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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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Colonel:

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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate the 1st Battalion on their very fine sports record for 1925 and 1926. Particulars of this are included in their Notes in this issue.

The attention of our readers is called to the invitation of the 1st Battalion, contained in their Notes, to all old Die-Hards to attend the Albuera Day Sports, at Aldershot, on Thursday, May 20th.

Lieut.-Col. Harvey Goodwin, D.S.O., arrived at Sierra Leone on March 14th, 1926, to take up his appointment with the Keffi Consolidated Tin Mines, Northern Nigeria.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place, between Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, and

Kathleen, daughter of the late Mr. A. Moore Burt and Mrs. Moore Burt, Melbourne.

2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin and 2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert have been gazetted to the Regiment and posted to the 2nd Battalion.

A further appeal is made to all subscribers to help towards the success of the Journal by getting an ex-member of the Regiment, who does not already do so, to take in THE DIE-HARDS.

For a simple means of effecting this, see slip enclosed.

The photo, "The Die-hards of 30 years ago," published in our last issue, was taken by an Old Colour-Sergeant of the 1st Battalion, Mr. H. Phillips, who is still in business as a photographer at Peabody Road, Farnborough, Hants.

BIRTH.

HOWELL.—On February 9th, 1926, at Singapore, Madge, wife of Lieut. (Local Capt.) H. A. A. Howell, The Middlesex Regiment—of a daughter.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1926.

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

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

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

June 30th: Cricket, The Regiment v. 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 7.0 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.

ALBUERA.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As you were kind enough to publish my account of the Battle of El Bodon, I now send you another extract from the Duke of Wellington's despatches on the greater battle of Albuera, where the 57th Regiment acquired their famous title of "The Die-Hards," from the brave call of their Colonel (Ingles): "Die hard, men, die hard!" which they nobly did, as testified by these despatches, and corroborated in the interesting letter of "A Soldier 100 Years Ago," published in your last number of the Journal.

From Lieut.-General Viscount Wellington, K.B., to The Earl of Liverpool, Secretary of State.

ELVAS,
22nd May, 1811.

MY LORD,

I enclose the reports of Marshal Sir William Beresford of the 16th and 18th inst. on the operations of the siege (of Badajoz) to the moment of raising it, and on the battle of Albuera, and I beg to draw your Lordship's attention to the ability, the firmness, and gallantry, manifested by Marshal Sir William Beresford through the transactions on which he has written. I shall add nothing to what he has said of the conduct of all the officers, and troops, excepting to express my admiration of it, and my cordial concurrence in the favour-

able report made by Sir William Beresford of the good conduct of all.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

WELLINGTON.

THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL.

Marshal Sir W. C. Beresford, K.B., to Lieut.-General Viscount Wellington, K.B.

ALBUERA,
18th May, 1811.

MY LORD,

I have infinite satisfaction in communicating to your Lordship that the allied army, united here under my orders, obtained on the 16th inst., after a most sanguinary contest, a complete victory over that of the enemy, commanded by Marshal Soult, and I shall proceed to relate to your Lordship the circumstances.

In a former report I have informed your Lordship of the advance of Marshal Soult from Seville, and in consequence I have judged it wise entirely to raise the siege of Badajoz, and prepare to meet him with our united force, rather than by looking to two objects at once to risk the loss of both. . . .

His Excellency General Blake, as soon as he learned the advance of Marshal Soult, in strict conformity to the plan made by your Lordship, proceeded to form his junction with the Corps under my orders. . . .

The Army was therefore assembled here on the 15th inst. . . . Our Cavalry had been forced on the morning of the 15th inst. to retire from Santa Marta and joined here.

In the afternoon of that day the enemy appeared in front of us. The next morning our disposition for receiving the enemy was made, being formed in two lines nearly parallel to Albuera, on the ridge of the gradual ascent rising from the river, and covering the road to Badajoz and Valverde. . . .

General Blake's corps was on the ridge in two lines, its left on the Valverde road. The enemy on the morning of the 16th did not delay his attack; at 8 o'clock he was observed to be in movement, and his cavalry were seen passing the rivulet of Albuera considerably above our right, and shortly after he marched out of the wood opposite to us a strong force of cavalry and two heavy columns of infantry, pointing them to our front as if to attack the village and bridge of Albuera.

During this time, under the cover of his vastly superior cavalry, he was filing the principal body of his infantry over the river beyond our right, and it was not long before his intention appeared to be to turn us by that flank, and to cut us off from Valverde.

The enemy commenced his attack at 9 o'clock, not ceasing at the same time to menace our left, and after a strong and gallant resistance of the Spanish troops, he gained the heights upon which they had been formed. As the heights the enemy had gained raked and entirely commanded our whole position, it became necessary to make every effort to retake and maintain them, and a noble one was made by the Division of General Stewart, headed by that gallant officer. The right brigade of General Stewart's division, under Lieut.-Colonel Colborne, first came into action, and behaved in the most gallant manner, and finding the enemy's column could not be shaken by fire, proceeded to attack it with the bayonet, and while in the act of charging, a body of Polish lancers (cavalry), which the thickness of the atmosphere and the nature of the ground had concealed, turned it, and being then attacked unexpectedly was unfortunately broken and suffered immensely. . . . The 31st Regiment, being the left of the brigade, alone escaped the charge, and under the command of Major L'Estrange kept its ground until the arrival of the 3rd Brigade, under Major-General Houghton. The conduct of this brigade was most conspicuously gallant, and that of the 2nd Brigade, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. A. Abercrombie, was not less so. Major-General Houghton, cheering on his brigade to the charge, fell pierced with wounds. . . .

Though the enemy's principal attack was on this point of the right, he also made a continual attempt upon that part of our original front at the village and bridge, which was defended in the most gallant manner by Major-General Baron Alten, and the light infantry brigade of the German Legion, whose conduct was in every point conspicuously good. . . .

Major-General Cole, seeing the attack of the enemy, marched in line to attack the enemy's left, and arrived most opportunely to contribute, with the brigades of General Stewart's division, to force the enemy to abandon his situation and retire precipitately and to take refuge under his reserves.

Here the Fusilier brigade particularly distinguished itself. He was pursued by the allies to a considerable distance, and as far as I thought prudent, and I contented myself with seeing him driven across the Albuera. . . .

It is impossible to enumerate every instance of discipline and valour shown on this severely contested day, but there never were troops that more valiantly, or more gloriously, maintained the honour of their respective countries. . . . The battle commenced at 9 o'clock and continued without interruption till two in the afternoon, when the enemy had been driven over the Albuera; for the remainder of the day there was but cannonading and skirmishing. It is impossible by any description to do justice to the gallantry of the troops, *but every individual most nobly did his duty, which will be proved by the great loss we have suffered through repulsing the enemy, and it was observed that our dead, particularly the 57th Regiment, were lying as they had fought in ranks, and every wound was in front.*

Major-General the Hon. William Stewart most particularly distinguished himself and conducted much to the honour of the day, and nothing could excel the conduct and gallantry of Colonel Inglis at the head of his Regiment (57th Regt.), and I deeply lament the death of Major-General Houghton.

It is with great pleasure I assure your Lordship that the good and gallant conduct of every corps, and of every person, was in proportion to the opportunity that offered for distinguishing themselves. *I know not an individual who did not do his duty.*

[N.B.—The 57th Regiment was in the 3rd Brigade, under Major-General Houghton, and formed part of the British Division, under Major-General Stewart.]

It is most pleasing to inform your Lordship not only of the steady and gallant conduct of our allies the Spanish troops, under His Excellency General Blake, but also to assure you that the most perfect harmony has subsisted between us. . . .

I annex the return of our loss in this hard contested day; it is very severe, and in addition to it is the loss of the troops under His Excellency General Blake, of which I have not the return. The loss of the enemy, though I cannot know what it is, must be still more severe. He has left on the field

of battle 2,000 dead, and we have taken from 900 to 1,000 prisoners. He has had five generals killed and wounded. His force was much more considerable than we had been informed of, as I do not think that he deployed less than from 20,000 to 22,000 infantry, and he certainly had 4,000 cavalry, with numerous and heavy artillery.

He retired after the battle to the ground he had been previously on, and on this morning, or rather during the night, commenced his retreat on the road he came towards Seville, and has abandoned Badajoz to its fate. He left a number of his wounded on the ground he had retired to, and to whom we are administering what assistance we can. I have sent our cavalry to follow the enemy.

Thus we have reopened the advantage we proposed from our opposition to the attempts of the enemy.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

W. C. BERESFORD,
Marshal and Lieut.-General.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Corps of the Army under the command of Lieut.-General Viscount Wellington, K.B., under the immediate orders of Marshal Sir William Carr Beresford, K.B., in the Battle with the French Army commanded by Marshal Soult at Albuera on the 16th of May, 1811.

Killed: Officers, 34; sergeants, 33; rank and file, 917. Total, 984.

Wounded: Officers, 181; sergeants, 146; rank and file, 2,666. Total, 2,993.

Missing: Officers, 14; sergeants, 28; rank and file, 528. Total, 570.

Horses: Killed, 63; wounded, 35; missing, 17.

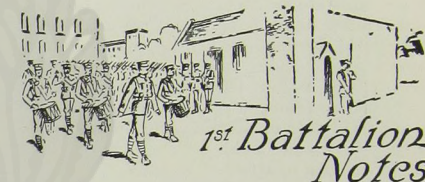
The Portuguese loss, but not the Spanish, is included in this return.

The late Major Woolright, in his excellent history of the 57th Regiment, relates the following incident, from Maxwell's "Stories of the Peninsula," pertaining to the brigadier (General Houghton) commanding the 3rd Brigade, in which the 57th Regiment was serving: "Major-General Houghton at this time was on horseback in front of his brigade in a green frock coat, which he had put on in the hurry of turning out. Some time afterwards his servant rode up to him with his red uniform coat. He immediately dismounted, stripped off the green and put

on the red one, and it may be said that this public display of our national colour, and of British coolness, actually was done under a salute of French artillery, as they were cannonading us at the time."

N.B.—It will be noticed that I have copied the spelling of "Albuera" as it is in the Duke of Wellington's despatches, but on the Colours of the 57th Regiment in 1813 it was spelt "Albuera," which spelling is maintained on the present Colours of the Middlesex Regiment.

G. W. W. S.



TO have reached the final stage of the Connaught Shield, the boxing, "soccer," and "rugger" in the Command is no mean feat, and confirms the Commander-in-Chief's remarks after the Army Boxing Finals, when he said that as a regiment we "Came out on top in all sports, games and military competitions, and that we were the best sporting battalion in the Command."

The success is largely due to the thorough preparation and training for all competitions in which we have taken part, and it is especially fortunate to have done so well in our last year at Aldershot. No one will be particularly happy at the thought of our move to Ballykinlar, near Belfast, about Christmas time, but as Sir Philip Chetwode remarked, he hopes and expects to see our representatives back here in the future competing in all sports, as they have done in the past.

We have had a number of changes amongst the officers since the last publication of THE DIE-HARDS.

Major W. W. Jefferd has left us to command the Depot, and Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., who has just terminated his three years' command there, comes to us in his place. 2/Lieut. W. C. Newton is away there on temporary duty. Capt. A. L.

Cooper-Key is now attached to us on his return from the Rhine Army, where he has been British delegate of the Inter-Allied Navigation Commission for the last three years. Before this he was serving with the Military Police. We are sorry to hear that he is leaving us shortly after eighteen years' service with the Regiment.

Although he served chiefly in the 3rd Battalion, he has had considerable association with the 1st, for he was wounded whilst

In October, 1918, he went to Mesopotamia where he served with the 9th Battalion. After the war he again went to the 4th Battalion, who were then stationed at Gibraltar, and remained with them until their disbandment at Tidworth in 1922. After this he completed a tour of duty with the King's African Rifles, which terminated in 1924. Early in 1925 he came to the 1st Battalion and remained there until resigning his commission.



1st BATTALION SHIELDS AND TROPHIES.

From left to right; top to bottom.—Inter-Unit Boxing (O.Rs.) Challenge Shield, Aldershot Command. Infantry Transport, Aldershot Command Horse Show (Winners). Runners-up Aldershot Command Rugby Shield. Runners-up, A.C.A.A. Shield. Inter-Unit Team Boxing (Officers) A.C. Challenge Cup. Aldershot Command Novices Team Boxing Championship. Best Shot, W.O.s. and Sergeants, Aldershot Command (C.S.M. Beaman). Imperial Services Fly-weight Championship (Sergt. Fleming). Aldershot Command Athletics (Runners-up, Baton). Imperial Services Bantam-weight Championship (Sergt. Fleming). Best Shot, All Ranks, Aldershot Command (C.S.M. Beaman). Replica, Inter-Unit Aldershot Command Boxing Shield.

serving in it in 1917. Lieut. H. R. F. Butterfield has resigned his commission. He carries with him the best wishes of all ranks. He joined the Regiment as a special Reserve Officer in March, 1915, and two months later went to France to join the 4th Battalion. At the end of this year he came back to England and then went to India, to the Norfolk Regiment.

ALBUHERA DAY.

As May 16th falls on a Sunday this year the Battalion will celebrate it on Thursday, May 20th. As usual sports will take place during the day and an Other Ranks' Dance in the evening. It is hoped that as many old "Die-Hards" as can do so will be present with the Battalion. All officers not now serving with the Battalion, who

propose to lunch in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion on Thursday, May 20th, or who would like invitations to the sports "At Home" are requested to notify the Mess President, Corunna Barracks. The Sergeants, too, will welcome all old members of the Regiment to the sports and tea.

CONNAUGHT SHIELD COMPETITION.

The platoon of "D" Company, commanded by Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, missed

	Points.
1. Coldstream Guards ...	291
2. 1st Middlesex Regt. ...	290
3. East Lancs. Regt. ...	289
4. Grenadier Guards ...	279
5. Seaforth Highlanders	250

"SOCCER."

The season has been an undoubted success in spite of our defeat in the fourth round of the Army Cup by the Leicesters by



1st BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM.

Winners: Final of Preliminary Rounds, Amateur Cup. (Lost to London Caledonians, 4-1).
Finalists of Aldershot Command League Championship.

Back Row.—Pte. Williams. Pte. Scales. Cpl. Norman (Goalkeeper). L./Cpl. Fletcher. Pte. Bartrop. Sergt. Hawkins (Asst. Trainer).
Middle Row.—Sergt. Cullen. Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook (Officer i/c Football). Pte. Hance. C.S.M. Pelly (Trainer and Hon. Sec.). Pte. Lindsay.
Front Row.—Pte. Bolden. Cpl. Sammons (Captain). Cpl. Phelps.

AMENDMENT.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Albuhera Day Celebrations, owing to the strike, have had to be postponed, but will be held in June on a date to be notified later.

2-1. The winning goal was scored about a minute before the end of the extra time, and we had only seven sound players left on the field, Sammons, Williams, Campbell, and Hance all being injured earlier on. Also we were without Cullen. It is interesting to note that the Leicesters are in the final. Our team are winners of their division in the Aldershot League, and therefore compete with the other four division winners for the Aldershot Championship. Our opponents

in the semi-final of this competition were the 10th Hussars, whom we beat by 3-1. In the final we played the 2nd Rifle Brigade, who inflicted a very severe defeat on us in the Russell Cotes Cup by scoring ten goals to our one. This was a curious result, for we defeated them in the Amateur Cup by 3 goals to nil, which left us the only military team competing. However, the Rifle Brigade again got the better of us in the Aldershot Charity Cup when they beat us by 5 goals to 4. A great many losses to the first eleven have occurred and will occur before next season. Phelps, Sammons, Norman, Bolden, and Bartrop are all leaving. Both Phelps and Norman have played consecutively for the last five years, and the loss of nearly half our team is indeed serious. Amongst the new players this season, Pte. Keep, of "D" Company, has played a number of times and has done very well at left back. The policy of the second eleven has been to acquire new talent and to try young players with the object of reinforcing the first eleven rather than to admit those who have left the first eleven, into its team. This system is now demonstrating its usefulness, as we have some very promising players, more especially Sharman, Barber, Hutson, Elliott and Daly, who are likely to be promoted to the first eleven.

COMMAND SOCCER CUP.

Fortune certainly did not favour us in the final of the Command Soccer Cup at the Central Ground on Saturday, April 17th, when a fast and well played game against the Rifle Brigade ended in our defeat by 2-0. In midfield we had the best of the play and for three-quarters of the game our team were the attackers. The lack of "finish" in front of goal was largely responsible for our failure to score. Unfortunately Scales handled the ball in front of goal, and the ensuing penalty resulted in the Rifle Brigade securing the lead twenty minutes before time. Shortly afterwards the Rifle Brigades' inside left, Fitzgerald, scored with a hard well-placed shot, and their forwards pressed us much more than earlier in the game, although one or two good raids were made by ours, which did not result in any scoring. Sir Cecil Romer, our new Divisional Commander, who presented the cup, remarked that he hoped the Rifle Brigade would not mind if

he said that this was the third final in which the Regiment had taken part, and that he would rather the Middlesex Regiment had won as they were in his division. At the same time he pointed out what a good match it had been. This was certainly true, and as many of our team were representing the Regiment for the last time, it was very opportune that such good "soccer" had been played.

BOXING.

A most successful season in which we won the Aldershot Novices, and contested the final in both the Command Knock-out and the Army Team Championships. In the former we were beaten by the East Lancs. and in the latter by the Loyal Regiment. It is a most creditable result to have been so high up in all these competitions. Among the new members of our team are Mr. Clinch, the Heavy-weight Champion of Dublin University, who in his four contests this season has always knocked out his opponent, three in the first and one in the second round. Whilst mentioning an officer in connection with the boxing, it is interesting to note that up to the semi-final stage of the Army Competition, of our ten officer contests we have only lost one; the other nine were all knock-outs.

The officer members of our team are much to be congratulated on such good results. Pte. Lamb, of "D" Company, who has plenty of "style" and who is one of our best representatives, is unfortunately leaving us for civilian life. His loss will be felt considerably. Sergt. Fleming has maintained his splendid form and has fought, besides his team contests, in a number of special fights, in all of which, except one, he has been the victor. He won against Air-Mechanic Williamson, the R.A.F. Champion, against Sergt. Haslam, the Army Champion, but his one defeat was by A.B. Chadwick, of the Royal Navy. As he was giving over a stone in weight this is hardly to be wondered at. Unfortunately, under the present rules, Sergt. Fleming is not allowed to compete for the Army Championships, but owing to the kindness of the 10th Royal Hussars, a special contest of six rounds was arranged for him against Cpl. Aguzzi, of the 1st Northants Regt., the



"D" COMPANY TEAM, SEMI-FINALISTS DIVISION III COMMAND COMPANY KNOCK-OUT.



"D" COMPANY, SECOND IN DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S SHIELD COMPETITION, 1926.

winner of this year's Bantam-weight Army Championship. Sergt. Fleming was far the better boxer, and beat Cpl. Aguzzi easily on points. L./Cpl. Jackson has been in splendid form of late, and has won every fight this season. It was very unlucky for him that he should have injured his hand in the semi-final of the Army Championships, which prevented him from taking his place in the team for the final. He has been selected recently to fight for the Army,

in the Novices' Competitions they were immediately put into the Battalion team and fought in the Army Championships. In Pte. Elliott we think we have discovered one of the most promising boxers in the Regiment, and unless anything untoward should occur there is no reason to suppose he will not be a Fleming in the future.

In addition to the C-in-C's remarks "that as a battalion we came out on top



1st BATTALION NOVICES BOXING TEAM.
Winners: Aldershot Command Novices Boxing Competition.

Back Row.—C.S.M. Beaman (Asst. Instructor). Pte. Maunder. L./Cpl. Foulger. L./Cpl. Fletcher. Pte. Hinsby. Sergt. Fleming (Asst. Instructor).
Front Row.—Pte. Carney. Pte. Murphy. Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C. Lt.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. (Commanding 1st Battalion). Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook (Adjutant). Lieut. G. A. Goulden. L./Cpl. O'Neill. L./Cpl. O'Connor.
Sitting.—Left—Pte. Burgess. Right—Bdsman Elliott.

and in a six-round contest knocked out his opponent in the third round. He is considered to be one of the best men of his weight in the Army to-day. Sergt. Hawkins has regained his old form and is boxing very well indeed. Pte. Bayliss had bad luck in injuring his hand in the third round of the Command Cup, and was unable to take part in the later contests. Both L./Cpls. O'Connor and Burton are much to be congratulated, for after boxing

in all sports," he said that the great improvement in boxing in the Command was due to the training given to the members of the various teams by the professional coaches who are now in Aldershot. In our case, of course, this applies to Mr. Tom Berry, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for what he has done for our team. C.S.M. Beaman and Sergt. Fleming, too, have put in a lot of hard work as instructors.

"RUGGER."

In spite of the fact that only on one occasion have we played with a full team, the Battalion has done very well. It was unfortunate that we were defeated by the Searchlight Battalion in the Army Cup, but our team was exceptionally weak. Neither Lieuts. Worton nor Pennycook played until after Christmas. For the third year in succession we were defeated in the final of the Command Cup by the Gloucestershire Regiment, after a hard and close match in which we were three points ahead just before the end. General Sir Percy Hambro, when presenting the cup to the winners, gave it as the opinion of the spectators that the game was a far better one than the Army Cup Final, the previous week.

He also paid a glowing tribute to Lieut. Pennycook's work in raising the Command team, which it is hoped will be able, in the near future, to take its part in first-class "rugger."

We are glad to be able to congratulate Lieut. Worton on being the first member of the Regiment to gain his English International Cap, when he played for England against Wales. Lieut. J. D. Clinch, too, has continued to play in every match for Ireland.

SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE.

Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke has returned to the Villa Almanarre Hyeres Var, France, from New Zealand, where he visited the battlefields of the 57th Regiment during the Maori War. Whilst in New Zealand he arranged for the restoration of the Regimental War Memorial and for the addition of the name of Lieut. Downs, V.C., which had by some unaccountable error been previously omitted from the memorial. The General is in good health and has benefited from the voyage, which is not usually one lightly undertaken by a gentleman of eighty-six. The 1st Battalion, through Lieut.-Col. Stewart, has sent him a letter of thanks for the work which he has been good enough to undertake. Whilst in New Zealand Sir Charles met at least two former members of the Regiment who served with him during the New Zealand War and who settled in the country at the termination of hostilities.

ALBUHERA MEDAL.

The officers of the 1st Battalion, who in 1924 bought the Gold Medal presented to Lieut. Mann, the officer who brought the 57th out of action on the battlefield of Albuhera, have recently had constructed in silver, a magnificent replica of the memorial to the British dead which is erected on the battlefield, as a fitting shrine for the medal which has been placed in the centre of the arch. This centre piece should vie in sentimental interest in future years with the famous Albuhera Cup.

DRUM-MAJOR'S SASH.

Another interesting addition to the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion is the Drum-Major's Crimson Gold Sash which was presented to the Battalion by General Kent. This sash (having been replaced by a new one carrying the new battle honours) has been hung in a handsome glass-fronted case in the ante-room.

CAPT. SABIH NAJIB AL IZZI.

Capt. Sabih Najib Al Izz, of the Iraq Army, who has been attached to the 1st Battalion for over a year, has presented the officers with a very beautiful Mesopotamian coffee pot made by the famous silversmith of Amara. The coffee pot bears scenes from Mesopotamian life, one of these representing the arch of Ctesiphon, the farthest point towards Baghdad reached by the ill-fated army of General Townshend.

MAJOR-GEN. JULIAN STEELE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

The sudden death of Major-Gen. Julian Steele, lately commanding 1st Guards Brigade, is greatly regretted by all ranks of the Battalion. Gen. Steele had recently been appointed to the command of the Bombay District. Shortly before he was due to sail he developed a septic throat, which, becoming rapidly worse, proved fatal in a very few days.

All ranks of the 1st Battalion sent a beautiful wreath, bearing the expression of their great regret. Col. Stewart and Capt. Phillips represented the Battalion at the funeral service which took place at the Guards' Chapel in London on March 18th, 1926.

The late General, who was immensely popular with the 1st Battalion, took the greatest interest in it and was always delighted to hear of its success in games.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.

May 16th: Albuhera Day.
 May 20th: Battalion celebration of Albuhera Day.
 May 21st-27th: H.M. The King's Visit.
 May 31st: Brigade Evelyn Wood Eliminating Competition.
 June: Battalion Training.
 June 5th: Command Evelyn Wood Competition.
 June 15th-19th: Searchlight Tattoo.
 June 29th-July 1st: Command Horse Show.
 July: Brigade Training.
 July 9th & 10th: Command Athletic Meeting.
 July 19th-24th: Command Rifle Meeting Eliminations.
 July 27th & 28th: Army Athletic Meeting.
 August 4th-7th: Command Rifle Meeting.
 August 8th: To New Forest by train.
 August 9th-28th: Divisional Training.
 August 29th: March back from the New Forest.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE ARMY.

On March 18th the semi-finals of the Army Team Boxing Championship took place. A fine evening's boxing was enjoyed before a full house. The 2nd Battalion East Lincs. meeting The Loyals and our Battalion meeting the Training Battalion Royal Corps of Signals, this battalion being the holders of the shield. The Loyals beat the East Lincs. by 19 points to 12, and we beat the Signals by 2 points, the result depending on the last fight. The winners of their weights were:—L./Cpl. Jackson, Sergt. Fleming, 2/Lieut. Clinch, Pte. Lamb, 2/Lieut. Goulden and Pte. Hatchett. Jackson was unfortunate in that he broke a bone in his right hand early in the first round. He continued to fight using the left hand only. In spite of the great handicap he outpointed his man and won easily.

Fleming again gave a delightful exhibition of boxing at top speed the whole time.

Clinch's fight was stopped by the referee in the first round. He entirely outclassed his opponent.

Lamb, who appeared in our open team for the first time, delightfully beat his opponent in all phases. He has a good straight left, but as yet appears to lack punch.

Hatchett came back into our team for the first time this year. After a very hard fight he registered sufficient points in the last round to gain him the decision.

The remaining fights were well contested and the decisions often being in doubt to the last.

The regimental team was as follows: Capt. del Court, Lieuts. Worton, Clinch, Goulden, Bdsman. Elliott, Sergt. Fleming, Pte. Lamb, L./Cpls. Lazarus, Jackson, Goodall, Pte. Hatchett, L./Cpl. O'Connor, Sergt. Hawkins, L./Cpl. Burton, and Pte. Hance.

The final was fought on March 10th, in the Maida Hall, Aldershot. The Loyals beat us by 19 points to 14 points. We were unfortunate in having to bring in a reserve in the place of Jackson, who was not allowed to fight by the M.O. on account of his hand. Burton was brought in instead of Hatchett in the Middles, Hatchett and Hawkins being put up in their weights. Hance was also brought in to take the place of Lazarus. In addition Bayliss was still away from the team, having broken his hand early in the year. The result was much closer than the points indicate. A large proportion of the fights being very close and the results in doubt until the referee had given his decision.

The whole of the team were in excellent form and fought to the last.

Welter-weights.—Goodall put up a first-class fight and boxed his man the whole time, the decision being always in doubt.

Heavy-weights.—Hawkins nearly brought off an unexpected win. He boxed at his best, showing throughout how effective a straight left is.

He was very unlucky to lose.

Officers' Welter-weights.—Worton met Gainher, an Army boxer. The latter was too quick for him and won on points.

Bantam-weights.—Fleming beat Haslam easily on points. He gave his opponent no rest, piling on point after point in all three rounds.

Middle-weights.—Burton put up a plucky fight to lose on points. He was put down in the last round for a count of 7.

Light-weights.—Hance met a very good boxer and was knocked out in the first round.

Officers' Heavy-weights.—Clinch was given a walk-over to Lieut. Schoales, who was not allowed to fight by the M.O.

Feather-weights.—Lamb again boxed very well. He piled on sufficient points in the last round to win.

Light Heavy-weights.—Hatchett and his opponent both set to work to get an early decision, resulting in Hatchett being knocked out in the first round.

Before presenting the trophies Gen. Sir Philip W. Chetwode, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, of the Aldershot Command, congratulated the Loyals on winning the Championship.

He also congratulated them on beating the Middlesex, the local champions. He said that the Battalion came out on top of



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 Front Row.—Sergt. Fleming. Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C. Lieut. J. R. B. Worton. Lt.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. (Commanding 1st Battalion). Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook (Adjutant). 2/Lieut. J. D. Clinch.
 2/Lieut. G. A. Goulden. Sergt. Hawkins.
 Sitting.—Left—Pte. Lamb. Right—Bdsman. Elliott.

Officers' Middle-weights.—Goulden fought Thomas, an Army boxer. It was a wonderful fight and a great display of pluck on the part of both. Goulden was saved by the gong on the first round. The decision was in doubt to the last, both scoring point for point.

Welter-weights.—O'Connor boxed well to lose on points.

all sports and military competitions. That it was the best sporting battalion in the Command. He also knew that if it again returned to Aldershot to compete in the Army competitions from its new station all would be pleased to see it and wish it the best of luck. He also commented on the vast improvement in the boxing and its cleanness. He put a great deal of this

down to the professional trainers such as Tom Berry and Pat O'Keefe who have spent so much time with units this year.

He afterwards presented the Championship Shield and Medals to the Loyals and the Noble Trophy to us as the runners-up.

COMMAND RUGBY CUP.

SEMI-FINAL.

On Tuesday, March 16th, we reversed the result of the Army Rugby Cup played early in the season, when we were beaten by six points after a hard and even game.

The Battalion was without Haydon and Sammons. The game was very even and well contested throughout.

We scored both tries late in the first half, Clinch picking the ball up in the loose, barged his way across the line through a bunch of opposing forwards for the first try. Worton scored the second try. Receiving the ball from Clinch he dived across the line far out. The feature of the game was Worton at scrum and Clinch at forward. Especially the kicking which saved the line time and time again. Hatchett was also conspicuous, doing a lot of good work. Clowes, owing to Sammons being away, was playing at fly-half and did well, cutting through to open up the game.

FINAL.

We again met the Gloucesters this year in the final of the Aldershot Command Rugby Cup, with the same result as last year. On each occasion we have been beaten by 6 points.

The game was an excellent one, very fast and hard. Both sides were very evenly matched, the winners being the more lucky of the two. We kicked off down wind and play for the first ten minutes was kept in the centre. A number of free kicks were given for off-side on both sides. The Gloucesters from a good three-quarter movement nearly scored on their right wing. Our line was under pressure for some time, Lieut. Cubitt eventually clearing by a run to midfield. We then started to press, but were again put on the defensive. This was caused by a Gloster forward rush. Worton eventually cleared by a good kick. The Gloucesters started another good three-quarter movement, Hopkins, their left wing, being pushed into touch by the flag. Haydon broke away in our "25," passed to Worton, and thence to Paul, who, but for a

forward pass, was bound to have scored. The rest of this half we kept the Gloucesters under pressure, nearly scoring twice, and Clinch had a drop at goal, narrowly missing. Half-time: Middlesex, 0; Gloucesters, 0.

The second half the Gloucesters started pressing, but were driven back to the half-way line. Here Clinch broke away from the scrum, passed to Clowes who cleverly scored near the posts. Worton failed to convert. The remainder of the half was spent in our half until the Gloucesters, eight minutes before time, scored near the post. This try was converted. Within two minutes of time the Gloucesters again scored, Hopkins scoring with a good dropped goal. Result: Middlesex, 3; Gloucesters, 9.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS.

AMATEUR CUP.

1st Round: Beat Aldershot Albion	4-2
2nd Round: Beat Weybridge	4-3
3rd Round: Beat Farnham United Breweries	3-1
4th Round: Beat 2nd Rifle Brigade	3-0
1st Round proper: Lost to London Calendonians	4-1

ARMY CUP.

1st Round: Beat 1st Field Brigade R.A.	2-0
2nd Round: Drew with 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards	3-3
Replay: Won	3-1
3rd Round: Beat 2nd Bn. East Lancs.	2-1
4th Round: Lost after extra time to 2nd Bn. Leicester Regiment	2-1

ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP.

Lost to 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards	2-0
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RUSSELL COTES CUP.

1st Round: Beat 2nd Bn. Divisional Signals	6-4
2nd Round: Beat 2nd Bn. Cameronians	7-1
3rd Round: Lost to 2nd Bn. Rifle Brigade	10-1

HANTS SENIOR CUP.

1st Round: Beat 1st Dorsets	5-2
2nd Round: Lost to R.E., Longmoor	5-1

INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL.

Winners, No. 18 Platoon.	
Runners-up, No. 3 Platoon.	

RUGBY RESULTS.

ARMY CUP.

1st Round: 2nd Bn. Tank Corps scratched to us	—
2nd Round: Lost to 1st Searchlight Bn.	8-6

COMMAND RUGBY CUP.

1st Round: Bye.	
2nd Round: Beat 1st A.A. Bde. R.A.	20-0
3rd Round: Beat 1st Pack Bde. R.A.	23-0
4th Round: Beat 2nd Coldstream Guards	31-0
Semi-Final: Beat 1st A.A. Searchlight Bn.	6-0
Final: Lost to Gloster Regiment	9-3

INTER-COMPANY RUGBY.

1st Round: "B" Coy. beat "C" Coy.	17-11
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HOCKEY RESULTS.

COMMAND SENIOR CUP.

Beat Training College, R.A.S.C.	5-4
Lost to Service Companies, R.A.S.C.	3-4

INTER-PLATOON HOCKEY.

Winners, No. 8 Platoon.	
Runners-up, No. 21 Platoon.	

BOXING.

In the 2nd Battalion Tournament the points were as follows:—
"A," 60; "B," 39; "C," 42; "D," 45;
"G," 28; "Q," 38.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

1ST RUN RESULTS.

	Points.
1. "B" Coy.	1003
2. "C" Coy.	1105
3. "A" Coy.	1174
4. "G" Coy.	1218
5. "Q" Coy.	1346
6. "D" Coy.	1609

2ND RUN RESULTS.

	Points.
1. "B" Coy.	810
2. "G" Coy.	1130
3. "A" Coy.	1170
4. "C" Coy.	1287
5. "D" Coy.	1471
6. "Q" Coy.	1846

The 1st Battalion Sports Record for 1925 and 1926 at Aldershot is as under:—

Rugby Football.—Runners-up for the Aldershot Command Championship for the second year in succession.

Athletics.—Winners of the Aldershot Command Championship.

Association Football.—In the final for the Command Championship. (Match still to be played.)

Boxing.—Runners-up for the Army Team Championship. Runners-up for the Command Open Team Championship. (Lost by one point.) Winners of the Command Novices' Team Championship.

A record was established by the fact that the Battalion were at the same time holders of both the Open and Novices' Team Championships.

Horse Show.—The Battalion has won the Championship for Infantry Transport in both 1924 and 1925. It also won the Infantry Jumping Competition.

Individual Marksmanship.—C.S.M. Beaman won the Aldershot Command Individual Championship.

Hockey.—The Battalion were finalists in their Group Competition.



A football match between our Mess and the Mess of the Irish Guards took place on our ground on February 11th.

The game was well supported and enjoyed throughout.

It would be more interesting to describe some of the players rather than the game, more so when there is a danger of losing some of the talent to our old rivals the "Spurs."

To commence with our goalie, Sergt. Mabb was in full armour and only allowed our net to be disturbed twice. Our interpreter played well at left back and was delighted when our opponents showed that they understood him when he got going. The left half overstayed his prophecy and only used the Bottle once at the end of the game. Our centre-half, C.S.M. Walker, as his name suggests "walked" round some of the opponents. The outside right simply "Buzzed" about the wing, and his great "Understandings" showed to advantage. The Battalion Musketry Merchant was not such a sharpshooter as one would imagine, but no doubt this was due to a "slight fault in feed."

The game, however, resulted in a win for the home team by 3-2, and was kindly officiated by the Adjutant.

Tea was served in the Mess afterwards, and the married excelled in this department, and so ended an enjoyable encounter which many hope to repeat soon—tea as well.

We have had several dances at the R.A.S.C. Theatre, and all of these have met with a great amount of success. There have never been any complaints and everyone has remarked on the way these dances have been run.

It is obvious that a lot is due to the committee that arranges these functions.

Several very pleasant evenings have been spent in the Mess at concerts—very impromptu—and other forms of entertainment. Whist drives have had a very good attendance and some very nice prizes have been won.

The Billiards and Pokey Die seem to have been held over—why is not known—perhaps they are preparing a new handicap. The Mess has now settled down to camp life. This time a hut is being used. It has already been rumoured that one—if not more—of the members has wandered to our previous resting place at Bisley. Memories or Conscience?

May we take this opportunity of welcoming any old members to join us on Albuhera Day, which is being celebrated on May 19th.

G. A. P. S. A.

"A" COMPANY.

Since the last time of going to press, "A" Company have made some fruitful efforts towards obtaining the Battalion Efficiency Shield.

On February 3rd the final bouts of the inter-company boxing took place, and we secured the best aggregate points—viz., 61—beating the company that holds second place by 14 pints [Sorry, points.—SUB-ED.] We offer our thanks to our C.S.M. and all those that have helped us in so many different ways. Not, of course, forgetting those who fought so well to obtain this championship.

In the inter-platoon hockey, No. 1 achieved the best result in the company, being defeated in the semi-final by No. 20 Platoon after extra time. This was a very good and sporty game. No. 3 Platoon were the runners-up in the inter-platoon football, being beaten in the final by No. 18 Platoon. We welcome to our company Cpl. Hull from the Depot. We are wondering if the corporals at the Depot are fed on a special diet. It certainly does look so judging from the look of our newcomer. Our old friend "Muck" Williams has left us, and we miss him very much. We wish him all the best of success in his future life. We have heard that the late L./Cpl. Henderson is now at Montreal, in Canada, and he says that it is somewhat cold out there. We sincerely hope that he will enjoy the glorious summer that will follow.

An interesting experiment was successfully carried out by our Company storeman during January. The result is that now he can turn his storeroom floor into a tennis lawn at leisure. His genius is now undoubted. We may now have an abundance of it at Bisley. Now for that Musketry

Shield! I know that we are going to have a very good try for it.

A. L. I. P.

"B" COMPANY.

The Company were successful in the platoon hockey "knock-out," which was won by No. 8 Platoon. This platoon beat No. 21 by one goal. In the battalion cross-country run we were very successful. Two have been held up to the present, and we won both. This has ensured that we shall hold the shield for the next twelve months. At the time of writing the Company are very busy teaching its young how battles should be fought, and we have had some very amusing times. What with scouts losing themselves and our platoon not being able to find its position, although it was alongside a P. H. Of course, this may have been due to the platoon sergeant forgetting what "B" smelt like. "Tagger," who has joined the Company, took the training too much to heart. He tried to take a position by the teeth and found the enemy in large numbers, so he thought it best to retire and remain with Company headquarters, as the assault is not all honey where Aire- dales are concerned. We proceeded to Bisley on the 28th, and hope to give a good account of our firing in the next issue. We welcome Cpl. Goss to the Company from the Depot, and Sergt. O'Connell from the 2nd Battalion.

[Note by Sub-Editor—This seems a very Doggie story.]

B. Z. B.

"C" COMPANY.

It is very hard still to find a lot of matter for the Journal, but we try and do our best, and we trust that the readers will do their best and buy two copies of this issue.

We have done well in attaining first place in the inter-company miniature range shoot by having four platoons in the first seven. This is a good start towards our retaining the Musketry Shield.

No. 10 Platoon are to be congratulated on being second, only losing first place by one point.

This platoon were presented with silver spoons.

In the inter-company open boxing we obtained third place, and found some very useful talent among the competitors. The

Company is also to be congratulated in obtaining second and fourth places in the Battalion runs. In the latter we had four of our best runners away. This accounts for us dropping to the fourth place. Since our last issue we have played off the inter-platoon "Soccer" and hockey "knock-out." We have not been very successful in either of these competitions. In the inter-company hockey "knock-out" we have reached the final, and have a good chance of winning this competition.

The Company is now at Bisley for the annual course. We are now hoping to do as well here as we did on the miniature range. If we do this we shall win the Shield for the third year running.

J. H. T.

"D" COMPANY.

The honour of representing the Battalion in the Duke of Connaught Shield Competition fell to "Don" Company this year. Those selected for this acquitted themselves very well, being second with 290 points. This was only one point behind the winners.

The Company "Soccer" team has added further laurels to its record, this time getting into the division semi-final of the Command Company K.O. Their record is as follows:—1st round, beat No. 1 Coy., R.A.S.C. 11—1; 2nd round, beat No. 4 Coy., Irish Guards, 11—0; 3rd round, beat No. 12 Field Coy., R.E., 1—0; 4th round, beaten by the 6th Coy., R.A.S.C., 1—4.

The team played well in all matches, and was very unfortunate in losing the last match. However, it reflects great credit on the team in getting as far as they did. The team was always trying, and this accounted for our successes. L./Cpl. Jackson has been reaping further honours at boxing, this time being chosen to represent the Army against the Welsh amateurs.

No. 13 Platoon fought their way into the semi-final of the Platoon "Soccer" K.O., and were then beaten by No. 3 Platoon of "A" Company. The Company was well represented in the Battalion boxing team by Sergt. Fleming, L./Cpl. Jackson, Cpl. Macmurdie, and Pte. Lamb. At the time of writing the Company are finishing company training. No. 13 Platoon, with Le Surf as spokesman, insist in asserting that No. 13 Platoon is far superior to any other. Cpls. Macmurdie and Northcott, although

putting on a lot of weight, are still prominent in the athletic line, and rival one another for the position of anchor man in the tug-o'-war team.

The C.Q.M.S. emergency file, together with the C.S.M.'s pending file, grows daily in size. The blotting-paper cannot stand much more.

There is great excitement in the Company now that we are at camp. All are training to win the Musketry Shield.

The first of the series of Battalion inter-company cross-country runs took place on January 23rd under very unfavourable conditions as far as weather was concerned. The snow had not yet melted, and the course, especially along the macadamized roads, was very treacherous and slippery. The route selected lay by the way of Wellington Monument, Long Valley, Elmore Bridge, Suspension Bridge, and back to barracks by way of Fleet Road and Officers' Club. Out of the first 30 of the Battalion to finish, "D" Company had three places, L./Sergt. Overton was 18th, Cpl. Stretton was 19th, and L./Cpl. Paris 20th. These three represented the Company in the Brigade run.

The Company was not very successful as a whole, being finally placed sixth, and we hope by training to live up to our previous running reputation in the next two cross-country runs.

Don.

"H.Q." WING.

With the exception of the M.G. Platoon, "H.Q." Wing has failed to produce any Notes for the Journal. This is a very serious matter. Now then, "H.Q.," let's rectify this.

The band have been playing the local dentists at football, and the result was a "draw" two all. I think that the band have their eye to business. Perhaps they were thinking of future events.

At Southsea the band gave two very creditable performances to large crowds of people.

The M.G. Platoon have done well in sports this year and are to be congratulated.

In "H.Q." Wing we get many strange faces, and often wonder if ever we shall have men for more than a year. Still, with the talent that we have we should go a long way in all things.

Already the teams have started to train in preparation for our annual sports. It

will be a great thing if "H.Q." can again win the Athletic Shield.

It is now about time that our friend Rex found a resting-place. He is really getting too old to wander around barracks.

The M.G. Platoon are now on intensive training, at their own work and also at education. We hope to see all M.Gs. with a "2nd" before long.

During Easter "H.Q." will be invaded by an Army of Territorials who are coming down for training. We hope they will enjoy their stay.

WINGER.

"EMMA GEE" GROANS.

Still groaning! We are in the throes of training, and the annual M.G. Course is staring us in the face. Still, we are sure that, as of yore, we shall overcome all these difficulties.

In the various sports we are doing very well. In the boxing and football teams we are well represented. In the platoon football we were very successful. This event we won fairly comfortably. In the hockey we did not do so well.

The latest innovation is the M.G. Circus. One day during March the whole platoon turned out for their first riding lesson, and many exciting scenes were witnessed.

Buck Wilder provided most of the fun, especially his gallop across the arena hanging round the horse's neck. He finished up by hitting the ground with a very hard bump. It has been said that he intends cutting out Tom Mix. The annual M.G. Course has been fired and we have done very well. The musketry has also been fired, and, as Pte. Low has it, "Many walked in the shadow of the butts, but few bulls were seen." We are preparing for the concentration of the M.G. Platoons at Netheravon, also for the A.R.A. Competition, which we are hoping to win this year.

We are having a gathering of Terriers with us during Easter, and we are going to show them how to carry a M.G. for ten miles without a halt . . . and then dash into action.

Sergts. Farrow and Jones have gone to Netheravon for the 18th Course, and we are sure that they will acquit themselves well. L./Sergt. Jones and Cpls. Tibble and Lewis recently passed this course with flying colours.

Our next notes will contain something of the A.M.G.C. and Concentration.

FEED-BLOCK.

WEAPON TRAINING HOWLERS.

FIRER: Missfire; want another round, please.

W.T. STOREMAN: Where did it go?
FIRER: Bottom of the target!

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INSTRUCTOR: Why do we wear khaki?

CLASS: To blend with the ground.

INTELLIGENT N.C.O.: That must be the reason why the Air Force wear blue—to blend with the sky.

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One of our instructors recently asked a man the size of a six-foot target, expecting the man to say, "Six feet square." He was shocked when the man said, "Five feet, Sergeant."

The following are the winners of the Silver Spoon Shoots on the miniature range:

Class "A": Sergt. Thomas, L./Cpl. Lazarus, Pte. Tyler, Pte. Halverson, Pte. Tompkins, Pte. Lloyd, Bdsn. Crockett, Pte. Fisk, C.S.M. Beaman, C.Q.M.S. Cook, L./Cpl. Patterson, Pte. Wilson.

Class "B": Sergt. Lambert, L./Cpl. Blackman, L./Cpl. Blackburn (2), Bdsn. Jones, Pte. Hatchett, Pte. Field (2), Pte. Harvey, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Page, Pte. Freeman.

N.R.A. Spoons: L./Sergt. Jones, Pte. Hayman.

N.R.A. Medals: L./Cpl. Horton, Sergt. Williard, Sergt. Burt, L./Cpl. Riley, L./Cpl. Kelly.



A happy snapshot of the 1st Battalion Pets enjoying an afternoon siesta at Bisley Camp.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. H. M. EUSTACE, D.S.O.



[Photo: Chas. E. Dixon, Gravesend.]

HENRY MONTAGUE EUSTACE was born on November 28th, 1863, and was educated at Harrow. He joined the 1st Battalion, then stationed at Dover, on August 29th, 1885, and served with it at Aldershot and in Ireland. Soldiering in Ireland was in those days a very pleasant amusement, and "Hooky," as he was familiarly called, entered thoroughly into its sports and amusements. In 1892 he accompanied the Battalion to Gibraltar, being promoted Captain in the following year. After a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot, then at Hounslow, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, which at the outbreak of the South African War was stationed at Woolwich. He commanded a company in that Battalion throughout the campaign, including the severe combat at Spion Kop, the engagements leading up to the relief of Ladysmith, the action at Allemann's Nek (June, 1900), and subsequent affairs. For his services he was mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Queen's Medal with six clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps. In 1902 he was

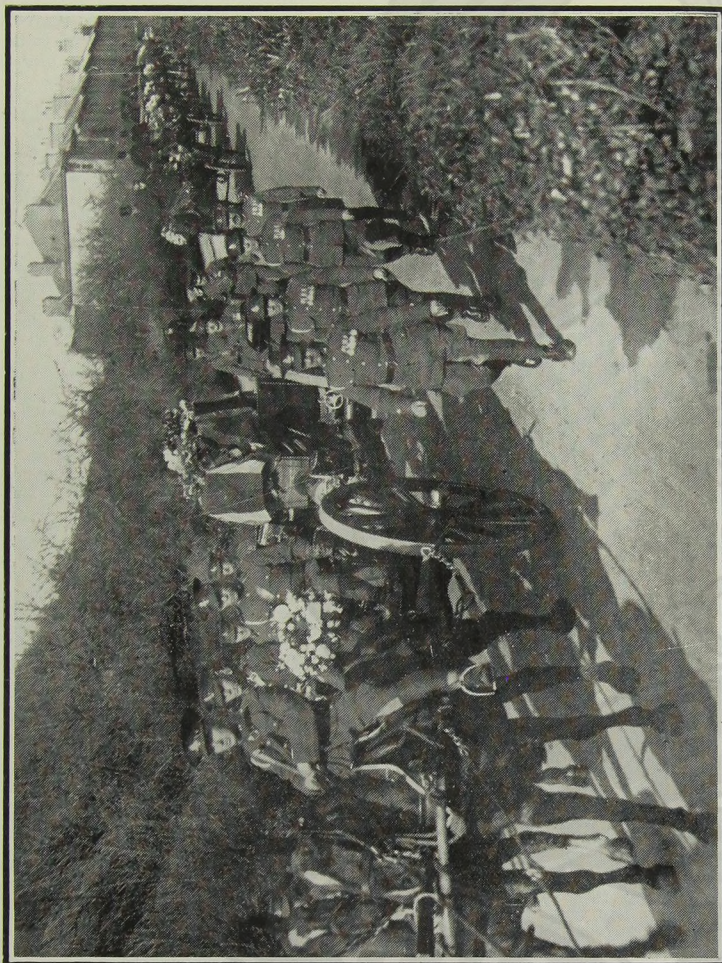
promoted to field rank, and shortly afterwards retired, settling down as a landed proprietor and Justice of the Peace at his family place in Co. Wexford. The ominous state of affairs in 1913, known as the Ulster troubles, found him again actively employed in a semi-military capacity, but fortunately without being called upon to actually take the field.

Soon after the outbreak of the Great War, Eustace received (November 5th, 1914) the command of the newly-formed 14th (Service) Battalion, which at the close of the year was stationed in the Medway Valley, near Rochester. But on the following March he was transferred to the 6th (Service) Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, and proceeded with it to the Dardanelles, where he was very severely wounded in the heavy fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

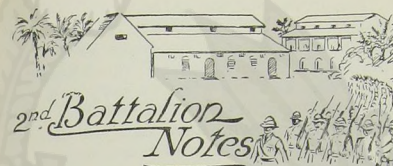
Although he survived his wounds for ten years, he had, for months past, been an invalid, and had borne his sufferings, which were of a particularly painful and distressing nature, with exemplary cheerfulness and patience. His funeral took place at Torquay on March 3rd, 1926, and was carried out by the Royal Artillery Brigade from Topsham Barracks, Exeter, which provided the gun-carriage and pall-bearers, and also a detachment consisting of escort, firing party and trumpeters, under Lieut. Mansell, R.A. In addition to the relatives, there were present—Colonel G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O. (late 2nd Battalion); Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Warden (late 1st Battalion); Colonel J. Woodrow, R.A.; and the following representatives of the Torquay Navy and Army Veterans' Association: Chief Petty Officer J. P. Harding (late R.N.), Sergt.-Major Tomney (King's Body Guard), and Sergt.-Major Barrett. Amongst others, wreaths were sent by the 1st Battalion, Brig.-General A. A. Garstin, C.M.G. and Mrs. Garstin, Colonel Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O., Mrs. B. E. Ward, and Lieut.-Colonel Warden.

Lieut.-Colonel Eustace had married (1903) his cousin, Monica Alice, daughter of Colonel J. T. Eustace, of Wynberg, South Africa, and to her and to her sons and daughter we offer our sincerest sympathy in this loss of our old and valued friend.

C. S. C.



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 FUNERAL OF THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. HENRY MONTAGUE EUSTACE, D.S.O.



MAJOR D. C. OWEN, D.S.O., relinquished the appointment as Administrative Commandant, Poona and Kirkee, on December 18th, 1925.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., rejoined the Battalion from leave in the United Kingdom on December 3rd, 1925.

Capt. E. N. Appelbe joined the Battalion on posting, January 6th, 1926.

Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O., proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom on January 12th, 1926.

Lieut. P. Pater proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom on January 12th, 1926.

Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., proceeded to the United Kingdom on February 27th, 1926, on Privilege Leave, on posting to the Home Establishment, to assume duties as Assistant Inspector of Physical Training at the Army Physical Training School, Aldershot.

Capt. L. F. Sloane-Stanley proceeded on leave on Medical Certificate on February 25th, 1926.

Major M. Browne, M.C., joined the Battalion on posting on February 21st, 1926.

Lieut. H. W. Clayden passed a promotion examination in subject "A" at Poona in January, 1926.

GIGGLESWICK MADAM.

A MUSICAL FARCE IN TWO ACTS.

BY LIEUT. S. J. CLARK.

Presented at the Cinema, East Ridge, Ahmednagar, on January 4th, 5th and 6th, 1926.

CHARACTERS

(In the order in which they appear.)

Kitty Castle, Cashier of the A1 Furniture Co. Mrs. F. A. L. LAWRENCE
 Jack Eastwood, the Junior Partner ... C.S.M. H. G. RAND
 William Spuggles, the Book-keeper ... SERGT. J. HART
 Bingo Booster, Proprietor of the Firm 2/LIEUT. G. A. N. CHISHOLM

Spoof, the Hall Porter ... PTE. HIGGINS

Hiram Tripe, a Bailiff PTE. C. MARTIN

Helen Vane, Eastwood's

Fiancée ... MRS. JONES

Mrs. Partridge-Partridge, her

Aunt ... L./CPL. C. MOSS

Brabazon Giggleswick, Bingo's

Trustee ... LIEUT. S. J. CLARK

Bingo Booster, the proprietor of the A1 Furniture Co., is a light-hearted young man whose escapades are a continual source of trouble to his serious-minded partner, Jack Eastwood. They have also not escaped the notice of his trustee, Brabazon Giggleswick, who lives in Paris. Giggleswick tells Bingo that if he expects any more help from him he must marry and settle down to a quieter life, whereupon Bingo writes to his trustee informing him that he is married. Such is the state of things on the rise of the curtain.

At the beginning of Act 1, Bingo receives a wire from his trustee announcing his arrival that morning. He takes Eastwood and William Spuggles into his confidence, and both agree that he must obtain a temporary wife. After a good deal of persuasion, Eastwood agrees to ask Helen, his fiancée, to act the part, but Bingo, in order to avoid any risk of non-compliance, manages to get Kitty Castle, his cashier, to pretend to be Mrs. Booster. Not knowing that she has been secretly married to William that morning. In the meantime William talks Mrs. Partridge-Partridge into doing the same thing. Mr. Giggleswick arrives and in turn all three ladies are presented to him as Mrs. Booster.

In Act 2 Bingo and Kitty succeed in explaining away the two other wives, when Mrs. Partridge-Partridge gives the whole show away, and Scene 1 ends with Giggleswick ordering them all to meet him at the Aerobus Station to explain the cause of the mix up. In the last scene, Eastwood explains the situation to Giggleswick, who forgives Bingo, but on the condition that he marries Mrs. Partridge-Partridge.

Such is a rough outline of the plot. In addition we have William's anger and jealousy at seeing his wife pretending to be Mrs. Booster; Eastwood, too, does not get off lightly, for Helen, angered at the idea of her fiancé asking her to pretend to be another man's wife, breaks off the engage-

ment, and the lovers are not reconciled until the last scene.

L./Cpl. Moss, as Mrs. Partridge-Partridge, once again made a huge success in the character of an old woman, and scored the top honours of the evening. 2/Lieut. Chisholm, complete with bowler hat, as Bingo Booster, was as humorous as ever, and Sergt. Hart, as William, has never been better. C.S.M. Rand, as Eastwood, made good use of his fine baritone voice, but was inclined to be a little stiff in his acting. Lieut. Clark, as Giggleswick, did well in song and dance, although it would be better if he talked his songs instead of attempting to sing them. Pte. Martin, as the bailiff, was very good. Mrs. Jones, as Helen, sang better than ever, her acting having also improved. Two newcomers to the cast were Pte. Higgins and Mrs. Lawrence. The former, a recruit from the now defunct "D" Company concert party, was excellent in the part of Spoof, and with more experience will do very well. Mrs. Lawrence, as Kitty Castle, charmed and delighted everyone, and no one could have told that it was her first appearance on the stage. We hope to see more of her.

To turn to the music, there were some seventeen songs in the show, of which the most successful were, "Bless the Girls" (Lieut. Chisholm, C.S.M. Rand, and Sergt. Hart), "Don't fall in Love with Me" (Lieut. Chisholm and Mrs. Jones), "What is the Matter with 59?" (Lieut. Clark), "Some Day waiting will End" (Mrs. Jones), "There's a Light in Your Eyes" (C.S.M. Rand), "The Church round the Corner" (L./Cpl. Moss and C.S.M. Rand), and "The Tree in the Hole," (Mrs. Lawrence, Lieut. Clark, Sergt. Hart and Lieut. Chisholm). The band, directed by Bandmaster H. Clibbens, greatly enhanced the success of the evening. We do not think everyone realizes the hours of tedious work Mr. Clibbens puts in, scoring the various band parts from the original piano copies.

Once again C.Q.M.S. Smith was invaluable in front, and L./Cpl. Pollard and his little band of helpers were the same behind. Lieut. Pater (not acting this time) also rendered valuable assistance, as did Sergt. Ingle and his pioneers, who, as well as building the very effective scenery, acted as scene-shifters throughout the run of the play.

The production was in the very able hands of Cpl. R. W. N. Ruttledge, who was not in the cast owing to an uncertainty as to the date of his departure to United Kingdom for discharge. He will be a very great loss to the concert party, and will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him, on account of his experience, ability and tact.

POONA DISTRICT BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The Battalion team, having been selected on the results of the Battalion Open Competition, proceeded to Poona for the District Tournament.

The byes were evenly distributed between the teams, but we were unlucky in the draw for the odd one and had three men fighting in the first round. Pte. Fuller (Bantam) was knocked out by the eventual winner of the weight after starting off quite well. Pte. Green (Light-weight) was beaten on points after putting up a very good fight against a more experienced boxer. L./Cpl. Champion (Middle-weight) was beaten on points after a very close fight; he nearly had his man out in the second round.

In the semi-finals, L./Cpl. Fisher (Fly-weight) was beaten on points by the eventual winner of the weight after a well-contested fight; Pte. Howlett (Welter) was put down for the count in the third round after holding his own well in the first two rounds; and Pte. Swatman (Heavy-weight) had to retire with an injured thumb.

Pte. Sculphor (Light Heavy) disposed of his man in the semi-finals fairly quickly, but suffered the same fate himself in the last round of the final, though there was nothing much to choose between him and his opponent in the first two rounds.

L./Cpl. Cook (Feather), who won the Southern Command Cup last year, won his weight without great difficulty, and will now fight again shortly to, and we hope, retain the Cup.

Pte. Brown (Bantam), who went down as a second with the team, had a special contest with a man from the Queen's Own, whom he knocked out after a very good display of boxing.

The Tournament was won by the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards from Secunderabad, who have an excellent team.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The improvement during the last twelve months has been exceptional. This does not apply only to regimental players, but right through the companies down to Platoon "Scrogs." Twelve months ago the result of the Inter-Company League was a foregone conclusion, but the issue of the last league was always uncertain and was decided on the last two or three games. "A" Company eventually finished as winners, with "H.Q.1" and "H.Q.2" second and third respectively, "D," "C" and "B" finishing close on their heels in the order named.

At the time of writing the regimental team is at Secunderabad waiting to play in the finals of the District Tournament, having come out top dogs in the Group.

Extract from the "Times of India," dated March 1st, 1926.

The Middlesex Regiment, from Ahmednagar, met the Gordon Highlanders at Trimulgherry in the final match of the Poona District Hockey Tournament this afternoon. The Middlesex won the toss and elected to play with their backs to the sun. The Gordons advanced from the bully off, but were soon deprived of the ball by the Middlesex, who worked up and threatened twice, the Gordons' goalkeeper saving the situation each time. The Gordons then became aggressive, and might have scored twice, but were pulled up for "kicks" and "sticks." The Middlesex transferred play to the opposite end, and by dint of excellent stick work they entered the circle and shot a goal after a fine tussle, through Palmer. Soon after this the Gordons attacked and missed the mark by an ace. They made another fine attempt, and Mackonichie netted the ball, thus equalizing the score. Fast end-to-end play ensued, and ended in an exciting mêlée in the Gordons' circle. In the confusion one of the Gordons sent the ball into their own goal, thus making a present of a goal to the Middlesex.

On crossing over both teams attacked in turn, the goalkeepers of either side bringing off extremely difficult saves. The Middlesex then showed fine team work and tried a shot. The ball struck the post and bounded into play, and Glew rushed in and scored the third goal for the Middlesex. Another of their efforts might have succeeded but for

an accurate kick-out by the goalie. The Gordons relieved the pressure and sprinted down, and Atul made a straight drive, but the goalie cleared. The Gordons confined play to the Middlesex end for a long spell, and gave them an anxious time, but were unlucky in missing several opportunities. The Middlesex at last cleared and, making a clear run to the opposite goal, scored their fourth goal. The Gordons played up all they knew, and, overcoming every stubborn resistance, scored their second goal through Mackonichie a minute before time was called. The Middlesex finally won by four goals to two.

Before presenting the Poona District Challenge Cup to the winners and medals to the winners and runners-up, Colonel-Commandant Giles congratulated the Middlesex on the victory, and commended the fine understanding between their forwards. He wished them good luck in the Inter-District match which takes place in Poona on Tuesday next. He then complimented the Gordons on the excellent show they put up, and spoke eulogistically of the fine work by the goalkeepers on both sides.

Middlesex Regt. Team: Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, Sergt. Hazeldene, L./Cpl. Glew, Bdsn. Milehand, Bdsn. Joyce, Pte. Ferguson, Pte. Prime, Pte. Cissell, Pte. Dell, Pte. Bywaters.

After defeating the Gordon Highlanders in the Group final at Secunderabad, the hockey team went direct to Poona for the Inter-District final. Our opponents in this match were the Royal Ulster Rifles. The ground was in rather a poor condition, which rather handicapped the play. After a very hard game we ran out winners, the score being 2-0. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer and Lieut. Wray were responsible for the goals. It is very pleasing to hear of the good impression the team has created in these other stations both for their play and good sportsmanship.

The team is proceeding to Rawal Pindi to play in the All-India Hockey Championships, commencing on March 15th, 1926.

BOXING NOTES.

In December we had a Novices' Boxing Competition for the Scissors Cup; each company sending in a team limited to one man in each weight.

The meeting was a great success, as it showed that the boxing was improving in the Battalion.

The result was a tie between "D" Company and "H.Q.I." who will hold the cup for six months each.

Fly-weight.—Pte. German ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Creydon ("D" Coy.).

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Brown ("D" Coy.) beat Pte. Nelson ("C" Coy.).

Feather-weight.—Pte. Smith ("D" Coy.) beat Pte. Cane ("B" Coy.).

Light-weight.—Pte. Green ("D" Coy.) beat L./Cpl. Flint ("A" Coy.).

Welter-weight.—Pte. Park ("A" Coy.); beat L./Cpl. Wright ("H.Q." Wing).

Middle-weight.—Pte. Ormes ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Hornett ("A" Coy.).

Catch-weight.—Pte. Taylor ("B" Coy.) beat Pte. Reeves ("H.Q." Wing).

Best Loser: Pte. Digby ("C" Coy.).

In February we had an Open Meeting, which lasted three days. There were 101 entries, which shows an improvement on last year.

"A" Company and "H.Q.I." put in the most—36 and 28 respectively. There was an extraordinary number of knock-outs in the first and second series.

The boxing was very clean and enthusiastic. The Brigade Commander, Col. J. Clementi, O.B.E., presented the medals to the winners and runners-up, and also a cup given by Haji F. Shabodeen to the winning Company—"A."

Fly-weight.—L./Cpl. Fisher ("H.Q." Wing) beat Pte. Worton ("A" Coy.).

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Brown ("D" Coy.) beat L./Cpl. Grogan ("A" Coy.).

Feather-weight.—L./Cpl. Cook ("C" Coy.) beat Pte. Berks ("C" Coy.).

Light-weight.—Pte. Green ("D" Coy.) beat Pte. Cole ("B" Coy.).

Welter-weight.—Pte. Howlett ("A" Coy.) beat Pte. Parks ("A" Coy.).

Middle-weight.—Pte. Jolly ("H.Q." Wing) beat L./Cpl. Evans ("A" Coy.).

Catch-weight.—Pte. Sculphor ("D" Coy.) beat Pte. Swatman ("A" Coy.).

Best Loser: Pte. Hornett ("A" Coy.).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our last quarter's doings opened with a farewell dinner given to members leaving us during 1925-26 Trooper. Everything went

off merrily on this occasion, and we have to thank the Recreation Committee for the excellent way in which they managed things. The usual speeches were ably rendered by those who were leaving and replied to by the Bandmaster.

As usual on Christmas Day the members were assisting at their company dinners, etc., and our own dinner was arranged for New Year's Eve, to be followed by a dance. I am sure all enjoyed this immensely, none more than "Fairy," who had the honour to represent Miss 1926 (a charming girl). The gusto used in shoving away the old man of 1925 by this maiden was met with great applause.

We all regret losing so many of our members and wish them every success in their new sphere. The members leaving us were R.S.M. Fane, R.Q.M.S. Baker and Sergt. Mayhew for discharge, and Sergt. Sperry, who has gone to the Depot for a tour of duty. C.Q.M.S. Cushion was due to leave, but owing to the illness in his family he has to wait until next Trooper.

On January 26th we were at home to the Corporals for tennis, and we managed to cane them. Of course, we must allow for them playing away from home.

The promotion to Regimental-Sergeant-Major of C.S.M.I.M. Cox was very popularly received by all members.

Our Grand Old Man "Cookie" has received his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and we congratulate him on being enabled to receive such distinction. (Many moons ago I was a rookie.)

L./Sergts. Fairchild, Banfield, and Mason have been promoted to sergeants, and we welcome L./Sergts. Bratby, Aird, and Barker, who have recently joined us from the Corporals' Room.

Many have rejoined us from leave in U.K., and yet more have braved the seas to spend a few months in snowy England. (It must be shingles and Russian boots that tempt them from Sunny India!)

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

There seems to be a lull in the activities of the Corporals after so many successful events against the Sergeants' Mess of the Battalion, but it may be that we are reorganizing owing to the fact that many of our best sportsmen have left us for civilian life. Time will tell; events will prove.

A prominent and well-known figure has sailed for the land we hear so much about since the last draft arrived. Really it would make even a soldier homesick, but not a junior N.C.O., as there seems to be a habit of making out a "Death Report" by one of our members.

The Regimental-Sergeant-Major (F. J. Fane) was presented with a suitable gift, which was a silver hunter watch, as a token of every good wish and luck from the "Crafty Persons" whom he has left behind to carry on.

Our new Regimental-Sergeant-Major is C.S.M.I.M. S. A. Cox. Ye Gods and Little Gold Fishes, when I saw a few of the heads walking past him with their backs straight for once I thought that they were wearing corsets.

A Smoker was given in two parts to the undermentioned:—

Cpls. Button, Howard (92), Newton, L./Cpls. Brown, Whiting, Banks—(end of Part I; part II will follow)—Cpls. Davis, Ruff, Colton, Myland (War Lord), Ruttledge, Clarke, L./Cpls. Flint, Glibbery, Pollard, Lucas, Riley, Forster, and last, but not least—this will be continued in the next issue, so buy your copy and watch for your name; and that also is how the Smoker ended—to be continued.

The Room made an amendment proposing to remove their headquarters to Shingwe after such happenings. This was carried without a murmur. The Battalion paid great respect as they turned out in force and escorted them to Shingwe and, seeing what a fine place it was, decided to remain.

Life at Shingwe proved to be containing all the enchantment of the mysterious East that could be required even by Ben. It was after sunset that things became somewhat blurred, but that's allowed. Our return was the cause of many tears from the sky. Cheers, what for?

I. U. M.

BAND.

Since our last notes we have to welcome some new faces, and to lament over the loss of some very old friends.

Ten boys came to us from the 1st Battalion soon after we arrived back from a very short vacation at Shingwe.

Cpl. Secretan (Home Establishment), Bdsman. Milton (time-expired), Bdsman.

Davis (discharged, medical grounds) have left us, and all members of the Band wish them *bon voyage*.

At football and hockey we can hold our own, and are proud to have three members of the Band in the regimental hockey team, which is at present fighting its way successfully to the final of the All-India Hockey Tournament.

It is rumoured that certain members of the Band have an idea that they are needed in the Viceroy's Band, and one wonders if it is the free issue of a motor-car or horse that is causing all the attraction.

Last week (13th to 20th) was a very busy week for the Band. Performances at the Commanding Officer's House Party, Officers' Mess, Gymkhana Club, and Machine Gun School Dance were carried out.

"SPIKEY."

SIGNALLERS.

No notes were sent in by us last quarter owing to our usual subscriber, Corporal Denchfield, having had the misfortune to be admitted to hospital with enteric fever, but we wish him a speedy return to normal health during his convalescence at Wellington. During the present trooping season L./Cpls. Lucas and Forster and Ptes. James, Webb, and Wakerley have left us to try their luck in civilian life, and we wish them all the best.

Christmas was spent with the usual convivial festivities, when our compliments were extended to the Drums, who were invited to tea on Boxing Day, followed by an invitation from them to a social the same evening, and a further invitation to tea the Sunday prior to proceeding to camp for Brigade Training. Only two men failed in the annual classification out of 44; giving as a percentage in the figure of merit of 93.31 as compared with 94.34 the previous year. The fact that the senior instructor and the second instructor were on furlough, and in hospital respectively, no doubt handicapped the section.

The camp was about twenty miles from barracks, and the great advantage there was the stretch of water which enabled everybody to enjoy a dip at the end of a day's training.

We started the march back to barracks at twelve o'clock on the night of January 29/30th, and none were sorry to get back.

The section are doing better at hockey than at any other sport.

So far we have not lost a game this year, while we just about hold our own at football, having won 2, drawn 2, and lost 2.

There were five entrants from the section in the Battalion Open Boxing Tournament, each entrant putting up a good account of himself, especially Pte. Jolly, who won his way into the finals of the Middle-weight. (Jolly good.)

A new class of men has just commenced in the section which will be under the able management of Sergt. Thompson during the absence of the Signal Officer, who has proceeded on leave to U.K. We all wish him *bon voyage* and an enjoyable leave.

The section's best wishes also go with those that have left us for the Army Reserve.

MACHINE-GUN PLATOON.

Since the last issue of the Journal many alterations have occurred in the Platoon. Lieuts. Overell and Lambert have joined us from "D" and "A" Companies, whilst Lieutenants Chapman and Clayden have joined "C" and "D" Companies respectively. Whilst dealing with departures, we wish Capt. Sloane-Stanley and Sergt. Mayhew good-bye, as they left us for U.K. Sergt. Mayhew's departure will be sincerely felt by all ranks of the Platoon and Company. Congratulations to L./Cpls. Webb and Franklin on their promotion to Corporal. We must also congratulate L./Cpl. Fisher on winning his weight in the Battalion Open Boxing Competition. During the competition it was our pleasure to witness some first-class exhibitions of the noble art. A certain N.C.O., who has been mentioned in previous issues as a pigeon fancier, entered the boxing and won his first fight on the first night. On account of the fierce nature of the fight he earned for himself the name of Cyclone. Since that night he has suffered very badly from the Blues, the reason being that Cpl. Myland does not reside in Nagar. Since the arrival of drafts a strange language has been heard. It starts with "I choom" and ends with "tha' knows tha' does." At present we are doing very little in the realm of sport, the reason being that one-half of the Platoon is away at the Machine Gun School as a demonstration section. Last but not least we welcome Major M. Browne, M.C., to the company as

its commander. Seeing that he takes such a great interest in sports we trust that "H.Q." will retain their honours on the sports field.

"A" COMPANY.

The first event of importance to the Company during the quarter was the annual company camp. This year it was held at Vilad, a place some twelve miles north of Ahmednagar.

The evenings in camp were usually passed by playing "House" or joining in a sing-song. On two occasions the evenings were passed with boxing competitions, followed by an impromptu concert.

We found quite a lot of new artists in the singing. 2/Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm was well to the fore with his one-stringed fiddle, his famous song "Blotto," and a few snappy jokes. The C.S.M. obliged with a song and followed it up with a very neat step dance. I wonder if he remembers it? I do. Last but not least, were Lieut. Lambert and 2/Lieut. Jacob.

On Christmas Day there was the usual church service in the morning. I believe some of the junior N.C.Os. felt rather bad, as there was a Corporals' Dance Christmas Eve, but they managed to get on parade. The remainder of the day was given over to the usual festivities.

On January 12th the Battalion left for the annual manœuvres. We halted at Vilad for tea and were then just over half-way there. We eventually arrived in fine style, marching just over twenty-one miles. Our stunts were not too irksome, although "night-ops" were a bit "tunda." The majority of the Battalion had to ford a stream. Owing to a mishap the pontoon did not arrive, so we used "imaginary ones." These were not quite so solid as they might have been, and I believe two or three people got their feet a bit damp. We marched back from camp at night, and to cheer us up it rained from about eight in the evening until five in the morning.

The Company have acquitted themselves very favourably in sports, and are top of the roll in everything during the quarter, except Tug-of-War. The first event was Inter-Company Hockey, followed by the Battalion Cross-Country Run, where we gained an easy victory by a clear 1,050 points. We were beaten in the Tug-of-War by "D"

Company, who undoubtedly had the better team. The last event to take place this quarter was the Battalion Boxing. Of the remaining nine contests in the finals, we had seven finalists, and on top of this Pte. Hornett, of "A" Company, was awarded the best loser's prize.

We have lost quite a number of N.C.Os. and men during this trooping season, and I am sure everybody in the Company will join me in wishing them every success in civil life. We have lost Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, our old "skipper" for some time. The breach has been filled by Capt. E. N. Applebe, who was our company commander in Egypt. He left the Battalion and went to the Egyptian Army.

Lieut. H. P. Lambert has been transferred to "H.Q." Wing. He will be missed very much in the Company, but we all wish him the best of luck as a "gunner."

"B" COMPANY.

During the last quarter the Company Annual Sports have been held and the competitors put up some fine performances. The spirit shown by all was ideal, and it is a great credit to the Company that not a grouse was heard by anybody. There was a fair number of spectators in attendance, amongst whom was our old company commander, Major P. Grove White, who was evidently pleased with all he saw. Mrs. Grove White honoured the Company by presenting prizes to the winners, the names of whom are shown below.

The Commanding Officer kindly let us have the band in attendance, and the lively airs added greatly to the show. It was regretted that the married families could not come along, owing to scarletina, chicken-pox, and other complaints too numerous to mention.

The following are the results of each event:—

100 Yards.—1, Pte. Hodgson; 2, Cpl. Wright; 3, Pte. Wade.

200 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Laxton; 2, Pte. Hodgson; 3, Pte. Taylor (47).

440 Yards.—1, Pte. Taylor (47); 2, Pte. Green; 3, Pte. Pitchford.

Half Mile.—1, Pte. Green; 2, Pte. Hodgson; 3, Pte. Crump.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Watson; 2, Pte. Hodgson; 3, Pte. Barnard (04).

Three Miles.—1, Pte. Watson; 2, Pte. Slate; 3, Pte. Crump.

High Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Fowler; 2, Pte. Lincoln; 3, Pte. Wade.

Long Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Fowler; 2, L./Cpl. Laxton; 3, L./Cpl. Clements.

Putting the Weight.—1, L./Cpl. Fowler; 2, Pte. Lincoln; 3, Cpl. Wright.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Pte. Young; 2, Pte. Lincoln; 3, Pte. Rowell.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, L./Cpl. Laxton; 2, Pte. Wade; 3, L./Cpl. Fowler.

Platoon Relay.—No. 7 Platoon; No. 8 Platoon.

Hop, Skip and Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Laxton; 2, Pte. Taylor (47).

Three-Legged Race.—1, L./Cpl. Fowler and Pte. Watson; 2, L./Cpl. Laxton and Pte. Barnard (04).

Blindfold Race.—1, Pte. Barnard (04); 2, Pte. Tiller.

Band Race.—1, Bdsman. Smith; 2, Bdsman. Saunders; 3, Bdsman. Joyce.

Sack Race.—1, Pte. Geard; 2, Pte. Robinson (29).

The Battalion Open Boxing Tournament did not see the Company too much to the fore. We could only boast of six entries, and must say more spirit and pluck could have been shown, owing to the fact that the Company can boast of several good men who did not take part.

We can congratulate the men of the draft on coming forward to assist the Company. Out of the six entries four were draft. Pte. Cole did exceedingly well in reaching the finals, being knocked out by Pte. Green, "D" Company, a very good man. The Battalion Hockey Knockout for the Guillimard Cup has started, and we were beaten by "H.Q.2," after putting up a good game, by 2-1. Next quarter we hope to be able to report a few successes.

BEER-KOY.

"C" COMPANY.

Owing to the Company being on detachment at the Fort, there is very little of note to report.

We held our Boxing Tournament in December last and managed to find sufficient entries to enable us to have two nights' good sport. Some good fights were witnessed and the spirit shown by all competitors was exceptionally good. Miniature cups were awarded to the winners of each weight.

Pte. Butler showed good form and won the Feather-weight division. I think we shall hear more of this promising man. Entries for the Battalion Open Championships were not as numerous as we expected, but those that did enter gave quite a good account of themselves. L./Cpl. Cook was our best man and won his weight in grand style. He has since won the District Tournament, and at the moment of writing these notes he is away preparing for the Command Tournament. We wish him the best of luck and hope to hear that he has joined the merry band of fighters at the All-India Tournament at Rawal Pindi.

While at the Fort we held our Annual Athletic Sports, and very keen competition was witnessed. Ptes. Butler and Smith showed great form in the individual events and tied for the individual championship with 11 points each. No. 10 Platoon won both the six-aside football and the Tug-of-War, while No. 12 Platoon were first in the Inter-Platoon Relay Race.

No. 10 Platoon were the winners of the Athletic Championship, and platoons were awarded points as under, for the Inter-Platoon Championship Shield:—

	Points.
No. 10 Platoon	4
No. 12 Platoon	3
No. 9 Platoon	2
No. 11 Platoon	1

We are looking forward to winning a few events in the Battalion Sports which are to be held shortly.

We have not been very successful in other forms of sport, but "Better luck next year." We have just had one hard fight with "D" Company at hockey in the Guillimard Cup, and were knocked out after a very hard replay. Good luck to "D" Company. We are not making excuses, but I think our failure at hockey is partly due to the fact that our team have been divided between the Fort and East Ridge.

"D" COMPANY.

Now that we have finished with camp life for a while we can settle down to life in barracks. Since the last issue of our Journal a vast change has come over Don Company. Firstly, that boat which our old friends sung about so much arrived at Bombay and departed later with them aboard, and we all join together in wishing them the best of

luck in civilian life. Our C.S.M. (Davis) did not remain with us for long on returning from leave. He was sent to Pachmari on a Small Arms Course. Rumour has it that he is our next C.S.M.I.M. So we hope he will return with three D's instead of two. We were sorry to lose Lieut. Overell, who has gone to make the gunners groan, and Lieut. Pater, who has gone to England on leave. Major Brown, D.S.O., our Company Commander, has left us to return to England as P.T. expert. Although his office of Company Commander was short, we are all downright sorry to lose him. He takes with him our best wishes for the future. Capt. Whinney, M.C., has again taken over command of "D" Company, and we hope to have the same good times together as we always have had.

We congratulate Cpls. Aird and Bratby on being promoted to Lance-Sergeants, and L./Cpl. Neighbour on being promoted to Corporal, and also L./Cpl. Jimmy Lane on passing his first-class education examination. What with Tiny Williams and Jimmy our Company is well up in eddication. (All right, Mr. Editor, Jimmy is taking me in hand.)

Who said "D" Company had no strength? Whoever it was found out their mistake during the Tug-of-War League. "D" Company pulled 5, won 5—not bad, eh! Of course, once Sergt. Peck gets his hands on the rope and his heels in the ground nothing will shift him, not even the Company pay call, so perhaps that's where the secret of our strength lies.

Before we close, we wish our new arrivals the best of luck in a strange land, and all old companyites the very best.

DON COY.

A soldier complained of the smallness of his rooms in barracks.

"They are simply a nutshell," he grumbled to a friend.

"Then you ought to congratulate yourself," replied the other; "for by living in a nutshell you will immediately attain the rank of a kernel."

What is the difference between a good governess and a bad one?

A good one guides miss, and a bad one misguides.

SOME REGIMENTAL MEMORIALS.

Copy of inscription on memorial to Field-Marshal Viscount Hardinge, Colonel of the 57th Regiment, in St. Peter's Church, Fordcombe, Kent, where he was buried:—

Here rests the body of Field-Marshal Henry, 1st Viscount Hardinge, who departed this life Sept. 23rd, 1856, aged 72 years.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

"Stand therefore having your loins girt about you with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness."

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fires of the wicked."

"And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God."

Copy of inscription on memorial tablet to Field-Marshal Viscount Hardinge, Colonel of the 57th Regiment, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Penshurst, Kent:—

To the memory of Henry, 1st Viscount Hardinge, this Tablet is erected by his mourning widow and children. His public services are thus recorded in a funeral order to the army, 2 Oct. 1856—"The Queen has a high and grateful sense of Lord Hardinge's valuable and unremitting services, and in his death deplores the loss of a true and devoted friend. No sovereign possessed a more honest and faithful counsellor nor a more loyal, fearless and devoted servant."

He resigned command of the army 9 July, 1856, and his few remaining days were spent at South Park, where, surrounded by his family, he closed his earthly career in humble confidence in the atoning merits of his Redeemer. He drew his last breath, September 23rd, 1856, in the 72nd year of his age.

"Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord."

Henry Hardinge entered the service in November, 1794, being then under fifteen years of age. His first commission as Ensign was in the Queen's Rangers, a small Corps in Upper Canada. He purchased his Lieutenant's commission in 1796, and after serving in one or two regiments was promoted to a Company in the 57th in April, 1804. He served with the Regiment in the Channel Islands and at Gibraltar, until in 1809 he was appointed at the commencement of the Peninsular War to the staff of the Portuguese Army then commanded by Beresford, who was employed in reorganizing it under Sir Arthur Wellesley's orders. In this capacity Hardinge was present at Roleia, Vimiera (wounded), Corunna, the

Douro and Torres Vedras. On May 16th, 1811, when Deputy Quartermaster-General to Beresford, at the Battle of Albuhera, he brought himself prominently into notice by the way in which at the crisis of the action, when defeat seemed imminent, he turned the tide of affairs by taking on himself to bring up Sir Lowry Cole's Division to attack the French left. Of this incident Fortescue writes in his "Wellington": "In fact, he (Beresford) had thought that he was beaten and had ordered a retreat; and he would have been beaten had not Captain Henry Hardinge, of his Staff, taken it upon himself to win the day." Hardinge was present also at Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria (wounded), the Pyrenees, Nive, Nivelles and Orthez. For his services in the Peninsular campaign he received the gold cross with five clasps, and became Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st Guards. He was commissioner at the Prussian headquarters in the campaign of 1815, and was present in this capacity at the Battle of Ligny, where he lost his left hand, being thus prevented from being present at Waterloo. For his services he was created K.C.B. and Knight of the Prussian Order of the Red Eagle. He was promoted Major-General in 1830 and Lieutenant-General in 1841. In 1843 he rejoined the 57th Regiment as its Colonel, having left it in 1809. In 1846 he went to India as Governor-General, but on the outbreak of the Sikh War he waived his military rank and acted as second-in-command under Sir Hugh Gough at the battles of Moodkee, Ferozeshah and Sohraon. For his brilliant military and political services he was created Viscount Hardinge of Lahore. In 1852 he was appointed Master-General of the Ordnance, and on the death of the Duke of Wellington succeeded to the command-in-chief of the Army. For his services he was created a Field-Marshal in 1855. He died the following year at his seat, South Park, Penshurst, near Tunbridge Wells. He was buried in the neighbouring Church of Fordcombe, of which he laid the foundation stone on return from India, and for which he contributed the greater part of the building fund. He remained Colonel of the 57th Regiment until his death.

Copy of inscription on monument in Douglas, Isle of Man, to Brigadier-General

Thomas Leigh Goldie, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 57th Regiment:—

INKERMAN.

Erected by Public Subscription in memory of Brigadier-General Thomas Leigh Goldie, of the Nunnery, Lieutenant Colonel of H.M. 57th Regiment.

He commanded a Brigade of the British Army in the Crimea and fell in the Battle of Inkerman, November 5th, in the 47th year of his age.
"Post Euneravirtus."

Thomas Leigh Goldie was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 57th Regiment in 1848 from Major, 66th Regiment. Soon after the 57th landed in the Crimea from Corfu, Goldie was appointed Brigadier to command the 1st Brigade, 4th Division, the 57th being one of his regiments. He commanded this Brigade during the march to Balaklava, the commencement of the siege of Sebastopol, and the Battle of Balaklava. On November 5th, 1854, when the right of the British Army was attacked by the Russians in overwhelming force, Goldie was quickly on the spot with part of his Brigade, and personally directed charges by the 20th and 57th Regiments. While continuing to direct and animate his men in their heroic resistance to the Russian onslaught, he was mortally wounded and died the same night. He was buried on Cathcart's Hill, where lie many other officers of the 57th. Writing from Balaklava after the Battle of Inkerman, General Pennefather said: "He was the most popular officer in this Army—beloved by his Brigade, and beloved by all who knew him, and no man has fallen more thought of or more universally regretted." In "Here and There Memories," H. R. N. writes of him: "Goldie commanded the 57th before and during the Crimean War. How he led his beloved Regiment glitters in history, and cannot be suitably referred to here by such a trifle as I."

A monument, in front of which stands a captured Russian gun, has been erected to his memory at Douglas, in the Isle of Man, his native place.

Copy of inscription on memorial tablet in St. John's Church, Edinburgh, to Capt. Edward Stanley, 57th Regiment:—

This Tablet is erected by Jeannette Stanley in memory of a beloved husband, Edward Stanley, Senior Captain of H.M.'s 57th Regiment of Foot, Knight of the Tower and the Sword of Portugal, born A.D. MDCCCXVI. He fell in the Crimea, November 5th MDCCCLIV while in command of his

regiment and on the following day his remains were committed to a Soldier's Grave on Cathcart's Hill.

"Cast down, but not destroyed" (2nd Corinthians, 4th Chapter, 9th Verse).

Edward Stanley was as a youth in the Portuguese service, taking part in various engagements, and for his gallantry at Oporto in 1833 received the Order of the Tower and Sword. He returned to England in 1835, being anxious to enter the British service. Stanley obtained his commission in the 57th in a remarkable way. King William IV when serving as Prince William Henry as a midshipman on the North American Station, was present at a ball at Halifax, where he was much struck with the charms of a young lady whom he selected as his partner in a country dance. After the dance he told her that if at any future time she should send him a request, accompanied by a copy of the music of the dance, he would, if possible, grant it. The lady married, and became the grandmother of Stanley. On his return to England from Portugal when his grandmother heard of his wish to enter the Army, she bethought her of the promise made to her by the King, and sent him a copy of the music, reminding him of the dance, and asking for an Ensigny without purchase for her grandson. In reply, the King wrote that he perfectly remembered the dance, and granted her request, her grandson being appointed Ensign in the 57th, which he joined in Madras in 1835. He proceeded with his Regiment to the Crimea, being present with it at the operations in which it took part. At the battle of Inkerman he was the senior officer of a detachment of the Regiment, nearly 200 strong, which in the desperate fighting in which it was involved on the Home Ridge lost almost half its numbers. A fresh column of the enemy threatening the centre of the position, the 57th were directed to attack it. Calling on them to "remember Albuhera," Stanley led the Regiment straight against the mass of the Russians in front, and an obstinate hand-to-hand fight ensued. He was killed later at the most critical period of the battle, when it appeared questionable whether the remnant of the small force on the ridge would be able to continue to hold it. He was buried the next day with many of his comrades on Cathcart's Hill. Kinglake, in his account of the Battle of Inkerman, writes of him as "the gallant Stanley."

Copy of inscription on monument in St. James's Church, Cheltenham, to Brevet-Major Bentinck Gilby, 77th Regiment:—

Sacred to the memory of Major Bentinck Gilby, 77th Regiment, eldest son of the Revd. F. Duncan Gilby, A.M., incumbent of this church. At the early age of 23 years this young officer was gazetted as Bt. Major for distinguished services in the trenches at the memorable Siege of Sebastopol, having received the Crimean Medal with clasps for the famous Battles of Alma and Balaklava. Major Gilby's brilliant but short career was terminated from the exhausting effects of wounds received in the trenches July 23rd, 1855, ætat 23. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori." The members of the congregation of this church have erected this monument as a testimonial of affection and respect for their pastor the Rev. F. Duncan Gilby, A.M., who by faithfully and zealously preaching the Gospel of Christ humbly leads on to the fulfilment of the promised time when wars shall cease and sin and death shall be no more.

Bentinck Gilby was gazetted to the 77th Regiment as Ensign in 1848, became Lieutenant in 1852 and Captain in 1854 during the Crimean Campaign, in which he served with his Regiment in the various actions and operations in which it was engaged until his death from the effect of wounds, a very promising military career being thus prematurely terminated.

"SENEX."

DEPOT NOTES.

BREVET LIEUT.-COLONEL V. L. N. PEARSON, D.S.O., relinquished the command of the Depot on March 10th, and has joined the 1st Battalion.

Major W. W. Jefferd assumed command of the Depot on March 11th.

2/Lieut. Newton is attached to the Depot from the 1st Battalion for temporary duty, vice Brevet Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., who is temporarily employed as D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Home Counties Area.

Lieut. J. G. E. Reid, who has been attached to the Depot, vice Lieut. H. W. Clayden, has gone to West Africa for a tour of duty with the West African Frontier Force.

SPORTS.

SHOOTING.

For the third year in succession a team of recruits has won the R.A.T.A. Miniature Rifle Cup.

This competition is open to all Depots in the United Kingdom.

The full scores are given below:—

Pte. A. Grant	...	65
Pte. G. Randall	...	55
L./Cpl. R. Anderson	...	69
L./Cpl. G. Smith	...	71
Pte. W. Shandley	...	59
Pte. A. Treadwell	...	62
Pte. C. Lockett	...	63
Pte. F. Mellish	...	55
L./Cpl. E. Paterson	...	72*
Pte. P. Andrews	...	67
Pte. F. Brightman	...	70
Pte. H. Wright	...	71
Pte. A. Allison	...	57
Pte. J. Quick	...	74*
Pte. J. Oatway	...	59
Pte. A. Stanford	...	67
Pte. F. Scovell	...	69
Pte. H. Parnell	...	73*
Pte. R. Hewitt	...	74*
L./Cpl. J. Nicholls	...	70
Pte. E. Page	...	73*
Pte. W. Meen	...	71
Pte. H. Grecott	...	64
Pte. G. Prentice	...	64
Pte. G. Davis	...	62

* Awarded silver medals.

FOOTBALL.

The Depot football team is gradually creeping up the chart of the Hendon and District League (Division I). We now occupy third place on the list. The particulars of games played are as follows:— Played 14, won 7, drawn 3, lost 4; goals for 39, against 34; points 17.

Results of games played during the quarter:—

23/1/26: v. Rolls Royce	...	Won	4—1
30/1/26: v. Boreham Rovers	...	Lost	6—0
6/2/26: v. Bentley Motors	...	Won	6—2
20/2/26: v. Child's Hill	...	Draw	2—2
27/2/26: v. Bentley Motors	...	Won	4—3
20/3/26: v. Rolls Royce	...	Won	3—2

HENDON COTTAGE CHALLENGE CUP.

28/1/26: 2nd Round, v. Golders Green Traders	...	Lost	2—1
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HENDON CHALLENGE CUP.

16/1/26: 2nd Round, v. Brent United	...	Lost	3—1
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BOXING.

An Inter-Squad Boxing Tournament was held at the Depot on January 19th, 20th and 21st, 1926; 75 per cent. of the recruits entered, and some spirited fighting was witnessed. The winners of the bouts were as follows:—

Bantam-weights.—Pte. Jones beat Pte. Purcell on points.

Feather-weights.—Pte. Jordon beat Pte. Burton on points.

Light-weights.—Pte. Deane beat Pte. Price on points.

Welter-weights.—Pte. Marshall beat Pte. Wheatley on points.

Middle-weights.—L./Cpl. Smith k.o. Pte. McLoughlin.

Points for Boxing Shield.

Somme Squad ...	57 points.
Albuhera Squad ...	37 "
Mons Squad (holders)	37 "

The 9th Battalion arranged an open Light-weight Competition for recruits of the Depot at their Tournament at Willesden on February 14th, 1926. Four recruits entered, and in the final Pte. Bunyan beat Pte. Burton on points after an excellent fight.

Eastern Command Inter-Depot Boxing Championship (Recruits).

On February 21st the Depot went in force to support our team at Hounslow. We were best beaten on the post by the Royal Fusiliers; nevertheless our team put up an excellent performance, and only the luck of the draw prevented the team from winning its way into the semi-finals.

The results of the fights are as follows:—
Welter-weights.—Pte. Marshal (Middlesex) k.o. Pte. Wright (East Surrey) in the second round.

Feather-weights.—Pte. Jordon (Middlesex) beat Pte. Boreham (East Surrey) on points.

Light-weights.—Fus. Mason (R. Fus.) beat Pte. Burton (Middlesex) on points. This was a very close fight, but Burton left his effort just too late.

10st. Intermediate Weight.—Pte. Bunyan (Middlesex) beat Pte. Kent (Essex) on points. Bunyan fought splendidly against a much bigger man and won easily.

Bantam-weights.—Pte. Jones (Middlesex) beat Pte. Harding (Essex) on points.

Final, Welters.—Pte. Marshal (Middlesex) k.o. Fus. Woolgar (R. Fus.) in the first round.

Final, Feathers.—Fus. Brand (R. Fus.) k.o. Pte. Jordan (Middlesex) in the second round.

Final, 10 Stone.—Pte. Bunyan (Middlesex) beat Fus. Brown (R. Fus.) on points. Again

Bunyan put up an excellent display against a much elder and stronger man.

Final, Bantams.—Fus. Vigon (R. Fus.) beat Pte. Jones (Middlesex) on points.

Royal Fusiliers ...	17 points.
Middlesex Regiment	15 "
Essex Regiment ...	8 "
East Surrey Regiment	5 "

C.O.'s Medal for best all-round recruit at physical training and efficiency:—
Somme Squad: 6196656 Pte. F. Deane 280 points.

Albuhera Squad: 6196937 Pte. T. McLoughlin, 291 points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

As seasonable festivities were included in our last issue, there is not a great deal to record in the entertainment sphere.

We held a Fancy Dress Dance Carnival on February 5th, for which prizes were given. The competition was very keen, and originality and simplicity vied with pomp and splendour in endeavours to catch the keen eye of the judges—Colonel and Mrs. Pearson, the officers and their ladies.

The "Grand March Past" for the final selection took place at 10.30 p.m., the deserving winners being Mrs. Clements (Ladies), whose splendid impersonation of a Chinese Mandarin would have excited even the admiration of Mr. Matheson Lang, and Sergt. Hart (Gents). His rôle of "Char Wallah" makes one rather inclined to believe in reincarnation; surely "Townies" calling in some remote age must have been somewhere in the precincts of "Punkhy Land."

Space will not allow appropriate notes on the remainder of the cosmopolitan characters. Suffice it to say that the inimitable Sir Roger de Coverly would have been in a quandary to make a selection with such a variety of perfect impersonations to choose from.

The programme was like the garb of the dancers, varied and up-to-date. Like all good things, this function came to an end at 1 a.m. amid general expressions of regret.

In February we had a visit from "S" Division of the Metropolitan Police in a billiard match. We won by a narrow margin. The evening was a great success, several of the visitors being initiated with due ceremony into the mysteries of "Cardinal Pouffe."

Sergt. Clarke has again left us to join the staff of the 19th London Regiment. We wish him every success.

We welcome Sergt. Sperry, with encumbrances, who has joined us from "Nuggar." He is now engaged on a series of lectures on the following subjects:—

- (1) The growth of tropical plants.
- (2) Havoc committed by jackals in Singapore.
- (3) How to dispose of dead bodies.
- (4) The broken mirror.

Sergt. Trapp has been on a course to the War Office School of Education, and cross puzzles are now beneath him.

Those seeking information please note.

The departure of Lieut.-Colonel Pearson, D.S.O., has been dealt with elsewhere in this issue, so we content ourselves with heartily endorsing the sentiments expressed there, and assure his successor, Major Jefferd, of the unanimous determination of the whole Depot to uphold the reputation of the ideal establishment Colonel Pearson has handed over.

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CORPORALS' ROOM.

Since the last issue we have lost two members to the 1st Battalion, Cpls. Goss and Hull, the former on the completion of his tour of duty, and the latter on his promotion to corporal; but we have gained Cpl. Honeybun.

Another fancy dress dance was held in the lecture-room during February, which proved to be yet another huge success. Thanks are especially due to the committee on their achievements, and in particular to L./Cpl. Short, who travelled the whole of London to get suitable novelties; also to the Depot Jazz Band for their able assistance.

It is with regret we are losing our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel Pearson, D.S.O., who is leaving us for the 1st Battalion. We offer him our sincere good wishes for prosperity in his new sphere.

We welcome Major Jefferd back to us, who is taking over the command of the Depot, and we are looking forward to a long stay under his able guidance.

Three billiard matches have been played, one with the Finchley Police and two with the privates of the Depot Staff. The results of these are as follows:—

CORPORALS v. FINCHLEY POLICE,

CORPORALS.	Score.	POLICE.	Score.
Cpl. Steward ...	70	P.C. Kedwell ...	100
L./Cpl. Painter ...	109	P.C. Warland ...	200
L./Cpl. Short ...	228	P.C. Woods ...	301
L./Cpl. Pinder ...	321	P.C. Searle ...	400
L./Cpl. Sargent ...	502	P.C. Waters ...	490
L./Cpl. Sando ...	556	P.C. Excell ...	600
Totals ...	556		600

Winners—Finchley Police.

PRIVATES (DEPOT STAFF) v. CORPORALS.

PRIVATES.	Score.	CORPORALS.	Score.
Pte. Morgan ...	64	L./Cpl. Painter ...	100
Pte. Lacey ...	78	Cpl. Steward ...	100
Pte. Taylor ...	84	Cpl. Ecclestone ...	100
Pte. Biddlecombe ...	100	L./Cpl. Pinder ...	98
Pte. Warren ...	80	L./Cpl. Sargent ...	100
Pte. Johnson ...	37	Cpl. Kingdom ...	100
Pte. King ...	100	L./Cpl. Short ...	99
Totals ...	543		697

Winners—Corporals.

CORPORALS v. PRIVATES (DEPOT STAFF).

CORPORALS.	Score.	PRIVATES.	Score.
Cpl. Steward ...	100	Pte. Morgan ...	74
L./Cpl. Painter ...	100	Pte. Lacey ...	77
L./Cpl. Pinder ...	79	Pte. Barnett ...	100
Cpl. Ecclestone ...	100	Pte. Biddlecombe ...	99
L./Cpl. Sargent ...	62	Pte. Taylor ...	100
Cpl. Kingdom ...	90	Pte. Warren ...	100
Totals ...	531		550

Winners—Privates.

E. C. C.

POSTINGS.

6189800 Sergt. W. Raindle: Posted to Depot for tour of duty (31/12/25).

6189209 Cpl. H. Hull, M.M.: Posted to 1st Battalion (10/3/26).

7817882 Sergt. D. O'Connell: Posted to 1st Battalion (28/1/26).

6188666 Sergt. W. Sperry: Posted to Depot for tour of duty (3/2/26).

6195147 Cpl. L. Honeybun: Posted to Depot for tour of duty (18/2/26).

6190512 Cpl. G. Goss: Posted to 1st Battalion (23/2/26).

23 Recruits (Ladysmith III): Posted to 1st Battalion (30/1/26).

23 Recruits (Somme II): Posted to 1st Battalion (6 and 16/3/26).

1 Recruit: Posted to 1st Battalion (9/2/26).

COURSES.

7734205 L./Cpl. A. Sargent: Attended Course of Instruction for Company Cooks

at School of Cookery, Aldershot, from 12/11/25 to 23/12/25, and passed "Very Good" (second in order of merit).

DISCHARGES.

6188509 R.S.M. F. Fane: Discharged under para. 363 (xxviii), K.R.
6189003 L./Cpl. H. Banks: To Army Reserve (28/1/26).
6189637 Cpl. W. Newton: To Army Reserve (28/1/26).
6189950 Cpl. R. Rutledge: To Army Reserve (14/2/26).
6189456 L./Cpl. H. Lucas: To Army Reserve (3/2/26).
6189986 L./Cpl. J. Riley: To Army Reserve (3/2/26).
6189533 L./Cpl. C. Forster: To Army Reserve (10/2/26).
6189543 Cpl. H. Myland: To Army Reserve (11/2/26).
6189597 Cpl. H. Ruff: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6190606 L./Cpl. C. Pollard: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6189577 L./Cpl. W. Flint: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6189467 Cpl. S. Davis: To Army Reserve (9/2/26).
6189536 Cpl. F. Colton: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6189593 L./Cpl. E. Glibbery: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6189661 Cpl. H. Clarke: To Army Reserve (17/2/26).
6188421 R.Q.M.S. H. Baker: Discharged under para. 363 (xxi), K.R. (6/3/26).

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6189209 L./Cpl. H. Hull, M.M.: Promoted Corporal (18/2/26).
6189749 L./Cpl. G. Knock: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (18/2/26).

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6196914 Pte. S. Baker.
6196736 Pte. V. Concroft.
6196835 Pte. J. Pilgrim.
6196832 Pte. E. Barrett.
6196824 Pte. L. Coward.
6196920 Pte. J. Purcell.
6196931 Pte. G. Bates.
6196806 Pte. W. Darsley.
6196818 Pte. S. Smith.
6196944 Pte. D. Albert.

6197020 Pte. S. Baker.
6196938 Pte. S. Bunyan.
6196848 Pte. E. Goodhew.
6197007 Pte. G. Holt.
6196921 Pte. G. Martin.
6197014 Pte. J. Nash.
6196903 Pte. A. Palmer.
747980 Pte. C. Waite.
6196904 Pte. W. Wischusen.
6196827 Pte. F. Lloyd.
6196836 Pte. S. Belling.
6196929 Pte. T. Garner.
6196820 Pte. G. Tennant.
6196812 Pte. J. Brown.
6196821 Pte. H. Mintern.
6196830 Pte. G. Willis.
6196935 Pte. C. Bowsher.
6196930 Pte. B. Pelican.
6196939 Pte. E. Zetter.
6196943 Pte. J. Bermingham.
6196909 Pte. J. Brennan.
6196925 Pte. G. Chandler.
6196822 Pte. B. Hodgson.
6676358 Pte. R. Manham.
6197002 Pte. J. Miller.
6196847 Pte. E. Oram.
6197010 Pte. G. Smith.
6196810 Pte. G. Wheatley.
6196831 Pte. H. Laight.

BIRTHS.

GRIFFEN.—On February 4th, 1926, at Farnham, to Sergt. and Mrs. J. Griffen—a daughter, Joyce Alice May.

STEWART.—On December 31st, 1925, at Wealdstone, to Cpl. and Mrs. J. Stewart—a daughter, Violet Doreen Edith.



CHOICE OF HEADS.

Henry VII desired to send one of his nobleman with a message to the King of France.

"But," objected the nobleman, "to deliver such a threatening message as that may cost me my life."

"Never fear," replied Henry, "I would revenge you by taking off the heads of all the Frenchmen now in my power."

"Of what avail would that be, sire?" asked the nobleman sadly, "since there might not be one among them to fit my shoulders?"

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1926.

Amount of grants made: £116 17s. 1d.
Number of cases dealt with: 121.
Number of cases assisted: 55.
Number of men registered for employment: 134.
Number of men found permanent employment: 20.
Number of married couples found employment: 1.
Number of men offered employment: 57.
Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 15.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, January 30th, 1926.

Present: Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair); Colonel R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel; Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D.; Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. (2nd Battalion); Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C. (1st Battalion); Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C.; R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C.; R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell; Mr. E. Morris, Mr. J. Holwell; and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Secretary and Hon. Treasurer).

On the assembly of the Committee, the Chairman, rising, said: Before commencing the business proper, I am sure you will agree with me that we cannot pass over in silence the death of one of the Association's most distinguished members, Brigadier-General F. D. Lumley, who was a member of the Executive Committee since its institution, and also acted as Chairman for many years, and latterly as a Trustee.

He was my Commanding Officer when I joined the 2nd Battalion in South Africa, and from the day I joined till the day of General Lumley's death twenty-five years later he always showed me the most extreme kindness.

General Lumley never spared himself in the slightest, and he threw the whole weight of his great influence into carrying everything he was interested in through to its conclusion. He was devoted to the Regiment, and we shall miss him terribly.

I hope you will approve of a letter of condolence which I wrote to Mrs. Carrington, his sister, on behalf of the Association, and perhaps you will show it in the usual way by standing.

The Committee then stood in silence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts for the past year, with auditors' certificate, were presented and read, and it was proposed and carried that they be passed.

The financial state of the Regimental Journal was discussed, and it was decided to continue as at present, and the question be again considered later.

It was further proposed and carried that the Committee wish to place on record their keen appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Journal had been edited by Lieut.-Colonel Pearson and Major Steed.

The draft of the Annual Report was read and passed.

It was notified that the *ex-officio* members had elected the same members to serve on the Executive Committee for 1926, with the exception that Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brigadier-General F. D. Lumley, C.B., C.B.E., and Mr. J. Holwell to replace Mr. J. G. Peacock, who had resigned.

The Committee elected the following officers for 1926:—

Chairman: Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. Vice-Chairman: Officer Commanding Depot. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer: Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

Standing Sub-Committee: Chairman: Officer Commanding Depot. Members: Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, and Mr. E. Morris.

Entertainment Committee: Mr. E. Morris.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee was asked to take up the question of a vacancy for a Trustee with the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel-Commandant F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the remaining Trustee, being in India.

The question of claim for refund of income tax was again under discussion, and after correspondence on the subject had been read, the following Sub-Committee was appointed to deal with the matter, and obtain expert assistance to make good the claim:

Chairman: Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D. Members: Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
CORRESPONDENCE.

VELLORE,
ST. MARYCHURCH,
TORQUAY.

March 7th, 1926.

DEAR COLONEL PASSINGHAM,

Thank you and the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment very much indeed for your kind letter of sympathy about my husband. He was ever devoted to the Regiment and proud of its traditions, and often regretted his crippled condition prevented his being able to take a more active part in it all these years he has lived in England. He was laid to rest at the Torquay Cemetery with full military honours, and Colonel Savile attended, as representing the Regiment, and the wreath sent was placed on the coffin, as he would have wished.

Again thanking you all for your kind sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,
MARIA EUSTACE.

ROYAL HOSPITAL,
CHELSEA, S.W.3.

March 1st, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

The documents of the late Pensioner Green are not immediately available, but as soon as they come in, in the course of a day or so, the particulars of his service shall be sent as requested.

I have to thank your Association for so kindly sending a representative and wreath to the funeral last Friday: such attention is much appreciated by the Pensioners here.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. POYNITZ, Major,
Adjutant, R.H.C.

ST. PANCAS SCHOOLS,
ABBOTS LANGLEY,
WATFORD, HERTS.

March 15th, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

This is to express my appreciation of the service the Association has rendered me in

recommending me for the appointment here, which I have taken up to-day. I have every reason to believe I shall be quite happy here, and shall do my best to uphold the good name and traditions of the Regiment and the Association.

Believe me to be, Sir,
Yours very sincerely,
REGD. W. N. RUTTLEDGE.

ROXETH,
S. HARROW,
March 1st, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

I wish to send you my sincere thanks in giving me your assistance in finding a vacancy at the Central Clothing Stores, Old Drill Hall, S. Harrow. I will endeavour to give every satisfaction there, and as I am now living quite near work and out of London, I feel a great deal better in health, although I arrived Saturday, February 27th, and started work March 1st.

I thank you again for getting me a good situation.

I am, Sir,
Yours sincerely,
J. W. DARKER.

TOTTENHAM, N.17.
February 7th, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Very sorry that I have not been able to write before this, as to how I suited Mr. Trout, as I was only on approval Friday and Saturday. But now I think he is very pleased with me, so make a permanent start Monday, the 8th. So I must give you my heartiest thanks for finding me a situation that I sincerely hope will be a success, as Mr. Trout thinks it will. I will close hoping that you will forgive me for not letting you know before, and once again thanking you and the Association for the good you have done me in the past and present.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
F. KEMPSSELL.

SOUTH HARROW,
MIDDLESEX.
February 22nd, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter dated September 30th, 1925, and my acknowledge-

ment of the same dated October 6th, 1925, I have much pleasure in informing you that I was successful in obtaining a situation as Postman at Wembley, and commenced duty at Wembley Post Office on the 8th instant.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for your assistance.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. W. GEAR.

WORK FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

Last month 116 students completed their training at the Army Vocational Training Centres, Hounslow and Catterick, and were formally discharged from the Army on the termination of their Colour Service. Of this number, 95 obtained employment in civil life on the completion of their training, some going to carpentry, bricklaying, painting and decorating, and upholstery, and others to fitting and turning, motor and electrical work, market gardening, general farming, and half a dozen other forms of employment.

ARMY RESERVE.

An Army Order states that there will be no training during 1926 for Section "B" and "D" of the Army Reserve.

DUELLING IN SCOTLAND
A CENTURY AGO.

ON Wednesday, August 23rd, 1826, there was fought in a field on the farm of Cardonbarns, in the parish of Auchterderrau, a duel which ended fatally for one of the combatants.

The duel arose out of a quarrel between a Kirkcaldy banker and a Kirkcaldy merchant. The banker was George Morgan, joint agent with his brother David of the Bank of Scotland's branch in Kirkcaldy, and the merchant was David Landale. The difference between the two had to do with the granting of a cash credit by the bank in Landale's favour for £5,000, and the subsequent withdrawal by Landale of all its business from the bank on the ground that their agent, George Morgan, had rashly revealed the secrets of his trade in a manner

calculated to do him great prejudice. Mr. Landale wrote to the head office of the bank explaining why he had withdrawn his account, and the bank communicated the contents of this letter to Mr. Morgan, who, however, was able to satisfy them of the propriety of his conduct, and was continued in the agency. The result was a bitter feeling on Mr. Morgan's part towards Mr. Landale, to whom he wrote:—

"You must be perfectly aware that your letter (to the head office) contains falsehood and calumny which it is your duty, if possessed of honour, to apologize for and retract. I have therefore to request you will *immediately* send me a written apology for your conduct in using such false, unfounded and ungentlemen-like expressions with regard to me.

I am, Sir,
Your obedt. servt.
(Signed) GEORGE MORGAN,
Lieut., half pay,
77th Regiment of Foot.

DANGER OF CHALLENGING.

In the trial, which took place after the duel, it was argued that there could be no doubt what was Morgan's design in assuming his military character as shown by the above signature, after years had elapsed since his retirement from the Army. It was said that at one time Morgan had intended to challenge Landale, but had been dissuaded on the ground that a person sending a challenge was by the law liable to transportation. Be that as it may, a few days afterwards when the parties met on the streets of Kirkcaldy, Morgan struck Landale over the shoulders with his umbrella, saying, "Take you that, sir." He then followed him into a bookseller's shop (Mr. Cumming's) and cried after him, "By God, sir, you shall have more of it!"

Landale then resolved to challenge Morgan to a duel, and sent him the challenge by Mr. William Millie. This challenge Millie delivered to Morgan as he found him coming out of the bank. Morgan said all he wanted was a friend whom he would go and seek immediately. The same day Morgan appointed Lieut. Milne, R.N., his second, who met Millie in the George Inn in the evening, and made arrangements for their principals coming together in the morning. About half-past five the following morning, the 23rd of August, Millie and Dr. Smith drove

with Landale in a carriage to the place of meeting at Cardenden. Morgan and his second met them on the ground. Efforts at conciliation were made; but Morgan called out "No apology," and the attempt was abandoned. The seconds tossed up to decide which of them should measure the ground and give the signal to fire. It fell to Milne to do so. They then loaded the pistols with powder and ball. Landale's pistols had percussion locks, and Morgan's flint locks. Morgan was offered one of Landale's pistols, but his second on his behalf declined it. The parties took their ground—twelve long paces having been measured off between them—and it was agreed that they should fire by word of command. At this moment Dr. Johnston, who had arrived as Morgan's medical attendant, rushed up to Landale's second and implored him unavailingly to stop.

FATAL RESULT.

The second thereupon gave the principals their pistols, and Milne, addressing them, said: "Gentlemen, are you ready?—fire!" It had previously been explained to both principals that at the word "Fire" they were to raise their pistols. When Milne gave the word "Ready," Morgan raised his pistol, but Millie called out, "Morgan, that's not fair—drop your pistol till the word 'Fire' is given." He dropped it immediately, and at the word "Fire" again both raised their pistols and they went off so exactly together that the reports of both sounded to those around as one. A moment after a groan was heard, and Morgan, who had remained standing for ten seconds after he had fired, with his head hanging to the right, fell. Both doctors approached and found him dead—shot in the right side, between the fifth and sixth ribs—the ball coming out on the other side under the armpit. Landale was untouched, and immediately drove off with his second.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Officers' Club took place at the Central London Recruiting Office, Whitehall, on Saturday, January 30th, 1926.

Present: Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the Chair); Colonel R. M.

Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Samuel; Lieut.-Colonel V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D.; Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C.; Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.; Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C.; and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The accounts for 1925 were read and passed. It was decided that copies of these be printed and circulated to members.

The allocation of the annual subscription was discussed, and it was decided to make the same provision as last year.

It was proposed and carried that a vote of thanks be passed to Capt. H. E. Foster for having so generously given his services as Chairman of the Dinner Committee for many years past, and that a letter be written asking him if he will kindly consent to act for a further year.

The following Sub-Committees were appointed:—

Dinner Committee—Chairman: Capt. H. E. Foster. Members: O. C. Depot and Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C.

Cricket Week Sub-Committee—Chairman: O. C. Depot. Members: Representatives from all Territorial Battalions.

It was proposed and carried that a subscription of £5 be made to the Old Comrades' Entertainment Fund.

The charge to be made for the Annual Dinner was fixed as follows: Members, 5s.; Non-members, 25s.

Members are reminded that the Dinner will take place at the Trocadero Restaurant at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29th, and the "At Home" on June 30th and July 1st, 1926.

Invitation cards for friends can be obtained for the "At Homes" on application to the Hon. Secretary.

Members wishing to play in any of the cricket week matches are requested to notify the Honorary Secretary as early as possible. Members intending to lunch on the ground are requested to notify the Honorary Secretary on the previous day as this will greatly assist the committee. The charge for luncheon will be 3s. 6d. There will be no charge for teas.

Scarves and Ties of the regimental pattern can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary. Scarves, 15s.; Ties, 5s.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF THE GREAT WAR.

"The Die-Hards in the Great War" is the title of the first volume of the History of the Middlesex Regiment, 1914-1919, by Mr. Everard Wyrall, the well-known military historian. It will shortly be published by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd., Printers-in-Ordinary to His Majesty the King, 44-47, St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C.2. Those who have not yet undertaken to subscribe are urged to send a postcard without delay to the Secretary, Regimental Association, Mill Hill, N.W.7, asking for an order form.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE three months that have passed since the publication of the last copy of the Regimental Journal have provided us with few startling events, either martial or social, that would make good "copy"; in fact, the quarter appears to have been particularly barren of all news.

The Brigade and Divisional Boxing Competitions have proved our only excitements, though certainly the former afforded all those who were energetic enough to go to Stamford Brook an evening not only full of excitement, but an excellent display of clean, cheerful boxing and good sportsmanship. While congratulating the winners, we offer our sympathy to Ptes. Empsom and Moles, who, though winning their fights, were prevented by injuries from going farther.

In the Divisional Boxing Competition we failed to repeat our success of last year, and so the boxing cup has passed (though only temporarily, it is hoped) out of our keeping.

A certain shortness of breath seems to trouble the Battalion at the moment, as, in spite of strenuous endeavours on the part of 2/Lieut. Hay and a few other keen spirits, sufficient long-distance runners have not been forthcoming to enable us to enter a team for the Divisional Cross-Country Run.

During the last month the Battalion has lost the services of Lieuts. W. E. Pringle and F. H. Garioch, who, owing to business pressure, have found it impossible to continue in the Service. Our best wishes go with them however, and we hope that they will not

entirely sever their connections with the Battalion.

EASTER MUSKETRY CAMP.

Under glorious conditions the Battalion held a most successful musketry camp at Rainham over the Easter holidays.

One hundred and sixty-two men attended the camp, some staying the whole period; while others, whose work broke into the holidays, attended for short periods.

Some very good shooting was seen. The best scores made were:—2/Lieut. C. N. Duncan, "C" Coy., 104, and Pte. Thompson, "B" Coy., 102, out of a possible 115. Of the recruits, Pte. Webster, "A" Coy., was best with 86.

Camp life is conducive to a healthy appetite, but the N.A.A.F.I. rose to the occasion, and under difficult conditions supplied excellent meals throughout the week-end.

BATTALION EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

The following are the figures scored by companies in the Efficiency Competition up to date:—

"A" Company, 82; "B" Company, 100; "C" Company, 136; "D" Company, 31.

There are still a large number of competitions to be decided, and rumour has it that "C" Company will have to work hard to maintain their lead, while "D" Company is believed to have several surprises in store, and it is not so far out of the running as these early figures seem to indicate.

"C" COMPANY.

As this is the first time we have contributed to the Journal, it is somewhat difficult to know where to start. We noticed that in the last issue our old rivals, "D" Company, having inscribed their name on the walls of the Hall of Fame by winning nearly all the competitions that they could, blossomed forth in large type. This year we are doing our utmost to strip them of as many of their laurels as possible. At the moment we are top of the "Ladder," and are pushing on as hard as we can from the pressing attention of others.

Our New Year's resolution this year was to develop the social side of soldiering, and already good progress has been made. The idea is to get our members to look upon the Drill Hall as something more than

an edifice in which one is taught to slope arms and strip Lewis guns. A dance was held at the Drill Hall on March 5th, which was a great success. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and, judging by the inquiries for more, made a big hit. Provided that the necessary support is forthcoming, we hope to arrange for another one to be held shortly. We are very grateful to Sergts. Munro and Bryan, L./Cpl. Mcgee, Ptes. Loxton and Charles, for the splendid work they did in making the show a success. The hall was very well and skilfully decorated, and the floor far exceeded expectations. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of the band that played at the Battalion Dance at Christmas.

We now turn to the quarter's congratulations. These go to Cpl. Bryan on his promotion to sergeant, Pte. Mcgee on getting his first stripe, and to Pte. Frith on winning a medal at the Brigade Boxing Competition.

We are looking forward to Musketry Camp at Easter, when we hope to put up a good show on the ranges.

It is sincerely hoped that, as this Company has now commenced to contribute to the Journal, those of our members who are not yet subscribers will correct the omission without delay. Now then, defaulters, what about it?

"D" COMPANY.

Owing to the exigencies of the musketry season, we can find very little to say about ourselves beyond the pleasing fact that our numbers are slowly but surely increasing and our recruits promise well.

Everyone is assiduously concentrating on small arms training—trained men on the Lewis gun, and recruits the rifle—preparatory to the annual classification, which opens with a camp at Rainham during the Easter holidays. We are determined to obtain a much better company average than last year and to dislodge, if possible, our rivals in "B" Company.

The annual miniature range competition provided an incident of more than usual interest, and we congratulate Cpl. Tack and Pte. A. Deacon in winning the trained men's and new recruits' cups respectively.

The following were prize winners:—

Grouping.—1, Cpl. Thomas, 25; 2, Pte. Frost, 20; 3, Pte. Odell, 20.

Application.—1, C.Q.M.S. Eeles, 16; 2, Pte. Blencowe, 15; 3, Pte. C. Deacon, 15. Snapshooting.—1, Cpl. Edwards, 18; 2, Pte. Cutting, 14; 3, Cpl. Collier, 11.

The committee of the social club is very busy at the moment of going to press with the arrangements for a company dance on April 10th, of which more will be heard in the next issue.

All ranks are delighted with the prospect of annual training in Arundel Park this year, and our attendance percentage promises to be a record.



FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

BY LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM, D.S.O.

AFTER four years on the Reserve, during which period the only soldiering I have done has been to march the local army to church on Armistice Sundays, I find that the experiences of my twenty-two years in the Army are arranging themselves in perspective.

The unpleasant incidents are fading into the background of my memory, whilst the pleasant incidents stand out in marked contrast.

Amongst these latter I number many humorous episodes, occurring in both peace and war.

Someone has said that humour and pathos are closely allied. The truth of this saying will, I think, be borne out by at least some of the following stories. These yarns are all true, and all emphasize the sense of humour and indomitable cheerfulness of the British soldier under all conditions—pleasant and otherwise.

Most of the episodes occurred in the Regiment. I have decided to omit names of individuals. Some are no doubt living, but others have made the great sacrifice.

1. SCENE: 6.30 a.m., Recruits' drill, when the writer was a Recruit Officer. Energetic drill instructor orders bayonet exercise for the third time.

RECRUIT OFFICER TO MY RIGHT: "Lord love us!"

RECRUIT SOLDIER TO MY LEFT: "Gor blime me! it would do us more good to be in our warm beds."

2. SCENE: Boat stations on transport going to South Africa. 1902, Ship's officer tells off troops to boats. Party of fifteen somewhat vaguely told off as a raft party.

Immature soldier overheard to say: "Rafts! I know all abaht them rafts, sucking each other's blood and fings!"

3. SCENE: South Africa, 1902, shortly after order authorizing gunfire-tea had been issued.

This much amused the old soldier of the period, and I overheard a conversation on the subject. Said one old soldier to wind up the discussion: "The latest order in the Army is that the orderly officer has to go round our breakfasts in his carpet slippers, for fear of waking us up."

4. SCENE: Manœuvres, South Africa, 1903.

The R.S.M. had been ill, and the M.O. would only allow him to attend manœuvres if he rode a horse. One soldier overheard to remark: "Nice state of affairs in this regiment! Here's the Sergeant-Major a tittiputting abaht on a norse and the commissioned officer walking abaht on his flat feet!"

5. SCENE: Canteen, South Africa.

SOLDIER (charged 2s. 6d. for plate of steak, onions, bread, and gravy):

"Ow much are yer charging for the bread, miss?"

"Oh, nothing for the bread."

"Ow much are yer charging for the gravy, miss?"

"Nothing for the gravy."

"Then take this away and give me a plate of bread and gravy please, miss."

6. SCENE: "C" Company, 1st Battalion. Retreat from Mons Canal.

Pte. — disappeared. He reported to me on the Aisne, and the following conversation took place:—

J. S. C.: "Where have you been?"

PTE. — (standing strictly to attention): "Sir, you remember when you gave the order to retire from the Mons Canal?"

Answer: "Yes."

PTE. —: "Sir, you remember that we had marched 27 miles the day before?"

Answer: "Yes."

PTE. —: "Sir, you remember that two years ago I had my leg set by an army doctor?"

Answer: "Yes."

PTE. —: "Well, sir, I couldn't keep up with the company and fell out, and I found myself alone in Belgium. After a bit

a cavalry patrol comes along, and the officer says to me, 'Oo the 'ell are you?' 'I says 'Pte. — of the Middlesex Regiment,' and the cavalry officer says, 'Well, if you don't look damned slippery you'll soon be made into a German sausage, 'cos the 'Uns are after you.' I said to the cavalry officer, 'Can I go along with you, sir?' and the cavalry officer says, 'Right yer are.'

(PTE. —, to me): "After a bit, sir, we had a scrap with them 'Uns, and the cavalry corporal he got killed, so I says to the cavalry officer, 'Can I have the corporal's horse, sir?' and he says, 'Wot, can yer ride?' 'Yes,' I says; 'I done six weeks' course of mounted infantry in India; so up I gets, sir, and done cavalry for the rest of the retreat, and here's my chit from the cavalry officer, sir.'"

(N.B.—The chit was signed by an officer with a well-known Irish name.)

7. SCENE: Front line trenches, Laventie, 1915, when the end of the war appeared to be about as far off as it well could be.

It will be remembered that at Laventie the soil was too wet to dig trenches, and that millions and millions of sandbags had been used to make breastworks.

FIRST SOLDIER (surveying the depressing scene): "Bill, if peace was declared to-morrow, what d'you think would be the first thing that would happen to blokes like you and me?"

SECOND SOLDIER: "I know, Nobby: the blanky company officer would come down the trenches and say, 'Nah then, you men, empty all them sandbags and do 'em up neatly in bundles of ten.'"

8. SCENE: One evening, front line trenches, La Boutillerie, 1914.

Considerable liveliness in German trenches. Officers heard shouting "Vorwärts" repeatedly and guttural sounds from others. Tense silence in our trenches, all standing to arms and peering through the gloom. Noise in German trenches increases. Silence broken in "C" Company by one man coming out with—

"Must have had a rum ration over there."

(N.B.—He may have been right, as no attack came off that night.)

In the circumstances I know that the remark was like a rum ration to me.

(To be continued.)

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Battalion made a good number of entries for the Brigade Group Boxing Competition held at Stamford Brook on February 6th. Unfortunately, very few of our representatives reached the finalist stage, and in consequence we had to hand over the cup to the 9th Battalion, the winners. Next year we must take our boxing more seriously and try to regain our prestige. Of those who reached the finals, Pte. Belsey, "D" Company, is to be heartily congratulated on his splendid fighting. After three stiff bouts he was beaten in the finals of the feather-weights.

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Battalion annual prize distribution took place at the Drill Hall, Hounslow. The proceedings opened with musical items rendered by a small but talented band of artists, after which the Commanding Officer, before asking Mr. de Salis to present the prizes, gave an account of the Battalion's work during the past year. Mr. de Salis then presented the prizes and made a speech, in which he outlined the work of the Territorial Army Association, of which he is chairman, and called upon local employers to support the Territorial movement. The evening concluded with more music, the most amusing item of which was Mr. Harry Hearne's song in which he described his experiences as a poulterer.

It was disappointing to find so few men of the Battalion sufficiently interested to attend at Headquarters on this occasion. Members of the various companies have so few opportunities of meeting during the year that one would imagine such an occasion as the annual prize distribution would be looked upon as a good opportunity of renewing acquaintance with friends in other companies. But, unfortunately, it is not so.

The Battalion strength, which has gradually been falling during the last few months, owing to unusual numbers of men becoming time-expired, is gradually improving again. Perhaps with the approach of summer and the promise of annual training at Arundel we may look forward to a much bigger increase in numbers.

Two new officers have joined us recently. 2/Lieut. P. G. T. Lutyens is posted to the Machine Gun Platoon as its second officer,

and 2/Lieut. G. B. Sharpe has joined "D" Company.

The contributor of "Yellow Flashes" has heralded their advent in another column.

HEADQUARTER WING.

Headquarter Wing is able to record the result of another highly successful year, made public on the occasion of the Battalion prize distribution on March 9th last. A full account of that event will be found in Battalion Notes, but, without wishing to encroach upon the preserves of the writer of those notes and to pat ourselves on the back too forcefully, it must be mentioned here that of the nine Battalion challenge cups presented the only three not won by Headquarter Wing were cups for which we were unable even to compete by reason of the fact that our establishment includes no Lewis gunners.

The O.C. Headquarter Wing would like, through the medium of these columns, to congratulate all ranks upon this magnificent achievement. Without desiring to be invidious, there deserve to be mentioned Bdsman. Greeney, who, as the best rifle shot in the Battalion, has brought the Ladies' Cup to us; the members of the cross-country running team; the members of No. 1 Group, who, by gaining 100 per cent. efficient, helped largely towards the winning of Major Law's Challenge Cup; and last, but not least, R.S.M. White, whose ever-ready assistance and untiring work have done more than anything else to maintain Headquarter Wing in its position as Champion Company.

Apart from the Battalion prize distribution, the first quarter of the year is a dull quarter, and there is little else of interest to record. We are, however, looking forward to a more active time in the near future, in spite of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's axe, for there is a not inconsiderable programme of social as well as military events to carry through during the summer months.

"B" COMPANY.

"B" Company, headed by the Battalion drums, marched to St. Matthew's Church, Ealing Common, on Sunday, February 14th, and attended Divine Service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. McNeil Shelford, returning to the Drill Hall via Ealing

YELLOW FLASHES.

The Territorial Army film has been the round of the Battalion area. We were disappointed not to see a close-up of the Quartermaster issuing stores in camp.

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By the way, there has been a change in the Quartermaster Stores. R.Q.M.S. Griffin has retired after many years' service, and a new R.Q.M.S. is installed unsted. We feel sure that this alteration will by no means render the Quartermaster's department unsteady.

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Miniature ranges are all the rage now. "C" Company, we are told, has a most beautiful one, while "B" Company's is to be formally opened by the Mayor firing the first shot with a gilt air-gun.

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It has been suggested that a cross word puzzle be included in these columns, but this proposal is not backed by the R.S.M., who says he has no knowledge of cross words.

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The opening of the grouse season for Territorials will be celebrated at Bisley on—well, whenever the Annual Musketry Course starts.

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We take this opportunity of welcoming several new officers. It is fitting for an officer joining this Battalion to be a Walker and we appreciate one who is Sharpe. There is another one, too. What a lot o'em. (That's a bad one.) [It is.—Ed.]

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Headquarter Wing has been so successful in winning the Company Championship, that there is talk of splitting it into two. It would be a pity to have an Aitch Company with an Edge Company already in the Battalion.

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There was a young fellow of Hayes
Who went down to camp for two days.

When they told him, "Na poo,
There's no bounty for you,"
He said, "Next time I go there I stays."

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Why is opening a letter a very strange way of entering a room?
Because it is breaking through the ceiling.

Common and the Broadway. Excluding the drums and an officer from "D" Company, the numbers on parade were 3 officers, 2 warrant officers, and 39 other ranks—a very creditable turn-out.

Recruiting week in Ealing and district was celebrated by the Company's attendance, with the Battalion drums, at the Pavilion, Ealing Broadway, on February 15th, where the Territorial film, illustrating last year's manoeuvres and various features of Territorial life, was shown. The Company was unable to see the film at this theatre, and remained there only for a short time, to be inspected by Lieut.-Col. Kimmitt, O.B.E., J.P., who congratulated the men on their smart appearance. Capt. Parmeter remained to support the Mayor of Ealing, Councillor G. H. Gabb, and Mr. C. F. de Salis, D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Army Association, who, by kind invitation of the proprietors of the Pavilion Theatre, addressed the audience on the need for recruits for the Territorial Army, while the rest of the Company went on to the Globe Theatre, Acton, where the Territorial film was also being shown for three days. Here the Mayor of Acton (Alderman Hewitt) and Capt. Geare, Chairman of the Acton Recruiting Committee, made admirable recruiting speeches during the interval in the middle of a very enjoyable performance. On February 17th, the last day on which the Territorial film was shown, the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Hamilton) and the Commanding Officer were the speakers, supported on the platform by an officer and a warrant officer of the Company.

Our thanks are due to the proprietors and the managers of the Pavilion Theatre, Ealing, and the Globe Theatre, Acton, for their kindness and hospitality.

"B" Company's representatives at the Brigade Boxing Competition at Stamford Brook on February 6th were Ptes. L. W. Smith (middle-weight), W. H. Bean (light-weight), J. H. Monk and H. G. Philpott (feather-weights), all of whom were defeated, but not with dishonour.

Our permanent staff instructor, C.S.M. Pain, has left the Company to rejoin the 1st Battalion. We are sorry to lose him, and wish him and Mrs. Pain every success. We welcome his successor, C.S.M. Tibbs, also from the 1st Battalion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards."
March 16th, 1926.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I desire to put forward a suggestion which, if only adopted by a few officers, would materially benefit the funds of the Old Comrades' Association. It is not at all an original suggestion, as it will often be found inserted for use of members in the reports and proceedings of various societies and associations. In short, it is the suggestion that the attention of those who contemplate making, or have made wills, should be drawn to the charitable act of inserting a clause bequeathing some small (or large) sum to the Regimental Association. In the case of those who have already made their wills, a codicil would, of course, be necessary. I believe that to many people the making of wills and codicils is considered an extraordinarily difficult and tedious affair, and that it cannot be accomplished without the help of a lawyer. I can assure those people that it is really nothing of the sort, and that it can be done by the stupidest person for about 6s. 6d. if he does not possess a Whitaker's Almanack or Jack's Reference Book, or for nothing if he does possess, or has access to, these works. To those who would argue that will-making must be difficult because most judges appear to be unable to make them properly, I would reply that these dignitaries once knew all about them, but had forgotten the details. Early in the late war a distinguished General asked one of his Staff, in my presence, if there were "anything about night operations" in "the book." He, too, had evidently forgotten such details, as presumably he knew them once! However, there remains to the donor the solution of making a simple *bequest* asking his executors or (and) his next-of-kin to pay a certain sum at his death. I believe such a form is not legally binding, but it is to all other purposes, and I have heard of no instance of its being disregarded.

In any case, the method adopted is a matter of indifference to the beneficiaries, and I cannot but think that there are few of us who could not make provision for, say, £20 at our death (*i.e.*, £1 per annum at 5 per cent.), and that the probability is that the reason why one so seldom hears

of such bequests, in comparison, that is, to bequests to Cats and Dogs Associations, is that cats and dogs are with us always, and soldiers are not.

Yours sincerely,
C. S. C.

To the Editor "Middlesex Regiment Magazine."

SS. "ORMUZ,"
December 27th, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

The officers and others of the Regiment, and especially those of the 1st Battalion, may like to know that during my recent visit to New Zealand I saw at New Plymouth the memorial erected by the 57th Regiment to those who died there during the period 1861-66.

It is beautifully situated high up in the cemetery on the banks of the Ta Hemir river.

I found it in good order, save that the base required scrubbing and cleaning, and that the letters of the inscription wanted repainting.

I addressed the Town Council on the subject, who were good enough to undertake the work and also, very generously, to defray the cost thereof.

I think a recognition of this, from the Headquarters of the Regiment, would be appreciated.

I also found that the name of Lieut. Down, V.C., who died at Otuhuhu, had, for some unaccountable reason, been omitted. This I caused to be added to the other names.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,
CHAS. M. CLARKE.

March 9th, 1926.

DEAR SIRS,

I am informed by General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., that on his recent visit to New Zealand he approached you with a view to having the Memorial erected to Officers, N.C.Os. and men of the 57th Regiment renovated.

I understand that the Council at once accepted the suggestion, and very kindly undertook to have the Memorial scrubbed and cleaned, and the lettering of the inscription repainted.

Sir Charles further informed me that the name of Lieut. Down, V.C., which had unaccountably been omitted, was very kindly added by you to the other names, and the whole of the cost was defrayed by the Council.

I am requested by all ranks of the Middlesex Regiment to convey to you their deep appreciation of your kindness and generosity in restoring the Memorial erected to their Old Comrades who were killed, or who died, during the period 1861-66, and to ask you to accept our most grateful thanks.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
IVOR MAXSE, General,
Colonel of the Middlesex Regt.

THE TOWN COUNCIL,
NEW PLYMOUTH,
NEW ZEALAND.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE year 1926 has "kicked off" in great style. The first three months have been a time of general activity in a variety of forms—frenzied competition for the Sherwood Shield by companies, a very considerable revival in enthusiasm for boxing and weekly banquets at one or other of the drill halls, to say nothing of visits to the police-courts by the black sheep and a wholesale casting out of above-mentioned black sheep as a result; and, lastly, very strenuous efforts by the Permanent Staff to produce the best range in the Brigade.

What is the result of this activity so far?

The striving for the Sherwood Shield has increased the number of parades done by companies each week, and produced record numbers on parade; in some cases 60 per cent. of a company being on parade at the same time, which leads us to hope that the day will come when companies will parade at full strength, and the wonderful figures produced by companies of other battalions in distant parts of England will be beaten by the men of Willesden, Wealdstone, and Hendon. At any rate, whoever wins the Sherwood Shield will have earned it, and we hope that the Brigade Shield will again be ours by the time these notes are published.

The revival of boxing has enabled us to make great strides, and from a few isolated

boxers who came forward last year we have increased to such an extent that it was possible to run a very successful Battalion boxing night, and from the competition to produce a team which succeeded in wrestling the Pank Cup from the 8th Battalion.

A variety of circumstances affected the attendance of the selected men at the Divisional Boxing, but by next year we hope to win the Divisional Boxing as well, and to provide some of the T.A. champions.

The tale of the police-courts needs no telling, and we need only say that we hope, starting again with a more or less clean sheet, the Battalion will see that the number of non-starters this year is greatly reduced.

In spite of the large number of dinners in a short time, they all seem to have been highly successful functions, although one or two regular attenders at the end of the series were heard to say that they never wanted to see beans again.

The activity of the Permanent Staff had its reward, and R.S.M. Beasley and Sergt. Kelly are to be congratulated on having the Brigade Shield for the Best Range (1926) awarded to them by the judges.

As though all this was not enough, after months of weary waiting a date for the reopening of Roxeth Drill Hall was hurriedly decided upon, and the business of setting the stage for this epoch-making event entailed a considerable amount of further activity.

On March 2nd the following officers attended His Majesty's Levée:—Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Capt. H. Sherwood, Capt. E. C. Lawson, M.C., Capt. P. Lloyd-Williams (R.A.M.C.), 2/Lieuts. G. J. B. Furness, J. W. G. Ryan, and Lieut. H. Heffer.

Our signalling officer, having done one course at Colchester, has decided to go again and compete with the Regular officers for a vacancy at Catterick and an instructor's course. Whether he wins the vacancy or not, we heartily congratulate him on the enthusiastic effort and hope that he will be successful; and whilst the section may be handicapped for the moment by the lack of a leader, this will be more than remedied when the leader has absorbed all that the Royal Corps of Signals can give him. Meanwhile L./Cpl. Missen is striving hard after signal honours too, and after a month with the 57th at Aldershot has gone to Colchester for a month *en route* for

Catterick, and L./Cpl. Hollywell and Pte. Pinkerton are also candidates for Catterick. It would appear from this that with any reasonable luck the Signallers are about to start on a determined chase after the Dartmouth Cup, and with the supply of instructors available after these efforts there should be no difficulty in getting any number of new Signallers up to the mark.

The Miniature Rifle Club have been seriously handicapped owing to the other attractions, but we are still very much alive and have a number of irons in the fire. The chief difficulty at present in arranging matches is that so many rifle clubs around use peep sights, and it is therefore not much good trying to compete with them with different sights. However, we may yet come to terms.

The result of January Spoon Shoot was:—1, Pte. J. Goss, 99'08; 2, Pte. B. Goss; 3, L./Cpl. Coggins.

The fair has recommenced on the ground opposite the Drill Hall at Headquarters, and therefore we "do it with music" most of the time. They now include the Regimental March in their repertoire. Did I hear a voice say, "What is it?" Well, one of them, then. Music reminds one of dances. Geneva, Cup Ties, nor the forthcoming visit of the Australians stops dancing in Willesden; and the latest St. Patrick's night dance was to be numbered amongst the successes of the season if one can judge by the trail left afterwards, and this can usually be done, as the bigger the success the wider spreads the resulting debris.

The Willesden Hospital are to hold another Carnival this year in July—probably July 3rd—and are likely to ask for another tattoo. In spite of the proximity of the super-tattoo at Wembley, the Carnival Committee were the first to admit the value of the tattoo by the Battalion last year, and without the counter-attraction of Wembley the interest in that part is likely to be increased this year, and we shall therefore have to make a special effort to provide a super show of our own. We shall be very glad, in consequence, if anyone has inexpensive ideas they would send them to the Battalion orderly-room; and also if everyone would have the date in mind. Watch for the dates of rehearsals, as we shall want as strong a muster as possible if we are to do the thing properly.

The usual quota have passed on from the Battalion to the Regular Army since our last notes:—

Ptes. Benians and Hill, "G" Coy., to Prince of Wales's Volunteers; Pte. Culverhouse, to the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

We heartily congratulate Cpl. Gray, "D" Coy., on being granted a commission in the Battalion; we wish him the best of luck as an officer, and feel sure that his keenness in his new sphere will be as invaluable to the Battalion as it has hitherto been as recruit and non-commissioned officer.

The attraction of the Colonies still robs us of non-commissioned officers and men from time to time, the latest being Cpl. Aldridge, "H.Q." Coy., and Pte. Greenway, "D" Coy.; and although we regret losing them, we have no doubt that in wishing them the best of luck in their new homes, we are backing winners, and we hope they will remember this when we approach them for a modest fiver or so when they return as millionaires to see if England and Pound Lane are still here.

In spite of the variety of events which has filled the last quarter, a certain small person reported to have advanced no farther than bow-and-arrow stage, has been busy proving that in point of marksmanship he can out-Todman any user of Mark VII S.A.A., and, in particular, appears to have been playing havoc with the hearts of the officers, of whom, if rumour be true, there are now only a very small minority who are not bad heart cases, and are still masters of their fates and captains of their own souls.

We hope that the casualties will not, however, be permanently confined to barracks, and will sometimes be allowed a pass by their O.C. to visit the celibate band which every day and in every way gets smaller and smaller and more select and more select.

We regret that, owing to the Brigade Tactical Exercise being on May 14th-16th, it will be necessary to change the date of our annual Albuhera Day arrangements, and this year these will take place on Saturday, May 8th.

BATTALION BOXING COMPETITIONS.

On Saturday, January 30th, the Battalion held their Inter-Company and Individual Boxing Competitions, and a very good evening's sport resulted. The entries were

in excess of the expected number, and the boxing was clean, whole-hearted, and thoroughly sporting, and the spectators at the end of a long evening's entertainment went away full of praise and recommendations to their friends to come and watch the next show. The competition can therefore be fairly said to have been a success.

The Battalion owe a big debt of gratitude to Lieut.-Col. R. Cockburn, O.B.E., Secretary of the T.A. Recruiting Committee, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, Adjutant, 8th Battalion, and C.S.M.I. Elliot, A.P.T.S., instructor at the Depot, who throughout a long evening acted as referee and judges; and Mr. G. J. Furness, J.P., who presented a very handsome challenge cup for the Inter-Company Competition; and, lastly, but by no means least, to the instructors, Sergt. Brooks, "H.Q.," ex-Sergt. Dunmow, and C.Q.M.S. Mills, Hendon, for their efforts to encourage and improve the boxing of the Battalion.

The points for the Company competition were 2 for each winner and 1 for each loser, with an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ point for a good loser; and it says much for the gameness of the competitors that good losers' $\frac{1}{2}$ marks were by no means rare, and what is still more pleasing is that in several cases these marks were won by the loser of two men from the same company. The only outside attraction was a competition for four feather-weights from the Depot, and such a very excellent show was put up by them that, judging by the form they displayed after their short period at the Depot, we shall watch the futures of these pupils of C.S.M.I. Elliot when they join their battalions with interest.

Amongst the visitors we were pleased to have Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., late Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, and Col. A. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. At the termination of the evening—about midnight—the Commanding Officer presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up and special good losers, and the Inter-Company Cup to "D" Company, the winners. Before next year we hope to have arranged for an instructor for "C" Company, who this year, although lacking the assistance of a trainer, took second place, and are already planning an assault on "D" Company's position.

The results of the various weights were:—

Middle-weight, Open.—Pte. Boston, "B" Coy.

Middle-weight, Novices.—Pte. Garrett, "D" Coy.

Welter-weight, Novices.—1st Round: Pte. Crunden, "B" Coy., beat Pte. Corsham, "B" Coy.; Pte. Sinclair, "D" Coy., beat Cpl. Batty, "B" Coy.

Semi-Finals: Cpl. Horrod, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Crunden, "B" Coy.; Pte. Sinclair, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Willison, "D" Coy.

Final: Cpl. Horrod, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Sinclair, "D" Coy.

Light-weight, Open.—1st Round: Pte. Conisbee, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Dunn, "G" Coy.; L./Sergt. Miller, "B" Coy., beat Cpl. Stenhouse, "A" Coy.

Final: Pte. Conisbee, "A" Coy., beat L./Sergt. Miller, "B" Coy.

Light-weight, Novices.—1st Round: Pte. Lloyd, "G" Coy., beat Pte. Freeman, "B" Coy.

2nd Round: Pte. Lloyd, "G" Coy., beat Pte. Doult, "D" Coy.; L./Cpl. Lake, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Tokely, "D" Coy.; C.S.M. Walton, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Graham, "D" Coy.; L./Cpl. Jones, "C" Coy., beat Cpl. Breed, "D" Coy.

Semi-Finals: Pte. Lloyd, "C" Coy., beat L./Cpl. Lake, "D" Coy.; C.S.M. Walton, "D" Coy., beat L./Cpl. Jones, "C" Coy.

Final: C.S.M. Walton, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Lloyd, "G" Coy.

Feather-weight, Novices.—1st Round: Pte. Bird, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Rice, "D" Coy.; Semi-Finals: Pte. Greenway, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Bird, "C" Coy.; Pte. Lindon, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Carter, "C" Coy.

Final: Pte. Lindon, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Greenway, "D" Coy.

Bantam-weight, Novices.—Semi-Final: Pte. Fielding, "B" Coy., beat Pte. Benians, "G" Coy.

Final: Pte. Fielding, "B" Coy., beat Pte. Munn, "B" Coy.

Fly-weight, Novices.—Semi-Finals: Pte. Patterson, "D" Coy., beat Pte. Jackman, "B" Coy.; L./Sergt. Maloney, "C" Coy., beat Dmr. Stenhouse, "G" Coy.

Final: Pte. Patterson, "D" Coy., beat Sergt. Maloney, "C" Coy.

Boys: 7 Stone.—Boy Pearce, "G" Coy., beat Boy Fenner, "G" Coy.

5 Stone.—Boy Leathers, "G" Coy., beat Boy Wash, "G" Coy.

Feather-weight.—Open to recruits of the Depot, Middlesex Regiment. Semi-Finals: Pte. Bunyan beat Pte. Zetter; Pte. Burton beat Pte. Dean.

Final: Pte. Bunyan beat Pte. Dean.
Result of Inter-Company Competition

1	"D" Coy., Hendon	...	30½ points
2	"C" Coy., Wealdstone	...	19½ "
3	"B" Coy., Willesden	...	18½ "
4	"G" Coy., Willesden	...	13½ "
5	"A" Coy., Willesden	...	5½ "
6	"Q" Coy., Willesden	...	Nil

Light-weight.—Pte. Conisbee, "A" Coy., winner; L./Sergt. Miller, "B" Coy., runner-up.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Carter, "C" Coy., semi-finalist and special good loser; Pte. Greenway, "D" Coy., semi-finalist.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Lindon, "C" Coy., winner; Pte. Fielding, "B" Coy., runner-up.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Patterson, "D" Coy., winner; L./Sergt. Maloney, "C" Coy., runner-up.



9th BATTALION BOXING TEAM.
Winners of Brigade Boxing Cup.

Back Row.—Cpl. Horrod ("C"). Sergt. A. E. Brooks (H.Q.). Pte. L. D. Carter ("C"). R.S.M. W. Beasley.
Middle Row.—Pte. D. Lindon ("C"). Pte. R. Boston ("B"). Capt. and Adj. N. P. Proctor, M.C. Pte. F. Conisbee ("A"). L./Cpl. E. Patterson ("D").
Front Row.—L./Sgt. F. Maloney ("C"). Pte. G. Fielding ("B").

BRIGADE BOXING.

From the winners and runners-up of the Battalion boxing a team was selected to represent the Battalion at the Brigade boxing. Their names and results were:—

Middle-weight.—Pte. Boston, "B" Coy., winner; Pte. Garrett, "D," runner-up.

Welter-weight.—Cpl. Horrod, "C" Coy.

Unfortunately, Pte. Sinclair, "D" Coy., who should have entered in the Welters, had not recovered from an injury to his hand, and this considerably weakened the team in this weight, which, with the Feathers, were the only weights in which both Battalion representatives did not reach the final; but with Cpl. Horrod coached up by next year and Pte. Sinclair fit, we shall hope

to add this weight as well to the list; whilst in the Feathers Ptes. Carter and Greenway reached the semi-final, and the former was awarded a special good loser's prize. Greenway is leaving the Battalion for Australia, and although we lose a promising boxer in him we see no reason why, with another year's experience, another feather-weight should not have arisen to take his place.

The final between Boston and Garrett provided an interesting fight, and Garrett once more lived up to his reputation of being a very good loser. Pte. Conisbee repeated his defeat of L./Sergt. Miller in the Light-weight final, but they again gave the spectators an excellent contest in which Pte. Conisbee showed what a greatly improved boxer he is.

In the Fly-weight Pte. Patterson was too good for L./Sergt. Maloney and won easily; and Pte. Lindon, in beating Pte. Fielding in the Bantams, boxed in a far more convincing manner than the year before. We congratulate the team in winning the Brigade Cup, and hope that next year they will repeat the performance, and that there will not be another chapter of accidents to prevent the winners boxing at the Divisional Competition and being victorious there too; in fact, we sincerely hope that the next year or so will see the Battalion with at least one of the Territorial Army championships.

Who will be the first?

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES

On Saturday, March 20th, 1926, the sergeants held their annual social and dance. A very large number of warrant officers, staff sergeants, and sergeants, with their wives and friends, attended. The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., and many other officers were present at the gathering.

During the evening selections were played by the band of the Battalion under the direction of the Bandmaster, Mr. H. J. Rouse, and a splendid concert was given by Mr. George Cameron's "Curiosities."

During the interval a presentation was made to R.Q.M.S. H. A. Bowles, on the occasion of his marriage, by C.S.M. W. Prowse, M.M., on behalf of the members, ex-members, and friends of the Sergeants' Mess, the gift taking the form of a canteen of cutlery, with the regimental crest and an inscription on a gilt plate.

C.S.M. Prowse, in the course of his speech, likened the "spirit of the Die-Hards" to the baton in a relay race, which is handed by one runner, breathless and exhausted, to the next, who, fresh and eager, grasps it firmly and continues to run with renewed strength. In conclusion, he wished R.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Bowles, on behalf of the past and present members of the Mess, a "successful run" and every happiness that life can bring.

H.Q. WING, SIGNAL SECTION.

At last we are making our—none too soon—debut. Hitherto one has had an excuse for supposing there were no Signallers in the 9th, but henceforth we intend to let everyone know that we are very much alive.

We must start our notes in the correct manner by "having a moan."

The attendance can be greatly improved, but we hope everyone concerned will rally round and help to bag the "Dartmouth Cup."

We are looking to greet new members for the Signals, and assure our comrades who have been successful in their own companies and wish to have a change and join us, a hearty welcome.

Having delivered this brief sermon, we would like to congratulate our Signal Officer, Lieut. Heffer, upon his success at the recent course.

In closing, we would like to thank the (Signals) N.C.Os. of the 1st Battalion for their kind treatment of our N.C.O., who recently spent a vacation with them, and would like to know, through this journal, what our fellow-sufferers in camp of the 7th and 8th are doing.

"WIND TICKLER."

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

By the time these notes appear in print the result of the Winter Weapon Training Competition will be known; and whether we have won or whether we have lost, "B" Company will have the satisfaction of having put up a good hard fight, and we are practically assured of a 90 per cent. total of all tests possible. This gratifying result is not due to one or two members of the Company, but to the whole Company (with two or three notables, usual, and useless excep-

tions) having worked together for the common good in the most wonderful way, and we feel sure that the Adjutant and the Permanent Staff, when the Company returns to its normal one hour per week, will be unable to recognize the dreary, desolate Drill Hall as the hive of industry which it has been during the last three months.

It has been rumoured that we have been doing parades on Sunday night, but this is probably only the transmigration of souls, for while Cpls. Jackson and Carter, etc., are in bed asleep their ghosts are probably at Pound Lane chanting "Gun fires a few rounds and stops again."

But though we have been working hard, we have had some relaxation, and on February 13th we held our second annual dinner, coupled with plenty of good cheer and good beer, and, as the Commanding Officer remarked, "Though our numbers are small, we have the goods." When Miss Dorothy Coote sang "Just a Song at Twilight," we all felt delightfully sentimental and very mellow, so we had some more good beer and some good cheer, and so to bed and an awful headache next morning. (We hope the "B" Company chronicler is only speaking of himself.—SUB-ED.) Fortunately, dinners only come but once a year.

We have some very promising boxers among our recruits to swell the ranks of such pillars of company boxing as Sergt. Miller and Pte. Boston. Next year we hope to win the Company Championship; this year it was only numbers, and not science, that prevented us from winning the cup.

The summer is now upon us, and we can thankfully pack up Vol. I and Vol. II of "Small Arms Training"—("Oh! can you? Wait and see."—Adj.)—and turn to that other rather involved jest, "Infantry Training," at the same time praying that outposts will soon return to its pages—outposts being one of our strong points in lectures, etc.; and if we can't lecture on outposts, what can we lecture on?

Lastly, congratulations to Sergt. Morris on his recent decoration.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

During the last few months the Company has been unusually active. Many new faces are to be seen and, equally remarkable, some of the old faces are again appearing, comrades we thought at least married, if

not entirely dead. What has brought this wonderful change? Is it possible that our new canteen gramophone "hath charms to soothe the savage breast"? or is it the new palatial aspect of the hall? Whatever the attraction is, let us hope that it will last.

The Winter Weapon Training Competition is now in full swing; we are getting a fair number on parade, but we are a good way behind on points. Much "overtime" is being put in rehearsing for the demonstrations at the opening of Roxeth Drill Hall, some of which are very interesting. Although handicapped by numbers, we should make a good show.

The Children's Christmas Party was a great success. A huge Christmas tree about 14 feet high was obtained and decorated. After a splendid tea all lights were switched off, leaving the tree brilliantly illuminated. Capt. Findlay, making a great success as "Father Christmas," then presented all the children with a gift from it. After this an entertainment by a first-class conjuror was received with delight, followed by several turns by members of the company. These were, sad (or otherwise) to relate, rather subject to "atmospherics" in the form of an indescribable din from toy drums and trumpets. The party was very encouraging for a start, and next year we hope to give an even better show.

Congratulations are due to Cpl. Horrod and Pte. Linton, winners of Battalion Championships at the recent Boxing Tournament. Our whole team did very well to take second place with so little training. Boxing is becoming popular in the drill hall; a punchball is installed, and always we find two pairs of gloves after each other's blood. In our next notes we hope to be able to give a full account of the opening of the hall.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

The whole of the period since the last notes appeared has been taken up with the Winter Weapon Training Competition, in which we, the holders of the "Sherwood Shield," are being very seriously challenged by "B" Company; but we are keeping our end up, and it is hoped that by the time these notes appear we shall have congratulated them on a very good effort to take it from us, and wish them better luck next year.

The Company has done very well at boxing this year, thanks chiefly to ex-Sergt. J. Dunmow, who has had the team under his wing; and that he knows how to train a team is proved by the results obtained. In the Battalion Competition held at Pound Lane on January 30th the Company had twelve entries, gaining three winners and two runners-up. Pte. Sinclair had the misfortune to knock his thumbs up after getting to the final of the Welter-weight Novices, and had to give the fight to Cpl. Horrod, of "C" Company. The winners were:—
Novices, Light-weight.—C.S.M. Walton.
Novices, Fly-weight.—Pte. Patterson.
Novices, Middle-weight.—Pte. Garrett.
Runners-up:—
Bantam-weight.—Pte. Greenway.
Welter-weight.—Pte. Sinclair.

Details of the competition have been published more fully elsewhere.

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We heartily congratulate Cpl. H. W. W. Gray on having obtained his commission, and wish him the best of luck in his new Company.

9TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES' NOTES.

Although unable to carry out the ambitious programme of social events planned for the fast-ending season, we are able to congratulate ourselves upon the revival of the interest taken in the Association, and more particularly upon the increased membership, which, although slight, is very encouraging.

This is due chiefly to the energetic and whole-hearted work of a live committee. If only other members would show a little more interest in their own organization, the first few words of these notes need never have been written. Our first dance at Pound Lane was unavoidably postponed, and our next, although a jolly affair for those who attended, resulted in a financial loss, members of the Association being conspicuous by their absence.

The event of the season was undoubtedly the 5th Annual Dinner, which was held at Pound Lane on Saturday, March 6th. About 130 sat down in a lavishly decorated hall (and here I wish to thank those who loaned flags, etc.), with Colonel J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., in the chair, supported by Lieut.-Cols Hewett and Beach and many other

officers, past and present. After a photograph had been taken of the assembly, an admirably served dinner put all in a good mood for the splendid musical programme that followed. All the artistes were in good form, and many encores were demanded by an appreciative and enthusiastic audience.

The usual toasts were enthusiastically drunk, absent Comrades not being forgotten, and we broke off allowing time for the old 'uns to have their annual jaw over old times and a "binder" before leaving, after a most enjoyable evening.

Again I wish to appeal to all members. If you meet anyone who has served in the old "mob," mention the Association to him, and send his name and address along to the Hon. Secretary. Give your practical support to all functions organized by the Association, and don't forget to send along your subscription form to the DIE-HARDS Journal.

W. R.



OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

The usual Old Comrades' quarterly concert was held at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, on Saturday, April 3rd, 1926.

Unfortunately, the fixture happened to come between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and this found all Territorial battalions in camp, and Regular officers, non-commissioned officers, and men on leave.

Nevertheless, the attendance was much in advance of anything we have seen before, the Old Comrades, their wives, and friends turning up in great force and making the concert a huge success.

An excellent programme was provided by "The Whimsicals," a much-talented concert party, assisted by Miss Stella Doyle, in costume studies of old London cries and gipsy songs, accompanied by Miss Dorothie de Burgh.

Space will not admit of the programme being given in full, but the following ladies and gentlemen appeared and greatly pleased everyone present with a first-class entertainment:—

Miss Dora Hays, Miss Ruby Sadler, Miss Dorothy Dunworth, Mr. Will Holloway, Mr. Dave Lindsey, Mr. Bert Herbert.

At the conclusion Mr. Morris, the chairman, called attention to the gathering of Old Comrades which is taking place at the Depot on July 1st next, and expressed the hope that all present would make this event known as widely as possible, and put forth their best endeavours to ensure this summer gathering being a success.

Among those who were present at the concert were the following:—

Major F. S. Steed, Major Amor, Capt. V. E. Stock, Lieut. McDonald, Mde. Corri, Mr., Mrs., and Master Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Mr. Finnimore, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. Holwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bossard, Mr. and Mrs. Dellow, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Pte. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander and Miss Jones, Pte. and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. McLernon, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Maloy, Mr. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Sicklen, Mr. and Mrs. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. Fane, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Saunders, Mr. Leach, Mr. Mellings, Mr. Stretton, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Furniss, Miss Church, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies, Mr., Mrs., and Master Meachen, Mr. Gess, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. Brucass, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Morey, Mr. B. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. M. Sullivan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Foley, Mr. White, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. S. Vivian.



MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

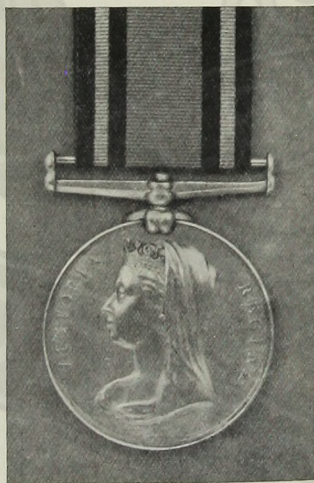
BEST SHOT BRITISH ARMY.

Instituted by Royal Warrant, April 30th, 1869. It was ordered that a bronze medal, with a gratuity of £20, should be awarded to the best of the infantry of the Army who had practised through the annual course of musketry drill.

On June 1st, 1872, it was directed that the medal should be silver instead of bronze. Only sixteen of these medals were issued, two being granted for each of the years 1875-76 and 1876-77, one each to the best shot with the Martini-Henry and Snider rifles respectively. The medal was worn on the right breast, the winner's name and regiment being inscribed round edge of medal.

Obverse: Bust of H.M. Queen Victoria, surrounded with the legend, "Victoria Regina."

Reverse: A figure of a winged and draped Victory rising from a throne, holding a horn in her left hand in the act of crowning a young warrior, armed with a bow in his right hand with a full quiver behind, bearing on his left knee, with his left foot raised on the throne, a shield pierced with three arrows in the centre, and wearing only a short mantle which hangs from the neck

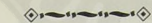


behind. The ribbon, red with black borders, having down each border a white stripe, suspended from a plain silver straight bar, with a claw clip fastened to the medal by a rivet.

The medal illustrated was won by Pte. Morgan, 77th Foot, 1879.

This class of medal, being rare, is greatly sought after by collectors, and when one is up for auction keen competition and high prices prevail.

The medal is in the possession of Mr. E. Morris, to whom we are indebted for the photo and description.



OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COLONEL HENRY MONTAGUE EUSTACE, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Colonel Henry Montague Eustace died at his residence, Vellore, St. Marychurch, Torquay, on February 27th, 1926, aged 62.

An appreciation of Lieut.-Colonel Eustace and account of the funeral is published on pages 203 and 204.

MRS. GROVE-WHITE.

The death occurred on January 20th last, at Kilbyrne, Doneraile, Co. Cork, of Mrs. Constance Grove-White, wife of Colonel J. Grove-White, C.M.G., who formerly commanded the 1st Battalion. She was the eldest daughter of A. FitzGibbon, Esq., M.I.C.E., a cadet of the ancient Irish house of FitzGibbon of Crohana, and was married at Stanmore, Middlesex, on July 1st, 1880. Her family connection with the Regiment was an unusually intimate one, for, in addition to herself, her sister, sister-in-law, and only daughter all married officers who were serving, or had served, in the 1st Battalion, and her eldest son is now in the Regiment. Many will remember with what tact and delicacy she discharged the responsible and not always easy duties of a Commanding Officer's wife, and the gentleness and ready sympathy which she invariably extended to all those with whom she came in contact. During the Great War she took a leading and active part in organizing charities and entertainments for the convalescent soldiers in and near Doneraile, and no surer tribute to her many virtues and to the esteem and

affection in which she was universally held could be had than in the widespread feelings of sympathy and regret that her death occasioned. In these feelings all who knew her will readily and sorrowfully join.

S. I. L.

C.Q.M.S. ARTHUR HERITAGE.

C.Q.M.S. Arthur Heritage died at Highgate on January 19th, 1926, aged 58.

The late Mr. Heritage joined the Regiment in 1903, and served until discharged medically unfit for further service in October, 1916.

IN-PENSIONER THOMAS GREEN.

The death occurred at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on February 23rd, of In-Pensioner Thomas Green, aged 66 years, who served, in the name of "E. G. Beach," with the 57th Regiment during the South African War, 1879. He subsequently joined the 77th Regiment, with which he served for nearly eight years in India. As Thomas Green, he saw service again with the Imperial Yeomanry in the South African Campaign, 1899-1902. His true name was E. G. Gallagher. He had been an In-Pensioner since December, 1921. The funeral took place at Brookwood on February 26th. A representative of the Regimental Association attended at Chelsea with a wreath sent on behalf of Old Comrades.

MR. ARTHUR THOMAS LANCE.

We regret to record the death of another Old Comrade, Arthur Thomas Lance, who passed away on March 26th at the age of 51 years. Mr. Lance was present with the 1st Battalion in Gibraltar, South Africa and India, and was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1905, after ten years' Colour service. The funeral took place at Hendon Park Cemetery on March 30th, when a bearer party was supplied by the Depot, and a wreath sent from the Regimental Association. Numerous friends attended the funeral, including Messrs. Morris, Lowen, Stevens and Furniss.

MRS. ALICE M. HOWELL.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Finchley, on March 22nd, of Mrs. Alice M. Howell, at the age of 51 years, after a long illness following an operation.

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl.	G. Knock	...	Depot *4/2/24	L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	2nd *23/9/23
L./Cpl.	A. Hames	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. McGlone	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	2nd *24/10/23
L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	T. Levett	...	2nd *29/10/23
L./Cpl.	A. Bartram	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	G. Williamson	...	2nd *17/11/23
L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	W. Adams	...	2nd *20/11/23
L./Cpl.	G. Frost	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	E. Wright	...	2nd *28/11/23
L./Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	1st *15/2/24	L./Cpl.	F. Fisher	...	2nd *4/1/24
L./Cpl.	C. Watson	...	1st *20/2/24	L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	2nd *4/1/24
L./Cpl.	C. Turner	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	E. Barker	...	2nd *4/1/24
L./Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	H. Riley	...	1st *8/3/24	L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	1st *14/3/24	L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	2nd *16/1/24
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder	...	Depot *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Jones	...	2nd *2/2/24
L./Cpl.	R. Glover	...	1st *8/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Brooks	...	2nd *4/2/24
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	2nd *25/3/24
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge	...	Depot *18/5/24	L./Cpl.	F. Towell	...	2nd *25/3/24
L./Cpl.	H. Batt	...	1st *21/5/24	L./Cpl.	W. Schooledge	...	2nd *19/4/24
L./Cpl.	A. Case	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	F. Cook	...	2nd *5/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hows	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	E. Noakes	...	2nd *24/6/24
L./Cpl.	A. Anson	...	1st *28/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Champion	...	2nd *7/7/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell	...	2nd *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	J. Lane	...	2nd *17/7/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	1st *3/6/24	L./Cpl.	W. Kemp	...	2nd *3/1/25
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	...	1st *11/6/24	L./Cpl.	W. Waterman	...	2nd *10/1/25
L./Cpl.	G. Oskinat	...	1st *21/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Reed	...	2nd *31/1/25
L./Cpl.	West	...	1st *14/7/24	L./Cpl.	W. Budd	...	2nd *31/1/25
L./Cpl.	Bayles	...	1st *13/8/24	L./Cpl.	C. Stewart	...	2nd *31/1/25
L./Cpl.	W. Banham	...	1st *19/8/24	L./Cpl.	D. Williams	...	2nd *31/1/25
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt	...	1st *19/8/24	L./Cpl.	H. Meddams	...	2nd *31/1/25
L./Cpl.	Giles	...	1st *8/9/24	L./Cpl.	A. Boen	...	2nd *31/1/25
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L./Cpl.	L. Westney	...	1st *9/10/24	L./Cpl.	A. Johnson	...	1st *17/4/25
L./Cpl.	Thompson	...	1st *11/10/24	L./Cpl.	E. Foulger	...	1st *18/4/25
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson	...	1st *17/10/24	L./Cpl.	F. Goodall	...	1st *21/4/25
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke	...	Depot *11/12/24	L./Cpl.	Smith	...	1st *5/5/25
L./Cpl.	Fletcher	...	1st *11/12/24	L./Cpl.	Chalkley	...	1st *20/5/25
L./Cpl.	Hammond	...	1st *11/12/24	L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery	...	2nd *27/5/25
L./Cpl.	Woodroff	...	1st *11/12/24	L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes	...	2nd *30/5/25
L./Cpl.	Wheatley	...	1st *10/12/24	L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher	...	1st *4/6/25
L./Cpl.	Chasney	...	1st *1/1/25	L./Cpl.	T. Martin	...	2nd *9/6/25
L./Cpl.	Carnoll	...	1st *1/1/25	L./Cpl.	L. Harrison	...	1st *13/6/25
L./Cpl.	Painter	...	Depot *1/1/25	L./Cpl.	Pike	...	1st *17/6/25
L./Cpl.	H. Holness	...	1st *6/2/25	L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus	...	1st *22/6/25
L./Cpl.	W. Lee	...	1st *4/3/25	L./Cpl.	Kruck	...	1st *30/6/25
L./Cpl.	Balls	...	1st *4/3/25	L./Cpl.	T. Sibley	...	2nd *30/5/25
L./Cpl.	G. Blackman	...	1st *12/3/25	L./Cpl.	F. Wright	...	2nd *6/7/25
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer	...	1st *13/3/25	L./Cpl.	D. Glew	...	2nd *7/7/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hutton	...	Depot *18/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Cadwallar	...	2nd *7/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Clark	...	2nd *12/11/20	L./Cpl.	L. Stagg	...	2nd *18/7/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt	...	2nd *11/7/21	L./Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	2nd *18/7/25
L./Cpl.	G. Milne	...	2nd *13/12/21	L./Cpl.	L. Timson	...	1st *24/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Simmonds	...	2nd *6/2/22	L./Cpl.	A. Sargent	...	Depot *29/7/23
L./Cpl.	R. Wingrove	...	2nd *8/3/22	L./Cpl.	F. Wood	...	1st *5/8/26
L./Cpl.	E. Addinall	...	2nd *12/3/22	L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls	...	1st *6/8/25
L./Cpl.	F. Welsh	...	2nd *27/3/22	L./Cpl.	Pratt	...	1st *10/8/25
L./Cpl.	C. Clements	...	2nd *21/4/22	L./Cpl.	W. Cox	...	2nd *10/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell	...	2nd *24/8/22	L./Cpl.	W. Skull	...	2nd *10/8/25
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell	...	2nd *22/12/22	L./Cpl.	Donovan	...	1st *14/8/25
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson	...	2nd *14/3/23	L./Cpl.	M. Horton	...	1st *14/8/25
L./Cpl.	G. Power	...	2nd *4/6/23	L./Cpl.	E. Paterson	...	1st *15/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Potter	...	2nd *15/6/23	L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore	...	1st *1/9/25
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley	...	2nd *27/7/23	L./Cpl.	J. Gould	...	1st *1/9/25
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews	...	2nd *13/8/23	L./Cpl.	Trestain	...	2nd *4/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler	...	2nd *15/8/23	L./Cpl.	P. Hale	...	1st *16/9/25
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft	...	2nd *17/8/23	L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn	...	1st *29/9/25

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L./Cpl.	J. May	...	2nd *29/9/25	L./Cpl.	R. Sage	...	1st *2/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Mason	...	1st *3/10/25	L./Cpl.	A. Ball	...	1st *10/11/25
L./Cpl.	Evans	...	1st *15/10/25	L./Cpl.	R. Wilson	...	2nd *10/11/25
L./Cpl.	T. Little	...	1st *17/10/25	L./Cpl.	George	...	1st *9/12/25
L./Cpl.	F. Bowden	...	1st *28/10/25	L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe	...	1st *11/12/25
L./Cpl.	B. Rapley	...	2nd *13/10/25	L./Cpl.	S. Harris	...	2nd *14/12/25
L./Cpl.	T. Woolford	...	2nd *20/10/25	L./Cpl.	T. Lambert	...	1st *7/1/26
L./Cpl.	A. Loom	...	2nd *20/10/25	L./Cpl.	E. Rochester	...	1st *12/1/26
L./Cpl.	P. Timms	...	2nd *20/10/25	L./Cpl.	W. Webster	...	1st *12/1/26
L./Cpl.	F. Scott	...	2nd *20/10/25	L./Cpl.	H. Parrott	...	1st *13/2/26
L./Cpl.	Burton	...	1st *2/11/25	L./Cpl.	S. Statham	...	1st *4/3/26

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