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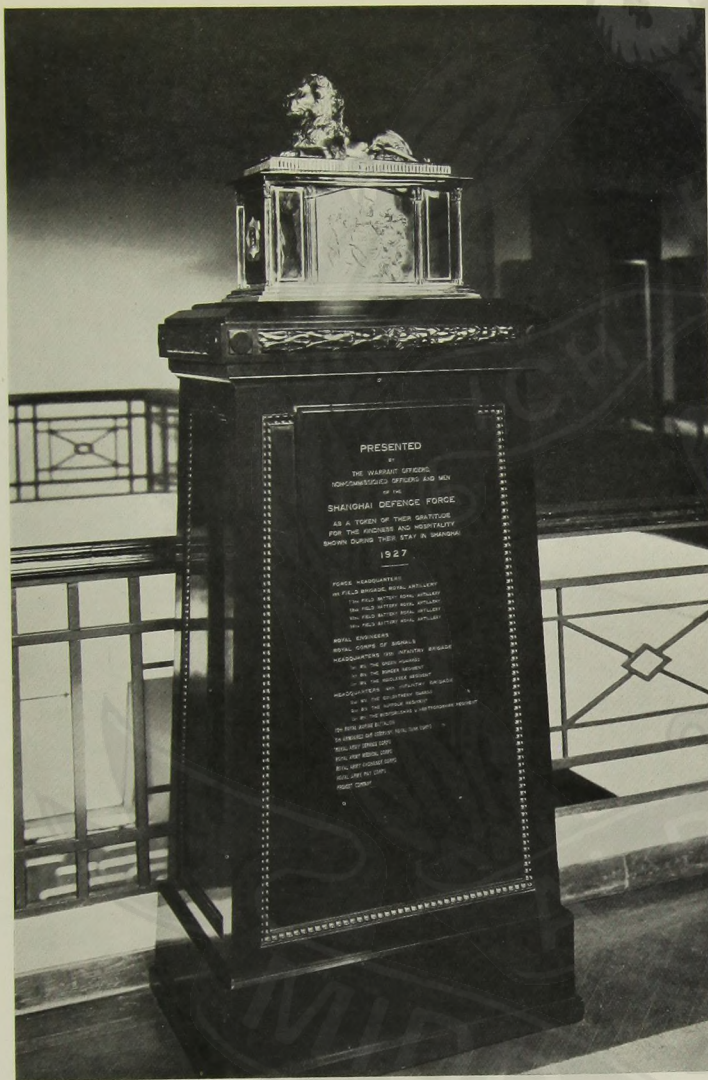
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EDITORIAL



THE Editor would be glad if all those readers whose subscriptions expire with this issue would send their renewal remittances along, without waiting for a reminder to reach them. This would save clerical labour, and also postage.

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The Seniority Roll of Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers will, in future, be published in two lists instead of one; viz., Home Establishment (1st Battalion and Depot), and 2nd Battalion. Attention is drawn to the notice which appears at the head of the Home Establishment List.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1928.

- May 16th.—8th Battalion Old Comrades' Annual Reunion Dinner, at the Drill Hall, Hounslow, at 7.30 p.m.
 May 16th.—9th Battalion Branch: Albuhera Day Celebrations, at Pound Lane Drill Hall, at 8 p.m.
 June 25th.—Cricket: The Regiment v. East Surrey Regiment, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.
 June 26th.—Cricket: The Regiment v. Free Foresters, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.
 June 26th.—Officers' Club Dinner, at the Trocadero Restaurant, at 7.45 p.m.
 June 27th.—Cricket: The Regiment v. Capt. D. O. Lyon's XI, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 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, at 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, at 2 p.m.
 June 29th.—Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 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.—1st/10th Middlesex 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.



What is middle age? asks a medical man. Middle age, I believe, is that period in a man's life when he ceases committing suicide just because some woman has rejected him.

MENSUR IN GERMANY.

IT seldom comes to an Englishman other than a student at a German university to witness a student's duel. I use the word duel as I know of no other English expression which could in any way describe this fight with swords. It has, however, a very different significance to the duel as fought in other countries on the Continent. For British officers to be present at one of these meetings, particularly since the war, is so remarkable an event that the writer takes it as his excuse for recording as faithful a description as he can of what actually takes place at these meetings.

Every university in Germany possesses several "Verbindungen," i.e., fighting clubs. The entry of a student into one of these clubs is held as a considerable honour, and is only possible where a student has shown the necessary qualifications to permit of his admission. It, moreover, carries with it a number of advantages to the ex-student in after life, and very often ensures him in obtaining good positions in industry, etc. The primary qualification would seem to be having fought three "parties" or matches "successfully."

To fight a duel, it would seem that a considerable amount of previous practice is necessary, and in each fighting "Verbindung" a "Fechtsaal" forms part of the equipment of the clubhouse, and daily practice is provided for fighting students, under the supervision of the training instructor, who is one of the senior students of the "Verbindung," and named the Zwerkr chargenster. There are two categories of fighting students. Firstly, the "Fuchs" or novice; secondly, the "Bursch" (fellow or accepted member); besides "inactive," which means a student who has finished his time at the "Verbindung," but still retains his membership of the university.

The training practice consists of a number of short bouts, fought under rather similar conditions to the actual duel. The student, however, is provided with a steel mask to accustom him to the art of fencing without the possibility of damage. The body and arms are also protected, as will be described. The sword is, moreover, not sharpened.

To go back to the origin of the "Mensur," I would say that the word appears to be derived from the French word "Menseur," which means the art of fencing, and about 100 years or so ago, when the majority of the fighting "Verbindungen" in Germany were first formed, the "Mensur" was mostly used as a means of defending the honour of the "Verbindung" or its particular member. In the old days the fighting was of rather a similar nature to the duel as performed in other countries; that is to say, it was a duel of swords of a particular pattern, and the participants were allowed a certain freedom of movement. They were accompanied by the usual complement of seconds, doctors, etc. As time went on, duelling with lethal weapons was forbidden by German law, and I believe that efforts were made to put a stop to it. These efforts, however, merely tended to prolong the life of the duel, and to materially alter its character. As the sword was considered by law to be a lethal weapon, the method of fighting had to be so restricted that serious or fatal wounds could not be inflicted, and, as a result, from the comparatively free stance of the former fighter and the unguarded body and head, we now see an absolutely restricted stance; that is to say, no movement of the body or legs of any kind, the protection of anything in the nature of a fatal part, and the cuts made with a straight arm held vertically and slightly in front of and across the face. Even these modifications in fighting do not seem to have in any way affected the German law on the subject of duels, and in consequence the fighting "Verbindungen" in Germany are to-day obliged to hold their meetings under considerable precautions, and to make use of whatever premises they can get hold of for the purpose. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that the Police Authorities and official Germany not only know that these meetings take place, but also know where, and take no steps to put a stop to the fighting, provided that the students refrain from disturbing in any way the public peace.

It is of interest in this connection to note that Roman Catholic members of German universities are forbidden by their church to enter fighting "Verbindungen" on penalty of expulsion.

It is hoped that the above general

explanation will be sufficient for the reader to obtain a general idea of the history of the "Mensur."

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I would now like to give as accurate a description as I can of the fighting meeting witnessed by a brother officer and myself in Silesia. It might be of additional interest to the reader to learn in what way we succeeded in having the privilege of being present.

Some two years ago the writer became acquainted with an ex-student of the local university who was a member of one of the most famous fighting "Verbindungen" in Germany, and who had been a German officer during the war and himself a well-known fighter. On several occasions the conversation drifted into the question of sport and customs of different countries, and it was only after the acquaintance developed that my friend referred to the "Mensur." At that time the university students in general and the fighting "Verbindungen" in particular were looked upon as possessing reactionary tendencies, and as the writer was very well known as a senior officer of the M.I.A.C.C., there was naturally a certain feeling of suspicion on both sides. As our acquaintanceship ripened, and my friend saw that we looked on most questions from a sporting point of view, and that we took part, as far as we were able, in games and other amusements, and refrained from any form of interference with the German life around us, complete confidence was established, and eventually I received an invitation to witness the "Mensur." Circumstances at the time prevented my being able to be present, and it was only quite recently, after the university resumed its studies, that I was able to attend. I had, of course, made very careful inquiries through him to ensure that the other members of the fighting "Verbindungen" would have no objection to our presence.

These meetings are held once every week in a remote part of the town, the matches being arranged mutually by the four "Verbindungen" of the university.

On this occasion three matches were on the programme, and my friend apologized to us that we should have so little opportunity of judging the method of fighting. He was very careful to explain beforehand

every point which might be of interest or have bearing so that we should not go away with a false impression of what had taken place. After a considerable drive through a remote part of the town we got out of our car a short distance from the "Bier Kneipe," where the meeting was to take place, and completed the remainder of the journey on foot. This precaution was proposed by me, and was gladly accepted by my friend, as the presence of a Commission car outside the "Kneipe" might have drawn undesirable attention.

My readers must now picture themselves as entering a German beer-house situated in rather a mean street, consisting of very squalid dwellings with a number of dirty children playing outside. On entering we were led through a dark passage and a number of ill-lit rooms with low ceilings. In the second of these rooms was a number of tables and chairs and a crowd of students, with an obvious doctor in a white surgical coat, surrounding a youth who had evidently just taken part in a fight, as his shirt was covered with blood and the doctor was dressing a wound on his face. Several of the students were drinking beer out of large tankards, and all were wearing their "Verbindung" mitze and ribbons. Passing through this room we came to a medium-sized hall, with bar leading out of it. A small arena had been provided, and chairs and forms had been arranged in a sort of circle around the fighting ground. This hall was badly lit with two or three gas jets, and about fifty or sixty students were grouped around, mostly drinking beer and smoking. The atmosphere was thick with smoke, and the hall was in a perfectly filthy state. Here were further evidences of a fight having just taken place. Two wooden chairs facing one another and four yards apart, two heaps of blood-stained equipment, pools of blood, and blood-stained clothing on the floor.

On arrival we were immediately introduced to a number of students belonging to my friend's "Verbindung." We were shown to seats in the front row, and a detailed description was given us of what was likely to take place. We had not long to wait, as the opponents for the next fight entered almost immediately after we had taken our seats. Both fighters were dressed in the remains of white shirts and

trousers, and seated themselves on the two chairs provided, facing one another. The "Verbindung" servants approached, and the complicated business of dressing these men began. Each student was provided with a round leather plate lined with steel, which was strapped over his heart. His right wrist was then carefully bandaged, and a thick quilted jacket was drawn over his shirt. It was explained to us that quilted silk presented the greatest resistance to a sword blade, and was therefore used as protection. This jacket is comparatively short, and reaches to the waist, and is provided with a thick-quilted sleeve for the right arm only. The left arm of the fighter is free, and is tucked in behind his back. Over this silk jacket in front is drawn a thick leather coat reaching down nearly to the knees. This coat is buttoned up behind, there being no opening in front, so that blood from wounds will not enter the men's underclothing. A thick padded leather glove is then drawn over the fighter's right hand and secured, and outside this again is a large padded leather gauntlet, reaching nearly to the shoulder. This gauntlet is laced up from behind. A thick silk binding is then wound round the fighter's neck at considerable tension, and of such thickness as to prevent any wound being inflicted to the man's neck and jugular vein. This bandage is so tight that it is almost impossible for a fighter to move his head. After this has been secured steel goggles are strapped over his eyes as protection, and the fighting sword called "Schlager" is placed in his right hand. This is 84 cm. long, and is sharpened on both sides, being a diamond in section.

It is interesting here to note that where a fighter has still an unhealed wound on any portion of his head or face a small leather plaque is provided as protection, so as to prevent a further wound being inflicted in the same place. The mitze of the student is then placed on his head.

The equipment is now complete, and the seconds, who are similarly dressed, with the exception that each second is provided with a fencing mask and has a ceremonial basket-hilted sword in place of the usual "Schlager," then approach their respective men, and take up a position at an angle of forty-five degrees on the left side, the second's right foot being placed

alongside the left foot of the fighter, and the second's left foot considerably withdrawn, i.e., on the further side from the fighter's sword arm.

The neutral judge in charge of the fight then reads out from a book the name and corps of each opponent and takes up his position. Having given the signal, the seconds shout out "Mensur Klinge Verbindung," which means opponents swords engage. This distance between the opponent is accurately measured and gauged with their respective swords, and they take up a position of readiness with the point of the sword raised above the head. The seconds' swords are also raised and held in such a fashion as to prevent a cut being made on each side. The seconds now give the word of command, "Klinge sind verbunden—los," which means that all the preliminaries have now been completed and the opponents can start work. The group servant stationed behind each fighter removes his mitze, and the swords of the opponents having been wiped with cotton wool steeped in disinfectant, the fight commences.

A succession of rapid cuts, the flashing of steel, and the sharp order "Halt!" from the seconds, and the first "Gang" or bout was brought to a close before one had realized what had taken place. For the benefit of my readers, it should here be explained that a "Partie" or duelling-fight lasts about fifteen minutes, and in this particular university consists of thirty "Gänge" or bouts; each "Gang," therefore, lasts at the most a few seconds. The short duration of each bout appears to be due to the action of the seconds. A second can intervene on any one of the following eleven grounds:—

- (1) Drawing of blood.
- (2) A forbidden stroke.
- (3) Bandages working loose.
- (4) Alteration of distance between fighters.
- (5) If the sword becomes entangled.
- (6) Displaced goggles.
- (7) Leaving himself open through making a bad stroke.
- (8) If glasses are worn and broken by a stroke.
- (9) If a second should be impeded.
- (10) A second can intervene to prevent drastic blows to a beginner, but must have a definite ground.
- (11) Medical grounds by doctor.

And if he intervenes without sufficient reason is disqualified from acting further as second in this duel. It appears to be the custom for a second to intervene to protect his man from a cut, but he is only allowed to do this once during the duel of thirty "Gänge."

Apparently the only point that is decided for or against a particular fighter is his bearing during the fight. No points are given for skill in attack or defence, and each fighter is judged by his own "Korpsbrüder" only. It should be understood here that duels are not fought for the honour of the "Verbindung" or for the individual. The only exception to this is where a fighting "Verbindung" deems itself to be insulted or aggrieved by another "Verbindung," and it sends its three "Chargen" with a formal challenge to the aggressor, and the three "Chargen" of the aggressive "Verbindung" then fight the three "Chargen" of the aggressor "Verbindung."

With regard to the fighter's correct bearing, this consists of fighting without any symptom of flinching and, as I said above, is decided entirely by the "Korpsbrüder" present of his own fighting "Verbindung."

After each bout the swords are again wiped carefully with cotton-wool steeped in disinfectant, and the fight automatically recommences on the same words of command being given by the seconds. At each pause the fighters are examined by the seconds and by the doctors present. A doctor has the right to stop all further fighting in the case of a fighter having lost an excessive amount of blood or being in an unfit medical state to continue. It was particularly difficult for us to judge the skill of the fighters in the first match seen, as the cuts were made so rapidly that it was almost impossible to follow the movement of the swords.

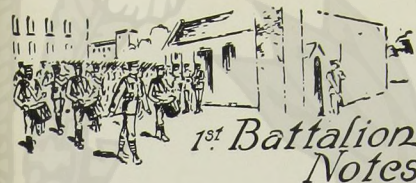
In a very short space of time both students had received wounds on the head, and were more or less covered with blood. The last match witnessed was between a skilled fighter and a beginner or "Fuchs." The latter was making his third and final attempt to enter the "Verbindung" as "Bursch." This fight lasted a comparatively short time, and was not of such a rapid nature, and it was therefore easier to see the nature of the attack and defence than in the former cases. The "Fuchs," after sustaining wounds, was adjudged to

have fought creditably, and was awarded his colours, "Mütze" and "Band," and seemed quite pleased with himself. The judgment of his "Korpsbrüder" took place in the next room immediately after the fight, and we were at once informed of the result.

For the benefit of my readers it should here be stated that a "Fuchs" is a beginner, and is practically obliged to remain "Fuchs" during his first "Semester" or term, *i.e.*, during his first six months in the "Verbindung." During this "Semester" he is obliged to fight successfully three "Mensuren," and to qualify for this ordeal he is obliged to practise for one hour for six days of the week under the tuition of the second "Chargen," and, in addition, four hours a week with the fencing master of the university. The same amount of practice is also required with all members of the fighting "Verbindung," and the average period of an active member is four "Semester" or two years, with three "Semester" as a minimum.

It was considered by many Germans that the duelling "Verbindungen" would cease to exist as a result of the war, but this does not, so far, appear to be the case. In Germany old customs take a very long time to die, but it may be that the great keenness displayed to-day by Germans of all classes in football, tennis, athletics, and other sports may have a far-reaching effect on the continued activities of the fighting corps; at any rate, its popularity is bound to be curtailed. The fact that the fighting corps have existed intact for so long is no doubt attributable to a large extent to the value placed upon former fighting students by society in general. It appears that a member or ex-member of a "Verbindung" has very considerable advantages in whatever town in Germany he may find himself, as he, *ipso facto*, becomes an honorary member of any other "Verbindung." Moreover, in civil life ex-students give preference in appointments and situations to members belonging to their own "Verbindung."

In this article I have tried to give a description of the duels witnessed by us without criticism of any kind, as to do so would be an abuse of the hospitality accorded us. As to whether duelling of this kind is for the bodily and mental good of university students I should prefer my readers to form their own conclusions.



THE last three months cover a period of resuscitation and reorganization. The former, necessary after our nomadic and maritime experiences in the Far East, was accomplished by all ranks in a welcome rest of six weeks' leave. The latter has been caused by the formation of the Machine Gun Company. This new "bottomless pit," commanded by Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., has already grown to enormous proportions, and shows a tendency to out-specialize the most ardent specialists. The three remaining duty companies are complaining that without the assistance of their grey-haired Company Quartermaster-Sergeants they cannot find the numbers necessary for a football team.

In March, a further draft of fifty left us for India. We wish them the best of luck. Their departure, combined with the expiration of service of so many of the Battalion's mainstays, both martial and athletic, has left us in a very weak state. However, new arrivals from the Depot are forthcoming, from whom we hope to find talent to fill their places.

Catterick has broadcast its normal weather programme. There have been two periods of heavy snow, and about three days in all when it has been warm and dry enough to carry out any sort of outdoor training. Sand tables and barrack-room fires have been in great demand. There are many of us—among the bachelors, of course—who wish we were back in China.

We have noted the rebuke from "C" Company of the 2nd Battalion in the last issue with amusement. Nevertheless, sour milk always spoils good "chow" (*vide* old Chinese proverb).

The "Die-Hards" Concert Party, organized by Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite, has given us a very successful first-night performance, and we are looking forward to their more matured efforts.

We congratulate Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt on riding a fine race in the Command Point-to-Point and finishing second in the Garrison Race on Capt. H. Phillips's Jorlocks.

Our Battalion cross-country running team, carefully picked and trained, has been unable to display its merits owing to our two opponents scratching their fixtures at the last minute. We are glad to note that Cpl. Donovan and Dmr. Woodward are running as well as ever.

Major L. L. Pargiter has rejoined us after a long absence caused by his unfortunate accident in the Kowloon Hotel lift. We are pleased to see him fit and about again after his lucky escape.

2/Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell has been gazetted to the 1st Battalion on posting from the R.M.C. Sandhurst.

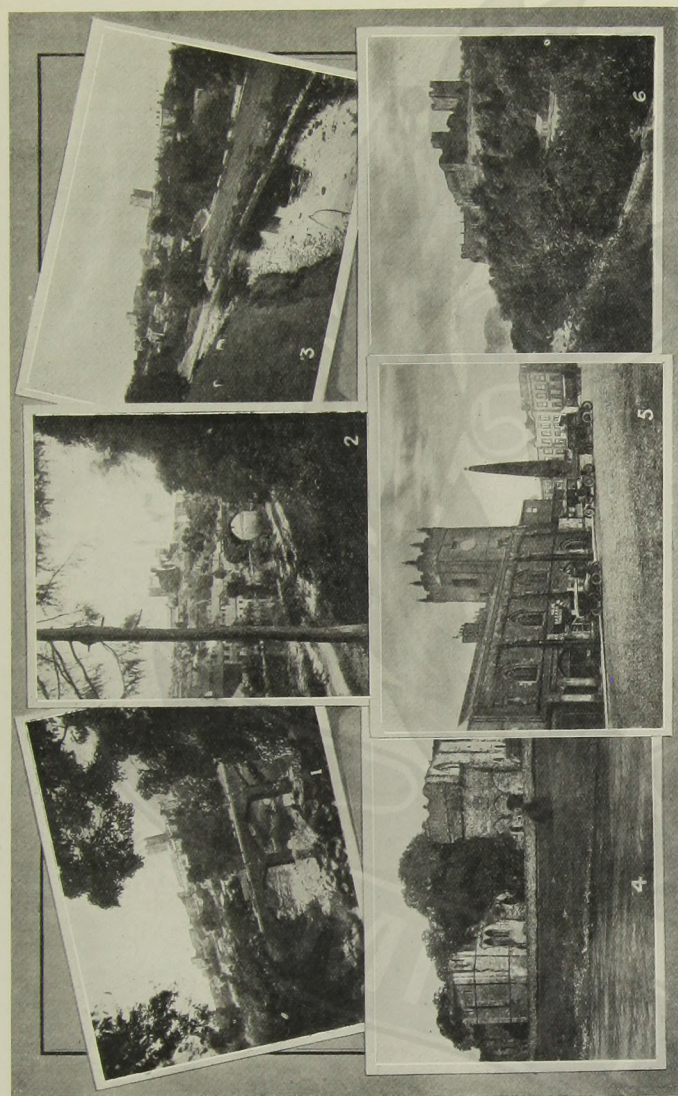
The year 1928 will be one of rebuilding from new material. There has been an unprecedented boom in promotion in the N.C.Os.' ranks: so that the majority of both N.C.Os. and men are new to their ranks. However, we have in both work and sport the great traditions of the past to build on, which should help, however Catterick and its unkind weather may try to hinder the good work.

RICHMOND.

As the nearest approach to civilization from the waste plains of Catterick Camp is the old town of Richmond, a short historical sketch may be of interest to the 1st Battalion readers. ♦

The interest of the town centres in the Castle founded about 1071 by Allan Rufus, a son of Odo, Count of Penthievre, in Brittany, who is also said to have rebuilt the town on obtaining from William the Conqueror the estates of the Saxon Earl Edwin, embracing some 200 manors in the North Riding. When Henry VII came to the throne, these possessions reverted to the Crown. Henry VIII gave them to his son, Henry, afterwards Duke of Richmond, by a daughter of Sir John Blount, and Charles II bestowed the title of Duke of Richmond on his son by the Duchess of Portsmouth.

The Castle is situated on a perpendicular rock rising about 100 feet above the



RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

1.—Station Bridge and Castle.
4.—Easby Abbey.

2.—Richmond Castle.
5.—Trinity Church.

3.—Richmond from Station Bridge.
6.—Another View of the Castle.

Swale, and from its great strength was considered impregnable. Originally it covered an area of five acres, but the only portions remaining are the Norman keep, with pinnacle tower and walls 100 feet high by 11 feet thick, and some other smaller towers.

The churches of St. Mary and Holy Trinity are ancient, but have been restored into use from ruins.

Close to the town are the ruins of Easby Abbey, a Premonstratensian foundation by Roald, a constable of Richmond Castle, in 1152. Beautifully situated by the river, these remains, which are considerable, include sufficient portions of the domestic buildings to enable a complete plan to be traced. Of the free grammar school, founded by Elizabeth, a Gothic building was erected in 1850, in memory of the Rev. James Tate, a former master. The tower of a Franciscan Abbey, founded in 1258, remains.

The chief modern buildings are the Town Hall, Market Hall, and the Mechanics' Institute. The principal trade is in agricultural produce, but there are a paper mill and a brass foundry.

Although Richmond received a summons as early as 1328, it was not represented in Parliament until 1584, from which time it usually sent two members. In 1867, the number was reduced to one. Queen Elizabeth granted the burgesses a market every Saturday, and a fair each year on the vigil of Palm Sunday. At one time, there appears to have been as many as four annual fairs. There is now only one, which takes place on November 2nd and 3rd.

In the Middle Ages, Richmond had an important market for corn and wool. There is evidence later of traffic in lead, and also a flourishing manufacture of hand-knitted stockings. This, however, decayed with the introduction of machinery.

William the Lion of Scotland was imprisoned in the Castle in the reign of Henry II, but otherwise the town owes its importance chiefly to its lords. The Manor was a valuable possession in the Middle Ages, and it was usually in royal or semi-royal hands.

The town itself retains a very Norman appearance, helped by its steep and cobbled streets and the many-centuries-old houses which flank them.

MAJOR S. H. POWELL.

Major S. H. Powell, whose death was announced in *The Times* of March 22nd, served with the Regiment in the Crimea, and after the return of the Regiment to Malta proceeded with them to India, arriving at a time when the last stages of the Indian Mutiny had been reached.

After serving two years in the East, Major Powell went home on leave, and there took up the appointment of Adjutant to the 1st North Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers, retiring with the honorary rank of Major in 1881.

Major Powell married, in 1881, Frederica, youngest daughter of Richard Mackell Jaques, Esq., of Easby House, Richmond, Yorks.

Although Major Powell's service connected with the Regiment was not a long one, his interest and pride in the Regiment always continued, and he attended the Albuhera Dinner until he felt he was too old to do so any longer. He was much gratified at knowing before his death that his grandson had joined his old Regiment.

Major Powell was well known with the Beadale Hounds, with which pack he hunted from childhood up to his seventieth year. He had shot on all the moors in the neighbourhood of Richmond, and fished its rivers. All his sporting activities continued after taking up his residence in Norfolk, in 1904.

The Regimental Magazine for October gave a portrait of Major Powell when his sporting activities were coming to an end, representing him with the otter hounds on the River Meon.

He was born in 1835; and joined the Depot at Bist in 1855, before going out to the Crimea.

ALBUHERA DAY.

The 1st Battalion will be in the midst of musketry on May 16th this year at Barden Moor, some distance from Catterick Camp. On this account, the usual Battalion Sports will be postponed until July, when it is hoped that Catterick weather may be milder. The actual day is to be observed as a holiday, of course. In the morning, the Battalion Gardens Competition is to be judged by the Commanding Officer's wife (Mrs. Stewart) and a committee of ladies. The after-

noon is to be devoted to a six-a-side football tournament, and a Battalion dance is arranged for the evening. The men who missed the usual Christmas dinner whilst *en route* from China are to be given a special Albuhera Dinner in lieu.

The officers will hold their traditional Albuhera Dinner. The President of the Officers' Mess will be glad to hear from any officer who has served in the Battalion who can be present. Arrangements will be made to "put up" in barracks any who can attend. In spite of their present somewhat inaccessible station, the officers hope that this invitation will be accepted by all past officers who can do so.

It will be remembered that the last Albuhera Dinner was held in the Majestic Hotel at Shanghai. This year's dinner will be in a different setting.

We are asked to announce that the ladies' dinner will be held at the Criterion Restaurant at the same hour as the officers' Regimental Dinner on June 26th. Ladies intending to be present are requested to notify Mrs. Stewart at Menin House, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, not later than June 10th. The cost of the dinner will be as last year, 9s., which should be sent with the notification of the intention to attend.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Since the last issue, the original "A" Company has been formed into the Machine Gun Company, and is commanded by Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., with Lieut. H. S. Royffe second-in-command. Our other officers are Lieuts. Dobbs, M.C., J. R. B. Worton, C. C. Musselwhite, and G. A. Stephenson, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion. We wish them all the best of luck while with the Gunners.

Although there are a lot of new members in the flock, everybody appears to be getting along famously well, with, at times, the help of "ten biguns."

At present, the Company is composed of the old Machine Gun Platoon, a few of "A" Company's stalwarts, and a draft of recruits from the Depot. Some of these men should make very good gunners.

At sport we have done very well, but the "old hands," though not in the majority, are still in the ascendancy, and

compose, to a large degree, our football and hockey teams. Some trial matches have been played, in the hope of finding likely talent, and the hockey games proved rather thrilling affairs, especially for those who caught the stick at the culmination of its flight.

The Company hockey team has played two games, beating "B" Company 2-1 (which was a fair result to a keenly-contested game), and drawing 2-2 with "C" Company. This game was really a battle which we should have won, and if our Sergeant-Major hadn't tried to eat the ball during the game, no doubt we would have triumphed, especially as one of the opposition wanted a closer view of a M.G. stick—which he got. Both of these enthusiasts were excused duty next day, and are looking forward to the next meeting.

Only two games of football have been played so far, both resulting in wins, "D" Company and a team of Territorials being the victims, and on form shown we should field a very useful side next season.

In the Battalion Cross-Country Run we were placed second. Pte. Smith 94 was the first man of the Gunners to finish and we congratulate him.

C.Q.M.S. H. Darby is to be congratulated on his promotion, and we hope both he and C.S.M. J. Tungate will enjoy their sojourn with the Company.

"B" COMPANY.

Very little news can be recorded in this issue owing to the annual furlough, but we have all now returned very much revived after our short period of foreign service. Never shall we forget Christmas, 1927, spent in the "Bay," which was not on its best behaviour, although on the whole we weathered it very well.

A few games of hockey have been played, the results not being too successful, but we hope to do better now that we have settled down again. Football has been studied, with the object of finding fresh talent amongst the recruits, many of whom have joined us during the last few months.

Several promotions have taken place, amongst them being L./Cpls. Horton, Donovan, Rowbottom and Fletcher, to Corporal, to whom we offer our con-

gratulations. C.Q.M.S. Smith has also been promoted to Company Sergeant-Major, and posted to "B" Company, and to him we extend a very warm welcome.

Amongst the departures we have to record Cpl. Sewell and Ptes. Giles and Hill, who are away on vocational training prior to their transfer to the Reserve. Although we are very sorry to lose these popular men, nevertheless our very best wishes for prosperity and good luck go with them.

C.S.M. Pelly and Pte. Lewis have also left us, the former to the Territorials, and the latter to the Reserve; likewise to these we wish the very best in their new spheres.

"C" COMPANY.

Since our last issue, events have been very quiet, owing to the majority of the Company being on leave.

The strength of the Company has been sadly depleted since the reservists left us, and we are now living in hopes of making up our numbers by drafts from the Depot.

We lost a few in a draft of thirteen that left us for India, to join the 2nd Battalion, on March 8th, and we wish them the best of luck with their new battalion.

The time is now spent principally on musketry, as the hour is near when the fate of the Musketry Shield hangs in the balance.

Although we only lost it by a point in the last musketry season, that margin of loss will be counter-balanced by a large gain, and we hope to have the shield back in our possession.

We have now lost Lieut. Hudson from our band of sportsmen. He has left us to join the newly-formed Anti-Tank Section, with "H.Q." Wing. But we have gained another sportsman in 2/Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell, who has now taken over the duties of Lieut. Hudson.

In the recent cross-country run held by the Battalion, our first man was L./Cpl. Brightman (11th). 2/Lieut. Powell was 12th, and Pte. Patterson was the third man to arrive of the Company, but, although we were unfortunate in being placed last, our time will come when we shall lead the field.

We are pleased to have back with us again Major L. L. Pargiter after the accident which happened in Hong-Kong, necessitating his being away on sick leave for nearly twelve months.

"D" COMPANY.

We are very sorry to lose the services of Capt. H. W. M. Paul, M.C., who has gone to the R.M.C., Sandhurst, as an instructor. Our loss is somebody else's gain.

The Company arrived in England on the morning of December 29th, 1927, and proceeded to Catterick.

Having enjoyed the vacation of five weeks' leave, we have settled down to training under the new organization.

We regret we have lost the services of some very able N.C.Os.: some to try their fortunes in civil life, and others to train future recruits for the Battalion. Good luck to them all:—

Sergt. Northcott, to Depot.

Sergt. Newman, to "H.Q." Wing.

Cpl. Turner, to 2nd Battalion.

L./Sergt. Macmurdie, Cpl. Jackson,

Cpl. Skeats, and L./Cpl. Johnson, to Army Reserve.

Unfortunately, the talent we found in Shanghai is now non-existent, but we hope to find some from the drafts which are arriving from the Depot.

Don.

SIGNALS.

After spending a very pleasant five weeks' leave, we have now returned to our old home, Catterick, with serious training before us. At present, the prospects of training are not any too rosy, owing to our weakness in numbers, which has come about through Ptes. Smith, Cantell and Hodgson being transferred to Army Reserve, and, unfortunately, L./Cpl. Sage being discharged medically unfit. However, he is rapidly improving in health, and is now enjoying convalescence in Hertfordshire.

We must congratulate L./Cpls. Vicary, Davis and Coy on their step up the ladder of promotion, and also the nineteen men who classified in Shanghai, with an aggregate of 99.4 per cent., L./Cpl. Vicary having the splendid result of 100 per cent.

At present, sport has not taken too much of our time, but we have great hopes for the future.

"Yale Blues," to the Savoy Band, is our latest, and several are becoming "H.S.," especially the West Ham notabilities.

BAND.

Once again we are safely settled down in England. All our unpleasant experiences of last year, especially the last week of our homeward journey, and the spending of the festive season on board ship, have almost sunk into oblivion.

Although we all welcomed our return home, none of us were very exuberant at the thought of what Catterick might have in store for us. Our worst fears have been realized, however, for the weather has been no better than we anticipated. So bad, in fact, that very often one hears the remark, "Roll on, India."

Since we came off furlough, we have diligently spent half an hour or more daily in musketry instruction, and are passing all the T.O.E.T. with flying colours. We regret to say that one of the best shots in the Company actually forgot the wind table for 300 yards at a critical moment.

Bdsn. Arnold, whom we all hoped would soon be among us again, is still in hospital awaiting his discharge. Already he has been greatly missed by all. We regret his enforced departure, and wish him the very best of luck on his return to civil life.

We are expecting to go on Easter leave in a couple of days, during which period Bdsn. Andrews is entering into matrimony. He carries our best wishes for his future happiness.

Our congratulations to Sergt. Cullen on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate of Education, and hope soon to see him swelling the noble army of Bandmasters.

We also congratulate L./Cpls. Murphy and Painter on their promotion to Corporal.

The ground around our bungalows is gradually transforming into a respectable garden. Already flowers are blooming, and in a few weeks we hope to possess the brightest and most floral spot in Catterick.

We were pleased to see two of our youngest members, Boy Higgins and Bdsn. Clarke, picked to represent the Battalion in cross-country running, and hope they will keep up such a good start.

TREBLE CLEFF.

DRUMS.

When last our notes were written (on board the good ship *Somersetshire*), it is admitted that we wondered whether it would again be our pleasure to submit them, for the sea was unduly rough, and certainly gave us the worst of its temper. We suffered a severe "cold" when a particularly large wave found its way into our port-hole. When we reached Southampton, we sighed with relief quite audibly.

Having had a good leave, we are now settled down to normal training. Sport, of course, has not been neglected, and since the "Emma Gees" have left "H.Q." Wing, we have become quite a "big noise," especially with hockey sticks and footballs. Interest in billiards is also keen.

We were able to entertain the Drums of the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps this month. After gaining a victory of 2 goals to 1 at hockey in the afternoon, we had tea and followed up with a most enjoyable evening, playing billiards and snooker, terminating in a supper. Everyone enjoyed the success of the whole half-day.

Other matches we have played with other groups and with companies, with moderate success, but football has been badly held up, owing to the unfit state of the grounds.

We are now concentrated on the making of a garden around our dwelling, and hope to capture the prize offered by the Commanding Officer for "lay-out," and later for results.

Musketry practice is in full swing now also. We hope to regain the shield which our rivals, the Band, hold.

We wish our brother drummers of the 2nd Battalion all the best, and congratulate the individuals who represented their Battalion in the Rovers Cup football team.

N. R. P.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have very little to report this quarter, owing to the fact that we have not yet settled down after our return from China.

A very successful dance was held in the N.A.A.F.I. Restaurant during February, and a whist drive and dance held in the Mess during March.

Two billiard and snooker tournaments have been held. Our opponents were the Royal Engineers' Club and the Corporals. In both cases, we lost the billiards and won the snooker. A billiard and snooker "ladder" has been made, and for the first week or so competition was keen, but now, with the exception of a few enthusiasts, it has dropped off.

We congratulate C.S.M. Smith on his promotion to W.O. Class II, and also C.Q.M.S. Darby and Sergts. Stacey, Misso, Thomas, and Steward on their promotions.

A hockey match versus the Tanks Mess is in the offing, and will be recorded in the next issue.

In conclusion, we wish C.Q.M.S. Wilcockson every happiness in his matrimonial adventure, and hope that he will not have too many "dogs."

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Here we are again—in Catterick, the land of digging. When we had arrived home, our Mess was not used until everyone returned from furlough—a well-earned five weeks, which everyone felt was deserved, and enjoyed accordingly. Everything is now in full swing.

Our billiards team has wasted little time in getting into action, with the result that we have contrived to beat teams representing the Sergeants' Mess and the Privates of the Battalion. It is hoped that we may next compete against a team representing the officers.

It is most unfortunate that at a time when our billiard team are getting such good results we should be losing our best player, Cpl. Westney, who, by the time these words are in print, will have been transferred to the Army Reserve. When he goes, he will take with him the unanimous good wishes of all members of our Mess.

We were able to give a dance to our friends on the last Friday in March, which proved to be a success, a success not unaided by the exuberance of a certain "circle" of members of the Sergeants' Mess, who congregated near the orchestra. Everyone hopes that our next function may be even more enjoyable.

Our compliments to the 77th Corporals' Mess.

N. R. P.

APPRECIATION OF GOOD CONDUCT OF 1st BATTN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT WHILST AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

C.R.N.C.C./2261/A.Q.

HEADQUARTERS,
13TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

The attached copy of a letter from H.M. Commissioner, Wei-Hai-Wei, and a copy of the G.O.C.'s reply, are forwarded for communication to the Officer Commanding 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

The G.O.C. is much gratified at the excellent report which he is quite sure has been fully earned.

(Sd.) W. BROWNRIGG, Col.,
A.A. and Q.M.G., North China
Command.

Command H.Q., 5/10/1927.

13TH INFANTRY BRIGADE,
No. S.C./222.

OFFICER COMMANDING,
1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information. The Brigade Commander wishes me to convey to you and all ranks under your command his appreciation of the good example set by the Battalion whilst at Wei-Hai-Wei.

(Sd.) C. E. KENDALL, Lieut., R.A.,
Staff Captain, 13th Infantry Brigade.
Shanghai, 7/10/1927.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
WEI-HAI-WEI.
September 30th, 1927.

SIR,
On the even of the departure of The Middlesex Regiment (First Battalion)

from Wei-Hai-Wei, after being stationed here for over three months, I cannot refrain from writing to you to express my high appreciation of the exemplary conduct of the Battalion throughout the whole of that period. I am informed that in Shanghai it earned for itself an excellent reputation for good behaviour, and I am glad to be able to assure you that it has fully maintained that reputation in this Territory.

The relations, both official and social, between Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and the other officers of the Battalion on the one hand, and the Government of this Territory on the other, have been uniformly cordial and harmonious, and similar friendly relations have existed between the whole Battalion and the Chinese inhabitants of Wei-Hai-Wei.

The First Battalion The Middlesex Regiment is the first full Battalion of British troops that has been stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei since the Territory first passed under British rule in 1898; and I can only say that the Territory will indeed be fortunate if all British Regiments that may be represented here in the future reach the high standard of good conduct that has been set up by the Middlesex.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) R. F. JOHNSTON,
Commissioner.

Major-General J. Duncan, C.B.,
C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.,
Shanghai Defence Force.

C.R.N.C.C./2261/A.
HEADQUARTERS,
NORTH CHINA COMMAND,
PALACE HOTEL ANNEXE,
SHANGHAI.

October 5th, 1927.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th September regarding the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, and to say how much I appreciate the high opinion you have formed of the Battalion. The fact that such a high proportion of the men are reservists, who have left their families and employment, makes service in China very trying for them, their high standard of

discipline and behaviour is therefore all the more praiseworthy.

Your remarks will be communicated to the Officer Commanding, who will greatly appreciate them.

On behalf of the troops who have been occupying Wei-Hai-Wei this summer, I wish to express to you my thanks for the cordial way in which you have helped them during their stay.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) J. DUNCAN, Major-General,
Commanding North China Command.
R. F. Johnston, Esq., C.B.E.,
H.M. Commissioner,
Wei-Hai-Wei.

TWO OLD "DIE-HARDS."

NONAGENARIAN SOLDIERS.

VETERANS OF THE MAORI WARS.

"THE FAMOUS FIFTY-SEVENTH."

(From the *New Zealand Herald* of
November 16th, 1927.)

NOW in the autumn of his life, but upright and trim for all his four-score years and ten, a fine old soldier is at present quartered in the Parke Island Home, Napier, in the person of Mr. Michael Gill. He is one of the two New Zealand survivors of that splendid line regiment, at one time the pride of the Imperial Army, the 57th, otherwise known as the "Die-Hards." Mr. Gill's ex-comrade-in-arms, Mr. E. Bezar, who has also attained his ninetieth year, resides in Wellington.

These two veterans came to New Zealand from India with their regiment sixty-six years ago, and served in many an engagement, storming many a Pa in the stirring sixties. Mr. Bezar was, at this time, a sergeant, and Mr. Gill a private. Mr. Gill, too, is one of the heroes of the defence of Turuturua-Mokai Redoubt, near Hawera, in 1868, when half the little garrison were killed and half the survivors wounded.

Mr. Gill does not always enjoy the best of health these days, but his fellow "Die-

Hard," Mr. Bezar, may be seen any day in the streets of Wellington. His straight, military figure is well known to dwellers in the capital city, and he enjoys the best of health at all times.

By a recent English mail, Mr. Bezar received a long letter from Major F. S. Steed, of the Headquarters of the Middlesex Regiment (the old 57th), expressing great appreciation of the veteran's action in placing a wreath in the name of the famous regiment on the grave of the late Mr. Lister, one of the old soldiers of the Corps, at New Plymouth.

THE "DIE-HARDS."

ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL.

(From the *Dominion*, Wellington, N.Z.,
of January 21st, 1928.)

TO-DAY is the 67th anniversary of the arrival in New Zealand of the 1st Middlesex Regiment (the "Die-Hards").

It was on January 21st, 1861, that the "Die-Hards," under command of Major Logan, arrived at Auckland, and amongst the first to greet the famous regiment was an old soldier who had fought at the Battle of Albuhera in the Peninsular War, and who knew Major Logan's father well.

January 21st appears to have been an important date with the "Die-Hards."

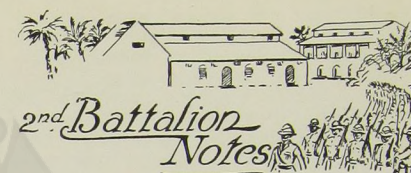
On this day, 101 years ago, in 1827, Major Edmund Lockyer, of the "Die-Hards," annexed the western portion of the continent of Australia to the British Crown, hoisting the flag at Albany, a full account of which appeared in the *Dominion* recently.

Parent: "My daughter, do I understand that you have refused a rich lover for a poor one?"

She: "You do, papa."

Parent: "But it is madness, my dear. Why do you do it?"

She: "Because, papa, one is rich but a fool, and therefore likely to get poor, while the other is poor but wise, and therefore likely to get rich."



OFFICERS.

ARRIVALS.

LIEUT. G. W. KEMPSTER disembarked at Bombay *ex* H.T. *Nevasa*, on December 27th, 1927, and joined the Battalion, on being posted, on December 28th, 1927.

Lieut. E. T. Pain disembarked at Karachi, *ex* H.T. *Somersetshire*, on January 31st, 1928, disembarked at Bombay *ex* s.s. *Chakla*, on February 2nd, 1928, and joined the Battalion, on being posted, on February 3rd, 1928.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., was appointed Instructor, Class "C," at the Small Arms School, India (Ahmednagar Wing), with effect from February 12th, 1928.

LEAVE.

Lieut. M. A. Jacob embarked at Bombay, per H.T. *Nevasa*, on January 3rd, 1928, on proceeding to the United Kingdom for eight months' leave.

"A" COMPANY.

Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Kent and Pte. Frewin on obtaining 1st Class Certificates of Education.

We all welcome Sergt. Capel back into our midst again after his sojourn in "Blighty" for six months. He certainly looks fitter, if a little balder on top, and seems rather quiet as regards the number allowed on the married strength.

Best of luck to Capt. Appelbe for his leave in "Blighty," and may he get better weather than was experienced during last summer in the land we all hope to see very soon.

"Time and tide wait for no man," hence the arrival and departure of that festive season known as Christmas. "Prepare for the present" seems to be the motto for all, but, if an inkling of the future could only have been obtained,

the celebration would not have been so cheerful. Nevertheless, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and had a really good time, as far as good times go in India. This celebration over, we all looked forward to having a good time on the walking tour organized by the Southern Command, *i.e.*, Inter-Brigade Training.

Imagine the British "Tommy" with enough knowledge of Hindustani to order a supper, trying to coax bullock-cart drivers to move their vehicles along a little quicker. Looks of consternation were frequently seen when it was found that these people did not even understand their own language. After much pushing and heaving, the convoy finally came to rest at Khadki. It was a good job finished with, and everybody breathed a sigh of relief, the only accident occurring about seven miles out; a cart completely collapsing and distributing its contents in all directions, but, thanks to Major M. Browne, M.C., this difficulty was overcome. (Ask "Hosetop" about this.)

Walk was the order for the next two days, from early morn to late in the afternoon, until we began to despair of reaching Bhaudi, this place being allotted to the 11th Brigade to pitch their tents and recuperate for the next fortnight. There really was a camp here, because we spent two nights in it. The remaining nights we spent in looking for those nasty people commanded by Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, who carried yellow flags.

It is an Army Order in India, we believe, that individuals proceeding on Vocational Training will have to pay for the same. If this is the case, what will be the stoppages of the "Port-side Fireman," "Roof-drought makers," "Door breakers," "Grain gatherer," and "Cattlemen," who were supplied by "A" Company on one occasion. We are still waiting for the result, to see if they all passed in their tests.

Eventually, Brigade training finished, with everybody looking browner, and feeling fitter, but the worst was yet to come. Leaving Bhaudi, we wended our weary way to Dhond, to settle an argument with the Blue Army.

Orders were issued that the high ground at Kedgaon covered the advance

of the Blue Army from Poona, but this being the famine area all cultivation—such as castor oil trees, wheat, and onions—became impassable swamps, and naturally hindered our movements a great deal. The mules evidently did not appreciate this bit of information, and on several occasions were seen to wander off into the middle of those deadly swamps and begin to tighten their girths.

Leaving the amusing side of the war, and getting down to solid facts, the Company did very well, extricating itself on various occasions.

Night withdrawals, and attacks at dawn were carried out until we found a resting-place on the dizzy heights around Patas, awaiting the arrival of the Blue Army. They eventually arrived, but the staff concerned, thinking discretion the better part of valour, stopped the bloodshed which was about to commence, and it was with saddened hearts that we heard "No Parades" sound by the buglers. The following day found us back in camp, looking forward to our entraining at Patas on the date for return to Ahmednagar and civilization.

"B" COMPANY.

Except for a period of about a fortnight at Christmas, "B" Company have been engaged in Field Training at Vilad and Bhaudi Camps during the whole time since our last notes were written; consequently, there is not much to chronicle in the sports line this quarter.

No. 5 Platoon are to be congratulated on winning the Inter-Platoon Games Shield this year. In achieving this success, they did not lose a single game to any other platoon in the Company at football, cricket or hockey, though they were hard pressed on several occasions.

The Company Sports are expected to take place in the middle of March, and should be particularly open and interesting this year, as the majority of last year's winners have since gone home.

In the Battalion Inter-Platoon Hockey Tournament we did not have any success, none of our teams even reaching the second round; two of them were, however, only beaten by the odd goal, whilst No. 5 fell to the ultimate winners.

During the course of Brigade Training and manoeuvres, our Company Com-

mander, Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., was away from the Company, as he was doing duty as an umpire, but we are very glad to see him again with us now that we have returned to barracks.

"B" Company had to take up several unexpected rôles during training; our bridging party are to be highly commended for the speed with which they put up the bridge (?), though it was a pity that some of those who crossed afterwards tripped over it, and also that the two ends met when a certain Company Commander was about to cross.

A few days later it was found that there were several promising firemen amongst us when, instead of burning an imaginary village, we had to put out a real fire.

During the long marches at Bhaudi, and on manoeuvres, the band and vocal chorus of No. 6 Platoon, and especially Ptes. Wilson and Allen, did a great deal to make the milestones pass more quickly, but one rather hopes that "four-leaf" clovers will be out of season when next training comes round.

There are still several members of the Company who are due for home this trooping season, and we take this opportunity of wishing good-bye and the best of luck to Ptes. Barnard, 04 Turner, Howard, Matthews, Stone, Barnes, Moses and Tyler, as they will probably have left India by the time these notes appear in print.

"C" COMPANY.

We returned from Battalion Camp in time to spend a most enjoyable Christmas; all the more enjoyable, as we knew we were only in for a few days, and were then going out for more camp and goodness knows what else, so that everyone was out to make the most of it.

The dining-hall decorations and catering (under the direction of Sergt. Olden and L./Cpl. Gorman) surpassed all previous years, and praise must be accorded to those of the Company who, dodging camp, put their best efforts into the work whilst the Company was away.

I think that all enjoyed themselves during the day, and no one more than the Company Quartermaster-Sergeant. (Any queries?)

A fancy-dress football match was held during the afternoon, and some very good

costumes were produced. Pte. Bloomberg won one prize as Horatio Bottomley—if the Editor publishes the photo, you cannot mistake him—and Pte. Wigmore the other. The Company Quartermaster-Sergeant made an excellent goalkeeper, and should be considered when selecting the next Company football team, costume and all; but I doubt if Mrs. O'Brien will allow him a new sunshade every game.

The members of the last draft gave us a display of the Charleston at a dance given by the Bothwick family on January 4th. I wonder whom they danced with in China?

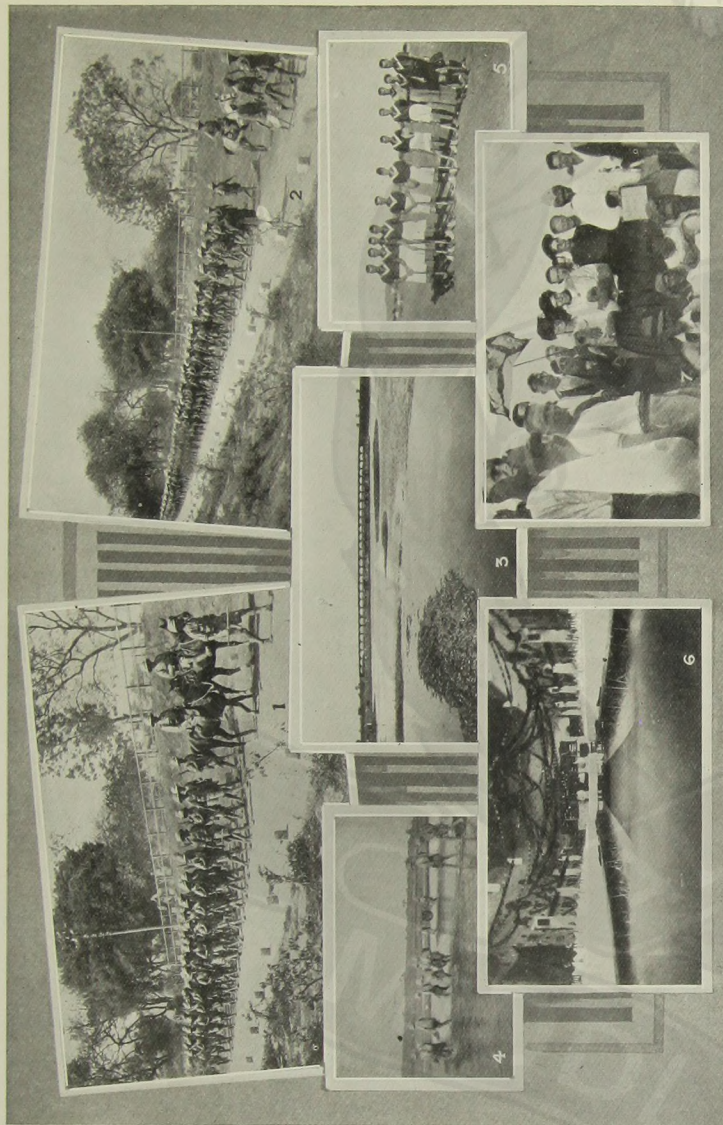
We started the New Year quite well, by winning the Inter-Platoon Hockey Tournament. Two platoons reached the semi-final (Nos. 9 and 11), and the former were victorious in a strenuous game by the odd goal. Sergt. Olden, one of No. 9 Platoon's leading lights, had to go on a course just before the final against "M.G.1" and was replaced by Pte. Collett, who justified his selection by scoring the Platoon's winning goal, and thus enabling No. 9 to revenge the defeat of No. 12 Platoon by "M.G.1" in the second round. Well done, No. 9 Platoon, and good luck!

Whilst we are on hockey, the Company League has just started, and our first game, with "D" Company, ended in a draw of 2—2. It was very fast throughout, and both sides might easily have been several goals better. We also drew our second game, with "B" Company.

We have not long been back from Brigade Camp and manoeuvres, and, though I expect everyone wants to forget all about them, I must say a few words on the subject.

It took us three days to march out, and, although the marches were not long, the rough going and heat soon found out the weak spots, but, no doubt, they will be acclimatized by the next lot of manoeuvres. Of course, there are ways of dodging them.

Bhaudi Camp was no beauty spot, and except perhaps for the enthusiastic scorpion and centipede-hunters, no one was sorry to move on to the Inter-Brigade Area. This included crossing the River Bhima by paddling, and many people would have been glad if a similar diversion had been included in the marches.



1.—"B" Company marching up from the Railway Station after Manœuvres.
 2.—"C" Company on the March.
 3.—Railway Bridge at Dhond the evening before the Battalion crossed the River Bhima.
 4.—"C" Company
 5.—"C" Company, 9th Platoon Hockey Team, Winners of Inter-Platoon Knock-out.
 6.—"C" Company Dining Hall, Christmas.
 7.—"C" Company Fancy Dress Football Match, Christmas.

It is rumoured round the Company that the Battalion tentage was with us all the time. If it was, the people in charge of it were masters of the art of camouflage, because we never saw them. Did we?

I am sure that if the fashion experts at home had paid us a visit during one of those camps, they could design an evening dress for ladies made of nothing but spear-grass.

After peace was proclaimed, we returned to Ahmednagar by train from that magnificent city of Patas. Which reminds me:—

"There lives an old man in Patas,
 He's lived his whole life there, poor
 ass.

We've been there and tried it,
 And cannot abide it,
 We've decided to move to Madras."

In addition to the Company Hockey League activities, those interested in cross-country, athletics, tug-of-war, and Battalion boxers are all hard at work, preparing for a perfect orgy of coming events.

Our old pal, a long-distance runner, will be gone by the time the cross-country and sports take place, and we now have to look for a new "star" to carry on the valuable services to the Company of L./Cpl. Harris, to whom we wish the best of luck in civilian life. Cheerio, *bon voyage*.

Our Company Commander is leaving us for leave in England, and Capt. Procter is our new chief. We all wish Major M. Browne a good voyage and a pleasant time at home.

"D" COMPANY.

"No news is good news." It is hoped that the Editor will consider these notes in the same light, as there is little of importance to write about this quarter. As far as sports are concerned, we have been very slack, but what we have lost in sports we have certainly made up for in training, and if we cannot claim an increased knowledge of "Sports Rules," we should, at least, be better acquainted with Field Service Regulations.

At the time of writing, everyone appears to be in training. Boxing, hockey and cross-country teams are hard

at it. Our tug-of-war team is in training, and it appears that a few of the newcomers will strengthen the cross-country team.

Another item of note is that "Dhurrie Avenue" is again open to third-class shots. In this neighbourhood, "Knob of the Bolt" is given its due amount of attention, while "Hobo," after manœuvring for position, manages to get right opposite the door of the "Wet." A great consolation to him, but he has not yet decided whether the word "Re-load" is a coincident or deliberate satire.

In conclusion to these notes we express our regret at losing Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., for the period that he will be on leave, but we wish him the very best, etc., and hope to see him return in good health and spirits.

We are very pleased to welcome Lieut. W. G. Kempster to the Company, and hope he will enjoy life in India.

The undernamed are to be congratulated on their promotion or appointment, as the case may be:—

Cpl. Poulter, appointed Lance-Sergeant.
 L./Cpl. Miller, promoted Corporal.
 L./Cpl. Honnor, promoted Corporal.
 Pte. Godfrey, appointed Lance-Corporal.
 Pte. Johnson, appointed Lance-Corporal.
 Pte. Bennett, appointed Lance-Corporal.
 Pte. Waddington, appointed Lance-Corporal.

DECOY.

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

Since the last issue, nothing really exciting has happened. Brigade Camp, which was held at a place named Bhaudi, lasted from January 2nd until February 2nd. The training was certainly hard, and it tested the most hardy of the men. We were constantly on the move, which tested the marching powers of everyone. Happily, none of the Gunners fell out on the line of march. Possibly the Platoon was helped along by the activities of the mouth-organ aspirant. Everyone was mightily pleased when the camp terminated. The Battalion entrained at Patas, and arrived back in barracks on February 2nd.

The Group Championship is still in full swing, and one wonders which group will win. The Platoon has not been doing

very well of late, except perhaps in the cross-country runs. Two are held each year for a clock and case, which were kindly presented by the subalterns of the Wing. The Platoon won quite easily on the first run, and the first man home was Pte. Copelin, in twenty minutes, over a three-and-a-half-mile course. Then the Platoon had to find two teams. Owing to the depleted numbers of "M.G.1," which is only thirteen strong at the time of writing, it was agreed to amalgamate "M.G.1" and "M.G.2" into one team for the rest of the sports season.

The second run was held on February 18th, over a course of three and a quarter miles. The first man home was L./Sergt. Jenkin, in 18 min. 30 sec.; second, Pte. Such (Employed); and third, Pte. Holland (M.G. Platoon). The Platoon won easily by 70 points, despite the absence of Lieut. M. A. Jacob, on furlough in the United Kingdom, and Pte. Copelin, on leave at Poona. The aforementioned runners would have certainly got places in the first four. However, we still retain the clock, to emphasize that the running powers of the Gunners are not on the decline.

The Company Sports are being held on March 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st. We have many entries for the different events and we wish them the best of luck.

In the Hockey League we are not doing too well, having played two matches to date. We miss the presence of Cpl. Makewell, our centre-forward, who has been sent to Ambala on a Physical Training course. We sincerely hope that he obtains a "D." Of the two matches played, we have won one and lost one, with 5 goals for and 5 against. Shortly we shall be losing a couple more hockey players, but we hope to put up a good show, for all that. The team was:—

Cpl. Nash; Ptes. Sleaf and Copelin; L./Sergt. Jenkin, Ptes. Petch and Holland; Ptes. Mills and White, Cpl. Makewell, Ptes. Beavis and May.

Lastly, we congratulate Sergt. Brown and L./Cpl. Orton on obtaining 1st Class Certificates of Education, and also Cpl. Jenkin on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant.

Cheerio, brother Gunners!

SANS PEUR.

SIGNAL SECTION.

Having just recently returned from Brigade manoeuvres, undoubtedly we should have many items of interest for our notes.

The Battalion left barracks on January 8th to march to camp. The march was done in three stages. The first stage was quite easy. It was across country most of the way, which, by the way, was a welcome change, because, when marching along roads, it makes one feel a bit fed up when one keeps seeing milestones inscribed such as "32 miles to A/Nagar." The second stage was a bit dusty, and the third stage was easy enough.

We arrived in camp, anyway, and the following day started training in earnest.

It was during Brigade Training that the Signallers had their usual Collective Test. The result has not come through to date, but we are sincerely hoping that we get a very good report.

During the manoeuvres, we had plenty of scope for both visual signalling and line telegraphy. A common cry to be heard at night was, "Mind the wire." We had one or two accidents, such as mules catching their hoofs in the wire and walking on with it entangled round their legs. On the whole, though, we managed to keep up unbroken communication to Brigade and other stations.

There were many sighs of relief heard when the bugle sounded "No Parades" on the evening of Tuesday, January 31st.

We returned to barracks on Thursday by train, which was a welcome change.

Christmas came and went, and the Section had a very jolly time, as usual. The bungalow was tastefully decorated, and during the process of decorating we discovered some quite good artists in the Signallers. Maybe they will be heard more of when they have finished with the Army.

Sports are now in full swing. At present we are in the middle of the Inter-Group League at hockey. To date we have played 4, won 1, drawn 1, and lost 2. We are hoping to do much better. In the Battalion Knock-out, we were beaten by "M.G.1" in the third round. It was a very hard and even match.

There are a lot of sporting events coming off in the near future, such as tug-of-war, cross-country runs, and ath-

letic sports. By the time the next notes are due, we hope to be able to report very near the top if not actually on top.

Before closing, it is not right that we should overlook the departure of Sergt. Thompson, who is leaving the Signallers for civilian life. He has been Signal Sergeant for nearly seven years. During that period, he did very good work, both as regards signalling instruction and also sports.

It is with many regrets we say goodbye to him, and so we will close by wishing him every success in his new sphere of life.

F. D.

DECCAN DISTRICT HOCKEY CUP FINAL.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. THE LOYAL REGIMENT.

A very fast and interesting game was witnessed on February 15th, on the Regimental ground, which, having been specially rolled for the occasion, was in good condition.

The Loyals won the toss, and chose to play with the sun behind them. The game was full of thrills from the start, as the Loyals, with a neat bout of passing, took the ball at once into our circle, and the inside right scored with a shot that found a home in the top corner of the net. This was in the first minute of the game, and no doubt our team was badly shaken. Nevertheless, we settled down to the game very well, and attacked strongly. An excellent run by Lieut. Gilbert, who was playing at outside right, took the ball into the Loyals' half, and from a hard centre Capt. Procter, with a first-timer, just missed.

Several corners were the feature of the next fifteen minutes' play, and entirely owing to the Loyals' goalkeeper, who was on the top of his form, no advantage was gained.

The Loyals now took a hand in the game, and an ugly rush by them was only stopped by Lieut. Chisholm at right back in the nick of time.

The remainder of the first half was taken up by end-to-end play, both goalkeepers being called upon several times to save hot shots. Half-time arrived

with the score of 1—0 in favour of the Loyals.

The second half saw a considerable improvement in the combination of our forward line. From the bully-off, the ball was at once sent into our opponents' "25." A penalty corner awarded to us saw an excellent effort by Bdsn. Bywaters which was saved. Except for an occasional big hit by Loyal defenders, which cleared the air for the moment, the first twenty minutes were spent in our opponents' half. These raids on our goal were always dangerous, and time and again our defence was hard put to clear. Eventually, the inside right of the Loyals obtained possession, and ran through to score their second goal.

We returned to the attack, and several centres from the right wing were fumbled. The inside forwards seemed to have trouble in picking them up, owing to the force behind them. Bywaters missed a "sitter" from one of these centres. The ball still travelled at great pace from end to end, and, after several efforts, in which the halves did good work, we scored our first goal. A great drive by Bywaters was only partially cleared, and Capt. Procter, following up, placed the ball in the net. This was seven minutes from the end, and the excitement was intense. Our halves, playing a good game, kept our forwards going, but it looked as though it was not to be. Several chances were missed at both ends. The Loyals were having their share of the game, and Lieut. Chisholm was constantly applauded for his good work. Only one minute was left to play when we got back to our opponents' circle, and Capt. Procter sent in a shot that, although stopped, was not cleared. Bywaters was handy, and equalized, necessitating extra time being played.

Extra time was a repetition of the earlier part of the game; the ball going from end to end, and both sets of defence going all out to keep the score down. Our centre-forward narrowly missed on two occasions. Full time arrived with no addition to the score.

The main features of the game were the great work of our half line, particularly Sergt. Hazeldine, and the steadiness of Lieut. Chisholm at back. It was the

best game the first-named has played for a long time.

The inside right of the Loyals also played a great game, and was always dangerous when in possession of the ball.

The game was very well controlled by Capt. Rich, 2nd/6th Rajputana Rifles, and Sub-Conductor Alden, of the Indian Army Service Corps.

THE REPLAY.

The replay took place at Ahmednagar on Thursday, February 16th.

The match was very exciting, and both teams played really good hockey. The result of the match was a win for the Loyals by 3 goals to 0. All three goals were scored in the second half, and the last two were obtained within the last ten minutes of the game. The Loyals' forward line was undoubtedly responsible for the result. They worked well together, and were practically irresistible when they got the ball on the move. The Loyals' centre-half was also an outstanding figure. Their goalkeeper also deserves mention. The Middlesex forward line appeared to lack understanding and they could have certainly proved more effective had they worked together more. The Middlesex defence played sound hockey, and Sergts. Hazeldine and Capel, and Lieut. Chisholm were outstanding players.

The following is a description of the game:—

The Middlesex got the ball away from the bully-off, and passed it down to Gilbert on the right wing. It was, however, cleared in front of the Loyals' goal, and sent quickly down to the Middlesex goal, and taken up by the Loyals' forwards. A dangerous move on the part of the latter was stopped by Lieut. Chapman, who cleared in front of the Middlesex goal. The Loyals failed to score from a short corner, and the ball was quickly rushed to the other end of the field, but without result. For the next ten minutes, the ball was kept in mid-field, and neither goal was in danger. During this period of the game, Chisholm, playing well up, handicapped the Loyals' forwards considerably. The Middlesex left wing then got away with the ball, but an almost certain goal was

thrown away by Bdsn. Bywaters giving "sticks." A free hit resulted in the Loyals' right wing running down with an almost clear field, but the ball was cleared in time by Bywaters, and given to the Middlesex centre-forward, who took it quickly down the field, and passed to the right wing, who just failed to pick it up in time to make the movement successful. After a short spell of mid-field play, the ball was taken down into the Middlesex area, by the Loyals' left wing, and a good movement was intercepted by Chisholm. A *mêlée* round the Middlesex goal might have resulted in a score for the Loyals had not their outside right given "sticks." Play was then quickly transferred to the opposite half, and the Middlesex failed to make a free hit, just outside the circle, effective. The game was in full swing, and the ball was freely chased from end to end. During this period, Hazeldine and Chisholm gained the applause of the spectators, whilst Chapman stopped a dangerous rush of the Loyals' right wing. The game then appeared to slow down a little, and the whistle was very much in evidence, until a sudden rush by the Middlesex forwards only just failed to be successful, the ball missing the goal by a narrow margin. Following on the "bully," the Loyals' right wing carried the ball down the field, but the movement was stopped by Chisholm, who carried the ball up the field and passed to the centre-forward, who in turn passed to the right wing, who was, however, beaten by the Loyals' left back.

The whistle blew for half-time, with the score-sheet blank.

In the second half, the Loyals proved themselves the better team. The Middlesex got the ball away from the "bully," and passed quickly to the left wing, but the Loyals' right back gained control and sent the ball down the field, where it was taken up by the Loyals' forwards, but without result. Following on this, Capt. Procter made an individual effort, and, beating the Loyals' backs, carried the ball to the goalmouth, but just failed to score, the ball hitting the side-board. The ball was quickly sent down to the other end, and the Middlesex goal was in danger until the ball was cleared by Hazeldine, only to be picked up again by the Loyals' centre-forward, who passed

quickly to his outside right, who, in turn, carried the ball to the Middlesex goal area, and, passing to the inside right, enabled the latter to score the first goal of the match.

After this, the game became exciting, and the Middlesex were all out to equalize. A good movement by their forwards was annulled by the Loyals' goalkeeper, who cleared and gave the ball to his forwards, when it was rushed to the other end, and, being missed by Chisholm, was only prevented from going into the Middlesex goal by a really good piece of work by Nash. At this period, the Loyals' forwards showed the superiority of their forward line, and played well together. The Middlesex defence, however, prevented them from scoring, and Hazeldine especially did good work, ably assisted by Capel. About twenty minutes before the end of the match, Chisholm received a hit in the face with a stick, and had to be taken off the field.

Play was now fast and furious, and the ball was continually going from one end to the other. The Middlesex failed to score twice: once a good movement by the left wing was intercepted by the Loyals' right back, and once an offside prevented a certain goal. Chisholm resumed his position on the field about ten minutes before full time. Great excitement now prevailed amongst the spectators, as the time was getting short and the Middlesex were still one goal down. About five minutes before time, the Loyals scored from a short corner, and almost immediately after the "bully" a good movement by their forwards resulted in the third and last goal of the match. Nash made a good attempt to save, but the ball just got past him. The last few minutes of the game saw the Middlesex trying hard to score, but without result.

On the conclusion of the match, Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., Commanding 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment, in the absence of Col.-Cmdt. J. C. Simpson, who was unable to attend, presented the cup and medals, and congratulated the Loyals on winning the cup for the second year in succession.

The teams were as under:—

Loyal Regiment.—Pte. Everall; Dmr. Hodson, Lieut. G. L. Dolman; Dmr.

Gilboy, Lieut. E. C. Howse, L./Cpl. Marsden; Pte. Ward, Pte. Lawrence, Capt. G. E. Bowden, M.C., Pte. Mullens, C.O.M.S. O'Brien.

Middlesex Regiment.—Cpl. Nash; Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm, Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman; Sergt. Capel, Sergt. Hazeldine, L./Cpl. Higgins; 2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin, Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., Bdsn. Bywaters, Cpl. Gray.

HOCKEY.

The Platoon Hockey was played off between the Battalion and Brigade Camps, and No. 9 Platoon won.

We had some Battalion practice games before the District Final, against officers of the Machine Gun School, where we lost to them once and won easily the second time, and against the 2nd/6th Rajputana Rifles, which we won.

The Company League is starting just as the notes are going in, so the result will be in the next Journal.

RESULT OF THE PLATOON KNOCK-OUT.

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SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since our last notes, the Bandmaster and Sergt. Capel have rejoined us from leave in the United Kingdom. They haven't said much about it, beyond sundry mutterings and audible sighs. We believe the latter are the outward expressions of their relief at being back in dear old Ahmednagar once more—we know they

begged and prayed to be sent back as quickly as possible, so that they would not miss the extra year which a benevolent Government have kindly allowed us to stay in this benighted hole.

Sergt. Clements and family and Sergt. Fairchild and family have left us for the United Kingdom, the former to be absorbed in the 1st Battalion (by the way, what about that "Fifty per cent. unfit—Haw, haw haw!"?), and the latter for discharge. Sergt. Conners has also left us, to join the ranks of the un—the—er—civilian army. Anyhow, we wish them the best of luck.

We congratulate Sergts. Brown and Johnson on their promotion, and also L./Sergts. Poulter and Jenkin on joining the family.

Congratulations also to the following, who have obtained their 1st Class Certificates: C.Q.M.S. Kent, Sergts. Lambert, Ingle, Brown and Aird. Sergt. Palmer had bad luck, and failed in Geography (it was rather unfortunate the examiners didn't know anything about it), which he is taking next month.

More congratulations—this time to C.S.M. and Mrs. Hart, on the birth of their son, Peter, on November 26th, 1927.

A lot has happened since our last notes, including Christmas, with the Mess Dinner; the New Year's Dance; and Brigade Training with Southern Command manoeuvres.

As regards the former, there isn't very much to say. I don't think any of us knew too much about it until after it was all over. It is sufficient to say that we all had a real good time, considering it was spent in Ahmednagar for the *n*th time. The spirit of hospitality was in the air, and asserted itself throughout the season. We should like to record our appreciation of the hospitality of the Regimental Sergeant-Major. Throughout the whole of the festivities, he kept open house, or I suppose we should say open bungalow, and we do not suppose he had the chance to get a few hours' sleep.

We had our Christmas Dinner on the Wednesday after Christmas Day. The Committee had been very busy with decorations, etc., and the dining-room and ante-room expressed the spirit of the season. Upwards of forty members sat

down to a really well-served dinner (on which, by the way, we must congratulate Sergt. Banfield), which concluded with a few appropriate speeches. The Regimental Sergeant-Major set the ball rolling with a few well-chosen words on the events of the past year, and the Bandmaster followed on with a witty speech about matters in general, concluding his remarks with calling for a toast to absent friends, which was sincerely responded to. A social, to which the ladies were invited, followed the dinner, and the evening was brought to a close by a melodious rendering of "Three Blind Mice" by two rival schools (numbering from eight to twelve in each), conducted by the Regimental Sergeant-Major.

The New Year's Dance was, of course, held on New Year's Eve, and was very enjoyable. Owing to them being away, several of our friends in the station were not present, but the attendance was sufficient to ensure the success of the evening. One and all joined hands in "Auld Lang Syne," and New Year greetings were exchanged.

Shortly after Christmas, the Battalion went into camp at Bhaudi for Brigade Training, and from there to Patas for Inter-Brigade manoeuvres. The training commenced with a three-day march to camp, which was upwards of fifty miles from Ahmednagar. All the members of the Mess got there, which is very much to their credit. They had a fairly rough time throughout the training, and were very glad to get back. Still, by way of compensation, one or two laughs came their way during the manoeuvres. For instance, a good deal of amusement was derived from the story of one member who shouted for his orderly corporal to issue rations in the front line (1), and also by the introduction of "Arfa," who was brought into existence by the shortness of rations only allowing the issue of half-rations.

Things have now resumed their normal course, and everyone is busy in the sporting line.

We regret to say that we are shortly losing three very good members: Sergt. Thompson, the Signal Sergeant, who is going away for discharge; Sergt. Peck, who is proceeding to the Depot to gladden the hearts of the Army's

children; and L./Sergt. Neighbour, who is going to the Reserve.

Just a few tit-bits to conclude our notes for this quarter:—

In the first place, we wish someone would tell us the plural of "octopus," or, as one of our number has it, "octe pus."

Also, is it possible to have two "iotas" or should it be "iotii"?

Is the following a quotation from Rudyard Kipling or Ethel M. Dell:—

"When the 'am is 'ot and 'igh'?"

Is it true that the Ahmednagar authorities are seriously alarmed by the shortage of water owing to the unprecedented increase of consumption in the Sergeants' Mess?

BOXING.

Since our last notes were submitted, two of the most important boxing events of the year—namely, the Open Team and Novices' Championships—have taken place.

The Novices' Team Championships were held on September 22nd, 24th and 25th, 1927, and, in spite of the weather, which did its best to spoil the sport, the tournament was brought to a very successful conclusion, and much keenness was shown throughout.

The results were as follows:—

First Round.—"D" Company beat "B" Company (17-15).

Semi-finals.—"A" Company beat "C" Company (17-14); "D" Company beat "H.Q." Wing (18-13).

Final.—"A" Company beat "D" Company (17-15).

In addition to the match on the final night, a number of contests were arranged, which proved a great attraction, and the attendance on this occasion was the largest that has been present for some time.

The results of the contests were as follows:—

Special Six-round Contest: Rfn. Carnduff (2nd Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles) beat Pte. Cook, on points. Carnduff held the Bantam-weight Championship of the Army in India in 1924 and 1925, and had met Cook on two previous occasions, being the winner both times. It was hoped that the verdict on this occasion

would be reversed, but Carnduff proved himself too strong for Cook in the latter stages of the contest, and in the fifth and sixth rounds gained a substantial lead on points. The first three rounds were very evenly contested, and it was not until the fourth round that Carnduff showed himself to be the superior boxer. From then onwards there was no doubt as to who was the better man. Cook, nevertheless, fought very pluckily, and both were loudly applauded at the end of the contest.

Special Four-round Contest: L./Cpl. Ormes beat Gnr. Leach (16th Field Brigade, R.A.), on points. A good fight, in which both went "all out" from the start. Hard hitting was a feature of the contest, Ormes using his left effectively, and Leach's right swings to the jaw. Ormes just gained the decision on points.

Special Four-round Contest: L./Cpl. Spencer (1st Bn. Cheshire Regiment) beat Pte. Hamer, on points. Spencer was the superior boxer throughout, and used his left hand to good effect. Hamer was frankly disappointing, and seemed at times that he had never learnt to box. The result was never in doubt, Spencer winning comfortably on points.

Challenge Contest for Battalion Lightweight Championship: L./Cpl. Howlett ("A" Company, holder) knocked out Cpl. Readings ("B" Company) in the fourth round. This was undoubtedly the best fight of the evening, both going "all out" from the start. Whilst it lasted, the contest was fought at a terrific pace, and both tried hard for a knock-out. Howlett had the heavier punch, and floored Readings once in the first round and twice in the second, the gong saving the latter on the last occasion. Again in the third round Readings was down for a count, and once again was saved by the gong. In the fourth round Readings made a great effort, but was out-boxed, and eventually knocked out by a right to the jaw. The loser put up an extremely plucky fight throughout, and was loudly applauded on leaving the ring. This was Readings's last fight in the Battalion, having since been transferred to the Army Reserve, and it was a fitting end to his boxing in the Army that he should have put up such a plucky fight.

Few of those who were present will quickly forget his gameness. He was at all times a very clean boxer, and keen on the game, and those of the boxing fraternity of the Battalion take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck in civilian life.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the Brigade Commander, Col.-Cmdt. J. C. Simpson, kindly presented the prizes.

The Open Team Championship was held on October 27th, 28th and 29th, 1927, when some good boxing was witnessed.

The results on this occasion were as follows:—

First Round.—"D" Company beat "A" Company (13-11).

Semi-final.—"B" Company beat "C" Company (13-9); "D" Company beat "H.Q." Wing (14-10).

Final.—"D" Company beat "B" Company (14-10).

"D" Company thus retain the Boxing Cup they won last year, and are to be congratulated on their success. They are undoubtedly the best boxing company in the Battalion at present, and had little difficulty in any of their matches.

DEPOT NOTES.

LIEUT. G. A. STEPHENSON left the Depot on March 8th, 1928, to join the 1st Battalion at Catterick.

Major W. W. Jefford has been in the Royal Military Hospital, Millbank, since February 16th, 1928, suffering from a knee injury contracted whilst ski-ing in Switzerland.

Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., has been attached to the Depot from March 1st, 1928, pending proceeding overseas to Singapore, to take up an appointment in the Singapore Volunteer Defence Force.

Work has been very heavy at the Depot during the quarter under review, owing to the fact that there have been from six to seven squads under training instead of the normal five.

A draft of fifty men and nine boys was dispatched to the 2nd Battalion on March 8th, 1928. The draft embarked on H.T. *Nevasa* at Southampton.

Major-General A. G. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., Commanding Home Counties Area, paid a visit to the Depot on March 5th, 1928, to bid the Indian draft farewell, and to inspect the recruits at work.

SPORTS.

During the past few months, owing to the state of the grounds, we have played very few matches. The bottom grounds have been mole-drained, and it is hoped that in the near future they will show a vast improvement.

FOOTBALL.

The only matches which it has been possible to play since Christmas have been:—

v. Hendon Traders. Won 2-1.

v. Depot East Surrey Regt. Won 5-2.

v. Hendon Traders. Won 2-0.

So, in spite of the difficulties of the weather, and the impossibility of practice, our football team has given a good account of itself.

The following have played for the Depot:—

Sergt. Raindle, Sergt. Bearne, Sergt. Northcott, Sergt. Tiller, Sergt. Warren, Sergt. Russell, Cpl. Foulger, and Ptes. Tatt, Rogers, Pilgrim, Gillette, Sears and Marshall.

An Inter-Squad Knock-out has been played off, and was won by Ladysmith.

HOCKEY.

The home ground has been unplayable. The only matches played were:—

v. Bushey. Won 4-2.

v. 10th Royal Hussars. Lost 0-3.

The Bushey match, at Bushey, was played on a pouring wet day, and on occasions the ball had to be dug out, having buried itself under a foot of mud.

BOXING.

The Depot carried off the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Cup by a very comfortable margin.

The entries in this tournament consist of a team of five from each unit, representing the following weights: bantam, light, intermediate, feather, and welter; each weight being fought out in the nature of an individual competition, points being awarded for each round towards the team aggregate.



DEPOT BOXING TEAM.

Winners Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Cup.

Back Row.—Pte. Donaghy (Welter),
Front Row.—Pte. Stroud (Feather).

Pte. Harwood (Reserve),
Lieut. J. H. Clowes.

Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C.

Q.M.S.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S.

Pte. Atkinson (Intermediate),
Pte. Pain (Bantam).

Pte. Alger (Light).

In the eliminating competition held at Hounslow on February 24th, we were drawn against the following teams:—

Depot East Surrey Regiment.
Depot Royal Fusiliers.
Depot The Queen's.
Depot The Sussex Regiment.

It is sufficient to say that every one of our team fought like a tiger. They were fit, and whatever boxing ability they lacked they made up for by sheer determination. They went in with the intention to effect a knock-out from the first gong, and if they did not succeed it was no fault of theirs.

Out of the five weights, we were represented in four of them in the final, of which we won two, Ptes. Donegar and Pain winning, and Ptes. Atkinson and Stroud being runners-up in their respective weights.

The East Surrey Regiment were the runners-up.

In the Command Final at Hounslow on March 7th, the units represented were: 13th/18th Hussars.

Royal Engineers (Chatham).
Depot Suffolk Regiment.
Depot East Surrey Regiment.
Depot Northamptonshire Regiment.
Depot The Middlesex Regiment.

By the end of the semi-finals, all was over bar shouting. Once again we were represented in four of the five fights of the finals, no other team being in more than two, and already we were leading on points, so the result was obvious.

Pte. Atkinson won his weight, Ptes. Donegar, Alger and Pain being runners-up. The result was:—

1. Depot Middlesex Regt. ... 22 pts.
2. Depot Northants Regt. ... 16 pts.

The Depot team consisted of:—

Bantam, Pte. Pain; Feather, Pte. Stroud; Light, Pte. Alger; Intermediate, Pte. Atkinson; Welter, Pte. Donegar.

So the cup is for the first time in our keeping. It now only remains to win it outright.

The cup and prizes were presented by General Sir Robert D. Whigham, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command.

Each of the team received a replica of the cup, and winner and runner-up medals

went to the winners and runners-up of each weight.

C.S.M.I. Elliott and S./Sergt. Butcher (A.P.T.S.) are to be congratulated on the training and the "Go in and win" spirit introduced into the team.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since the last issue, things have been very quiet in the Mess, but have been busy elsewhere.

On January 27th, we held a whist drive and social, and there was an attendance of twelve tables, which included several old members.

The prize-winners were:—

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Raindle; 2, Mrs. Sanders; Booby, Mrs. West.

Gents.—1, Sergt. Steward; 2, Mr. G. Munday; Booby, C.S.M. Cook.

On February 18th, the Corporals challenged us to a billiard match, and we raided their Mess at full strength. It seemed to be their day off, as we beat them by a large margin, but, for all that, we had a very nice evening.

On March 9th, the Finchley Police entertained us on our ground to a football and billiard match. The football was played in a snow-storm, and the players were like mud-larks at the end of the game, which we lost 0—2. In the evening, we all assembled in the Mess for billiards, and, although we only won two games out of five, we beat them in the aggregate, with a total of 518 to 493.

Several changes have taken place during the past quarter, and we regret losing C.S.M. Gray to the 7th Battalion, C.Q.M.S. Cook to discharge, Sergts. Sperry and Cobbett to 2nd Battalion, and Sergts. Robbins and Trapp to 1st Battalion, and Sergt. Griffin to 7th City of London Regiment. In their places we welcome C.S.M. Cook, Sergts. Burt, Stacey, Stevenson, and L./Sergt. Northcott from the 1st Battalion, and Sergt. Peck from the 2nd Battalion.

We congratulate Sergt. West on his promotion to Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, and L./Sergt. Steward on his promotion to Sergeant.

C. R. A.

DISCHARGES AND T.A.R.

L./Cpl. G. Rolph: Transfer to Army Reserve, 16/1/28.

Sergt. W. Bratby: Transfer to Army Reserve, 17/1/28.

L./Cpl. A. Gilbert: Transfer to Army Reserve, 17/1/28.

Sergt. W. Connors: Discharged under K.R.363 (xxi), 17/1/28.

Sergt. L. Fairchild: Discharged under K.R.363 (xxi), 9/2/28.

C.Q.M.S. J. Cook: Discharged under K.R.363 (iii), 4/3/28.

Sergt. W. Thompson: Discharged under K.R.363 (ix) (a), 21/3/28.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

L./Sergt. C. Soper: Extended to complete twelve years with the Colours, 20/1/28.

L./Cpl. A. Mason: Extended to complete twelve years with the Colours, 7/2/28.

C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M.: Re-engaged to complete twenty-one years with the Middlesex Regiment.

POSTINGS.

C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M.: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 21/1/28.

Sergt. J. Trapp, Sergt. E. Robbins, Sergt. W. Cobbett: Posted to 1st Battalion, 1/1/28, on completion of tours of duty at Depot.

Cpl. M. Short: Posted to 1st Battalion, 4/2/28, on completion of tour of duty at Depot.

Sergt. E. Burt: Posted from 1st Battalion, 9/2/28, for tour of duty.

Cpl. H. Hull, M.M.: Posted from 1st Battalion, 16/2/28, for tour of duty.

Cpl. C. Painter, Cpl. E. Pinder, Cpl. A. Aldridge, L./Sergt. J. Steward: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/2/28, on completion of tour.

L./Sergt. H. Warren: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/2/28, on completion of tour.

L./Sergts. J. West and W. Northcott: Posted from 1st Battalion, 22/2/28, for tour of duty.

Cpl. C. Blake and L./Cpl. P. Barley: Posted from 1st Battalion, 28/2/28, for tour of duty.

Sergt. W. Sperry, M.C.: Posted to 2nd Battalion, 29/2/28, on completion of tour.

Sergt. F. Stacey: Posted to Depot, 12/3/28, for tour of duty.

Sergt. W. Raindle: Posted to 1st Battalion, 12/3/28, on completion of tour.

Sergt. F. Peck: Posted from 2nd Battalion for tour of duty, 20/3/28.

L./Cpl. R. Simmons: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 20/3/28.

BIRTHS.

STEWART.—On December 30th, 1927, at Wealdstone, to the wife of L./Sergt. J. Stewart—a son (Ronald Edward).

SOPER.—On February 29th, 1928, at Cowes, to the wife of L./Sergt. C. Soper—a son (Peter Charles Roland).

PROMOTIONS.

L./Cpl. A. Aldridge: Promoted Corporal, 11/12/27.

L./Cpl. S. Thompson: Promoted Corporal, 13/12/27.

L./Cpl. L. West: Promoted Corporal, 1/1/28.

L./Cpl. W. Woodroff: Promoted Corporal, 15/1/28.

L./Cpl. E. Foulger: Promoted Corporal, 28/1/28.

Sergt. W. West: Promoted Colour-Sergeant, and appointed Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, 22/2/28.

L./Cpl. A. Mason: Promoted Corporal, 28/2/28.

L./Sergt. F. Stacey: Promoted Sergeant, 22/2/28.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

Pte. A. Tuckfield: Attended No. 53 S.C. Cooks Course at Aldershot, from 7/1/28 to 7/2/28, and Passed.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

6108297 Pte. H. Cockbill: Awarded 2nd Class Certificate of Education whilst serving at the Duke of York's Royal Military School; date of award, 15/2/28.

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

8059 Pte. H. Algar, 8054 Pte. R. Amner, 8023 Pte. H. Benham, 7966 Pte. S. Brady, 8015 Pte. F. Carter, 7716 Pte. W. Hope, 7947 Pte. S. Jones, 7938 Pte. G. Littleboy, 7949 Pte. T. Pope, 7959 Pte. J. Scott, 7960 Pte. R. Wallace, 8042 Pte. W. Wright, 8056 Pte. R. Welsh, 8012 Pte. G. Burgess, 8074 Pte. C. Buck-

land, 8085 Pte. F. Cassettari, 8038 Pte. W. Caterer, 8217 Pte. C. Chatfield, 8075 Pte. J. Donegar, 8046 Pte. J. Freestone, 8068 Boy J. Lawrence, 8064 Boy F. Lavallette, 8084 Pte. H. Padgett, 8034 Pte. D. Shine, 8014 Pte. N. Tarrant, 8071 Pte. G. Westcliffe, 8218 Pte. H. Atkinson, 8043 Pte. W. Brown, 7864 Pte. G. Beedle, 8232 Pte. S. Billings, 8082 Pte. C. Cox, 8076 Pte. J. Ellmers, 8244 Pte. M. Franks, 8055 Pte. B. Gallagher, 8256 Pte. J. Gill, 8208 Pte. W. Goddard, 8040 Pte. F. Hammond, 8240 Pte. E. Harbach, 8090 Pte. W. Jenkins, 6539316 Pte. E. Purse, 6539308 Pte. W. Pullin, 8069 Pte. E. Pain, 8206 Pte. C. Rogers, 8239 Pte. H. Sansum, 6550435 Pte. B. Stripe, 8093 Pte. E. Staley, 8254 Pte. H. Townsend, 2562316 Pte. J. Vanner, 8208 Pte. J. Whelan, 6584590 Pte. C. Yetton.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Since the last notes appeared, a few changes have taken place in the Corporals' Club, due to the arrival of the 1st Battalion from China.

In a short time now, we hope to be on a more level footing, as, owing to the "war" in China, we accumulated a good number of people, and consequently this rather upset our regular routine.

We held a carnival dance on January 13th, and a dance on March 2nd.

The Sergeants of the Depot attended the dance on March 2nd in full force, which greatly helped towards its success.

We are sorry to have to bid farewell to Cpls. Pinder and Aldridge (to the Army Reserve), and to Cpls. Turner and Short (to the 2nd Battalion). We wish them every success.

We welcome Cpls. Hull, Blake, and Foulger, and L./Cpls. Simmons and Barley from the 1st Battalion, and wish them a successful and happy tour.

We were also pleased to have the company of L./Cpl. Rowe, from the T.A., for a short course.

We are sorry to lose Lieut. Stephenson, who greatly assisted us in every way whilst Officer i/c Corporals' Room.

We welcome Lieut. Lambert, and hope that he will find us easy to please.

If anyone has any use for a trick-cycle rider, we have one to dispose of, in the person of L./Cpl. Heath. He is now practising on the billiard table.

Cpl. Egan still entertains us on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and his tales of the dining-hall and "mock turtle soup" should prove very interesting, if published. He has lately taken a great liking to Scotsmen.

We congratulate Cpls. Woodroff, Mason, Foulger, Thompson, and West on their promotion to Corporal, and are sorry to lose Cpl. Soper on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant, and we wish him the very best in his new sphere.

We entertained the Sergeants to a billiard tournament on February 27th, and it was a most successful evening. The Sergeants won, but revenge is sweet.

We wish all our brothers far afield the very best of luck.

Cheerio till next issue.

BUSTY.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31st, 1928:—

Amount of grants and loans made: £119 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 187.

Number of cases assisted: 75.

Number of men registered for employment: 136.

Number of men found permanent employment: 32.

Number of men offered employment: 125.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 11.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Wednesday, January 25th, 1928.

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, Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Sergt. W. Rogers, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

THE usual Quarterly Concert was held at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, on Saturday, April 7th, when about eighty Old Comrades, with their wives and friends, were present.

By arrangement with Madame Ghita Corri, the entertainment was provided by "The Monocles," a very clever concert party, whose songs, etc., were much appreciated by the audience.

Mr. E. Morris, the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presided, and the following were among those present:—

Major F. S. Steed, Major E. H. Amor, Lieut. D. McDonald, Madame Corri, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Nethercott, Mr. Judd, Mr. Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and son and daughter, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Meachen, Mr. J. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cox, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Safety, Mr. and Mrs. Courtin, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Harragan and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Mr. G. Wollan, Mr. and Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Lucken, Mrs. Corne, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. A. F. King, Mr. T. K. Mackenzie, Mr. S. Turner, Mr. F. B. Gorle, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. A. B. Coldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, Mr. W. Quick, Mr. Chant, Mr. Barry Sullivan and daughter, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mr. W. Quiggan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tipping, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gibson, Mr. C. Weppener, Messrs. R. and P. Meachen and two friends, Mr. and Mrs. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanders, and Mr. F. Fennemore.

CUTTING OFF WITH A SHILLING.

The Romans would sometimes set aside a will in which no provision was made for the heirs or next-of-kin, with the excuse that the will was *in officiosa*, deficient in natural duty. But if any legacy or provision, however small, was mentioned, the will was allowed to stand, and that is very probably the reason why "cutting off with a shilling" came to be employed instead of completely ignoring the party concerned.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Annual Prize Distribution of the Battalion took place at the Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, on Saturday, March 10th. The prizes were distributed by the Director-General of the Territorial Army, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald B. Stephens, K.C.B., C.M.G., who congratulated the Battalion on its splendid performances during the past year.



7TH BATTALION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Director-General was supported by Major-General A. G. Wauchope, C.M.G., D.S.O. (44th Divisional Commander), Col. H. C. Wortham, C.M.G., D.S.O., (132nd Brigade Commander), Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D. (Honorary Colonel of the Battalion), Col. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Association, and many old officers of the Battalion.

A most enjoyable concert took place from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the Prize Distribution took place at 9.15 p.m., at the close of which followed an All Ranks Dance, which terminated at 11.30 p.m.

There was a large attendance, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

Appended is a list of the prize-winners: *Brigade Efficiency Cup*.—Middlesex and Sussex Infantry Brigade. Presented to the battalion gaining most points in the competitions held between January and April each year, for Attendances, Miniature Range Shooting, Lewis Gun and Machine Gun Handling, and Signalling. Won by 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

ing. Won by Sergt.-Dmr. March, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

Young Soldiers' Competition.—Middlesex and Sussex Infantry Brigade Rifle Meeting, for teams of eight Young Soldiers from each company of the battalions in the Brigade. Won by Tottenham Company, 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

BATTALION TROPHIES.

In addition to the cup or shield for the winner of each competition, the following prizes are given:—

In team competitions, except miniature range, each member of the team receives a Battalion Silver Spoon.

In individual competitions:—

1st, Gold Medal; 2nd, Gold Medal; 3, Silver Medal.

Clay Memorial Shield.—Presented in 1894 by Richard Clay, Esq., in memory of Lieut.-Col. Clay, and awarded to the most efficient Company of the year, based on Drill, Musketry, Open and Miniature Range, Lewis Gun, Attendance, and Sports. Won by Tottenham Company (Major J. M. Cossar, T.D.).

Warner Drill Cup.—Presented in 1884 by Lieut.-Col. Sir Joseph Warner, and awarded for the Inter-Company Drill Competition. Won by Hornsey Company (Capt. W. E. H. Muir, M.C.).

Arnold White Cup.—Presented in 1908 by Arnold White, Esq., and awarded for Inter-Company Team Shoot. Won by Tottenham Company. (Team: Major Cossar, C.S.M. Monro, Sergts. Bryan and Chase, L./Cpls. Fitzpatrick and O'Flanagan, and Ptes. Barker and Carpenter.)

Hornsey Vase.—Presented in 1862 by the inhabitants of Hornsey, and awarded for Inter-Company Lewis Gun Team Shoot. Won by Enfield Company. (Team: Cpl. Cutting, L./Cpl. A. Deacon and Ptes. Clark, Gibson, Hancock and Webster.)

Volunteer Cup.—Presented in 1913 by retired officers of the Battalion, and awarded for Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Team Shoot. Won by Tottenham Company. (Team: L./Cpl. O'Flanagan, and Ptes. Beale, Bessant, Hawes, Jones, Knight, Lenney and McGee.)

King Cup.—Presented in 1904 by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., and awarded

for Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition. Won by Tottenham Company (Major J. M. Cossar, T.D.).

Barnet Cup.—Presented in 1880 by the inhabitants of Barnet, and awarded for Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition on Miniature Range. Won by Tottenham Company (Major J. M. Cossar, T.D.).

Sports Cup.—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for cross-country running, and awarded for Inter-Company Cricket, Football and Tug-of-War. Won by Highgate Company.

Magheramorn Shield.—Presented in 1887 by Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., and awarded for Inter-Company Tug-of-War. Won by Enfield Company.

Boxing Cup.—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for cross-country running, and awarded for Inter-Company Boxing Competition. Won by Highgate Company.

Medals for winners in each weight (two medals when more than four competitors):—

Middles.—Pte. Nolan (Hornsey).

Welters.—Pte. Parker (Enfield).

Welters.—Cpl. Chapman (Tottenham).

Lights.—Pte. Peet (Highgate).

Bantams.—Pte. Norman (Highgate).

Fly.—Pte. Mitchell (Highgate).

Battalion Team Medals.—Bars to medals to those members of the team who had represented the Battalion in previous years. Medals and bar to new members of the team, presented by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Smith. The team was second in the Middlesex Justices' Shield, the Sir William Crump Cup, the Ross Brigade Challenge Shield at the Middlesex and Sussex Infantry Brigade Rifle Meeting.

1927 Team:—

Col. Maitland (1923-4-5-6-7), Lieut.-Col. Smith (1922-3-4-5-6-7), Major Cossar (1926-7), Capt. Lindsay (1924-5-6-7), Lieut. Arnold (1927), C.S.M. Monro (1924-5-6-7), Sergt.-Dmr. March (1923-4-7), Sergt. Bryan (1926-7), Sergt. Carter (1923-7), Sergt. Chase (1922-3-5-6-7), Sergt. Endersbey (1927), Sergt. Suggett (1927), Cpl. Rockall (1927), Cpl. Thomas (1925-6-7), L./Cpl. A. Deacon (1927), and L./Cpl. Fitzpatrick (1925-6-7).

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

Officers' Cup.—Presented in 1908 by E. Perronet Sells, Esq., for best shot among the officers. Won by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Smith, T.D.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.—Presented in 1898 by Messrs. H. and G. Simonds for the best shot among the Warrant Officers and Sergeants.

1. Sergt.-Dmr. March (Headquarters).
2. Sergt. Chase (Tottenham).
3. Sergt. Howard (Hornsey).

Marksman's Cup.—Originally the Clarke Challenge Cup of the Hampstead Detachment, reallocated in 1925 for best shot among all ranks, Corporals and under.

1. Cpl. Wrangles (Enfield).
2. L./Cpl. Beadell (Enfield).
3. L./Cpl. Rockall (Highgate) and Pte. R. Giddings (Headquarters), tie.

Lewis Gunners' Cup.—Won in 1917 by the Battalion, in Platoon Bombing Competition, and allotted in 1926 for the best shot, all ranks, with the Lewis Gun.

1. Cpl. A. Deacon (Enfield).
2. Pte. Whiting (Tottenham).
3. Pte. Larnier (Hornsey).

Enfield Cup.—Presented in 1913 by Viscount Enfield, and awarded for best shot amongst those with under two years' service.

1. Pte. Kavanagh (Highgate).
2. Pte. Howes (Hornsey).
3. Pte. Middleton (Enfield).



8th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE our last notes, we have continued the programme of tactical training in the form of exercises without troops. Several of these have been held for officers and N.C.Os. The same ground has been used—near Chalfont St. Peter—thus contrasting the different situations created by the necessity for outposts and mobile defence. The training has been completed by the companies, who dealt with similar problems over the same country.

Annual Training this year is fixed for July 29th. The Camp will be at Falmer, Brighton, and will last until August 12th.

The Battalion boxing contests took place at the Barracks, Hounslow, on January 27th, when the following were winners of their weights:—

- Middle-weight.*—Pte. Raynsford.
Welter-weight.—L./Cpl. Richardson.
Light-weight.—Pte. Tyler.
Feather-weight.—Pte. Elkins.
Bantam-weight.—Pte. Springle.
Fly-weight.—Pte. Price.

Pte. Lockyer put up a particularly good fight when he was beaten by Pte. Tyler, and was awarded a good loser's prize.

The Brigade Boxing was held at Willesden on February 11th, when the Battalion took second place in the Brigade Championship. L./Cpl. Day and Pte. Palmer, of "D" Company are to be congratulated on winning the bantam-weight and feather-weight competitions respectively. There are some keen young boxers in the Battalion, who ought to go a long way each year, if they could only obtain more fights before the Brigade Competition takes place. We hope that the experience gained during the coming year will enable them to put up a good show in 1929.

An enjoyable subscription dance was held at Headquarters on February 17th. The hall was full, and the whole evening appeared to be a great success.

On March 10th, a XV of the officers played rugger against a team of the 9th Battalion officers on the Old Millhills' ground at Harrow. Many of our team emerged from a retirement of some years to take part in the game, and found themselves going through evolutions which they dimly remembered having performed many years before. Despite this, and a snowstorm, and the eccentric kit of the Medical Officer, we were only beaten 6-3. Our best thanks are due to our opponents for so kindly entertaining us and our friends after the match.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Hartley to the Battalion on first appointment to a commission. He has been posted to "D" Company. As he resides in Uxbridge, we may now hope for better liaison between the Battalion and the Uxbridge district authorities than has existed for some time.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

During the 8th Battalion Officers' Annual Reunion Dinner on November 24th last, Col. Peake, a former Commanding Officer, produced an interesting document, summoning a parade of the Battalion nearly seventy years ago. Its language and its antiquity alike seem to warrant its being set out in full:—

"HEADQUARTERS WHITTON
 Oct. 27th, 1860.

"GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTICE

"The members of the 16th Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Corps are requested to attend at Head-quarters on Thursday next 1st November at half-past four o'clock precisely when the Corps will be inspected by the District Government Inspector.

"Every member of the Corps is expected to be present, whether he goes through the Inspection Drill or not, unless a Medical Certificate is sent to the Captain of his Company to account for his absence.

"(Sd.) C. E. MURRAY
 Captain Commandant 16th Volunteer Rifles.
 "Be careful to have Rifle and brasses thoroughly clean.—L.R.C.Serjt."

It is pleasant to note the polite "request" which preceded the "fall in" in those spacious days, and the gentle insistence on punctuality, contained in the word "precisely." The punctual attendance of soldiers on parade is still a curious fad of those in authority, but how brusque and unmannerly, by comparison, are the present-day methods of ensuring it! Politeness and consideration are always worth while. Perhaps our parades would be better attended if we made it clear that mere attendance was sufficient, without the necessary and brutal formality of going through the "Inspection Drill." How misguided are these people who say that modern soldiering is a kid-glove affair by comparison with the stern old days!

The one unchanging note is struck in the postscript of the document. Brass was brass in 1860 as it is in 1928. What is brass for but to clean; and what are Sergeants for but to see that it is cleaned? So the tale goes on through the years, and whenever brass or rifle is produced

the voice of the Sergeant is heard in the land. It is a comfort to know that some things never change.

"H.Q." WING.

(HOUNSLOW)

"H.Q." Wing has nothing startling to report, although their activities since Christmas (both military and social) have been fairly numerous. The Signallers have been busily occupied at Stamford Brook on Mondays, and at Hounslow on Wednesdays, trying to get the better of the "Iddy-umpty" twins. Their numbers have increased lately, with the result that on Signallers' parade nights D.III.s are heard to buzz and moan from all sides of the Drill Hall. The Machine Gunners have also been busy, but their attendances at drills have not quite come up to expectations. Both the Machine Gunners and Signallers are looking forward to their attachment to a Regular battalion at Shorncliffe during the Easter week-end.

The Transport Section have been attending riding school with the officers at St. John's Wood. At least, some of them started off very well, but rumour has it that they were not fond of coming off, and they have not shown so much keenness to attend lately.

Since the beginning of January, spoon shooting on the miniature range has taken place practically every night. The winners of the fortnightly silver spoons up to date are:—

Cpl. Edwards (2), Ptes. Woodall and Sheppard, and Sergt. Frost.

I am asked to state that the rumour that tea-services will be offered after every man in the Company has won a set of spoons is not correct.

On Sunday, April 1st, we are holding a church parade at Holy Trinity Church, to which all companies are invited. As it is such a long time since "H.Q." Wing held a church parade of their own, this ought to prove popular both with the Company and with the local inhabitants.

"C" Company Club sent teams for billiards, darts, cribbage and whist to play us on March 2nd. They won the darts, but we managed to beat them in the other games. It was a very enjoyable evening, and we are looking forward to our return visit to their drill hall. We

shall see then if they can play darts as well on their own board as they can on ours.

"A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON)

We have been making steady progress with the Winter Weapon Training Competition since the New Year, but at the time of writing the Inter-Company results are not yet out.

There has been an improvement in the numbers on parade this year, which we hope is due to extra keenness, although it seems not unlikely that the proposed payment of bounties at camp has had something to do with it.

The monthly spoon shoots on the miniature range seem to be popular. The winners, up to the present, have been:—

January.—L./Cpl. Gunner. Runner-up, C.S.M. Bawn.

February.—Pte. Abbott. Runner-up, L./Cpl. Webb.

Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants attended a Battalion Tactical Exercise near Amersham on March 4th, in ideal weather, and a Company Exercise for junior N.C.Os. was held on the same ground on March 25th. We all now feel that what we do not know about defensive positions in mobile warfare is not worth knowing.

We have, as usual, been temporarily short of officers for some time; Lieut. Pattison has been on leave for business reasons, and Lieut. Maddex has been attending a machine gun course at the London District School of Instruction, and has also been undergoing his Certificate "A" examination.

We are sorry to say that at last the time has come, and our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Manders, has left us, having been posted to the 1st Battalion in February last for a few months, before taking his discharge. C.S.M. and Mrs. Manders have been with us for nearly six years, and during that time they have both worked loyally for the good of the Company in all ways. Our best wishes go with them. We hope that the parting will only be a temporary one, as we believe they intend ultimately to settle in the district.

We extend a welcome to C.S.M. Pelly (our new Permanent Staff Instructor) and Mrs. Pelly.

Sergt. Williams has now recovered from his recent illness, and is back with the Company again. Sergt. Madden ("B" Company) was attached to us last February, and is still with the Company.

In the Battalion Boxing Competition held in January, Pte. Raynsford won the middle-weights and therefore becomes the winner of the silver medal presented by Lieut. Maddex. L./Cpl. Richardson had a walk-over in the welter-weights, as there were no other entrants in this class.

In the Brigade Boxing Competition, Pte. Raynsford was our only representative, and, although he put up a very good fight, he lost on points.

"B" COMPANY. (EALING)

Since the beginning of the year, we have been practising hard for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and with such good results that we have hopes of again representing the Battalion, and having another try to win the shield.

The parades for some time past have been very well attended.

We welcome C.S.M. and Mrs. Horrex to the Company, and hope that they will find life at Ealing at least as pleasant as with the 1st Battalion.

We have to congratulate the following on their promotion (provisional):—

L./Cpl. Gowers and L./Cpl. Bird, to be Corporals; and Ptes. A. Rowe and A. V. Rowe, to be Lance-Corporals.

L./Cpl. A. V. Rowe is at present attending a weapon training course at Mill Hill, and so we expect great things from him in the forthcoming competition.

Pte. Tyler boxed for the Battalion in the lightweights at the Brigade Meeting, and, although he did not win his fight, we must congratulate him on a clean, hard bout.

On Sunday, February 26th, the officers and senior N.C.Os. went to Amersham for a tactical exercise. We started for the Ivy Inn—too well known for further description—and were surprised to find the fields in places lying three feet deep in water—a paradise for ducks—and the "tank" that took us into action claimed damages for scratched bodywork.

On Saturday, March 10th, we turned out a soccer team to play Beldam Athletic, the result being a reverse to the tune of 4 goals to 1, C.S.M. Huntingford scoring our only goal. We hope to play some more games before the close of the season.

We have much pleasure in recording an unofficial visit from Capt. E. F. Lyons, of the 1st Battalion, on March 9th. He was very much impressed by the smartness of the Company. He had his eye on one young N.C.O. in particular, and talked about taking him off to Catterick. No names, no pack drill.

By the time these notes appear in print, the Battalion Cross-Country Run will have been held. We hope to win it this time.

We are all eagerly looking forward to camp, and hoping that this year we may see less rain and mud, and more of that weather which fosters a true thirst.

"C" COMPANY. (STAINES)

A very enjoyable children's party was held on Saturday, December 31st, 1927. It was the first venture of its kind in connection with "C" Company, and C.S.M. and Mrs. Rogers are deserving of the highest praise for having made such excellent arrangements. The drill hall was tastefully decorated, and the guests, numbering about fifty, were entertained to an excellent tea. The children afterwards received gifts from the Christmas tree, and there also were games and a competition for the mothers, for which prizes were given.

A very successful shoot was held during Christmas. The result was:—

1, Capt. H. A. M. Hughes (47); 2, Ptes. Duckworth and Wright; 3, Pte. Snelling.

Since Christmas, four fortnightly spoon shoots have been held. They were won by L./Cpl. Wright (2), Pte. H. Duckworth and Pte. Gigg.

On Saturday, February 25th, a dance was held, when we were able to welcome many of our friends and supporters from Staines and Ashford.

We entered two teams in the Staines Hospital Dart Challenge Cup. In the first round, our "A" Team beat the North Star "C" Team. In the second

round, the Prince Alfred, Thorpe Lea, Egham, defeated our "B" Team, after two excellent games, by 2 games to 0.

On Friday, March 2nd, we were the guests of "H.Q." Wing, with whom we spent a most enjoyable evening. We should like to thank them for their hospitality, and we can assure them they will be very welcome when they visit us.

The following have to be congratulated on promotion and appointment:—

Promotions.—L./Cpls. Gunn and Johnson, to be Corporals (provisional).

Appointments.—Ptes. Wright and Tiller, appointed Lance-Corporals.

Our future events include a cross-country run on March 31st; a visit from "H.Q." Wing on April 13th; a church parade on April 22nd; a dance on April 28th; and a Company outing at Southsea on June 10th.

"D" COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

We welcome to the Company 2/Lieut. Hartley, whose home is in Uxbridge, and who therefore is the first local officer to be posted to "D" Company for some time. C.S.M. Sadler has also joined us as our new Permanent Staff Instructor. He seems already to have taught several young men in Uxbridge what they should do with their spare time, and which drill hall to do it in.

C.S.M. Sparkes has left us, as he has now finished his service with the Colours, or rather he is no longer with us in his official capacity, for his familiar figure is still to be seen from time to time, and there is even a rumour that he is putting recruits through a general knowledge examination. This is not, he says, because he fears for the tone of the Company, but because he likes to hear the answers to such questions as, "Who invented ground-sheets?"—"Sir Walter Raleigh." "Who was the first embarkation officer?"—"Noah."

A dance in the drill hall on March 17th served as an occasion for honouring the names of those who will always be with us in spirit—Sparkes and St. Patrick.

Congratulations are due to all those who have represented the Company at boxing, and especially to L./Cpl. Day and Pte. Palmer for their display in the Brigade Championships; also, of course,

to Bunn, whose instruction has enabled "D" Company to make itself felt in the ring as it has lately done.

The senior N.C.Os. attended the Battalion Tactical Exercise near Amer-sham on March 4th.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE last three months have been full of numerous activities for the 9th Middlesex, but, as the hard work put in by all ranks has been crowned with success, we feel that it was "worth it."

At the time of going to press, the Winter Weapon Training Competition has just finished, and congratulations are due to "D" Company on winning the Battalion Championship. We are sure that they will represent us worthily in the Brigade Championships, and that our record of unbroken successes is safe in their hands. The championship of the Battalion has not been easy to win, and the betting has been fairly evenly distributed. "A" Company were favourites for the first month, then "B" Company "got down to it," caught them up, and passed them, but finally "D" Company, after some real hard work by all ranks, came out on top.

Our list of successes started with the Battalion football team winning the Divisional Championship. We then won the competition for the best maintained miniature range in the 132nd Infantry Brigade. This was entirely due to the hard work put in by R.S.M. Beasley and C.S.M. Kelly, and they deserve great credit for regaining this shield for us from the 7th Battalion. Our next effort was to win the Brigade Boxing for the third year in succession, and we ended up with four winners and two runners-up out of seven events. As there are special boxing notes elsewhere, it is not proposed to go into details here, but the subject cannot be left without special reference being made to our indefatigable trainers, "Jimmy" Dunmow, Sergts. Barnes, Barnett and Baxter. The way in which these experienced trainers have brought on some of our young novices has been perfectly astounding.

We regret to announce that an old friend is shortly leaving us. By the time these notes appear in print, C.S.M. Kelly will have gone to civilian life, having completed twenty-one years in the Army. It is rumoured that he is departing to a much more lucrative sphere of existence in the City, and I only hope that, when he reaches the pinnacle of affluence, his Rolls may often be seen in Pound Lane.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Sergt. Clift, from the 1st Battalion, and are now expecting even greater things from the Corps of Drums, as there is nothing that Sergt. Clift does not know about the difficult art of side-drumming.

As there seems to be a considerable amount of "copy" this quarter, these notes must of necessity be curtailed, but before closing we should like to offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. Ross on the loss of his wife. Mr. Ross has served this Battalion for twenty years, and it must have been very hard for him to leave his many friends, but when in addition there is added this second blow, and a very much more serious one at that, we feel that the fates have dealt unkindly with Mr. Ross.

BOXING.

INTER-COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The championships were held at Pound Lane on Thursday, January 19th, and resulted in an excellent evening's sport. "H.Q." winning the Company Cup by one point from "C" Company. The doors opened at 6.30 p.m., and by the time the boxing commenced there was a large crowd present in the hall. It had been confidently expected that the hall would be packed, as, in addition to those paying for admission, complimentary tickets had been sent to all the employers of labour in the district.

In the novices' light-weight, the final between Jones, of "H.Q." Wing, and Parker, of "A" Company, was hotly contested, the former coming out the eventual winner on points. Both these men are absolute novices who only commenced boxing this year, and if they continue with the same enthusiasm that they have shown up to the present, they should go a long way in the noble art. Dmr. Vincent beat Pte. Lathwell, of "D"

Company, in the novices' feather-weight, after an interesting and plucky fight. It cannot be said that there was a great deal of skill displayed by either the winner or the loser, but what was lacking in technique was made up for in pluck. Vincent has a useful right hook, but he must not forget that, without a straight left, a boxer will never go far.

The best competition of the evening was the novices' bantam-weight, won by Pte. Foster, of "C" Company. Foster is one of the most promising young boxers in the Battalion, and, as he is a boxing enthusiast, who takes his training very seriously, he should eventually come out a Divisional winner, when he gains a little more experience.

In the open middle-weight, Pte. Lock, of "C" Company, put up a very good show against an experienced boxer like Boston, to whom he lost on points. Macdonald, of "A" Company, made Thompson go all the way in the welter-weight, and in doing so showed that he is a coming man, because Thompson is probably one of the best boxers in the Battalion, and for a novice to go three rounds with him is a very fine effort indeed.

Graham and Dunn had a magnificent fight in the open light-weight, the former just winning on points. Both these men are skilled boxers, and this fight was as fine an exhibition of boxing as could be seen anywhere.

The most amusing incident during the evening was the open fly-weight, between Jackman, father and son. This bout particularly appealed to the crowd, and the unfortunate father was subjected to many witty sallies during the fight.

The two six-round contests provided some excellent boxing. In the first, P.C. Howell, of Harlesden, proved too good for his fellow-policeman, Algar, after a dour fight. The second contest, which promised some fine fighting, only went three rounds, as Pte. Conisbee's eye started bleeding so freely that the referee was forced to stop the fight. Conisbee, however, was giving away weight, and was hardly a match for the experienced Townes, who, we are glad to say, is now a member of the 9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

The results were as follows:—

Novices' Light-weight. — *Semi-finals:* L./Cpl. Parker ("A" Company) beat Pte. Laing ("C" Company); Pte. Jones ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Bastard ("A" Company). *Final:* Jones beat Parker.

Novices' Feather-weight. — *Semi-finals:* Dmr. Vincent ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Pratt ("C" Company); Pte. Lathwell ("D" Company), bye. *Final:* Vincent beat Lathwell.

Novices' Bantam-weight. — *1st Series:* Pte. Trendall ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Feakins ("C" Company). *Semi-finals:* Pte. Goodwin ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Carter ("C" Company); Pte. Foster ("C" Company) beat Pte. Trendall ("H.Q." Wing). *Final:* Foster beat Goodwin.

Open Middle-weight. — L./Cpl. Boston ("B" Company) beat Pte. Lock ("C" Company).

Open Welter-weight. — Pte. Thompson ("C" Company) beat Pte. Macdonald ("A" Company).

Open Light-weight. — Pte. Graham ("D" Company) beat Pte. Dunn ("C" Company).

Open Fly-weight. — L./Cpl. Jackman ("H.Q." Wing) beat Boy Jackman ("H.Q." Wing).

Special Six-round Contests. — P.C. Howell ("X" Division, Harlesden) beat P.C. Algar ("X" Division, Willesden). L. H. Townes (Old Hendon Boxing Club) beat Pte. Conisbee (9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment).

BRIGADE BOXING.

The Middlesex County Group Boxing Championships, which were held at Pound Lane, Willesden, on February 11th, resulted in a most successful evening's boxing. The hall was crowded, and for the first time in history the tournament showed a financial gain. It was estimated that over 800 people were present.

In the heavy-weights, the 9th were not represented, as the only men in the Battalion who are sufficiently heavy enough to box in this weight have achieved this distinction by much consumption of "wallop," and it is extremely doubtful if they could last one, let alone three rounds.

The middles provided us with three valuable points, as both our entries

reached the final, where Boston once more defeated Lock on points. In the welter-weights, Thompson (9th Battalion) was beaten by Parker in the first round. Thompson, however, put up a very good show, as Parker is a boxer with years of experience behind him, and indeed gave Townes, of the 9th Battalion, some anxious moments in the final.

Turland did extremely well to be runner-up in the feather-weights, and he is undoubtedly a man who, with more experience, will go a long way, provided he trains properly.

We were strongly represented in the light-weights by Conisbee and Dunn. The latter was unfortunate enough to meet Dvr. Caley, of the 44th H.C. Signals, in the first round, and after a very fine fight indeed just lost on points. We were all looking forward to the final between Conisbee and Caley, but the latter broke his thumb in the semi-final, and Conisbee got a walk-over.

The best fight of the evening was undoubtedly the final of the fly-weights between Patterson (9th Battalion) and Mitchell (7th Battalion). They went at each other hammer and tongs, Mitchell the better boxer, Patterson the more rugged fighter. At the end of three rounds, the referee was unable to separate them, and ordered a fourth round of one minute, which Patterson, lasting better than his opponent, just won.

The evening ended with the 9th Battalion winning the cup for the third year in succession; the final placings being:—

9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment	... 12 pts.
8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment	... 7 pts.
7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment	... 3 pts.
44th Signals	... 1 pt.

The results were as follows:—

Heavy-weight.—Sergt. Reed (8th Middlesex), walk over.

Middle-weight.—*Semi-finals:* Pte. Lock (9th Middlesex) beat L./Cpl. Raynsford (8th Middlesex); L./Cpl. Boston (9th Middlesex) beat L./Cpl. Howell (Sigs.). *Final:* Boston beat Lock.

Welter-weight.—*1st Series:* Cpl. Chapman (7th Middlesex) beat Pte. Woodward (8th Middlesex). *Semi-finals:* Pte. Parker (7th Middlesex) beat Pte. Thompson (9th Middlesex); Pte. Townes (9th Middlesex) beat Cpl. Chapman (7th Middlesex). *Final:* Townes beat Parker.

Light-weight.—*Semi-finals:* Sig. Caley (Sigs.) beat Pte. Dunn (9th Middlesex); Pte. Conisbee (9th Middlesex) beat Pte. Tyler (8th Middlesex). *Final:* Conisbee walk-over, Caley scratched.

Feather-weight.—*Semi-finals:* Pte. Turland (9th Middlesex) beat Pte. Booker (8th Middlesex); Pte. Palmer (8th Middlesex) beat Dmr. Vincent (9th Middlesex). *Final:* Palmer beat Turland.

Bantam-weight.—*1st Series:* Pte. Norman (7th Middlesex) beat Pte. Smith (8th Middlesex); Spr. Goodman (R.E.) beat Pte. Fielding (9th Middlesex). *Semi-finals:* Pte. Norman (7th Middlesex) beat Sergt. Wallis (Sigs.); L./Cpl. Day (8th Middlesex) beat Spr. Goodman (R.E.). *Final:* Day beat Norman.

Fly-weight.—*1st Series:* Pte. Mitchell (7th Middlesex) beat L./Cpl. Jackman (9th Middlesex). *Semi-finals:* Cpl. Patterson (9th Middlesex) beat Pte. Mason (8th Middlesex); Pte. Mitchell (7th Middlesex) beat Pte. Price (8th Middlesex). *Final:* Patterson beat Mitchell.

"B" COMPANY.

Since the last Journal appeared, our energies and thoughts have been concentrated on the Winter Weapon Training Competition. At the time of writing, the result is unknown, but whether we have retained the Sherwood Shield or not, the N.C.Os. and men of the Company are to be congratulated most heartily on their efforts to do so: the keenness they have shown has been excellent.

We have missed Mr. Gray very much from our Wednesday parades, but we understand that, in addition to learning to ride, he has acquired a considerable knowledge of the art of "effecting safe landings."

We were very sorry that "C" Company had to postpone their visit to us on January 7th, as we have a shooting match against them in April. We hope that we shall then have an opportunity of showing them some hospitality.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Boston and Pte. Turland on being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Boxing Championships. L./Cpl. Boston we know of old, but it was very pleasing to see Turland, more or less a newcomer to the Company, put up such a good show. We should do even better next

year. We must see that we are better represented in the future: two members of the Company are not good enough for "B." We are looking forward to seeing our three pairs of brothers in the ring next year.

"D" COMPANY.

Since the last Journal appeared, the whole of the time has been taken up with the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and it is hoped that, by the time these notes appear, the Company will have taken the Sherwood Shield from "B" Company.

The altered conditions this year seem to have stimulated the interest taken in the competition, and the Company are giving a cup and medals to the section with the best averages to count.

The Battalion boxers have also been very busy during the last three months. In the Battalion Championships, although we did not have a great number of entries, we did fairly well, Cpl. Patterson winning the fly-weight, Pte. Graham the light-weight, and Pte. Lathwell was runner-up in the bantam-weight.

In the Brigade Competition, we had three winners, having in the meantime enlisted Ptes. Garrett and Townes, of the Old Hendon Boxing Club, who, together with Cpl. Patterson, won their weights, Cpl. Patterson's bout, against Pte. Mitchell, of the 7th Battalion, being the best of the evening.

The Company turned up at Chelsea fairly strongly for the Divisional Competitions, to cheer our representatives on. After a splendid evening's boxing, we lost the cup to the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment by one point.

The Friday night dances went very well during January and February, but dropped off a bit in March. However, we finished the season with a "bumper" on St. Patrick's Night, which made up for the losses.

Badminton seems to have dropped off lately. This is probably due to the Winter Weapon Training Competition taking up so much of the time. We shall have to have more practice if we hope to send over representatives who will stand a chance against the B.T.H.

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THE TENTH MIDDLESEX SERGEANTS' MESS ASSOCIATION.

THERE is no increase in our numbers to report his time. Recruiting Sergeants, wake up!

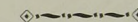
All members will join in wishing a speedy recovery to Clr.-Sergt. Hinton, who has been seriously ill.

Three of our overseas members, Cock-eran, Cull and "Doc" Langton, have been home this year, and paid us visits. All three, we believe, have now returned to their respective stations, but, before going, paid up their subscriptions for 1928, thereby setting an example that home members might imitate with advantage to the exchequer.

Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Capt. J. B. Griffin, whom we had not seen since leaving Lucknow in 1919. "Griff," now a Padre with headquarters in the city, has promised to attend the next Annual Dinner.

The "2nd South" O.C.A. is going strong, and has a long fixture list arranged. The Committee will welcome recruits from the old Battalion.

By the way, subscriptions for 1928 are now due. Have you paid yours? If not, why not? Do it now!



AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

The frolicsome young subaltern had attended a party at the Colonel's residence. Tommy, the Colonel's youngest, was overheard putting him through it the next day.

TOMMY: "I saw you kiss sister last night."

F.Y.S.: "Did you, Tommy? There's sixpence for you. Not a word!"

TOMMY: "Thank you; and I saw you kiss the French maid in the hall afterwards."

F.Y.S.: "Great Scott! Here's half-a-crown!"

CORRESPONDENCE.

P.O. MARAISBURG,
TRANSVAAL,
SOUTH AFRICA.
March 7th, 1928.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of February 8th, I beg to inform you that I would be



[Snapped by Miss Doris Trezona]

Lieut.-Col. W. D. Ingle and Ex-Sergt.-Dr. W. Trezona on Johannesburg Station, March 5th, 1928.

pleased and honoured to act as the Association's representative.

There are not many of us here, and none of them require any assistance, as far as I know.

Those I know personally are:—

1981 Bdsn. M. Dempsey, S.A. Railways, Durban; 3203 Bdsn. A. E. Stret-

ton, S.A. Railways, Benoni, Transvaal; Telegraphist Millar, Central Telegraph Office, Johannesburg; Gaoler Deny Fitzpatrick, Belfast, Transvaal; 3047 Bdsn. P. Saunders, Superintendent S.A. Railways, Johannesburg; Dmr. R. S. Ozard, Edythedale Dairy, City Deep, Johannesburg.

There must be other ex-members of the Regiment whom I do not know.

There is an old man in a bad way, I believe, whose name and address is known by Deny Fitzpatrick. This old member was in the 57th Regiment in the Zulu War.

I had much pleasure in renewing acquaintance with Lieut.-Col. W. D. Ingle last week. He was here on a visit, and left yesterday for Capetown *en route* to Australia, New Zealand, and England. One of my daughters and myself saw him off from Johannesburg Station, and the enclosed snap was taken just before the train left. Perhaps it would be suitable for the Magazine.

Messrs. Stretton, Saunders and myself had some long chats with Col. Ingle about old times.

Wishing all old members and the Association the best of luck,

(Sd.) W. TREZONA.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR SAMUEL HOPPER POWELL.

Major Samuel Hopper Powell, a Crimean veteran, died at the Upper House, Wickham, Hants, on March 21st, 1928, at the age of 92. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Samuel Hopper Powell, of Sharow Hall, Ripon, and was born on September 21st, 1835. He served in the Crimea with the 57th The Middlesex Regiment at the Siege of Sevastopol and the capture of Kinburna, and was afterwards Adjutant of the North Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers. He married, in 1865, Frederica, daughter of Mr. R. M. Jacques, of Easby Abbey.

The funeral took place on March 24th at North Runcion, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

With Major Powell passes away the last of the officer veterans of the Crimean War.

MRS. CARRINGTON.

On February 29th, 1928, Mrs. Carrington (the late Brig.-General Lumley's sister), whilst out hunting with the Garth Hounds, at Fuley Hill, was seen to fall from her horse. When picked up, it was discovered that she was dead.

COUNT LOTHAR BLÜCHER.

Count Lothar Blücher died in Switzerland on April 3rd, 1928. He was the son of the late Prince Gihard Blücher of Wahlstalt, a direct descendant of the German General who afforded the British Army such valuable service at Waterloo in 1815. Count Blücher, although a German by birth, formerly held a commission in the Royal Guernsey Militia, and served in the Middlesex Regiment during the Great War.

MRS. ELIZABETH SWEENEY.

The widow of the late Michael Sweeney, of "I" Company, 1st Battalion, passed away at Waterford on April 1st. The funeral took place at Waterford on April 3rd, when several old members of the Regiment were present.

NOTICES.

OFFICERS' LEAVE.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (retired), is Proprietor of the United Service Garages, Palmerston Road, Southsea, and 126, High Street, Old Portsmouth. Officers can hire a car to drive themselves for any period. Officers can purchase guaranteed used cars at less than current market value. Major Sharp will repurchase any used car he sells for cash, deducting from the purchase price from 10 guineas per month for wear and tear (three months' minimum). Weekly list of cars sent on application. Major Sharp would be pleased to send any car on sale

or return, and would meet officers in London, or any place convenient to them. Cars bought for cash; twelve months' written guarantee given with every used car. London office, 40, Regent House, Regent Street, W. Mayfair 4504.

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RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

PROTECTION CERTIFICATE OBSOLETE.

From correspondence received at the War Office, it appears that doubts exist among ex-officers and officers of the Reserve as to their obligations under Army Form Z.3, otherwise the "Protection Certificate," which was issued to them on demobilization or disembodiment after the Great War. This form, which stated the place of rejoining in case of emergency, was only intended to cover the period immediately following the war, and is no longer applicable to anyone. Those officers of the Reserve who are required to join units on mobilization are in possession of special instructions. Those who have no such instructions are not required to take any action in the event of mobilization or other emergency; but they must give the authorities written notification of any change of address since last reporting, so that instructions may be sent to them if their services are required.

Officers on the Regular Army Reserve of Officers are still required to report annually to the Under-Secretary of State, War Office, in January; officers on the General List, Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, to the Under-Secretary of State on July 1st; and officers on the Regimental List, Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, to the Officer in charge of the unit to which they are attached, on July 1st.

The Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes have issued their 1928 Edition of their Summer Sports Catalogue, which is well illustrated, and can be seen at their branches.

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

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief	...	Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C., Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L. R. S. Fus., S. W. Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. Personal A.D.C. to the King.	...
Colonel	...	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.	25 Feb. 21
Officer Commanding Depot	...	Jeffery, Maj. W. W., Midd'x R.	11 Mar. 26

1st and 2nd Battalions, (Regular.)	s. Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. 7 Dec. 13 M. maj. 3 June 19 i.v. Thorp, J. R. [i] 26 Jan. 16 Phillips, H. M., C. 26 Aug. 16 Bucknall, G. C., M. C. (s.c.s.) 26 Aug. 16 Paul, H. W. M., M.C. (s.c.) m.c. 3 June 19 O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) m.c. 26 Aug. 16 t. Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (i) 1 Jan. 17 d. Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25 Apr. 17 Lawrence, F. A. L., M.C. (i) 7 May 17 Idel Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (i) 28 Sept. 20 Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23 Mar. 21 Procter, N. P., M.C. 1 Apr. 21 Lyons, E. F., M.C. 18 Feb. 22 Garrow, V. J., M.C. 23 Feb. 22 d. Manson, E. P., M.C. 15 June 26 Roberts, W. L., (Spec. Appl.) 9 May 27 c.o. Hill, R. L., M.C. 9 May 27 t. Mirams, S., M.C. 9 May 27 Nunn, F. J., M.C. 2 Feb. 27 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 15 Sept. 27 c.o. Weller, A. P., M.C. 9 May 27 Pain, E. T., M.C. 9 May 27	2 Chapman, J. R. S. 3 Jan. 19 Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27 Aug. 19 d. Clayton, H. W. 27 Aug. 19 Stephenson, G. A. 24 Oct. 19 c.o. Howell, H. A. A. 24 Oct. 19 Clark, S. J., 21 Feb. 20 Walden, F., 21 Feb. 20 adjt. 21 Feb. 20 Heywood, E. L., 20 Feb. 20 Ayscough, E. S. M., 20 Dec. 20 c.o. Reid, J. G. E. 18 July 21 Hudson, E. V. H., 17 Dec. 21 Musselwhite, C. C. 16 July 22 Cubitt, D. Y., 24 Dec. 22 Tuckey, P. E. C., 14 July 23 Worton, J. R. B., 14 July 23 d. Lambert, H. P., 14 July 23 Gordon, I. D. S., 14 July 23 Crawford, M., 23 Dec. 23 Newton, W. C., 27 Aug. 24 Jacob, M. A., 27 Aug. 26 Chisholm, G. A. N., 18 Dec. 26 Goulden, G. A., 29 Jan. 27	5th Battalion (Militia). Hon. Colonel. Majors. Captain. Schooling, J. H. 3 Apr. 15 6th Battalion (Militia). Hon. Colonel. Lt.-Colonel. Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E. 4 Apr. 18 Captains. Josephs, L. H. O. 22 Apr. 14 Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C. 20 Mar. 15 Pechell, H. C. 1 Jan. 17 7th Battalion (Territorial). "South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N. Hon. Colonel. King, E. J. C.M.G., r.p. (Col. Terr. Army) t.a., D.L. 13 Aug. 25 Lt.-Colonel. Maitland, J. K., M.C. t.a. 18 Feb. 24 bt. col. 18 Feb. 28 Adjutants (2). Rackham, B. B., M.C. capt. 17 Sept. 26 Walden, F., M.C. 3 Aug. 26 Subalterns (34). Lieutenants. Dix-Lewis, A., 2 Sept. 17 Royffe, H. S., 18 Sept. 17 Kempster, G. W., 19 Jan. 18 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1 Feb. 18 Jones, W. H. V., 16 Feb. 18 t. Hedgecoe, S. F., 27 Apr. 18 t. Parker, F. G., 4 June 18 t. Overell, A. N., 1 Nov. 18 d. Clowes, J. H., 1 Nov. 18	25 Feb. 21 11 Mar. 26 3 Apr. 15 4 Apr. 18 22 Apr. 14 20 Mar. 15 1 Jan. 17 13 Aug. 25 18 Feb. 24 18 Feb. 28 17 Sept. 26 3 Aug. 26 2 Sept. 17 18 Sept. 17 19 Jan. 18 1 Feb. 18 16 Feb. 18 27 Apr. 18 4 June 18 1 Nov. 18 1 Nov. 18
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Lieutenants. Wells, E. T. W. 1 Mar. 19 Maxwell, S. G. 7 July 22 Pattison, D. R. 13 Nov. 24 Elliott, P. R. H. 22 July 26 Cary, R. C. 11 Mar. 27	Adjutant. Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt. Lieut. Middx. R. 1 Oct. 25 Quartermaster. Dymore, H., M.C. Capt. 19 Apr. 20 9th Battalion (Territorial). Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10. Hon. Colonel. Blumfeld, J. L., r.p. t.a. 10 Jan. 22	Lt.-Colonel. Beach, G., O.B.E., TD t.a. 17 Aug. 22 bt. col. 17 Aug. 26 Major. Tupper, G. W. H., r.p. t.a. 7 Jan. 21 Captains. Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1 June 16 Findlay, L. F. 25 Oct. 21 Fox, G. L. 17 Aug. 22 Sherwood, H. 22 Oct. 22 Hardcastle, H. K. 12 July 27 Lieutenants. Hogg, F. G. 31 Mar. 23 Furlong, I. E. 11 May 23 Hewson, A. S. 9 June 23 Wright, L. C. 24 Dec. 23	Wright, E. W. 24 Dec. 23 Hether, H. 17 Mar. 26 Furness, G. J. B. 30 July 26 Coubro, T. P. 23 June 27 2nd Lieutenants. Gray, H. W. W. 24 Mar. 26 Sutcliffe, B. L. 2 July 26 Bedwell, L. J. 18 Jan. 23 Adjutant. Horrocks, B. G., M.C., capt. Middx. R. 25 Jan. 27 Quarter-Master. Lawson, E. C., M.C. 15 July 24 [Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]	Territorial battalions affiliated to the Regiment: 7th City of London Regt. (Post Office Rifles). 24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2. Adjutant. Mirams, S. M. C., capt. Middx. R. 19th London Regiment. (St. Pancras). The figure of St. Pancras 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1. Adjutant. Parker, F. G., capt. Lieut. Middx. R.
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SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S.

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Catterick Camp, Yorks., should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	Depot	26/9/24	Sgt.	A. Campbell	1st	10/-/24
R.S.M.	W. Beaman	1st	15/8/26	Sgt. (I.M.)	P. Newman	1st	16/2/24
Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	1st	27/6/16	Sgt.	G. H. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. W. Clark	1st	5/11/21	Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	Depot	15/7/24	Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	9th	30/1/15	Sgt.	J. Griffen	7th	11/6/24
C.S.M.	H. Seamark	24th Lond.	6/10/15	Sgt.	V. Brockman	1st	15/7/24
C.S.M.	J. Walker, M.M.	1st	3/7/16	Sgt.	L. Clarke	19th Lond.	1/9/24
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	7th Lond.	4/9/17	Sgt.	W. Clements	1st	10/11/24
C.S.M.	E. Crouch	1st	1/9/24	Sgt. (I.M.)	A. Russell	Depot	18/2/25
C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	1/3/25
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	19th Lond.	26/5/25	Sgt.	E. Burt	Depot	26/3/25
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	1st	4/6/25	Sgt.	Y. Fleming	1st	16/4/25
C.S.M.	J. Tugate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	26/5/25
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	8th	28/10/25	Sgt.	W. Raindle	1st	16/8/25
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	1/9/26	Sgt.	T. Page	19th Lond.	20/5/26
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	1st	28/2/28	Sgt.	W. Bennett	7th	19/6/26
C.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	13/6/25	Sgt.	T. Tiller	Depot	1/7/26
C.Q.M.S.	A. Goldstraw	1st	28/10/25	Sgt.	J. Trapp	1st	30/1/27
C.Q.M.S.	E. Sheppard	22nd	No records	Sgt.-Dmr.	J. Bray	1st	9/2/27
C.Q.M.S.	C. E. Goodall	1st	15/2/27	Sgt.	G. Clift	9th	9/2/27
C.Q.M.S.	J. Wilcockson	1st	11/6/27	Sgt.	G. Horrex	8th	9/2/27
C.S. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	1st	2/7/27	Sgt.	T. Robbins	1st	15/2/27
Csl.-Sgt.	A. King	Egypt. A.	22/2/28	Sgt.	R. Challis	1st	21/2/27
C.Q.M.S.	A. West	Depot	22/2/28	Sgt.	F. Stacey	Depot	22/2/28
C.Q.M.S.	H. Darby	1st	28/2/28	Sgt.	C. Misso	1st	28/2/28
Sgt.	A. Baynham	1st	13/10/15	Sgt.	H. G. Thomas	1st	5/3/28
Sgt.	H. G. Manders	1st	28/2/17	Sgt.	J. Steward	1st	7/3/28
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	1st	26/10/18	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	1/5/20
Sgt.	C. Mabb	1st	19/9/19	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. Warren	1st	1/4/23
Sgt.	W. Sadler	8th	10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. T. Jones	1st	10/4/23
Sgt.	E. Walsh	7th	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	Depot	11/1/24
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	Depot	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Egan, M.M.	Depot	16/2/24
Sgt.	A. Hart	1st	9/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. H. E. Northcott, M.M.	Depot	18/3/24
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	9th	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24
Sgt.	C. H. Stuart	1st	23/4/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Soper	Depot	16/7/24
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	1st	18/10/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	1st	1/9/24
Sgt.	R. Mewett	Depot	12/12/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Stenning	1st	10/11/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	Depot	12/1/24	Cpl.	G. Blake	Depot	13/12/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24				

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) E. Williams ...	1st	26/3/25	L./Cpl. H. Rumens ...	Depot	6/8/26		
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) C. H. Kennett ...	1st	1/3/25	L./Cpl. F. Paris ...	1st	28/10/26		
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) J. J. O'Brien ...	1st	16/4/25	L./Cpl. F. Bowden ...	1st	14/1/27		
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) L. Honeybun ...	1st	26/5/25	L./Cpl. A. Ball ...	1st	22/1/27		
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) E. Bearne ...	Depot	15/6/25	L./Cpl. F. Rochester ...	1st	26/8/27		
Cpl. E. Denyer ...	1st	17/2/26	L./Cpl. W. Webster ...	1st	23/9/27		
Cpl. H. C. Hull, M.M.	Depot	18/2/26	L./Cpl. A. Holt ...	1st	14/10/27		
Cpl. L./Sgt (O.R.C.) L. I. Priddy	1st	13/3/26	L./Cpl. F. Thompson ...	1st	14/10/27		
Cpl. H. Riley ...	1st	20/5/26	L./Cpl. H. Meakins ...	1st	14/10/27		
Cpl. J. Painter ...	1st	23/5/26	L./Cpl. C. Brown ...	1st	30/10/27		
Cpl. T. Sewell ...	1st	3/7/26	L./Cpl. L. Williams ...	1st	12/11/27		
Cpl. A. Wallace ...	1st	9/7/26	L./Cpl. C. Drummond ...	1st	10/11/27		
Cpl. (L./Sgt.) G. Knock ...	1st	28/7/26	L./Cpl. T. Skinner ...	1st	13/12/27		
Cpl. G. Theobald ...	1st	5/8/26	L./Cpl. S. Hutson ...	1st	13/12/27		
Cpl. H. Wilson ...	1st	14/10/26	L./Cpl. E. Rous ...	1st	29/12/27		
Cpl. L. Westney ...	1st	26/10/26	L./Cpl. S. Baker ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. R. Glover ...	1st	9/2/27	L./Cpl. J. Purcell ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. A. Case ...	1st	12/2/27	L./Cpl. P. Barley ...	Depot.			
Cpl. J. Murphy ...	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl. A. Coulling ...	Depot.			
Cpl. D. Stagpoole ...	1st	30/10/27	L./Cpl. W. Huggins ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. A. Hows ...	1st	11/12/27	L./Cpl. A. Stone ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. H. Anson ...	1st	13/12/27	L./Cpl. R. R. Chaplin ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. A. Thompson ...	Depot	13/12/27	L./Cpl. C. Warren ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. R. Bayles ...	1st	13/12/27	L./Cpl. R. George ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. L. West ...	Depot	1/1/28	L./Cpl. C. Nicholson ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. B. Carroll ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. W. Bean ...	Depot.			
Cpl. N. R. Phillipson ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	1st	15/1/28		
Cpl. H. Woodruffe ...	Depot	15/1/28	L./Cpl. R. Simmons ...	Depot.			
Cpl. G. Fletcher ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. J. Ayres ...	1st	20/1/28		
Cpl. G. Wheatley ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. S. Green ...	1st	28/1/28		
Cpl. C. Painter ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. S. Boiling ...	1st	1/2/28		
Cpl. A. R. G. Russell ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. P. Andrews ...	1st	8/2/28		
Cpl. T. Rowbottom ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl. W. Lack ...	1st	21/2/28		
Cpl. E. J. Foulger ...	Depot	28/1/28	L./Cpl. F. Davis ...	1st	21/2/28		
Cpl. J. Fletcher ...	1st	8/2/28	L./Cpl. W. Davey ...	1st	22/2/28		
Cpl. H. Pratt ...	1st	22/2/28	L./Cpl. A. Turner ...	1st	28/2/28		
Cpl. A. Mason ...	Depot	28/2/28	L./Cpl. H. Kruck ...	1st	5/3/28		
Cpl. F. Donovan ...	1st	5/3/28	L./Cpl. W. Coy ...	1st	7/3/28		
Cpl. M. Horton ...	1st	7/3/28	L./Cpl. A. Davis ...	1st	8/3/28		
Cpl. H. Patterson ...	1st	8/3/28	L./Cpl. A. Vicary ...	1st	8/3/28		
Cpl. H. Dallimore ...	1st	8/2/28	L./Cpl. A. Boiling ...	1st	8/3/28		
Cpl. P. Hale ...	1st	8/3/28	L./Cpl. F. Frightman ...	1st	14/3/28		
Cpl. J. Little ...	1st	14/3/28	L./Cpl. F. Millar ...	1st	18/3/28		

Paid—

L./Cpl. C. Staines ...	1st	27/7/23
L./Cpl. P. Edwards ...	1st	15/2/24
L./Cpl. G. O'Connor ...	1st	12/9/25
L./Cpl. J. P. O'Neill ...	1st	28/1/26
L./Cpl. A. Chasney ...	1st	18/2/26
L./Cpl. L. Timson ...	1st	19/6/26

Unpaid—

L./Cpl. S. Nichols ...	1st	20/1/28
L./Cpl. J. Harmer ...	1st	20/1/28
L./Cpl. A. Tutte ...	1st	20/1/28
L./Cpl. R. Dyson ...	1st	20/1/28
L./Cpl. H. Tyler ...	1st	18/2/28
L./Cpl. B. Lyons ...	1st	29/3/28

2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox ...	20/1/26	Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/20	Sgt. G. Lambert ...	26/5/25
Bdmr. H. Cribbens ...	22/2/24	Sgt. A. Walker ...	1/5/20	Sgt. S. Mason ...	2/2/26
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	7/3/26	Sgt. W. Palmer ...	1/5/20	Sgt. C. Banfield ...	13/2/26
C.S.M. I.M. C. Davis ...	13/10/24	Sgt.-Dmr. E. Heath ...	20/11/20	Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher ...	7/3/26
C.S.M. E. Burns ...	28/1/25	Sgt. J. Cook ...	30/11/20	Sgt. G. Bone ...	19/3/26
C.S.M. H. Rand ...	28/1/25	Sgt. G. Capel ...	9/1/22	Sgt. E. Hazeldene ...	5/4/26
C.S.M. J. Hart ...	20/1/26	Sgt. F. Hill ...	22/8/23	Sgt. A. Wright ...	10/2/27
C.S.M. S. Wilson ...	21/12/26	Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	6/10/23	Sgt. W. Harwood ...	17/8/27
C.Q.M.S. S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Sgt. H. Hewett ...	10/1/24	Sgt. C. Olden ...	22/10/27
C.Q.M.S. C. Kent ...	4/2/25	† Sgt. F. Peck ...	12/1/24	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	24/11/27
C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien ...	27/2/25	† Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	Sgt. J. Brown ...	15/12/27
C.Q.M.S. C. King ...	26/5/25	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25	Sgt. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27
C.Q.M.S. L. Hills ...	2/11/26	Sgt. S. Ingle ...	27/2/25	* L./Sgt. E. Aird ...	20/1/26

* Denotes paid appointments.

† Tour of duty at Depot.

‡ Supernumerary (Instructor at Small Arms School, Pachmarhi.)

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
* L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1/1/27	* L./Cpl. A. Rowell ...	22/12/22	L./Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	12/7/27
* L./Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	17/8/27	* L./Cpl. W. Skull ...	10/8/25	L./Cpl. F. Scovell ...	16/7/27
* L./Sgt. A. Webb ...	2/10/27	* L./Cpl. J. Merry ...	7/9/26	L./Cpl. J. Bennett ...	29/7/27
* L./Sgt. S. Buckle ...	24/11/27	* L./Cpl. H. Ison ...	23/10/26	L./Cpl. D. Green ...	8/8/27
* L./Sgt. H. Poulter ...	15/12/27	* L./Cpl. G. Slate ...	23/10/26	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	24/8/27
* L./Sgt. E. Jenkin ...	24/12/27	* L./Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	13/12/26	L./Cpl. S. Cudmore ...	28/9/27
* L./Sgt. T. Ballard ...	24/1/28	* L./Cpl. E. Ormes ...	13/12/26	L./Cpl. A. Tear ...	28/9/27
Cpl. W. Patterson ...	28/7/24	* L./Cpl. H. Lowry ...	18/2/27	L./Cpl. G. Willis ...	28/9/27
Cpl. S. Burgess ...	11/11/24	* L./Cpl. E. Halverson ...	18/2/27	L./Cpl. C. Cooper ...	28/9/27
Cpl. C. Donaldson ...	2/2/26	* L./Cpl. P. Palmer ...	18/2/27	L./Cpl. J. Smithers ...	30/9/27
Cpl. W. Millbery ...	2/2/26	* L./Cpl. R. Ginnaw ...	15/3/27	L./Cpl. F. Hayes ...	3/10/27
Cpl. E. Wright ...	26/4/26	* L./Cpl. L. Newstead ...	15/3/27	L./Cpl. F. Atkins ...	3/10/27
Cpl. (O.R.C.) W. Baker ...	30/4/26	* L./Cpl. E. Noakes ...	24/6/24	L./Cpl. W. Ilett ...	7/10/27
Cpl. W. Hathaway ...	28/8/26	* L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	10/11/25	L./Cpl. F. Orton ...	8/10/27
Cpl. R. Baldwin ...	25/9/26	* L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	29/5/26	L./Cpl. C. Simmons ...	15/10/27
Cpl. J. Simmonds ...	2/11/26	* L./Cpl. J. Harper ...	21/3/27	L./Cpl. G. Freeman ...	15/10/27
Cpl. A. Jones ...	16/12/26	* L./Cpl. J. Chester ...	5/4/27	L./Cpl. R. Smith ...	24/10/27
Cpl. C. Champion ...	16/12/26	* L./Cpl. F. Grainger ...	12/4/27	L./Cpl. W. Boothby ...	25/10/27
Cpl. W. Schooledge ...	21/12/26	* L./Cpl. H. Sandle ...	13/4/27	L./Cpl. F. Williams ...	26/10/27
Cpl. W. Budd ...	27/1/27	* L./Cpl. J. Jackson ...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	31/10/27
Cpl. G. Matthews ...	4/2/27	* L./Cpl. H. Cartwright ...	28/1/27	L./Cpl. D. Horsman ...	2/11/27
Cpl. E. Addinall ...	21/2/27	* L./Cpl. C. Trestain ...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. J. Dearman ...	12/11/27
Cpl. D. Williams ...	1/4/27	* L./Cpl. W. Knighton ...	4/5/27	L./Cpl. H. Holland ...	12/11/27
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