfortunately, Capt. Palmer was unable to be with us, but we were pleased to welcome Capt. Dark, a former member of the Battalion, who commanded the Company during camp.

There are some people who think that the specialists in "H.Q." Wing have a soft time during camp, so on the evening of the Battalion night operations we set out to demonstrate just what we could do. Unfortunately, when we arrived at the assembly position we found that the machine gunners and signallers had no kit, as the limber had suffered a slight mishap on the way out of camp, the pair of horses having had a slight diversity of

opinion as to the right direction. However, in due course a fresh limber arrived, and we were able to carry out our rôles, as we hope and think, satisfactorily.

We are now preparing for the winter season, during which time we hope that our numbers, and consequently efficiency, will increase.

We congratulate the Vickers gun team on winning second and third places at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

"A" COMPANY.

We all enjoyed camp at Shorncliffe, in spite of the unkind weather for the first few days, which, however, improved as time went on, and we left in a blaze of sunshine. One of the chief difficulties was the drying of wet clothes after one or two soakings during the first week of camp.

We consider that we acquitted ourselves fairly well at camp, and some of the newly-made N.C.Os. showed promise. "B" Company again won the Efficiency Cup, beating us by a single point, and we congratulate them. We also rather surprisingly lost the Battalion Sports Competition to "B" Company, who obtained 59 points to our 54, and we again congratulate them, but we feel a not unnatural soreness with ourselves about this, as we were a long way ahead in points until almost the last event, when all our entrants for the quarter-mile scratched (we cannot see for what reason, in some cases), and "B," whose competitors made up practically the whole of the field, won the first five places and the cup unopposed save by one or two members of other companies. This misfortune shows how important it is in team-work of all kinds for people to come up to scratch, and to do what they have undertaken to do; or, if unavoidably prevented, to inform those in charge before the event. All concerned, please note, or we shall never recapture any cups for Hampton.

Apart from this disastrous race, our representatives did extremely well, and we congratulate them.

Prizes obtained by the Company were as follows:—

100 Yards.—1st, Cpl. Raynesford; 2nd, Lieut. Pattison.

220 Yards.—1st, Cpl. Raynesford; 3rd, Lieut. Pattison.

Half-mile.—2nd, L./Cpl. Brook Webb.

1 Mile.—3rd, L./Cpl. Brook Webb.

Long Jump.—2nd, Cpl. Raynesford.

We were also runners-up in the Inter-Company Tug-of-War.

The Battalion cricket competition was left unfinished owing to the weather, and the impossibility of obtaining a ground, but in the first round we met "H.Q." Wing ("Q"), and defeated them, the scores being:—

"H.Q." ("Q"), 29 all out.

"A" Company, 37 for 3.

Cpl. Raynesford was our top scorer. He is a great help to the Company in sports as well as in other ways.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was held on September 10th at Bisley, but we are sorry to say that our Company teams were bottom in the Battalion, which is disappointing. This poor result is largely due to the very small number of members of the Company who attended the meeting, the result being that several men had to fire in both rifle and Lewis gun teams. We look for a decided improvement next year. The best rifle score in the Company team was made by Pte. Lovett, who thus becomes the winner of the Brodie Memorial Cup.

Parades are now in full swing again, and we hope that attendances will be good.

Lieut. Pattison is on leave until Christmas for business reasons, and 2/Lieut. Maddex is threatening to take another course at the London District School of Instruction in November.

We congratulate 2/Lieut. and Mrs. Maddex on the birth of a daughter last July. We should be glad if members of the Company would let us know of items of interest, or any births, deaths or marriages which they would like us to include in these notes.

It is proposed this year to hold a Company Annual Prize-giving, followed by an invitation dance to all members of the Company, on Wednesday, November 30th. Invitation cards will be issued on application to members of the Company who wish to bring relations or friends, whom we shall be very glad to see. It is also proposed to invite the officers of the Battalion and various local supporters.

"B" COMPANY.

The torchlight tattoo which we mentioned in our last notes took place at Brentford on July 2nd, when, blessed with fine weather and a good crowd, things moved as smoothly as we had dared to hope.

We have to congratulate the following on promotion:—

Sergt. Huntingford, to be Company Sergeant-Major.

L./Sergt. Manister, to be Sergeant.

L./Cpl. Brampton, to be Corporal.

clothing, and to determine which was a recumbent sheep, and which was an enemy scout!

We were all more than pleased to hear that we had retained the Battalion Efficiency Cup, although only by the narrowest of margins; and congratulate Nos. 7 and 8 Platoons on winning the Half-Company Efficiency Competition.

After a month's holiday, we return to our drill hall and the arrangement of our weekly dances, which we hope will prove still more profitable than last year. We



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The Battalion Sports were held in fine weather, and we were all very pleased at winning the cup. There has not been a Sports Cup before this year, but the presentation of one should promote a keen rivalry between companies and further a team spirit, which is so much better than individual success.

At Arundel last year, rain fell heavily on the date set aside for night operations, but this year the weather was kind. In fact, the moon showed itself enough to help us to separate barbed wire from our

hope that all ranks will attend whenever possible, bringing with them others and all the latest footwork from America.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley on Sunday, September 11th. Although not placed in the Brigade entries, the Company B.S.A. team was first, and the High Sheriff's and Lewis gun teams were second in the Battalion entries. The scores obtained at this meeting now count for three company musketry trophies. We congratulate C.S.M. Huntingford, Cpl. Tripp and Pte.

Pond on winning the following company cups:—

Rothschild's (High Sheriff's).
Lewis Gun Cup (Lewis Gun).
Boot and Neil Cup (B.S.A. Guns).

"C" COMPANY.

A very successful church parade was held on Sunday, July 10th, under the command of Lieut. J. W. Clarke, when we were very pleased to welcome those members of "A" Company with "H.Q." Wing, including the Drums, who came over to help us.

Everybody seems to have arrived home safely from camp, and our only regret is that we did not win the Company Efficiency Cup. However, our heartiest congratulations to "B" Company, and better luck to "C" next year. Although we did not do well in the Battalion Sports, we had some consolation in winning the tug-of-war with the team which had been so ably coached by C.S.M. Reed.

We must congratulate the Company Lewis gun team on their very gratifying performance at the Brigade Rifle Meeting where they won the Brigade Lewis Gun Challenge Cup. We were unable to enter a team in the Young Soldiers' Competition this year, but, if recruiting goes a bit better in the next few months, we ought to be able to put in a well-trained team next year.

2/Lieuts. Warlow and Addis obtained satisfactory reports at the conclusion of their recent courses at the London District School of Instruction.

2/Lieut. I. B. Addis left us for Burma on September 29th, and we wish him the best of luck in his new career.

"D" COMPANY.

Shorncliffe has undergone a transformation in our minds since the last issue of the Company's news appeared, having ceased to be an expectation—and, to most of us, an unknown quantity—and taken her place as a memory. But our fortnight in camp may not be so easily dismissed, because we really did a great deal of hard work which we enjoyed immensely, and our efficiency increased so rapidly that by the end of camp we not only had our full quota of regulation

cap badges, but were also wearing them! We did not succeed in pulling off the Efficiency Cup, but this was due to no fault of the P.S.I. or the C.S.M., who have been working, as ever, like Sergeant-Majors. We hope better luck may attend our smouldering ambitions next year, for "where there's smoke there's fire," as the old soldier remarked, puffing gently, "though Sparkes will not fly from C.I.G.S."

Amongst the lesser things of life at Dibgate must be reckoned the score we put up against "B" Company at cricket, when we were defeated rather badly. How were we to guess they would bring all those pads and things? Alas, our batting glove was of no avail. In the sports we had to congratulate Cpl. Hickman, L./Cpls. Day and O'Connor and the other members of the Company who made gallant efforts under rather exacting conditions.

Our work down at Bisley, at the Brigade Rifle Meeting, was so good that, it is reported, the news has spread as far afield as Ealing and Hounslow. Congratulations to the rifle team. We had rather bad luck with the Lewis gun, but next time we are over Staines way we shall have to see what can be done about it.

MENIN GATE MEMORIAL.

ON the occasion of the unveiling of the Menin Gate Memorial, and at the request of General Sir Ivor Maxse, Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Johnson, who commanded the late 10th Battalion, represented the Regiment at the ceremony on July 24th. He also deposited a wreath before the Regimental tablets in the name of all ranks of the Regiment.

The wreath, which was tied with Regimental ribbon, carried a card bearing the following inscription: "In proud and grateful memory of those Old Comrades who gave their lives in the Great War."

The whole ceremony passed off without a hitch and was undoubtedly most impressive. Very full details, however, have been given of the ceremony, and Lord Plumer's and other speeches were fully reported in the Press, but what will strike most people who see the Gate is the

beautiful simplicity of the structure, which is dominated, at the entrance facing the Menin Road, by the lion couchant gazing, as it were, with menacing vigilance into what was once the enemy's position.

The inscription repeated over the two main arches is:—

"To the Armies of the British Empire who stood here from 1914 to 1918, and to those of their dead who have no known grave."

The following is a reproduction of part of the first Regimental tablet, of which there are two, numbered 49 and 51. These are situated in the loggia on the north side of the Gate, and are inscribed with the names of 914 officers and other ranks of the Regiment.

MIDDLESEX	REGIMENT
LIEUT. COLONEL	COY. QMR. SERJT.
STEPHENSON E. W. R.	ALLIES S.
MAJOR	SERJEANT
LARGE P. M.	BURTENSHAW G. E.
RUSTON A. C.	BYE C. A.
CAPTAIN	CONNELL J. M. M.
BELFIELD E.	DENNISON T.
CUTHBERT G.	DOLLIMORE W. G.
DOBBS W. C.	DUTTON W.
DUMSDAY C. R.	GIGGINS W. G.
HILTON H. P.	GREEN A. W.
LARGE H. E.	HERRINGTON A. V.
NORRIS F.	HIGLETT E. T.
SICHEL G. M. J.	JOHNS G. A.
LIEUTENANT	JONES E. H.
ASH W. J.	KING H. D. C. M.
FARR P. W.	KNEE C. E.
GILLON-FERGUSON	LOWEN G. J. J.
J. S. E.	MORRIS F. B.
MYTTON P.	MYALL S. L.
POWER G. H. F.	PETTIFER H. E.
SHOOBERT N.	POINTER A. T.
THOMSON L. C.	PURCELL S. J.
TIGAR H. W.	SHUTTER W. J.
VON WINCKLER M. W.	SMITH E. J.
WEST C. H. R.	STIMSON G. T.
SECOND LIEUT.	STRAY A. G.
BEAR S. J.	TURNER W. H. L.
BISHOP G. C. W.	WALKER R. A.
DEVEREUX F. H.	LANCE SERJEANT
GRIEVE W. P.	AMBLER F.
HARVEY L.	DORAN J.
JACKSON A. J.	HUGHES H. F.
KELLY P. E.	LIGHTOLLER H.
KING M. E.	CORPORAL
MCDONNELL H. J. W.	ALLEN M.
MAKEHAM E. N.	ALLINGHAM F. G.
MARKS P. M.	BLACKMORE W. W.
ROGERSON H.	BOCCIUS E. C.
SIMPSON F. J. R.	BRAY H. W.
SMITH L. H.	CAREY G. E.
STEAD C. H.	CASHEN W. H.
STORKEY G. C.	CASTLEY E.
SUTHERLAND J. L.	CHAPPELL M.
WHITFIELD F. A. H.	CLAYTON W.
COY. SGT. MAJOR	GROSS J. W.
BIRNIE R. C. M. M.	DENT F. B.
	DEVONSHIRE H.
	DICKINSON R. B.
	EDMONSTON E. W.

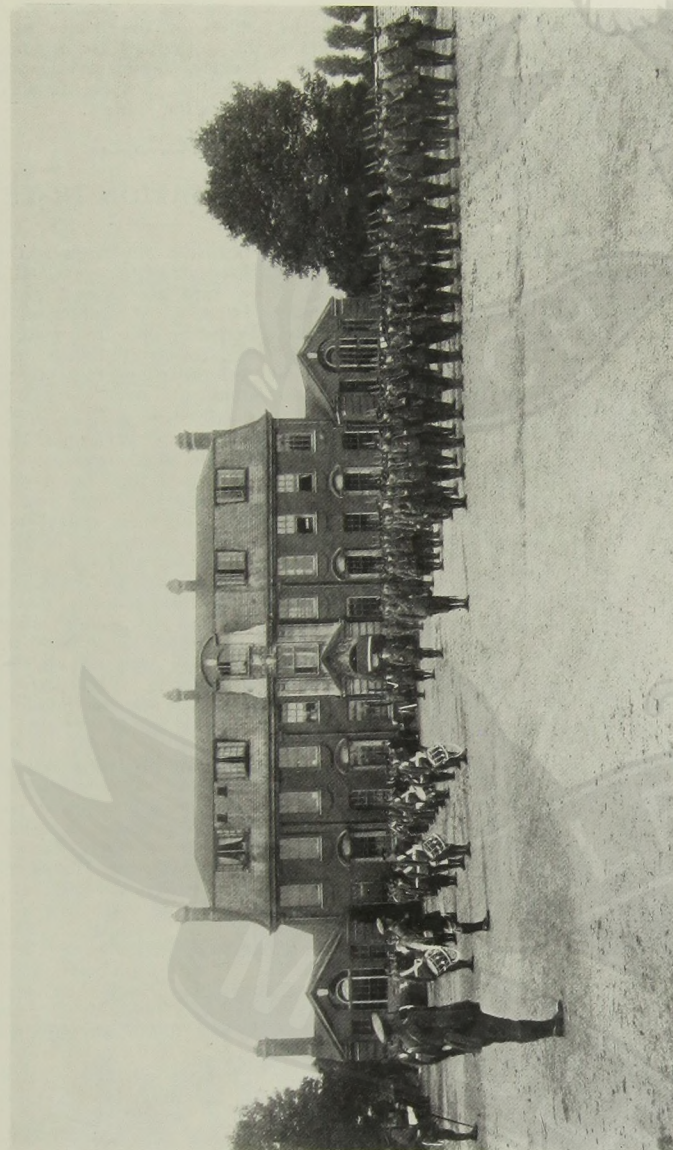
It is not possible to publish the whole of the tablets or the names of those mentioned, but the lists are in possession of the Secretary, Regimental Association, who will be pleased to furnish any information on the subject.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE our last appearance in print, many happenings, pleasant and otherwise, have kept us exceedingly busy, including that most important time, Annual Training, but to make some attempt to deal with things in their chronological order one must commence with the month of July.

On the 9th, we gave our annual performance at the Willesden Hospital Fête. The old and new guards, with the Drums marching at their head, caused a considerable stir in the streets of Willesden, and on their arrival at King Edward's Park there was a positive stampede by the crowd to get into good positions from where they could view the performance. Unfortunately, our arrival coincided with the prize-giving, which was forced to put down tools until we had finished, as there was no one left to receive the prizes. The performance went off very well; none of the old guard lost their whiskers, and the performers marched back, hot, happy and very thirsty, but feeling that they had put up a first-class show. To follow up our policy of being seen as much as possible in public so that people will realize that the Territorial Army does exist, we next appeared at the Harrow Hospital Fête. The Drums were taken over by charabanc, both the new and old guards being provided by "C" Company. This last performance was probably the best of the whole lot. "C" Company simply surpassed themselves, and the people of Harrow saw what their local Company could really do in the way of drill and turn-out.

On July 24th we marched out to camp. There were the usual crowds to see us off, composed mostly of relations and those few men who, for business or domestic reasons, were unable to accompany us. So much happened during our



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crowded fourteen days at Shorncliffe that it is not proposed to deal with it in detail. Most people enjoyed themselves, and if they did not it was entirely their own fault. The weather on the whole was fairly kind to us, and the only trouble we had to contend with was that the training areas were rather a long way away. In consequence, towards the end of the first week many men became painfully aware of the unaccustomed exercise to which their feet were being put.

Camp would not be complete, however, without mentioning our night outpost scheme. The Battalion, under the command of Capt. Lamont, took up a night outpost position, but, in order that their night's rest should not pass completely undisturbed, a marauding force, called the Riffs, was formed under Capt. Fox (Abdul Krim) to attack them. In my capacity as special military correspondent, I was allowed into the Riffian stronghold (a small public house in Etching Hill), from whence the most diabolical schemes emanated. C.S.M. Walton, as a local farmer, undoubtedly brought the house down. How excellent was his disguise was proved by the fact that the C.O. discussed the state of the crops with him for ten minutes and never realized that it was one of his own Company Sergeant-Majors. Dmr. Hope, also disguised, was sent to locate the position of the enemy's picquets, and when he returned with a pass to enable him to move anywhere in the outpost area signed by the O.C. of the outpost position, the Riff headquarters rocked with amusement. Altogether it was a most instructive and amusing evening for all concerned.

The usual competitions were very keenly contested, and "D" Company are to be congratulated on absolutely sweeping the board.

Section-leading Competition. — "D" Company first and second.

Guard-mounting Competition. — "D" Company first.

Inter-Company Football Competition. — "D" Company first.

As a result, they marched back to Willesden at the head of the Battalion.

Since camp, rifle meetings have been the order of the day. The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Purfleet on August 29th, and, although the conditions

were difficult, thanks to a nasty fish-tailed wind, the shooting was very fair. C.S.M. Fitzgerald won the Individual Championship, and "C" Company took the rest.

High Sheriff's. — "C" Company.

Young Soldiers'. — "C" Company.

Lewis Gun. — "C" Company.

"C" Company thus won the Scholl Cup for the aggregate points, and are to be congratulated on a very fine performance.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley on September 11th, and, although the prize-winners were much more evenly divided than last year, the 9th Battalion had a very successful meeting. Our successes were:—

The Ross Brigade Challenge Cup, for the unit gaining the highest aggregate points in the whole meeting. This was won by over 200 points from the 7th Battalion.

Cheylesmore Cup, won by Capt. H. Sherwood with a score of 53.

Machine Gun Cup, won by No. 1 Team (Cpls. Brittain, Croker, Doe, and Pte. Jones). This team put up a very fine shoot, and were 100 points ahead of the runners-up.

In the High Sheriff's Shield, "H.Q." Company had very bad luck; most of their "crack" shots seemed off colour, and they were second by one point to the 44th Divisional Signals.

In the Lewis Gun, we were second, third and fifth, which, even if we did not win, is not a bad average.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Capt. Sherwood, who, besides winning the Cheylesmore Cup, was second in the Individual. In view of his great keenness and all he has done for rifle shooting in the Battalion, we were very glad to see "Our Master Bead-eye" shooting at the top of his form.

One of the most pleasing features of the whole Brigade meeting was the number of men who turned out to shoot for us. We had far more teams firing than anybody else; in fact, 150 men from the 9th were at Bisley representing the Battalion. This only goes to prove that the excellent spirit throughout the Battalion which has brought us out on top in the past is not wanting to-day.

The Battalion is now running two football teams each Saturday, and it is hoped shortly to start a third. Our entry into the Hammersmith and District League was a most auspicious one, as we defeated Clyde United by 10-0.

The drill halls are being fitted out with Badminton sets, and we hope by means of social evenings to keep everyone happy during the gloomy months of October, November and December.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

It was decided that the 9th Middlesex Regiment Football Club should be resuscitated this winter, and a meeting was convened before camp, at which everybody present enthusiastically elected those absent to positions of trust and hard work; Major Tupper was easily elected Treasurer, as he controls the P.R.I. funds, and what is a football club without money?

At camp an Inter-Company Knock-out Competition was run, and won by "D" Company by some prodigious score from "B" Company, but the main object of the competition was for the selection committee to get an idea of the worth of the playing members of the club.

The next move in the running of the club was for the Secretary to attend league meetings, which take place in the local hostels, and at which beer and good fellowship reign supreme until the League Secretary gets up to announce the fines which have been inflicted on the clubs. These fines vary from 6d. to 2s. 6d. according to the offence committed, and many pitfalls have to be avoided if a club has to get through a season with a clean crime sheet, an achievement which entitles the club secretary to a medal and a certificate of merit. At one of the meetings, the writer was unfortunately unanimously elected to serve on the Emergency Committee of the League, but has up to the present failed to discover which public house will secure his patronage through this honour.

It was decided that the Battalion should compete in Division II of the Hammersmith and District League, and two practice games were played, and from these games a side was chosen to play a friendly against the R.N.V.R. This game was drawn, and several alterations

were made in the forward line for the first league game.

To the amazement of all concerned, this match was won by the enormous score of 10 goals to 0, and the second match was won by 7 goals to 1. However, the team's guardian angel then withdrew his support, and in the third match the team's pride suffered to the tune of 4 goals to 0.

Much hard work had to be accomplished before the team was able to play at all. A field had to be procured at a reasonable price, and the grass had to be cut. To the ordinary lay mind, cutting grass appears to be an easy business, but let the lay mind try when said lay mind has not got any funds; apparently the only people in Willesden who are able to wield a scythe are very ancient and very deaf old gentlemen, who have long since qualified for an Old Age Pension, and who have great faith in themselves and none at all in the other old gentlemen; and, unless these dear old veterans are watched, they spend their time accusing each other of stealing the rubbers, and as neither can hear what the other is saying the resultant din is what the Commanding Officer is sometimes wont to describe as "chous."

Another apparently easy pastime until you try it is painting goalposts. The Adjutant volunteered for this onerous and necessary duty, and, although he made a good job of the goalposts, he also made a good job of himself.

However, all is now running smoothly, and, by the time the next notes appear, I hope to be able to report many more successes of the 9th Battalion Football Club.

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

The chief event since the last notes appeared has been the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley. The Brigade Vickers Machine Gun Competition was won by our No. 2 team, consisting of Cpls. Brittain and Crocker, L./Cpl. Doe, and Pte. Jones. Heartiest congratulations to this team, especially as, owing to their fine score, the Battalion was enabled to win the Ross Brigade Cup. This is a fitting result to all the hard work the Platoon have done at Easter and Whitsun and in camp, and the extraordinarily high

number of drills performed during the rest of the year.

Several new faces have appeared in the Platoon since camp. To these we extend a hearty welcome, and hope that they will continue to maintain the high standard that is set them by their seniors.

Congratulations to Cpl. Renyard, who has been regularly playing for the Battalion first eleven at football.

Our best wishes go to Sergt. Thompson, who is departing to Netheravon on a long course. Let us hope that he will return full of knowledge and a "D." Also, good luck to L./Cpl. Wye, who has lately returned to the fold after a spell with the Dorsets, and is shortly leaving us again to do a course with a Regular unit. With all this array of knowledge we should have no difficulty in keeping the Ninth at the top.

"B" COMPANY.

Annual Training, 1927, was in many respects a time of trial and tribulation for "B" Company, for, although the second strongest company in camp, 75 per cent. of them throughout the period were recruits; therefore, the result of their work reflects great credit on the keenness of all ranks. The Company quarter guards, rather severely criticized at first, in the end earned high praise from the Adjutant, and gained third place in the Guard Mounting Competition.

The Company won the Trench Digging Competition, and were complimented on the spirit and willingness shown by every man in his two minutes "all-out burst." The Section Leading Competition showed "D" Company first, with "B" Company second. That the handling of sections was certainly very good is shown by the fact that, during the night operations the enemy admitted that they did not see anything of the centre platoon ("B" Company) when it took up its outpost position. The Company formed the second party of assault troops in the Brigade Demonstration of Assault Bridging, and did some very smart doubling, Sergt. Smith being loudly cheered.

The lines were very well kept, and the Cleanest Tent Competition was won both weeks by L./Cpl. Douglas and his section.

The Company football team reached the final of the Battalion Championship, where they were opposed by "D" Company. The final score, love-fifteen, showed that someone in "B" had not got his links on.

The end of the Annual Training found a greatly improved "B" Company, who have now to show how winter weapon training shields are to be won.

The Company learned with great regret that Capt. H. K. Hardcastle had been called home on the sudden illness of his mother, and when news of her death became known all ranks united in expressions of deepest sympathy for their Company Commander in his great loss.

"BEER."

"C" COMPANY.

With camp over and done with, we are now in that period of inertia usually associated with the tail-end of a volcanic upheaval. Although the drill hall itself, when we warily entered its precincts a few weeks back, looked as if it was still in the throes of an earthquake, it has now blossomed forth in a fresh coat of paint, imparting such an air of congeniality that even the Company Sergeant-Major himself need have no fear of wasting his sweetness on the desert air. (Please excuse this flow of rhetoric, but the writer happened to be patrolling his beat in the early hours of the morn a few yards away from the Sergeants' Mess at Shorncliffe.)

The Physical Training Class has now recommenced, and there are many faces yet to be seen taking an active part in it. Until the class averages at least twenty, we cannot get on to the real stuff. We have a first-class instructor in C.S.M.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S., and we must make an effort to justify his work.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley proved to be another opportunity for the Company to distinguish itself. In the Lewis Gun Cup our No. 2 team were second in the Brigade table, and first in the Battalion. In the Young Soldiers' Competition we were fifth in the Brigade, and first in the Battalion, and in the High Sheriff's thirteenth and second respectively. The Company also won the cup presented by Capt. W. J. Sholl at the Battalion meeting at Purfleet.

"D" COMPANY.

Another Annual Training has happened since the last notes appeared, and from the Company's point of view was a huge success.

Forty-five of all ranks proceeded from Hendon on Sunday, July 24th, and, in spite of adverse reports, found that Shorncliffe was not such a bad spot. The earwigs must have been taking part in the mechanized manoeuvres, as there were very few in camp.

The result of the work that had been put in by the N.C.Os. during the training for the promotion examination was soon in evidence, and Cpls. Mannall and Paterson are to be congratulated on winning the Rifle and Lewis Gun Section Leading Competition.

This year we managed to get our name on the Guard Mounting Shield for the first time. It was a very keen fight, and all those who were in the guards are to be congratulated on their turn-out. It is no easy job to come off parade at 1 p.m. and be on guard mounting parade at 6 p.m. spotlessly clean and well drilled.

In the Football Competition we also "larned 'em." The difficulty was to survive the rounds in the first week until several of our young experts arrived with the second-week party.

The first match was against "Q" Company, which we managed to win by 5-3. The next was against the favourites, "A" Company, when we netted five times without reply, and so reached the final.

This was against "B" Company, who were absolutely overrun, and we scored 15 goals against 0. The great pity is, owing to work (and other attractions), we cannot get a team out regularly every week, or we should be leading in the football world locally.

Recruiting for the Company is not at all as brisk as it might be, and it is hoped that every N.C.O. and man of the Company will do his best to encourage his friends and young men at his work to come along to the hall and see what is going on. We should like to see more attending the gymnastic classes on Thursdays, and also at the dances every Friday evening.

The S.M.R.C. medals and certificates will be shot for during October. (Con-

ditions as in S.M.R.C. national handicaps.) Full particulars at the Drill Hall.

The Company Annual Prize-giving and Carnival Dance is taking place on Saturday, November 26th. Every N.C.O. and man will receive a ticket for himself and one friend, and it is hoped that as many will attend as possible.

DON.

THE DEMOBILIZATION OF CAPTAIN BLAND.

CAPTAIN JAMES HORATIO BLAND Desired to leave the Army and So as to gain this end he planned A visit to the War House.

He boldly marched up to the door,
But met an agent of the Law
Who said, "What do you come here for,
Sir? Go to the side entrance."

He found the entrance at the side,
To turn him back no policeman tried;
And through the crowd his course he plied
To get to the attendant.

He took a form and with a pen
Filled in his name and business, then
The attendant said, "Just wait for ten
Minutes upon that seat, Sir."

He waited for an hour or so,
But he was learning he was no
One but a junior Captain, who
Wished to consult the Great Ones.

At last he heard the attendant shout,
"Captain Bland, are you about?
From here a girl will show you out
To where you want to go, Sir."

James followed swiftly in her wake,
But thought there must be some mistake;
He walked for miles without a break,
And went upstairs and downstairs.

But then up to a door they came;
The girl said: "Wait and sign your name:
I'll see if anyone's at home."
(I think she came from Scotland.)

After hours of waiting there
A Captain of the Staff came near;
Said "This is wrong; I'll show you where
You should have gone at once, Bland."

Our friend was sent across the way
To the Annexe. His heart was gay,
For he was certain, I should say,
His task was near accomplished.

He walked about for many a day,
And frequently he lost his way,
Till to his query one did say,
"That is the room you want, Sir."

But he was told in the Annexe
They'd send him to the Russian Ex-
pedition, or the Huns to vex,
But nothing else could they do.

"The hutments try" they said to James,
"On the Embankment of the Thames,
For there you ought to find your aims
Achieved with satisfaction."

But though for several months he tried,
To all his questions they replied,
"We'll send you for a railway ride,
But not demobilize you."

Horatio sadly wandered back,
And though it seemed that things looked
black,
Determined was he, nor did lack
The will to gain his purpose.

He wandered round for years and years,
And though assailed by growing fears,
He only once burst into tears,
Which speaks well for his spirit.

He came at length upon the door
Where he had halted once before;
It was the first one, and once more
He knocked for the Staff Captain.

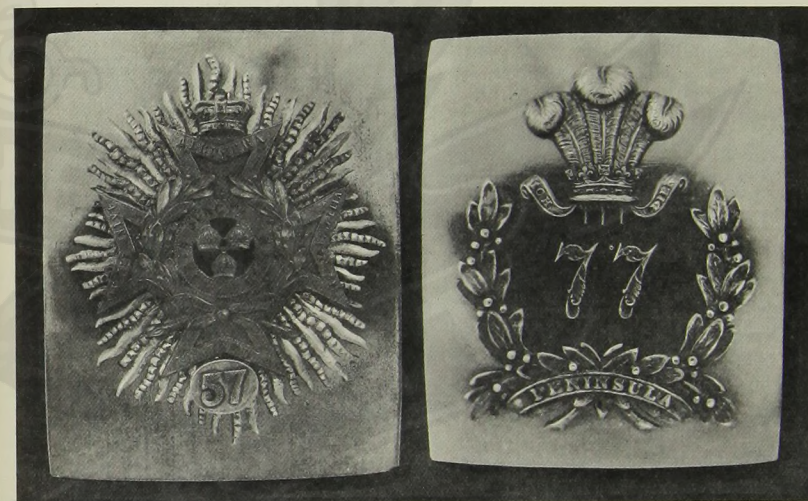
The door was opened. "Come this way,"
Horatio heard the Captain say;
But, bless me, all his hair was grey,
And he was now a General.

Captain James Horatio Bland
Respectfully saluted, and
Addressed his wish while he did stand
Most strictly to attention.

The General said, "You're silly, or
You would have told me this before;
I had the job in the last war
Of demobilization.

"But now I much regret to state
That you are just a trifle late;
Another war is on the slate,
And you must re-engage, Bland!"

ANON.



OFFICERS' BELT PLATES.

1st Battalion Belt Plate, 1840.

2nd Battalion Belt Plate, 1840.

[Photo: E. Morris.]

OBITUARY.

SIR GEORGE MASHITER (formerly Helme) died on August 11th, 1927, at Rowden Lodge, Chippenham, Wiltshire, in his eighty-fourth year. (See page 550.)

Col. W. Simpson passed away suddenly on August 4th, 1927, in his seventy-fifth year. He had been in poor health for the last few years. At the time of his death, Col. Simpson was Colonel-Commandant of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade. He spent all his service in the Grenadier Guards and Royal Fusiliers. In 1914 he became Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Army Association, which appointment he held for ten years. He was a man of great energy and sound judgment, and was much respected. He will be missed very much by those who knew him.

Miss Hughes-Hallett died at her residence, Palazzo Sliema, Malta, on June 8th, 1927. (See page 559.)

The death took place at St. Andrew's Hospital, Willesden, on September 25th, 1927, of William Henry Hatcher, after a long and painful illness.

The deceased joined the Regiment as a boy, and was posted to the newly-formed 4th Battalion at Woolwich in 1900.

He served for many years in the Band of that battalion, but eventually transferred to a company for duty, and was discharged to pension in 1922 as a Company Sergeant-Major.

The funeral took place at Hendon Park Cemetery on September 29th, and was attended, in addition to the widow and many relatives, by a bearer party and bugler from the Depot, and a number of Old Comrades and their wives.

He leaves a widow and eight children, the eldest being only eleven years of age, and to these we tender our deepest sympathy.

No. 6447217 Pte. A. G. Gosling died at Shanghai on August 13th, 1927. He was mobilized from Section "A," Army Reserve, and leaves a widow and one child.

No. 5563216 L./Cpl. A. Cleal died at Shanghai on August 15th, 1927. He was mobilized from Section "A," Army Reserve, and leaves a widow and two children.

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Cpl.	W. Milberry ...	2nd	2/2/26	L./Cpl.	Bayles ...	1st	*13/8/24
Cpl.	E. Jenkin ...	2nd	2/2/26	L./Cpl.	W. Banham ...	1st	*19/8/24
Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	1st	6/2/26	L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	1st	†19/8/24
Cpl.	E. Denyer ...	1st	17/2/26	L./Cpl.	Barley ...	1st	†8/9/24
Cpl.	H. Hull ...	1st	18/2/26				

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L./Cpl.	O'Neill ...	1st	*25/9/24	L./Cpl.	J. Quick ...	1st	†31/3/26
L./Cpl.	A. Thompson ...	Depot	*11/10/24	L./Cpl.	T. Lowe ...	1st	*2/4/26
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson ...	1st	*17/10/24	L./Cpl.	F. Rumens ...	Depot	*24/4/26
L./Cpl.	Fletcher ...	1st	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	H. Channon ...	2nd	†6/1/26
L./Cpl.	Hammond ...	1st	†1/12/24	L./Cpl.	G. Sherriff ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	Woodroff ...	Depot	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	H. Adams ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	Wheatley ...	1st	*10/12/24	L./Cpl.	S. Young ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	Chasney ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Nash ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	Carnoll ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Lee ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Painter ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Jones ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	Balls ...	1st	†4/3/25	L./Cpl.	W. Green ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer ...	1st	†13/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. White ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt ...	2nd	*11/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Miller ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell ...	2nd	*24/8/22	L./Cpl.	G. Blackman ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell ...	2nd	*22/12/22	L./Cpl.	E. Jennings ...	2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson ...	2nd	*14/3/23	L./Cpl.	A. Souch ...	2nd	†29/5/26
L./Cpl.	W. Potter ...	2nd	†15/6/23	L./Cpl.	W. Giles ...	2nd	†29/5/26
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley ...	2nd	*27/7/23	L./Cpl.	A. Russell ...	1st	*5/5/26
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*15/8/23	L./Cpl.	T. Rowbottom ...	1st	*12/5/26
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft ...	2nd	*17/8/23	L./Cpl.	C. Freeman ...	1st	*20/5/26
L./Cpl.	T. Levett ...	2nd	†29/10/23	L./Cpl.	E. Hows ...	1st	†31/5/26
L./Cpl.	F. Fisher ...	2nd	*4/1/24	L./Cpl.	E. Kent ...	1st	†31/5/26
L./Cpl.	E. Barker ...	2nd	*4/1/24	L./Cpl.	G. Maunder ...	1st	†4/6/26
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes ...	2nd	†24/6/24	L./Cpl.	W. Wray ...	1st	†7/7/26
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp ...	2nd	*3/1/25	L./Cpl.	W. Holt ...	1st	†13/7/26
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Thompson ...	1st	†14/7/26
L./Cpl.	B. Carroll ...	1st	*2/3/25	L./Cpl.	W. Higgins ...	1st	†15/7/26
L./Cpl.	A. Lee ...	2nd	*11/3/25	L./Cpl.	H. Meakins ...	1st	†15/7/26
L./Cpl.	F. Gray ...	2nd	*11/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Canning ...	1st	†6/8/26
L./Cpl.	A. Johnson ...	1st	*17/4/25	L./Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	†14/8/26
L./Cpl.	E. Foulger ...	1st	*18/4/25	L./Cpl.	E. Freeman ...	1st	†24/8/26
L./Cpl.	Chalkley ...	1st	*26/5/25	L./Cpl.	L. Williams ...	1st	†6/9/26
L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery ...	2nd	†27/5/25	L./Cpl.	P. Birmingham ...	1st	†26/6/26
L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes ...	2nd	†30/5/25	L./Cpl.	A. Gilbert ...	2nd	*6/9/26
L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher ...	1st	*4/6/25	L./Cpl.	J. Merry ...	2nd	*7/9/26
L./Cpl.	T. Martin ...	2nd	†9/6/25	L./Cpl.	E. Honnor ...	2nd	*7/9/26
L./Cpl.	Pike ...	1st	17/6/25	L./Cpl.	W. Dowse ...	2nd	*13/9/26
L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus ...	1st	*22/6/25	L./Cpl.	L. Brown ...	2nd	*28/9/26
L./Cpl.	D. Wright ...	2nd	†6/7/25	L./Cpl.	H. Chambers ...	2nd	†28/9/26
L./Cpl.	D. Glew ...	2nd	†7/7/25	L./Cpl.	F. Howlett ...	2nd	*28/9/26
L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	2nd	*18/7/25	L./Cpl.	H. Ison ...	2nd	*23/10/26
L./Cpl.	L. Timson ...	1st	*24/7/25	L./Cpl.	G. Slate ...	2nd	*23/10/26
L./Cpl.	A. Sargent ...	Depot	†29/7/23	L./Cpl.	W. Jones ...	1st	†18/10/26
L./Cpl.	F. Wood ...	1st	*5/8/26	L./Cpl.	F. Paris ...	1st	*28/10/26
L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls ...	1st	†6/8/25	L./Cpl.	W. Hill ...	1st	†4/11/26
L./Cpl.	Pratt ...	1st	*10/8/25	L./Cpl.	J. Baulch ...	1st	*4/11/26
L./Cpl.	W. Skull ...	2nd	†10/8/25	L./Cpl.	W. Chalkley ...	2nd	†13/12/26
L./Cpl.	Donovan ...	1st	*14/8/25	L./Cpl.	E. Ormes ...	2nd	†13/12/26
L./Cpl.	M. Horton ...	1st	*14/8/25	L./Cpl.	W. Pike ...	2nd	†14/12/26
L./Cpl.	E. Patterson ...	1st	*15/8/25	L./Cpl.	P. Sones, D.C.M.	1st	†17/12/26
L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore ...	1st	*19/9/25	L./Cpl.	A. Zebede ...	2nd	†23/1/27
L./Cpl.	P. Hale ...	1st	*16/9/25	L./Cpl.	H. Cartwright ...	1st	†28/1/27
L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn ...	1st	*29/9/25	L./Cpl.	H. Lowry ...	2nd	*18/2/27
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	1st	*3/6/24	L./Cpl.	E. Halverson ...	2nd	*18/2/27
L./Cpl.	J. May ...	2nd	*29/9/25	L./Cpl.	P. Palmer ...	2nd	*18/2/27
L./Cpl.	A. Mason ...	Depot	*3/10/25	L./Cpl.	J. Cann ...	2nd	†3/3/27
L./Cpl.	Evans ...	1st	†15/10/25	L./Cpl.	G. Attridge ...	1st	†16/4/27
L./Cpl.	T. Little ...	1st	*17/10/25	L./Cpl.	S. Hutson ...	1st	†16/4/27
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L./Cpl.	F. Scott ...	2nd	†20/10/25	L./Cpl.	G. Coxall ...	1st	†25/4/27
L./Cpl.	R. Sage ...	1st	*2/11/25	L./Cpl.	E. Page ...	2nd	†28/3/27
L./Cpl.	A. Ball ...	1st	*10/11/25	L./Cpl.	S. Andrews ...	2nd	†1/4/27
L./Cpl.	R. Wilson ...	2nd	†10/11/25	L./Cpl.	J. Chester ...	2nd	†5/4/27
L./Cpl.	George ...	1st	†9/12/25	L./Cpl.	G. Endersby ...	2nd	†9/4/27
L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe ...	1st	†11/12/25	L./Cpl.	E. Wilby ...	2nd	†11/4/27
L./Cpl.	S. Harris ...	2nd	†14/12/25	L./Cpl.	H. Lane ...	2nd	†12/4/27
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	†12/1/26	L./Cpl.	F. Grainger ...	2nd	†12/4/27
L./Cpl.	W. Webster ...	1st	†12/1/26	L./Cpl.	C. Baynham ...	2nd	†13/4/27
L./Cpl.	S. Statham ...	1st	†4/3/26	L./Cpl.	H. Sandle ...	2nd	†13/4/27

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L./Cpl.	A. Smith ...	2nd	†13/4/27	L./Cpl.	G. Brown ...	2nd	†18/6/27
L./Cpl.	W. Ray ...	2nd	†13/4/27	L./Cpl.	P. Gorman ...	2nd	†20/6/27
L./Cpl.	J. Jackson ...	2nd	†16/4/27	L./Cpl.	C. Pestell ...	2nd	†20/6/27
L./Cpl.	C. Trestain ...	2nd	†16/4/27	L./Cpl.	A. Harman ...	2nd	†24/6/27
L./Cpl.	P. Ower ...	2nd	†18/4/27	L./Cpl.	W. Blunt ...	1st	†25/6/27
L./Cpl.	R. Stone ...	2nd	†20/4/27	L./Cpl.	J. Lane ...	2nd	†29/6/27
L./Cpl.	G. Rolph ...	2nd	†20/4/27	L./Cpl.	E. Neal ...	1st	†1/7/27
L./Cpl.	E. Clifton ...	2nd	†22/4/27	L./Cpl.	J. Tucker ...	1st	†1/7/27
L./Cpl.	D. Lyons ...	2nd	†25/4/27	L./Cpl.	R. Brudnell ...	1st	†6/7/27
L./Cpl.	W. Knighton ...	2nd	†4/5/27	L./Cpl.	G. Lee ...	2nd	†6/7/27
L./Cpl.	R. Hannam ...	2nd	†7/5/27	L./Cpl.	R. Hamblin ...	1st	†8/7/27
L./Cpl.	G. Kellier ...	2nd	†4/6/27	L./Cpl.	R. Hobbs ...	2nd	†12/7/27
L./Cpl.	F. Hounsden ...	Depot	†28/4/27	L./Cpl.	F. Ramsey ...	2nd	†12/7/27
L./Cpl.	A. Connell ...	1st	†18/5/27	L./Cpl.	J. Scovell ...	1st	†13/7/27
L./Cpl.	E. Rous ...	1st	†6/6/27	L./Cpl.	J. Bennett ...	2nd	†29/7/27
L./Cpl.	F. Lockyer ...	1st	†13/6/27	L./Cpl.	D. Green ...	2nd	†8/8/27
L./Cpl.	R. Carter ...	1st	†13/6/27	L./Cpl.	A. Harvey ...	2nd	†16/8/27
L./Cpl.	H. Frewin ...	2nd	†14/6/27	L./Cpl.	F. Crawshaw ...	2nd	†24/8/27
L./Cpl.	T. Robinson ...	2nd	†18/6/27				

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