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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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"Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02,"
"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,"
"Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, 18," "Delville
Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Courcette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, 18,"
"Bapaume, 1917, 18," "Arras, 1917, 18," "Vimy, 1917, 18," "Scarpe, 1917, 18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914, 17, 18," "Pickem,"
"Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin,"
"Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Schepenberg," "Canal
du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,
1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumania,"
"Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18,"
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6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... Mill Hill.

Depot—Mill Hill. Record Office—Hounslow.

Territorial Army Battalions.

7th Bn. ... Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.
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9th Bn. ... Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.

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Colonel:

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

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EDITORIAL



LT.-COL. D. C. PERCY SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E., has been appointed D.A.A.G., Royal Guernsey Militia.

Lieut.-Col. H. Goodwin, D.S.O., leaves for West Africa shortly to take up an appointment in the Keffi Consolidated Tin Mines, Northern Nigeria.

Lieut. J. R. B. Worton played for England in the first Rugby International match of the season against Wales, at Cardiff, on January 16th. We congratulate him on his well-deserved honour.

Lieut. J. D. Clinch is also a Rugby International. We think it must be almost a record for one battalion to possess two Internationals in the same year.

Lieut. L. Steveni, O.B.E., M.C., has been transferred to the Indian Army in the rank of Captain.

The 1st Battalion won the Aldershot Command Novices' Boxing Shield on December 11th, 1925, beating the 2nd Bat-

talion East Lancashire Regiment in the finals. The Depot has entered for the Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Competition to be held in February. This is a new competition.

ERRATA.

In the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS JOURNAL, page 69, for El Bodon please read El Bodon all through the article.—G. W. W. S.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1926.

January 2nd: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

April 3rd: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

June 28th: Cricket, The Regiment v. The Criptics, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

Officers' Club Dinner, at the Trocadero Restaurant, at 7.45 p.m.

June 29th: Cricket, The Regiment v. The M.C.C., at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

June 30th: Cricket, The Regiment v. The Free Foresters, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.

July 1st: Cricket, The Regiment v. The Royal Fusiliers, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.

Old Comrades' Gathering, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.

October 2nd: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

November 6th: Annual General Meeting of Regimental Association, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, N.W., at 7 p.m.

Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

November 11th: Armistice Day Service, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at the Regimental Memorial, at 10.45 a.m.

THE LATE BRIG.-GEN. F. D. LUMLEY, C.B., C.B.E.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is, indeed, with a sad heart that I comply with your request to write an appreciation of my dear old friend Frank Lumley, who I have known and soldiered with for the last forty-five years, and whose sudden death was a great grief to me, but God called him, and our loss is His gain.

He joined the 77th Regiment (2nd Middlesex Regiment) as a sub-lieutenant in 1875, and when I first knew him in 1879 he had just been appointed Assistant Musketry Instructor, and later on when the Battalion was in Burma he succeeded as Musketry Instructor and held that appointment until it was abolished about 1881. He was a good rifle shot, and was very keen about his musketry work, as at that time, in 1879, the 77th Regiment was the best shooting regiment in the British Army. In 1880 he went out to India with the 77th Regiment and served in Bellary, and Burma, when the old numbers were done away with and the Regiment became the 2nd (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Middlesex Regiment.

After he was promoted Captain he returned to England and, I think, served at the Depot then at Hounslow. Later on he was appointed Adjutant to the 4th Middlesex Regiment (Militia). When in England he married, and on returning to India he joined the 2nd Battalion in Kamptee. On his promotion to Major he was posted to the 1st Battalion, and was serving with it in Gibraltar when he experienced the great blow of his life by the death of his wife. In 1900, at the beginning of the South African War, he was selected by Gen. Tucker (under whom he had served at the Hounslow Depot) as his A.D.C., and as such took part in the operations in the Free States, including Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, and the Zand River, and in the Transvaal in the actions near Johannesburg and Pretoria. Later in the war he succeeded Col. A. W. Hill, C.B., in command of the 2nd Battalion, then in the Transvaal, and on the termination of hostilities he was mentioned in despatches, received the Queen's South African Medal (with five clasps), and was appointed a Companion of the Bath.

In 1908 he was appointed to command No. 10 District of the Eastern Command at Hounslow, and was in command when the Middlesex Depot was moved to Mill Hill. In 1911 he retired and settled down to live with his sister (Mrs. Carrington) at Blackwater.

When the Great War broke out Col. Lumley was appointed to command the 1st Thames-Medway Reserve Brigade (with the rank of Brigadier-General) with Headquarters at Chatham.

He trained his brigade most thoroughly to fit them to take their place abroad, and the following extract from *The Times* of December 8th, 1925, bears witness of the good results of that training:—

"General Lumley was a most efficient brigade commander, and took immense pains especially in helping commanding officers. He not only possessed a sane knowledge of drill and training, but also of that interior economy which was so necessary at the beginning of the war with vast camps springing up everywhere. I venture to think that no Special Reserve Brigade was better handled than Gen. Lumley's, and that drafts, which were always sent out under his personal supervision, were equal to any in the Army. He was, moreover, a most kind and sympathetic commander, and his loss will be deeply regretted."

In 1918 he came out to France to command one of the large camps near Boulogne, and was there at the time of the Armistice. For his services he was mentioned in despatches, and received two war medals and the C.B.E. From then until his death he continued to reside at Blackwater, and always took a lively interest in all matters connected with his old Regiment, being President of the Regimental Association, the Officers' Club, and the Old Comrades' Dinner. No officer was more closely associated with the Middlesex Regiment than Gen. Lumley, having served with both of the Line Battalions, being Adjutant of the 4th (Militia) Battalion, commanded the Regimental District, and finally commanded the Chatham Brigade, which included the 5th and 6th (Special Reserve) Battalions. He was always most popular with all ranks, and counted many friends.

I will leave the description of his funeral to another pen and will only add that, owing to the great kindness and forethought

of Lieut.-Col. Stewart (who had to obtain special leave from the War Office), the funeral was a military one, just what he would have liked, and beautifully carried out by the 1st Middlesex Regiment, who marched over from Aldershot, and one of the most touching episodes was the playing by the band of a verse of a hymn after each volley. The chief mourners were his sister (Mrs. Carrington), his sister-in-law (Miss Kenyon), and his cousin (Major-Gen. Macmullen, C.B.). Many old brother officers and friends attended and walked in procession from his house to Hawley Church. The wreaths were numerous and very beautiful, many being of yellow and red flowers, the Regimental colours. To one of them was attached a text, part of which is on the Regimental Monument of Spion Kop, which had been approved by him when commanding the 2nd Battalion, viz. :—

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. iv. 7).

And so we leave our dear old friend in God's safe keeping.

G. W. W. S.

THE FUNERAL.

With military honours accorded by the 1st Battalion from Aldershot, the funeral of Gen. Lumley took place in the quiet churchyard of Hawley, Hants, on Tuesday, December 4th, 1925, the Union Jack enshrouded coffin being conveyed from Blackwater House to Holy Trinity Church on a gun carriage provided by the 3rd R.F.A. Brigade, Deepcut. *En route* the band of the 1st Battalion, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Clark (Bandmaster) played the Dead March in "Saul," and Beethoven's Funeral March, and, as it neared the church, the procession passed between lines of the Hawley school children who were drawn up there in charge of their headmaster, Mr. J. Nash.

The 1st Battalion provided the escort, firing party, bearers and wreath-carrying party, with the escort being Lieuts. G. H. C. Pennycook, M. Crawford, and Goulden. The pall-bearers were Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. (Commanding the 1st Battalion), Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (Commanding the Middlesex Regimental Depot), Capt. H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C., Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., Capt. C. W.

Haydon, M.C., and Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (all of the 1st Battalion). Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., carried Gen. Lumley's decorations and orders; whilst the wreaths and floral tributes of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment were borne by Lieut. F. E. Bostock and Lieut. F. A. Bailey respectively. The bearers were:—R.S.M. Anderson, M.C., C.S.M. Beaman, C.S.M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Lydiatt, C.Q.M.S. Flatman, C.Q.M.S. Cooke, C.S.M. Gray, and Sergt. Russell. Former officers of the Middlesex Regiment present were Col. R. M. Heath, Col. Savile, Col. Lempriere, Col. Anwyl Passingham, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, Col. Dyer, Col. L. G. Oliver, Major Willoughby, Capt. Foster, and Capt. Lawson. Messrs. E. Morris, E. Warren, E. R. Furniss, and T. Tepper also attended. Brig.-Gen. A. A. Garstin, C.M.G. and Major F. S. Stead, D.C.M., were prevented by illness from attending.

At the church the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Glennie, Vicar of Hawley, and the Rev. L. G. K. Greenway (Chaplain to All Saints' Home, Hawley), and the hymns "Abide with me" and "For all the Saints" were sung. Mr. W. J. Allen was at the organ, and before the service played Beethoven's "Marcia Funebre," Tschaiakovsky's "Chanson Triste," and Beethoven's Andante Op. 57, and as the body was carried from the church to the grave, Handel's Dead March in "Saul."

The principal mourners were Mrs. Carrington (sister of Gen. Lumley), Major-Gen. Macmullen, Indian Army (cousin), and Miss Kenyon (sister-in-law). Amongst other friends present were Gen. G. M. Baldwin, Admiral J. R. P. Hawksley, Col. and Mrs. E. E. M. Lawford, Mrs. Macmullen, Mrs. Foster, Sir William Porter, Mrs. Stewart, the Rev. Dr. G. H. Oakshott, Col. G. H. Stilwell, and Dr. J. Law Adam. The staff from Blackwater House were also present.

At the conclusion of the service at the graveside the three volleys were fired by the party, each volley being followed by the band playing a verse of a hymn—"Days and moments quickly flying" being played after the first volley, "Thy will be done" after the second, and "O God our help" after the third. Then the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and the "Réveillé"

The many floral tributes included the following:—

Lena and Reggie Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Holt Stilwell; Miss Floyd Jones; Colonel and Mrs. E. E. M. Lawford; Duncan and Mary Stewart; Mrs. Philip H. Lee; George W. W. Savile; Miss Thoyts; the Misses Stilwell; Colonel G. B. Lempriere; Robin G. Brownie; Mrs. Robin Norris; Mrs. G. G. Swaine; Maud G. Merlin; Mrs. Arthur Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. R. Lyon Greaves; Mr. Ronald Rose; L. G. Simonds; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ross; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Palmer E. Bennett; Sir William Porter; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. W. H. C. Davy; Mrs. Canon Parsons; the West Surrey Club; F. Cranham and Sons; Hawley Branch, Aldershot; Unionist Association, Men's and Women's Branches; the Officers, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment; the Officers, 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach and the Officers, N.C.Os. and Men of the 9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment; W.Os. and N.C.Os. and Men of the 8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment; Committee and Members of the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, the Officers, N.C.Os. and Men of the Depot, Middlesex Regiment; the Officers, 6th Bn. Middlesex Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. G. Boscawen, 3rd R.W. Kent Regiment; two humble Comrades, E. Morris and E. Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Atkins; Mrs. and Major-General Colin G. Donald; Colonel and Mrs. Passingham; Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Rooke, the Officers, Past and Present, of the 5th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. R. L. Benwell; Mrs. Creagh-Osborne; Blackwater Working Men's Club; from Cecily; Mrs. F. H. W. Johnstone; Mr. and Mrs. George Chatt; Colonel Sir George and Lady Mashiter; the Members, Hawley and District G. and S. Men's Club; W.O., S./Sergeants and Sergeants, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment.

SOME REGIMENTAL MEMORIALS.

Copy of inscription on monument to Col. John Arabin, the first Colonel of the 57th Regiment—in the King's Chapel, Gibraltar, where he was buried:—

"That here lie the Remains of Colonel John Arabin, of His Majesty's LVII Regiment of foot; and that he died on the 16th Day of February, 1757, in Gibraltar, aged 56 years, this marble can only tell. That among Husbands, Parents, Friends, in tenderness, affection and sincerity he had few equals; and that he possessed and exerted every social virtue, and every amiable Disposition of the Heart, his grieved Relations and Acquaintance can abundantly testify. That he was a brave, vigilant, and able Officer his Country acknowledging his Services will bear witness. That he was blessed with truly Christian Endowments and numberless other virtues, which he modestly concealed from publick view, shall One Day be universally discovered by all Mankind."

Lieut.-Col. John Arabin, 2nd Horse, was gazetted Colonel of the 59th Regiment on

December 27th, 1755, and letters of service were issued to him on January 7th, 1756, to raise the Regiment which he did in Gloucestershire and Somersetshire. He embarked with his Regiment in June, 1756, and landed at Gibraltar. In 1757, shortly before Col. Arabin's death, the Regiment was renumbered as the 57th Regiment.

Copy of inscription on monument to Gen. John Campbell of Strachur, Colonel of the 57th Regiment—in the Parish Church of Strachur, Argyleshire, where he was buried:

"Here lie the remains of John Campbell of Strachur. A General in the Army. Colonel of the 57th Regiment of Foot. A distinguished Officer, several years Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America. Died 28th August, 1806, in the 79th year of his age. Erected to his memory by Helen Campbell, his widow, by whom it is earnestly requested that no heir or Successor shall ever disturb his sacred repository."

Brevet Lieut.-Col. John Campbell of Strachur after seeing much service at Culloden, Bergen-op-Zoom, in North America, at Ticonderoga and at the capture of Havannah, was in 1773 appointed Lieut.-Colonel of the 57th Regiment in Dublin. He sailed with the Regiment to America in 1776 and commanded it at the attack on Charlestown, the Battle of Brooklyn, and the capture of Paulus Hook. He was appointed Brigadier in 1777, becoming a Major-General later. He was noted for his gallant defence of Pensacola in 1780, in which year he was promoted Colonel of the 57th Regiment. On the termination of the American War in 1783 he was appointed commander of all His Majesty's Forces remaining in America. He remained Colonel of the 57th Regiment until his death.

Copy of inscription on memorial tablet in Canterbury Cathedral to Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Inglis, Colonel of the 57th Regiment, who was buried in the Chapter House of the Cathedral:—

"Within the Chapter House of this Cathedral rest the remains of Lieutenant General Sir William Inglis, K.C.B., Governor of Cork; and Colonel of the 57th Regiment. During many years of active service in this gallant Corps he rose through all the various ranks to that of its Lieutenant Colonel and was at length appointed its Colonel, as a just tribute to the gallantry which he had displayed at its head, in the sanguinary battle of Albuhera (where he was severely wounded) and to his subsequent service as a General Officer during the Peninsula War. He died at Ramsgate the Twentyninth of November, 1835, in the 72nd year of his age and the 57th of his service."

William Inglis was appointed Ensign 57th Regiment in 1779. He served with the Regiment in the American War of Independence, and in the campaign of 1793-5 in Flanders under the Duke of York and Lord Moira. He was present also with a detachment of the Regiment at the siege and capture of Morne Fortune in St. Lucia. He returned home with the Regiment in 1803, and was then employed in raising a 2nd Battalion. In 1804 he succeeded to the command of the 1st Battalion. In 1809 he embarked with his Battalion for Lisbon and served with it in that year and 1810 throughout the various operations in which it was engaged, including the Battle of Busaco. In 1811 he commanded the Battalion at the Battle of Albuhera, on May 16th, being severely wounded. In May, 1813, he was appointed to command the 1st Brigade of the 7th Division, which he commanded in all the Battles of the Pyrenees and in France. He was promoted Lieut.-General in 1825, and in 1830 was appointed Governor of Cork. He remained Colonel of the 57th Regiment until his death.

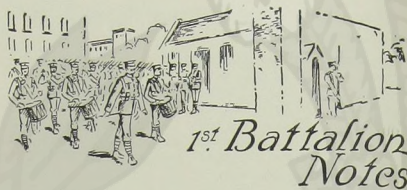
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THE Battalion marched back from the very strenuous Army Manœuvres at the end of September.

We ourselves terminated the manœuvres as a mechanized battalion. That is to say, we were transferred long distances sitting in lorries, twenty-two in each, fully equipped.

The civilian drivers of these hired lorries were unaccustomed to the rigours of warfare and kept us in continued risk of losing our lives in a ditch by persistently falling asleep throughout the night. After twelve hours of this we came to the conclusion that we would rather march.

On arrival at Aldershot fifty per cent. of us were sent on furlough, and the remainder commenced Winter Training. The arrangements for which had been much disorganized by the sudden decision of the War Office to increase our Indian draft from fifty to nearly two hundred. As our quota for the next year is to be the same, we shall hardly be an elderly battalion for some years. However, the keenness of youth will no doubt go far to make up for any lack of experience both at work and games. As a good omen for the fulfilment of the prophecy we have after much stiff fighting won the Aldershot Command Novices' Team Boxing Championship in December.

An account of this triumph appears elsewhere.

Major-Gen. Sir Archibald Montgomery, in congratulating the team, called attention to the obvious fitness of the boxers, and the remarkable standard of science displayed by them. To this might be added the help given by a most successful battalion boxing tournament which we held in October, for which 120 men out of the 300 with the Battalion at that time entered, and the excellent training the team received from the ex-Die-Hard Tom Berry, Cruiser-weight Champion of England, Sergt. Fleming, and Sergt. Campbell and the other trainers.

As usual, both football and hockey games have been kept going hard from platoon games to the exploits of our first team in the Amateur, Army, and local competitions, all of which are dealt with elsewhere in this Journal.

At Rugby Lieut. Worton and Lieut. Clinch are both being tried for International honours, the former for England and the latter for Ireland. Since these notes were written Lieut. Worton has been awarded his "cap" and is playing for England against Wales. Lieut. Clinch has already been capped for Ireland.

Lieut. Worton, who had been playing on the top of his form, was most unfortunate in being injured in the much discussed Newport v. Harlequin match. He played for the latter team.

This injury entailed his loss to the Battalion team at a very critical time. Lieut. Pennycock's absence, too, is much felt. He has not quite fully recovered from the injuries he received when the Glosters just beat us in the final of the Command Championship last season.

Major M. Browne, M.C., has, after a year of attachment pending posting, now been finally posted to the 2nd Battalion. When he leaves "H.Q." Wing will lose a very popular commander.

Major Jefferd has been posted to the 1st Battalion.

Lieut. Rackham, M.C., has joined us from the Depot, and has been acting Adjutant of the Battalion.

He was married just before joining the Battalion, and we offer Mrs. Rackham and himself our congratulations.

Lieut. Roberts, M.C., has completed a course of training in intelligence duties in Germany and is now spending his annual furlough in that country.

Lieut. J. Reid has been restored to the establishment from employment with the Inter-Allied Commission on Disarmament and has been posted to the 2nd Battalion.

There has been the usual exodus of officers to the winter sports in Switzerland, the Riviera, and elsewhere on the Continent. From the newspaper accounts of the weather there, they would have been wiser to have stayed in England.

Capt. Applebe and ninety other ranks left for India on the 15th, their departure being, as usual, timed for daybreak on a very uninviting morning, which must have

made them glad to know that they were going towards the sun.

Capt. Applebe has been very little with the Battalion, having spent his time during attachment on leave.

He takes with him some very excellent material for the 2nd Battalion with promising footballers and boxers.

Only one hundred of us remained to spend Christmas Day in barracks. We dined in three barrack-rooms all of which were beautifully decorated. The Committee who had the difficult task of selecting the best decorated room finally awarded the palm to that of "H.Q." Wing, for whose decorations C.S.M. Crouch and his talented family were mainly responsible.

Dinners were excellent and the menu included all Christmas delicacies. The day finished with a very enjoyable concert and whist drive, to which guests were invited.

On the last night of the year we held a most successful Other Ranks Dance in the Maida Gymnasium. A committee under Lieut. Dobbs, M.C., were responsible for the arrangements, all of which were excellent. The Battalion jazz band supplied the music. About five hundred dancers attended, including many of our Brigade. The Irish Guards in particular showed their ability.

The following day the most successful Christmas Tree on record was held in the Battalion recreation-room.

About one hundred and sixty wives and children, and not least of course, the fathers attended. The Commanding Officer's wife (Mrs. Stewart) helped by Mrs. Dundas and other of the officers' wives, provided us with a sumptuous tea, after which a professional entertainer kept us amused until the arrival of Father Christmas in a chariot drawn by his charioteers, L./Cpl. Tompkins and Pte. Lambert, and followed by his pack pony "Sheila."

Something of next year's programme of training is already common property. We are to do our musketry at Bisley in April, and Divisional Training is to be in the New Forest in August. Rumours as to somewhat startling changes such as the replacement of our prize transport mules by Morris-Cowley lorries and a further increase in our automatic guns have been rife, but now that the financial authorities have been set the task of reducing the Army expenditure by a further two millions, such suggestions seem remote from realization.



DIE-HARDS OF THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Sergeants 1st Battalion, Albuhera Day, 1895.

Front Row (Left to Right).—Sergt. Phillips, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (late Pioneer-Sergeant, 1st Battalion) ; Sergt. C. Smith ; Cr.-Sergt. Hinson ; Cr.-Sergt. Steed ; S./Sergt. James (attached Volunteers), now 8th Battalion ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Measor ; Q.M.S. Lee ; ex-Hospital-Sergt. Norton ; ex — ; Sergt.-Major Daw ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Box ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Cook ; ex-Sergt. Millwood ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Elley ; Cr.-Sergt. Pescod ; Seaforth Highlanders (late Colour-Sergeant, Middlesex).

Second Row.—Master-Tailor Balsden ; L./Sergt. Edden ; L./Sergt. — ; L./Sergt. — ; Q.M.S. Rigby, Depot ; Q.M.S. Hyde A.S.C. (late Sergeant, 1st Battalion) ; Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Smith ; Sergt.-Major Brisley, A.S.C. (late S.I.M., 1st Battalion) ; Cr.-Sergt. Woollett, Sergt.-Major Fulcher, Militia ; Q.M.S. Smart, Depot ; ex-Sergt. Stephens.

Third Row.—Sergt. Taylor ; ex-Sergt. — ; Armr.-Sergt. Taylor ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Cunningham ; Cr.-Sergt. Morris ; ex-Sergt. Colborn ; Cr.-Sergt. Scrivens ; ex-Sergt. Burdon ; S.I.M. Bacon ; Cr.-Sergt. Morris, Militia ; ex-Sergt. Hinson ; Sergt. Everest ; Sergt. Reid.

Fourth Row.—Sergt. Simpson ; Cr.-Sergt. Hall (attached Volunteers), now 10th Battalion County of London ; S./Arm. Evans, A.O.C. (late Armourer-Sergeant, 1st Battalion) ; Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Sallaway, Depot ; Cr.-Sergt. Lowen, Militia ; Q.M.S. Lacey, A.S.C. (late Colour-Sergeant, 1st Battalion) ; Bandmaster Alexander ; Cr.-Sergt. Sullivan ; Q.M.S. Williams, A.S.C. (late Colour-Sergeant, 1st Battalion) ; Cr.-Sergt. Hammond ; Cr.-Sergt. Crompton, Militia ; Sergt. Beadle ; Sergt. Barton ; ex-Cr.-Sergt. Fenn.

Fifth Row.—Cook-Sergt. Grist ; Sergt. Grey ; Sergt. Taylor ; S.I.M. Terry, Militia ; Cr.-Sergt. Deason ; Cr.-Sergt. Coppard, Militia ; Cr.-Sergt. Farrow ; Cr.-Sergt. Shaugnassy, Militia ; Sergt. Christie ; Cr.-Sergt. Bird ; Sergt. Bailey ; Band-Sergt. Dennison ; Sergt. Pullen ; Sergt.-Dmr. Deaton ; Sergt. Stevens.

Sixth Row.—L./Sergt. Brice ; Sergt. Byrne ; Sergt. Holmes ; Cr.-Sergt. Dowling, Militia ; Sergt. Sutton ; Sergt. Cook ; Cr.-Sergt. Thomson ; Sergt. Ryan ; L./Sergt. Robbins ; Sergt.-Dmr. Rowe, Militia ; Sergt. Rosam.

Back Row.—Sergt. Smith ; L./Sergt. West ; Sergt. Monk ; L./Sergt. Emens ; Sergt. Ellwood ; Pnr.-Sergt. Hancock ; L./Sergt. Clarke ; Sergt. Ferraro ; Sergt. Connolly ; Sergt. Baldwin ; Sergt. Morgan ; L./Sergt. Coman.

SPORTS.

Since our last notes the Battalion teams have been very busy and extremely successful, with "Soccer," "Rugger," and Boxing well to the fore.

As the result of this and the Battalion being nearly all on leave, the platoon and company games have been put off. A start has now, however, been made. Our first "Soccer" team has made sure that the season 1925-6 one of the the most successful in the whole history of the Battalion. By reaching the first round proper of the F.A. Amateur Cup, we have created a record for the Regiment. The final of our division against the 2nd Rifle Brigade was an excellent game in the snow, in which we were successful.

Our win against the Farnham United Breweries was a particularly fine performance, and our team has never played finer football than they did at this match. In the first round proper we played the London Caledonians on the town recreation ground. Although we had this time to admit defeat by 4 goals to 1, our team are to be congratulated on the excellent fight that they put up against such renowned opponents, among whom were to be seen International players.

In the Army Cup we have successfully negotiated the first three rounds. We play the Leicesters in the fourth round at home.

Owing to these and other fixtures, we have not been able to commence our fixtures in the Command League. On the Rugby field we have some successes and some losses to record. The team has been very much handicapped by the absence of Lieut. Worton, to whom we extend hearty congratulations on being chosen to play for England against Wales. We are still left in the command cup competition and meet the 1st Pack Brigade, R.A., at home in the second round. We were defeated in the second round of the Army Cup by the 1st Searchlight Battalion, R.E., by 6 points to 8. It was unfortunate that our usual crowd of enthusiasts were unable to be present owing to unforeseen circumstances. We had by far the best of the play and a rousing cheer from the touch line would probably have produced that sorely needed try.

We have had several friendly games and the results will be found elsewhere.

In the boxing we have again demonstrated our supremacy in the Command by winning the Novices' Competition. The semi-final and final which we won by a single point, were very thrilling encounters. We congratulate the team on the fine display that they gave. They fought in real "Die-Hard" fashion. Of all the fights one which aroused great enthusiasm was that of Capt. del Court in the final. Entering the ring for the last fight of the competition and with points equal his responsibility can well be imagined. Wearing his opponent down in the first two rounds he piled on points in the last round and so won a very excellent bout. This gave us the championship, and the result was received with enthusiasm.

An Inter-Company Novices' Tournament was held in October, and proved an unqualified success. "B" Company came out on top, followed very closely by "A" Company. The special bouts which were staged at the same time provided some splendid fighting. Sergt. Fleming, the Imperial Services' Champion, beat Cpl. O'Connell (Army Fly-weight Champion) on points. L./Cpl. Jackson beat Sergt. Palmer (ex-Army Middle-weight Champion), the referee intervening as Palmer went right out. Tom Berry (the European Cruiser-weight Champion) gave an exhibition bout with Lieut. Curtis (Imperial Light Heavy-weight Champion).

An open Inter-Company Tournament is due on January 18th and 19th. In the Command open competitions we get a walk-over in the first round, the 1st King's Regiment having scratched. Our opponents in the second round are from the 2nd K.R.R.C.

We have played several hockey matches, the results of which have been very close. In the first round of the Command Tournament we are drawn against the Training College, R.A.S.C.

These notes would not be complete without reference to the hard work and self-sacrifice which has been necessary and willingly made by all players and competitors. The training has also been a hard job, but it has been very ably carried out by C.S.M. Pelly and Sergt. Hawkins as regards "Soccer," and Tom Berry, Sergts. Fleming and Campbell as regards boxing. Results speak for themselves, and the Battalion owe them a very real debt.

AMATEUR CUP.

1ST BATTALION v. LONDON CALEDONIANS.



1ST BATTALION SCORES.



LONDON CALEDONIANS SCORE.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

1925.	Played—	Results.
Oct. 13	2nd K.R.R.C. ...	Lost 1—2
Nov. 1	R.W. Kents ...	Lost 2—5
Nov. 17	2nd K.R.R.C. ...	Lost 1—2
Nov. 6	2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade ...	Won 2—1
Nov. 23	1st Bn. Glosters ...	Draw 3—3

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS.

F.A. AMATEUR CUP.

Oct. 10	Aldershot Albion (1st Qual. Round) ...	Won 4—2
Oct. 24	Weybridge (2nd Qual. Round) ...	Won 4—3
Nov. 20	Farnham United Breweries (3rd Qual. Round) ...	Won 3—1
Dec. 4	2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade (4th Qual. Round) ...	Won 3—0
Jan. 2	London Caledonians (1st Round Proper) ...	Lost 1—4

ARMY CUP.

Nov. 3	1st Field Bde., R.A. (1st Round) ...	Won 2—0
Nov. 26	2nd Gren. Gds. (2nd Round) ...	Draw 3—3
Dec. 1	2nd Gren. Gds. (Replay) ...	Won 3—1
Dec. 10	2nd Bn. E. Lancs. (3rd Round) ...	Won 2—1

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP.

Nov. 16	1st Dorset Regt. (1st Round) ...	Won 5—2
Nov. 28	Rly. Training Centre (2nd Round) ...	Lost 1—5

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP.

Oct. 30	2nd Coldstream Gds. (1st Round) ...	Lost 0—2
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RUSSELL COTES CUP.

Nov. 18	2nd Div. Sigs. (2nd Round) ...	Won 6—4
Dec. 12	2nd Bn. Cameronians (3rd Round) ...	Won 7—1

The Battalion drew byes in the 1st and 4th Rounds.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Aldershot Traction Co. ...	Won 3—2
1st Bn. Coldstream Gds. ...	Won 6—2
R.A.S.C. Training Coll. ...	Lost 4—5
2nd Bn. Gren. Gds. ...	Won 1—0

RUGBY RESULTS.

Date.	Opponents.	Results.
	2nd Bn. Tank Corps (1st Round, Army Cup) ...	Walk over.
Oct. 21	No. 1 Coy. R.M.C. (Friendly)* ...	Lost 0—14
Nov. 5	D. of W. (Friendly) ...	Lost 5—15
Nov. 11	No. 3 Coy. R.M.C. (Command) ...	Won 33—0
Nov. 19	1st A.A. Bde. (Command Cup) ...	Won 20—0
Nov. 24	1st Bn. Devons (Friendly) ...	Lost 0—6
Dec. 8	1st A.A. Bde. (2nd Round Army Cup) ...	Lost 6—8
Oct. 14	No. 4 Coy. R.M.C. (Friendly)* ...	Lost 12—13
Oct. 17	Esher (Friendly) ...	Won 18—13

* "A" Team played.

BOXING RESULTS.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND NOVICES COMPETITION.

	Opponents.	Result.
1st Round	Bye ...	—
2nd Round	2nd Gren. Gds. ...	Won 21—18
3rd Round	1st Bn. Devons ...	Won 20—19
Semi-final	1st Bn. King's ...	Won 20—19
Final	2nd Bn. E. Lancs. ...	Won 20—19

INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

The following are the winners of their weights in the above Inter-Company, Boxing Novices:—

Heavy-weights.—Winner, L./Cpl. Timson; runner-up, Pte. Welch.

Light Heavy-weights.—Winner, Pte. Carney; runner-up, Pte. Drummond.

Middle-weights.—Winner, Pte. Barton; runner-up, L./Cpl. O'Connor.

Welter-weights.—Winner, Pte. Kent; runner-up, Pte. Murphy.

Light-weights.—Winner, L./Cpl. O'Neill; runner-up, Pte. Brooks.

Feather-weights.—Winner, Pte. Burgess; runner-up, L./Cpl. Case.

Bantam-weights.—Winner, Bdsn. Elliott; runner-up, Pte. Chant.



The last quarter has not produced much matter for the journal as the members have been on furlough at different times, and so little has occurred.

We have done very well at billiards, and in the Command League we have had the following wins:—

1st Irish Guards; won by 94. Return game won by 104.

R.E., won by 114.

2nd Grenadier Guards; won by 24.

All games were 500 up.

Our team included the following:—R.S.M. Anderson, Capt. English, C.S.M. Beaman, S./Sergt. Beavan, Sergts. Moore, Hawkins, Jones, and Williard.

Our Pokey Die Tournament was neglected owing to training, etc., but the results to date are shown below, also tankard winner.

Pokey Die Winners: B. M. Clarke, C.S.M. Pelly and Tungate, and C.S.M. Beaman.

Billiard Tankards: Sergt. Mabb.

We had a very successful dance at the R.A.S.C. Theatre on December 7th, there being about three hundred in attendance.

We were glad to see "Fizzer" with us that evening.

These dances are held every month, and we are always pleased to see any of our friends.

There is no need to tell how the Mess spent Christmas; it is too well known.

We had several of our Territorial staff down to see the cup match on the 2nd. They were all entertained to tea and later more tea. They all had a very nice time. The R.S.M. had a letter from the 9th Battalion and they endorse this statement.

C.S.M. Green has joined the 19th Londons, and Sergt. Goldstraw, Depot, and Sergt. Goldsmith, 19th Battalion, have returned to the Battalion. Though late in the day we wish all messes everywhere a very happy New Year.

G. A. P. A. S. A.

CORPORALS' ROOM.

The Mess "scribe" Jack Stretton, being on leave, I have been asked to furnish notes for this quarter, and find it rather difficult, as we have had rather a dead season as regards news.

Christmas in the Mess was spent very quietly owing to a large number of the members being on leave, but Peggy O'Neill (who will shortly be leaving us for India) is to be congratulated on his stirring efforts to put life into those left behind. His carol party was a success socially if not harmonically. Mention must also be made of the Mess decorations, and Nancy Staines must be thanked for his untiring work in that direction, but I wonder where he "bagged" the Christmas tree from—Sh—?

We had one social gathering of note when the Royal Engineers came over to play us at billiards and defeated us by over one hundred points. However, it was a very enjoyable evening, and it is up to this year's billiard novices to practise up for all they are worth and avenge this defeat next year. So come on Egan, Misso, Challis, and Bartram.

Whilst on billiards, we must congratulate Patterson on winning the last Handicap Tournament, and also Fletcher on winning the Dart Tournament.

On the occasion of the Farnham United Breweries' match (mention of which is no doubt made elsewhere) the members went over in their own "sharrybong," and drowned the remaining 2,000 spectators with their supporting choruses. Baker was the conductor until his voice broke down, and then Chas. Painter nobly filled the breach. I believe their support alone won us the match, and we are looking forward to hearing them again on the 30th, when we meet the Leicesters in the fourth round of the Army Cup, providing their voices have returned by then.

"Time" has made no advance in the Mess during the last quarter, and one wonders if the N.A.A.F.I. ever will repair our clock.

Cheerio everybody.

SIR GARETH.

DRUMS.

A happy New Year to all Snake Charmers the world over. May you all have a very prosperous time.

Here we are back from our furlough ready to do (anybody) or die (any colour).

Of course, we arrived in time for the G.O.C.'s inspection. They told us we were O.K., and we were pleased with ourselves.

As I said in our last notes, we have been very busy with our "Soccer" team. We played the Irish Guards and drew; beat the Grenadier Guards and Coldstream Guards.

A mixed team of Details and Signals beat us. However, vengeance will be ours and we will repay.

L./Cpls. Kruck and Phillipson and Dmr. Woodward were reserves for the Battalion boxing teams, but they were not called upon to show their prowess.

At the Amateur Cup Match at Aldershot on January 2nd, our canine friend "Rex" was disguised as a part-worn ballet girl, and he amused the spectators very much. He was last seen being made a fuss of by the children of Aldershot.

SNAKE CHARMER.

"H.Q." WING.



I have only been able to force notes out of a few of the groups for this issue. Perhaps it is due to the Christmas feeling. Still, better a little than none at all.

"H.Q." Wing this quarter has seen a lot of changes. We have lost, with the greatest of regret, our Company Commander. This is a nasty blow, as Major M. Browne, M.C., who is leaving us, had been looked upon as a fixture. We wish him *bon voyage* and all good luck. Our loss is the 2nd Battalion's gain.

On top of this we have lost many men who have to proceed on draft to India.

However, we welcome all those who have come to us and we are looking to them to uphold the good name that "H.Q." Wing has. Major Jefford has taken over the command of the Company, and we welcome him. In the boxing team "H.Q." Wing was very well represented, and the boxers showed good form.

The Band is at present away and so have not contributed to this number. I shall expect a double issue from them in the next number. Compliments of the season to all Wingers everywhere.

WINGER.

SIGNALS.



Were we not to commence these notes by a regret we should be out of fashion and would doubtless have the union on our track.

We regret to have lost several of our members of the Signal class, who have gone to India. We wish them *bon voyage*.

We are also sorry to have lost our Signalling Officer (Lieut. Crawford) who has gone to the R.A.O.C. May he have a good time amongst the tools.

It is impossible to say what we shall do in the sport line as we have not had a chance to try out any of the newcomers. Lieut. Clowes, our new officer, is proceeding to the School of Signalling on a course. We are sure that he will come through with flying colours.

Cpl. Rawlings, who has been with the section for a good number of years, is leaving us very shortly for civie life.

ACK EDDY TOC.

MACHINE GUNNERS.



Since our last publication many strange things have happened. The new class that we were priding ourselves about so much has been broken up owing to drafts and as a consequence we have got men in three stages of training.

Still, now that the Platoon has finished with furlough, we hope to be able to settle down and once again try our hardest and extract from the "raw" the goodness which is so necessary for the "concentration" and the Command Meeting.

Business as usual has been the cry during the alterations and to a certain extent it has been carried out.

Football, at any rate, has been carried on with a certain amount of success.

We send hearty greetings to all other Machine Gun platoons for the New Year.

GROANER.

"A" COMPANY.



Summer being over we turned our attention to the normal routine again. We were, in fact, not sorry to forget our adventures of September, and found it easy to get back to individual training and football.

There is as yet little to be said about the latter from the Company point of view. We have had a few trials and a couple of friendlies, but only on one occasion has the Company team played, and that was against the "Q" Company R.A.S.C. This match we lost, but on the play we should have easily won.

In the previous issue of the Journal we promised more news, but everyone seems interested in furlough and it is really difficult to find news.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Beaman on winning the Aldershot Command W.O's. and Sergeants' Challenge Cup and the Cup for the best shot All Ranks, not to mention the Walter Cup. To win these three was a very creditable performance. To all those who have recently left the Battalion for India we wish the best of luck and trust that they will not forget their old "A" Company.

L. I. P.

"B" COMPANY.



Since our last contribution the activities of the Company have been temporarily suspended owing to furlough period. Now we are back again full of vigour. Already our team of boxers for the Inter-Company Championship is in training, and our Cross-Country runners are making tracks.

A char-à-banc fund has been instituted in the Company, and already we have made journeys to several local towns. We hope to be able to have a trip to a coastal town.

Beastly weather did not stop the best of "B" going to India. We wish all of them the best of luck in the future.

A warm welcome and congratulations are extended to Sergt. Goldstraw on his appointment to C.Q.M.S. Also we congratulate C.S.M. Pelly on his promotion.

BEE-ZEE-BEE.

"C" COMPANY.



Here we are again friends, after having recovered from our Christmas jollifications. Once again we have settled down to prepare for Company Training. We are all, of course, very much looking forward to this.

Nothing of note has happened since our last notes owing to furlough. (Again this excuse, Sub-Editor.)

Just prior to Christmas we lost quite a number of our Company, who proceeded to join the 2nd Battalion way down east. We wish them every success in their new Battalion.

Owing to such a few of us remaining in barracks during the Christmas holidays it was decided to put us with "D" for Christmastide.

Many thanks to the wives of the married N.C.Os. who assisted to prepare the dinner for us.

We are very sorry to say that the sports item has been sadly neglected owing to us having so many men away, but we now hope to commence with all forms of sport. We are going all out to try and retain the shields that we have now.

We congratulate the boxers of our Company who entered and fought for the Battalion team. They certainly put up a good show. For this we have to thank Sergt. Hawkins.

We have now with us Lieut. B. B. Rackham, who has joined us from the Depot. Once again we have lost Sergt. Clarke. He has now gone, temporarily, to the Depot. We wish all "C" Companies a very happy New Year.

J. H. T.

"D" COMPANY.



This being furlough period, and Don being away, things have been very quiet.

The few that were left behind at Christmas had a very enjoyable time, and were sorry that the holiday came to an end.

We were highly commended on our decorative attempts. Thanks are due to Sergt. Heath and his committee for the work they put in towards our Christmas merrymaking.

By the time that these notes are in the press we shall have lost forty-four of our Company. These will then be on their way to the 2nd Battalion in India. We wish them the best of luck and hope they have a most enjoyable time.

Two drafts have joined us from the Depot and these have helped to fill the gaps. If these had not arrived Don would have faded away.

We have had a deal of football with a fair amount of success.

We were particularly pleased to beat the No. 1 Company R.A.S.C. in the Command K.O.

We ask all to excuse the brevity of these notes, but our real Company sub-editor has gone on leave, with all the "news" in his kitbag.

Although late we wish all a very happy New Year

LYDDITTE.

THE "DIE-HARDS" AT ALBUHERA.

(From "The Times" of February 25th, 1915.)

SOLDIER'S LETTER OF 100 YEARS AGO.

MR. JOHN FORTESCUE, Librarian and Deputy Archivist at Windsor Castle and Historian of the British Army, lately discovered among the Royal Archives, an account of the Battle of Albuhera, written on the field by Ensign B. Hobhouse, of the 57th Regiment.

We have His Majesty's gracious permission to publish this historic document, the text of which is as follows:—

Field of Battle before Alburah [sic] May 17, 1811.

My dear Father,

I have to thank God for my preservation during one of the most severe actions that the oldest officers on the field ever experienced. I have not much time to give you an account of the action, nor, indeed, have I it in my power to mention any further than what happened to our own regiment. Our line, consisting of about 6,000 British and as many Portuguese upon our left, was formed in the rear of the small village of Alburah with a rivulet in our front. About six in the morning 10,000 Spaniards under Blake and Ballasteros formed upon our right. About eight the french [sic] made their appearance from an extensive corkwood some distance from the village, advancing in mass columns upon the right of the line. Some large columns of their artillery with Cavalry pushed forward to menace an attack on the bridge, which was directly in front of our Centre; but the whole weight of their infantry fell upon the Spaniards on our right. To withstand this

the Spaniards were not sufficient; the British were called upon for their support, which was not long in arriving. General Cole's and Stewart's divisions marched to their relief in open column (the whole of them, I believe, like ourselves) during one of the most tremendous and destructive fires that has ever been witnessed.

What I mention at present is particularly of our own Brigade [Houghton's—viz., 1/29th, 1/57th, 1/48th]. During our advance in column the incessant and well-directed fire of the french artillery mowed down many of our poor fellows. Of course our object was, and should have been sooner, to deploy into line, which we did about 20 yards in the rear of the right of a small body of Spaniards, who were supporting and returning the enemy's fire with the greatest bravery. We immediately passed in front of them, and received a most raking and continued cross-fire of musketry from a large body of the Enemy's infantry whose heads were scarcely exposed above the brow of a hill. At this time our poor fellows dropped around us in every direction. In the activity of the officers to keep the men firm, and to supply them with the Ammunition of the fallen men, you could scarcely avoid treading on the dying and the dead. But all was still firm. In passing the Spaniards, the different regiments of our brigade were separated, and fought alone during the remainder of the action. Tho' alone, our fire never slackened, nor were the men the least disheartened. Tho' by closing to the right we appeared to be no more than a company, we still advanced and fired; and the Spaniards moved upon the left with the greatest bravery.

A FOUR HOURS' ENGAGEMENT.

Just before this, our Colonel, Major, every Captain, and 11 subalterns fell; our King's Colours were cut in two; our regimental ones had 17 balls through them, many companies were without Officers, and as the light company was next to me, I could not do otherwise than take the command of it which I did, until it was my turn to take up the shattered colours. After an engagement of at least 4 hours (which was the time our Regiment was actually engaged) a general shout passed down the lines, and immediately after a cry of "they run, they run." Just as we mounted the heights from which they had fought we saw

them running over the plain in the greatest disorder. Marshal Beresford passed us at the time, and ordered us to halt; upon which we drew up, and a shell that was thrown from a great distance blew up the horse of our last field officer, and wounded him slightly. The french Artillery, which was covering their retreat, annoyed us most dreadfully on the height; and we went under the brow to count our numbers. This was indeed a lamentable sight; we entered the field with 3 field officers, 7 captains, 19 subalterns and 572 men; we appeared on the field, 1 field Officer, who was wounded, 6 subalterns, 2 of whom were slightly wounded, the adjutant without his horse, and 118 men. Among all the officers in the regiment, another and myself were the only ones who had not some scratch or shot through their cloathes. We were in vain looking for some hole to show to our brother officers; our anxiety to find one, and our want of success created a laugh against us. Were we not fortunate, my dear father, or rather can we be sufficiently thankful to divine providence which preserved us during one of the most dreadful fires of shot, shells and musketry that the heroes of Egypt, Maida, and Talavera, who were with us, ever witnessed? In the commencement our General of brigade, Houghton, was killed; our General of division, Stewart, was wounded; our brigade, which went into action so strong, returned commanded by a junior captain; and our regiment was commanded by a young Lieutenant.

SCENES ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

In this situation, as you may suppose, we could do no more; the Portuguese troops, which had not yet been engaged, were brought up in our place, and appeared firm and ready for fresh attack; while the light troops skirmished with retreating parties of the enemy. As for us, we were occupied in looking out for the scattered remains of our brigade. After a short time we found the 48th Regiment equally reduced as ourselves. [1/48th was on the left; 1/57th in the centre; 1/29th on the right.] General Stewart, though wounded, was still on horseback, actively employed in collecting the different regiments. The second brigade [Abercromby's—2/28th, 2/34th, 2/39th], which was on our left, was found some distance to our left, where they retired after having been relieved by the Portuguese, and

behaving, as General Stewart said, most gallantly; their loss, however, was by no means so great as ours. The firing ended late in the afternoon after the french were seen to have reformed their scattered forces and marched back into the wood they left in the morning. The Portuguese and Spaniards remained on the field of battle, and we, like skeletons, marched back to the left of the lines. The place, which had been the scene of action afforded a sight which I cannot attempt to describe, as I cannot think of it but with horror. The mangled bodies of the dead, the groans of the dying, and the complaints of the wounded are too horrible to reflect upon. The hill was actually covered with the french who were opposed to us, and proved that our fire had been successful and that our brave fellows did not die unavenged. During the principal part of the action it rained most violently and the wind blew in our teeth, which prevented us from seeing the enemy during the thickest part of the fire. Their loss was immense, and from some of their wounded officers we learned that they came into action 25,000 strong. A sergeant to whom I spoke told me there was a corps of 6,000 men on the ground where he lay, and it was with this body that we were engaged. Soult commanded. A french General's uniform was found on the field of battle. Ballasteros [Spanish General] seized it and cried out, though I believe he knew to the contrary, "Soult is dead, my lads, look at his coat," as he rode in front of the lines, and he held up the embroidered coat. He said this in my hearing, and it produced an admirable effect; for both Spaniards and British advanced to the attack with redoubled vigour.

Though wet to the skin we slept soundly during the night, expecting another attack this morning. The enemy, however, has not as yet thought proper to attempt it. They are still in the wood just in our front. We have been occupied the whole day in collecting our wounded and burying our dead, who were this morning lying on the field of battle in two distinct lines where we stood the fire. We found the bodies of our major and a captain, who was my particular friend and messmate. I mentioned to you the number of officers who suffered; some men have since joined, which makes us somewhat stronger than I told you. You will, of course, soon see correct lists of our killed

and wounded; and I trust some mention will be made of the conduct of our (the 57th) regiment. Not a single man of ours was taken prisoner, for we never lost our ground. Previous to the action we had been seven days employed in the siege of Badajoz; and on the night before we raised the siege, on account of Soult's approach, we dug a trench in the face of 12 pieces of cannon within 500 yards of the walls. Of course all our work there was night work, and from continual watching at Badajoz, our business since, and the almost incessant rains the few officers that are left are nearly overcome by fatigue. Thank God I am myself as well as ever I was in my life, and, as you may suppose, in great spirits, although deprived of every comfort. I have suffered much from losses of baggage and baggage animals, but am thankful it is no worse. . . .

Your affectionate son,
BENJ. HOBHOUSE.

May 18. I have opened my letter to say that the whole of the french force is retreating, and that they are now withdrawing their last videttes. We are preparing to pursue. It is supposed that they have taken the road to Merida.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DEC. 31ST, 1925.

Amount of grants made: £109 7s. 1d.
Special loan sanctioned by Executive Committee: £20.

Number of cases dealt with: 131.

Number of cases assisted: 62.

Number of men registered for employment: 61.

Number of men found permanent employment: 8.

Number of men offered employment: 46.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 14.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, October 31st, 1925.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Brig.-Gen. F. D.

Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. E. E. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. J. G. Peacock, and Major F. S. Stead, D.C.M. (Secretary and Hon. Treasurer).

The report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report upon a scheme for extending the Memorial Cottage Homes was presented. After lengthy discussion, it was proposed and carried that at present funds will not admit of additional houses being built, and that the scheme be abandoned.

A resolution was passed to the effect that Commanding Officers of Battalions be invited to subscribe a fixed sum annually to the Entertainment Fund.

It was proposed and carried that a Summer Annual Gathering of the Old Comrades takes place at the Depot, and that the date for 1926 be fixed for July 1st. On this date the Regiment is playing the Royal Fusiliers at cricket, and the members of the Officers' Club are holding their annual "At Home."

A vote of thanks to Mr. E. Morris and the Dinner Committee was unanimously passed for the excellent manner in which they arranged and carried out the Old Comrades' Dinner on October 24th, 1925.

The date for the Old Comrades' Dinner in 1926 was left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary. The fixture has since been made, and the Dinner will take place at the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, on Saturday, November 6th, 1926.

It was proposed and carried that letters of welcome be sent to the 7th City of London Regiment and the 19th London (St. Pancras) Regiment on becoming affiliated to the Middlesex Regiment.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The usual Armistice Day Service was held at the Regimental War Memorial on November 11th.

All ranks of the Depot paraded at full strength, and representatives were sent by the 8th and 9th Battalions.

A good number of relatives and friends of the fallen were present, together with a sprinkling of Old Comrades.

Sentries, in marching order with steel helmets and gas masks, were posted at the four corners of the memorial, resting on their arms reversed.

The service commenced with the hymn, "Abide with me," after which the two minutes' silence was observed.

At the conclusion the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" were sounded by the buglers of the Depot and 9th Battalion; and wreaths, bearing the following inscriptions, were placed at the base of the memorial:

All Ranks, 1st Battalion; All Ranks, 2nd Battalion; Officers, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; W.Os., Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Corporals, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Privates, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Recruits, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; all Ranks, 7th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment; all Ranks, 8th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment; all Ranks, 9th Battalion Middlesex Regiment; Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment; Vice-Chairman and Members of Territorial Army Association; Mrs. Large, in memory of her husband; Flossie Large, in memory of her father; Sisters and Brothers of Cpl. Flexey; In memory of Cpl. Crane; In memory of Cpl. Lowen; In memory of Father (Will Bowshear), Mary and Frank; In memory of my Father, G. Fordham; Grateful memories, E. Morris.

GORDON BOYS' HOME.

Old Comrades having sons between 13 and 15½ years of age, who would like them to be educated and trained at the Gordon Boys' Home, Woking, should communicate with the Secretary, Regimental Association, who will furnish full particulars.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from H.R.H. The Colonel-in-Chief was omitted from our last issue:—

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.

October 26th, 1925.

GEN. SIR IVOR MAXSE,
K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

SIR,

The Prince of Wales desires me to ask you to convey to the Old Comrades of the

Middlesex Regiment his sincere appreciation of the telegram sent him on the occasion of their Annual Dinner last Saturday.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) A. LASCELLES,
Asst. Private Secretary.

BLACKWATER HOUSE,
BLACKWATER,
HANTS.

December 17th, 1925.

DEAR COL. PASSINGHAM,

Will you express for me to the Regimental Association my most sincere and grateful thanks for their kind sympathy and the beautiful flowers sent on December 8th?

Yours truly,
GRACE CARRINGTON.

35, GROVE ROAD,
ACTON, W.3.

MAJOR F. S. STEED.

DEAR SIR,

The family of the late Sergt. Albert Edward Fruin gratefully acknowledge the beautiful wreath from his Regiment and the attendance of the Sergeant at the funeral.

Kindly accept this acknowledgment from us all.

Yours respectfully,
(Sgd.) ANNIE E. HARRINGTON (Mrs.),
Sister.

MAJOR F. S. STEED.

DEAR SIR,

Many thanks for your letter of 11th inst.

I can assure you that the 19th London Regiment will do their best to live up to the glorious traditions of the Middlesex Regiment.

It is very kind of you indeed to write such a cordial letter of welcome, which is much appreciated by myself and all ranks, and we hope that any of the Middlesex Regiment will consider 76, High Street, Camden Town, their home should they be in the neighbourhood.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
(Sgd.) R. W. EATON.

(The above letter is from the Officer Commanding 19th London Regiment,

recently affiliated to the Middlesex Regiment.)

ROOM 49, 2ND FLOOR,
STAR AND GARTER HOME,
RICHMOND, SURREY.

October 28th, 1925.

To: MRS. PEARSON,
LADIES' GUILD,
MILL HILL.

MADAM,

I most respectfully beg to thank you, on my and my wife's behalf for the lovely gift of clothing and boots for the children; being an old soldier of the Middlesex Regiment and Dramatic Club, it could not be better appreciated.

Again thanking you,
Permit me to remain,
Yours very gratefully,

(Sgd.) WALTER SILVER,
Late 2108, 2nd Middlesex Regt.

UMBALA,
PUNJAB,
INDIA.

THE EDITOR,
"THE DIE-HARDS."

DEAR SIR,

It was with concern that I read of the projected alterations to the journal of the Regiment.

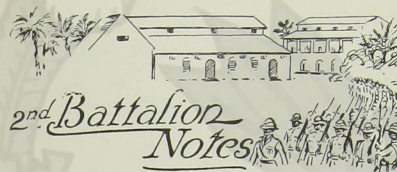
Only those who are cut off, as it were, from the Regiment, can really appreciate the value of THE DIE-HARDS, not only as the journal of the Regiment, but commercially, when compared with other journals.

It is, therefore, with great pride that I enclose subscriptions from three ex-Die-Hards for the coming year, and am able to inform you that I hope to obtain at least five more in the course of a few days.

Will you kindly inform me of the qualifications required for enrollment as a member of the Regimental Association?

Awaiting the favour of your acknowledgment,

I am, dear sir,
Yours faithfully,
A. OAKMAN, Cpl.,
"D" Coy., 2nd Bn. The Essex Regt.



LIEUT.-COL. H. P. F. BICKNELL, D.S.O., officiated as an umpire at the Western Command Manœuvres held near Quetta in the first three weeks of October.

Capt. L. F. Sloane-Stanley passed a promotion examination in subject (c) at Poona, July 17th, 1925.

Capt. R. N. Moore has been appointed Adjutant vice Lieut. E. P. Manson, M.C. (vacated July 18th, 1925).

Capt. R. N. Moore attended a Refresher Physical Training Course at Poona, August 10th, 1925.

Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman and 2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob attended Animal Management Courses at Poona in August and September.

Lieuts. E. S. M. Ayscough and P. E. C. Tuckey attended a Field Works Course at Kirkee in August.

Capt. J. R. Thorp attended an Artillery Course at Kakul in September and October.

Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence was granted leave in India from August 15th to October 13th. He is at present acting as Brigade Major, 16th Indian Infantry Brigade.

Lieut. A. N. Overell attended the Third Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar, commencing on September 7th, 1925.

Lieut. W. H. V. Jones has been appointed Assistant Staff Officer, Embarkation Staff, Bombay.

Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., returned from home leave at the beginning of November.

FOOTBALL.

THE ROVERS' CUP, 1925.

Despite doubts and fears by the pessimists, and the reports issued by ill-informed experts, the Battalion succeeded in retaining the Rovers' Cup.

Among the twenty-one entrants, were the North Staffs from Secunderabad, the West Kents and Shropshires from Poona and the

Wiltshires from Kamptee. The Bengali team represented the strongest Indian side in the tournament.

After the first and second rounds the North Staffs were pronounced favourites for the cup, having trounced their opponents 11-0 in the first round, and 9-0 in the second round. Meanwhile, the poor old "Mids" were struggling along with draws and meagre victories. The experts were deceived.

In the first round we received a bye. In the second round we were drawn against the Bombay Gymkhana, which is one of the best teams in the Bombay District. This match was played on September 19th, and resulted in a draw, each side netting once. In the replay the Battalion team were much the better side and had three-fourths of the play, but the strong defensive work of the Gymkhana backs saved them the game. Dack scored in this match from a penalty.

In the second replay, the game was practically a duel between the Middlesex forwards and the Gymkhana defence. The Gym. put up a stubborn resistance, but were finally defeated by 1-0, Linley scoring.

We knocked out the West Yorks in the third round by beating them 3-1; this removed the last hope of Bombay from the Cup. Flint (2) and Dack scored for us.

We met our old friendly rivals, the West Kents, in the semi-final, and after a great game we proved the victors by 1-0. The game was spoilt by a heavy shower which broke over the ground just after the start. The rain was accompanied by a strong wind, which played queer tricks with the ball. Our defence was severely tested and the three men that stood out were Capel, Dack, and Palmer. Eventually Capel scored with a first-time drive just outside the penalty area, giving the goalkeeper no chance. It was a great goal, and the shot took the goalkeeper by surprise. The Kents tried hard for the equalizer, but our defence prevailed.

The description of the final is taken from the *Evening News of India*.

Our Team: Lincoln; Dack and Palmer; Neighbour, Capel, and Makewell; Hewitt, Turley, Budd, Flint, and Gibbery.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES.

To come to individual performances, Dack and Palmer, the well-known Middlesex backs; Palmer is the best back that has

been seen in Bombay for years, and I think that even the great Reany and Terry of the Gymkhana must take back seats. I don't think sufficient praise has been given to the three thoroughly efficient half-backs of the Middlesex team. Neighbour was particularly good at times, and all three knew how to feed their forwards. Coming to the forwards, Budd must be congratulated on not losing his head when the opportunity presented itself. With regard to the second goal he had to thank a panic-stricken defence for that, and merely took advantage of the situation when a bothered back shot into his own goal. Their two outside men, Glibbery and Hewitt, deserve a special word of praise for their accurate feeding of the centre and the effective way in which they took corners.

The Staffords undoubtedly suffered from the loss of their captain, Dennis, who was injured in a previous match, and unfortunately incapacitated. This weakened their attack considerably, but still fails to account for the lamentably weak display of the boasted forward line. Staffords supporters must have been sorely disappointed at the failure of the attack. Sometimes they showed spasms of their old brilliancy, but eventually all their attacks broke down on the impregnable barrier of the defence of the Middlesex.

The Staffords defence started well enough, but got very pannicky and unreliable towards the end. Both goalies did what little they had to do, well. No commentary on the game would be complete without a reference to the excellent refereeing of Inspector Godwin, whose shiny bald head was always to be seen bobbing about where the fray was thickest. His administration of the off-side rule was admirable, though incidentally I think this game would have been vastly improved had it been played under the new off-side rule. The application of this rule would probably have had a very decided bearing on the result because it was noticeable that whereas the Middlesex made full advantage of the one back game, which after all is quite legitimate, the Staffords were slow to use this strategy. Godwin only made one mistake and that was when he blew his whistle prematurely under the impression that a goal had been scored. He gave a scrimmage just on the edge of the penalty area, the only thing to do, but a none too satisfactory thing for the Middlesex at the moment. At any rate,

the wise men of the W.I.F.A. were pleased with their choice of Godwin as the referee.

Before the cups were given away, Capt. Headlam of the R.I.M. said the usual few words, congratulating everybody who had done anything and a few who had not. He added a lament for Bombay football, and added a pious wish that one of these days a Bombay team might win the trophy. Personally I think it looks as though that will be in the same year that Britain regains a few of her lost championships.

THE FIGHT FOR THE ROVERS' CUP.

WHY THE "DIE-HARDS" WON.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF: GRIM RESOLVE OF THE AHMEDNAGAR CONTINGENT.

Another Rovers' Tournament is over and for the second year in succession the Middlesex Regiment have taken the trophy back to Ahmednagar with them. The "Die-Hards," as they are called, are not a spectacular team in the sense that their opponents in the final, the North Staffords are, but their nickname is singularly appropriate. They may be a stolid team, but there is grim determination about their style of play, combined with a sound knowledge of the tactics that pay, and it spells victory for them every time.

Last year, before the tournament had properly started, I was rash enough on form alone to back the Middlesex Regiment to win. That is often as disastrous in football as it is in racing, but in this case it came off; the Middlesex Regiment did win, though they had a hard fight of it on more than one occasion. This year all the signs and portents seemed to indicate that history was going to repeat itself. As they did twelve months ago, the North Staffords made a great impression on their first appearance on the Cooperage. "What a forward line!" everybody said, and certainly the Staffords attack gave some dazzling displays. Bombay is not particularly rich in forwards just now and the football public were accordingly lost in admiration of the clever Staffords' front line. Their speed, footwork, and combination were beyond reproach, and they made mincemeat of some of the lesser lights of the tournament, in addition to helping to provide two of the most thrilling games, namely those against the K.S.L.I.

THE MIDDLESEX DEFENCE.

The Middlesex Regiment failed to make quite the same impression on the undiscerning public on their first appearance. They were workmanlike enough, their defence was superb, Dack and Palmer being the best backs we have seen here for a long time, but could it hold out against an attack such as the North Staffords possessed?

Personally, after seeing both teams, realizing they had changed neither in personnel nor in playing qualities since last year, I was prepared to put, if not my shirt, at least a modest rupee on the old "Die-Hards." And, providing my creditors have not taken an early morning train upcountry I shall have the satisfaction of collecting it.

The final was, as everybody anticipated, a fight between the Middlesex defence and the Staffords' attack, and the defence won easily. In a climate such as Bombay possesses, a strong defence always will overcome an equally strong attack. Apart from this, however, the result was eminently satisfactory, because the Middlesex had very much the better of the play. The Staffs' goal had at least three miraculous escapes before the decisive blow fell, whereas it can hardly be said that the Middlesex goalkeeper was ever seriously worried. The surprise of the game was the show put up by the "Die-Hards'" forward line, their best display of the whole tournament. Their finishing was most definite. No finnick and fooling around with the ball in the goal-mouth. I fancy their skipper must have given them the sound advice "If you get a chance slam it home," and it worked well. A good many shots went soaring over the cross-bar and would have called forth the time-honoured joke "keep it on the island" in less strained circumstances, but the defence got thoroughly worried in the end with the inevitable result.

AN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE GAME.

The type of football in this match reminded one rather of a good amateur game at home, an Isthmian League match for instance. I stoutly maintain that the football was just as clever if not quite so fast as many an Isthmian League game I have seen. In fact, I would rather like to see two Isthmian League teams putting up as good a show with the temperature at 90 degrees in the shade. There was a really big

crowd, too, another feature which gave a very familiar touch to the game. There were probably three thousand in the stands and nearly twice that number round the free sides. The numbers of people forced to encroach on the grass for seats reminded one of the Oval, but there the analogy ceases, for from the number of cars parked outside one would have imagined one was going to a Government House reception. It was interesting to see such a large contingent of Middlesex Tommies down from Ahmednagar to support their team. Evidently expense was no object to them where football was concerned.

CRICKET NOTES.

When our last notes went to press we were just about to play the Royal Tank Corps Centre here.

Inspecting officers from some outstations considerably strengthened their team and, the match was a very close one. We batted first and put up 156, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer with a good 60 being the top scorer. After causing us considerable trouble the last wicket of the Tank Corps eventually fell with their score at 138, leaving us the winners by the narrow margin of 18 runs. L./Cpl. Addinall, with 5 wickets for 22 runs, was our most successful bowler.

A few days later we met the Royal West Kents in Poona. This match was extremely disappointing as heavy rain put a stop to play before even one innings had been completed. The Royal West Kents opened the batting and totalled 108. L./Cpl. Addinall again doing much damage with 6 wickets for 24 runs.

Rain put a stop to our innings when we had scored 78 for the loss of 3 wickets, leaving Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and L./Cpl. Flint, who were batting well, to face the bowling the next day when, for the loss of one more wicket we carried our score to 95, but a deluge flooded the ground and the match was abandoned. L./Cpl. Flint had played a very useful innings for 16, and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer with 45, and C.S.M. Siddons (8) were still going strong.

On August 22nd the N.C.Os. and Men played the Gymkhana Club. Four of our wickets fell for 24 runs, but things then brightened up and we were 72 for 5 and 143 for 6, the final total being 170. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer played a splendid innings for

89, which included five 6's and six 4's. Pte. Worger (with 27) was the next highest scorer. The Club lost one wicket for 5 runs, but a good partnership was made, and the score was carried to 141 before Lieut. Crocker, who was with us in Egypt, was caught after making 83. Lieut. Heywood (57) was run out almost immediately afterwards, but with only three minutes to go and in a very bad light our score was passed for the fall of four wickets.

A fortnight later the Battalion played the Club, who were dismissed for 64, Sergt. Glover taking 7 wickets for 25 runs. We replied with 112, L./Cpl. Flint (29) and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer (26) being the two highest scorers.

On September 16th and 17th we played our return match with the Royal West Kents. It was a pity that both sides were not up to full strength. We had lost Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, L./Cpl. Flint, and Pte. Lincoln, who were away playing football, and our opponents were also without several of their team. Lieut. Howlett, their fast bowler, had hurt his arm and was only able to bowl slowly.

In spite of this, the match proved a very exciting one, and the result was in the balance until the very last minute. In their second innings it is worthy to note that of Sergt. Glover's first nine overs eight were maidens, only one run was scored off the ninth, and he finished up by taking 6 wickets for 38.

The scores are given below:—

2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.				
	1st Inns.		2nd Inns.	
L./Cpl. Berry	...	34	...	11
Pte. Butterfield	...	10	...	8
Lieut. Heywood	...	23	...	22
C.S.M. Siddons	...	9	...	30
Cpl. Myland	...	46	...	3
L./Cpl. Addinall	...	21	...	19
Lieut. Chisholm	...	0	...	1
Sergt. Glover	...	4	...	4
Sergt. Mewitt	...	7	...	0
Bdsn. Milehand (not out)	...	9	...	1
Pte. Worger	...	4	(not out)	12
Extras	...	21	...	12
Totals	...	188	...	123

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.				
	1st Inns.		2nd Inns.	
R.S.M. Stroud	...	13	...	0
Pte. Cannocott	...	5	...	4
Lieut. Addison	...	19	...	50
Lieut. Howlett	...	67	...	36
Pte. Mabronney	...	17	...	10
Lieut. Oliver	...	0	...	1

Pte. Smith	...	3	...	9
Sergt. Pearson	...	4	...	12
L./Cpl. Peacock	...	7	...	5
Cpl. Farrington	...	12	...	0
Pte. Ingram	...	2	...	7
Extras	...	13	...	5
Totals	...	162	...	139

Middlesex won by 10 runs.

Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and C.S.M. Siddons head the season's batting averages with 55.6 and 33.4 respectively. L./Corporal Addinall takes first place in bowling with 10, closely followed by C.S.M. Siddons with 10.4.

Cricket has now given way to football and hockey, but we end the season with our record still unbroken as the Battalion team has not yet been beaten since we landed in India.

RIFLE CLUB NOTES.

In September a team of 19 went to Bangalore for the Southern India Rifle Association Meeting, where we kept up our reputation of the previous year, being again second in the Bangalore Cup, for which the team was again presented with medals.

One cup only was won—by C.S.M.I.M. Cox, who was also second in the championship.

Lieut. Douthet had extremely hard luck throughout the meeting, tying in three matches and losing each by a minority of central bulls. He also lost the spoon for the best aggregate by the smaller score at the longest distance.

Lieut. Douthet, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, and C.S.M. Siddons were selected for the team representing the Regular Army against the Auxiliary Forces, which the former won for the first time for twelve years.

The results are given below:—

Match No. 1, 200 Yards Slow.—Championship: 15th, Lieut. Douthet, 20.

Match No. 2, 300 Yards Slow.—Championship: 5th, Lieut. Douthet, 19.

Match No. 3, 400 Yards Slow.—Championship: 5th, C.S.M. Siddons, 19; 14th, L./Cpl. Stagg, 16. Unlimited: 2nd, Pte. Presland, 19; 3rd, Pte. Robinson, 19; 4th, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, 19; 6th, C.S.M. Siddons, 19.

Match No. 4, 500 Yards Slow.—Championship: 11th, Lieut. Douthet, 19; 14th, C.S.M. Siddons, 19. Unlimited: 2nd, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 20; 15th, Cpl. Newton, 19.

Match No. 5, 600 Yards Slow.—Championship: 12th, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 18.

Unlimited: 4th, L./Cpl. Jones, 19; 5th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 19; 10th, L./Cpl. Jones, 18; 14th, C.S.M. Siddons, 18.

Match No. 6, 200 Yards Snapshooting.—Championship: 3rd, Lieut. Douthet, 23; 9th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 21. Unlimited: 2nd, L./Cpl. Jones, 24; 11th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 21.

Match No. 7, 300 Yards Snapshooting.—Championship: 15th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 17; 16th, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, 17; 18th, L./Cpl. Laxton, 17. Unlimited: 2nd, Pte. Jolly, 24; 6th, C.S.M. Siddons, 23; 20th, Cpl. Newton, 21.

Match No. 8, 300 Yards Rapid.—Championship: 2nd, Pte. Tiller, 35; 10th, L./Cpl. Jones, 31. Unlimited: 6th, L./Cpl. Jones, 34; 10th, C.S.M. Siddons, 32.

Match No. 9, 400 Yards Rapid.—Championship: 13th, C.S.M. Siddons, 52; 14th, Sergt. Colbourne, 52.

Match No. 10, 500 Yards Rapid.—Championship: 2nd, Lieut. Douthet, 37; 4th, Pte. Presland, 37; 15th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 35. Unlimited: 1st, L./Cpl. Jones, 39; 10th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 36; 15th, Sergt. Hart, 35.

Match No. 11, Fire and Movement, 600 Yards to 100 Yards.—Championship: 1st, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 39 (Spencer Cup); 4th, Lieut. Pater, 34; 9th, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, 33; 12th, Pte. Brown, 33.

Match No. 12, Fire and Movement.—Championship: 8th, L./Cpl. Jenkins, 19; 10th, Cpl. Newton, 18.

Match No. 13, Fire and Movement.—Championship: 10th, Pte. Robinson, 16.

Match No. 14, Slow Fire.—Championship: 2nd, C.S.M. Siddons, 87. Unlimited: 5th, C.S.M. Siddons, 90.

Match No. 15, Snapshooting cum Rapid.—Championship: 5th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 140. Unlimited: 6th, C.S.M. Siddons, 153.

Match No. 16, Fire and Movement.—Championship: 4th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 63.

Match No. 20, S.I.R.A.—Championship: 2nd, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, 280 (Silver medal).

Bangalore Cup, Snapshooting, 200 Yards Slow, 300 to 600 Yards.—Championship: 2nd, Lieut. Douthet, C.S.M. Siddons, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, L./Cpl. Jenkins, Sergt. Colbourne, L./Cpl. Jones, L./Cpl. Laxton, 334 (Silver medals); winning score, 349.

Officers' Cup, 300 Yards Rapid, 600 Yards Slow.—Championship: 6th, Lieuts. Pater, Douthet, and Lambert, 104; winning score, 117.

N.C.Os. Cup, 300 Yards Rapid, 600 Yards Slow.—Championship: 7th, C.S.M.I.M. Cox, C.S.M. Siddons, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, and Sergt. Colbourne, 147; winning score, 173.

Match No. 77, 300 Yards Slow.—Championship: 3rd, C.S.M. Siddons, 18 (N.R.A. match).

Match No. 81, 400 Yards Rapid.—Championship: 1st, Pte. Presland, 25 (N.R.A. match).

Spoons for Pool Bulls won by—Cpl. Newton (2), L./Cpl. Jones (2), Pte. Brown (1), Pte. Robinson (1), and Pte. Jolly (1).

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The undermentioned represented the Battalion in the Poona Group Cross-Country Run, held in Poona on October 11th:—

Cpl. Howard, L./Cpls. Whiting, Fisher (14), Wingrove ("A" Company), and Power, Ptes. Butler, Smith (58), Harris, Watson, Poulson, Gardner, Foster, Baker (80), Beart, and Boy Green.

Reserves: Cpl. Hall, L./Cpl. Jenkins (48).

The course was just over three and a half miles and the going was good. The pace was fast, and Ptes. Smith and Butler are much to be congratulated on coming in first and second respectively out of a field of sixty. Pte. Harris was ninth, Pte. Watson twelfth, and Boy Green thirteenth.

Our team was second, a very few points behind the Royal West Kents.

"OH, MAGNUS; HOW COULD YOU!"
A musical Farce in two acts, by Lieuts.
Clark and Chisholm.

Caste:			
Tom Smith	...	CPL. R. W. N. RUTLEDGE	
Harry Jones	...	SERG. J. HART	
Dick Robinson	...	LT. P. PATER	
Magnus Browne	...	LT. G. A. N. CHISHOLM	
Mrs. Harris-Montrevor	...	L./CPL. C. MOSS	
Vera (her daughter)	...	MRS. JONES	
George (a waiter)	...	PTE. KIRBY	
Spiffkins (the town crier)	...	PTE. FORDHAM	
The Mayor of Little Puddlesum	...	PTE. JACOBSON	
Cora (his daughter)	...	MRS. FLOYD	
Safari Browne	...	LT. S. J. CLARK	

The popular seaside resort of Little Puddlesum is all agog with the impending arrival of the celebrated explorer Magnus Browne, popularly known as Safari Browne,

upon whom the Mayor is conferring the freedom of the borough. Shortly before the explorer's advent, his cousin, a man about town, arrives on the scene. Having the same name as the explorer, he is mistaken for the celebrated man, and seeing every prospect of a good time before him, he does not undeceive his hosts. Not only does he eat the excellent lunch provided for his distinguished cousin, but he also very nearly robs Tom Smith of his fiancée, Vera. It all comes right in the end, but that is the story on which the evening's entertainment was built.

Since the parts were written and the songs chosen to suit the performers, very good results were obtained, though the ladies would do well to raise their voices a little more. Cpl. Rutledge's excellent voice was heard to advantage in two solos, and his best effort was a duet with Mrs. Jones, entitled "Just to hold you in my arms." In this song, too, Mrs. Jones sang very well indeed. Sergt. Hart as the chief comedian, was as resourceful as ever, while Lieut. Chisholm in the light comedy part of Magnus was particularly successful, especially in his songs "Blotto" and "Ogo Pogo." Pte. Jacobson made an excellent mayor, and Lieut. Clark made his usual appearance as an old man.

Newcomers to the company were Lieut. Pater, Ptes. Kirby and Fordham, and Mrs. Floyd, who all worked well and unselfishly in the smaller parts. Perhaps the biggest success of the evening was L./Cpl. Moss as Mrs. Harris-Montrevor, a humorous part easy to overdo, which he acted with commendable restraint.

As well as songs mentioned above, other successful musical numbers were "The Lorelei" (Lieuts. Chisholm and Pater and Sergt. Hart), "Tally Ho" (Sergt. Hart and Lieut. Clark), "A Cottage in Kent" (Lieut. Clark and L./Cpl. Moss), "That New Fangled Mother of Mine" (Sergt. Hart), and "Africa" (concerted).

Mention must also be made of Bandmaster Clibbens, A.R.C.M., who scored all the music from the piano copies, and whose efficient handling of the band meant such a lot to the success of the evening, and to C.Q.M.S. Smith and L./Cpl. Pollard, who, as business and stage managers respectively, put in a lot of really hard work.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

With great regret we are losing four of our members—R.S.M. Fane, R.Q.M.S. Baker, C.Q.M.S. Cushion, and Sergt. Sperry. The R.S.M. leaves us after nineteen years' service, and the R.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. Cushion after twenty-one years with the Colours. Sergt. Sperry is for a tour of duty at the Depot. The Mess wishes them *bon voyage* and the best of luck.

A farewell dinner has been arranged later in the month, but I shall write more of that in the next publication of the Journal.

The new tennis courts have been completed, and were opened about two months ago. (See Old Moore's Almanack—"An exciting happening is predicted in India during September.") Congratulations to Sergt. Cook and his merry men on the courts' fine appearance. In the place of a wild tangle of undergrowth we have now two of the finest courts in Ahmednagar.

Shortly after the courts were opened we challenged the Royal Tank Corps to a tennis tournament. The results this time were much more even—R.T.C. 35 games, Middlesex, 34 games. Is our tennis improving or do the Tanks get worse players on each course? The tournament was followed by a few sets of mixed doubles, and although I must say the ladies of the Tanks play a splendid game, we are not far behind. I can recall one set played by the ladies. Mrs. Sutherland and Banfield of the Tanks *versus* Mrs. Siddons and O'Brien. The result was a win for the Tank pair by seven games to five, quite a good result.

Dancing seems to be losing its popularity in Ahmednagar, for during the last quarter we have only had one dance. This was organized by C.S.M.I.M. Cox. The dance was a success. The band earned a great name by playing us "all the latest" from Blighty.

Our monthly Spoon Shoot is progressing favourably. To date, five spoons have been awarded. I had visions of being able to produce a sketch of the spoons, but artists seem to be few and far between, so I'll do my best to describe it. It is the size of an egg spoon, made of solid silver. The bowl is gold-plated and at the top of the handle is a replica of the Regimental crest. The spoons are well worth winning and make splendid souvenirs.

The six months furlough—granted after six years abroad to full N.C.Os., Bandsmen, and Drummers—has been taken full advantage of. This trooping season, the following proceed to Blighty on leave:—Sergts. Glover, Hill, Hills, Walker, Palmer, Colbourne, Mewett, and Tiller. This party left for home via Deolali. It was very unfortunate that three hours before they were due to leave Deolali for Bombay, a telegram was received holding the party up owing to a case of Scarletina being reported in Ahmednagar. They all hoped to spend Christmas at home, but now in all probability they will enjoy their Christmas dinner on board ship in the Red Sea.

In closing the notes for the quarter, I wish all readers that old, old wish: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

CORPORALS' ROOM.

Many years have passed since the Corporals' Room of the 2nd Battalion submitted notes for the Journal.

During the last year we have had many successful dances and tournaments, the greatest of the latter being against the Sergeants' Mess.

A billiard match against the Sergeants' Mess resulted in an easy win for us. It was noticed, however, that some of their best players were not in form or had had a rather heavy dinner.

Hockey was the next item on the programme. For this we received a challenge which our Entertainment Committee gladly accepted. The result was another win for us, the final score being—Sergeants, 0; Corporals, 3.

As we are not backward in throwing out a challenge, we thought that a game of football would also be a good test for our team. This challenge was accepted. The game was a very hard fought one. Great skill was noticed on both sides, also the fact that not one foul happened throughout the match made it a fine game. Final result—Sergeants, 0; Corporals, 1.

All the junior N.C.Os. wish Cpls. French, Richardson, L./Cpls. Stanford, Wingrove, M.M., and Grimmett, who have recently left us, the best of success in civilian life, and we hope we shall hear from them in the near future.

I. U. M.

"A" COMPANY.

Much water has passed under the bridge since the last notes had to be prepared, and many innovations have been introduced into the Company.

The skipper (Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence) has been away for three months on a Staff College Course and leave. When he arrived back he was surprised to see many embryo gardens. Rumour has it that a number of the Company are getting their hand in for civilian life. "Oh, dole-ful prospect."

We have just expended a vast amount of S.A.A. to the accompaniment of "I want my pro. pay, give me it, give me it, give me it, do." The spirit of this little ditty emanating from the mercenary soul and dominating each firer produced the magnificent average of 87.6.

At sports we still manage to hold our own and give a good account of ourselves. We congratulate No. 2 Platoon on winning the Inter-Platoon Cricket Shield, and No. 3 on getting as far as the final in the hockey. The Company cricket team shared the position of league winners with "H.Q.1," but after a hard fight lost the cup and medals in a replay, which ran into the fifth day.

The eternal struggle for the Company Inter-Platoon Shield still goes on vigorously. At the time of writing No. 2 has a slight lead, with No. 4 a couple of points behind, and Nos. 1 and 3 fighting strenuously. The remaining events to be decided are—Boxing, Tug-of-War, and Athletics.

Company Training has commenced, and during the mornings one can see numerous small bodies of men scattered all over the countryside, waging war in vicious, Vandalic, and valorous manner. Long ere these notes reach their destination we shall be in camp at Vilad.

The Company dances are still a huge success, thanks to our now famous jazz band.

The following have recently left the Service for civilian life:—

Cpl. Button, Ptes. Turner, Tibbetts, Jones (45), Tyler, Clark (21), Slade, Giller, Sullivan, Smith, Jones (02), and L./Cpl. Brown. The Company wish them all good luck and success.

Congratulations to the candidates who have recently passed their Second and Third Class Examinations in education. The Company is progressing favourably in this;

we have only nine men without a third-class certificate, and these will sit for an exam. about the end of February.

Sergts. Mewett and Tiller have recently left us for six months' furlough in Blighty.

Congratulations to Sergt. Massey and L./Cpl. Clark; the former on his appointment as Staff Instructor to the University Training College and the latter on his appointment as clerk at Army Headquarters, Simla.

M. AGNUS.

"B" COMPANY.

This quarter finds "B" Company at the Fort. Most of our training has been done out at camp at Vilad, twelve miles away, where we spent a very pleasant three weeks. On our return, we marched direct to the Fort and we are now busy practising for a torchlight tattoo, which the Company has to carry out on Armistice Day.

We fired our musketry course in September, and obtained much better results both in rifle and Lewis gun than last year. A very fine clock had been bought for presentation to the best shooting platoon, and this was won by No. 7, but there was little difference between the averages of any platoon.

In the sporting line there is not much to record as there have not been very many Battalion tournaments. In the Platoon Hockey Knock-out, Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons were beaten in the third round; No. 7 had been previously beaten by No. 6, and No. 8 Platoon, having effected a draw with the eventual finalists, were rather badly, beaten in the replay.

In the team which won the "Rovers Cup" again, we were represented by Dack, Lincoln, and Budd. Budd's success in scoring both goals in the final caused great pleasure to the Company.

In our Inter-Platoon Tournament, No. 8 has won the challenge shield. They were beaten by No. 6 at football, but won the cricket and hockey, and came out top in the final aggregate. They had put in a lot of hard practice and deserved their success.

Pte. Robinson (10) won a billiard tournament held in the Library last quarter, for which there were about fifty entries. Lincoln did not compete as he has won too many of these tournaments!

In the concert line, Cpl. Ruttledge has been appearing with great success.

He organized three concerts at our camp, the last one being particularly good. Many amusing performances were given, Pte. Kirby especially was in great form; his duets with Pte. Allen were most remarkable. The Company were, however, very sorry that the Quartermaster-Sergeant temporarily had a "clergyman's sore throat," and was unable to sing.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. and men have either gone home or are due to go this trooping season:—Cpl. Ruttledge, L./Cpl. Grimmett, Ptes. Dack and Robinson (52); whilst Sergt. Sperry is going to the Depot and Sergt. Hill on leave.

During the quarter three men have joined the Company from other regiments: Ptes. Eley from the Ulster Rifles, Slate from the Black Watch, and Cane from the Hampshire Regiment. All three have quickly settled down with us.

Since the above was written, the torchlight has taken place within the walls of the Fort, and the display was a great success. A large sum was raised for the ex-Servicemen's Association; the exact amount is not yet to hand, but it is known to be considerably more than was anticipated. Great credit for this result is due to C.S.M. Burns, seventy men of "B" Company and twenty-four men of "D" Company, for the hard work they had put in, in order to get the movements as good as possible.

"C" COMPANY.

Having completed our training for 1925, we are now settled down to such staff appointments as guards and fatigues, etc. The last three weeks of our training were spent in camp under canvas, and one may venture to say that everything went along "swimmingly," even to the last day.

We have had many changes in the Company recently. The loss of one of our Company cricket team, Lieut. E. T. Pain, who has joined the West African Forces, is greatly regretted.

L./Sergt. Draper has been promoted to Sergeant, Cpl. Clifford to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpls. Colton and Atkins to Corporals. A few more of our men have left to try their luck in civies. (Good old I.M.S.).

Once again Sergt. Banfield has left his "grease-pots" to pay a visit to the Poona Rifles; we do see him in the Com-

pany occasionally. Sergt. Colbourne has left to pay a long deferred visit to Blighty. (I forget how many scarves he knitted, perhaps it is the cold weather he was worrying about.)

Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman has joined the Company from "H.Q." Wing and has taken over No. 9 Platoon.

"D" COMPANY.

The Platoon Cricket League has finished. No. 16 came out on top, while Nos. 13, 14, and 15 finished up with the same number of points.

We have lost several members of the Company, Ptes. Smith (70), Davis (40), Hammond, McKenzie, Baker (37), and Churchill having been invalided out of the country. C.S.M. Davis will be leaving us shortly to take over the duties of C.S.M.I.M., and in a few days C.Q.M.S. Cushion will be proceeding to England for discharge. "Pasha" has been with the Company since 1919, and his loss will be felt very much indeed. Sergt. Hart from "C" Company, is now understudying him, and Sergt. West from "B," is our acting C.S.M. Other departures include Cpl. Newton and L./Cpl. Whiting, while Cpl. Aird and Sergt. Hills have departed on winter leave to U.K.

The Company marched to Vilad Camp on the 15th inst. for three weeks' Platoon and Company Training. We are having an enjoyable time here, and by starting out early each morning manage to finish our work before the heat of the day. A concert was held on November 19th, the following being among the performers:—Lieuts. Pater and Clark, Sergt. Hart, Cpl. Bratby, L./Cpls. Pollard and Smith, Ptes. King, Whitcombe, Higgins, Balm, Vickers, Crawshaw, and Hicks, the latter displaying great talent as a dancer. He evidently found the stage too small for him, since he fell off twice. Cpl. Bratby's lamp and frog also caused considerable amusement.

At the west end of our dining-hall lies a boxing room (you can tell it by the colour of the floor) and some promising boxers have been turned out, thanks to Major G. L. Brown, our Company Commander. The Company will soon be able to boast of some good boxers for the coming competition and we thank the instructors for training them.

We congratulate Lieut. A. N. Overell on

passing his Machine Gun Course, and the Company will be very sorry to lose him, for it is rumoured that he will be posted to "H.Q." Wing.

BAND.

The Band have had a few more engagements lately in this far away station. The Officers' Gymkhana Club held a fancy dress ball, which surprised everybody by the quaint dresses that were seen. I was wondering if one of the members of the Club actually thought he was a "dustman." Anyway, everything went off well, and they all appeared to enjoy themselves. Our dance orchestra has great opposition here with a little concern who term themselves "The Zipp Jazz Band," and they let it zipp too.

We had rather a hard time at the Fort last week in a torchlight tattoo held in aid of the ex-Servicemen's Association, which a large number of people attended. Credit was due to C.S.M. Burns for the untiring way he supplied torches in the Maze Marching.

We have lost a few bandsmen, Bdsmn. Goatley has been invalided, and Bdsmn. Wild and Lacy have gone home for discharge. The Band are beginning to feel the strain because we are getting no new material to carry on the good work.

We had rather a walk-over in the Platoon Hockey, winning the shield after only one hard game with our rivals, The Drums and Employed Men.

It was said that Bdsmn. Lacy's chest rose four inches when he scored the only goal of the game in the semi-final.

BANDSMAN.

DRUMS.

The Drums are going strong as regards sports, our latest and biggest success being a 4-0 victory at football over the Band. It has taken us considerable time to get to the standard we have now attained, and while we keep it I don't think there is any need to worry about another group beating us. Of course, we are lucky in having two regimental players in Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and Dmr. Bugden. The latter has just returned from six months' furlough in the U.K.

Our next object as regards sport is to beat the Band at hockey, which we are quite

confident of doing. Of course, they are the best hockey team in the Battalion at present, but they have not played us since we found new talent. Our hockey team have also two regimental players in Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and L./Cpl. Gribble.

A./Dmr. Smith must be congratulated on his splendid performance in the Poona District Cross-Country Run. He had to compete against some really good men, but he upheld the Regiment's name by coming in first and receiving a very nice silver medal. Our Sergeant-Drummer is now thinking about training a boxing team from among us, so don't be surprised if you hear of some more budding English champions.

We are sorry to have lost Dmr. Clarke, who went home for transfer to the Army Reserve.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Officers' Club was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, on Saturday, October 31st, 1925.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The accounts of the Annual Cricket Week and Dinner were read and passed.

A resolution was passed asking the *ex-officio* members of the Committee to agree to waive the payment of entrance fees for 1926, the object being to permit officers who held temporary or Territorial commissions during the war, and who now subscribed to various other Middlesex reunion dinners and functions, to join and unite with the Officers' Club of the Regiment.

The following dates were fixed for 1926:—Cricket Week—June 28th, 29th, and 30th and July 1st.

Annual Dinner—June 29th.

"At Homes"—June 30th and July 1st.

It was proposed and carried that the following additions be embodied in the Rules of the Club:—

- I. If by the 31st March of any year an Officer's subscription is in arrear, the Officer will not receive benefits of the Club during the current year until his subscription has been paid.
- II. If by the 31st March of any year an Officer's subscription is two years in arrears, Rules 2 and 3 will be enforced.

THE REGIMENTAL HISTORY IN THE GREAT WAR.

THE first volume of the History of the Regiment in the War is now being printed, and it is hoped will be on sale before the next issue of this paper. This volume ends after the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

The sub-committee of the Regimental Association in charge has chosen the following title for the complete history, which will be in two volumes:—

"THE DIEHARDS IN THE GREAT WAR."
A HISTORY OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN (MIDDLESEX REGIMENT) 1914-1919,
COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE LINE,
SPECIAL RESERVE, TERRITORIAL AND SERVICE BATTALIONS.

This history is being written in an attractive style by Mr. Everard Wyrall, author of "The History of the 2nd Division, 1914-1918," and of other war histories, and simple maps and plans make it easy to follow the movements described.

It will be printed and published for the Regimental Association by Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd., the Government printers; the cost of each volume is to be 10s. 6d. As soon as the actual date of publication is known, all those who have already promised to purchase the book will be sent a notice asking them to forward 10s. 6d. to Messrs. Harrison and Sons, in return for which each will receive a copy, post free.

But the Regimental Association will suffer heavy financial loss unless several hundred copies of the History are sold, and, although it will be possible to procure these through ordinary booksellers, it is pointed out that direct purchase through the Association will save the cost of trade commissions and discounts.

Those, therefore, who have not yet undertaken to subscribe, but are sufficiently interested in the Middlesex Regiment to wish for a detailed account of all that it did in the Great War, are urged to send a post-card without delay to the Secretary, Regimental Association, Mill Hill Barracks, N.W.7, asking for an order form. On signing and returning this they will be placed on the same footing as earlier subscribers as above, and instructed in due course when to send 10s. 6d. to Messrs. Harrison and Sons.

Readers are urgently requested to make these arrangements known as widely as possible, since the great difficulty which the Regimental Association has to face is that of bringing the facts about the History to the notice of any large proportion of all the officers and men who were serving in the Regiment when the great deeds now commemorated were performed.

H. E. F.

January 2nd, 1926.



GENERAL SIR MANSFIELD CLARKE MEETING AN OLD "DIE-HARD" ON ARRIVING AT WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, OCT. 22ND, 1925.

VETERANS OF EIGHTY.

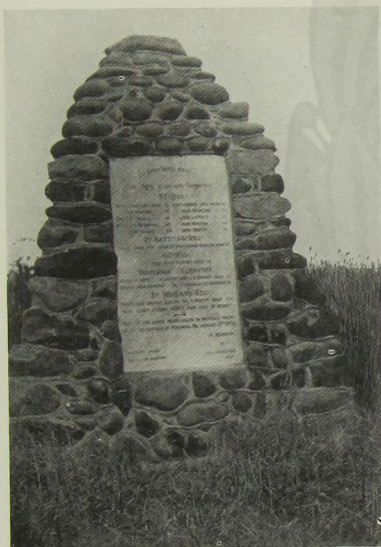
THERE was a touching scene when the R.M.S. *Corinthia* moved in to the Queen's Wharf yesterday and two old soldiers met. One was Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, who served in the Maori Wars of 1861 to 1866. The other was the last of Wellington's Maori war veterans, Ctr.-Sergt. Edward Bezar, some time of

Her Majesty's 57th Regiment of the Line (the 1st Middlesex), more familiarly known to colonial history as "the old Die-Hards."

Sir Charles Clarke is 86, his old colour-sergeant three months past 88, yet both are erect and alert. Sir Charles Clarke entered the army in 1856, was a young lieutenant in the Maori war days, but in 1875 had reached the rank of Brevet Colonel. In 1879 he was Commandant-General of Colonial Forces at the Cape of Good Hope, and this post

he held until 1882. He was Commander-in-Chief and Lieut.-General Commanding the Forces in Madras from 1893 to 1898, and Governor-General of Malta from 1903 to 1907. In 1899-1903 he was Quarter-master-General to the Forces.

Clr.-Sergt. Bezar served in the Crimea, at Malta, Aden, and India with Sir Charles Clarke, and they fought together from the Battle of Kairau until the capture of the Otapawa Pa. He knows of only three



NEW ZEALAND, 1866.

Cairn erected to those who fell at the Capture of Otapawa Pa, January 13th, 1866.

other members of his old regiment still living—one in Palmerston North, one in New Plymouth, and one in Napier.

With Sir Charles Clarke came his niece, Lady Tomlin, wife of His Honour Sir John Tomlin, judge in the Chancery Division of the High Court, and they were greeted by Col. W. L. H. Burgess and Capt. Conway of the higher command, and by Mr. Justice Ostler. The distinguished soldier will visit relatives in Canterbury and North Canterbury.

DEPOT NOTES.

AT present four squads are undergoing training, one squad being due for drafting to Aldershot towards the end of January.

Recruiting has been slack for the period immediately preceding Christmas, but since Christmas recruits appear to be coming in freely.

Lieut. A. V. Weller has left us for a tour of duty with the Nigeria Regiment of the West African Frontier Force, and no relief has at present been posted from the 2nd Battalion.

On Armistice Day a short memorial service was held at the war memorial. Representatives of the Regular and all Territorial Battalions were present, also the acting Chairman and Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Forces Association, and the Chairman of the Regimental Association.

Wreaths were laid by all representatives. Mr. de Salis, D.L., J.P., The acting Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Forces Association, and Col. Passingham, O.B.E., its Secretary, further honoured us by staying to lunch.

SPORTS.

The weather has been instrumental in greatly curtailing our sports activities. Our hockey ground and pass-ball pitches have been out of action on and off for some considerable time. We have endeavoured, however, to keep football going, but if our rain supply is not shortly cut off we shall be compelled to launch out with water polo.

The Depot football team is showing a marked improvement in form. If only the ground would allow the team more practice, there is little doubt that the results would be even more satisfactory.

Particulars of games played up to date are given below. It is not proposed to give details of games, but this opportunity cannot pass without reference to the sterling assistance rendered to the team by our custodian, Pte. Skinner, a recruit who is shortly leaving us to join the 1st Battalion at Aldershot.

Our loss, however, will be their gain, and we wish him every success for the future.

The Depot Football League is still in full swing.

A Recruits' Pass-Ball League has also recently been started, but so far it has only been possible to play a few games.

The Officers are justly proud of their position at the top of the ladder in Pass-Ball, but in justice to the Privates D.S. it should be mentioned that the state of the ground prevents the latter from making a further bid for supremacy.

An Inter-Squad Recruits' Boxing Tournament is being held towards the end of January with the primary object of selecting a team to represent the Depot in the Inter-Depot Boxing Championships which takes place in February.

Our entries for the Inter-Squad Tournament are good, and we have great hopes of finding six good and worthy "Die-Hards" capable of bringing the Eastern Command Shield to Mill Hill.

There are eighteen teams competing, and we come under Section D, in the preliminary stages, the other units being Depot, Essex Regiment, Depot Royal Fusiliers, and Depot East Surrey Regiment.

DEPOT FOOTBALL TEAM.

Hendon and District League.

Played 10, won 4, drawn 2, lost 4; total points, 10. Goals—for 25, against 22. Position in League, 4th.

Hendon and District Challenge Cup.

1st Round: Bye.

2nd Round: Depot, Middlesex Regiment v. Childs Hill. Result, draw 3 all. Replay—Depot, Middlesex Regiment, 2; Childs Hill, 0.

Hendon Cottage Challenge Cup.

1st Round: Bye.

RECRUIT PASS-BALL MATCHES.

Squad.	Squad.	Result.
Albuhara II	v. Albuhara I	... 4-2
Somme I	v. Somme II	... 11-6
Somme II	v. Albuhara II	... 6-1
Albuhara II	v. Albuhara III	... 3-0
Somme II	v. Somme III	... 6-1
Albuhara III	v. Somme III	... 8-2
Albuhara I	v. Albuhara III	... 11-8
Somme I	v. Albuhara I	... 6-0

RECRUIT PASS-BALL MATCHES.

Winners of Recruits' Physical Efficiency Medals (medal awarded by Commanding

Officer for the best all-round at gymnasium work):—

October—L./Cpl. G. Smith	300 points
November—L./Cpl. F. Paris	277 "
November—Pte. J. Searle	277 "
December—Pte. T. Palmer	304 "

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A dance was held on November 11th. The varied programme, under the administration of Sergt. Cobbett, made the evening a great success. We are hoping to include the French tango on our programmes in the near future.

During the quarter monthly billiard tournaments have been held, the winners being as follows:—50 up, Sergt. Willcockson; 10 up, C.Q.M.S. Gray. A 10-up tournament is still unfinished.

Our annual dinner has held in the Mess on New Year's Eve. The catering was carried out by the Finchley Catering Company, and right well did they carry out their contract. The Commanding Officer and officers of the Depot visited us after the dinner. R.S.M. Mantell proposed a toast to the "Commanding Officer and Officers of the Depot." This was right heartily accorded with musical honours. In responding to the toast, the Commanding Officer paid a much-appreciated tribute to the very loyal support he had received during the year, and congratulated the members on the very creditable success of their efforts. The members were then toasted by the Commanding Officer and officers. The inner man being well satisfied by the excellent fare provided, we proceeded to the lecture hall, where still further enjoyment awaited us in the shape of a dance. The hall was brilliantly lit, and the decorations showed that no effort had been spared to make the evening a success. The office of M.C. was carried out jointly by Sergts. Raindle and Cobbett. There were about sixty couples at the commencement. We were again honoured by the presence of the officers and their ladies later in the evening. At 11.55 p.m. "the link" was formed and the Old Year ushered out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne." During the evening we were amused by a "Harty" rendering of the Indian Lancers by one of our "Punkhy wallahs." Dancing continued until the early hours of the morning.

We thank the committee for their splendid efforts in making the function such an unrivalled success. We were also pleased to see a couple of members from the 1st Battalion present.

Congratulations to Sergt. Goldstraw, who goes to join the 1st Battalion on promotion to C.O.M.S. We wish him every success.

We welcome Sergt. Nobbie Clarke, who has joined us again. He doubtless feels like a pack of cards—well shuffled.

We take this opportunity to wish all members of the Regiment a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

“Bo’sun.”

CORPORALS’ ROOM.

As this issue will be the first in 1926, we must take it as the first opportunity of wishing all and sundry a Happy New Year (“and many of ‘em,” whispers the “wag.”).

But, putting all jokes on one side, we must now proceed with the good work of letting all the “old-timers” know of the happenings in the Mess since the last issue of the magazine. So here goes.

The main item in our sports programme has been the tussle for the Depot Football League, in which the corporals have given a very creditable account of themselves, having played 7, won 5, and lost 2, with 31 goals scored for and only 6 scored against them. As most of the games have been played in full view of the “wet,” it probably accounts for the few that “Slasher” allows to pass him unchallenged.

There has been almost a glut of dancing with us this quarter. After a very spirited dance held here early in November had whetted our appetite, an invitation was presented, inviting members of the Mess to present themselves at a carnival dance, etc., given by the 7th Battalion at their drill hall at Hornsey.

Quite a family party from the Depot enjoyed a well-organized programme of dances, and, after a basin of lemon and streamer dodging, we only had to dodge the spots on the long trek to barracks. Whilst this dance was in progress, it was noticed that many boxes of matches were purchased, but they seemed to make the purchasers rather unsteady. (‘Nuff said.)

The next event was the usual pre-Christmas dance of the corporals, which was held in a snow setting inside the hall as well as outside. The officers of the Depot

honoured us with their presence, and a large number of friends came to usher in the Christmas feeling.

The Annual Dinner was held on New Year’s Day, and was generally voted a success, but the decorations of the Mess cannot be blamed for the decorated faces which appeared after the rollicks of the evening.

A party from the Mess embarked on a char-a-banc for a ride to Aldershot for the purpose of seeing the 1st Battalion play the London Caledonians in the first round proper of the Amateur Cup. They considered themselves well rewarded (although seeing the “Midds” lose 4–1) by the splendid and well-fought game.

In conclusion, we congratulate our late member, Cpl. Stacey, on his appointment to lance-sergeant, and L./Cpl. Kingdon on his promotion to corporal.

That’s all.

G. E. G.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

The following have been granted the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, with gratuity:—

6188940 C.O.M.S. E. Windsor.

6191909 Sergt. J. Cook.

6192107 Sergt. W. Moore.

6192257 Pte. A. Handford.

6188496 Pte. J. Murphy

6191210 Pte. W. Robinson.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following have been appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals: Pte. F. Paris (recruit), 1/10/25; Pte. J. Baulch (recruit), 12/10/25; Pte. F. Smith (recruit), 27/10/25.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The under-mentioned were awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education:—

6194406 Cpl. E. Bearne and 6192291 Cpl. F. Stacey, 14/10/25.

The under-mentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Mill Hill during the last quarter:—

6196610 Pte. A. Allison, 6196729 Pte. W. Chambers, 6196639 Pte. A. Edgly, 6196846 Pte. W. Holt, 6196744 Pte. A. Leaver, 6196607 Pte. G. Prentice, 6196738 Pte. R. Savage, 6196739 Pte. J. Searle, 6196706 Pte. A. Vicary, 6196705 Pte. J.

Kirby, 6196615 Pte. H. Butler, 6196745 Pte. H. Grocott, 762523 Pte. H. Hamblin. 6196714 Pte. C. Hogg, 6196848 Pte. W. Kemp, 6196526 Pte. P. Love, 6196808 Pte. F. Palmer, 6194033 Pte. E. Setters, 6196715 Pte. L. Shrewsbury, 6196740 Pte. W. Simpson, 6196807 Pte. F. Smith, 6196717 Pte. R. Snelling, 6196707 Pte. G. Stock, 6196716 Pte. J. Waddilove, 6196709 Pte. W. Wright, 6196605 Pte. A. Butterworth, 6194374 Pte. W. Howe, 6196742 Pte. J. Knight, 762498 Pte. J. Burton, 6196655 Pte. F. Deane, 6196819 Pte. W. Green, 6196912 Pte. G. Hawkins, 6196907 Pte. J. Jones, 6196823 Pte. A. Lane, 6196908 Pte. S. Moore, 6196937 Pte. T. McLoughlin, 6196901 Pte. F. Morgan, 6196913 Pte. P. Owers, 5822086 Pte. P. Sones, 6196815 Pte. T. Skinner, 6196840 Pte. D. Parrish, 6196805 Pte. T. Fallon.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6191494 L./Sergt. J. Trapp: Extended his service to complete twelve years with the Colours, 26/10/25.

6191015 Sergt. W. Clements: Extended his service to complete twelve years with the Colours, 29/10/25.

DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

L./Cpl. F. Wingrove: Transferred to Army Reserve, 9/11/25.

L./Cpl. A. Grimmett: Transferred to Army Reserve, 19/11/25.

L./Cpl. J. Stanford: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xxi), 22/11/25.

Cpl. W. Richardson: Transferred to Army Reserve, 24/11/25.

Cpl. T. French: Transferred to Army Reserve, 25/11/25.

L./Cpl. L. Benson: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xvi) (a), 21/12/25.

POSTINGS.

Sergt. A. Goldstraw: Posted to 1st Battalion, 31/12/25.

45 recruits (Albuhera IV, Mons IV): Posted to 1st Battalion, 30/10/25.

20 recruits (Ypres IV): Posted to 1st Battalion, 26/11/25.

25 recruits (Nivelle IV): Posted to 1st Battalion, 17/12/25.

2 recruits: Posted to 1st Battalion, 31/12/25.

TRADE TEST.

6192848 L./Cpl. W. Clarke: Passed

Trade Test for clerk, Class IIIb, 16/11/25, at Woolwich.

PROMOTIONS.

723823 L./Cpl. C. Kingdon: Promoted corporal, 28/10/25.

THE BATTLE OF RUMMON.

DESPATCH OF SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1918, BY GEN. SIR E. H. H. ALLENBY.

“The first step of the operation carried out on February 10th . . . the 53rd Division extending its right to include Rummon . . . The greatest opposition was encountered on the left at Rummon by the 53rd Division . . .”

“And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour.

And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon. . . .

So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand. . . .

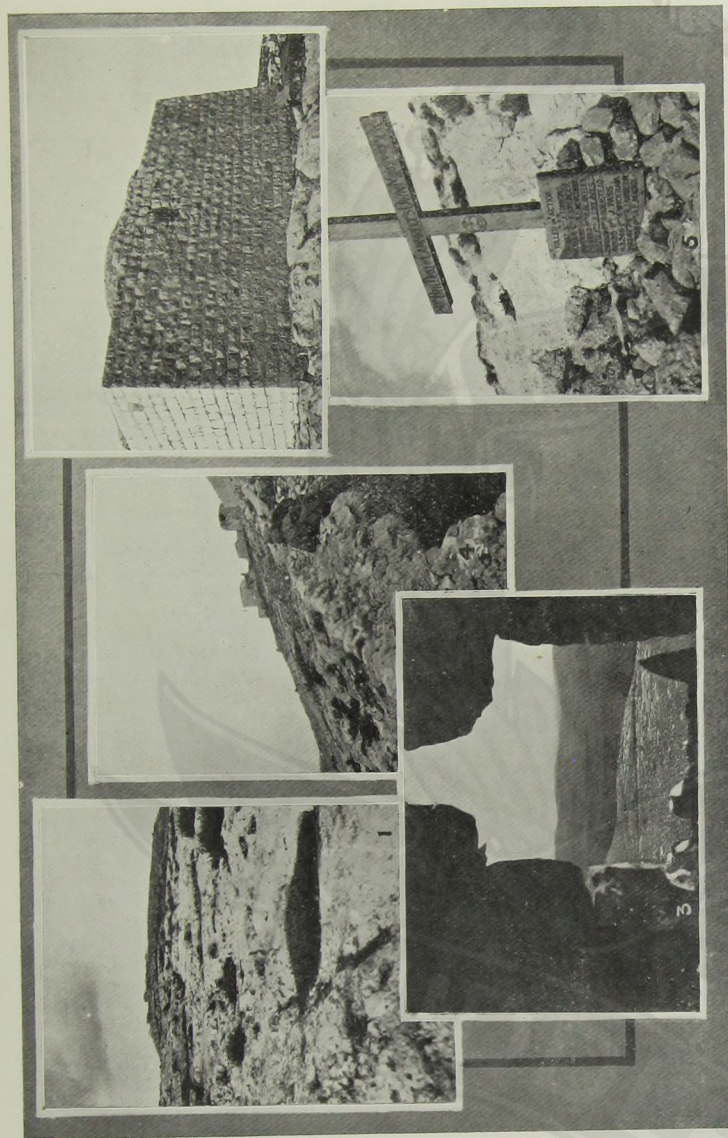
But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.”

JUDGES xx. 44 *et seq.*

NO doubt, in practically every theatre of the war, battalions and companies were frequently traversing historical ground, but, whereas it would have needed bulky histories in most places to make reference to the previous historical associations possible, in Palestine one only required a small Bible to enable anyone to find some point of interest about almost every place the battalion stopped at or fought at—Gaza, Beersheba, Hebron, Jerusalem, Bethel (now Beitin), Jericho, and so on through the whole campaign.

Rummon, the modern form of the biblical Rimmon, differs somewhat from the majority of places, in that the capture of the majority involved considerable numbers of troops, whilst the Battle of Rummon was a company show, and was taken by “C” Company of the 2/10th, assisted by two platoons of “D” Company. For this reason, I have selected this action to describe, as far as my memory goes, hoping that others who were with the Battalion will follow suit with accounts of other shows, and that the results will provide details and names useful in the compilation of the history of the 2/10th, which is being embodied in the Regimental History.

On February 18th, 1918, I was told that my company was to attack Rummon the next



- 1.—The Approach to Rummon.
- 2.—House in Rummon with machine gun loop hole.
- 3.—The Approach to Rummon, seen from the machine gun loop hole.
- 4.—The Left Flank Approach to Rummon.
- 5.—Cairn and Cross erected by the Battalion over the grave of those killed at Rummon.

morning and, together with the Officer Commanding, Major Odling, and the other company commanders, I went forward that afternoon to reconnoitre the ground and the approach to the village as far as was possible with the aid of glasses from a distant hill.

The Battalion was to advance as soon as night fell, and, crossing the Wadi, which separates the spur on which Rummon stands from the next hill, would form a screen in front; and when this was done "C" Company would left-wheel and advance up the spur to the village.

Like most moves into new country in Palestine, there were no roads to march on, but only very narrow, winding tracks, often with walls on either side and innumerable rocks protruding, on which the unwary could and did stub their toes. Off the tracks there were more rocks, except in the small patches of cultivation, and very often ledges and drops, which all made a few miles of night moving a slow and temper-trying business, especially for the unfortunate pack mule leaders, who, apart from the difficulty of getting their animals over the country, were the recipients of frequent whispered curses, as the mules slithered backwards or forwards into the ranks.

The night of the 18th/19th was no exception. The time taken to cover the few miles between our last camping place and to get down and over the Wadi seemed interminable, and the night was getting very old by the time my company was over; in fact, my watch told me that I had only a very remote chance of reaching the village without being caught by the dawn "coming up like thunder," and, consequently, by the Turks on the top of the hill too.

As this was the last thing I wanted, I sent a runner to find Headquarters and say that I was moving off, and without further ado started my left wheel and set off for Rummon.

For a time all went well, as the ground was reasonably good, but just as the leading sections struck the Turks advanced post, and these gave the alarm with a flare, dawn began to break, and before we could get to the village we were nicely visible to the Turk, who was hidden on and in the houses of the village.

The accompanying photographs, which were taken by Capt. Bateson, the M.O. of the Battalion, give an idea of the country

and approach to the village, with the house and loophole in which one of the machine guns was situated, which for a time did a considerable amount of damage, covering as it did the spur up which we had to advance.

A forward observation officer came with the company, and he managed to get us artillery support, when, following dawn's disclosure of our presence, the advance got hung up; but it was some time before they got the range of the houses and managed to stir the obstinate Turk, and time meant casualties; in fact, before we had the satisfaction of seeing the mud roofs flying it had been necessary for two platoons of "D" Company, under Lieut. Bennett, to be sent to give us a helping hand.

The original plan had been, that whilst part of the company attacked straight up the ridge, part came on it on the right, thus partly surrounding the village, and, it was hoped, would catch them as they came out. Owing to the apparently impossible nature of the left, no attempt was made in this direction.

By the time the two platoons of "D" came it was apparent in daylight that the left was possible and that they were able to make their effort in this direction, so that after a little battering by the artillery we were able to go at the village from this side. In the endeavours to get into the village, and in particular to silence the machine guns before either the gunners or Lieut. Bennett's two platoons had come to our assistance, many gallant attempts were made. Amongst these was one made by Lieut. H. M. Parry, who, dashing forward to try and bomb the machine gun, was mortally wounded, and was carried back to the shelter of a ledge of rock by Cpl. Fryatt, although he himself was badly wounded. Cpl. Fryatt had just been awarded the Military Medal a few days before, and distinguished himself on every occasion that the Company was in action. I believe that Lieut. Parry was awarded a posthumous M.C.

C.S.M. Hamilton, D.C.M., who in some extraordinary way always seemed to find time to jot down every casualty he saw and seemed to have some means of knowing every casualty which occurred, whether he saw it or not, invariably had the state of the company right to within one or two men after a show, on this occasion went forward

to the leading platoon with a message, and when there himself led a party in an attempt to get into the village. The attempt failed, but about this time the gunners started to get on to the village. C.S.M. Hamilton returned to Company Headquarters, and his first remark was, "Blimey! when I got out in front, I found I'd only got my pencil in my hand; I did feel a fool." It is impossible now to remember all the incidents of the show or the names of all the non-commissioned officers and men who distinguished themselves that morning.

By 8.30 a.m. the Turk had decided to clear out. Rummon became ours, and a show which had been sufficiently interesting to warrant the brigade and divisional staffs coming to watch it from the hill, known as "Grey Hill," came to a satisfactory end.

Altogether the Battalion helped to add no less than thirteen honours to the regimental list, and was solely responsible for the addition of eleven. Amongst these Rummon does not come, but for many of those now left of "C" Company the honour "Palestine, 1917-18" will always be bound up with the name of the dirty, flea-ridden little village called Rummon.

N. P. P.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

WE are very glad to welcome a further twenty-four annual subscribers to the Journal during the month of December. We are convinced that the magazine only wants to be more widely read in the Battalion to be appreciated, and hope that each issue will see an increase in the number of subscribers.

Winter training is now in full swing, intermingled with Battalion and Brigade competitions. While on this subject we would like to congratulate "D" Company on winning the Miniature Range Competition; they did not lose a single match either at home or away.

Details of the Battalion Efficiency Competition are published elsewhere, and we congratulate "B" Company on their success. Those who watched the soldiers mounting the "Ladder of Success" will see, however, that there were still plenty of rungs to be mounted, and it is hoped that the conclusion of this training season will

see at least one company right at the top of the ladder.

We are glad to have received some notes from "D" Company this quarter, and hope this will encourage a few more literary efforts from the others.

BATTALION EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

Below are shown the results of the various company competitions which counted towards Clay Memorial Shield for general efficiency during the training year 1924-25:—

Competition.	Companies.			
	A.	B.	C.	D.
King Cup, Miniature Range	20	40	—	60
Volunteer Cup, Lewis Gun	—	20	40	60
Warner Cup, Drill	—	40	20	60
Annual Musketry Course	—	—	20	60
Drill Attendances	120	207	174	49
Total	140	327	294	269
Less Absentees from Musketry	39	30	18	27
Final Total	101	297	276	242

BATTALION DANCE.

A very enjoyable dance was held at Headquarters on Saturday, December 19th. About 400 men of the Battalion and their friends, availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of seeing something of their comrades in other companies. We were also glad to see several of our friends from the Depot and the 8th and 9th Battalions. During the evening Col. King presented some of the medals and cups won during the late training year; prize-winners were as under:—

A.—INDIVIDUAL.

(1) *Territorial Efficiency Medal*.—C.S.M. Jenkins, Sergt. Allin.

(2) *Brigade Rifle Meeting—Individual Championship*: L./Cpl. J. Unwin, L./Cpl. Beadle, Sergt. Chase, Capt. Murray.

(3) *Battalion Rifle Meeting—Officers' Cup*: Lieut. A. S. Lindsay. *Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup*: Sergt. Munro, Sergt. Chase, C.S.M. Jenkins. *Marksman's Cup*: L./Cpl. P. H. Unwin, L./Cpl. Ellis, L./Cpl. Thomas, Pte. Fitzpatrick.

B.—COMPANY COMPETITIONS.

(1) *Arnold White Cup (Musketry)*.—"B" Company.

(2) *King Cup (Miniature Range)*.—"D" Company.

(3) *Volunteer Cup (Lewis Gun)*.—"D" Company.

(4) *Warner Cup (Drill)*.—"D" Company.

(5) *Clay Memorial Shield (Efficiency Competition)*.—"B" Company.

Great thanks are due to the dance committees under the directions of Capt. Framingham, Lieut. Doidge, and 2/Lieut. Kent for the excellent organization of the whole dance, and it is hoped that, encouraged by the success of this, another may be organized in the not too far distant future.

guard mounting, and Lewis gun. Having swept all before us in the Battalion Competition, we proceeded to the Brigade. Here our dazzling turn-out temporarily blinded the judges, and so, in spite of a mishap, we walked home first. In the guard-mounting, owing to the inevitable cigarette packet bulging one of the guard's pockets, we had to content ourselves with second. On returning from camp, we continued our successes, and found ourselves at the top in the King Cup Competition, beating each other Company twice in miniature range practices.

At present the non-commissioned officers



"D" COMPANY.

Winners of Brigade Drill Competition—Annual Training, 1925.

"D" COMPANY.

Having at last proved that we are in every sense a champion company, we feel justified in contributing to the Journal.

Not having appeared in the Journal for some time, we have to summarize our successful year's work. The enthusiasm that has animated the Company in the past year found its zenith at camp. Our successes were the result of hard work during the year at Enfield. Whether we are "of the gods beloved" or not, we managed to win the Battalion Competition in platoon drill,

are all busy on their course of instruction, preparatory to imparting knowledge to the men of the Company.

Our congratulations are due to C.S.M. Shaw on obtaining another year's extension; we are all pleased that he is staying with us a little longer.

On September 23rd the Company were taken to Wembley to see the Tattoo, the journey being made by bus, in unusual luxury. Many of us were thus enabled to appreciate for the first time the great traditions which inspire our Services, and

to realize more fully the true meaning of *esprit de corps*.

Our day—"Bounty night"—was on December 19th; obviously we had a full parade.

The one regrettable incident is that, after all the work L./Cpl. Wilson has done, our football team has not thrived as it should have; we hope that next season will show a much more satisfactory result.

RECRUIT.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

THE old Comrades' Quarterly Concert took place at the New Masonic Rooms (Goat and Compasses), Euston Road, W.C., on Saturday, January 2nd, 1926.

The Committee had arranged for some excellent artistes to appear, and, with a widely varied programme, a capital entertainment was provided.

Mr. E. Morris occupied the chair, and was supported by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., and Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.

The attendance did not come up to expectations, as special efforts had been made to secure a large assembly to celebrate the first concert in the new venue.

The Amateur Cup Tie between the 1st Battalion and the London Caledonians had something to do with this, as several officers, non-commissioned officers, and men at the Depot, who would have attended the concert, made the journey to Aldershot.

However, a nice family party congregated and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The following programme was rendered:

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Solo, Miss Minnie Stafford.
2. Humorous Song, "At Santa Barbara," (*Russell*), Mr. Joseph Coquard.
3. Song, "Arise, O Sun" (*Maude Craske Day*), Miss Winifred Wilson.
4. Character Song, "The Racy Rustic" (*Wren*), Mr. Charles Wren.
5. Comedy Song, "I'm Wonderful" (*Max Darewski*), Miss Dolly Desmond.
6. Song, "Cumberland Way" (*Meredith Lee*), Mr. H. J. Phipps.
7. Song, "Villanelle" (*Eva Dell'Acqua*), Miss Ethel Spencer.

8. Messrs. Charles Wren and Joseph Coquard in "Humoristics."
9. Song, "The Watchman" (*Squire*), Madame Alice Newby.
10. Song, "One of the Guards" (*Wolsey Charles*), Mr. Victor Knowles.
11. Interlude, "The Glee Party," The Dreadnought Glee Singers (Misses Winifred Wilson and Dolly Desmond, Messrs. H. J. Phipps, Charles Wren, and Joseph Coquard).

PART II.

1. Song, "On with the Motley" ("Pagliacci" *Leoncavallo*), Mr. H. J. Phipps.
2. Song, "Here in the Quiet Hills" (*Gerald Carne*), Miss Winifred Wilson.
3. Sketch, "The Tabloid Concert Party" (*Wren*), Mr. Charles Wren.
4. Song, "High upon the Hill" (*Sanderson*), Miss Ethel Spencer.
5. Duet, "Velvety Eyes," Miss Dolly Desmond and Mr. Joseph Coquard.
6. Song, "Sink, Red Sun" (*Teresa del Riego*), Madame Alice Newby.
7. Humorous Song, "Where did you find the Lady?" (*Neat*), Mr. Joseph Coquard.
8. Song, "Bells of the Sea" (*Alfred Solman*), Mr. Victor Knowles.
9. Comedy Song, "He's my Best Boy" (*Jack Foley*), Miss Dolly Desmond.
10. Messrs. Charles Wren and Joseph Coquard in "A Humorous Finale."

"God Save the King."

Accompanist: Miss Minnie Stafford.

It is indeed remarkable that considering the number of old members of all ranks of the Regiment who reside in, or near, Town, so few take advantage of the opportunity these concerts offer them of meeting their comrades of long ago.

Those who do attend are most enthusiastic about them; some even saying that they enjoy them better than the Annual Dinner. It is hoped, therefore, that everyone will combine to make the concerts as widely known as possible, and assist Mr. Morris and his committee to make them, at least, as popular as the annual gathering.

Among those present were:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (Chairman, Regimental Association), Lt.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Maj. and Mrs. E. L. Taggart, Capt. R. I. Paiba, Maj. F. S. Steed, Mr. Holwell, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Mr. Nethercott, Mr. E. Morris, Mdme. G. Corri, Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and Son, Mrs. Kerwin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Dellow, Miss Rogers, Mr. McLernon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock, Mr. Furniss, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mr. Watson, Mr. Barry Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Edey, Mr. Bailey, Mr. P. Foley, Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Gess, and Capt. D. Roberts.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Officers' Reunion Dinner was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on October 30th, 1925. It was pleasant to see so many old officers of the Battalion who take an interest in the Battalion of to-day. The small attendance of serving officers was unavoidable, owing chiefly to business engagements. Capt. Tremlett was there. He had come all the way from France, where he has been living for the past few years. All present were pleased to see Lieut.-Col. Ingpen too, whose absence from Cologne on leave made it possible for him to be present.

In spite of the fact that no allowances were available for payment from the Training Grant, twenty-six Officers and N.C.Os. took part in a tactical exercise without troops at Eastcote on Sunday, November 8th. This will probably be one of the last exercises to be held in that neighbourhood for some time, as the ground is becoming too well known to some of us. The officer who set the exercise is not sorry to have to change the ground. He finds that an irate farmer who lets loose a savage bull is a difficult factor to introduce into a tactical exercise, and yet is one which must be considered during the preliminary reconnaissance of the ground.

On Sunday, December 6th, another exercise was held in the same neighbourhood, but owing to the weather and the difficulties of transport this was not so well attended as the previous one.

The Battalion entered for the Territorial Army Football Cup again this year, and on Saturday, November 28th, 1925, met the team of the 4th Queen's on a home ground. Unfortunately our opponents were too strong for us and beat us 2—0.

On Saturday, November 28th, Lieut.-Col. Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., J.P., presented the Middlesex Justices' Shooting Shield and Medals to the Battalion team, the winners for 1925. The ceremony took place at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, before the ordinary business of the Court was commenced. Several of those who were present were offered a quiet "six month's hard" by various members of the legal profession who were in court, but begged to decline.

The next concert will take place at the Masonic Rooms (Goat and Compasses), 341, Euston Road, on Saturday, April 3rd next, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Gather round and turn up with your wives, sweethearts and friends, and assist Mr. Morris in making these functions the success they deserve.

There are no charges whatever, the object being to give ex-members of the Regiment an opportunity of meeting together and renewing the comradeship they formed while serving with the Colours.

BREWERS' LARGE ARMY CONTRACTS.

(Reprinted from "Aldershot News,"
October 16th, 1925.)

MESSRS. H. & G. SIMONDS, LTD., the well-known Army brewers, may be congratulated upon their excellent organization during the recent Army Brigade and Divisional trainings in the large area of Berkshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire.

They enjoyed the privilege of being selected to supply the malt liquors to all the troops, comprising the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions, the Cavalry Division, and the Royal Air Force, taking part, and expressions of general satisfaction have been recorded as to the successful manner in which the contracts were fulfilled.

In addition to the canteen supplies, Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., served upwards of eighty Sergeants' Messes, their own Canvas and Equipment Department being found equal to providing for each mess a rain-proof marquee, fitted up with tables, counter, lamps, etc., etc. This, alone, entailed the handling of some 100 tons of canvas and equipment and the necessary transport to and from Reading, also the staff for erecting and taking down the marquees at the many camps. Very favourable comment has also been made upon the firm's excellent mechanical transport employed throughout.

Since the last Battalion notes appeared we have lost a good friend in Capt. M. Thorne, who has joined his Regiment the Loyals, at Tidworth, on the expiration of his tour of duty with the 8th Middlesex Regiment. We were all very sorry to lose Capt. and Mrs. Thorne and wish them the best of luck with their new regiment.

Capt. Thorne's successor is Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, and he has already settled down so well that it seems almost too late to bid him welcome. Another new arrival is Mr. R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker whose service commenced with the Dorsets in 1914 in the early days of the war. He later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, but had the misfortune to be brought down behind the German lines where he had perforce to remain until the conclusion of hostilities.

"H.Q." WING.

On Wednesday, December 9th, "H.Q." Wing gave their Annual Christmas Tea and Entertainment to the wives and children of all married men in the Company. About 190 persons sat down to tea at long tables in the Drill Hall, after which a large Christmas Tree was displayed and Father Christmas came in and distributed presents to all the children. Later there was a Punch and Judy show. Among those present were Capt. and Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Wells, Capt. and Miss Dymore, R.S.M. and Mrs. White, R.Q.M.S. Griffin, and C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Roberts. The whole entertainment was voted a great success by all and great credit is due to R.S.M. White, C.Q.M.S. Roberts, and the rest of the Committee who organized it.

The same evening a concert was held, and the Company cups and prizes was distributed by Capt. H. A. Palmer. Owing to the Annual Christmas Miniature Range Competition not having been completed, prizes for this event, though as numerous as ever, could not be distributed. Capt. Palmer's Cup for the best shot in the Company, which comes with a cash prize of £1, went to Bdsn. Greenby, and a cash prize of 10s. for the best shot among the recruits was won by Pte. V. C. Mullalley. The Individual Efficiency Cup was awarded to Pte. W. Eyles, of the Transport Section, and the Edwards' Memorial Cup, for the most efficient "group," to No. 1 Group, Signalers and Drummers, who achieved the

remarkably good result of having 100 per cent. efficient members. In the course of a few remarks Capt. Palmer referred to the great honour done to the Battalion in having been chosen to represent the Territorial Army in the guard of honour at the opening of Wembley Exhibition. It might reasonably be inferred from that, he said, that our Battalion was the best in the Territorial Army, and since "H.Q." Wing was the Champion Company in the Battalion he thought they would be justified in saying that they belonged to the best company of the best battalion in the Territorial Army.

"H.Q." Wing suffered a sad loss by the death through accident of Bdsman. T. J. Ghost, who was run over by a steam lorry while bicycling home from his work on December 7th. The funeral took place on Monday, December 14th, at Isleworth, there being a long procession of mourners headed by the Regimental Band and including Capt. H. A. Palmer and six pallbearers from "H.Q." Wing. Among a large number of floral tributes were wreaths from "H.Q." Wing and R.S.M. White, and a harp from the Band. Bdsman. Ghost will not only be missed as a soldier and as a musician, but as a man who had many friends amongst all ranks in the Company.

"A" COMPANY.

Owing to the regular parades being cancelled in favour of N.C.Os. classes, we have been having a quiet time at Hampton during the last quarter. The situation in the money market has eased somewhat owing to the paying out of bounties, and our Saturday dances are still going strong, due to the unflagging energies of C.S.M. Manders and the ever-green C.Q.M.S. Unsted.

The outstanding event, though, has been the Christmas Party, held at the Drill Hall on December 23rd, to which all the wives and children of the men of the Company were invited. All the kiddies appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly. At this party was seen the unique sight of one perfectly good "Quarter-bloke" giving away something for nothing.

The New Year, we have decided, is to go down to posterity as "A" Company's year, so don't say we didn't tell you.

"B" COMPANY.

"B" Company and the Battalion Drums attended a special Church Parade Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ealing, on Sunday, November 8th, to commemorate the Armistice anniversary. Twenty-five ex-members of the Company attended the parade under the command of Mr. Butler (late C.S.M.). After the service the Company returned to the Drill Hall where, in the presence of the Mayor (Councillor A. A. Kimmett), Capt. P. W. Heanly, and Mr. Willoughby Garner, wreaths were placed on the Company War Memorial. The proceedings concluded with the "Last Post" and "Réveillé," and the National Anthem.

A wreath from the Company in the form of the Regimental Badge was placed on the Ealing War Memorial by C.S.M. Pain immediately after the service on Armistice Day.

"B" Company are on very hostile terms with the clerk of the weather. Rain ruined some of the plans for the summer camp held at Shoreham, the annual prize distribution last year took place on a night of pouring rain, and this year's only proved a variation in that sleet and half a gale accompanied the rain. Nevertheless though the wind blew open the windows and rattled the doors of the Drill Hall, and the Company showed a disposition to cluster round the glowing stoves, a cheery Christmas atmosphere triumphed over adverse climatic conditions, and there was a good attendance of officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

The presence of the Battalion band proved a great asset in the musical programme, which occupied the first part of the proceedings.

After Capt. Parmeter had given a report on the year's work, Mrs. A. C. Ruston kindly presented the prizes.

In conclusion, Major Lewey, who presided warmly thanked Mrs. Ruston for presenting the prizes, and the artistes who had freely given of their best, including Bdmr. Coleman and his instrumentalists.

At the conclusion of the presentation of cups and prizes by Mrs. Ruston, hearty cheers were raised for her and for Major Lewey.

"D" COMPANY.

We are all now recovering from the "Christmas Offensive," and having been forced to retire from our 1925 position, we are now advancing to take up a new line for 1926.

We congratulate C.S.M. Edwards, M.C., and Ptes. Wilkie and Hickman on greatly assisting the Battalion shooting team to win the Lord-Lieutenant's Shield this year.

While on the subject of shooting, we must mention that a very successful Christmas shoot was recently held, and the recruits registered some very good scores.

Our dances continue to draw crowds of enthusiastic supporters, and on New Year's Eve a fancy dress carnival was held, and the M.C. had the greatest difficulty in persuading the revellers that 2 a.m. was long past his bed-time. Hand-bell ringers were present to ring in the New Year.

Cpl. Price has recently distinguished himself by pluckily rescuing a boy from drowning.

Cpl. Mattingly has left us to take up an appointment in New Zealand. May good luck and success attend him.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

YELLOW FLASHES.

Nothing much happened at camp last year, except in-Tents Training.

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It is not true that "B" Company's Drill Hall is to be called "The Mayor's Nest."

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What is it that the Adjutant

And the R.S.M. have got,

Which the C.O. and the Major

And a whole lot more have not?

(The answer to this problem will be found in the Transport shed at Hounslow Drill Hall.)

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Since a man who joined the Army in 1915 has been disallowed marriage allowance on the ground that he is unable to produce a birth certificate to prove he is over twenty-six, Sergt. Scott of the Band has been looking out his, in case he should be paid as a boy next Annual Training.

We welcome among us our new Adjutant. Like his predecessor, he has a charming manner, a motor-car, and an untiring capacity for writing memos to Company Commanders.

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There was a young soldier of Whitton,
Who didn't know how to put kit on;
He wore his valise
Hanging over his knees,
And his belt round the place that you sit on.

MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

THE group of medals, with silver buckles attached, are engraved:—

Captain James Stewart, 57th Regt.

Capt. Stewart succeeded Col. Logan in command of the 57th Regiment in 1876. He commanded the Regiment in Ceylon, but owing to failing health was invalided in 1878 and was then succeeded by Col. C. Mansfield Clarke, now Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O.

The group includes the British and Turkish medals for the Crimea, and the medal for New Zealand, 1861-66.

The medal for the Crimea was granted by General Order No. 638, dated Horse Guards, 15th December, 1854. The Queen having been pleased to command that a medal bearing the word "Crimea," with appropriate device, shall be conferred upon all officers, non-commissioned officers, and private soldiers of Her Majesty's Army, etc., who have been engaged in the arduous and brilliant campaigns in the Crimea, and that clasps with the words, "Alma," or "Inkerman" thereon, shall also be awarded to such as may have been engaged in either of those battles.

On February 23rd, 1855, a clasp for Balaclava was granted, and on October 31st, 1855, a clasp for Sebastopol was added.

The clasps (one and three-tenth inches wide) are very ornamental and are formed of acorns and oak leaves. The bar from which the ribbon is suspended is also of an ornamental character, to suit the clasps, and is peculiar to this medal.

Obverse.—Diademed head of Queen Victoria.

Reverse.—A flying figure of Victory crowning a Roman warrior with a wreath, who is holding a sword in his right hand, and has on his left arm a round shield with a lion in centre. The word "Crimea" is in the left of the figure.

Ribbon.—Light blue, one and a quarter inches wide, with narrow yellow border.

The 57th Regiment received clasps for Balaclava, Inkerman, and Sebastopol.

The 77th Alma, Inkerman, and Sebastopol.

The group of medals are in the collection of Mr. E. E. Needes, who very kindly lent them to me to photograph.

E. MORRIS.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

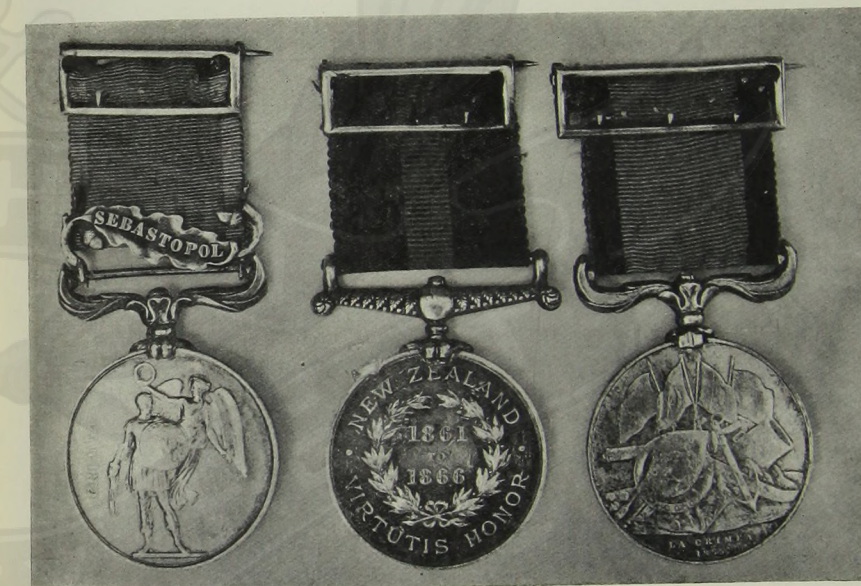
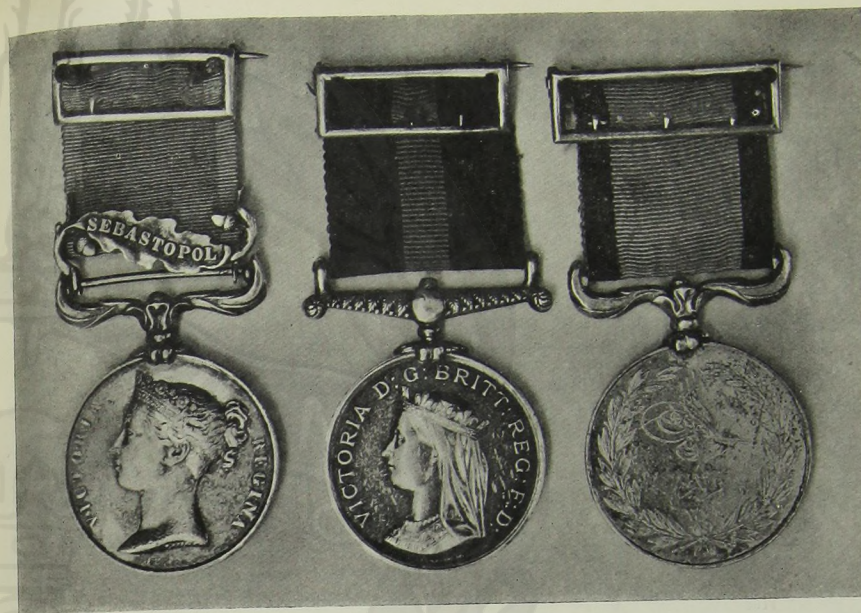
SHORTLY after the completion of our last notes the training year 1924-25 came to its close, and the efficient, and so-called efficient in many cases, retired to await snugly the arrival of their bounties. Whilst the non-efficients in some cases got them down to pen piteous pleas for no "direct action," and as usual promised to attend hundreds of parades next year. Another lot of miscreants "unmindful of their horrid fate," continue to gambol and probably gamble on their chance of being overlooked if, like Brer Rabbit, they lay low.

With all these we are in no way interested. The first are probably by now suffering all they deserve from ill-advised expenditure of their increment. We have heard the cries of the second so often that they leave us with a still stony heart, and the third we have yet to see in the "halls of justice."

We are left, lastly, with another class, who at this time of the year stand out on their own and who alone keep a battalion alive. Those, who with their bounty more than earned, come regularly to the Drill Halls and take an active part in whatever goes on there. To these, therefore, and their doings, our notes this time are practically devoted and dedicated.

Just before the end of the year this last class held two meetings, which we hope are going to bear abundant fruit in the near future.

Firstly, there was a meeting to revive the Miniature Rifle Club, and the support was sufficient to warrant the venture, although



it was realized that the Club must be self-supporting. A committee was formed, consisting of Sergt. Thompson, Pte. Connish, Pte. Littlefield, Cpl. Coggins, Pte. Mancer, Pte. Spicer, and L./Cpl. Holliwell.

Sergt. Soden undertook the duties of Secretary, and Sergt. Hine those of Treasurer. Rules were drawn up and the Committee got to work with such energy that a very good membership was rapidly raised, and if, as we anticipate, the musketry next year rises again with a big bound we shall owe a very great deal to the Committee, and especially to the Secretary, for the enormous amount of work they have put in. Up to date the Club has paid its way, though the price of ammunition was at first so small that it has since been found necessary to raise it.

A sealed handicap during November resulted in a win for Pte. Goss, with L./Sergt. Miller second, and a spoon shoot, the first week in December, ended with a win for Capt. Sherwood in the scratch event, and Pte. Littlefield in the handicap event.

The Christmas shoot was revived this year at Headquarters, and just before the festive season various members of the Rifle Club, aided by the permanent staff, started to collect prizes. The result exceeded our expectations, and a splendid variety of prizes, varying from a live goose down to the threat of a black eye from a pacifist, were collected from local tradesmen and others.

Sixty targets were taken out and there were forty prize-winners, which included every competitor even down to those who had fired in such a truly Christmas spirit that bulls and even the targets were things of small account. There were no "wash-outs" let us add, even the lowest scorer may possibly have had only four of the ten shots off the scoring face of the target, and six hits counting one each.

The prizes were distributed on Wednesday evening, the 23rd, by which time the "live" goose had arrived on parade, but, fortunately for the winner, the donor had had it "put to sleep" first, so that there was no danger of it fighting with the legs of mutton and rounds of beef, and with a little cooking would be ready to receive an assault by the carvers complete with steel, which were another prize.

A complete list of prize-winners and their spoils would take up too much space. The first prize, however, was won by Sergt.

Soden, who having won six spoons last year now selected a tea service to go with them. Second prize was gained by Sergt. Thompson; third prize to L./Sergt. Miller. In addition to the prizes in kind, the first and second prize-winners received a chit for goods to the value of £1 and 15s. respectively, and in both cases the winners very sportingly asked to hand them back to provide prizes for another shoot, an example followed by Sergt. Hine, who gave back his prize for another competition.

Thus, as a result of the shoot, apart from a cheery meeting, we have from the entrance fees and prizes given back the foundation of a prize fund which puts the Club still more on its feet.

Before passing on we must add that one prize was a box of twenty-five cigars, and immediately after the prize distribution no less than twenty-three of these cigars were in full blast, providing a scene of opulence never before experienced in the Drill Hall, although we have it on the authority of a member of a local body that Territorials spend all their money on "Food and drink, and even cigars."

The second meeting was for boxers and physical training enthusiasts, and here we were most fortunate enough to have Sergt. Brooks ready to instruct. Many Regular and ex-Regular soldiers will remember him both as a sergeant-cook and a physical training instructor in the 1st Battalion, with whom he did much for boxing in the early days after the war.

Having done much for the inner man as sergeant-cook in camp, present conditions would go to show that he is likely to make us at last a power in the T.A. boxing world.

At any rate on December 10th, the London General Omnibus Co. held their local Divisional Boxing Tournament, and very kindly put up prizes for two weights open to our men only. The entries were limited to novices training under Sergt. Brooks, and the results were in practically every case, as far as boxing went, a real credit to the instructor, in particular one must mention the bout between Pte. I. G. Whyborn and Pte. Dunn, the winner and runner-up of the 9st. 9lb. competition.

The results were:—

9st. 9lb.—Pte. Dunn beat Pte. Fielding.
Pte. I. G. Whyborn beat Pte. Foster.
Final: Pte. Whyborn beat Pte. Dunn.

10st.—Cpl. Stenhouse beat Pte. Lloyd.

Before finishing with December 10th, Pte. Garrett, of "D" Company, was engaged in a special contest of six rounds, and put up what was probably the pluckiest fight of the night. Pte. Garrett lives at Hendon and therefore cannot easily attend Sergt. Brook's classes, but we sincerely hope that the trainer at his club will remember in training him that boxing knowledge alone, nor a real good heart, will necessarily win, and that the proper physical training exercises will turn him from a plucky loser into a winner.

In closing our boxing notes we hope very much that a scheme we have for a team from the 1st Battalion coming up to meet a team of ours will be a real fact by the time these notes are published or very soon afterwards, but all these things take a lot of correspondence and time to arrange, and it is no use starting to fix anything up until we find a team.

Before leaving the L.G.O.C. boxing show, Mr. Findlater expressed himself so pleased that he offered a challenge cup to the Battalion for boxing. As there is already an Inter-Company Cup, this will probably be awarded to the weight for which there are most entries. And we hope that his very generous lead will be followed by others and thereby trophies will be provided for all weights.

The following promotions have been made during the quarter:—

6193006 L./Sergt. R. Thompson, "H.Q." Coy.: To Sergeant.

6193961 L./Sergt. F. Maloney, "C" Coy.: To Sergeant.

6196279 Pte. S. Missen, "H.Q." Coy.: To be Lance-Corporal.

6196070 Pte. A. Galbraith, "H.Q." Coy.: To be Lance-Corporal.

We congratulate the undermentioned on having been accepted for the Regular Army:—

6196131 Pte. F. G. Dear, "C" Coy.: To 7th Hussars.

6196475 Pte. W. Griffiths, "B" Coy.: To Royal Regiment of Artillery.

6196620 Pte. A. Hewitt, "B" Coy.: To Royal West Kent Regiment.

On November 8th the Battalion attended church parade at Willesden Parish Church, and the members of the Council also attended. The Parish Church is very small, fortunately, and so does not take much

filling, for in any large building the parade would have been lost.

The number of Battalion parades during the year is small in all, but the attendances at these parades are so meagre as to be a bad advertisement for the Battalion on these rare public appearances, especially as these parades are only held upon special occasions when, all else apart, any man with *esprit de corps* should make a point of attending.

Before marching off from the church the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the memorial in the churchyard.

On Armistice Day about 500 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and their relatives and friends, assembled in the hall by 8 p.m., when the doors were closed, and the Battalion band, under Bandmaster H. J. Rouse, started the programme with the "Elegy" from the "Cockney Suite" by Ketelbey. The scene in the hall at the opening was most impressive; in front of the Battalion memorial were posted sentries with reversed arms, the colours of the Battalion, and buglers and drummers, whilst the memorial itself was draped with the Battalion flag and bunting of regimental colours, and below it were banked some beautiful chrysanthemums of yellow and maroon, which were very kindly lent to the Battalion for the night. Just inside the main doors were piled the drums of the Battalion draped with the Union Jack.

Immediately after the "Elegy" a short memorial service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Smith, Vicar of Willesden, during which the buglers sounded the "Last Post," and "Réveillé," the latter being blown by buglers outside the hall on the roof, with the exception of the last few bars, which were taken up by the buglers within the hall as well. Just before the last hymn the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the memorial, and with the playing of the regimental march, "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "God save the King," the short but impressive service ended. Within two minutes the piled drums had been removed; the drummers, buglers, and sentries—with the exception of one, who remained on guard with the Colours—had marched off; and a table with the Battalion trophies had been moved into position, and all was in readiness for the prize distribution.

PRIZES PRESENTED.

The Commanding Officer, before asking Mrs. Tupper to give away the prizes, followed the usual custom of giving a short account of the Battalion's doings during the year. Amongst the points made by the Commanding Officer were the great improvement made in musketry this year both by the trained men and the recruits; the substantial increase in recruits—130 this year, as compared with 90 last year; and the truly excellent performance of the Machine Gun Platoon, who had averaged over 80 drills a man during the year. Col. Beach also mentioned that the Battalion had attended the opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, and had been the only infantry unit from the Eastern Command to provide a guard of honour at the Empire Day service.

The list of prizes and winners was:—

Crowborough Cup.—“G” Company (Band, Signallers, Drummers), Willesden.

Best Company Rifle Average.—“G” Company (Band, Signallers, Drummers), Willesden.

Best Company Lewis Gun Average.—“D” Company, Hendon.

Best Average Attendance.—“G” Company (Band, Signallers, Drummers), Willesden.

Best Company T.A.R.A. Competitions.—“A” Company, Willesden.

Sherwood Shield.—“D” Company, Hendon.

Inter-Company N.C.O.'s Cup.—“C” Company, Harrow and Wealdstone.

Best W.O. and N.C.O., Rifle.—C.S.M. Todman, Harrow and Wealdstone.

Best Private, Rifle.—Pte. Austin, Willesden.

Best Recruit, Rifle.—Dmr. Stenhouse, Willesden.

Best Score, any Rank.—T.A.R.A., C.S.M. Todman, Harrow and Wealdstone.

Best Score, Recruit, T.A.R.A.—Pte. Aves, Willesden.

The Tactical Cup.—“A” Company, Willesden.

Guard Mounting.—“C” Company, Harrow and Wealdstone.

Officers' Shooting Cup.—Capt. H. Sherwood.

Field Firing Cup.—“A” Company, Willesden.

Brigade Lewis Gun Competition.—“A” Company, Willesden.

Brigade Recruits' Competition.—“D” Company, Hendon.

Commanding Officers' Bugler.—Dmr. L. Jenkins, Willesden.

The dances this year have been adding numerous grey hairs to the unhappy committee; nothing seems to have gone right for them. A fair attendance came to the first dance, but the band were not up to the standard they had themselves set primarily; then the attendances fell, and one or two had to be postponed, and instead of the dances being a source of income we have had to install a penny-in-the-slot machine to try and recover the deficit. By the way, the Depot officers gave the machine a splendid try-out on its first night—in fact, it has never gone well since—and when L./Cpl. Maguire got a chit for 2s. 6d. from it, it broke its heart. This is being repaired. But to revert to the dances: if they have not paid, they have had very good shows, and we understand that not only all dances, but the cinemas too, have had a thin time lately, and we are confident that Sergt. Morris and his committee will eventually reap their reward, especially when they manage to stop the leakage of people who are present, but don't pay. We have been very pleased to see at the dances a good number of N.C.O.s and men from the Depot and 1st Battalion, and hope that the sight of them in their uniform, whether khaki or blue, will spur on the N.C.O.s and men of the Battalion to attend in uniform and the N.C.O.s. to get them into blue.

As usual, the New Year Dance was packed to overflowing, but although it was supposed to be fancy dress the number of dancers in anything but ordinary dress was very small. However, some of the fancy dress costumes were excellent, and the judges in the costume parade were not to be envied.

Miss Furness very kindly consented to give away the prizes, and the presentations were made amid loud applause.

During the evening the Commanding Officer, on behalf of the Battalion, presented to R.Q.M.S. Bowles a silver fruit dish as a wedding present from the Battalion, and we cannot close our notes more happily than by wishing him and Mrs. Bowles the best of luck and long life, and to all our friends in the Regiment a very Happy New Year.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

An envelope has been received addressed to the “Regt. Mental-Segt. Major.” Is this intended for another expression of opinion of W.O.s. by one of the awkward squad?

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Whether the pacifist gentleman who, in refusing to give a prize for shooting on the grounds that he didn't approve of it, threatened to give the caller a black eye, is likely to put up a prize for boxing?

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Is not the man who sent a registered envelope and requested that his bounty be sent to him in it, having done no drills, no camp, and no musketry, in the running for the title of the world's greatest optimist?

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Who *did* have the leg of mutton?

“B” COMPANY.

“B” Company's period of rest is over, and the time has now arrived to gain some laurels. Last year we were unfortunate to be the only company who did not figure in the prize-giving, and now we are determined to have a good try for the Weapon Training Shield. The Company dinner is to be held on February 20th, and we hope to see a large gathering of past and present members of the Company. Last year 50 were present, and this year we optimistically hope to see 150.

Parades during the winter have been satisfactory, and a number of new faces have appeared; we heartily welcome these, and hope to see them frequently during the spring.

“B” Company have been doing well individually on the miniature range, Capt. Sherwood and Pte. Littlefield having in particular distinguished themselves; the latter, we hope, will soon be one of the pillars of the Company.

In conclusion, we wish all members of the Company a very Happy New Year.

“C” COMPANY.

It is a long time since the Company sported any notes in this worthy journal, so that the writer hopes that these will be received and inwardly digested more as a rarity than a painful duty, and “waste

their sweetness on the desert air,” otherwise the canteen shelf.

The year's training is now finished, and bounties have gone to swell the funds of the local churches and the pockets of the local brewers, etc. By winning three cups and our old Shield we have finished off a good performance, considering our size. What a good thing it is for the rest of the Battalion we have not the numbers of “D”!

The postponement of our children's Christmas party owing to diphtheria in the district came as a disappointment, after the strenuous efforts very kindly made to raise the funds, especially those of C.S.M. and Mrs. Tisdale, the organizers. But there is no doubt that, although held a month after Christmas, it will be a complete success.

Perhaps now that we have a porch intending recruits will not be blown out of the hall before a little gentle persuasion can be applied, as was suggested some time ago by a kind friend.

If a few pictures of “Home, Sweet Home” were combined with our new radiators and electric light, the “human spot” might be more than “touched.”

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If “Father Christmas” considered paying out bounties good practice?

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Whether it is true that he is frequenting the Quartermaster's stores in order to study the correct expressions?

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If it broke a certain company cook's heart to see two of his comrades playing billiards in the canteen on “bounty night”?

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The comments of a sergeant's wife when she discovered that he had absent-mindedly hung his hat on the garden hedge and slept in his uniform?

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If there is any truth in the rumour that the C.S.M. loans out small amounts on next year's bounty?

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Who takes care of the “Canteen Committee” when the canteen's taking care?

If it is true that solicitors who have served in the Regiment are called "Lie-Hards"?

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The name of the N.C.O. who got that "Blue" feeling and Dyed-Hard—his second suit?

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What our "Clutching Hand" and delegate said about it?

"D" COMPANY.

We have been having a very slack period with regard to the training since the last notes appeared. Everybody seemed to be "hanging back for bounties." The N.C.Os. Weapon Training Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, that went off with such a swing, finally fizzled out to having only half a dozen on parade; however, some very valuable lessons have been learnt, and the results should be very noticeable in the forthcoming Winter Weapon Training Competition.

The social side of things are going with a swing; we are running a billiard handicap, the entries for which have been very poor, but, according to the keenness shown, we shall have a better show next time. The organizers must apply to the management of the Cricklewood Hall for a commission, as all our "stiffs" seem to be going down there for practice.

On November 21st we held a series of games with "A" Company which proved a great success, except that the social, which should have been held after, had to be cut out owing to the death of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra. It is regretted that the results of the games have been lost, and the N.C.O. responsible has been recommended for promotion for losing them; but as far as can be ascertained the result was a draw!

We are running fortnightly dances, which are going very well, but we would like to see a few more N.C.Os. and men of the Company present at these.

Very sad to relate that the Company lost the Crowborough Cup, and will not therefore appear in this journal as Champion Company this year; but while congratulating "G" Company on their win, we hope to regain the trophy next year.

The Company Annual Dinner was a huge success, and the full report from the local paper is published herewith:—

"The annual dinner of 'D' Coy. 9th Bn. Middlesex Regiment was held at the Drill Hall, Algernon Road, Hendon, on Saturday. The function was postponed from November 28th owing to the death of Queen Alexandra. A large company sat down under the chairmanship of Capt. G. L. Fox, who is in command of 'D' Company, and among others present were Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E. (Commanding Officer of the Battalion), Col. A. Passingham, O.B.E. (secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Army Association), Col. A. G. Bartholomew, O.B.E., Councillor C. C. Cartwright (chairman of the Hendon U.D.C.), Major P. V. Cotton, O.B.E., Major G. W. H. Tupper, Capt. H. Sherwood, Capt. N. P. Proctor, M.C. (adjutant), Capt. W. Melliush-Jackson, Lieut. S. H. Towell, and 2/Lieut. T. P. Coubro.

The toast of 'The King' and 'The Prince of Wales' (Colonel-in-Chief) having been proposed from the chair, Lieut.-Col. Beach proposed the toast of 'The Regiment.'

"In the 9th Battalion, he said, a special point was made of trying to cultivate the regimental spirit. It was a high ideal and was not easy to carry out, but if the members did carry it out they would gain satisfaction themselves and get very practical results. The regiment had been in existence for over 150 years, and had been through all the great events in English history during that time, all battalions taking a prominent part in those events. No one who realized that fact could be satisfied with whatever standard they had arrived at; they would feel that however good they were they could undoubtedly become better. The speaker appealed to the younger members to realize that they belonged to a very great body which had enormous traditions behind it. He regretted that, doubtless owing to the nearness to London, there was very little county *esprit de corps* in Middlesex. Nevertheless, he lived in hope of a better county spirit, and he felt that the Territorial battalions served a very useful purpose in pushing forward this county spirit.

"Expressing his pleasure at the presence of Councillor Cartwright, Col. Beach said the Battalion were fortunate in knowing and

coming in contact with persons who were prominent in civic life, and so helping to form a link between the county regiment and the local authorities in the county. He hoped this would help to raise 'D' Company to full strength.

"Col. Passingham responded and said the Territorial Association were very proud of their battalions. They were one regiment, and all did their best to work together for the traditions of the 'Die-Hards.' As a regular officer, he was very proud of 'D' Company, and looked upon them as a very important part of the regiment. He regretted that they were not up to full strength, but he hoped they would be able to do something through the presence that night of the chairman of the District Council. The members of the company, also, could do much among their friends.

"OXFORD 'BAGS' AND PUTTEES.

"Col. Bartholomew, proposing the health of 'D' Company, said it was up to the Hendon people to bring the company up to strength. It was true that the young man of to-day would rather wear Oxford 'bags' than puttees; but from what he had seen of the Hendon boys he believed that even if they wore Oxford 'bags' sometimes they were not afraid of work. He felt that the reason for the shortage of numbers was that the people of Hendon did not know enough about the Territorials.

"Capt. Fox briefly responded, and proposed the health of 'The Guests,' coupling with the toast the name of Councillor Cartwright.

"Councillor Cartwright, responding, said it had been suggested that the deficiency in the strength of 'D' Company was somewhat due to the local authority. As chairman of that authority for the time being, he candidly admitted that he was not conscious of a circular having reached him asking the authority to do what it could for the Territorial Regiment of Middlesex. He looked upon the Territorial movement as an essential thing for the well-being of the country, however, and he would do all he could to assist them. Probably everyone there that night had friends who were not members of the Territorial Force, and by talking to them they could do a lot. But they must remember that they only wanted men of character—men who undertook to do certain things when they joined. 'Heaven knows,

we do not want another war!' said Councillor Cartwright, 'but if the time comes when this country is challenged again, this country will not be in the background. The "Die-Hard" spirit still lives and will be carried on, I am sure, as long as England carries out her duties as she does. I wish you all success.'

"THE YEAR'S TROPHIES.

"The prizes gained during the year were then presented by Col. Passingham as under:—

"Section Challenge Cup.—No. 10 Section (Cpl. Mannall).

"Musketry Cup.—Cpl. Gray.

"Efficiency Cup (Drills and Musketry).—Cpl. Gray.

"Recruits Cup.—Pte. Patterson.

"Brigade Young Soldiers' Competition.—Ptes. Patterson, Rice, Morrison, Perry, Mansbridge, Madden, Rawlings, and McCarthy."

THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

The Annual Dinner of the Club was held on December 12th at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue, with Col. W. F. Cheesewright, D.S.O., presiding. There were 38 members and guests present, including the following officers:—

Colonels: W. F. Cheesewright, D.S.O.; C. F. W. Dimond, T.D.

Lieutenant-Colonels: F. J. Bull, O.B.E., T.D.; R. H. Grey, V.D.; C. R. Johnson, T.D.; F. W. Miller, M.C.; V. N. Pearson, D.S.O.

Majors: R. H. Forster, M.C.; A. E. Hart; C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D.; A. W. Lewey; J. G. Overbury; D. B. Watson, M.C.

Captains: A. W. Carter; H. Jeans; L. C. Landragin; D. F. Lapraik; N. B. MacIvor, M.C.; E. G. C. Pauley, M.C.; K. Rayner, M.C.; F. W. Wallis; A. G. Watson.

Messrs. W. C. Bennett, B. K. Cattell, P. F. Frost, L. Goodban, and D. Topham.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and all agreed that this annual reunion was fully appreciated.

Lieutenants.		Quarter-Master.		Lt.-Colonel.		2nd Lieutenants.		Territorial battalions affiliated to the Regiment.	
Newbery, R. E., M.C.	26Feb.19	Dymore, H., M.C.	19Aug.20	Beach, G., O.B.E., rd	17Aug.22	Heffer, H.	17Mar.24	7th City of London Regt (Post Office Rifles)	
Wells, E. T. W.	1Mar.19	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		Major.		Furness, G. J. B.	30July24		
Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D.	6July22			Tupper, G. W. H.	7Jan.21	Ryan, J. W. S.	24Oct.24		
Boys, R. H. G.	5July22			rd f.d.		Coubro, T. P.	23June25	24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.5.	
Jewson, D. A.	12Aug.23			Captains.		Adjutant.			
Wells, R. B.	20July24	Cadet Units affiliated.		Lamont, J. N., M.C.	1June16	Procter, N. P., M.C., capt. Middx. R.	1Mar.24		
Pattison, P. R.	1Nov.24	2 Cadet Bn. Middx R.		Findlay, L. F.	23Oct.21	Lawson, E. C., M.C. (Capt. Res. of Off.)	15July24	19th London Regiment (St. Pancras)	
Pattison, D. R.	13Nov.24	2-2 Cadet Bn. Middx R.		Fox, G. L.	17Aug.22	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]			
Heanly, R. L. S. W.	28July25			Sherwood, H.	22Oct.22	Cadet Unit affiliated.			
2nd Lieutenants.		9th Battalion (Territorial).		Lieutenants.		No. 1 Co. 3 Cadet Bn Middx R.		The figure of St. Pancras	
Elliott, P. R. H.	22July24	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.		Hogg, F. G.	2Feb.23			76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
Cary, R. C.	11Mar.25			Furlong, I. E.	11May23				
Adjutant.		Hon. Colonel.		Hewson, A. S.	9June23				
Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt.	1Oct.25	Blumfeld, J. L., rd f.d.	10 Jan. 22	Townell, S. H.	25June23				
Lieut. Middx. R.				Wright, L. C.	24Dec.21				

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O'S.

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	H. Anderson, M.C.	1st	1/5/20
R.S.M.	F. Fane	2nd	29/9/23
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	Depot	26/9/24
Bdmm.	J. Clarke	1st	26/6/16
Bdmm.	H. Clibbens	2nd	22/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. Clark	1st	21/6/17
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	Depot	15/7/24
R.Q.M.S.	H. Baker, D.C.M.	2nd	30/12/24
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	9th	30/1/15
C.S.M.	C. Green	6th	18/4/16
C.S.M.	J. Walker	1st	3/7/16
C.S.M.	W. Beaman	1st	1/9/17
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	Depot	4/9/18
C.S.M.	S. Cox	2nd	9/7/23
C.S.M.	H. Siddons	2nd	29/9/23
C.S.M.	E. Crouch	1st	1/9/24
C.S.M.	C. Davis	2nd	13/10/24
C.S.M.	E. Burns	2nd	28/1/25
C.S.M.	H. Rand	2nd	28/1/25
C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	26/3/25
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	19th Lond.	26/5/25
C.S.M.	C. Goodall	7th	4/6/25
C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	1st	10/8/25
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	1st	28/10/25
C.Q.M.S.	W. Gray	Depot	1/8/20
C.Q.M.S.	F. Cushion	2nd	2/2/22
C.Q.M.S.	J. Cook	1st	12/10/22
C.Q.M.S.	S. Steadman	2nd	23/7/23
C.Q.M.S.	H. Lydiat	1st	15/7/24
C.Q.M.S.	T. Smith	2nd	13/10/24
C.Q.M.S.	C. Kent	2nd	4/2/25
C.Q.M.S.	W. O'Brien	2nd	27/2/25
C.Q.M.S.	R. Flatman, D.C.M.	1st	26/5/25
C.Q.M.S.	C. King	1st	26/5/25
C.S. (O.R.S.)	R. Fox	1st	1/4/24
C.S. (O.R.S.)	W. Pilley	2nd	15/1/25
C.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	13/6/25
Sgt.	C. Shaw	7th	30/1/12
Sgt.	F. Sparkes	8th	25/9/14
Sgt.	W. Sperry, M.C.	2nd	23/12/14
Sgt.	J. Goldstraw	Depot	26/4/15
Sgt.	F. Rose	8th	2/5/15
Sgt.	F. Campbell, D.C.M.	1st	11/7/15
Sgt.	A. Baynham	1st	13/10/15
Sgt.	C. Cook	Supn.	19/10/15
Sgt.	G. Hoadley	1st	20/11/15
Sgt.	W. Green, D.C.M.	1st	18/2/17
Sgt.	H. Manders	8th	28/2/17
Sgt.	L. Hills	2nd	26/4/17
Sgt.	W. West	2nd	10/9/17
Sgt.	E. Kelly	9th	20/11/17
Sgt.	E. Pain	1st	26/10/18
Sgt.	King	1st	18/1/19
Sgt.	C. Mabb	1st	19/9/19
Sgt.	W. Moore	1st	7/11/19
Sgt.	S. Speakes	1st	1/5/20
Sgt.	H. Glover	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	C. Cox	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	A. Walker	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	A. Mayhew	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	W. Palmer	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	E. Margrave	2nd	15/5/20
Sgt.	W. Willard, M.M.	1st	3/11/20
Sgt.	E. Heath	1st	20/11/20
Sgt.	J. Wilcockson	Depot	30/11/20
Sgt.	J. Cook	2nd	30/11/20
Sgt.-Dmr.	G. Goodwin	1st	1/7/21
Sgt.	H. Darby	Depot	25/8/21
Sgt.	E. Walsh	7th	25/8/21
Sgt.	J. Hart	2nd	25/8/21
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	19th Lond.	25/8/21
Sgt.	Goldsmith	1st	25/8/21
Sgt.	H. Hart	Depot	9/1/22
Sgt.	W. Thompson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	G. Capel	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	S. Wilson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	8th	22/1/22
Sgt. (O.R.C.)	C. Stuart	1st	23/4/23
Sgt.	F. Hill	2nd	22/8/23
Sgt.	S. Colbourne	2nd	6/10/23
Sgt.	V. O-terholme	1st	10/10/23
Sgt.	R. Mewett	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Leatherby	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Connors	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	H. Hewett	2nd	10/1/24
Sgt.	T. Massey	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24
Sgt.	G. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	G. Collen	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
Sgt. (I.M.)	J. Griffen	Depot	11/6/24
Sgt. (I.M.)	V. Bruckman	1st	15/7/24

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	L. Simmonds	2nd	24/8/24	Cpl.	E. Lione	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	L. Clarke	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	W. Grace	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	W. Clements	Depot	10/11/24	Cpl.	C. Olden	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	J. Beaveridge	2nd	28/1/25	Cpl.	T. Hannah	1st	2/2/24
Sgt.-Dmr.	W. Palmer	2nd	4/2/25	Cpl.	O. Phelps	1st	5/2/24
Sgt.	F. Draper	2nd	17/2/25	Cpl.	G. Egan	1st	16/2/24
Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	19/2/25	Cpl.	J. Stretton	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	S. Ingle	2nd	27/2/25	Cpl.	Kelly	Depot	12/3/24
Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	18/3/24
Sgt.	E. Burt	1st	26/3/25	Cpl.	E. Norman	1st	7/5/24
Sgt.	E. Flemming	1st	16/4/25	Cpl.	E. Howard	2nd	4/5/24
Sgt.	G. Lambert	1st	26/5/25	Cpl.	W. Tibble	1st	11/6/24
Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	26/5/25	Cpl.	S. Davis	2nd	2/7/24
Sgt.	S. Tibbs	1st	1/6/25	Cpl.	C. Lewis	1st	16/7/24
Sgt.	W. Raindle	1st	16/8/25	Cpl.	W. Howard	2nd	23/7/24
Sgt.	W. Overton	1st	28/10/25	Cpl.	W. Patterson	2nd	28/7/24
L./Sgt.	L. Fairchild	2nd	*5/12/21	Cpl.	C. Soper	1st	16/7/24
L./Sgt.	W. Fletcher	2nd	*1/12/22	Cpl.	G. Goss	Depot	1/9/24
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett	Depot	*30/1/23	Cpl.	H. Sammons, M.M.	1st	29/10/24
L./Sgt.	S. Mason	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	A. Stenning	1st	10/11/24
L./Sgt.	C. Banfield	2nd	*12/1/24	Cpl.	S. Burgess	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	C. Taylor	Depot	*19/1/24	Cpl.	V. Hall	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	B. Gray	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	A. Wright	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence	1st	*20/2/24	Cpl.	S. Bishop	2nd	11/11/24
L./Sgt.	G. Bone	2nd	*30/8/24	Cpl.	W. Swindon	1st	*25/11/24
L./Sgt.	G. Clift	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	G. Rawlings	1st	*25/11/24
L./Sgt.	J. Trapp	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	F. Denchfield	2nd	27/12/24
L./Sgt.	Robbins	Depot	*1/9/24	Cpl.	R. King	1st	30/12/24
L./Sgt.	E. Hazledene	2nd	22/10/24	Cpl.	J. Brown	2nd	4/2/25
L./Sgt.	T. Tiller	2nd	17/2/25	Cpl.	R. Ecclestone	Depot	19/2/25
L./Sgt.	S. Hawkins	1st	20/2/25	Cpl.	S. Copelin	2nd	24/2/25
L./Sgt.	A. Ward	1st	*26/3/25	Cpl.	L. Johnson	2nd	27/2/25
L./Sgt.	H. Warren	Depot	26/3/25	Cpl.	Kennett	1st	1/3/25
L./Sgt.	A. Clifford	2nd	17/5/25	Cpl.	A. Williams	1st	20/3/25
L./Sgt.	T. Page	1st	*1/6/25	Cpl.	J. O'Brien	1st	16/4/25
L./Sgt.	W. Bennett	1st	*1/6/25	Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	26/5/25
L./Sgt.	H. Thomas	1st	*8/6/25	Cpl.	L. Honeybun	1st	26/5/25
L./Sgt.	W. Travarthen	1st	17/8/25	Cpl.	E. Leggett	1st	26/5/25
L./Sgt.	F. Stacey	1st	28/10/25	Cpl.	A. Secretan	2nd	5/5/25
Cpl.	R. Green	1st	1/5/20	Cpl.	J. Jones	2nd	8/5/25
Cpl.	J. Sharman	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	T. Ballard	2nd	13/5/25
Cpl.	H. Wilson	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	W. Eldrett	1st	1/6/25
Cpl.	W. Floyd	2nd	1/5/20	Cpl.	W. McMurdie	1st	4/6/25
Cpl.	R. Wood	2nd	13/5/20	Cpl.	E. Bearne	Depot	15/6/25
Cpl.	E. Aird	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	F. Colton	2nd	3/11/25
Cpl.	L. Baker	2nd	30/11/20	Cpl.	G. Atkins	2nd	3/11/25
Cpl.	J. Bray	1st	29/12/20	Cpl.	C. Kingdom	Depot	*28/10/25
Cpl.	F. Thompson	1st	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	J. Murphy	1st	*20/8/20
Cpl.	R. Newcombe	1st	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Sando	Depot	*1/1/21
Cpl.	G. Horrex	Depot	1/7/21	L./Cpl.	B. Pope	1st	*1/4/21
Cpl.	R. Holder	1st	18/7/21	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	2nd	*21/11/21
Cpl.	H. Clarke	2nd	9/1/22	L./Cpl.	G. Skeats	1st	*12/10/22
Cpl.	H. Ruff	2nd	10/1/22	L./Cpl.	J. Morden	1st	*24/1/23
Cpl.	H. Barker	2nd	4/3/22	L./Cpl.	J. Painter	1st	*23/3/23
Cpl.	R. Ruttledge	2nd	17/11/22	L./Cpl.	A. Reed	1st	*1/4/23
Cpl.	J. Steward	Depot	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	W. Tomkins	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	G. McDonald	1st	1/4/23	L./Cpl.	W. Curl	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	A. Jones	1st	10/4/23	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	1st	*13/7/23
Cpl.	F. Button	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	G. Staines	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	H. Myland	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	G. Green	1st	*27/7/23
Cpl.	F. Buckley	2nd	4/7/23	L./Cpl.	R. Arniboldi	Depot	*13/7/23
Cpl.	W. Bratby	2nd	21/8/23	L./Cpl.	L. Yesterley	1st	*30/8/23
Cpl.	C. Newton	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	L. Priddy	1st	*7/9/23
Cpl.	G. Hatfield	2nd	12/12/23	L./Cpl.	H. Short	Depot	*8/10/23
Cpl.	C. Mardle	1st	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	G. Sewell	1st	*8/10/23
Cpl.	W. Duckmanton	Depot	19/12/23	L./Cpl.	G. Mills	1st	*8/10/23
Cpl.	J. West	1st	11/1/24	L./Cpl.	A. Wallace	1st	*8/10/23
Cpl.	H. Gibson	1st	11/1/24	L./Cpl.	J. Frost	1st	*8/10/23

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl.	G. Foley ...	Depot	*13/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Ratty ...	1st	*22/12/23
L./Cpl.	Goodall ...	1st	*22/1/24
L./Cpl.	G. Knock ...	Depot	*4/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hames ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. McGlone ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	P. Edwards ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Bartram ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole ...	1st	*15/2/24
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.	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.	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. 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 ...	2nd	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	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.	W. Banham ...	1st	*19/8/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	1st	*19/8/24
L./Cpl.	Giles ...	1st	*18/9/24
L./Cpl.	Barley ...	1st	*18/9/24
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. Edwick ...	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.	A. Clark ...	2nd	*12/11/20
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt ...	2nd	*11/7/21
L./Cpl.	H. Berry ...	2nd	*22/8/21
L./Cpl.	R. Neighbour ...	2nd	*22/9/21

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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	*7/3/22
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	*19/4/23
L./Cpl.	C. Donaldson ...	2nd	*29/5/23
L./Cpl.	W. Pollard ...	2nd	*4/6/23
L./Cpl.	G. Power ...	2nd	*9/6/23
L./Cpl.	R. Franklin ...	2nd	*13/6/23
L./Cpl.	G. Brown ...	2nd	*15/6/23
L./Cpl.	W. Potter ...	2nd	*21/7/23
L./Cpl.	J. Riley ...	2nd	*27/7/23
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	H. Readings ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	B. Gower ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews ...	2nd	*15/8/23
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*17/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft ...	2nd	*23/9/23
L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway ...	2nd	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	W. Millbery ...	2nd	*13/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Jenkin ...	2nd	*24/10/23
L./Cpl.	C. Gwinnett ...	2nd	*24/10/23
L./Cpl.	E. Fisher ...	2nd	*29/10/23
L./Cpl.	T. Levett ...	2nd	*17/11/23
L./Cpl.	G. Williamson ...	2nd	*20/11/23
L./Cpl.	W. Adams ...	2nd	*23/11/23
L./Cpl.	E. Banks ...	2nd	*2/11/23
L./Cpl.	E. Wright ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	F. Fisher ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	E. Barker ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge ...	2nd	*2/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Jones ...	2nd	*4/2/24
L./Cpl.	J. Brooks ...	2nd	*19/3/24
L./Cpl.	T. Grogan ...	2nd	*25/3/24
L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw ...	2nd	*25/3/24
L./Cpl.	F. Towell ...	2nd	*19/4/24
L./Cpl.	W. Scholedge ...	2nd	*5/5/24
L./Cpl.	F. Cook ...	2nd	*18/6/24
L./Cpl.	C. Tisdall ...	2nd	*24/6/24
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes ...	2nd	*7/7/24
L./Cpl.	C. Champion ...	2nd	*17/7/24
L./Cpl.	J. Lane ...	2nd	*17/7/24
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp ...	2nd	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	W. Waterman ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	G. Reed ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	W. Budd ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	C. Stewart ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	D. Williams ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	H. Meddams ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Boen ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	J. Carroll ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	C. Moss ...	2nd	*13/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lee ...	2nd	*13/11/25

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L./Cpl.	F. Gray ...	2nd	*11/3/25
L./Cpl.	J. Davis ...	2nd	*2/1/25
L./Cpl.	Deamer ...	1st	*7/4/25
L./Cpl.	G. Brown ...	1st	*17/4/25
L./Cpl.	A. Jo'nson ...	1st	*17/4/25
L./Cpl.	E. Foulger ...	1st	*8/4/25
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. Maun ...	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	*17/1/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus ...	1st	*22/6/25
L./Cpl.	Kruck ...	1st	*30/6/25
L./Cpl.	T. Sibley ...	2nd	*30/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Wright ...	2nd	*6/7/25
L./Cpl.	D. Glew ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Cadwallar ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. Stagg ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. Timson ...	1st	*24/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Sargent ...	Depot	*29/7/23
L./Cpl.	F. Wood ...	1st	*5/8/26
L./Cpl.	B. Meddelsion ...	1st	*6/8/25
L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls ...	Depot	*6/8/25
L./Cpl.	Pratt ...	1st	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Cox ...	2nd	*10/8/25

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L./Cpl.	W. Skull ...	2nd	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	Donovan ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	M. Horton ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	E. Paterson (R) ...	Depot	*15/8/25
L./Cpl.	S. Benson (R) ...	Depot	*21/8/25
L./Cpl.	G. Smith (R) ...	1st	*31/8/25
L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore ...	1st	*1/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. Gould ...	1st	*1/9/25
L./Cpl.	Trestain ...	2nd	*4/9/25
L./Cpl.	P. Hale ...	1st	*16/9/25
L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn ...	1st	*29/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. May ...	2nd	*29/1/25
L./Cpl.	J. Minter ...	1st	*3/10/25
L./Cpl.	A. Mason ...	1st	*3/10/25
L./Cpl.	Coker ...	1st	*1/10/25
L./Cpl.	Evans ...	1st	*5/10/25
L./Cpl.	T. Little ...	1st	*17/10/25
L./Cpl.	F. B. wden ...	1st	*28/10/25
L./Cpl.	B. Rapley ...	2nd	*13/10/25
L./Cpl.	T. Woolford ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	A. Loom ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	P. Timms ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	F. Scot. ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	Burton ...	1st	*2/11/25
L./Cpl.	R. Sage ...	1st	*2/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Ball ...	1st	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	R. Wilson ...	2nd	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	George ...	1st	*9/12/25
L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe ...	1st	*11/12/25



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