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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.
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"Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, 18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "Hindenburg Line,"
"Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle,"
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EDITORIAL



WE take this opportunity of wishing our readers a very Happy Christmas and the best of luck for the coming New year.

* * *
Congratulations to Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., on his marriage, which took place in September last.

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Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Capt. J. C. Dallas, M.C., have retired from the Service.

* * *
Capt. R. D. Bennett has been promoted Major. He is serving on the Staff in Hong-Kong.

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ARMISTICE DAY.—A short service will be held at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, on Wednesday, November 11th, commencing at 10.45 a.m. All relations and friends of the fallen are invited to attend. It is hoped that battalions will send representatives and wreaths.

INDEMNITY OR INDIFFERENCE?

At the next Committee meeting of the Regimental Association the subject of revising the price of THE DIE-HARDS will be discussed.

The Journal was resumed in August, 1922, and the charge was fixed at 9d. a copy, post free.

The first issue contained 1 photo and 21 pages of news. Contributions gradually increased with each publication.

In 1923 it was submitted that the price was too high, and, if reduced, the circulation would be largely increased. In February, 1924, the charge was lowered to 6d. a copy, post free. Since then the magazine has progressed, and its size grown to its present dimensions. The August, 1925, issue contained 15 illustrations and 65 pages of regimental interest. Naturally the cost of production has gone up, and at present we are publishing at a loss.

Since the reduction in price the number of subscribers has not reached the increase expected. The lower rate has, therefore, not justified the revision. The size of the Journal can, of course, revert to the meagre proportions of its early issues, but we are most reluctant to retrogress, and consider it would be a sign of ultimate failure.

We are now faced with three alternatives—

- (1) Leave the price at 6d. and strictly limit our news pages and photographs.
- (2) Leave the price at 6d. and maintain the present standard and publish all the excellent contributions received, but obtain greater support by a large increase of subscribers from those who have left the Regiment.
- (3) Increase the price from 6d. to 9d. a copy if (2) is unsuccessful.

Naturally (2) is the ideal, and we think that this ambition is within our reach. But how?

We venture to suggest there are a vast number of Old Comrades who would willingly support the Journal if they knew of its existence. It is from them we require assistance.

EL BODEN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I succeeded the other day in getting an old copy of the Duke of Wellington's despatches, by Lieut.-Col. Gurwood, dated 1837, and looked up what the great Duke had reported on the Battle of El Boden, which (on this, the 114th anniversary) I thought would be of interest to the readers of THE DIE-HARDS Journal; and although this battle is not yet on the Colours of the Middlesex Regiment, it is, nevertheless, the "great day" of the 2nd Battalion. El Boden is amongst the battles on the old Band Programme, and the Regimental Medal, which was allowed to be struck for the 77th Regiment (a copy of which was in last quarter's DIE-HARDS Journal), and the remembrance of the battle has always been a strong connecting link between the 5th Fusiliers and 77th Regiments. When I was in command of the 2nd Battalion I wrote to our Military Attaché in Portugal and asked him to try and find out if the Battle of El Boden was on the Colours of the 21st Portuguese Regiment, which he most kindly did, and in his reply said that although it was not on their Colours the Regiment understood that it was on account of their good behaviour at that battle they were allowed to have "Peninsula" on them.

The following are the extracts from the Wellington despatches:—

I.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO
LT.-GEN. HILL.

Quadraceis,
29th Sept., 1811.

MY DEAR HILL,

I could not prevent Marmont from relieving Ciudad Rodrigo, and we have retired to this neighbourhood, but we had two little affairs with him, in which the troops behaved remarkably well, particularly the 2nd battn. 5th, 77th, and 21st Portuguese, and Gen. Alten's brigade of Cavalry, near El Boden on the 25th. The French have gone back.

Believe me, etc.,
WELLINGTON.

Lt.-Gen. Hill.

How many of all ranks served in the Middlesex Regiment during the Great War? A rough estimate of 100,000 would perhaps be on the safe side.

How many non-commissioned officers and men who served on a peace engagement have been discharged since the termination of the war?

How many of these enormous numbers are subscribers to THE DIE-HARDS today?

Two hundred and thirty ex-non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment only are sympathetically interested in the news and actions of their old Corps. This is the number purchasing the Journal.

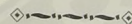
We cannot afford to advertise, and broadcasting our existence is a difficulty which presents itself. Suggestions will be welcomed as to a means by which THE DIE-HARDS can be brought to the notice of all Old Comrades who have left the Regiment.

Our appeal to the serving members of the Regiment has been successful, with an exception, and that is one of our Territorial Battalions. We cannot believe that this particular Battalion lacks interest in its Regiment, but the unpleasant fact remains that it ignores the Journal by failing to obtain subscribers amongst its rank and file.

A publication must rely on its sales and revenue from advertisements to pay its expenses. THE DIE-HARDS is not paying its way, through lack of support from those who have served in the ranks of the Regiment.

It is to our Old Comrades we make this request, and ask them if it is not worth it.

If every ex-member of the Regiment who is a subscriber, will induce one of his friends who served with him to do the same, THE DIE-HARDS will not fail, and we shall know that our appeal has not been made in vain.



II.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO
THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, SECRETARY
OF STATE.

Quadriseis,
29th Septer., 1811.

MY DEAR LORD,

I enclose the last weekly state and the last morning report of the Army. We are really almost an Army of convalescents. There is no serious sickness amongst the troops, and but few die, but I never saw the Army capable of bearing so little, nearly one half of those recently arrived from England, have gone into the hospitals. You will see that we were hard pressed on the 25th (El Boden), but *I never saw the troops behave so well or so steady.* The French produced an immense Army.

Believe me, etc.,
WELLINGTON.

The Earl of Liverpool.

III.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO
THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, SECRETARY
OF STATE.

Quadriseis,
29th Septer., 1811.

MY LORD,

On the morning of the 25th Septer. the enemy sent a reconnaissance of Cavalry towards the lower Azava, consisting of about 14 Squadrons of the Imperial Guard . . . but the enemy's attention was principally directed during the day to the 3rd Division (Lt.-Gen. Picton) in the hill between Fuente Guinaldo and Pastore. About 8 in the morning they moved a column consisting of between thirty and forty squadrons of Cavalry and fourteen battns. of Infantry and 12 pieces of cannon from Cuidad Rodrigo in such a direction that it was doubtful whether they would attempt to ascend the hills of La Encina, El Boden, or by the direct road towards Fuente Guinaldo, and I was not certain by which road they would make their attack till they actually commenced it upon the last. As soon as I saw the direction of their march, I had reinforced the 2nd battn.

5th Regt., which occupied the post on the hill over which the road passes to Guinaldo, by the 77th Regt. and the 21st Portuguese Regt., under the command of Major-Gen. the Honble. C. Colville, and Major-Gen. Alten's brigade, of which only 3 squadrons remained which had not been detached, drawn from El Boden.

In the meantime, however, the small body of troops in this post sustained the attack of the enemy's Cavalry and Artillery. One Regt. of French Dragoons succeeded in taking two pieces of cannon which had been posted on a rising ground on the right of our troops, but they were charged by the 2nd Battn. 5th Regt., under the command of Major Ridge, and the guns were immediately retaken. While this operation was going on on the flank, an attack was made on the front by another Regt., which was repulsed in a similar manner by the 77th Regt., and the three squadrons of Major-Gen. Alten's brigade charged repeatedly different bodies of the enemy which ascended the hill on the left of the two Regts. of British Infantry, the Portuguese Regt. being posted in the rear of their right. . . . I determined to withdraw our post and retire with the whole on Fuente Guinaldo. The 2nd battn. 5th Regt. and the 77th Regt. were formed into one square, and the 21st Portuguese into another, supported by M.-Gen. Alten's small body of Cavalry, and the Portuguese Artillery. The enemy's Cavalry immediately rushed forward and obliged our Cavalry to retire to the support of the Portuguese Regt., and the 5th and 77th Regts. were charged on three faces of the square by the French Cavalry, but they halted and repulsed the attack with the utmost steadiness and gallantry. We then continued the retreat and joined the remainder of the 3rd Divn., also formed in squares, on their march to Fuente Grinaldo.

I cannot conclude this report of the occurrences of last week without expressing to your Lordship my admiration of the troops engaged in the affair of the 25th inst. The conduct of the 2nd battn. 5th Regt. commanded by Major Ridge, in particular affords a memorable example of what the steadiness and discipline of the troops and their confidence in their officers can effect in the most difficult and

trying situation. The conduct of the 77th Regt., under the command of Lt.-Col. Bromhead, was equally good, and I never saw a more determined attack than was made by the whole of the enemy's Cavalry with every advantage of the assistance of a superior Artillery and repulsed by these two weak battalions. I must not omit also to report the good conduct on the same occasion of the 21st Portuguese Regt., under the command of Colonel Bacellar, and of Major Arentschild's Artillery. The Portuguese infantry were not actually charged but were repeatedly threatened and they showed the utmost steadiness and discipline both in the mode in which they prepared to receive the enemy, and in all the movements of a retreat made over 6 miles of plain in front of a superior Cavalry and Artillery. The Portuguese Artillery men attached to the guns, which were for a moment in the enemy's possession, were cut down at their guns. The infantry were on this occasion under the command of M.-Genl. the Honble. C. Colville, Lt.-Gen. Picton having remained with the troops at El Boden, and the conduct of M.-Gen. Colville was beyond all praise.

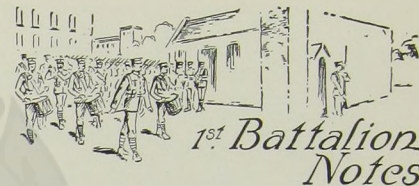
IV.

Return of the killed, wounded and missing of the Army under the command of Genl. Viscount Wellington, K.B., in an affair with the enemy on the heights of El Boden on the 25th and near Aldea da Ponte on 27th Septer., 1811:—

	Officers.	Sergeants.	Rank and File.	Horses.	Total loss of Officers, Sergeants, Rank & File.
Killed	1	1	40	40	42
Wounded	16	13	156	63	185
Missing	—	1	33	9	34

N.B.—Several attempts have been made to have this action recorded on the Regimental Colours, but so far without success. Perhaps our Colonel, in conjunction with the Colonel of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, will renew the attack with better success?

G. W. W. S.



NOW that the training season is over, most of us are looking forward to leave. We left Aldershot on September 4th, staying one night at Bordon on our way to encamp at Petersfield. The earlier part of our stay there which was occupied in Brigade and Divisional Training, was more interesting to most of us than the actual manœuvres, which consisted largely in marching. The Brigade and Divisional schemes entailed long distances too, frequently in the worst possible weather, and it speaks very well for the fitness of the Battalion that casualties did not occur. Petersfield camp was vacated on September 22nd, when the Battalion moved via Cheriton to Itchen Stoke, where billets were secured in a farm. From there we were embussed, and after a circuitous journey found ourselves near Porton, six miles from Salisbury. The only battle of the Manœuvres in which we took part was at Tower Hill, near here. The original intention was for Carey's force, which consisted of a battalion of Tanks, a mechanized brigade of Artillery, and ourselves, to attack the Wessex Army behind his right flank, but actually we were never behind the enemy's line, as he had previously withdrawn, and we came into touch with the Cavalry Brigade which was protecting his extreme right. Our first two tanks were judged to be unsuccessful by the umpires, owing to the superior Wessex forces engaged, and just as we had commenced our third attempt, under cover of a barrage, the "Cease fire" sounded. At this time a fifty-five mile trek back to Aldershot was in front of us. A march of about seven miles brought us to the village of Broughton, where we were billeted for the night. The remainder of the journey was completed by stages, as follows:—On Friday, to Martyr Worthy (north-east of Winchester); on Saturday,

to Chawton (near Alton); and on Sunday, the 27th, we arrived back in barracks. Everywhere we met with the very best of receptions from the civilian inhabitants. It was on many occasions entirely due to their kindness that the hardships of the weather were lessened by giving us straw to sleep on, hot tea to drink, and many other comforts. Another unit in this Command has computed that it marched 350 miles during the twenty-four days, and probably the distance covered by us is much the same.

Sports are now about to commence again, and by the time these notes appear in print all branches will be in full swing. At Soccer, with practically the same team as last year, we have entered for the following cups:—Amateur, Army, Hants Senior, Aldershot Senior and Junior, and the Russell Cotes. In boxing we are about to hold a Novices' Competition, for which the number of entrants is again very large. Some well-known boxers will give exhibition fights: Sergt. Fleming, Imperial Services Champion, and Cpl. Connolly (Scottish Rifles), Army Champion; Mr. Tom Berry (late Middlesex Regiment), European Champion; and Lieut. Curtiss, European Olympic and Imperial Services Champion. Very shortly we meet the Grenadier Guards in the Army Novices' Competition, our first fixture of the season. There will be, unfortunately, some great changes in our Rugger team, as Capt. Haydon and Lieut. Pennycook are still unable to play owing to injuries. We have also lost Lieut. Hedgecoe, Pte. Stemp, and L./Cpl. Henderson, who have all left the Battalion. As an offset against this we have gained the services of 2/Lieut. J. D. Clinch, of "A" Company, who has just joined us, and is an International, having played for Ireland. Lieut. Clinch is also the Heavy-weight Champion of Dublin University, and is a first-class swimmer as well, as he was in the Irish water-polo team that played the English 'Varsities a few years ago. Among the other probable players of great promise in the Rugger XV is Sergt. Jones.

We regret very much losing Major D. C. Percy-Smith, about whom another article appears elsewhere. He served with the Regiment for over twenty-five years, of which ten were spent in Egypt. He is

now D.A.A.G. Royal Guernsey Militia. Major W. W. Jefferd has joined us from the Depot, and has taken over the command of "B" Company. Lieut. A. Dix-Lewis has left us, and is seconded for service with the West India Regiment. Lieut. S. F. Hedgecoe has now become Adjutant of the 8th Battalion, and Lieut. F. G. Parker has gone to the Depot in place of Lieut. B. B. Rackman, who joins us shortly. Capt. J. C. Dallas has resigned his commission, after a tour with the West African Regiment. He served over ten years with the Regiment, including the period from April, 1916, to October, 1920, when he was with the Royal Corps of Signals. All will regret these departures. Capt. E. N. Appelbe is now attached to us, pending proceeding to join the 2nd Battalion.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Although we promised more news than usual for this issue, we beg to be excused again on the grounds that the doings of the Company are to be summed up in the word "Manœuvres." These have fully occupied our time since the last "Notes" went to press. We welcome Sergt. Stevenson to the Company; he has recently vacated his appointment as Sergeant Master-Cook, and is now at duty. We are also pleased to see L./Cpl. Wilson with us again. We wish every success to Sergt. Campbell and Cpl. Jones on their transfer to Headquarter Wing; also to L./Cpl. Painter, who has left us for the Depot.

The feature of this quarter's issue will be the following article, written by our Special (Very much so.—SUB-EDITOR) Manœuvre correspondent, and it is hoped that this will make up for any deficiency:

MANŒUVRES, 1925.

Nah, look 'ere, gents. I ain't no Editor and got no frid. As soon as we got to Petersfield orders was issued aht one of 'em was "Touch not the forbidden fruit or ye shall surely be Court martialled." So now courts Martial grow on trees. So Beware. Well blokes, fings was goin' of fine when one of ahr 'Orses ate our 'aversack rations (Biskits and Kasey), and of corse there was a rah, and the rah was between Privates Day



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1ST BATTALION ON MANŒUVRES, 1925.

and Knight of the mule gang, so I turns rahnd to my mate and ses to 'im "'Ark at 'em Bill." So jest so as to make a day of it 'e ses "Good evening."

On Fursday night, when everyfink was quiet except for the sound of the Pigsty not far orf, the following was 'eard:

Bill: "Gis a Fag."

"Ain't got none."

Bill: "Well, sell us some."

"Ain't got none, I tell yer."

Bill: "Well, shut yer eyes whilst I pinches the one yer smoking."

The marching was not to bad, but one of the fellers complained that he couldn't bends 'is legs, well bein' as I'm a bit of a Doctor I ups and arst 'im what was up and he showed me. No wonder 'e couldn't bend 'is legs, 'e'd worn 'em down to his knees.

There is one thing abaht manœuvres and that is the rum issue. You could see blokes wiv little shiny eyes and it's serprisin' the yarns that was told too. Oncet the Quarter Bloke came up and sed "Somebodyes knocked over my rum issue." Well p'raps 'e did, but I bet 'e got some more for his yarn.

One person threatens that when 'e leaves the Tarmy 'es goin' to buy a Bus sos 'e can run it up and darn past the troops jes so as to 'ear 'em shaht "Keep to the left."

A lot of old songs was sung on the march, including "Here's to the good old rum, knock it back." "Do you want us to lose the War?" and many others.

Well blokes it's all over now, and we couldn't av been so bad after it cos we played football the day after we got back and won against our old rivals D Company.

Well old dears dont grumble at these ere notes cos I aint no skoler, and if yer ever go on manoeuvres beware of "Courts martial" and don't dodge yer Rum ration. HAGGIS.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

So much for Manœuvres! When in billets, many of the Company seemed to be at home "Down on the farm," and apart from military training several new things were learnt, such as the use of the hay fork, ploughing, the growing of mustard, its uses, etc., and not by the reasoning method.

In spite of the wet weather and the discomforts it caused, on the whole we had a fairly good time. It was wonderful where the jugs of tea, apples, etc., came from. No. 8 Platoon seemed very lucky in this respect. Was it because of their kind faces or tactful non-commissioned officers. Billets on farms are usually comfortable, but when the cows are loose in the yard where a whole company lie sleeping, one is rather nervy of receiving the "cloven hoof" in the dark. During a night's sojourn at Broughton this was the case, and a certain senior non-commissioned officer was heard to shout, "Sentry! Sentry! Come and move these — mice" — or words to that effect.

Our training camp at Petersfield was beautifully situated on the South Downs; these, however, did not protect us from the winds, for when a gale sprung up "A" and "B" Companies' dining tent rose to the occasion. Matters were soon straightened out, under the able guidance of "Skipper Pelly 2, in Sou' Wester," etc., and we settled down to wait for the next turn in the tide, which happened to be the Sergeants' Mess. It was rather amusing to watch Sergt. Bennett juggle with marquees, and it is quite a pity that the originator of "Old Bill" was not present at Petersfield, for we might have had some new characters.

Sergt. Rogers has just left the Company for a course at Hythe. We congratulate him upon the addition to his family.

Major W. W. Jefferd has taken over the Company. All ranks now are working hard to keep up the name of "B" Company as one of the best sporting companies in the Battalion.

KNOWALL.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

So sorry, dear readers, that we cannot fulfil our promise of last issue of winning the Cricket Shield, of which we were practically certain of getting, according to the talent shown in the Company, but the fact of the matter is, as some may probably know, a "war" broke out, and that kind of upset things, for time would not permit the Battalion to include cricket in its sports programme.

Still, better luck next time. We are, however, keeping the other odd bits of "siller" well polished.

The "war" down in the south of England cancelled our hopes of being cricket champions temporarily. Referring to Manœuvres, on the Divisional scheme our Company completed some miles more than the rest of the Battalion, who did 37½ miles. Yet another small "show" in which the Company took part involved a great deal of marching; we covered about 50 miles in the course of a day and night, but we were fortunate enough to have lorries supplied to convey us back to Petersfield camp. By this time the majority of the Company were beginning to bank their money in order to provide cycles for the next Manœuvres, in case they might be fortunate enough to be included amongst the cyclists. Some hopes!

A few were fortunate in having a week in town before "war broke out," and others experienced a heavy storm in camp, which necessitated picking up several abodes and putting them straight; but one cannot grouse at that, for no one can consider they have been under canvas unless their tent has been blown down at least a dozen times, and their clothes and kit wet.

When we marched to "war" orders came along that we were to leave in the morning early, and Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., was to go on as billetting officer. That seemed to indicate that our Company would have a decent billet, and it was so, very nice indeed. The only trouble was that we could not eat everything that was obtainable; it rather upset some people (inwardly). From this point somebody insisted that we should go by lorries to the next scene of the battle. Well, after getting our feet so used to marching we groused about this. Still, no good. Lorries it had to be, and in lorries we were until we met the ferocious enemy, and of course, after meandering and riding about for a day or so a blast on the bugle sounded. Everyone knew what it was. It was no question of "go round and tell them," for hardly had the last note sounded when everyone said, "That's the 'Stand fast,'" and that ended our "war." We had won. Now

for barracks. We were fifty-five miles from home, so we completed the march steadily, taking three days. We arrived on September 27th. I hear that one of our officers intends buying a tank all to himself, and another says he would rather march instead of riding his motor bike on the next Manœuvres. That's what I call spirit.

We have started our winter sports programme. Our boxing and football teams are under the guidance of Lieut. F. Bailey and Sergt. Hawkins. The boxing team competes next week. Our results will be shown in the next issue.

LAST HOPE.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

We returned to barracks a happy, contented, but very tired Company on Sunday, September 27th, looking none the worse for our three weeks' sojourn in Hampshire, and are now looking forward to a season full of Soccer, hockey and Rugger thrills. Our Company teams have not yet been definitely decided upon. A few changes from last year will be imminent before the leagues proper commence. However, C.S.M. Walker, Cpl. Northcott, and Pte. Hutson will certainly do their best in choosing a team that will retain the Soccer Shield. At hockey this year we are fortunate in having the services of our Company Commander, Capt. Paul, and we should do better at this branch of sport than we did last year.

We are sending the usual draft to the 2nd Battalion this year. Amongst those going are our erstwhile Company Clerk, Pte. Evans, Pte. Such (the gymnast), and Pte. Meadle, whose Irish brogue often causes amusement. We all wish them luck, and hope that they will enjoy soldiering in the 2nd Battalion as much as they have done in the 1st.

Sergts. Ward and Gray and Cpl. Thompson are away at Catterick undergoing a Vocational Training Course; they were popular non-commissioned officers, and are badly missed in the Company.

"Don" Company has solved the problem of the "Wembley £100." It appears that about a dozen of the Company went to Wembley and decided to

divide their regimental number by 100 in the attempt to forecast the numbers present. Pte. Hutson was, we believe, very close.

Ptes. Tear, Everitt, Brooker, Marshall, Baker, and Brady wish to know if S.R.D. is the bay rum so much advertised. We refer them to the Company Quartermaster-Sergeant.

We all tender our congratulations to Mrs. and Sergt. Overton upon the recent addition to their family. J. S.

HEADQUARTER WING NOTES.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Even the Headquarter Wing are marching. Strange, but Manœuvres level all things.

Prior to September the whole Wing were on summer training, and so, with the exception of cricket, little occurred outside night operations. The results of the cricket are shown in the sports notes.

The past few months have made the Headquarter Wing an extremely live unit of the Battalion; not that it was ever otherwise than smart; but there is a difference. Things seem to harmonize better, and *esprit de corps* is greatly improved. There is, of course, a great rivalry amongst groups to be top of the Wing in all things. The Clock Competition has made great sport, and some exciting matches have been played for points towards the championship. All groups vie with each other in their effort to have spotless rooms, for this also counts.

On Manœuvres the "Wing" did well, no man falling out, and all kept a cheerful countenance and did their various jobs well.

When watching companies training one is apt to overlook "H.Q." Wing and its many jobs. The cooks, pioneers, police, etc., all have their work to do, and it is just as important as the "front line." Great praise is due to Cpl. Gibson for the way in which he provided the hot meals for the Battalion under very trying circumstances. Many may grumble, but let those who do so try cooking on the march. The Transport, another branch of Headquarter Wing, did well also, being one of the few transport units to keep their vehicles and horses on the road throughout Manœuvres.

A great deal of amusement was caused by the appearance and actions of some of the hired horses. Some were evidently much more used to ploughs and other more peaceful implements. However, they gradually settled down to Army life.

One of the chargers (?), if dyed black, would have made a good hearse horse. It is a wonder it was not punctured.

We are now looking forward to some brilliant form from the "footballites." The Machine Gun Platoon intend doing things in style, and are having an outside fixture list.

The groups are putting in Notes of their own composition again, and doubtless they will be of interest.

We wish all Headquarter Wings of our Regiment a Happy Christmas now, as this will be the last issue prior to that period. May they have a festive time.

WINGER.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who is Kenneth Marshall?

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Does the tide come up very high at Weston-super-Mare?

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Who gave the exhibition there?

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What is the password for tea now?

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Will our motor-cycle go on the next night operation?

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Whether porridge is a good hair dressing?

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If the drummer likes horses?

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If there is any more "tinned fruit" in the N.A.A.F.I.

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And, if so, will they please lose it?

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Who is the "chit king"?

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Did the machine gunners enjoy themselves at West Meon?

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How many apples were consumed at Brighton?

Did the late C.S.M.I.M. hit any aeroplanes in Bramdean Wood when controlling the A.A. guns there?

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Who wrote "Tramp, boys, tramp, and be contented"?

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THE quarter which has just passed has not from a journalistic point of view produced much material. Summer training takes one and all away from barracks, and leaves little time for the ordinary things of life.

We were unable to complete our tennis engagements, and so did not shine in the league table. It was obvious, however, that with practice and co-operation between pairs some fine matches could have been played. Billiards and "pokey die" matches have been held over, and a rush season will no doubt now commence.

Manœuvres, of course, stopped all these things. Yet a deal of fun was obtainable in camp, especially on concert night. It is certain that Sergt. Green missed his vocation when he joined the Army; the *chef* too! The storm which visited the camp during our stay rather upset the mess marquee, not to mention Simonds' I.P.A.

We regret having lost Sergt. Parsons, who has gone to civilian life. We wish him the best of luck. The Mess presented him with a handsome clock as a memento of past times.

Several members of the Second Battalion are with us awaiting to re-embark for India. We hope they will have a pleasant time with us during their stay here.

Congratulations to Sergt. Tungate upon his promotion to warrant rank. We wish him all success.

As this issue will be the Christmas issue we extend good wishes to all members of the various messes of the Regiment. May the season be a good one for all.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Our Committee, under the able presidency of Cpl. Northcott, are preparing a season of dances and whist drives, which will no doubt be as popular as last year.

Cpls. Jimmy Green, Thomson and Williams are away on a Vocational Training Course. The latter will be badly missed from the Jazz Band, of which he was the musical genius. Already the piano is looking more substantial.

It is noticed that Dick Holder is even better of late at the cross words. Perhaps this is due to his fondness for tinned fish.

Cpl. Gibson has joined the cooking staff, although mortality in the Battalion is on the increase. He assures us that this will soon diminish.

He can turn a square-shaped rissole,
Make meat burn and frizzle,
And turn it into grissel,
And the tea is never done till it's no more.

But with sausages and fish,
He's all that we could wish.
In fact, he's mighty good at anything.

He cooks 'em black and blue
Till they're like an old brown stew;
Then dumps 'em in a pan and says they'll do.

Then he crashes them and smashes them

And turns them outside in,
That Burgoo bashing rascal Roger Din.

Cpl. Egan, of "C" Company fame, wishes to make it known that the hired horses the Battalion so kindly used on Manœuvres this year suffered from an iron indigestion. In fact, one of them ate nine maps on one occasion, and then cast ravenous eyes at Charlie's tin hat.

Two old friends of ours are forsaking us, and are about to get married, namely, Cpls. Macdonald and Swindon, so we all wish them the best of luck, and hope that we shall now and again see their cheery faces in the Mess as of yore.

We wish all Messes of the Regiment the heartiest greetings for Christmas.

J. S.

EMMA GEE GROANS.

It is now almost three months since the last Machine Gun Notes were sent in, and since then things have been moving. Many new people have come and one has

gone. We welcome those well-known sportsmen Capt. Horrocks, Lieuts. Royffe and Worton, Sergt. Farrow, together with Cpls. Lewis and Jones.

Sergt. Parsons has left us for civilian life, and is doing well. All good wishes to him. We have been tremendously busy on Manœuvres, and although the gunners had many hardships there was always a great deal of cheerfulness. Several new songs have been introduced by our old friends "Bob Heath" and "Lofty Low," amongst them being "Praise ye the Gun all ye Gunners," "They're Getting Larger," and "You take the Gun, and I'll take the Tripod, and I'll be in action before you, but if you get shot, I'll carry the lot, and I'll eat your iron rations in the morning."

On the whole, the gunners acquitted themselves very well throughout the whole of the Manœuvres, and were frequently congratulated by the Commanding Officer for good work.

What we are looking forward to now is the winter sports season. Great things have been promised, and great things are expected. We are expecting some new talent in a day or two to form a new class, and with the old hands we hope to form an A.L. team for both football and hockey. Other companies and platoons please note. We congratulate Sergt. Russell on passing his instructor's course at Netheravon.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is it possible to obtain lather from cheese?

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Did two non-commissioned officers have a race to grow the largest moustache, and who won?

BAND NOTES.

We have had a most successful season both as regards engagements and trotting about. We have played at the following places:—Bristol, Lowestoft, Southsea, Brighton, Torquay, and Weston-super-Mare.

Quite a lot could be said about each of these towns in turn. Each member of the Band has, in fact, his own little history. However, we must generalize.

At Torquay the Mayor presented the Bandmaster, Mr. J. W. Clark, with a gold

watch and a silver cigarette box. Quite a crowd collected to witness this, which took place on the last evening of our stay, and, after a speech, in which he commented upon the fine performances of the Band, said he hoped that they would all have the great pleasure of hearing them again next season.

At the conclusion of his speech, he gave a suitable present to each of the Band, whereupon Mr. Clark, the Bandmaster, replied to the Mayor's speech.

Not only has the Band been playing to audiences within sight, but we have been broadcasting from the Bournemouth studio. We also played at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley from October 12th to the 17th.

We went to meet the Battalion on Sunday, September 27th, and after our long sojourn away we met with a fine reception. "A" Company greeted us with cheers, and we replied harmoniously with "I'm tired, and I wanna go to bed," and to the strains of this tune the whole Battalion left Alton. DOMINANT 7TH.

DRUMS NOTES.

Back again to the old routine of drum and fife life and bugle practice. We are losing our old friends of "Brigade Retreat Beating," and we are waiting to meet our friends the "Micks." We had a change during Manœuvres, and Charlie was not a bad jockey, although a lot of people make him out to be. Our A.A. gun teams made a name for themselves at camouflaging, especially the Primus stove.

We left six drummers at Petersfield, and by all accounts they have learnt the art of navvying and portering, for which they were mentioned in despatches. We are running a football team, and on paper it seems quite good. We expect to fix up a number of matches with other platoons for the coming season.

Rex greeted us with his usual tooth-paste smile.

At present we expect to go on a month's leave on October 19th.

THINGS WE WISH TO KNOW.

Who is the non-commissioned officer who wished he was back in the Life Guards?

SNAKE CHARMER.

SPORTS NOTES.

CRICKET.

In spite of the calls of Company, Battalion and Brigade Training, the Battalion were able to play a fair amount of cricket during the season. In friendly matches we always did well, and compiled some useful scores, generally winning our matches. O'Brien and Kennett proved to be our best and most consistent bowlers, and on occasions they bowled unchanged throughout an innings.

We reached the Command stage of the Cricket Knock-out without much difficulty, but were unfortunate in losing to the A.A. Searchlight Battalion in a very low scoring match. Our batsmen failed on a very difficult wicket.

Mention has been made of our bowlers. In the other departments of the game Sammons kept wicket excellently, the fielding on the whole was good, but the batting was inconsistent, which must be put down to lack of net practice.

FRIENDLIES.

v. Shop Wanderers, on July 10th; won. 1st Middlesex, 174 (Capt. Paul, 39; Major Pargiter, 36; Mr. Goulden, 35; Capt. Phillips, 29); Shop Wanderers, 152 (Cpl. O'Brien, 4 for 64; Capt. Phillips, 4 for 18).

v. 1st Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment, on July 14th; lost. 1st Middlesex, 114 (Mr. Clowes, 41; Cpl. Sammons, 22); 1st Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment, 124 for 5.

v. 1st Gloucester Regiment; won. 1st Middlesex, 65 (Major Pargiter, 32; Cpl. O'Brien, 16); 1st Gloucester Regiment, 47 (Cpl. Kennett, 5 for 16; Cpl. O'Brien, 5 for 22).

v. R.A.M.C.; won. 1st Middlesex, 125 (Capt. Phillips, 27; Mr. Goulden, 27); R.A.M.C., 72 (Cpl. Northcott, 3 for 9; Cpl. O'Brien, 3 for 28; Capt. Paul, 2 for nil).

The other two games in the Command Knock-out require a fuller account.

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. TRAINING COLLEGE, R.A.S.C.

On July 23rd we met the Training College on the R.A.S.C. Ground. As they had already beaten the Service Companies,

who were considered one of the strongest teams in the Command, they appeared a formidable proposition, and we did very well in beating them by a good margin, taking into consideration the state of the wicket after heavy rain. Scores:—

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Major Pargiter, c Ware b Morrison ...	0
Mr. Clowes, st Hickey b Morrison ...	26
Cpl. Northcott, c Ware b Clarke ...	6
Capt. Phillips, c Ware b Barry ...	20
Mr. Worton, b Morrison ...	27
Capt. Paul, c Barry b Morrison ...	1
Cpl. Painter, c Clarke b Morrison ...	13
Mr. Goulden, b Morrison ...	11
Cpl. Sammons, c Hushar b Clarke ...	16
Cpl. Kennett, c McLaren b Clarke ...	4
Cpl. O'Brien, not out ...	1
Extras ...	0

Total ... 125

Sergt. Morrison 6 for 59, Mr. Clarke 3 for 47, Pte. Barry 1 for 19.

TRAINING COLLEGE, R.A.S.C.

Capt. Penruddocke, c Worton b Kennett ...	6
Pte. Ware, c Goulden b Kennett ...	0
Mr. Hushar, c and b O'Brien ...	0
Mr. Clarke, c and b Kennett ...	18
C.Q.M.S. Morrison, c Worton b O'Brien ...	20
Capt. Hickie, run out ...	1
M.S.M. Boote, c Worton b Kennett ...	8
S./Sergt. Blackburn, b Kennett ...	16
L./Cpl. MacLaren, c Northcott b O'Brien ...	1
Sergt. Paul, c Clowes b O'Brien ...	0
Pte. Barry, not out ...	2
Extras ...	9

Total ... 81

Cpl. Kennett 5 for 45, Cpl. O'Brien 4 for 27.

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. A.A.

SEARCHLIGHT BN., R.E.

Played at Blackdown on July 29th. This match was the first in the Command stage proper, the winner entering the semi-final. After defeating the R.A.S.C. Training College we had every hope of repeating our success against the A.A. Searchlights, about whom we knew little. Unfortunately, the luck of the game deserted us, and we lost by the narrow margin of 6 runs. The total at the fall of each wicket is interesting, bordering on the absurd:—1st Middlesex Regiment: 1 for 18, 2 for 27, 3 for 27, 4 for 27, 5 for 27, 6 for 32, 7 for 34, 8 for 34, 9 for 40, 10 for 40. A.A. Searchlights: 1 for 2, 2 for 2, 3 for 5, 4 for 5, 6 for 7, 7 for 10, 8 for 31, 9 for 37, 10 for 46. Scores:—

1ST MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Mr. Worton, b Davey	...	...	...	6
Mr. Clowes, b Davey	...	...	...	18
Cpl. Northcott, c Jenkins b Penny	...	...	...	1
Capt. Phillips, b Penny	...	...	...	0
Major Pargiter, c Pearce b Penny	...	...	...	3
Sergt. Farrow, c Osborne b Davey	...	...	...	0
Mr. Goulden, c McCormick b Penny	...	...	...	4
Cpl. Painter, not out	...	...	...	6
Cpl. Sammons, c and b Penny	...	...	...	0
Cpl. Kennett, b Penny	...	...	...	0
Cpl. O'Brien, c Osborne b Penny	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	2

Total ... 40

Sergt. Davey 3 for 25, Spr. Penny 7 for 13.

A.A. SEARCHLIGHTS.

Spr. Mansell, c Worton b O'Brien	...	...	...	0
C.Q.M.S. Osborne, c Phillips b O'Brien	...	...	...	3
Major Colbeck, b O'Brien	...	...	...	0
C.Q.M.S. Davey, b Kennett	...	...	...	2
Spr. Smart, c Sammons b O'Brien	...	...	...	19
Sergt. Harrington, b O'Brien	...	...	...	0
Sergt. Pearce, b O'Brien	...	...	...	2
Cpl. Jenkins, run out	...	...	...	1
Spr. McCormick, run out	...	...	...	8
Sergt. Penny, lbw b O'Brien	...	...	...	3
Sergt. Welsh, not out	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	5

Total ... 46

Cpl. Kennett 1 for 12, Cpl. O'Brien 7 for 21.

Owing to the weather, the Army athletics and training neither the Platoon Knock-out nor the Company Knock-out were completed.

The following composed the Battalion cricket eleven, and were awarded their fifty-seventh cap:—Capt. Phillips, Major Pargiter, Capt. Paul, Mr. Clowes, Mr. Worton, Mr. Goulden, Cpl. O'Brien, Cpl. Kennett, Cpl. Northcott, Cpl. Sammons, and L./Cpl. Painter.

SIGNAL SECTION.

Now that Manceuvres are over and the winter training period has commenced, the "flag bashers" are going in strict training to compete against the remainder of the Battalion.

We are hoping to obtain some new talent from the Signal Class which commences in November next.

We have been rather successful as regards to sports, having been only beaten once at cricket, by Headquarter Details.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Oskanet and Pte. Williams upon being representatives in the Battalion athletic teams, and we hope to have more entries next year. We

should welcome any news, via the Journal, from the Signals of the 2nd Battalion.

We should like to know who the bandmaster of the Signals quartette is, and if he has any vacancies for persons with musical talent.

TOK EDDY ACK.

LIEUT.-COL. D. C. PERCY-SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E.

LIEUT.-COL. DOUGLAS CYRIL PERCY-SMITH is a son of the late Maj.-Gen. Percy Wyndham Percy-Smith, Indian Army, and was born in India on November 14th, 1875. He was educated at Cheltenham College, and joined the 3rd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in March, 1893, and served till 1897.

Failing to pass into the Army at the Militia Competitive Examinations, he proceeded to India in April, 1896, and joined the Bengal Police, in which he served till the outbreak of the South African War in 1899, when he enlisted as a trooper in Lumsden's Horse, with which he proceeded to South Africa. Whilst serving there, on April 4th, 1900, he was gazetted as Second-Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment and attached to the Oxfordshire Light Infantry Mounted Infantry Company in the 8th Mounted Infantry, commanded by the gallant Col. Ross, now Gen. Sir Walter Ross, K.C.B., of Cromarty, a well-known Highland chief to-day.

Serving with the 8th Mounted Infantry, 2/Lieut. Percy-Smith was present at much of the fighting in the Orange Free State and Transvaal, including actions at Houtnek, Zand River, Johannesburg, and Pretoria. He was promoted Lieutenant in August, 1900. Subsequently he was present in the action at Bathaville, where the Column Commander, Col. Le Gallais, was killed and Col. Ross very severely wounded, his lower jaw being shot away. For his services in this action Lieut. Percy-Smith was awarded a D.S.O., and, being slightly wounded, was sent to Cape Town, and thence to join the 2nd Middlesex Regiment in Natal. This he

did on Christmas morning, 1900, at Newcastle, Natal, and served with that battalion for the remainder of the war. He was awarded the Queen's Medal with four clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps.

After the war he joined the 1st Battalion in Secunderabad, India, in August, 1902, and was later appointed Station Staff Officer there, being subsequently transferred to Bellary, and later in a like

to the Depot, where he remained until he joined the Egyptian Army in March, 1911. Capt. Percy-Smith, on joining the Egyptian Army, was posted to the 11th Sudanese, in which he served two years and was then detached to raise a new corps, in the Nuba Mountains in Southern Kordofan, which, being locally enlisted, were called Territorials. From here he was promoted to command the Equatorial Battalion on the Southern Sudan Fron-



LIEUT.-COLONEL D. C. PERCY-SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E.

capacity at Lucknow, after the Battalion had gone to Burma. In May, 1904, he was promoted Captain, and was again posted to the 1st Battalion.

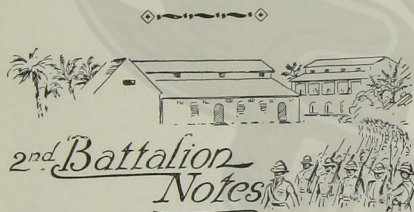
In November, 1904, he was appointed A.D.C. to the G.O.C. 8th Lucknow Division, which he held till appointed Assistant Military Secretary to the G.O.C. Northern Army in 1908. In 1909 he was reappointed to the 1st Battalion in Allahabad and posted for a tour of duty

tier. During this period Capt. Percy-Smith took part in four expeditions, being himself in command of two of them. He thus earned the Sudan General Service Medal and three clasps, and was mentioned in despatches and awarded 4th Class Order of the Nile.

In October, 1914, being on sick leave in Cairo when war was declared against Turkey, Capt. Percy-Smith was given command of an armoured train on the

Suez Canal, with which he served at the first Turkish attack on the Canal in February, 1915. On September 15th, 1915, he was promoted Major. In 1916 he was transferred to command the 1st Battalion Egyptian Army, which he took to Palestine in July, 1917, and joined Lord Allenby's army on that front, where he served till the conclusion of hostilities. For his services in Palestine Lieut.-Col. Percy-Smith was three times mentioned in despatches and awarded the O.B.E.

After the Armistice, Lieut.-Col. Percy-Smith was present in Cairo when the Revolution broke out in January, 1919, and was given command of an area. From here he was promoted to the command of Khartoum District, a First Class Military District, and was given the rank of Lewa (Major-General), which rank carries with it the title of Pasha. He served as such until the conclusion of his ten years' service in the Egyptian Army, when he returned to regimental duty with the 1st Battalion, being awarded a Third Class Order of the Nile on leaving the Egyptian Army. The remainder of his service in the Army was spent with the 1st Battalion in Ireland, Silesia, the Rhine, and Aldershot. Having attained the age limit, fifty years, as a Major, he was promoted to a half-pay Lieutenant-Colonelcy on September 15th, 1925, and retired from the Army the next day. On retirement he was appointed D.A.A.G. of the Guernsey Militia as a retired officer, and placed in the Reserve of Officers as a Lieutenant-Colonel.



THE new Colours were presented to the Battalion on July 15th, 1925, by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, Gen. Sir Claud Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., on the Brigade parade ground, Admednagar. The Battalion was in position by 7 a.m., forming the base of a hollow square, of which

the 4th/11th Sikh Regiment composed the left flank and detachments of the two other units of the 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, 2nd/7th Rajputs and 5th/5th Mahrattas and Departmental Details, the right. After the inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, the Battalion took up dispositions for trooping the Colours.

The old Colours, which were presented by Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., on May 4th, 1876, were trooped, after which the new Colours were consecrated by the Right Reverend Bishop Loyd, Assistant Bishop of Bombay.

His Excellency then addressed the Regiment as follows:—

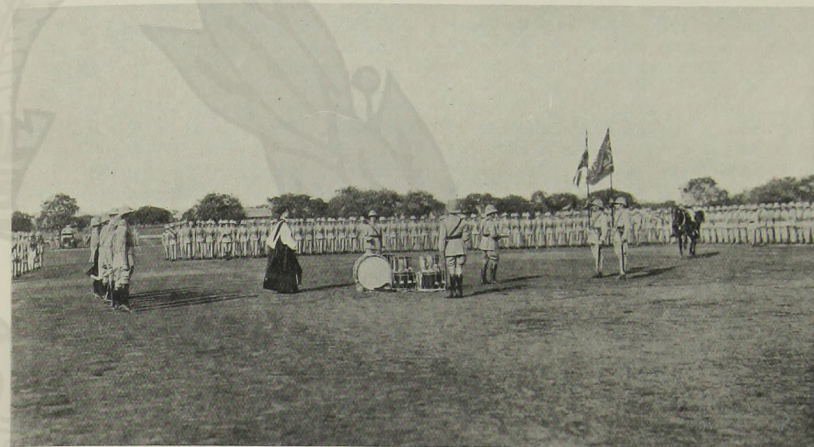
"I feel it a great honour, as well as a great pleasure, to be standing here before you to present new Colours to a Battalion which has such a fine record of service, not only in the Great War, but in every campaign and country in which it has served.

Most of you are aware of the history of the Middlesex Regiment, but I should like to recall, as briefly as I can, the magnificent story of the 2nd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, which is on parade to-day.

It was raised in 1787 as the 77th Foot, and was specially raised in that year for service in India.

In 1788 it was presented with Colours at Dover, and embarked for India. From that year till 1807 it was engaged in the war against Tippoo Sultan in Mysore, fought in the attack on Cannanore, and at the subsequent surrender of Seringapatam. It took part in the capture of Ceylon from the Dutch, and was present at the second siege of Seringapatam, where it gained distinction. One of the survivors of the campaign was Lieut. John Lawrence, who became the father of two of the greatest soldiers India has known—Sir Henry and Lord Lawrence. Then it served in Southern and Central India, under Sir Arthur Wellesley, being most favourably mentioned by him in despatches.

In 1807 the Battalion returned home, and in the same year was presented with new Colours at Chatham by the East India Company.



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PRESENTATION OF COLOURS BY GENERAL SIR CLAUD JACOB,
G.O.C.-IN-CHIEF, INDIA, JULY 15TH, 1925.

In 1809 it formed part of the Force despatched to capture Antwerp.

In 1811 the 77th Foot landed in the Peninsula to serve under the Duke of Wellington, and was posted to Gen. Sir Thomas Picton's Division. It shared in the siege and capture of Ciudad Rodrigo, during which the brilliant action of El Boden was fought. Lord Wellington, who witnessed this action, embodied his high approval of the conduct of the Regiment in a general order, describing it as a 'memorial example of what can be effected by steadiness, discipline, and confidence.'

The Peninsular War added a glorious chapter to the history of the Middlesex Regiment, for not only were eight battle honours, out of seventeen now borne on the Regimental Colour, added to its roll, but the cherished name of 'The Die-Hards' was there first bestowed on it, this name having been gained by your 1st Battalion, the old 57th Foot, at the Battle of Albuhera on May 16th, 1811.

In 1823 the 77th Foot served in Jamaica for twelve years.

In 1854 it proceeded to the Crimea, where it took a very gallant part in the Battle of Alma and in the capture of the castle of Balaclava. It was also present at the Battle of Inkerman, and, together with the 57th (now your 1st Battalion) suffered very heavy casualties in the fight. Later, together with the 57th, it greatly distinguished itself throughout the siege of Sevastopol. These two Regiments were awarded four Victoria Crosses for splendid heroism, while no fewer than twenty-eight non-commissioned officers and men won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

In 1857 the 77th were sent to Australia, and in 1858 were about to be transferred to Hong-Kong, when the Indian Mutiny changed their destination to India. The Regiment took part in the closing scenes of the Mutiny Campaign, and remained in India till 1870.

In 1876, for the third time since 1787, the Duke of Cambridge presented you with new Colours at Chatham. These Colours, to which we are bidding farewell this morning, have thus been forty-nine years with the Battalion.

In 1881 the 57th and 77th became permanently incorporated as the 1st and 2nd

Battalions of the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment.

The year 1900 saw the 2nd Battalion at the South African War, where it greatly distinguished itself at the Relief of Ladysmith, including the action at Spion Kop, and at the actions of Vaal Krantz, Colenso, Pieters Hill, Van Wyk, and Alleman's Nek. After Spion Kop, Sir Redvers Buller, in his despatches, said, 'The Middlesex Regiment magnificently upheld the best traditions of the British Army.'

At the outbreak of the Great War the Battalion was at Malta, but was brought home to proceed to France with the 8th Division, with which division it remained throughout the war. The Battalion played a prominent part in many battles and minor engagements, but the outstanding occasion on which the 'Die-Hards' gloriously upheld the traditions of the Regiment was at the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on March 10th, 1915. The Regiment was then opposed by the Prussian Guard, and no less than four gallant attempts were made before the position was gained.

Such is the brief history of your gallant Battalion.

In the Great War the Middlesex Regiment provided no less than forty-six battalions, and they served in the following theatres of war:—

France and Flanders, Salonika, Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Siberia, India, and Italy.

The number of the battle honours accorded to the Regiment in the Great War was seventy-nine. No other regiment has a similar record. Of those honours the following ten are authorized to be borne on the King's Colour:—

"Mons," "Marne 1914," "Ypres 1915," "17," "18," "Albert 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai 1917," "18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," and "Mesopotamia."

May these new Colours which I am now presenting to the Battalion, on which the many honours gained by the Middlesex Regiment are inscribed, be an incentive to you and future generations to uphold the splendid traditions of the British Army, of your Regiment, and of your Battalion.

Lieut. P. Pater and Lieut. E. L. Heywood received the new Colours, and the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., replying to His Excellency's speech, said:—

"Your Excellency, on behalf of the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Battalion, I wish to thank you for the great honour you have done us to-day in presenting our new Colours.

The old ones which they replace have been with the Battalion for almost fifty years. During the last twenty-five the Battalion has been engaged in two campaigns, in South Africa and in the Great War, and I think I can say that in each it has maintained the great reputation earned by our predecessors in the Crimea, in the Peninsula, and in this country.

A generation in a regiment quickly passes, and although it is only seven years since the Great War there are comparatively few now serving who fought with it then; but I have no hesitation, Sir, in saying that the present generation are prepared to carry on the great traditions of which they are the heirs, and of which these Colours and this occasion will constantly remind them.

Again, Sir, I thank you."

The Battalion then marched past in column in slow time, and afterwards advanced in review order. A general salute concluded the ceremony.

At 11 a.m. the officers were photographed with His Excellency and Staff. After an introduction of the officers an inspection of the Institutes and the Machine Gun Platoon was carried out. The Commander-in-Chief expressed great interest as to the localities from which the men of the Battalion hailed, and commented very favourably on the territorial character of the Regiment, which, as he said, really did come from Middlesex.

That night, His Excellency and about twenty guests were entertained to dinner by the officers of the Regiment. Before leaving, Gen. Sir Claud Jacob made a short informal speech, and said what great pleasure it had given him in coming to Ahmednagar to see the Regiment, which he had not met since having it

under his command, as Corps Commander, in France.

The following two letters were received:—

Commander-in-Chief Camp,
Bolarum, India.

17th July, 1925.

I wish to tell you how pleased I was with all I saw at Ahmednagar on Wednesday. I was particularly struck by the turn-out and steadiness under arms of the men of the Middlesex Regiment.

(Signed) CLAUD W. JACOB.

To The Officer Commanding,
2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment
(D.C.O.)

Memorandum.

I am very honoured by having the pleasant task of informing all ranks of the 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India expressed the greatest satisfaction at the magnificent way the Battalion carried out its duties during the ceremony of presentation of new Colours.

The bearing and drill of the Battalion was excellent in all respects, and worthily upheld its traditions.

I congratulate all ranks.

(Signed) A. M. MOENS, Colonel,
Colonel Commandant,
Comdg. 16th Indian Infantry Brigade.

CRICKET.

During the last few months the Company Cricket League and the Platoon Knock-out Competition have both been played off. The games were very keenly contested, and there were many close finishes.

"A" Company and "H.Q.1" drew for first place in the League, each side having lost to the other once. "H.Q.2" were third, closely followed by "D," then "B" and "C" respectively.

The Platoon Knock-out was won by No. 2 Platoon, who played No. 8 in the final. The latter were considerably a weaker team on paper, but put up a very good fight.

The Battalion has so far played only two outside matches; firstly, against the Gymkhana Club, and secondly, Non-commissioned Officers and Men against the same side.

In the first match the Club opened and put up 132, Capt. Bampfild, with 56, being the highest scorer. Three of our wickets were down for 62, L./Cpl. Flint and Pte. Butterfield both having reached the twenties, but Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and C.S.M. Siddons then made a splendid stand, and in an incredibly short space of time carried the score to 199 before they were separated, Siddons making 89 and Palmer 51. Play stopped with our score at 223 for 6 wickets.

In the second match, which was played on our ground, the Club were dismissed for 64, which score we passed before the fall of the fifth wicket and eventually finished with 175, L./Cpl. Addinall (50) and Sergt. Glover (36) both doing some very spirited hitting.

The wickets in the first match were taken by Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer with 4 for 32, C.S.M. Siddons 3 for 11, L./Cpl. Addinall 1 for 7, and Pte. Worger 1 for 12; and in the second match Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer 2 for 18, C.S.M. Siddons 2 for 9, L./Cpl. Addinall 4 for 6, and Pte. Lincoln 2 for 6. L./Cpl. Flint has developed into a very sound wicket-keeper, and was responsible for three catches at the wicket in the second match.

Very shortly we play the Royal Tank Corps at Ahmednagar, and early in August meet the Royal West Kent Regiment in Poona, the return being played here the following month. We have two more fixtures with the Club, but, apart from regimental matches, cricket has had to give way to hockey.

CONCERT PARTY.

The show given by the "Pothooks" on May 25th, 26th and 27th, fell naturally into two parts.

The first part, purely variety, opened with the chorus, consisting of 2/Lieut. Chisholm, Sergt. Hart, Cpl. Ruttledge, L./Cpls. Moss and Pollard, Dmr. Raymond, and Ptes. Leonard and Jacobson, singing "Oh, that Pothooks Show," an adaption of "Oh, that Quartz Arts Ball," from "Yes, Uncle."

This was followed by Dmr. Raymond with two songs, "At the end of the Road" and "They never have a Cross Word now," the latter assisted by the chorus and both being accompanied by Moss.

The third turn introduced the popular couple, Moss and Leonard, who sandwiched a humorous dialogue with two cheery duets, viz., "Kentucky" and "Mandalay."

The curtain was dropped, and on being raised again we saw the Verilites Mandolin Quartette occupying the stage. These clever performers, hailing from "A" Company, were L./Cpls. Flint, Gliberry and Jenkins, and Ptes. Giller and Page. They played a selection of popular chorus songs. The curtain fell once more, the musicians hurried off, and the stage was quickly prepared for the next number, in which Ruttledge and Jacobson proved that their cross-talk comedy was appreciated as much in India as in the old days in Cairo. They were followed by the Verilites once more, who entertained the audience from in front of the curtain while the stage was being set for the revival of another old Cairo favourite. This was a sketch, entitled "Conjugal Bliss Illustrated," written by Cpl. Ruttledge. It showed that, with the help of a little alcohol, even the most henpecked husband and the most downtrodden wife can turn the tables on their respective spouses. The four players in this sketch were all excellent, Pte. Martin as the henpecked Mr. Smith, Pte. Leonard as his hectoring wife, L./Cpl. Pollard as the overbearing Mr. Jones, and L./Cpl. Moss (taking up the part at five days' notice) as the meek and mild Mrs. Jones, all putting in really good work.

This brought the first half of the programme to a close.

Part II consisted of a musical comedy in two scenes, called "Oh Uncle." The "book" was by Lieut. Clark and Cpl. Ruttledge, with lyrics by Clifford Grey and music by Nat D. Ayer.

Bertie Bellamy, an extravagant young man, who has married Enid without the knowledge or consent of his godfather, Samuel Hetherwick, is slowly but surely travelling towards the bankruptcy court when his old friend, Charlie Cummings,

enters with a telegram. On opening the telegram they discover that Hetherwick, not satisfied with his godson's repeated appeals for money, is coming in person to make inquiries. Charlie hurries the young couple away and stays to greet Hetherwick. Simon de Boko, an immaculately dressed young man with an irritating habit of repeating one's remarks, pondering deeply, and finally saying "Yes," appears on the scene. Charlie obtusely mistakes him for Hetherwick, and on that person's arrival behaves insultingly to him. The situation is saved by the return of Bertie, who is placably managing the old gentleman, when Enid enters and the fat is in the fire once more. Charlie steps into the breach by claiming Enid as his fiancée, and the curtain falls on Scene I by Simon de Boko inviting them all out to lunch.

Scene 2 reveals Simon in his true colours as a blackmailer. Having failed in an attempt to extort money from Bertie and Enid, he exposes them to Hetherwick, who, however, forgives them their youthful folly. A detective enters, and recognizing Simon as "Hose 10p Harry," a notorious criminal, drags him, handcuffed, away.

Cpl. Ruttledge, as Bertie Bellamy, sang and acted well; Sergt. Hart, as Charlie, was full of energy and resource; 2/Lieut. Chisholm, as Simon de Boko, proved himself an excellent light comedian; Mrs. Jones, as Enid Bellamy, played the harassed wife in a very capable manner; and Lieut. Clark (as Samuel Hetherwick) and L./Cpl. Moss (as the detective) were also quite able in their parts.

A word about the music. The Band, under the direction of Bandmaster Clibbens, helped very considerably towards the success of the evening. The most popular song was "The Visitors' Book" (Hart, Ruttledge, and 2/Lieut. Chisholm). Another popular number was "I was so young, you were so beautiful" (Ruttledge). The remaining songs, which were also well received, were, "Would you believe it?" (Lieut. Clark and Sergt. Hart), "Better late than never with the girls" (Mrs. Jones and Sergt. Hart), and "Here's to you" (Sergt. Hart and 2/Lieut. Chisholm), and two concerted numbers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It first happened early in June. Somebody said the Monsoon had broken, but after enquiries among the weather prophets of Ahmednagar (chiefly boot-boys) it was ascertained that we were having the prelude to the Monsoon. In England they are generally known as "April showers"; in the "Mystic East" they are known as "Mango showers." Goodness knows why they receive such a high-sounding title. The troops had the impression that the mangoes were ripe, and forthwith proceeded to investigate. The results were rather disastrous. No, not dysentery, but—seven days' C.B.

The Monsoon has really broken, but nothing like what we expected. We were all anxiously waiting for an issue of skiffs, but, so far, the "breaking" has been confined to sundry showers at most inopportune moments. "Pukkah regimental rain," in fact; I think it is safe to say we are having the tail end now, and that nobody is particularly sorry, either.

Social life has been rather dull in Ahmednagar during the past quarter. True, we have had the usual dances, etc., but, what with having a new staff at the "Tank School" and "Machine Gun School," we are not yet so well acquainted as we might be. We are just beginning to know each other, and by next quarter hope to be the greatest of pals.

A Clock Golf Tournament was arranged some while back. There were a number of entries, but, owing to the strenuousness of the game, many retired. Others retired on the grounds that one was not expected to play clock golf from nullahs. The survivors, after many hard-fought games, at last managed to reach the semi-finals. The president of the Recreation Committee had such a shock at the game going so far, that to date he has not sufficiently recovered to post the names for the final on the board. We are hoping that by the time the dry weather comes again he will have recovered enough to allow the players to continue. It is hoped by the next quarter we shall be able to publish the name of the fortunate individual who is the winner of the Clock Golf Tankard.

Thanks to a suggestion by C.S.M.I.M. Cox, the Mess has started a monthly "Silver Spoon Shoot." There have been three held, and each one has been a success. The winners to date are L./Sergt. Burgess, C.S.M. Siddons, and Sergt. Sperry. The "shoots" are very popular, and it is hoped to run them indefinitely.

At the last shoot a "Pool Bull" Competition was held. This was commenced at 500 yards, and when practices were finished it was transferred to the 600 yards point. By the time the shoot was over, nobody had been lucky enough to hit the coveted "bull." There were ordinary "bulls" by the score, and, incidentally, quite a number of "flags."

All the above events fade into insignificance when I come to the event of the year. The Battalion was presented with new Colours on July 15th.

After the foregoing event, it is only natural that we should celebrate it in some way in the Mess. Accordingly, a dinner was arranged, at which all members attended. The whole affair was splendidly arranged, and our thanks are tendered to C.Q.M.S. Smith and his committee for the way everything went off. Among the guests were the R.S.Ms. of the Royal Tank Corps and Royal West Kent Regiment, and also representatives from their messes. R.S.M. Fane made a short speech after dinner, in which he remarked that a parade such as we had attended that day very seldom came in the ordinary routine of a soldier's life, and he felt very highly honoured that he had had the privilege of presiding on such an auspicious occasion. The speech was replied to by R.S.M. Sutherland, of the Royal Tank Corps, and R.S.M. Stroud, of The Royal West Kent Regiment, both of whom remarked on the splendid drill and turn-out of the Battalion.

In closing, it will probably be of interest to the readers of THE DIE-HARDS to know that the old Colours were presented in 1878.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last publication of the Journal much strenuous work has been accomplished by the Company. After two months' Individual Training we have settled down to a more or less quiet life.

We are at present duty Company, so there are plenty of fatigues and guards going spare.

Next month the Company goes to the Fort for duty. Many of the troops are looking forward to this sojourn from Headquarters. Goodness knows why, unless they think one guard in five days at the Fort is better than one in eight at Barracks.

At present there is a Scouts' Class running in the Battalion, under Lieut. H. P. Lambert, of this Company. We have one non-commissioned officer and two men attending, and by all accounts they are hot stuff. There is nothing they do not know about "magnetic bearings," "panorama sketching," and the hundred-and-one odds and ends that a good scout should know. I have heard it stated, on good authority, that they have even gone so far as to do "one good turn a day," but this is probably exaggerated a bit.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Clark on his return from the British Army School of Education with a "D," and also to Ptes. Sibley, Stagge, and Fowler on their appointments to Lance-Corporals, and L./Cpls. Jones and Ballard on their promotion to Corporal.

We are having our full share of Company whist drives and dances, and these are popular among the troops. They take place in the Company dining hall, and generally last from 7 p.m. to midnight. Besides passing a few pleasant hours away, they help considerably to swell the Recreation Fund. A charge of four annas is made for admission, and refreshments are supplied during the interval. Mind you, the dancing isn't what one would expect to see in a first class ball-room, but everybody is cheerful, and that is all that matters. "A" Company are again to the fore in dances, and we have our own dance band. This, I think, has been mentioned in a previous issue, but just lately the band has improved by leaps and bounds, and we have a great addition in Pte. Jacobson, who has at least got a "pukkah jazz set."

A month or so ago we had a great scare about "loose wallahs," those dusky gentlemen (?) who have a nasty habit of visiting bungalows at about 2 a.m. and carrying away boxes of kit. Troops were sitting up all night to catch

them, but evidently the "loose wallahs" did not want to be caught, for after about five nightly visits they struck their tents and went silently into the night. They have not returned since, and I for one am not anxious to hear of them again—they might pinch my only pair of socks and "greyback."

Several invalids (and others) have been for a "rest" to Purandhur. They say it would be a good place for "mountain warfare."

Most of the last quarter has been occupied with cricket. We have been without Sergt. Capel, our wicket-keeper, who has been away as P.T. Instructor, but L./Cpl. Flint has ably filled his place.

In the Inter-Company League we were equal first with "H.Q.1," having won nine matches out of ten and having an average of 104.6 runs per innings. The best individual averages were:—

Batting.—C.S.M. Siddons 24.7, L./Cpl. Flint 14.7, Lieut. Chisholm 13.3, and Pte. Linley, 11.4.

Bowling.—Sergt. Mewett 4.4, Pte. Roberts (07) 5.3, Pte. Prime 5.7, and C.S.M. Siddons 5.8.

The Inter-Platoon Cricket in the Company was won by No. 2 Platoon, who therefore represented the Company in the Battalion Knock-out. They reached the final by beating the Band, and beat No. 8 Platoon in the final. Congratulations. On Albuhera Day our football team, in a Six-a-side Knock-out, were beaten in their first game by the winners, "H.Q.1," after a very fast game, but we lifted one or two prizes in the Gymkhana Sports in the afternoon.

C.S.M. Siddons, L./Cpl. Flint, Pte. Prime, and Pte. Pulham have been playing regularly for the Battalion hockey team, who play the 4th/11th Sikh Regiment every week and generally beat them.

We are just starting our Inter-Platoon Hockey, and have already a fairly good idea as to who will be the winners. However, we shall see. They will have to fight for it, literally, to all appearances.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

This quarter finds us in the midst of Individual Training, which has had to be somewhat curtailed owing to the

Battalion practice parades for the presentation and trooping of the Colours. The shooting has, however, so far been much better than last year, and we hope that we may again reach the Company standard gained in Singapore in 1923, when we won the Company Shooting Cup.

In the Cricket League, which has just finished, we started by beating "C" Company, and had a most exciting match with "D" Company, which resulted in a tie. Our first game with "A" Company was also somewhat thrilling; we made 52, and they had got 49 for 9 wickets when the rain made it absolutely impossible to continue. In the second half of the League we beat "C" Company again; we lost all our other matches.

We were rather unlucky, in that one of our best bowlers was on leave in England and Pte. Lincoln was, during part of the League, up at the Convalescent Hill Station.

No. 8 Platoon won the Inter-Platoon Cricket in the Company, which counts towards our Platoon Shield, No. 6 Platoon being a close second. No. 8 consequently represents us in the Battalion Platoon Tournament, and having beaten No. 10 Platoon of "C" Company, is now due to meet No. 2 Platoon in the final.

During the quarter the Company has had several whist drives and dances. On Albuhera Day, "A" and "B" Companies ran a dance in the Cinema; this was a great success, and we hope to have many more like it. On Albuhera Day also we did quite well in the Company Six-a-side Football Tournament, beating "D" Company and giving the strong "H.Q.1" side a good game in the final.

During trooping season 1925-26 we lose a few of our numbers, most of those leaving having been with the Company since 1919. Seven are due to go—Cpl. Rutledge, L./Cpl. Grimmett, Ptes. Dack, Sharp, Alderson, Robinson (52), and Entwistle.

Cpl. Rutledge will be a big loss to the Concert Party, with which he has done much good work during the last two shows. Pte. Dack will be greatly missed in the sporting line, and especially by the

Company football team. We wish all the above the best of luck and prosperity in civil life.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Having been relieved from detachment at the Fort, the Company is now concentrating on Individual Training and Preliminary Musketry. We have not yet been able to get settled down, owing to part of our time being taken in practising for the presentation of our new Colours, and the interruptions of "Miss Monsoon," who has on many occasions damped our hardened spirits (both inside and out). Despite the scathing remarks overheard on practice parades, the parade on July 15th, when our new Colours were presented, passed off successfully.

Our Platoon Sports League is progressing favourably, and No. 10, having finished first in the Cricket League, have once more taken over the job of keeping the shield clean. We congratulate No. 10 on reaching the semi-final of the Platoon Knock-out Competition (Cricket), and wish them success in the next match against No. 8 Platoon, "B" Company. "If such giants as Bishop and Milne make their first-wicket stand such a success as their last, and the renowned Bailey hits a few of his fours, the shield is ours." Our next spasm of sport is hockey; it has been heard that the M.O. will not allow this until the hospital has been enlarged.

We are very glad to have C.S.M. Rand with us again. He has rejoined after knocking the stuffing out of the sacks at the Small Arms School.

Congratulations to Sergts. Simmonds and Colbourne on gaining their First Class Certificates of Education. Their recent success now brings our total of First Class Certificates to five.

L.O.2 still keeps us well supplied with information, but has not yet broadcasted our next move. Something must be wrong with the crystals, or perhaps the wind is blowing the wrong way.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the brainy individual who commenced his trigger-pressing season with the following?: "Of course, owing

to the high standard of trigger pressure in the Army of to-day, we are now able to fire our rifles in the open or behind cover."

Are Mills grenades filled with "enamel"?

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Individual Training is over, and we are enjoying a well-earned rest at the Fort—at least, those of us who are on detachment can say that. But Winter Training will soon be here, closely followed by Christmas, when we can buy a new calendar and cross off another year. "That big boat" gets ever nearer.

Since our last notes we have worked off the Inter-Platoon Football League. No. 16 Platoon won. They were easily the heaviest team, but they had to fight for their place. The move to the Fort upset the Cricket League, but in the first half of it No. 16 Platoon was the outstanding team. It therefore represented the Company in the Battalion Inter-Platoon Knock-out at cricket. They played No. 10 Platoon in the first round, and after an exciting game they were defeated.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Addinall on passing the "Refereeing and Judging Course," and also L./Cpl. Williams on getting his First Class Certificate of Education.

The trooping season is drawing near, and we shall soon be losing some of those who have served with the Company for many years. We wish them all the best of luck.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If the "Visitors' Book" will be available soon?

If the "Dole" is being kept on?

How are "Uncle Samuel's" feet?

If Hats Pith at Rs2 annas 4 aren't useful?

MACHINE GUNNERS' NOTES.

Previous to the presentation of our new Colours the G.O.C. Poona District came to inspect the Battalion. About an hour before his arrival we received a wire

stating that he would inspect the Machine Gun Platoon. Naturally, everybody dashed about, including even our Sepoy drivers. Anyhow, we reached and left the parade with a stainless character. Then came the great day (July 15th, 1925) on which we were presented with new Colours by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of India. This finished, he visited the Machine Gun bungalow, and gave us credit for our hard work.

We must congratulate Cpl. Ruff on filling the vacancy as Sergeant-Instructor at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar.

There isn't much news from the old Gunners this time. Our new section are getting along quite well; in fact, they have finished practical stuff and are at present delving into the mysteries of theory (poor kids). How they keep interesting faces during lectures I don't know, but they do.

We are to lose quite a lot of our non-commissioned officers this trooping season, but "methinks" they will change their minds, as I am sure nobody wants them to leave us. But still, we must await developments.

Last, but not least, we must congratulate Ptes. Glew, Wright and Cadwallader on being appointed Lance-Corporals.

STEAM TUBE.

SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

In the sports world hockey reigns supreme, and we are still going strong at it. Many victories of four and five goals have come our way.

We challenged "B" Company's team and went forth to do or die, but owing to a cricket match claiming their best men we beat them 9-0. Although they failed at hockey, for their good sportsmanship they deserve a cup as high as St. Paul's.

Every minute of the game was hotly and cleanly contested, and they never once gave up hope.

We can only trust that, when we do meet their full team, we shall put up as good a show.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Jeffrey and Sparks on their promotion, and wish them every success in their new rôle.

The Section were well represented at the presentation of the new Colours.

The Colours were carried by Lieuts. Pater and Heywood, our present and ex-signal officers, while the rest of the Section were split up amongst the escort and guards.

FLAG BASHER.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is "sympathy"?

Why does "Duke" hate aristocrats?

Who will be the first victim of our new boxer?

BIRTHS.

HILL.—On June 9th, 1925, at Ahmednagar, the wife of 6190901 Sergt. F. Hill—a son, Dennis Francis.

GLOVER.—On June 24th, 1925, at Ahmednagar, the wife of 6188694 Sergt. H. Glover—a daughter, Molly Doreen Ivy.

MARRIAGE.

DARK—KINGHAM.—On June 11th, 1925, at St. Peter's Church, Clapham, London, 6189483 Bdsman. S. Dark to Victoria May Kingham.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Reverted to Private at own request.—6192609 L./Cpl. G. Hunt, 6/5/25; 6191170 Cpl. T. Fuller, 8/5/25; 6190721 L./Cpl. H. Cassam, 30/5/25.

Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal.—6190000 Pte. F. Jeffery, 27/5/25; 6192060 Pte. F. Sparkes, 30/5/25; 6189572 Pte. T. Sibley, 8/6/25; 6191821 Pte. T. Martin, 9/6/25; 6192376 Pte. F. Wright, 6/7/25; 7814740 Pte. D. Glew, 6191382 Pte. A. Cadwallader, 7/7/25; 6193821 Pte. L. Stagg, 18/7/25; 6193692 Pte. A. Fowler, 8/7/25.

Promoted Sergeant.—6189754 L./Sergt. F. Draper, 17/2/25.

Appointed Paid Lance - Sergeant.—6191311 Cpl. A. Clifford, 6190826 Cpl. T. Tiller, 17/2/25.

Promoted Corporal.—6189092 L./Cpl. A. Secretan, 5/5/25; 6189466 L./Cpl. J. Jones, 8/5/25; 6191235 L./Cpl. T. Ballard, 13/5/25.

Appointed Paid Lance - Corporal.—
6192715 L./Cpl. W. Eldridge, 5/5/25;
6190684 L./Cpl. A. Granshaw, 8/5/25;
6189563 L./Cpl. F. Towell, 13/5/25;
6194285 L./Cpl. W. Schooledge, 30/5/25.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Qualified Q.1 at Sixth Combined Course at Small Arms School, Satara, 26/3/25.—6189120 Sergt. T. Massey, 6189531 Sergt. J. Hart.

Qualified First Class at the Army School of Physical Training, Ambala, 28/3/25.—6191641 L./Cpl. L. Laxton.

Qualified "Good" at Regimental Nursing Orderlies' Course at British Stationary Hospital, Poona, 12/5/25.—6192615 Pte. S. Bailey, 6189734 Pte. J. Dadswell; 6190735 Pte. H. White.

Qualified at the Second British Refresher and Referecing and Judging Course at the Army School of Physical Training, Kasauli, 23/5/25.—6194531 L./Cpl. E. Addinall.

Qualified "Distinguished" at the Second Course, Army School of Education, Belgaum, 26/6/25.—6192374 L./Cpl. A. Clark.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Awarded Third Class Certificate of Education, Ahmednagar, India, 15/4/25.—6193272 Pte. G. Duffen, 6193885 Pte. J. Davis, 6195090 Pte. G. Wilson, 6003165 Pte. G. Lee, 6195138 Boy G. Kemp, 6194029 Pte. W. King, 6195255 Pte. W. Davis, 6188035 Pte. C. Martin, 6193217 Pte. C. Hillier, 6538135 Pte. F. Higgins, 6193820 Pte. A. Hill, 6193750 Pte. H. Ball, 6193512 Pte. G. Wilson, 6195075 Pte. J. Sharpe, 6194436 Pte. F. Harvey, 6538175 Pte. J. Neal, 6189765 Pte. J. Entwistle, 6191042 Pte. J. Arnold, 6189831 Pte. J. Ward, 6191093 Pte. A. Disbury, 6195235 Pte. H. Russell, 6191683 Pte. W. Summerfield, 6194010 Pte. J. Aylett, 6191310 Pte. J. Prime.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men are awarded Second Class Certificates of Education, 28/4/25.—6192569 Pte. W. Mapp, 6189905 Pte. S. Young, 6190202 Pte. W. Jones, 6193220 Pte. W. Green, 6194979 L./Cpl. B. Gower, 6192708 L./Cpl. J. Davis, 6190542 Pte. G. Morris, 6188157 Pte. G. Norris,

6194534 L./Cpl. E. Geary, 6194971 Pte. V. Kea, 6192699 Pte. G. Poulson, 6193455 Pte. A. May, 6191208 Pte. R. Wilson, 6193463 Pte. A. Cox, 6191001 L./Cpl. R. Wingrove, 6194681 Pte. W. Chalkley, 6190939 Cpl. R. Wood, 6191006 Pte. E. Crump, 6192707 Pte. R. Hunnings, 6193636 Pte. C. Sale, 6192537 L./Cpl. J. Power, 6193102 Pte. G. Manhood, 6195635 Boy A. Potts, 6195710 Boy D. Green.

Awarded Third Class Certificate of Education at Purandhar, 17/6/25.—6193564 Pte. J. Shaw, 6193091 Pte. G. Rose, 6194270 Pte. C. Bacon, 6194202 Pte. G. Chapman, 6193469 Pte. W. West.

Awarded First Class Certificates of Education at Ahmednagar, 8/4/25 (Authority W.O. Letter No. 43/certs/122 (S.D.8) dated 3/6/25).—6191591 Sergt. R. Colbourne, 6190336 Sergt. L. Simmonds, 6191883 Cpl. L. Baker, 6192837 L./Cpl. D. Williams.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

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

Amount of grants made: £79 11s. 9d.
Special loan sanctioned by Executive Committee: £100.

Number of cases dealt with: 92.
Number of cases assisted: 51.
Number of men registered for employment: 39.

Number of men found permanent employment: 9.

Number of men offered employment: 26.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 10.

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

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Pasingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair), Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. M. Thorne, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.S.M. H.

Anderson, M.C., R.O.M.S. A. Purcell, Sergt. W. Rogers, Mr. E. Morris, and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts of the Old Comrades' Dinner (February, 1925) were read and passed. It was decided that, in future, advertising the Dinner be limited to sending notices to members who attended previous dinners, and to Pensioners and Reservists, through the Regimental Paymaster, and to inserting notices in papers that publish free of charge.

It was proposed and carried that, in future, the Old Comrades' Dinner be held in the early part of the winter, and that the next Dinner takes place in November. It was also proposed and carried that the following be invited as Regimental Guests: The Duke of Bedford, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex; the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Middlesex County Council.

Capt. Foster, Chairman of the History Committee, reported the progress being made with the History of the Regiment in the Great War, and explained the causes of the delay in publication. He stated that the History Committee have every reason to believe that the first volume will be in the hands of the printers by the end of the year.

It was proposed and carried that the following amounts be subscribed, on behalf of the Regiment, to the various Charities for 1925:—

	£	s.	d.
Charity Organisation Society ...	4	4	0
C.O.S., Registration Branch ...	1	1	0
British Legion ...	1	1	0
Friends of the Poor ...	2	2	0
Gordon Boys' Home ...	1	1	0
Hospital for Sick Children ...	2	2	0
National Association for Employment of ex-Soldiers ...	2	2	0
Netley Charitable Fund ...	2	2	0
Newport Market Training School ...	1	1	0
Royal Drummond Institute ...	2	2	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home ...	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Assocn. ...	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society ...	2	2	0
St. Dunstan's ...	1	1	0

It was proposed and carried that the following sub-committee be appointed to consider the possibility of extending the Cottage Home Scheme, or in any way assisting men, discharged to pension, in obtaining housing accommodation:—

Chairman: Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D. Members: Mr. E. Morris and Mr. J. G. Peacock.

98, Bulwer Road,
Silver Street,
Edmonton, N.18.
August 4th, 1925.

THE SECRETARY,
Middlesex Association,
Mill Hill.

SIR,

On behalf of the family of the late C.S.M. J. B. Parker, I beg to thank you for your expressions of sympathy in our sad bereavement and inestimable loss of our dear father, and also for the beautiful wreath. Kindly convey our thanks to the members of the Middlesex Association, particularly the officers, N.C. officers and friends of my dear father.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. W. PARKER.

London, N.11,
August 8th, 1925.

MAJOR F. S. STEED, D.C.M.

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed please find P.O. value 7s. 6d., being final instalment in repayment of loan of £4 10s. from Regimental Association.

My wife and self wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for all the Association has done. It is impossible to give expression in words to the *deep gratitude* we feel.

Since last writing to you I have been appointed a "regular" service, and I understand that when this takes place one's position is as good as permanent.

After receiving 25s. per week unemployment benefit, and to receive £3 14s. (my last week's salary) I think you will understand a little of the appreciation we must feel.

Very sincerely yours,
J. E. K. H.

Harlesden.

SIR,

Enclosed please find £1 2s. 6d., being the final instalment of loan granted to me. Also 5s. as a subscription to the Regimental Association.

I wish to express my thanks for the lenient way you have dealt with me in paying this loan back. I am a married man, and unfortunately my wife is ailing, and has been for the past six months, but I am hoping now that in a few months she will be quite well again. Thanking you again for the job that you obtained for me on the tramways, also for the loan.

Wishing the Association the best of success in the future, and that they may help men as they helped me,

Yours thankfully,
G. R. S.

Arrawatta Goodment Farm,
Inverell, N.S.W.

Sunday, March 29th, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

Just a few lines to let you know that we have safely reached our destination.

After a most enjoyable and interesting voyage we disembarked at Sydney on the 19th inst. Most of that day was taken up in visiting various government offices and getting our baggage through the Customs. The next evening we entertained for Inverell, and had twenty-two hours in the train. Our boy, Bob, met us on the 19th and travelled up with us—he has got a job fairly close to us, so that we shall be able to see him at intervals. To my surprise I did not at first recognize him—he has grown so; his mother and I were delighted to have him with us for a few days.

We were met at Inverell railway station by the manager of this farm, and driven out to our cottage, about ten miles. Here we found everything ready for us; a stock of food laid in also. We were off to bed pretty early that night, as we were all fairly tired out, and needed no rocking.

The next day—Sunday—was spent in looking round a portion of the farm, which is about twice the size of Richmond Park. It is split up into about eight smaller farms, with a dairy at each place. There is a central butter and cheese factory, which takes all the milk. A river runs through the estate; it is rather low at present, as there has been no rain to speak of since Christmas.

A lot of the land is under wheat, corn (maize), and lucerne.

On Monday I started off at the dairy and had my first milking lesson, and have managed to get in a lesson each day since, and am getting fairly efficient—I milked five cows this morning.

The good thing about milking, from a farm learner's point of view, is that it can be done without interfering with the rest of the day's work, because it is done so early in the morning.

My other tasks—all of them somewhat strange to me—have been:—Handling heavy horses—harnessing and unharnessing them and generally getting acquainted with them; hoeing noxious weeds; pulling corn (maize)—the cobs are pulled off the stalks by hand.

The weather has been glorious—I think we have seen and enjoyed more sunshine already than we had in England all last year.

Everyone here, though, is anxiously looking for rain—the ground is very dry and hard and the grass is parched up. This district is said to be the most fertile in the state, but the rainfall is uncertain.

Wednesday evening, April 1st.

I was unable to finish writing on Sunday; we had several neighbours come in on Sunday to make themselves known to us.

The most surprising thing that strikes me about this country is the freedom and confidence of the children; youngsters of four years are quite at home to the saddle—not one or two here and there, but all of them. This evening, on my way home I met the farm manager's boy of about nine trudging home with a double-barrelled gun, and carrying four rabbits which he told me he had just shot—he left home with four cartridges only and returned with four rabbits with all the assurance of a grown man and a crack shot.

This is a surprising country in many ways, and I hope to enjoy many surprises of the right kind.

I don't know whether it is peculiar to this district, but one can work all day—from dawn to dusk—without feeling unduly tired. My one nightmare before leaving England was whether, after my sedentary life and at my age I should be able to do a hard day's work without being knocked up, but I find I can hold

my own with the best of them, and the remarkable thing is that I am not unduly fatigued when the lamps are lit at night. The climate and air are wonderful.

It is "early days" with us yet, but I am of opinion at this moment that I would rather work here for nothing except my tucker than to return to England to work for a wage.

On Monday I spent the day ploughing with a team of eight heavy horses, driven abreast, the plough having five furrows; it was quite thrilling.

Now I really must stop, as I have other letters to write. Trusting that you are in the best of health; also that her ladyship is fit and well.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
A. T. COUSINS.

P.S.—My wife started milking the cows to-day, and has arranged for riding lessons.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

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

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl-Passingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair), Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Major D. C. Percy-Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. M. Thorne, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Stead, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed to ask members who are in touch with, or meet, ex-officers of the Regiment, to notify the names and addresses to the Hon. Secretary of those wishing to join, in order that the rules and particulars may be sent to them.

DEPOT NOTES.

AT present, six squads are undergoing training. A draft is due for Aldershot this month.

The Regiment requires 258 recruits by the end of March, which indicates a busy time for us all. There is no "off" season here for anyone, and the greatest difficulty is experienced in working in the annual leave for all ranks, owing to the continuous inflow of recruits. The Depot has lost Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., who has rejoined the 1st Battalion.

Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., has arrived in relief of Major W. W. Jefferd. Lieut. G. Parker relieved Lieut. Rackham, and Lieut. S. Mirams has been appointed Acting Adjutant.

The Depot, about 160 strong, attended the Torchlight Tattoo at Wembley on September 24th. The party was despatched and returned in five hired buses.

The winter programme of amusement has commenced. Football, passball, hockey, quoits, dances, whist drives, boxing and shooting are in full swing.

The Cadre, under Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., attended the Middlesex Brigade Territorial Camp. Its services were appreciated in a formal letter of thanks from the Brigade Commander.

Since April, 1923, 326 recruits have been drafted to the 1st Battalion. Of these, 264 gained Certificates of Education and only seven failed to qualify in musketry.

The Annual Depot Rifle Meeting was held on September 1st and 2nd.

This year the second day was observed as a holiday, and in addition to the small arms competitions a "Fair" was organized. This proved an unqualified success. The following were the side shows:—

Cocoanut Shy—Run by Sergt. Hart.
Aunt Sally—Run by Sergt. Cobbett.
Fortune Teller—Run by Sergt. Darby.
Art Exhibition—Run by C.S.M.I. Elliot, A.P.T.S.

Darts—Run by L./Cpl. Jones.
Five Ten—Run by Cpl. Dickmanton.

These shows provided intense amusement to all, and were a constant draw during the whole day.

"Managers" worked like trojans, and displayed high ability in their respective rôles.

The sum of £15 13s. 3d. was made, and after all expenses had been paid a balance of over £9 was credited to the Depot amusement funds.

RIFLE MEETING PRIZE WINNERS.

Competition "A"—Depot Staff Individual Championship.

Possible points—55.

	Score.
Winner, Major Bucknall ...	48
Runner-up, L./Sergt. Cobbett ...	47
Wooden spoon, L./Sergt. Taylor	12

Competition "B" Knock-out Pairs.

Winners, Sergt. Griffen and L./Sergt. Robbins.

Runners-up, Lieut. Weller and Lieut. Rackham.

Competition "C"—Inter-Mess Challenge Cup.

Possible Aggregate—220.

Winners, Officers' Mess (Major Arnold, Major Bucknall, Lieut. Rackham, and Lieut. Weller) 136 points.

Sergeants' Mess (Sergt. Wilcockson, Sergt. Cobbett, Sergt. Clark, and Sergt. Robbins), 102 points.

Competition "D"—Recruits' Handicap.

Possible Aggregate—160.

Winners, "Mons" (L./Cpl. Patterson, Pte. Scovell, Pte. Quick, Pte. Deacon) 120 points.

Runners-up, "Nivelle" (Pte. Chambers, Pte. Grocott, Pte. Knight, Pte. Cotcroft), 115 points.

3rd, "Ypres" (Pte. Randall, Pte. Allen, Pte. Anderson, Pte. Doe) 110 points.

Competition "E"—Lewis Gun Pairs (Depot Staff).

Possible points—80.

Winners, Sergt. Hart and Cpl. Steward, 54 points.

Runners-up, Major Arnold and Cpl. Bearne, 49 points.

3rd, Sergt. Robbins and Sergt. Cobbett, 49 points.

Competition "F"—Lewis Gun Pairs (Recruits).

Possible points—40.

Winners, Pte. Page and Pte. Parnell, 25 points.

Runners-up, Pte. Quick and Pte. Perkins, 16 points.

Competition "G"—Inter-Squad Fire Order Competition.

Possible aggregate—24.

Winners "Mons IV" (Sergt. Wilcockson, L./Cpl. Patterson, Pte. Deacon, Pte. Quick, Pte. Scovell), net score, 12.

Runners-up, "Nivelle IV" (L./Cpl. Hull, Pte. Grocott, Pte. Searle 39, Pte. Fallon, Pte. Hale), net score, 7.

Special prizes were also awarded to Pte. Mellish and Pte. Mern (recruits) for getting into the semi-final of the Knock-out Pairs Pipe Competition, open to the Depot.

SPORTS NOTES.

DEPOT FOOTBALL TEAM.

This year the team was entered for the Hendon and District League, Division I. Up to date we have only played three games, viz.:—

September 5th.—*v.* Brent United (away). Result, lost 3—1.September 12th.—*v.* Hendon M.E. Club. Result, won 2—1.September 19th.—*v.* British Thomson Houston. Result, lost 4—1.

It is worthy of mention that this year's team includes four recruits.

DEPOT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Our Soccer League is now in full swing. Seven teams are competing—Sergeants, Depot Staff; Corporals, Depot Staff; Privates, Depot Staff; "Ypres" Squad; "Nivelle" Squad; "Ladysmith" Squad; "Somme" Squad.

Up to the present twelve games have been played. "Nivelle" Squad are at the top of the League, with four points.

PASSBALL.

Passball at the Depot always provides keen competition. The Sergeants, who were the winners of the Passball League, and the Privates (runners-up), were presented with silver and bronze medals respectively on the occasion of the Depot Rifle Meeting.

Judging by recent form displayed by the Officers' and Privates' teams, who are constantly battling for the top rung of the "ladder," the Sergeants are in grave danger of being deprived of their laurels.



SERGEANTS' MESS, DEPOT, THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Standing—L./Sgt. Robbins, L./Sgt. Trapp, Sgt. Wilcockson, L./Sgt. Cobbett, L./Sgt. Raindle, Sgt. Hart, Sgt. Darby, Sgt. Clarke, L./Sgt. Warren, L./Sgt. Taylor.
 Sitting—Sgt. Goldstraw, C.S.M.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S., R.Q.M.S. Purcell, R.S.M. Mantell, Lt.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.
 Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., C.S.M. Gray, C.Q.M.S. Gray, Sgt. Shaw.
 Ground.—Sgt. Forknall, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Osborne, A.E.C.



Photo: Arthur Hailey.

ALL RANKS, DEPOT THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, SEPTEMBER, 1925.

SPORTS LADDER.

The Depot Sports Ladder is still very much alive, and keen rivalry is prevalent between squads and messes for promotion.

DEPOT SPORTS LADDER.

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

Six-a-side Football.—1, Corporals; 2, Ladysmith; 3, Mons IV; 4, Ypres IV; 5, Officers; 6, Sergeants; 7, Privates D.S.; 8, Nivelles; 9, Albuhera.

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

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

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

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

INTER-SQUAD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

We have just concluded a Recruits' Boxing Competition, and are congratulating ourselves on having such good material.

Our entries were limited to the strength of the weakest squad on the day the meeting started; nevertheless, we obtained seventy-six entries, and our boxing made three evenings' sport. It was decided to have a few days' break after each series, and by so doing we enabled fellows who had received minor cuts and sprains to carry on, instead of scratching.

The competitors are to be congratulated on their fighting spirit, for in many cases science was lacking, but pluck never.

We have several promising lads, and for the benefit of the Battalion boxing instructors we will name them later.

Points for the Depot Boxing Shield were as follows:—

Mons, 51; Nivelles, 39; Ladysmith, 38; Somme, 37; Ypres, 31; Albuhera, 26.

Semi-finals and finals of the various weights:—

Light-weights Semi-Finals.

Pte. Collins (Nivelles) *v.* Pte. Brightman (Mons).—Collins gave us a very good exhibition of the use of the straight left, and one gathered immediately that he had

had a little previous experience. Brightman fought pluckily, but was no match for his more experienced opponent, who gained the verdict on points.

L./Cpl. Patterson obtained a walk-over, his opponent being detained in hospital.

Final.—Collins (Nivelles) knocked out Patterson (Mons) in the second round. Collins should be noted as a likely lad.

Middle-weights Semi-Finals.

Pte. Palmer (Ladysmith) *v.* Pte. F. Smith (Ladysmith).—A very good bout, which Palmer won on points. Smith put up a good show, but his opponent's long reach stopped him from obtaining the necessary points. Smith is a diamond in the rough.

Pte. Paris (Nivelles) *v.* Pte. Ower (Somme).—A slamming match, and one could see that the strongest man or the luckiest man would win. Ower stuck it pluckily until the middle of the second round, when a straight left and right hook to the jaw lowered him; he was game enough, but the referee intervened, and so saved a plucky man from further punishment.

Final.—Palmer outclassed Paris, and the referee stopped the bout in the second round.

Palmer should make a second string to the Battalion middleweight.

Feather-weights Semi-Finals.

Pte. Burton (Somme) *v.* Pte. Clowes (Ypres).—Clowes opened well, but Burton boxed coolly and sparred for an opening, which Clowes showed in the second round. Like a flash Burton's right connected with his opponent's jaw, and Clowes took the count.

Pte. Allison (Albuhera) *v.* Pte. Lyford (Mons).—A good, gruelling contest, with Allison winning every round against a very plucky opponent. The referee awarded Lyford a good loser's prize.

Final.—Burton beat Allison on points. Both lads are worthy of note.

Welter-weights Semi-Finals.

Pte. Baulch (Albuhera) *v.* Pte. Hogg (Ypres).—Baulch knocked out Hogg in the first round, with a heavy punch under the heart.

Pte. Marshall (Somme) *v.* Pte. Quick (Mons).—Marshall won this bout on points. The loser put up a very game

show, and the referee awarded his team an extra half point.

Final.—Marshall outclassed Baulch, who stuck it gamely after having received several uppercuts. Baulch received an extra half point for a plucky loser.

We will hear more of Marshall, who shows every promise of becoming one of the Battalion team at a future date.

Bantam-weights Final.

Pte. Davis (Mons) beat Pte. Brett (Ypres) on points. Davis should be noted.

The following fought pluckily in the opening stages of the meeting:—Ptes. Hughes (Mons), Neal (Nivelles), Chambers (Nivelles), and Kirby (Ypres).

THE C.O.'S PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

The undermentioned recruits were awarded the C.O.'s Silver Medal for the best all-round recruits at physical efficiency:—6190552 Pte. C. Joslyn (Albuhera), 6196638 Pte. R. Hewitt (Mons). We congratulate them.

Result of Whist Drive held September 17th, 1925:—

Ladies.—1st, Pte. King, 161 points; 2nd, Mrs. Hull, 159; 3rd, Mrs. Shelley, 156; consolation, Mrs. Morgan, 134.

Gents.—1st, Pte. Allen, 166 points; 2nd, Pte. Ravenall, 164; 3rd, Pte. Anderson, 157; consolation, Pte. Parnell, 144.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Events for the last quarter have been few and far between. A number of members of the Mess were attached to the Territorials at Shoreham Camp during August.

The *en tout cas* tennis court sprang into life on July 20th. An "At Home" was held, at which the officers of the Depot were invited. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in tennis, billiards, and initiating our visitors into the wiles of "Pokey Die."

A week afterwards we paid a return visit to the Officers' Mess. It was a glorious day, and we indulged in tennis, bowls, croquet, archery, ping-pong. The rain that came during the late afternoon did not damp our feelings.

During July, W.O.2 Inst. R. S. Dunham, Army Educational Corps, after four and a half years with the Regiment, first with the 3rd Battalion and then the Depot on the disbandment of that battalion, has left us for the "Sigs.," Maresfield.

Sergt. Osborne, Army Educational Corps, has taken his place amongst us, and we wish them both success in their new surroundings.

Our congratulations and good wishes go to Sergt. Tungate on his promotion on posting to the home Battalion, to the "dizzy" rank of W.O.2.

Sergt. Raindle is his relief at the Depot, pending the arrival of Sergt. Sperry from the 2nd Battalion.

Sergt. Clarke is once again with us for the purpose of carrying out the training of the sixth squad at the Depot.

The monthly tournament for September, being "skittles," proved fruitless for the many novices in the Mess, Sergt. Wilcockson being the winner, but as he has already gained a "pot," C.S.M. Gray takes possession.

A Billiards Tournament, for special prizes, is now in progress, and has reached its final stage—Sergt. Wilcockson *v.* C.Q.M.S. Gray. The betting is with the first named, a future Inman.

We take this opportunity of congratulating our late Acting-Adjutant, Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., Sergt. Shaw, and Sergt. Griffin on their braving the ties of holy matrimony, and we wish them and their wives every success, happiness and prosperity.

Quite a number of marriages have taken place at the Depot lately. It must be the "air" of lovely Mill Hill, especially as a certain member of high rank has found a "cousin" after all these years.

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The ranges at the Depot were the scene of great activity on a recent occasion, which explained the mystic and fierce whispers, such as "Grip it," "Hold your breath," and "Take your time" which had been heard previously in many isolated corners.

The Depot Annual Rifle Meeting had arrived, supported by a small edition of Hampstead Heath.

Rifles and Lewis guns had been discovered by officers, non-commissioned officers, Depot staff, and recruits, and a keen day's competition with Lewis-gun pairs, inter-mess teams, individual piping, and "Fire Orders" was the outcome. All messes were still represented at the tea interval, and later the finals presented many thrills with some success for our own members. The results are probably mentioned elsewhere, so we will pass over to the fact that the day was enjoyed by all, as was evidenced by the hearty applause given after the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Pearson, while the two-fold object of good competition, and the results of the Fair ably organized by Lieut. Weller, seemed to be fully realized.

Passing on to other fields, the Corporals have had a fair share in the sports: the final of the Hockey Tournament saw our team at last take away the Sergeants' winning sequence by beating them 3-1, the result of a hard tussle. Sports Ladder shows us on the top rung for football, hockey, and quoits, while in the Depot League, just commenced, we have, with two matches, a win and a loss, registering ten goals to three against.

We very much regret seeing our late Adjutant, Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., leave the Depot. His energy in promoting competitions, and so encouraging the social side of soldiering, will be greatly missed. The Corporals wish both Lieut. and Mrs. Rackham every happiness and success in their new sphere.

We extend a hearty welcome to Major Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., and Lieut. Parker, who have come to join us from the 1st Battalion.

The first Dance of the season was held by the Corporals this week, and, under the management of Cpl. Steward and Cpl. Bearne, proved a great success. Judging by the increasing numbers at these events, we must shortly have a Mill Hill Palais de Danse; the only serious opposition being "Pot Ked Nelly" with his Rin Tin, ably supported by Jock, who says there should be no colour bar where liquids are concerned, and is taking as his slogan "Be a bar."

Our congratulations to L./Cpl. Bearne on his promotion to Corporal, and to L./Cpl. Sargent on his appointment. There have been many newcomers to

the Club recently: from the 1st Battalion we welcome L./Cpls. Painter, Pinder, and Bowden, while from the recruit squads L./Cpls. Paterson, Benson, Smith and Anderson have come to swell our ranks.

To help balance, we have been sorry to lose Cpl. Stacey and L./Cpl. Wilson to Aldershot, although the former has only left in spirit and not in body, still being attached. An event which caused great excitement was the departure on leave, after all these years, of "Slasher" and "Sandy." They certainly went with the impression that their own torchlight procession was enlightening, and that the Wembley Tattoo couldn't hold a candle to it.

Before closing these notes, the Corporals wish to say how much the photographs of regimental life, contained in recent issues of the Journal, are appreciated, and all looked forward to as one of the best features of their quarterly news.

G. E. G.

GEGISMS.

Is the invention of a certain non-commissioned officer to put a pipe line through a solid wall worth patenting?

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Was it merely a knock-out, or did "Dizzy" get really dizzy over his jazzy partner?

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Did the offer of Wembley rock at the Tattoo appeal to the Thursday humour of those who were "on the rocks"?

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Who took note of the words "cyn-chronization" and "pedanticism" for a possible cross-word solution?

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Whether it would be to the satisfaction of many if "Madame Youkovsky" could change place with "Aunt Sally" next Fair Day?

MILITARY "HISTORY!"

"The Battle of Albuhera was fort in France in 1916.

"In this battle the Middlesex Regiment gained the mick name the Die Hard and there is not money Regiments have a mick name.

"How we gained the name Die Hard. Lieutenant Cornel Ingles was gentleman that gave the Middlesex their mick name during the battle of Albuhera in 1916.

"Conal Ingles was searclus wounded and his men carried on, hey went to take him to the rear and he refuged and said he wish to keep wher he was.

"After a wile Cornel Ingles caled out Die Hard my men Die Hard."

The above is a true extract from the pen of a gentleman staying at Mill Hill.

POSTINGS.

6188444 Sergt. G. Hoadley: Posted to 1st Battalion, 30/7/25.

6189130 Sergt. J. Tungate: Posted to 1st Battalion, 19/8/25.

6192291 Cpl. F. Stacey: Posted to 1st Battalion, 20/8/25.

6189800 Sergt. W. Raindle: Posted from 1st Battalion, 16/8/25 (temporary).

6192291 Cpl. F. Stacey: Attached from 1st Battalion, 20/8/25.

6538128 L./Cpl. W. Bowden: Attached from 1st Battalion, 18/8/25.

6194174 L./Cpl. E. Pinder: Posted from 1st Battalion, 22/8/25.

6189095 Sergt. L. Clarke: Attached from 1st Battalion, 22/8/25.

6194828 L./Cpl. H. Wilson: Posted to 1st Battalion, 22/8/25.

6189092 L./Cpl. J. Painter: Posted from 1st Battalion, 28/8/25.

COURSES.

6194406 L./Cpl. E. Bearne: Attended 27th Course of Instruction at the Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 27/3/25 to 5/6/25, and obtained a very satisfactory report. Pass (Class I.)

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

6282364 Pte. E. Dallison: Awarded 3rd Class Certificate, 23/5/24, whilst serving with the Buffs.

5823570 Pte. T. Page: Awarded 3rd Class Certificate, 12/2/25, whilst serving with the Suffolk Regiment.

3239176 Pte. H. Parnell: Awarded 2nd Class Certificate, 9/5/24, whilst serving with the Cameronians.

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

6196721 Pte. R. Anderson, 6196659 Pte. C. Brown, 6196627 Pte. A. Bird, 6196640

Pte. G. Davis, 6196656 Pte. E. Knight, 6196608 Pte. A. Murray, 5243106 Pte. J. Nicholls, 6196616 Pte. E. Lyford, 6196702 Pte. T. Allen, 6196720 Pte. E. Byrne, 6196722 Pte. S. Doe, 6196633 Pte. H. Hughes, 6196723 Pte. R. Kent, 6196637 Pte. W. Meen, 6196646 Pte. J. Oatway, 6196411 Pte. A. Brett, 6196721 Pte. C. Escudier, 6192854 Pte. F. Green, 6196748 Pte. F. Hipgrave, 6196732 Pte. J. Lucas, 6196801 Pte. C. Offer, 6196819 Pte. A. Parker, 6196700 L./Cpl. G. Smith, 6196704 Pte. J. Clowes, 6196812 Pte. V. Farebrother, 6196713 Pte. G. Hale, 6196804 Pte. C. Lockett, 6196733 Pte. J. Murray, 6196737 Pte. F. Paris, 6196743 Pte. C. Searle, 6196814 Pte. C. White.

BIRTHS.

TUNGATE.—On 11/7/25, at Strood, Kent, the wife of 6189130 Sergt. J. Tungate—a son, John Arthur.

RAVENALL.—On 10/9/25, at Tottenham, the wife of 7814814 Pte. W. Ravenall—a son, Reginald William.

MARRIAGES.

SHAW—SOMERVILLE.—On 1/8/25, at Finchley, 7808649 Sergt. E. Shaw, to Alice Ellen Somerville.

GRIFFIN—ELLIS.—On 5/9/25, at Surrey, 6191073 Sergt. J. Griffin to Gertrude May Ellis.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6190512 Cpl. G. Goss: Extended his service to complete twelve years with the Colours, 14/8/25.

6189019 Cpl. J. Steward: Re-engaged at Mill Hill, 14/8/25, to complete twenty-one years with the Colours with the Middlesex Regiment.

DISCHARGE.

6191915 L./Cpl. P. Baker: Discharged under para. 363 (xxv), K.R., 7/8/25.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6196611 Pte. J. Morrison: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 28/7/25 (recruit). 7735205 Pte. A. Sargeant: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 29/7/25 (recruit). 5243106 Pte. J. Nicholls: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 6/8/25.

6194406 L./Cpl. E. Bearne: Promoted Corporal, 15/6/25.

6194174 L./Cpl. E. Pinder: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal *vice* Wilson, 22/8/25.

6196629 Pte. E. Benson: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 21/8/25 (recruit).
 6189292 L./Cpl. J. Painter: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal *vice* Bearn, 28/8/25.
 6196700 Pte. G. Smith: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 31/8/25 (recruit).
 6196611 Pte. J. Morrison: (recruit) Deprived of Lance-Corporal stripe, 5/9/25.
 6196721 Pte. R. Anderson: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal, 11/9/25 (recruit).

HOW SOLDIERS ARE HELPING THEIR PARENTS.

The latest returns from recruiting centres in all parts of the country show that more than 2,000 men who have enlisted in the Regular Army during the past three months have made allotments from their pay to parents or other dependents, and that the number of recruits availing themselves of the privilege of making such allotments is steadily increasing. The money in each case is sent home weekly through the Regimental Paymaster, and the recruit, having once named the amount which he wishes to be remitted, has no further trouble in the matter.

So great has been the appreciation of this arrangement, especially on the part of new recruits who have been accustomed to contribute to the support of their parents, that the Army Council has decided to extend the privilege to all unmarried soldiers, and married soldiers who are not entitled to marriage allowance, whether they be serving at home or abroad.

THE OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

THE Annual Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner took place at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on Saturday, October 24th, 1925.

The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., occupied the chair, supported by Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D.,

Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., and Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

The following Regimental Guests were present:—

Lieut.-Col. Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions; Alderman B. Todd, J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council; the Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Nield, P.C., K.C., M.P., D.L., J.P., Deputy-Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions; Col. C. Pinkham, O.B.E., D.L., Vice-Chairman of the Middlesex County Council; Mr. Cecil De Salis, D.L., J.P., Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Force Association; and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, M.B.E., Clerk to the Middlesex County Council.

The Grand Dining Hall, which has hitherto proved ample to accommodate the assembly, was strained to the utmost, for although extra small tables were requisitioned and fitted into odd corners, space could not be found to seat all who wished to attend. The unfortunate result was that many who applied for tickets at the last moment had to be refused.

Among the 65 officers and 320 men to whom tickets had been issued, many had travelled long distances to attend, some making the journey from Scotland, Ireland, Channel Islands, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, and other distant parts of England.

The gathering was well represented by all battalions, and many old officers and comrades, whose faces we had not seen for years, put in a welcome appearance.

A very good dinner was provided, and the company, a merry and jovial one, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The String Band of the 1st Battalion, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. W. Clark, played a popular programme during the evening.

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, prior to proposing the toast of "The King," announced that the following telegram had just been received from Sandringham:—

"General Sir Ivor Maxse, Great Central Hotel, London. The King wishes the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment an enjoyable evening together, and thanks them for their loyal greetings.

"CLIVE WIGRAM."



OLD COMRADES REUNION DINNER, OCTOBER 24TH, 1925.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Chairman informed the assembly that it was much regretted that His Royal Highness could not be present with them, but after the very strenuous and lengthy tour just completed, it was only reasonable that he was taking a much-needed rest.

Gen. Maxse went on to say that those present that evening represented at least one hundred thousand men of the Middlesex Regiment who went through the war. He appealed to his hearers to do all they possibly could to get into touch with old comrades, particularly as it was earnestly desired to obtain employment for all men of the Middlesex Regiment. Major Steed was doing a very fine work for the Regiment and the Old Comrades, and the question was, whether they all could not do a little more to help Major Steed. (Hear, hear.) They could be of valuable assistance in notifying him of any likely vacancy that came to their notice during the next twelve months. They had had 3,300 applications for work within the last five years, during which period they had spent £3,300 on helping people who really needed help, and had actually got billets for 462 men. (Hear, hear.) The Ladies' Guild had done a tremendous lot to help in providing clothing for old comrades. The speaker mentioned that next year they were bringing out the regimental history up to date.

He paid a tribute to C./Sergt. Morris, who had had a great deal to do with the arrangements for that dinner. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Colonel and the Officers of the Regiment," was submitted by ex-C./Sergt. F. E. Holmes, who alluded to the spirit of comradeship which permeated that gathering, one of the objects of which was the cementing of friendships between all ranks. The officers who served on the Committee of the Association were doing a splendid work in helping old comrades in need of assistance.

Musical honours were accorded the toast, and response was made by the Chairman. He spoke of the fine spirit of bonhomie and good feeling which existed in the Regiment, and of his desire to see the closest co-operation

between the Regulars and the Territorial battalions.

In submitting the health of the guests, the Chairman referred to the placing of the Colours of the 3rd and 4th disbanded Battalions in the Middlesex Guildhall last year. It was practically certain that the Colours of the 2nd Battalion in India would be offered to the County Council for safe keeping in the Guildhall, which he hoped would become the shrine of the Regiment.

The toast was cordially honoured, and Alderman Todd, whose name with that of Mr. De Salis was coupled with it, in reply said he understood that was the first occasion on which the Civil authorities ever had the opportunity of partaking of their hospitality, and he accepted with the greatest possible heartiness that hand of fellowship which had been so eloquently offered by the Chairman that evening. They would do their part in promoting the interest and welfare of the Old Comrades' Association. (Cheers.) It was a source of great gratification and pride to the County Council to be honoured with the trust of taking care of the Colours, bearing in mind the Regiment's splendid achievements.

Mr. De Salis said he knew of the excellent work their Association was doing, not only for the Regular Battalions but also for those battalions in which he was particularly interested—the 7th, 8th and 9th. With regard to the officers of the Territorial Association, he thought they ought to be much obliged to them, as they worked hard for their men. (Cheers.)

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List of those present at the Old Comrades' Dinner:—

Adams, W.	Buller, H. H.
Alexander, P. A.	Blinco, A.
Armitage.	Browne, Major M.
Arden, F.	Bethune, Lt.-Col. H. A.
Allott, Major P. B.	Bowen, F. E.
Ash, E.	Burnett, T.
Amor, Major E. H.	Boswell, T.
Arnold, Major A. C.	Burdon, Capt. C. S.
Allen, W.	Bruce, J.
Allicoon, Pte. N.	Beadle, H. J.
Anderson, R.S.M. H.	Beazley, W.
Anderson, R.	Boothby, J.

Blackman, M. G.	Fenemore.
Burt, Capt. C. A.	Gregory, H.
Bull, Lt.-Col. F. J.	Goodall, J. W.
Battson.	Gibson, C. W.
Boddington, E. H.	Griswood, R.
Baldry, C.	Gorrington, J.
Bailey, N. A.	Guscott, R. T.
Bishop, W. A. A.	Gray, J.
Brown, Pte.	Gibbons, W.
Bloxham, J.	Goodall, E. C.
Booth, Pte. C. M.	Gibbons (9th Bn.)
Bradell, Pte.	Gibbons, Pte.
Blackman, Pte.	Green, Pte.
Blackman, L./Cpl.	Gray, C.Q.M.S. W.
Beasley, R.S.M.	Gibson, Pte.
Bowles, R.Q.M.S. H.	Hewitt, H.
Bungay, Sergt.	Hingley, Lt.-Col.
Bird, Pte. C.	S. H.
Chipp, Major T. F.	Harding, F. J.
Clelland, H. A.	Hazell, W. J.
Cheesewright, Col.	Hawkins, W. F.
W. F.	Harris, T. C.
Capel, T. A.	Heath, Col. R. M.
Chidley, A. C.	Holwell, J.
Cuthbert, W.	Hemley, G. W.
Cluett, H. A.	Hunt, M.
Carvell, C. F.	Holmes, F. E.
Cutler, W. E.	Harragan, F.
Cook, W.	Hudson, G. E.
Coldicott, A. B.	Haggard.
Cole, 2/Lieut. A. G.	Heacock, A.
Cutting, Pte. H.	Hawkins, G.
Cook, C.Q.M.S.	Holmes, J.
Carey, L./Cpl.	Holt, W.
Christian, Pte. T.	Hannah, Cpl.
Capel, G.	Jarrett, Major C.
Clark, R.Q.M.S.	Johnson, W.
Dimes, W. G.	Johnson, Capt. G.
Deacon, J.	James, E. F.
Davies, W.	Jones, C. P.
Dellow, C. B.	Jenkinson, Pte.
Dawson, C. H.	Johnson, Pte.
Dupe, C.	Kent, E. C.
Davis, A.	King, W.
Doyle, G.	Kerswill, G. W.
Dennies, J. H.	Kallend, C. H.
Deacon, Pte. A.	King, W. H.
Deacon, Cpl.	King, E.
Day, E. C.	Knight, F. G.
Driscoll, Pte.	Knock, L./Cpl. G.
Dundas, Major A. C.	Kemp, Pte. W.
Denton, C.S.M.	Lowen, H.
Digby, C.	Lidington, G.
Edwards, H. A.	Lawson, Capt. E. C.
Ellison, R.	Lumley, Brig.-Gen.
Elkins, Sergt. T.	F. D.
English, Capt. J.	Loftus, R. E.
Evans, R. E.	Larner, W. H.
Eeles, C.Q.M.S. S. T.	Lance, A.
Escudier, Pte. C.	Lyons, Capt. E. F.
Forbes, J. B.	Linton (9th Bn.)
Furness, E. R.	Lloyd, Pte. F.
Furse, A. C.	Lavesey, Sergt.
Foster, Capt. H. E.	Leaton, W.
Foster, J.	Mitchell, Major E. A.
Framingham, Capt.	Melleish-Jackson,
G. E.	Capt. W.
Fitzgerald, C.Q.M.S.	Martin, W. T.
Firken, E.	McDonald, D.
Fry.	Maxse, Gen. Sir Ivor.
Farebrother, Pte. V.	Mather, H.
Fletcher, Pte.	Matthews, A. E.
Findell, Pte. A.	

Martin, A.	Schaper, F. L.
Meachen, W. A.	Smith, W. A.
Morris, E.	Simmonds, G.
Mackenzie, T.	Slee, Major R. A.
Maule, R. H.	Stephens, A.
McLernon, E.	Stacey, M. W.
Merison, J. F.	Stace, W.
Molz, Lieut. F. E.	Shouler, C. A.
Maitland, Lt.-Col.	Stockler, G.
J. K.	Shaw, H.
Munday, G. E.	Slaughter, G.
Marven, W.	Samson.
Mirams, Lieut. S.	Stevens, W.
Matthews, A. J.	Sutherland, J. F.
Mantell, R.S.M. R.	Stephens, G.
Mulcahy, J.	Southey, A. H.
Mintern, Pte. H.	Stanley, H.
Marshall, Pte.	Stone, W.
Morey, A.	Steed, Major F. S.
Martin, Sergt.	Stock, Capt. V. E.
Moore, W.	Smith, Pte. F.
McDonald, D.	Skinner, Pte. T.
Needes, E. E.	Smith, C.
Nethercott, G.	Smith, Sergt. G. H.
Ormiston, H. J.	Sparkes, Sergt. F. G.
Oliver, Pte. V.	Smith, H. W.
Ovenden, Pte.	Sayer, R.S.M.
O'Donoghue, Lt. W.	Simmons, C.S.M. F.
Oram, F.	Shaw, C.S.M.
Purcell, R.Q.M.S. A.	Spring.
Phillips, Capt. H.	Thacker, J. J.
Patrick, T.	Twigg, H. A.
Parsons, J. C.	Tulley, E. G.
Pasby, W.	Thompson, Lt.-Col.
Peacock, J. G.	B. A.
Pullen, E.	Taylor, N.
Paiba, Capt. R. I.	Taylor, Major L.
Passingham, Col.	Turner, E. A.
A. M. O. Anwyl	Turnman, A.
Palmer, G.	Thompson, A. E.
Parker, A. J.	Tidbury, Major O. H.
Pond, Capt. F.	Thomas, Pte.
Perkins, R.	Thompson, Sergt.
Pilgrim, F. C.	Thompson, Pte. A.
Pearson, Lt.-Col.	Todman, A.
V. L. N.	Tennant, Pte. G.
Parker, Lieut. F. G.	Vingoe, Capt. A. F.
Parker, Pte. A.	Whiting, R. C.
Peel, Cpl. W. D.	Whipps, C. J. S.
Procter, Capt. N. P.	Wheeler, Lieut. W. T.
Phillipson, L./Cpl.	Ward, F.
Painter, C. J.	Ward, F.
Pargiter, Major L. L.	Weston, A.
Painter, J. E.	Watkins, B. G.
Rooke, Lt.-Col.	Watson, G. C.
C. P.	Wheeler, W. H.
Rouse, W.	Weddell, J. M.
Richards, Capt. C. H.	Walker, E. G.
Rice, T. E.	Wright, T. C.
Rice, V. E.	Willmer, H.
Riddell, V.	Wells, H. J.
Ryan, T.	White, W.
Reed, C.	Warren, F. J.
Ross (9th Bn.)	Wamsley, H. E.
Radda, R.Q.M.S. W.	Waters, E. W.
Richards, Capt. W.	Weller, Lieut. A. V.
Samuel, Lt.-Col. W. H.	White, H.
Capt. W. J.	Wilcockson, Sergt. J.
Safferty, A.	Walker, C.S.M.
Saunders, F. J.	Waite, Pte. C.
Smith, Capt. T. J.	Ward, E.
Sherwood, Capt. H.	
Saltmarsh, F.	

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE chief event that has taken place within the last three months was the period of Annual Training, which was held at Shoreham-by-Sea in August. It can be said that, on the whole, it was a most successful fortnight. The number of all ranks who attended was very satisfactory, and formed a good percentage of the Battalion strength, which has been steadily increasing since the recruiting campaign held in June last. Actually 19 officers and 324 other ranks attended for periods of either eight or fifteen days. As



OFFICERS OF THE 7TH BATTALION.

Standing.—2/Lieut. A. G. Womersley, Lieut. A. S. Lindsay, 2/Lieut. A. F. Thomson, Lieut. A. G. Widdicombe, Lieut. W. E. Fringle, M.C., Capt. W. E. H. Muir, M.C., Lieut. L. C. D. Dudge, Lieut. E. B. Murrell, R.A.M.C. (T.), Capt. & Qmr. G. E. Framingham, M.B.E., M.C., Capt. H. A. Murray, 2/Lieut. A. G. Cole, Lieut. E. N. Cuthrie.

Sitting.—Capt. & Rt. Major J. H. Cossar, T.D., Lt. Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D., Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Lieut. & Adj. H. R. F. Butterfield, Major Bower, M.C. (T.A. Reserve of Officers).

to the training itself, it was of a higher grade than the previous year, and much valuable work was done and many lessons learned. The improvement in smartness and bearing of the Battalion was very marked, and it was felt that this would be an impetus to the winter training now just beginning, and which will show its effect at next year's camp. Time and space does not permit of many details of the actual tactical operations performed and lessons learned therefrom, but it was

progressive training, and the keenness displayed by all ranks was exceptionally good.

The Brigade Gymkhana was held on the last Friday, and the Battalion achieved a greater success than at first was considered possible. The actual results were as follows:—

Platoon Drill Competition, 1st.
Battalion Transport Competition, 3rd.
Senior Buglers' Competition, 2nd.
Guard Mounting Competition, 2nd.
Tent-pitching Competition, 1st.
Alarm Race Competition, 3rd.
Tug-of-War, 2nd.

ances have been very good, with the result that only a very few men have not fired, and of these some have found it impossible to get away, and others have not shown the keenness that is desirable.

The Battalion held a rifle meeting at Rainham on August 30th, when various challenge cups and shields were competed for. The results were as follows:—

Arnold White Cup—Winners, "B" Company.

Officers' Cup.—Winner, Lieut. A. S. Lindsay.

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.—Winner, Sergt. Munro, "C" Company.

Marksmen's Cup.—Winner, L./Cpl. P. H. Unwin, "B" Company.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Bisley on September 6th, the Battalion did not fare so well, but we managed to secure 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th places in the Individual Championship, and 3rd place in the Lord Lieutenant's Challenge Shield. It is hoped that we shall give a better account of ourselves next year.

As regards recruiting, this is steadily improving, and the type of recruit now joining the Battalion is very much better, and by the time annual training comes round again next year it is hoped that the Battalion will have reached the strength of 500 at least.

The Battalion Efficiency Competitions are now nearing an end; the results will be published in the next issue of this Journal. There is no doubt that these competitions do much to foster the competitive spirit within the Battalion, and the individual zeal of all ranks.

The Territorial Efficiency Medal has been awarded to the following warrant officers and non-commissioned officers:—Company Sergt.-Major J. T. Jenkins, "B" Company, and Sergt. H. Allin, "A" Company, to whom we offer congratulations.

We are very pleased, indeed, that the Adjutant, Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., has made such a good recovery from his recent very serious operation just before annual training, and we look forward to his return to the Battalion within the next few days.

Before closing these notes our congratulations must be offered to Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., on his appointment to the Honorary Colonelcy of this Battalion on the resignation of Col. H. F. Bowles, T.D.

BWANA SAHANI MOJA
(The Man with One Plate).

(A TRUE TALE.)

I

OFF the map in Africa hospitality is proverbial. One white man always feeds another, even if he does not like him. In fact, a traveller arriving at an encampment of another European, even if the owner is away, is always welcomed by the "boy" and fed as a matter of course. I only met one exception to this rule, and he was a weird individual in the Political Service.

The natives have an uncanny knack of summing up a man, and in this case they had given the nick-name of "One Plate" to the hero of the following story.

II

It was a distant military post, and after a punitive expedition I had been left in charge with some fifty askaris of the King's African Rifles, to initiate the administration of a hitherto untouched tribe. At first all went well. The local people were complaisant and helped me in every way to build the station.

Within a few weeks, however, a civilian arrived and immediately put a stop to my activities. He was agnast at the fact that I was using native labour without payment, and that I had established a local market with the object of supplying the necessities of life for my detachment. Although the aborigines were quite content, and had never seen money, he declared that they ought to be paid for their services. Hitherto I had been giving them "chits" which could later be redeemed by the Government tax collector. He was altogether a difficult proposition.

By means of the aforesaid native labour I had already built a hut for his accommodation, which I immediately handed over to him on his arrival. He seemed rather astonished, as he apparently expected that we should mess together. He had, he said, an excellent cook, I had some stores—so it did not take me long to understand the appellation of "Sahani Moja." I was very firm, however, and left him to his own devices, while I lived alone in my small tent.

My followers soon informed me that he had started, out of sight of the encampment, a local market. As I knew that he had no money I at once sent my regimental police to put a stop to this practice on the grounds that the Political Officer had forbidden all transactions with local people unless properly paid for with Government currency.

Soon my friend began to look rather lean, and I almost felt sorry for him when I left him to his "one plate" and returned to my tent to quite a presentable meal. After about a week I asked him to dinner. After quite a decent meal and several pegs I hazarded the suggestion that as things seemed so long materializing it might be well for us to start a local market and utilize the services of the local people.

With a smile the hungry man replied, "All right, have it your own way, and as we have so much to do together, for the sake of appearances I think we ought to live together."

Pushing the bottle of whisky towards him, I said, "Certainly, my boy is a wretched cook, and no doubt your stores will be up soon."

Things went on as before till an epidemic of dysentery broke out. I was one of the first to go down, and was soon reduced to a state of utter weakness.

One day the Political Officer came in to see me, and after a few conventional phrases retired to deal with some local matters. As he went out I heard him say to his interpreters, "The Commandant has wasted away to nothing; he cannot last long."

A day or two later "Sahani Moja" left the station, and I think all of us were not sorry never to see him again.

W. LLOYD-JONES.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

OWING to the exigencies of military duties we, unlike other companies, much regret that recently we have not had time to "tell the world" all about ourselves. However, we beg to inform our friends and foes that we are very much alive.

Of course, you all know we had a very successful week-end camp at Stanwell; that a certain officer distinguished himself by very nearly extinguishing himself. "Nuff said."

At annual training we shared the honour of winning the Efficiency Cup with "D" Company. Heartiest congratulations to "D" Company; they must be a fine Company.

The cricket match with "B" Company resulted in a win for us.

It is with very great regret that "A" Company bids farewell to Capt. Thorne, for during his tour of duty as Adjutant he has helped us to a very great extent. In conclusion, we would wish him the very best of luck.

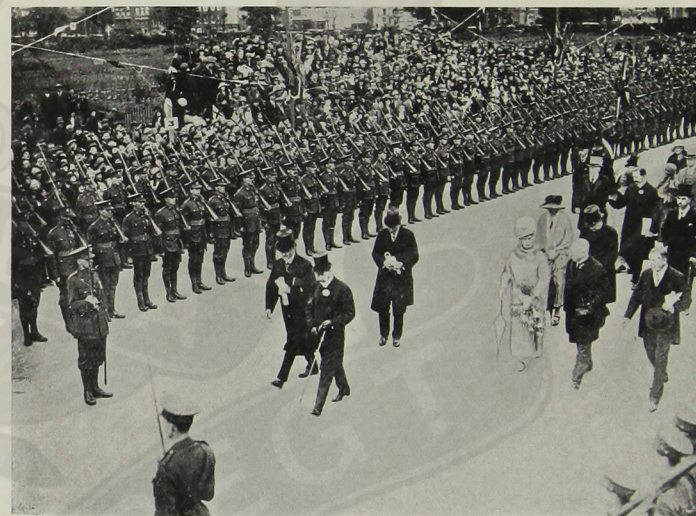
"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Two officers and sixty-five other ranks left Ealing on Sunday, August 2nd, for annual training at Shoreham, entraining with the Battalion at Hounslow Whitton at mid-day. The camp was marked for its several periods of indifferent weather, three or four days having to be given up to lectures and demonstrations in the restricted accommodation provided by the Company Mess Secretary.

Most of the field work consisted of "platoon attack training." Much good work was done by all ranks, the progress of the recruits being particularly good. At the Brigade Military Display in Buckingham Park on the 14th twenty non-commissioned officers and men were selected for the guard of honour. The Company, jointly with "H.Q." Wing, took second place in the Tent-pitching competition. Looking very bronzed and fit the Company returned to Ealing on the 17th.

We congratulate C.S.M. Simons on winning the Lord Cheylesmore Cup for the highest score at the Brigade Rifle Meeting held at Bisley on Sunday, September 6th. The Company rifle team took second place in the inter-company shoot. We hope the Lewis gunners will have better luck next year.

The reports received on the work done by L./Sergt. Gosling and Pte. Tripp, who attended the non-commissioned officers classes held in camp, are very satisfactory.



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8TH BATTALION'S GUARD OF HONOUR TO H.M. THE KING AT THE OPENING OF THE GREAT WEST ROAD.

On September 17th we visited Wembley to see the Torchlight Tattoo. All ranks spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Dance Committee are to be congratulated on the very successful dance held on the 19th. We hope this is only one of the many we shall have during the winter.

We cannot conclude without expressing our very great regret at losing our Adjutant (Capt. M. Thorne). We feel his tour of duty has been far too short. We wish him every success with his new regiment. We would remind him that Ealing is easily accessible from all parts.

The annual concert and prize-giving will be held on Tuesday, December 22nd, at the Drill Hall.

"B" TROOPS.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

We welcome ex-R.S.M. Edwards, M.C. (late 2nd Battalion), as our new C.S.M., and by his joining us it proves that "old soldiers never die," and from what we have seen of Edwards's activities we rest assured that he will not even "fade away."

We are glad that our P.S.I., C.S.M. Sparkes, is remaining with us for another year.

Twenty-seven members of the Company attended the Tattoo at Wembley on Friday, September 25th last, under the command of Capt. H. C. Ellis, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, all enjoyed a wonderful display.

A successful fancy dress dance was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, September 26th, and we were almost crowded out. Many useful prizes were kindly given by local people, and the dresses were extremely good, both in character and originality.

We are not playing football this winter, but are concentrating upon boxing and shooting, and we hope before long to have our clubs in full swing.

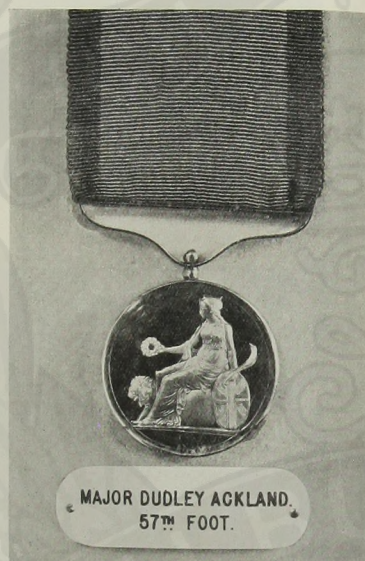
At the recent Brigade Rifle Meeting our company teams did well, and the "young soldiers" were well in the running. We unfortunately have not the full details to hand while writing, and as the time for going to press is close at hand we must "blink in" for another quarter.

MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

LARGE GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PENINSULA.

GENERAL Order, Horse Guards, September 9th, 1810.

Obverse.—Britannia seated on globe, wearing a helmet; her right hand is extended and holds a laurel wreath, and in her left is a palm branch. On her right is the lion of England, and on her left a shield charged with the crosses of the Union.



This medal, 2 1-10ths. in diameter, with a plain border, was given to General Officers and to the Commanding Officers of corps, not below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and was worn with a crimson ribbon with blue border.

SMALL GOLD MEDAL.

Is similar to the former in design, but is only 1 8-10ths. in diameter, and was worn at the button hole, attached to a gold swivel bar fastened to the medal between two small gold balls on a gold pin, and suspended by a crimson ribbon 1 3-5ths. wide, with blue edge.

It was given to Field Officers, or officers of equal rank, and to such others as had succeeded to the command of a battalion, or a corps equivalent to a battalion, during an engagement, in consequence of the death or removal of the original Commanding Officer.

Both medals are set in gold frames and glazed on both sides.

The name and rank of the recipient was engraved round the edge.

The medal illustrated is that of Major Dudley Ackland, 57th Regiment, who was killed at the Battle of Nivelle at the head of the light companies of the brigade, 57th, 31st and 66th Regiments.

The Reverse.—"Nivelle" within a wreath of laurels.

THE MILITARY GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1793—1814, COMMONLY CALLED THE PENINSULAR MEDAL.

General Order, 1st June, 1847.

Her Majesty commanded that medals should be struck to record the services during the wars commencing in 1793 and ending in 1814, and that one should be conferred upon every officer and soldier of the Army who was present at any

battle or siege for which gold medals had previously been given.

The medal was given for victories gained in Egypt, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and France, and also in the East and West Indies and in North America.

The medal was issued in 1848, and though thirty-four years had elapsed since the last battle in 1814, it is stated that there were over thirty thousand claimants who received the medal.

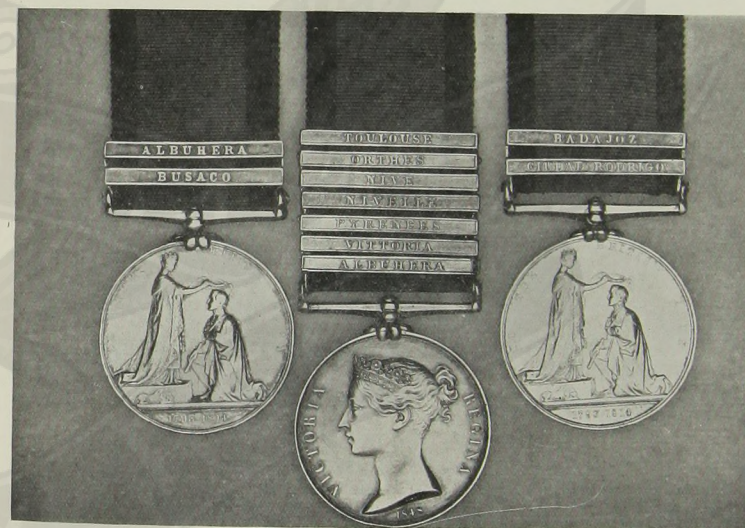
17 officers and 219 men of the 57th Regt. and

13 officers and 76 men of the 77th Regt. received the medal.

The 57th Regiment received clasps as under:—

Clasps.

Busaco, battle in Portugal, Sept. 27th, 1810	64
Albuhera, battle in Spain, May 16th, 1811	121
Vittoria, battle in Spain, June 21st, 1813	171
Pyrenees, battle on French and Spanish frontier, from July 25th to August 2nd, 1813	129
Nivelle, battle in Spain, Nov. 10th, 1813	83



Nive, actions on the Nive, on the French frontier, Dec. 9th to 13th, 1813	...	79
Orthes, battle in France, Feb. 27th, 1814	...	50
Toulouse, battle in France, April 10th, 1814	...	124

The 77th Regiment received clasps for Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz.

The medals illustrated contain the whole of the clasps.

R. Gwilym, 57th Foot, Busaco and Albuhera.

William Barkley, 57th Foot, Albuhera, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse.

J. Greenwood, 77th Foot, Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz.

R. Gwilym's brother was sergeant in the 57th Regiment, and I believe his medal is in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion.

J. Greenwood also had a brother in the 77th Regiment. His medal was a single clasp, Ciudad Rodrigo, and is now in possession of Mr. E. E. Needes.

The medal is very rare to the 77th, and a collector who died recently, whose collection is at the United Services Museum, gave £17 at a sale a few years ago for one of these; this is about four times the value of a two-clasp medal.

There were 9 eight-clasp medals, all told, to the 57th Regiment; only two of these are known: Mr. Needes holds one, and I am trying to get the other. The late Col. Ash had one in his collection, but it was stolen, and no doubt was melted down. There were 8 seven-clasp medals, of which one officer, one sergeant and four men had the same combination as William Barkley.

In our next issue of THE DIE-HARDS the Crimea Medal will be illustrated by the medals worn by the Commanding Officer of the 57th Regiment of nearly fifty years ago.

E. MORRIS.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

HAD not the Editor succeeded in getting the Journal delivered to the Battalion in camp, it is doubtful whether we should have had the nerve to produce

any notes for this issue after his opening remarks in the August number. However, thanks to the timely arrival of the paper—as the Officers Commanding Companies were drawing the Company pay—we had what must have been almost a record sale for the Battalion, and can therefore start with a certain amount of relief on the next budget.

Before starting on this quarter's notes we feel that we must call attention again to the Editor's remarks: "Our appeal for an increased circulation has met with a ready response from our Regular Battalions, but it is now up to some of the Territorial units to support *their Journal* (the italics are ours) by becoming subscribers," etc., etc., etc., and it is suggested that if the notes we receive are worth reading they must be worth buying by those who forward articles.

To this we have our own remarks to add. Starting at the end, if every man who contributed an article, joke, or remark of any sort to the Battalion Notes bought a copy it would not mean more than six copies, because for nearly every number the Battalion Notes are compiled by a committee of one. That's all wrong to start with! Secondly, the Journal is our concern as much as that of any other part of the Regiment, and it is up to us to support it just as much as the Regular Battalions. If you buy it yourself, don't lend it to your friends; make them buy their own copies. Thirdly, we have started now a new volume. Why not begin straight away by becoming an annual subscriber?

The miserable sub-editors spend many hours trying to outdo the other sub-editors in providing the best budget. It would be a considerable help to them to know that there was a substantial backing of subscribers who were going to read their efforts and help by criticizing and contributing.

Bounties are upon us, and if every man who draws a bounty becomes a subscriber we shall be able to feel that we are justified in taking up our usual share of the Journal.

We may wear the badges of the Regiment and bear its honours, but if we are to be really of the Regiment we must support its Institutions, and, in addition, in no way can we keep better in touch with



9TH BATTALION.

- No. 1.—"B" Company. No. 2.—A Family Record?
No. 3.—"D" Company, Champion Company.

all the units of the Regiment than by subscribing to *THE DIE-HARDS*.

Having delivered our sermon, we will now go on to the primary purpose of our penning—the quarter's news.

Before going to camp, there are a few notes for July which occurred too late for the last issue.

A belated finish was made to the Miniature Rifle Meeting season by holding some competitions on July 12th. Firers were divided into trained and recruits, and the practices consisted of ten rounds application and ten rounds snap. The trained men's shoot was a handicap, and ended in a win for Cpl. Harrowell, of the Machine Gun Platoon, in the application with a score of 31 plus 10=41, followed by L./Sgt. Thompson with 38 plus 2=40; Cpl. Coggins, of the Machine Gun Platoon, with 29 plus 10=39, was third. Pte. Austin, C. M., of "H.Q." Company, and Cpl. Coggins tied for the snapshooting. Austin won on the shoot-off, which was no mean feat, as, with Sergt. Soden, he was on the scratch mark. The recruits started all square, and the application was won by Pte. Aves with a score of 30, with several tying for second place. In the snapshooting, too, no less than six tied, and on the shoot-off Pte. Brittain, of the Machine Gun Platoon, won.

CAMP.—It remains to be seen in what position in the scale of popularity, or otherwise, the 1925 camp at Shoreham will eventually rank when the passage of time has left only the salient features in the memories of the then to be old soldiers.

Writing now, immediately after camp, the outstanding points that strike one are, firstly, the rain, which with the utmost persistence kept pouring at the most inopportune moments, the bumps which guarded the approach to any lines, messes or offices, and succeeded frequently in guiding the steps of the unwary into a network of tent ropes from some marquee or tent necessarily pitched at an unexpected angle, and, secondly, the deaths and burial of our very old friend "Outpost," together with his son "Picquet Post" and grandson's "Sentry Posts." But there are other happenings and incidents which will probably be remembered longer and not necessarily affairs at Brighton, or visits to the local night club.

To those who do not make a habit of travelling by local trains south of London, it must have been a new, if boring experience, to be lost for an hour at Clapham Junction. However, once a guide had been obtained to lead the train on its southward journey, we rolled along at a fast pace, and arrived, after all, only a comparatively short time after the scheduled hour.

As at Seaford, we were fortunate in having only a short distance to march from the station to the camp, and we were without doubt lucky in being the nearest unit to Buckingham Park, the trees of which bordered our area and improved the appearance.

The numbers attending camp this year, though practically the same as last year, were a considerable advance in proportion to the strength of the Battalion, but as this is mainly due to a weeding out of men who were only paper strength soldiers, we have no cause to be unduly elated over the attendance. Still, it is a step forward, and when all the paper strength has been replaced by live men we may hope to have a real Battalion camp instead of a skeleton.

In view of the fact that the military correspondent of one of the most weighty of our daily papers has been seen and approved of the training to the extent of a column and a half, any comment on training by us seems unnecessary and almost presumptuous. Nevertheless, although the sale of *The Daily Telegraph* of Friday, August 14th, in the camp must have been considerable, there are doubtless people who did not see his remarks, and for their benefit we will shortly give our own comments.

As in 1924, we again had a Demonstration Platoon, this year from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and they were attached to the Battalion during their stay. In addition to Lieut. Herbert, who commanded the Platoon, the Company Commander, Major B. L. Montgomery, D.S.O., came out daily to assist in the demonstrations, and these officers alone were an enormous assistance.

Although comparisons are odious, it is almost impossible to avoid comparing the two Platoons and their demonstrations, and, as is only natural, there are points in favour of both. But one thing is certain,

we shall probably be a very long time before we have two more enthusiastic showmen than we had this year, and the ability of Lieut. Herbert to turn out a demonstration at a moment's notice to assist us when rain interfered with the set programme was invaluable.

This year, in addition to the cadre from our own Depot, under Lieut. Mirams, the Royal Sussex Depot also sent a cadre, and as a result two non-commissioned officers' classes were run, one for the seniors and one for the juniors. The benefit that the non-commissioned officers who attended the 1924 class derived has been very obvious during the last year, and we hope that this year classes will have benefited as much.

Passing on to the training in general, the outstanding feature was the very big stride made by the junior non-commissioned officers, which enabled us to start practically where we left off last year, in spite of the fact that the majority of the sections consisted of young soldiers with no previous tactical training, and an additional result of this was that such exercises as were performed during training went with a far greater swing, whilst in contrast to last year it was a common occurrence to see a Section Commander doing something, and probably the right thing, on his own with his section well in hand, and not waiting to be pushed, like a piece on a draughts board, by the officer commanding the platoon or company.

Nothing more than company or inter-company exercises was attempted (with the exception of two occasions, when two companies worked together), but as these are the basis of all larger operations, the mastering of them is, after all, of first importance. The outstanding points which still require much practice and improving are:—

- (1) Fire Orders.—Though many non-commissioned officers give good and easily understood orders, there are still too many orders of such a vague kind given that an inevitable waste of ammunition must necessarily follow.
- (2) There is still a tendency to fire Lewis guns from positions where nothing can be seen of the enemy, or to place a gun in

a position where nothing can be seen, or to make no endeavour to find a suitable position, although easily available, close at hand.

- (3) A deplorable lack of knowledge of the use of cover and the handling of both rifles and Lewis guns round or over cover.

The specialists were again under the Brigade specialist officers, and this, without doubt, enables the specialists of all units to derive the greatest advantage from the attachment of these Regular specialists.

On Saturday, August 8th, the competition for what is to be known as the Inter-Company Tactical Cup was held.

Each company was required to provide a composite platoon, and a scheme was drawn up which was carried out by each platoon in turn; in order that the orders given to the Section Commanders should be the same and given at the same time, the Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant's places were filled up by the judges, who, to simplify the judging, took one the rifle sections and the other the Lewis guns.

An excellent piece of ground was found near the camp, and a very instructive little exercise was drawn up, in which, fortunately, it was perfectly sound to have the two Lewis gun sections together on one flank and the rifle sections on the other.

Lieut. Herbert, of the Royal Warwicks, very kindly volunteered to act as one of the judges, and whilst the Adjutant took the rifle sections he went with the Lewis gun sections.

The result of the competition was:—

- 1st, "A" Company (Cpl. Sewell, Sergt. Lusby, Cpl. Impey, and Cpl. Stenhouse).
- 2nd, "D" Company (L./Cpl. Bloxham, L./Cpl. Devereux, and Cpl. Gray).

Shortly after dinner the Demonstration Platoon left for Shorncliffe, and a very large number of the Battalion turned out to give them a "send-off." The playing of the Band and Drums was very nearly drowned by the whole-hearted noise made by L./Cpl. Bloxham's extra special bath-beating corps of drums, who were only narrowly diverted from "playing" the Platoon down to the station.

The Brigade Commander's Inspection was, to put it mildly, disappointing as far as the appearance of the Battalion was concerned. From the turn-out as a whole during camp, one would have expected a better showing than last year. Granted that half empty and unboarded packs are not very sightly; but, leaving them out, the turn-out as a whole was not good, and, in fact, compared none too well with last year on this particular day.

After the march past the Battalion stayed in Buckingham Park and performed another march past, this time for the benefit of a cinematographer, who spent the day in camp taking yards of films of the various happenings in camp.

A new feature this year was the substitution of more or less military events for the sports of previous years, and the committee responsible are to be congratulated on their efforts for this, the first experiment.

There are, without doubt, greater possibilities of putting up an attractive programme on the present lines, and with the experience gained this year it should be possible to run a very good show next year. As the events this year consisted very largely of transport competitions, it was only to be expected that the day provided a "field day" for the Royal Sussex; not that I mean to infer in any way that our transport let us down—far from it.

As usual, they worked immensely hard, and, had the spirit of the men only been required, would probably have broken their long sequence of seconds, but the flesh, in the form of the four-legged about-to-be-sausages called horses, rather defeated them. However, we succeeded in holding our own with the other Middlesex Battalions. From the spectators' point of view the Massed Bands and Massed Drums were certainly the most spectacular, and both did extremely well, while the Guard of Honour of the four battalions made a good spectacle, and it is fortunate that no judging was required as to the respective merits of each guard, as the whole did very well.

The Battalion Guard Mounting Competition this year was decided not on one guard only, but on the aggregate of the guards per company during camp and a final picked guard at the end.

This was won by "C" Company, with "D" second, and in both these companies the standard throughout was quite good, but taken as a whole it was disappointing to have to find the same faults with every guard, in some cases even the picked guard, and to find very little effort made to remedy the faults in many cases.

In the Bugling Competitions the C.O.'s Bugle this year changed hands, Dr. L. Jenkins being the winner, but L./Cpl. Tavender had his revenge by winning the Brigade Competition. Boy McQuire won both the Battalion and Brigade Junior Competitions.

Whilst on the subject of bugling, it was a considerable comfort to the orally sensitive to find that there was an all-round improvement in the standard of bugling within the Battalion.

For one thing, we have to be truly grateful to the weather; it allowed us to get away dry.

For this reason, possibly, everything moved like clockwork on the last morning, and we were well up on our time schedule.

To lessen the work of the rear party, all tents other than the marquees were "downed" by the Battalion before departure, on a "G" from the Battalion bugle.

When I say all tents, I err. The bugler dotted the crochet of the "G," and, as a result, three tents of the Band failed to get off the mark, and remained unmoved until an additional dot and dash were supplied by the R.S.M.

And so to the trains and Willesden, which, need we say, we arrived at an hour late. Nevertheless, there seemed to be no shortage of welcoming friends, relations and others about, to welcome the Battalion home from the war. I wonder if "Socrates" was present. I expect not. But even he could not have said much more in criticism than Earl Haig, at Bath, said of the Army in general: "It's too small, but it's good." At any rate, we hope so.

The Brigade Meeting on September 5th was carried through in considerably better weather than last year, and the average standard was an improvement on that of 1924.

When compared with the results of the units who head the lists in T.A.R.A. com-

petitions a great deal is still to be done if we hope to do anything better than throw away £5 a year in futile entries for the T.A.R.A. competitions.

A few individual shots such as C.S.M. Todman, amongst the trained men, and Ptes. Aves, Griffiths and Patterson amongst the recruits, put up really good shows. Similarly, L./Cpl. Bateman and Cpl. Breed did well in the Lewis Gun, but after these there was, as a general rule, a terrible drop, and whilst in no way wishing to detract from the efforts of "A" Company in winning the Brigade Lewis Gun Competition, and "D" Company in winning the Young Soldiers, a comparison of their winning scores with the lowest score amongst those placed in the T.A.R.A. Competitions is not only odious, it's a rude shock.

It is proposed to change the present Brigade Meeting so as to prevent the present rush, and it will be interesting to see whether, as we anticipate, a very general improvement will take place in the team scoring.

The Battalion Competition for the Company doing best in the T.A.R.A. Competitions was won by "A" Company, with "D" Company second.

On Sunday, 27th, field firing of an elementary nature was carried out at Purfleet, and, in addition, a few demonstrations with tracer ammunition.

An inter-company competition run in connection with the field firing was won by "A" Company, with "B" Company second.

The following have joined the Regular Army since camp:—Pte. Viccars, "D" Company, to East Surrey Regiment; Pte. D. Brown, "C" Company, to Royal Engineers; Pte. F. Morris, "D" Company, to Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; Pte. Bucknell, "H.Q." Company, to Coldstream Guards; Pte. E. Setters, "H.Q." Company, to Middlesex Regiment.

Whilst regretting that in the enlistment of the latter the Drums are deprived of their bass drummer, we are very pleased that he should have gone to the Regular Depot of our own Regiment, and we hope that our loss will be their gain. To him and to the others we wish the best of luck and hope that what they have learnt here will be of use to them in their new spheres.

Before we close our notes we feel that we must refer to one matter of deep regret to all, namely, the death of Lord Cheylesmore. Although probably unknown personally to most of the Battalion he had a far-reaching influence over many.

Not only was he Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Army Association, but in his long connection with the N.R.A. he worked incessantly for the many thousands of soldiers and civilians who are interested in the rifle, and it can only be described as a cruel coincidence that he should meet with the accident which caused his death whilst returning home from Bisley and the N.R.A. Meeting.

Details of Lord Cheylesmore's career and activities have already appeared in the Press, and it only remains for us to express our deep regret at the tragic death of one who has worked so long and wholeheartedly for the Army, riflemen and the Middlesex Territorial Army Association.

The wide world loves a soldier. So says one of the placards advertising Wembley, and it would appear to be true if you mention Tattoo at the same time. Be it at Wembley, Aldershot, Willesden, or Timbuctoo, if it is known that there is to be a Tattoo the full glare of the lime-light is switched on to the soldier, and he immediately becomes a popular figure as long as the Tattoo lasts. In a minor degree this was witnessed here on September 5th, when the Battalion contributed a Tattoo to the events at the Willesden Hospital Carnival and Fete.

Filthy weather had driven most of the attractions under cover, though the performers in the Pageant of Willesden gallantly carried through their show both in the afternoon and evening, in spite of the sodden finery and the prospects of appalling colds the next day.

It was therefore rather surprising to find at 8.30 p.m. that there was still a very large crowd waiting in the dark and damp park to see the local Territorial Battalion endeavour to emulate the Wembley Tattoo. However, the fact remains that people did remain, and when the Battalion arrived there must have been 5,000 people assembled round the arena, and considerable persuasion and pushing had to be resorted to before a gangway could be cleared for the performers to march on and off.

The programme followed the usual course of such shows and requires no comment, except that the Drums marched extremely well and the torch-bearers completed all their evolutions without anyone getting lost.

The tableaux by the Drums had to be repeated—about turned—for the benefit of a very large crowd which assembled behind the arena and under cover of momentary darkness they performed the necessary shuffle with considerable success.

At the conclusion the whole marched back to Pound Lane, with Band and Drums playing, lighted by the torch-bearers as long as the torches lasted.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did the members of the Sergeants' Mess who did not go to Purfleet find the Mess quite comfortable on the morning of the 27th, and how far could their cheers for good old "Scottie" be heard?

Whether the "young" machine gunner who brought in two recruits on the day following the end of camp doesn't deserve a V.C.?

How it happened that there was a bed available for a senior officer at the Drill Hall after the Tattoo, and whether the owner expects to be rewarded if it failed to uphold the sleeper's dignity?

Whether the firers at Purfleet were as taken aback at being expected to convey food to their mouths without knives, etc., as the Canteen Manager was at being expected to have them ready for use?

Whether the suggestion that the machine gunners should fire over the heads of a selected band of non-commissioned officers alarmed the machine gunners more than the non-commissioned officers?

Should Chief Marshals be asked to look after ladies' dressing rooms? (We shall not require Mr. Lovat Fraser to answer this in the *Sunday Pictorial*, as the Marshal concerned says most emphatically "Yes.")

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Camp, with all its attendant joys and sorrows, is over. There were many joys this year in Brighton, Shoreham, and Bungalow Town, and there were many sorrows for "B" Company in camp. We did not win a single competition, and, judging from the remarks of certain people, there appeared to be a large number of extra duties to perform, yet in spite of this we are still cheerful, and have already nearly been rewarded by the result of the Field Firing Competition at Purfleet, "A" Company just beating us on the post: however, perhaps in the long run an eternal crown is more satisfactory.

Winter training is now commencing, but not, it is hoped, the winter hibernating season. In addition to our work, we are going to run a Company Dance in the New Year, at which there must be at least five hundred people present, and "B" Company will have to produce those five hundred people. We can then start right ahead with our arrangements for the Company Dinner to be held in the early summer. It is also hoped to run a Company Week-end Social Camp in the spring, at which no work will be done beyond erecting tents, etc., and to which we hope to be able to ask our wives to tea on Sunday afternoon; but these things cost money, so the dance must be a success.

Congratulations to Sergt. Martin, Cpls. Carter, Lewis and Pearce on the reports which they got from the Training Cadre at camp; also congratulations to Cpl. Carter on his marriage. We hope that his home ties will not keep him entirely from Pound Lane. And, lastly, congratulations to our Company Commander, Capt. Sherwood, on his becoming the father of another daughter. Mr. Editor, please note the sex this time!

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What certain officers from "H.Q." and "D" Companies found on the shingle?

Who left the push-bike in the ditch; and what the Quartermaster thinks about it?

Whether a certain well-known member of the Company enjoyed the Beach Club; and if he enjoyed himself next day?

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last notes appeared we have spent our fifteen days' "war period" at Shoreham-by-Sea, and I think, on the whole, everybody enjoyed themselves and gained a considerable amount of valuable knowledge.

The site of the camp might have been better and the numbers attending training larger, but the general feeling could be summed up in the words of a man who said on the morning we marched out, "Ah well! I wish we were staying down here for six months."

Some very keen competitions were held in camp, and we did not do at all badly, being second to "C" Company in the Guard Mounting and second to "A" Company in the Section Leading, but we have learnt, according to the keenness shown, that we have got to look to our laurels if we want to retain those cups we hold.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting, held at Bisley on September 6th, by a coincidence the Company finished exactly the same as last year, winning the Young Soldiers' Competition and being second in the Lewis Gun Competition. "A" Company, who won the Lewis Gun Competition, were second to us in the "Young Soldiers." We were rather let down by our "High Sheriff's" team, who finished last and brought us to second place in the final result.

The Company Annual Dinner is to take place at the Drill Hall on Saturday, November 28th, when we shall be pleased to see any old members of the Company.

RHYMES OF CAMP.

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If you should see a Pirate Chief,
At daybreak strolling round,
Do not at once show signs of grief,
You're not for luggers bound.
If you should get a kindly hint
From one with hatband blue,
Just act upon a kindly hint,
Don't ask him, "Who are you?"
If you should see—a Colonel, say—
On shanks' ponies plod
The long, steep hill so far away
And help an erring squad,
You can safely guess it is
The Honorary Colonel.

II

What is that noise that rends the air?
Surely it's something very rare.
All the police are on the spot!
Soldiers are passing at the trot!
Why! I declare—it can't be true!
That was "Defaulters" the bugler
blew.

III

Have you seen our horses?
You should see our horses!
Some are blind and some are lame,
And all of them are very tame,
They are such lovely horses.

Colonel's won't leave the
Other horses and the
Adjutant's has got no teeth,
Major's soon down underneath
Will cross the river Lethe.

"A's" nag is a stage crock,
"B's" nag is from bad stock,
"C's" and "D's" have done a trek,
Are galled of girth and stiff of neck,
The Doc's. has got a sore hock.

Have you seen our horsage?
You should see our horsage!
Be it dry or be it damp
After they have done with camp
They'll make such lovely sausage.

IV

The man stood in an empty camp,
The rest had gone away,
He'd done no drills before the camp
And so he had no pay.

V

- (i) Rise up! Rise up!
Lie in as long as you can,
When "Charlie" blows
Everyone knows
You should lie in as long as you can.
- (ii) Lights out! Lights out!
Make as much noise as you can,
When the bugle goes
Everyone knows
You should make as much noise as
you can.

R. OTTEN.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR ARTHURS.

Ex-Sergt. Arthur Arthurs passed away at Hounslow on July 30th last, at the age of 75 years. This old comrade enlisted in August, 1874, and served with the 57th Regiment in Ceylon, and also during the South African War of 1899, being awarded the medal and clasp. He was discharged to pension on August 30th, 1897, the latter portion of his service having been spent on the permanent staff of the 4th (Militia) Battalion. The funeral took place on August 1st at Heston, when a representative from the Depot attended with a wreath from the Regimental Association. We tender our sympathy with the relatives in their bereavement.

THE LATE MR. JAMES B. PARKER.

Another old comrade, ex-Colour-Sergt. James B. Parker, died on July 28th, aged 61 years, and was buried at Edmonton Cemetery on August 1st, when a wreath was sent from the Regimental Association. The deceased joined the Regiment in 1883, and was discharged to pension on March 16th, 1910. He served with the 1st and 2nd Battalions at home and in India respectively. Having been posted to the permanent staff of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, he went to South Africa with the 1st Volunteer Service Company in March, 1900, when that Company joined the 2nd Battalion in Natal. On the outbreak of the Great War, Mr. Parker immediately re-enlisted, and served at the Depot until February, 1919, becoming a 2nd Class Warrant Officer (Company-Sergeant-Major) in July, 1915. He was in possession of the Queen's South African Medal and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. We offer our sympathy to the widow and other relatives.

THE LATE CADET-CAPT. A. L. HYDE.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Johannesburg on July 11th last, of Capt. A. L. Hyde, Quartermaster of the Potchefstroom Cadets. The deceased was one of the "Old Contempts"

bles," and went to France with the 1st Battalion in 1914. After the Battle of Mons he was sent to South Africa as one of the Imperial Sergeant Instructors to the Overseas Infantry Contingent. He had been associated with the Cadets since 1921.

YPRES BOOK OF VALOUR.

9, Baker Street,
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July 1, 1925.

To the Editor of THE DIE-HARDS.

SIR,—

May I ask for a little of your valuable space that I may inform all military units interested in the preparation of the proposed "Ypres Book of Valour" that they should address me in place of the late Field-Marshal the Earl of Ypres on this subject? Notices were recently sent to regiments telling those who have not already contributed to the material of this book that accounts of heroic deeds that they wish to have included must be received by September the 30th next.

They were also told that in view of the immediate success of "The Immortal Salient" it has now been decided to compile the "Book of Valour" in the form of a companion volume to the first book. Following the roads of "The Immortal Salient," we propose to fill out the map with incident and story connected with each historic spot.

All replies were to have been addressed to Field-Marshal Lord Ypres, and the publication of this letter will be the quickest way to get in touch with the officers, so as not to delay the publication of the book.

The late Field-Marshal took a deep interest in it, and it is our earnest wish that every regiment will be represented somewhere in this epic.

I am,

W. P. PULTENEY, *Lieut.-General,*
Chairman, Ypres League.

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., 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.	25Feb.21
Officer Commanding Depot	Pearson, Maj. (Lt.-Col.) V. L. N., D.S.O., Midd'x R.	10Mar.23
1st and 2nd Battalions, (Regular.)	d. Arnold, A. C., O.B.E. (2) M.C., p.s.c., d. 7Dec.15 Lt. Col. J. R. [I] 26Jan.16 Phillips, H., M.C. 26Aug.16 d. Bucknall, G. C. M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16 Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) 26Aug.16 Horrocks, B. G., M.C. 1Jan.17 Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25Apr.17 Lawrence, F. A. L., M.C. 7May17 (1) del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. 20Sept.20 Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23Mar.21 Prater, N. P., M.C. 1Apr.21 (1) Lyons E. F., M.C. 18Feb.22 Garro, V. J. 25Feb.22	20Nov.18 1Nov.18 5Jan.19 12Mar.19 21Jun.19 27Aug.19 27Aug.19 24Oct.19 24Oct.19 21Feb.20 21Feb.20 29Feb.20 20Dec.20 18Jul.21 17Dec.21 17Dec.21 16Jul.22 24Dec.22 14Jul.23 14Jul.23 14Jul.23 14Jul.23 14Jul.23 23Dec.23
Lt.-Colonels (2).	2Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24 2Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24	
Majors (8).	2Owen, D. C., D.S.O. 4May16 d. Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24Jul.16 Lt. Col. J. R. [I] 26Jan.16 2White, P. G. (Detn. Bks.) 4Jul.18 Dundas, A. C., O.B.E. 20Jul.18 Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) 28Sept.24 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. 1Jan.19 28Sept.24 Jeffery, W. W., D.S.O. 3Jun.20 Bennell, R. D., M.C. 15Sept.25	
Subalterns (35).	Lieutenants. 1Bailey, F. A. 1Jan.17 2Manson, E. P., M.C., 1Jul.17 1Roberts, W. L., M.C., 1Jul.17 1Butterfield, H. R.F. 1Jul.17 1Nunn, F. J., M.C. 6Aug.17 c.o. Hill, R. L. 21Aug.17 1Bostock, F. E. 2Sept.17 d. Dix-Lewis, A. 2Sept.17 d. 1Mirams, S., M.C. 11Sept.17 1Royffe, H. S. 18Sept.17 1Rackham, B. B., M.C. 13Oct.17 s. Stevens, L., O.B.E., M.C. 13Nov.17 c.s. Charlesworth, J. F. 17Nov.17 1Kempster, G. W. 19Jan.18 c.o. 2Weller, A. V. 19Jan.18 2Pain, E. T. 19Jan.18 1Dobbs, J. E. 1Feb.18 2Jones, W. H. V. 16Feb.18 1Pennycook, G. H. C., Adj. 27Apr.18 1Hedgecoe, S. F. 27Apr.18 d. Parker, F. G. 4Jun.18 2Clyne, A. 1Nov.18	
2nd Lieutenants.	1Newton, W. C. 30Aug.24 2Jacob, M. A. 30Aug.24 2Chisholm, G. A. N. 18Dec.24 1Goulden, G. A. 29Jan.25	
Adjutants (2).	2Moore, R. N. 18Jul.22 1Pennycook, G. H. C., Lt. 18Mar.23	
Quartermasters (3).	d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 capt. 1Jul.17 1English, J. 25Aug.14 capt. 25Aug.17 2Douthet, R. T., Lt. 18Jun.23	
5th Battalion (Militia).	Hon. Colonel. Cossar, J. M., TD 23Apr.16 Lt. Maj. 1Jan.19 Muir, W. E. H., M.C. (s.c.) (Capt. Res. of Off.) 7Jul.20 Vickerage, H. G., M.C. 4Jun.24 Murray, H. A. 6Aug.24	
Lieutenants.	Hill, C. W. 1Jun.16 Lindsay, A. S. 5Sept.20 Pringle, W. E., M.C. 24Nov.21 Doidge, L. C. D. 1Jun.22 Widdicombe, A. G. 7Jun.22 Cunliffe, E. N. 30Sept.22 Garioch, F. H. 15Oct.22 Thompson, A. F. 19Jan.24 Hay, E. J. W. 29Apr.24 Kent, C. E. 21Nov.24	
2nd Lieutenant.	Cole, A. G. 4Apr.25	
Adjutant.	Savile, H. B. W., M.C. Capt., Midd'x. Regt. 8Feb.24	
Quartermaster.	Framingham, G. E., M.B.E., M.C., Capt. (Capt. Res. of Off.) 20Sept.25	
[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		
Cadet Units affiliated.	1 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. 5 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. Schools.	
8th Battalion (Territorial).	"South Africa, 1900-02." Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.	
Hon. Colonel.	King, E. J. C.M.G., TD 13Aug.04	
Lt.-Colonel.	Maitland, J. K., M.C. 18Feb.24	
Major.	Smith, S. C. M., TD 1Jun.16 Lt. Lt.-col. 31Dec.24	
Captains.	Cossar, J. M., TD 23Apr.16 Lt. Maj. 1Jan.19 Muir, W. E. H., M.C. (s.c.) (Capt. Res. of Off.) 7Jul.20 Vickerage, H. G., M.C. 4Jun.24 Murray, H. A. 6Aug.24	
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Sgt.	L. Simmonds	...	2nd 24/8/24	Cpl.	H. Gibson	...	1st 11/1/24
Sgt.	L. Clarke	...	1st 1/9/24	Cpl.	E. Lione	...	2nd 12/1/24
Sgt.	W. Clements	...	Depot 10/11/24	Cpl.	W. Grace	...	2nd 12/1/24
Sgt.	J. Beaveridge	...	2nd 28/1/25	Cpl.	T. French	...	2nd 12/1/24
Sgt.-Dmr.	W. Palmer	...	2nd 4/2/25	Cpl.	C. Olden	...	2nd 12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Draper	...	2nd 17/2/25	Cpl.	T. Hannah	...	1st 2/2/24
Sgt.	A. Russell	...	1st 19/2/25	Cpl.	O. Phelps	...	1st 5/2/24
Sgt.	S. Ingle	...	2nd 27/2/25	Cpl.	G. Egan	...	1st 16/2/24
Sgt.	E. Jones	...	1st 1/3/25	Cpl.	J. Stretton	...	1st 20/2/24
Sgt.	E. Burt	...	1st 26/3/25	Cpl.	Kelly	...	Depot 12/3/24
Sgt.	E. Flemming	...	1st 16/4/25	Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M.	...	1st 18/3/24
Sgt.	G. Lambert	...	1st 26/5/25	Cpl.	E. Norman	...	1st 7/5/24
Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	1st 26/5/25	Cpl.	E. Howard	...	2nd 4/5/24
Sgt.	S. Tibbs	...	1st 1/6/25	Cpl.	W. Tibble	...	1st 11/6/24
Sgt.	W. Randle	...	1st 16/8/25	Cpl.	S. Davis	...	2nd 2/7/24
L./Sgt.	L. Fairchild	...	2nd *5/12/21	Cpl.	C. Lewis	...	1st 16/7/24
L./Sgt.	W. Fletcher	...	2nd *1/12/22	Cpl.	W. Howard	...	2nd 23/7/24
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett	...	Depot †30/1/23	Cpl.	W. Patterson	...	2nd 28/7/24
L./Sgt.	S. Mason	...	2nd *12/1/24	Cpl.	C. Soper	...	1st 16/7/24
L./Sgt.	C. Banfield	...	2nd *12/1/24	Cpl.	G. Goss	...	Depot 1/9/24
L./Sgt.	C. Taylor	...	Depot *19/1/24	Cpl.	H. Sammons, M.M.	...	1st 29/10/24
L./Sgt.	B. Gray	...	1st *20/2/24	Cpl.	A. Stenning	...	1st 10/11/24
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence	...	1st *20/2/24	Cpl.	S. Burgess...	...	2nd 11/11/24
L./Sgt.	G. Bone	...	2nd *30/8/24	Cpl.	V. Hall	...	2nd 11/11/24
L./Sgt.	G. Cliff	...	1st 1/9/24	Cpl.	A. Wright	...	2nd 11/11/24
L./Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	Depot *1/9/24	Cpl.	S. Bishop	...	2nd 11/11/24
L./Sgt.	Robbins	...	Depot *1/9/24	Cpl.	W. Swindon	...	1st *25/11/24
L./Sgt.	E. Hazledene	...	2nd 22/10/24	Cpl.	G. Rawlings	...	1st *25/11/24
L./Sgt.	T. Tiller	...	2nd 17/2/25	Cpl.	F. Denchfield	...	2nd 27/12/24
L./Sgt.	S. Hawkins	...	1st 20/2/25	Cpl.	R. King	...	1st 30/12/24
L./Sgt.	A. Ward	...	1st *26/3/25	Cpl.	J. Brown	...	2nd 4/2/25
L./Sgt.	H. Warren	...	Depot 26/3/25	Cpl.	R. Ecclestone	...	Depot 19/2/25
L./Sgt.	A. Clifford	...	2nd 17/5/25	Cpl.	S. Copelin	...	2nd 24/2/25
L./Sgt.	W. Overton	...	1st 1/6/25	Cpl.	L. Johnson	...	2nd 27/2/25
L./Sgt.	T. Page	...	1st *1/6/25	Cpl.	Kennett	...	1st 1/3/25
L./Sgt.	W. Bennett	...	1st *1/6/25	Cpl.	A. Williams	...	1st 26/3/25
L./Sgt.	H. Thomas	...	1st *8/6/25	Cpl.	J. O'Brien	...	1st 26/3/25
Cpl.	R. Green	...	1st 1/5/20	Cpl.	J. O'Neill	...	1st 26/5/25
Cpl.	J. Sharman	...	2nd 1/5/20	Cpl.	L. Honeybun	...	1st 26/5/25
Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	2nd 1/5/20	Cpl.	E. Leggett	...	1st 26/5/25
Cpl.	W. Floyd	...	2nd 1/5/20	Cpl.	A. Secretan	...	2nd 5/5/25
Cpl.	R. Wood	...	2nd 13/5/20	Cpl.	J. Jones	...	2nd 8/5/25
Cpl.	E. Aird	...	2nd 30/11/20	Cpl.	T. Ballard	...	2nd 13/5/25
Cpl.	L. Baker	...	2nd 30/11/20	Cpl.	W. Eldrett	...	1st 1/6/25
Cpl.	J. Bray	...	1st 29/12/20	Cpl.	W. McMurdie	...	1st 4/6/25
Cpl.	F. Thompson	...	1st 1/7/21	Cpl.	E. Bearne	...	Depot 15/6/25
Cpl.	R. Newcombe	...	1st 1/7/21	L./Cpl.	J. Murphy	...	1st *20/8/20
Cpl.	G. Horrex	...	Depot 1/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Sando	...	Depot *1/1/21
Cpl.	R. Holder	...	1st 18/7/21	L./Cpl.	B. Pope	...	1st *1/4/21
Cpl.	F. Stacey	...	1st 25/8/21	L./Cpl.	F. Clarke	...	1st *1/4/21
Cpl.	C. Misso	...	1st 25/8/21	L./Cpl.	F. Carter	...	1st *6/4/21
Cpl.	W. Harwood	...	2nd 4/12/21	L./Cpl.	H. Channon	...	1st *21/11/21
Cpl.	W. Richardson	...	2nd 9/1/22	L./Cpl.	C. Kingdom	...	Depot *12/10/22
Cpl.	H. Clarke	...	2nd 9/1/22	L./Cpl.	G. Skeats	...	1st *12/10/22
Cpl.	H. Huff	...	2nd 10/1/22	L./Cpl.	J. Morden...	...	1st

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L./Cpl.	G. Frost ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	H. Wilson ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	R. Challis ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	C. Watson ...	1st	*20/2/24
L./Cpl.	C. Turner ...	1st	*8/3/24
L./Cpl.	E. Battersby ...	1st	*13/5/24
L./Cpl.	E. Denyer ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	H. Williams ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	R. Arniboldi ...	Depot	†13/7/23
L./Cpl.	S. Harnett ...	1st	*17/8/23
L./Cpl.	L. Priddy ...	1st	*7/9/23
L./Cpl.	H. Short ...	Depot	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. Sewell ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. Mills ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	A. Wallace ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	J. Frost ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Ratty ...	1st	*22/12/23
L./Cpl.	Goodall ...	1st	*22/1/24
L./Cpl.	S. Jackson ...	1st	*8/3/24
L./Cpl.	H. Riley ...	1st	*8/3/24
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald ...	1st	*14/3/24
L./Cpl.	F. Burton ...	1st	*17/3/24
L./Cpl.	H. Hull ...	Depot	*5/4/24
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder ...	Depot	*8/5/24
L./Cpl.	R. Glover ...	1st	*8/5/24
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge ...	Depot	†18/5/24
L./Cpl.	H. Batt ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Case ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hows ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Anson ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell ...	1st	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	1st	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	S. Nicholls ...	1st	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor ...	1st	†11/6/24
L./Cpl.	G. Oskinat ...	1st	†21/6/24
L./Cpl.	West ...	1st	†14/7/24
L./Cpl.	Bayles ...	1st	†13/8/24
L./Cpl.	Vials ...	1st	†13/8/24
L./Cpl.	Bowden ...	1st	†16/8/24
L./Cpl.	W. Banham ...	1st	†19/8/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	1st	†19/8/24
L./Cpl.	Giles ...	1st	†8/9/24
L./Cpl.	Gough ...	1st	†8/9/24
L./Cpl.	Barley ...	1st	†8/9/24
L./Cpl.	Marshall ...	1st	*1/6/25
L./Cpl.	Norman ...	1st	†11/9/24
L./Cpl.	O'Neill ...	1st	†25/9/24
L./Cpl.	Tompkins ...	1st	†29/9/24
L./Cpl.	Kelly ...	1st	*2/10/24
L./Cpl.	L. Westney ...	1st	*9/10/24
L./Cpl.	Thompson ...	1st	*11/10/24
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson ...	1st	†17/10/24
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke ...	Depot	†1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Fletcher ...	1st	†1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Hammond ...	1st	†1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Woodroff ...	1st	†1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Wheatley ...	1st	†10/12/24
L./Cpl.	Chasney ...	1st	†1/1/25
L./Cpl.	Carnoll ...	1st	†1/1/25
L./Cpl.	Painter ...	1st	*1/1/25
L./Cpl.	F. Edwickier ...	1st	†17/1/25
L./Cpl.	H. Holness ...	1st	†6/2/25
L./Cpl.	W. Lee ...	1st	†4/3/25
L./Cpl.	Balls ...	1st	†4/3/25
L./Cpl.	G. Blackman ...	1st	†12/3/25
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer ...	1st	†13/3/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hutton ...	Depot	†18/3/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lamkin ...	2nd	*12/2/20
L./Cpl.	F. Colton ...	2nd	*13/9/20

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L./Cpl.	S. Hunt ...	2nd	*11/7/21
L./Cpl.	G. Atkins ...	2nd	*12/7/21
L./Cpl.	H. Berry ...	2nd	*22/8/21
L./Cpl.	R. Neighbour ...	2nd	*22/9/21
L./Cpl.	G. Milne ...	2nd	*13/12/21
L./Cpl.	A. Simmonds ...	2nd	*6/2/22
L./Cpl.	J. Whiting ...	2nd	*4/3/22
L./Cpl.	A. Webb ...	2nd	*4/3/22
L./Cpl.	E. Glibbery ...	2nd	*4/3/22
L./Cpl.	R. Wingrove ...	2nd	*8/3/22
L./Cpl.	E. Addinall ...	2nd	*12/3/22
L./Cpl.	J. Jenkins ...	2nd	*23/3/22
L./Cpl.	F. Welsh ...	2nd	*27/3/22
L./Cpl.	C. Clements ...	2nd	*21/4/22
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell ...	2nd	*24/8/22
L./Cpl.	H. Poulter ...	2nd	*30/8/22
L./Cpl.	W. Flint ...	2nd	*2/10/22
L./Cpl.	L. Laxton ...	2nd	*7/10/22
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell ...	2nd	*22/12/22
L./Cpl.	H. Lucas ...	2nd	*14/3/23
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson ...	2nd	*14/3/23
L./Cpl.	C. Forster ...	2nd	*14/3/23
L./Cpl.	C. Donaldson ...	2nd	*19/4/23
L./Cpl.	W. Pollard ...	2nd	*29/5/23
L./Cpl.	G. Power ...	2nd	*4/6/23
L./Cpl.	R. Franklin ...	2nd	*9/6/23
L./Cpl.	G. Brown ...	2nd	†13/6/23
L./Cpl.	W. Potter ...	2nd	†15/6/23
L./Cpl.	J. Riley ...	2nd	*21/7/23
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley ...	2nd	*27/7/23
L./Cpl.	H. Readings ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	B. Gower ...	2nd	†13/8/23
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*15/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcroft ...	2nd	*17/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway ...	2nd	*23/9/23
L./Cpl.	W. Millbery ...	2nd	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Jenkin ...	2nd	*13/10/23
L./Cpl.	C. Gwinnett ...	2nd	*24/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Fisher ...	2nd	*24/10/23
L./Cpl.	T. Dibley ...	2nd	†29/10/23
L./Cpl.	T. Levett ...	2nd	†29/10/23
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L./Cpl.	F. Fisher ...	2nd	†4/1/24
L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin ...	2nd	†4/1/24
L./Cpl.	E. Barker ...	2nd	†4/1/24
L./Cpl.	F. Wingrove, M.M. ...	2nd	†15/1/24
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L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	2nd	†16/1/24
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L./Cpl.	W. Waterman ...	2nd	†10/1/25
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L./Cpl.	W. Budd ...	2nd	†31/1/25

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L./Cpl.	D. Williams ...	2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	H. Meddams ...	2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	A. Boen ...	2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble ...	2nd	†31/1/25
L./Cpl.	W. Grimmer ...	2nd	†7/2/25
L./Cpl.	J. Carroll ...	2nd	†2/3/25
L./Cpl.	C. Moss ...	2nd	†6/3/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lee ...	2nd	†11/3/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gray ...	2nd	†11/3/25
L./Cpl.	J. Davis ...	2nd	†2/4/25
L./Cpl.	Deamer ...	1st	7/4/25
L./Cpl.	G. Brown ...	1st	†17/4/25
L./Cpl.	A. Johnson ...	1st	†17/4/25
L./Cpl.	E. Foulger ...	1st	†18/4/25
L./Cpl.	F. Goodall ...	1st	†21/4/25
L./Cpl.	Smith ...	1st	†5/5/25
L./Cpl.	Chalkley ...	1st	†26/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery ...	2nd	†27/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes ...	2nd	†30/5/25
L./Cpl.	G. Maund ...	1st	*2/6/25
L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher ...	1st	†4/6/25
L./Cpl.	T. Martin ...	2nd	†9/6/25
L./Cpl.	L. Harrison ...	1st	†13/6/25
L./Cpl.	Pike ...	1st	†17/6/25
L./Cpl.	Lack ...	1st	†18/6/25
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