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"Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02,"
"Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, 18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "Hindenburg Line,"
"Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle,"
"Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellevue," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Delville
Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fliers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18,"
"Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914," "17," "18," "Ploeghem,"
"Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin,"
"Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazeubrouck," "Baileul," "Kemmel," "Schepenberg," "Canal
du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,
1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani,"
"Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18,"
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Personal A.D.C. to the King.

Colonel:

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

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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate Col. R. M. Heath on his appointment to command the troops in North China. He sailed in the s.s. *Malwa* on July 16th.

We take this opportunity of drawing the attention of our readers to the appeal made by the Colonel of the Regiment in his Preface to "The Die-Hards in the Great War" for personal narratives descriptive of any action in which the Regiment took part during the Great War.

Many of our readers must have "told the tale" or talked over their experiences during the war. These are just what is wanted, not only to enliven the pages of THE DIE-HARDS, but to give that human touch to the second volume of "The Die-Hards in the Great War," which is now in preparation.

An editor cannot edit without copy, and an author of a regimental history must have more than the bare official records to go upon.

Those who are in a position to do so are requested, therefore, to send an account of any action in which they took part, or the exploits of their comrades, to the Editor.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the 1st Battalion on again securing second place in the Aldershot Command Inter-Unit Team Sports Championships.

During the three years the Battalion has been stationed at Aldershot they have been once placed first and twice second in the championships, a feat of which any battalion may well feel proud.

The photograph of the officers of the 2nd Battalion, published as frontispiece in our last issue, was taken by ex-Sergt.-Drummer W. Trezona, whose present address is P.O., Maraisburg, Transvaal, South Africa.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1926.

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

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

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

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

THE PATIENT TEACHER.

"What is your name?"
 "The same as my father's."
 "What is your father's?"
 "The same as mine."
 "Well, what are both your names?"
 "Both alike, sir."

THE DIE-HARDS IN THE GREAT WAR.

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

BY EVERARD WYRALL,

Author of "The History of the Second Division, 1914-1918"; "The West Yorkshire Regiment in the War, 1914-1918"; "The History of the 62nd (W.R.) Division, 1914-1919," etc., etc.

THE General Committee of the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) calls attention to the fact that Volume I is now on sale at the price of 10s. 6d. net (or of 28s. for Edition de Luxe, in half-morocco).

Mr. Everard Wyrall, the author, is a well-known historical writer, who from the official and private records at his disposal has produced a story which will be of enthralling interest to all connected with the Regiment.

Owing to the very large numbers of battalions of which the Regiment was composed during the war, resulting in an enormous quantity of records for collation, it has taken longer to finish the first volume than was expected originally. The author, however, is confident of being able to complete the second (concluding) volume in much less time.

Gen. Sir F. Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., the Colonel of the Regiment, has kindly written a foreword to the book.

The History is handsomely bound, and contains maps, plans, appendices and index to illustrate the text.

The expenses incurred by the Association in the production of this History have been considerable, but the Committee feels that, if a good proportion of the thousands of officers and men who have served in the Middlesex Regiment are able to support it now, there will be no reason to regret the outlay.

Applications for copies should be made to the publishers, Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd., 44-47, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2, accompanied by cheques or postal orders.

Extracts from some reviews of the book given below show that the Regiment has every reason to be pleased with the result of the trouble and money expended in bringing it out.

Only purchasers in sufficient numbers are required to make this one of the most successful war histories yet produced, and the Committee of the Regimental Association therefore earnestly asks now for the support promised when first the work was undertaken.

"This handsome and well-printed volume records graphically the doings of The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) from 1914-1916. Many excellent maps enable the reader to follow this carefully-written and graphic history. The foreword to Mr. Wyrall's great work is contributed by General Sir Ivor Maxse."—*Acton Gazette and Express*.

"Immortal 'Die-Hards'... A worthy account of that most famous regiment The Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex. The work has been well done, and the narrative is at once precise from the military standpoint and full of incidents. The value of this fine history is enhanced by clear maps and a good index, so that it is extremely cheap at the price."—*Daily Mail*.

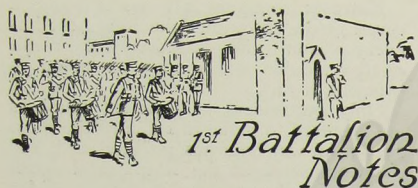
"This is a book to be commended to all Middlesex men."—*Enfield Gazette and Observer*.

"A very well-told tale of the doings of the splendid Middlesex Regiment."—*Evening News*.

"The book traces in astonishing detail the history of the different battalions from the beginning of hostilities."—*Hampstead Express*.

"An all-embracing work, providing entertaining reading, while precise from the military point of view."—*Hendon and Finchley Times*.

"This fascinating book... declares that no county in the land did more in the war during the early years than did Middlesex. The story of the battles of Mons, Le Cateau, The Marne, The Aisne, La Bassée, Armentières, Neuve Chapelle, Ypres, Aubers Ridge, Hooge, Loos and the Somme, and the long-drawn-out trench fighting tell of the stern work and privation and misery endured with great fortitude."—*Kilburn Times*.



LEVEE.

ON Monday, May 31st, His Majesty the King held the second levee of the season at St. James's Palace.

The following officers of the Battalion were in attendance:—

Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E.
Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.
Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.
Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C.
Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C.

The following officers of the Battalion were presented:—

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.
Bt.-Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O.
Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.
Lieut. F. E. Bostock.
Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C.
Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook, M.B.E.
Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt.
Lieut. J. R. B. Worton.
Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.

MAJOR A. C. DUNDAS, O.B.E.

Major Alan Dundas, O.B.E., retired from the Army on June 30th, 1926.

He was born in 1880, and educated at Dulwich School and St. John's College, Cambridge. He represented the latter both at rowing and Rugby football.

He was gazetted to the Middlesex Regiment in 1903, and was promoted Major in 1918. In 1914 and 1915 he was Adjutant of the 7th Battalion The West Yorkshire Regiment, and held various staff appointments both at home and in France during the war. For his services he was twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the O.B.E.

Both Major and Mrs. Dundas, who will be greatly missed, take with them the best wishes of all ranks.

We congratulate Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook on being awarded the M.B.E.

Strike duty is a soldier's most unpleasant task. After many months of impending fear of a general strike its declaration found most of us almost accustomed to the thought of it, and, as later events proved, probably too pessimistic as to its effect. For four days after the strike had been declared we remained in barracks, eagerly seeking wireless news, as the daily newspapers which managed to publish after the first day's chaos only achieved one page of information. Everything seemed quiet and orderly according to the bulletins, so hopes were again revived that perhaps, after all, the Battalion might remain in Aldershot. However, on Friday, May 7th, at 1 p.m., a telegram arrived, cancelling all leave and recalling everyone to barracks. Many orders then ensued, and at length, at 12.40 a.m. on Saturday, we departed in charabancs and lorries. The Grenadiers had preceded us, and the Coldstream and Irish Guards followed. After what seemed a slow and tedious—and in the case of the open vehicles a very cold and wet—journey our destination was reached in Victoria Park, Bethnal Green. Pitching a camp in the dawn of a damp and chilly May day was the first work. Breakfast was a very welcome meal that day. From our arrival onwards all were confined to camp. On Saturday and Sunday three companies went away on detachment duty. Half "A" Company to the British Petroleum Company's depot, the remainder of "A" Company and "C" Company to the Hackney Electricity Works, and "B" Company to the L.M.S.R. frozen meat storage wharf, East India Docks. "D" Company remained with Battalion Headquarters at Victoria Park. The companies on detachment were certainly more fortunate than Headquarters and "D" in their accommodation, particularly so on the following Saturday night, when, after a tropical downpour of rain, a number of tents became waterlogged and uninhabitable, and on telephone inquiries being made as to how the camp was faring the apt reply of "Swimmingly" could not have been bettered. Life with the detachments had its compensations, and supplementary rations at the frozen meat wharf was probably one of them. The following is an illustration. A soldier appears dragging a frozen lamb behind

him, which is partially clothed in his jacket. He is questioned, and replies that the lamb "will keep following him." Probably this was not the only "frozen pet" which was warmed by the cook-house fire. Some hundreds of girls are employed at the Petroleum Company's depot, so the *Thé dansants* there were very much appreciated. There was no lack of partners.

Our area in London, although one with a bad reputation, caused us no trouble at all, and the attitude of the civilian population was not apparently hostile. The remarks that some of the troops were nothing but "windy boys," and a notice outside "B" Company's wharf saying "Down with the armed bullies," did more to cause mirth than anger. In camp much was done to relieve the "prisoner-of-war" feeling by instituting numerous games. Tennis courts and cricket fields abound in the park, and were made as much use of as the very limited sports kit which had been brought permitted. Boating on the lake was a very popular pastime too, and became essentially the popular amusement when the London County Council gave the use of their boats free. Most people seemed to have a knowledge of propulsion with the aid of oars, and quite a number could row, but judging by the amount of "bumping" it is quite possible that the condition of the boats was not greatly improved. In the evening some first-class concerts, arranged by Mr. George Grossmith, were held in the N.A.A.F.I. marquee. It was a most unusual sight to see famous artistes, such as Mr. Claude Hulbert, Miss Maisie Gay, Miss Ina Grossmith, and Miss Edna Bellonini, and many others, performing on the improvised stage of barrack tables, lighted only by a few oil lamps. Everyone enjoyed these concerts immensely, and admired the kindness of the artistes, who took such trouble and underwent such discomforts to amuse us. Some cricket and tennis was played against the Eton Mission, a working men's club, largely composed of strikers.

When the general strike was called off on Thursday, May 13th, thoughts of returning to barracks immediately came into everyone's mind, only to cause more disappointment when it was discovered that the strikers would not go back to work on the terms offered. However, by

the 15th the situation had so far improved that our detachments had all been withdrawn with the exception of "B" Company.

Our move back to Aldershot took place on the 18th. Of the march to Waterloo via the city and the Embankment much was written in the Press. It was in the nature of a triumphal progress through streets lined with tightly packed crowds. Many former members of the Regiment gathered to see the Battalion, more especially at Waterloo. "The men who guarded London's food" (to quote a phrase of the *Evening Standard*) were received with loud cheers, especially near the Mansion House, where the Lord Mayor acknowledged the salutes of the Grenadiers and of the Commanding Officers of the other three Battalions. On reaching the Embankment a halt was made for the fixing of bayonets before marching past Lieut.-Gen. Sir Walter Braithwaite, K.C.B., commanding the Eastern Command, who stood at the corner of the Embankment and Waterloo Bridge, opposite the Houses of Parliament. In spite of many aching arms owing to the long march "At attention," onlookers say that the Battalion marched past with great credit.

Later we left by train, and all were glad to return once more to better quarters in Aldershot.

ALBUHERA DAY.

In consequence of the Battalion being away on strike duty, the celebration of Albuhera Day was deferred until Saturday, June 12th. The day was observed as a holiday in the Battalion, and the sports were held as usual. There was no all-ranks' dance in the evening owing to the necessity for economy in the use of light. The sports were somewhat marred by the inclement weather, which prevented many visitors from attending. There were no outstanding performances to record, the times comparing unfavourably with those of previous years, probably due to the short time available for training owing to the strike duty, and also because of the heavy state of the ground after so much wet weather. Major-Gen. Sir Cecil Romer and Lady Romer were present during the afternoon, and at the conclusion Lady Romer presented the shields

for the 1925-1926 season. Mrs. Stewart afterwards presented the prizes. Full details of the various events will be found elsewhere. A word of praise must certainly be given to the amusing and untiring efforts of the four clowns (L./Cpl. Tompkins, L./Cpl. Hale, Pte. Tyler, and Pte. Canning). They caused a very great deal of laughter, and the Jazz Band was much appreciated.

Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, Lieut. E. L. Heywood, Major W. W. Jefferd, Col. G. B., Mrs. and Miss Lempriere, Col. and Mrs. Lushington, Lieut.-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Lieut. Mirams, M.C., Lieut.-Col. G. L. Oliver, Lieut. F. G. Parker, Lieut.-Col. F. G. Poole, D.S.O., O.B.E., Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C., Major-Gen. Sir Cecil Romer, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., and Lady



ALBUHERA CELEBRATIONS, ALDERSHOT, 1926.
Past Officers and Old Comrades.

Back Row—Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook, R.S.M. Beasley, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Comber, R.S.M. H. Anderson.

Second Row—Capt. J. English, Mr. Tully, Mr. Capel, Mr. A. Stephens, Lieut. H. R. F. Butterfield.

Front Row—Mr. E. J. Warren, Mr. E. Morris, Major F. S. Stead, Col. R. M. Heath, Col. G. B. Lempriere, Lieut.-Col. G. L. Oliver, Lieut.-Col. F. G. Poole, Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, Capt. T. J. Smith, Mr. Beattie.

Amongst the numerous company who attended were the following:—Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. D. J. C. K. Bernard, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Lieut. H. R. F. Butterfield, Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman, Col. Davy, Mr. and Mrs. Davy, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Garstin, Col. R. M.

Romer, Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C., Capt. H. Sherwood, Major-Gen. C. R. Simpson, C.B., and Major F. S. Stead, D.C.M.

SHIELDS.

A new system has come into force regarding the award of the Battalion Shields. The former "Efficiency" Shield

has now been altered, and has become the Shooting Shield, which is awarded for:—

- (a) Annual range course.
- (b) Rifle Meeting.
- (c) Skill-at-arms.

As this Shield now reckons from November 1st to November 1st it may have to change hands from "C" Company this autumn.

The Albuhera Shield is awarded for the best company in all sports throughout the year, and counts from Albuhera Day to Albuhera Day.

The Athletic Shield is awarded for the sports actually held on Albuhera Day, and

ALDERSHOT COMMAND INTER-UNIT TEAM SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At the beginning of the summer those responsible for the athletic training of the Battalion were faced with a very difficult problem.

We had a very high reputation to live up to, having been second and first respectively in the two preceding years, while most of our experts have departed to civilian life. However, a young and very enthusiastic team was collected together, training was undertaken most seriously,



THE CLOWNS, ALBUHERA DAY, 1st BATTALION.

therefore does not include football, hockey, etc.

The following is this year's list:—

Shooting Shield.—Won by "C."

Football Shield.—Won by "A" and "G."

Cross-country Shield.—Won by "B."

Boxing Shield.—Won by "A."

Hockey Shield.—Won by "B" and "Q."

Cricket Shield.—Won by "A."

Tug-of-War Cup.—Won by "Q."

Albuhera Shield.—Won by "B."

and every evening for months, under the guidance of our coach, C.S.M.I. Bennett, of the Army Physical Training Staff, we ran, jumped and sweated. The improvement throughout was very marked, and when the great day dawned we had a promising team at our disposal, inexperienced perhaps, but keen and really fit.

The standard each year gets higher, and the entries increase. This season there were twenty-eight teams competing, consisting altogether of more than 500 competitors, so we can heartily congratulate ourselves on the excellent result of being second again to our old friends the Irish

Guards, who turned out one of the finest teams.

Limited space will not permit of each event being described in detail, but certain performances were so outstanding that they cannot be allowed to pass without mention.

The High Jump was won by Bdsman. Walker and L./Cpl. Harrison, with a total of 10 ft. 7 in., the former clearing 5 ft. 4 in. and the latter 5 ft. 3 in. In the Long Jump we were second, with a total of 39 ft. 8½ in., L./Cpl. Harrison jumping 20 ft. 1½ in. and L./Cpl. Smith 19 ft. 7 in.

Our three-mile team, L./Cpl. Donovan, Ptes. Woodward, Spicer, and Low, after a very plucky race, run at a great pace, came in fifth, and secured us one point. Pte. Spicer is probably the most improved runner we have, and with careful training undoubtedly has a future before him in the distance races.

Putting the Shot was rather a disappointment, our pair, R.S.M. Anderson, M.C., and Pte. Scales, not being able to produce their best form, with the result that instead of winning we had to be content with fifth place, which gave us, however, one more valuable point.

With only three races to go we stood sixth, and our position began to look gloomy, but our mile team, Lieut. H. S. Royffe, L./Cpl. Donovan, L./Cpl. Newman, and L./Sergt. Lawrence, by a really magnificent effort, got second place, and thus altered the whole aspect of affairs. This team should be congratulated in particular, because on a very hot day, in a fast run race (4 min. 42 secs.), it was only sheer determination and training which brought them home against the pick of the Aldershot Command.

By winning the Hurdles we made ourselves certain of second place. We had regarded this race throughout as rather a gift for us, and sure enough we won comfortably by about five hurdles. The team consisted of L./Cpl. C. Painter, L./Cpl. Riley, Bdsman. Walker, and Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C. Walker we hope to see winning the Army Individual Championships soon. He is extraordinarily fast over his hurdles, which he takes very low, with a nice straight leg. L./Cpl. Riley, who had hardly hurdled until this year, has improved out of all recognition, and in time will develop into a really "class" hurdler.

Sir Peter Strickland, General Officer Commanding 2nd Division, gave away the prizes, and in the course of his speech drew attention to the sporting record of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment since they have been in the Aldershot Command. To use his own words, their record was "a wonderful achievement which he has never seen equalled by any other regiment in his life." This was high praise, indeed, particularly as we have never since the war served under Gen. Sir Peter Strickland, who does not even command our Division.

This year's results show what a young and enthusiastic team can do if they take their training seriously.

The teams were as follows:—

100 Yards.—L./Cpl. C. Painter, Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., L./Cpl. L. Harrison, and L./Cpl. Smith.

220 Yards.—L./Cpls. Painter, Sewell, Harrison, and Smith.

440 Yards.—Lieut. J. R. B. Worton, L./Cpls. G. Fletcher and Sewell, and Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C.

880 Yards.—Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., Lieut. J. R. B. Worton, L./Cpls. Donovan and Patterson.

One Mile.—Lieut. H. S. Royffe, L./Cpls. Donovan and Newman, and Sergt. Lawrence.

Three Miles.—L./Cpl. Donovan, Pte. Spicer, Dmr. Woodward, and Pte. Low.

Hurdles.—Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C., L./Cpls. Riley and Painter, and Bdsman. Walker.

High Jump.—L./Cpl. L. Harrison and Bdsman. Walker.

Long Jump.—L./Cpls. Smith and Harrison.

Putting the Shot.—R.S.M. Anderson, M.C., and Pte. Scales.

BOYS' AND YOUNG SOLDIERS' RELAY RACES.

At the last meeting of the Aldershot Command Athletic Sports a Boys' Relay Race and a Young Soldiers' Relay Race was included in the programme for the first time.

The Battalion trained and entered teams for both of these events. The Boys' Relay Race was over a distance of half-a-mile, each boy running 220 yards. Our team did not reach the final as they were knocked out in the qualifying heats. This

was hardly a fair trial to our younger members, as a number of the boys were away with the Band. However, there was one good performance, and that was by Boy Chillery, who is a promising runner, and should do well in the future.

The boys who represented the Battalion were: Boys Chillery, Clark, Ormes and Ward.

In the Young Soldiers' Relay Race our team fared much better. The team consisted of seven members, and distances of two half-miles, three quarter-miles, and two 220 yards were run, making a total distance of two miles.

The young soldiers who represented the Battalion are as follows:—

Half-mile.—Ptes. Howard and Mellish.

Quarter-mile.—Ptes. Moore, Hewitt and Gillings.

220 Yards.—Ptes. Bursill and Reddick.

ALDERSHOT HORSE SHOW.

The Transport have created a record in winning the Challenge Shield for the Dis-mounted Units Transport Competition for the third year in succession. Sergt. Moore and the men have every right to be proud of such a result, and now we are



TRANSPORT SECTION, 1st BATTALION.

Winners Aldershot Command Transport Shield for three years in succession (1924-5-6).

In the qualifying heats our team reached third place, and were eligible to compete in the final. The final was won by the Irish Guards, who are to be congratulated on their running. Our team was placed second owing to the disqualification of the actual runners-up for failing to hand over correctly. The running of Pte. Hewitt is worthy of praise, as he gained thirty-five yards on the leading runner, and just failed to overtake him by a foot at the winning post.

all hoping that the Shield itself will be given to us to keep permanently. In the Stripped Mules Class there was a change in the conditions for competing this year, and the R.A. were admitted for the first time. Two of our pairs were in the first six, the better of the two being fourth and highly commended. The Officers' Chargers' Class were not quite so fortunate. Lieut. Cubitt, on "Tommy," was well considered, and was called out several times, but he failed to be in the

prize list. Capt. Paul was unable to compete in this competition as he and the horse won the cup last year, and so had to enter the open competition, where, of course, the class of horse was entirely different. Our best charger, "Jane," which should have done very well indeed, was unable to take part owing to having injured herself some two months ago. This was a pity, as she is easily the best jumper.

POINT TO POINT.

For the second year in succession the Guards Brigade have won the 1st Division Inter-Brigade Team Race. This took place at Farringdon, near Alton, on April 15th. Our representatives were Capt. Paul, on Capt. Phillip's "Jorlocks," which competed last year, and Mr. Cubitt on "Jane," Capt. Paul's mare.

There was a large field of about thirty, and both our horses did well, more especially "Jane." "Jorlocks" refused once, which lost him several places.

BISLEY NOTES, 1926.

The Battalion's appearance at Bisley this year was marked by a considerable improvement on last year's results, and can be regarded as in every way satisfactory. Our most notable success was in the Worcester Cup for Lewis gun pairs, in which, out of 148 pairs entered, three out of the four Battalion pairs were in the first twenty, Sergts. Brockman and Jones being second with 304 points, and missing the Cup by only two points. Our Lewis gunners can be said to be in the very first class. As regards the Rifle Wing, the Battalion qualified to fire in the Britannia Trophy for the first time since the war, and finished thirteenth out of forty-one entries. Pte. Couling, of "B" Company, won the Young Soldiers' Class in the Roupell Cup.

In the rifle we are still novices compared with the crack rifle regiments, and the inevitable cry goes up of more training next year.

The most hopeful side of the Rifle Wing is the performance of the younger material, which is as good as that of any regiment.

Although C.S.M. W. Beaman was not up to his usual standard, the inestimable

value of his experience in training cannot be overlooked.

The following is a list of individual prize-winners:—



PTE. COULING ("B" COMPANY).
Winner of Class C, Roupell Cup, Bisley, 1926.

Roupell Cup.—Lieut. Pennycook, £1; Sergt. Green, 10s.; L./Cpl. Staines, £1; L./Cpl. Westney, £1; Pte. Couling, £5; Pte. Mann, 10s.

Roberts Cup.—Pte. Tyler, 10s.; Pte. Mann, 10s.

Worcester Cup.—Sergt. Brockman and L./Sergt. Jones, silver medals and £3; Sergt. Burt and L./Sergt. Lawrence, £1; Cpl. Kennett and L./Cpl. Kelly, £1.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The Battalion held the Annual Rifle Meeting during the last two days of our camp at Bisley.

Although the weather was dull some very good scores were recorded. On the average the standard throughout was higher than the previous year.

"Q" Company carried off the principal honours and the championship.

"A" Company came second and a very good first among the so-called fighting companies. Results:—

NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Evelyn Wood Competition.—1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "A" Coy.; 3rd, "C" Coy.; 4th, "B" Coy.; 5th, "D" Coy.; 6th, "G" Coy.

Berdoe Wilkinson Competition.—1st, "A" Coy.; 2nd, "D" Coy.; 3rd, "B" Coy.; 4th, "C" Coy.

4th, "C" Coy.; 5th, "A" Coy.; 6th, "D" Coy.

Young Soldiers.—1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "D" Coy.; 3rd, "C" Coy.; 4th, "A" Coy.; 5th, "B" Coy.; 6th, "G" Coy.

Final Championship Placing.—1st, "Q" Coy., 141 points; 2nd, "A" Coy., 123; 3rd, "C" Coy., 87; 4th, "B" Coy., 83; 5th, "D" Coy., 70; 6th, "G" Coy., 65.

Those whose efforts placed "Q" Company in the leading position were Capt. Lyons, Lieut. Pennycook, R.S.M. Anderson, Sergts. Green, Brockman; L./Cpls. Harrison, Phillipson, and Webster, Cpl. Bray, Ptes. Warren, Boiling, Tyler, and Jennings, Dmr. Jones, Ptes. Blackman, Sullivan, Barling,



LCE-SERG. JONES AND SERGT. BROCKMAN.
Runners-up in Army "Worcester Cup" at Bisley, 1926.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Anti-Aircraft.—1st, "B" Coy.; 2nd, "C" Coy.; 3rd, "G" Coy.; 4th, "D" Coy.; 5th, "Q" Coy.; 6th, "A" Coy.

Platoon Match.—1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "A" Coy.; 3rd, "B" Coy.; 4th, "D" Coy.; 5th, "G" Coy.; 6th, "C" Coy.

Inter-Company Match.—1st, "A" Coy.; 2nd, "Q" Coy.; 3rd, "C" Coy.; 4th, "B" Coy.; 5th, "D" Coy.; 6th, "G" Coy.

Rapid Fire.—1st, "A" Coy.; 2nd, "Q" Coy.; 3rd, "G" Coy.; 4th, "C" Coy.; 5th, "D" Coy.; 6th, "B" Coy.

Knock-out Competition.—1st, "Q" Coy.; 2nd, "G" Coy.; 3rd, "B" Coy.

Windows, Strickley, and Seaburgh, Dmr. Tomkins, and Ptes. Sanders and Murphy.

The best individual score was 63 by L./Sergt. Thomas, "A" Company. This would have won the Aldershot Command Individual Championship last year.

Since the Rifle Meeting we have had the Brigade Evelyn Wood Elimination. Two of our teams qualified for the Command, "Q" Company top of the Brigade with 263 and "B" Company fourth with 186. "A" Company were sixth with 186. There were seventeen teams entered.

The conditions of the competition include a march of eleven and two-fifth miles in full marching order, followed by

a platoon shoot and an advance down the range. The weather was very hot, but no men fell out. We have great hopes for our two teams which qualified to compete in the Command Final Competition to be held in August.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

During the past quarter, for some unknown reason, the "Pokey Die" and "Billiards" Tournaments have failed to materialize. This is regretted, as it has stopped the most useful practice that the

Sergt. Williard has left us for civil life. We wish him the best of luck, and trust he will not forget his old comrades.

The young blood is very noticeable in the Mess nowadays, yet I venture to suggest that they will maintain the reputation which is part of the standing of the Battalion and Regiment.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

It was not long after our return from Bisley that we departed for London on



(Photo: Gale & Polden, Ltd.)

HEADQUARTER COMPANY, 1st BATTALION.
Winners 1st Guards Brigade Evelyn Wood Competition, 1926.

novices were obtaining. Tennis has begun its reign, and we are doing fairly well in the Command League.

On the day on which Albuhera Sports were held the Mess again showed that it still can produce good athletes. The results are given elsewhere, so they will not be repeated here.

After the sports an "At home" was held in the Mess. All the old members who attended the sports were present, and later the officers arrived with the Albuhera Cup, and then—*honi soit*, etc.

strike duty, and although many exciting things happened during our brief sojourn there I think there is little to be recorded apart from our visitors, as we were very much apart the whole of the time. Still, it would be of interest to us to find out if Cpl. Egan had the right number of blankets upon our arrival at Victoria Park: that is, if he remembered the number. Also a certain Corporal wishes to know if anyone has had any news about "Uncle Fred," the man with a reputation for entertaining without cost to anybody. Only those who were at the

Hackney Electric Light Works need answer this question—if they can.

Our ranks are sadly depleted by the loss of a lot of old comrades of whom we regret to hear so little. "Olly" Phelps, "Ernie" Norman, and "Doughy" Baker, of football fame, are greatly missed; so also is Cpl. Holder, whom we may say, is also of football "fame." L./Cpls. Ratty, Oskinat, Tompkins, Curl, and Jones are others who have left us recently.

We wish all of them every success in their new vocations, and trust that they will not forget us.

It is noticed that L./Cpl. Timson has been making amorous overtures to the latest addition to the Canteen staff, and would like to remind him that "beauty" is only skin deep.

Our regards go to all old comrades of ours, and again we express the hope that we may be able to hear some news of them in the near future.

L. I. P.

"H.Q." WING.

This edition of the Journal will be sport, and little else but sport, so naturally we



TUG-OF-WAR TEAM, HEADQUARTER COMPANY, 1st BATTALION.
Winners Battalion Sports, 1926.

We were very glad to see some old friends whilst we were at Victoria Park. "Deaffy" Thompson, "Nick" Carter, and Dick Armstrong, who have been "Misters" for some considerable time now, we were very pleased to see, and so were they pleased to see us. Most of all was "Nick" Carter, who showed his delight without restraint. We wonder what adventures attended him after he left us, and if he found City Road with ease or not.

fall in line. Once again "G" and "Q" have proved that "H.Q." is the sporting company of the Battalion. The results are shown in the sports column. Suffice it is to say that "G" was first and "Q" was second. Congratulations are due to all those whose efforts attained this great success. Of one thing in particular "Q" is very proud. I refer to the tug-of-war team. This event "Q" team won again, and very hearty congratulations are due to Sergt. Moore for his coaching and to

the team for the fine pulls. When one pull lasts 4 min. 22 secs. one can guess that a lot of grit was required, and was not found wanting.

The Band are on their holidays again, much to the delight of the holiday-makers at the seaside resorts. The Drums, Signals and Machine Gun sections have sent in their contributions this time, but more is wanted.

The following incident at the Tattoo had some unintended humour attached to it and caused some laughter.

Sergeant (in charge of "L" Block): "This way, sir; I'll show you your seats." He conducts the party to the row and finds the seats already occupied by a parson and his family.

Sergeant: "Excuse me, sir; may I see your tickets, please."

Parson: "With pleasure, Sergeant." He produces the tickets for "N" Block.

Sergeant: "I am sorry, sir, but you should be in 'N' Block, and at present you are in 'L'."

Parson: "I sincerely hope not, Sergeant."

Sergeant: "'N' Block is higher up, sir."

"A" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution we have had some exciting times. During the strike we heard some very startling rumours. Firstly, we were standing by to move to Glasgow, then to Yorkshire, and I think somebody finally wound up by saying that we were due to go to Russia. However, we reached none of these places, and finally the order came that we were to proceed to London, our destination being Victoria Park, Hackney. This, of course, caused a great deal of thought, and kits were placed with best dress, and, I believe, some even put a book of passes in their kits—at least, so it seemed—for when the order came granting a few hours' leave during the latter part of the strike I saw pass forms by the hundred.

"A" Company had several duties allotted to them outside the park. Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons were sent to the Drill Hall, Hackney, and Nos. 2 and 4 Platoons to the Power Station. These duties lasted a few days, when the Specials relieved Nos. 1 and 3 Platoons, who once again returned to bell tents and open air. After

a short time they were sent to the Electric Light Works, where, I understand, some of the company spent their spare time mud-larking. This ended the duties of the company in London, and the Battalion moved to Aldershot shortly after this.

Our return journey commenced with a march through London to Waterloo, and it was very pleasing to see some of the old Die-Hards *en route*. The late C.Q.M.S. Tulley was in the front rank of these, and I am sure we are all pleased to see how fit and well he is looking.

On returning to barracks we spent a fortnight in battalion training, and it was a great contrast to strike duty.

On June 12th we held our Albuhera Sports, but the weather prevented the usual high standard of sport, as it rained on and off most of the day. However, "A" Company did fairly well, although they only managed to get fifth place.

We did run well in three events, coming third in each, namely, the 100 Yards, 220 Yards, and Putting the Shot, the following being the teams:—

100 Yards: Cpl. Gibson, L./Cpls. Pratt, West and Wood.

Putting the Shot: Lieut. Clinch and Cpl. Gibson.

The 220 Yards was run by the same team as the 100 Yards.

Unfortunately, we were unable to find a team for the Hurdles, and the Long Jump was also lost. As the competitors were not there to jump on the previous day, however, all teams did extremely well, and we are sincerely hoping that we shall find more talent in the Company for next year.

We would like to congratulate "H.Q." Wing ("Q" Company) upon winning the Tug-of-War for the second year in succession. It was indeed a great pull, and one that did both teams credit. We should like, also, to congratulate Cpl. Gibson, L./Cpls. West and Fletcher on being selected to run for the Battalion in the Command Sports.

In closing we wish L./Cpl. Maunder every success in his recent appointment to Lance-Corporal.

2 L. O.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last contributions to the Journal we have had some busy times. No doubt the strike news has been recorded

elsewhere in the Journal. Our particular duty on this occasion was at the Docks, where, I must say, we enjoyed our stay. We were congratulated on the cleanliness of the place by the Commissioner, and considering that we shifted about 1,000 tons of rubbish one must expect it to look cleaner.

On our return to barracks we commenced battalion training, and on June 12th we had another change in the Albuhera Sports.

The final placing of the Company in the sports was second, and we congratulate L./Cpl. Donovan on winning the One and Three Miles. The Company also came second in the Hurdles and Putting the Shot.

The Company is also in the final of the Evelyn Wood Competition, and we have high hopes of doing well in this event.

The whole Company was present at the Horse Show, and we were all delighted to see our own Transport win the Infantry Shield for the third year in succession, and we congratulate Sergt. Moore and the men of the Transport on this success.

At present we are busy with Brigade training, but we are looking forward to a day at Brighton in July, and we hope to have some interesting news, and perhaps some photographs, for the next issue of the Journal.

It has not been our policy in the past to boast of our achievements. But we have just been informed by the Battalion Sports Committee that we have won the Sports Shield for all-round sports. 'Nuff sed!

"C" COMPANY.

When the last notes went to press we had just settled at Bisley, where we fired our annual musketry course. Every company was determined to try to win the Shooting Shield from us, and the keenness displayed by all showed to advantage when the final classification results were published. This year we again repeated our success of the previous two years and kept the Musketry Shield for the third year in succession.

Having won the Shield for three years in succession, we presume it is now ours, and we wonder who is presenting the new one.

On returning from Bisley we commenced to train for the Albuhera Sports, but owing to the strike we were sent to Victoria Park to assist the civil power to maintain order. Our time there was short, and little of importance happened. Eventually we all returned to Aldershot, and I am sure most of us were very thankful, for strike duty is not a pleasant occupation.

Once again we started to train for the sports, which were eventually held on June 12th. We were rather disappointed at first as it commenced to rain, but it cleared up towards the afternoon, and so ended a perfect day.

The Company did not excel itself by winning any event, but was always well placed, and we finally finished up fourth. It is interesting to note that most of those competing in the sports were young blood, so we have great hopes for the future, providing, of course, that we do not lose any of them during the coming trooping season.

Since the sports we have been on battalion training, and in the various team events, *i.e.*, the Evelyn Wood, Berdoe Wilkinson, and Imperial Tobacco Cups. The two latter events are still to take place, and we are determined to try to win the cups.

The ultimate result of these will be published in the next issue of the Journal.
J. H. T.

"D" COMPANY.

Owing to the Battalion being engaged at present on battalion and brigade training there is little of note to report.

Since the last issue of the Journal we have been away on strike duty.

The Company, together with "H.Q." Wing, were stationed throughout the strike in Victoria Park, Hackney.

There were a few lively incidents, but not much to record. The troops were glad to get back to Aldershot owing to the fact that they were not allowed out of camp very often whilst in London.

We accompanied the Guards on their march through London on the termination of the strike. I think the troops were glad when Waterloo Station was reached.

Since our return we have been engaged on battalion and brigade training, and shall continue to be so engaged until the

end of September. Certain people already wish furlough season was here.

Many of our non-commissioned officers have been "swatting up" for the non-commissioned officer's promotion examination which recently took place. It is stated that certain text books came in useful.

Albuhera Sports have again come and gone. We regret to say that we did not do so well as usual owing to the loss of several sportsmen. We hope for better luck next year. We congratulate L./Cpl. Jackson on winning the Obstacle Race, and hope his biscuit barrel will be useful.

Sergt. Williard and L./Cpl. Norman have left us for civil life. We wish them the best of luck.

Sergt. Heath has left us for temporary duty at the Regimental Depot.

At present we are very short of non-commissioned officers, and are thinking of indenting for some.

Don.

SIGNAL SECTION.

We are very sorry that the section did not contribute in the last issue of the Journal, and regret that it was overlooked owing to training, etc.

Some important changes have taken place recently. Lieut. Crawford has left us, and we wish him every success in his new work. Lieut. Clowes is at present at Catterick, on the 88th Long Course, and we all welcome him to the section. Sergt. Lambert is taking over from L./Sergt. Trevarthen, who is going to try his luck in civil life. L./Cpls. Baker and Oskinat have left us for the same life, and we wish all success in the future.

Cpl. Challis attended the 87th Course at Catterick, and passed, and we congratulate him, as he was one of the very few to pass.

Our thoughts are now turned to King Willow, and we have had some very nice trials. Probably the result of the Brigade Evelyn Wood Competition has been mentioned in another column, but we must add that out of the winning team twelve of the section were in its ranks.

Now that we have two of the Battalion Rugby team with us (Lieut. Clowes and Sergt. Lambert), we are seriously thinking of forming a team of our own for next season, so other sections take notice!

Our heartiest wishes to all signal sections of the Regiment.

WAGGER.

DRUMS.

Our last notes went to press in the February Journal, so no doubt you will be wondering what has been happening to us.

We have played a few games of cricket, and have come off fairly well, having the honour of putting the Band amongst our list of victories, but they had their revenge by beating us a fortnight later. We have also beaten the Signals and drew with the East Lanes. Drums. We are also in the semi-final of the Platoon Basket Ball Knock-out, and hope to repeat our performance of two years ago.

We have been spending some rather late nights playing at the Tattoo, and some later ones on battalion training.

Congratulations to "H.Q." Wing Evelyn Wood Team on winning both the Battalion and Brigade Competitions. We are justly proud of these feats, as we possess a large part of the team. L./Cpl. Dallimore has done well in being chosen to represent the Battalion in the Army Rifle Meeting, and Dmrs. Woodward and Barling for the Battalion Sports Team.

Next year we hope to have some entries in the Gold Championships, as we notice a few amongst us have been "holing out" on the Battalion Training Ground.

In conclusion, we wish the late Dmr. Tomkins the best of luck in civil life.

THE 57TH IN AUSTRALIA.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND,
BRISBANE.

April 24th, 1926.

The Officer Commanding,
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.,
Depot, Mill Hill.

SIR,

I shall be greatly obliged by your forwarding the enclosed letter to Col. Elgee.

Last year Col. Elgee visited Brisbane, and I was able to give him particulars of three officers of the 57th—Major Lockyer, Capt. Patrick Logan, and Mr. de la Condamine, A.D.C. to Gen. Darling. Capt. Logan was the father of Col. R. A.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Will you kindly grant space for a reference to the final grand review of the British Army in the Crimea, 70 years ago this day? The Army, nearly 50,000 strong, paraded on the plains of Balaclava—a name never to be forgotten; it was the 37th birthday of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. The sight was one to long remember. New uniforms were issued a month before, very different from the old pattern. This alteration in uniform, together with beards and moustaches, made a wonderful change in appearance. Her Majesty, when visiting the first sick and wounded from the Crimea expressed her approval of the beards and moustaches, and they were thereafter worn by all who could wear them.

A large number of foreign decorations were presented, several from the Emperor of the French, from Sardinia, and Turkey. The review was a brilliant sight, and the staff of the Allies and a few Russian officers with their glittering uniforms added much to the splendour of the scene. Visitors had come all the way from Britain to witness the review. Four days later the "Die-Hards" passed over the same plains, it being a short-cut to the port to embark for Malta. The "Die Hards" possessed a very fine dromedary, which had done splendid service for the regiment in humping supplies from the port when roads were difficult to pass over. When the order to quit came the question arose as to the fate of the camel, and as we could not take him with us it was decided to cast him adrift. Many gathered to see the last of him, and they gave him friendly pats on the neck. We watched him go to the watering place; then he made for the direction of Inkermann, as if going to the north side of Sebastopol. Had he the gift of thinking he must have thought us an unkind crew. Possibly he would scare many who would meet him and render himself liable to be shot as a dangerous animal. The regiment would often have had to do without their rum but for this useful animal.—I am, etc.,

E. BEZAR,

An ex "Die Hard."

Logan, who commanded the Regiment fifty years ago. The three officers mentioned gave their names to the Rivers Lockyer, Logan and Condamine in Queensland.

Col. Elgee's address is unknown to me at present, and I am particularly anxious that he should receive the letter.

R. H. Hayes, who formerly commanded your 2nd Battalion, was a school-fellow of mine. Sir Harcourt Bengough, who also commanded that Battalion, was my second cousin. My brother married a daughter of Capt. Murray, who was both in the 57th and 77th.

Major Lockyer was in Brisbane in September, 1825, and his youngest son, Sir Nicholas Lockyer, is still living in Melbourne.

The grave of a daughter of one of your Colour-Sergeants who died in 1831 is still to be seen in Brisbane. From Australia the Regiment went to India.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. W. S. CUMBRAE STEWART.

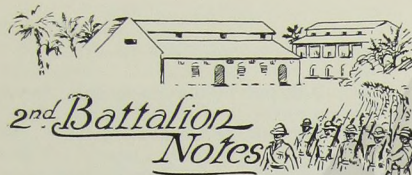
FROM NEW ZEALAND "FREE LANCE."

DOMINION OFFICE,

WELLINGTON.

April 27th.

"Some talk of Alexander, and some of Hercules," but, if one wants to find more modern examples of grit and endurance, one hasn't so very far to go. Last Sunday, among the gallant old veterans who celebrated Anzac Day by turning out in costume mainly composed of ribbons and medals, was one, Mr. Bezar, who is eighty-nine years of age, and who served in both the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Mr. Bezar must have been a mere boy at the time, and should remember Queen Victoria before time and trouble turned her into an unapproachable little lady in rusty black. When this "last of the old brigade" was asked if he thought he could walk with the procession the whole way—a distance which would make many a younger veteran feel tired—he replied, with a touch of hauteur, "Walk it! Of course I can walk it! Got legs, haven't I?" If that spirit still exists in younger England, our prospects aren't so black as they're painted.



CAPT. AND BREVET-MAJOR O. H. TIDBURY, M.C., joined the Battalion on posting, March 24th, 1926.

Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough attended a Small Arms Course at Pachmari during January-March, 1926.

Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey attended an Education Course, Belgaum, during January-March, 1926.

2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert and 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin joined Battalion on posting during March, 1926.

Lieut. H. W. Clayden embarked for United Kingdom on March 18th, 1926, on posting to the Regimental Depot for a tour of duty.

Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey proceeded to United Kingdom on eight months' leave on March 29th, 1926.

Lieut. F. Walden joined Battalion on posting, April 24th, 1926.

Major G. L. Brown, D.S.O., appointed Assistant Inspector of Physical Training, Aldershot, April 1st, 1926.

Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman and Lieut. E. L. Heywood proceeded to United Kingdom on eight months' leave, April 22nd, 1926.

Lieut. S. J. Clark attended an Intelligence Course, Poona, during April, 1926.

Capt. L. F. Sloane-Stanley passed in Subject (d) at an examination held at Poona in October, 1925.

Major P. Grove-White is granted two months' leave in India.

Lieut. E. P. Manson, M.C., rejoined Battalion from home leave, May 7th, 1926.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S INSPECTION.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India (Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O.) inspected the Battalion on April 7th, 1926 (16th Indian Infantry Brigade).

COMPLIMENTARY.

"The Commanding Officer is very pleased to be able to inform all ranks that

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief expressed himself as extremely pleased with the appearance and turn-out of the Battalion on parade and with everything which he saw at East Ridge and at the Fort today."

(Extracts from B.O., No. 69, dated April 7th, 1926.)

Copy of 16th Indian Infantry Brigade Order, No. 244, dated April 13th, 1926.

"His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief directed that all ranks should be informed that he was very pleased with all that he saw during his visit to Aurangabad and Ahmednagar. The Brigade Commander in passing on this message congratulates all ranks on their share of the good work and excellent turn-out which elicited His Excellency's approval."

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since the last journalistic efforts were contributed to these columns, the Entertainments Committee (President, C.S.M. Kent) has given the Mess some enjoyable evenings.

The Billiard Tournaments have been very successful. In eleven up, Sergt. Thompson was the proud victor; in thirteen up, S.S.M. Rand was the conquering hero; while Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer "pulled off" the skittles. For their efforts the winners were presented with a silver spoon each.

A Crib Tournament was held, and the spoon on this occasion went to C.Q.M.S. Kent, who did most of the "cribbing."

The tennis court has also been the scene of many serious struggles. In the Singles Tournament, R.Q.M.S. Pilley beat Sergt. Capel after a very spirited contest, the scores being 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. The winner was presented with a silver spoon, and the runner-up with an ash tray. Mrs. O'Brien kindly presented the prizes. The Doubles was won by R.Q.M.S. Pilley and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, who both received silver spoons, which were kindly presented by Mrs. Siddons. Quite a number of the members' wives took part in this tournament, and it is hoped that more will enter the next.

Early in the quarter we entertained the Corporals and their wives to tennis, and beat the Corporals by six matches to nil, but with a little more practice they should

be able to produce a far stronger team. The days of miracles have not passed, as the Corporals have their own court at last (the master man is now away), on which they can put in the practice required to improve the team.

Being inspired by our victory over the Corporals, we decided to challenge the Officers. The challenge was very kindly accepted, and the three days taken to complete the tournament were thoroughly enjoyed. We lost by ten matches to six. The stars from the Officers' team were Capt. Whinney, M.C., and 2/Lieut. Chisholm, who partnered with such skill that the spectators wondered whether they were at Wimbledon. Our best pair were R.Q.M.S. Pilley and C.Q.M.S. Kent, who won three out of four matches.

The Annual Shoot for the Kent Cup took place, and the honour of winning went to C.S.M. Siddons. A beautiful spoon (not silver, and it "Wood" not go in a "Tea" cup) was presented to C.Q.M.S. Smith, who hit the target.

An outing was arranged, and some members and wives went to a spot known as Rahuri, where an enjoyable day was spent. There were no casualties, but we hear that the Regimental Sergeant-Major cut his finger peeling "spuds," and one of the wives stood too close to a cactus hedge to have her photo taken.

The Bandmaster has just returned from a well-earned holiday at Purandhur, and now that the "Burra Sahib" can play "Barcarolle in F Minor" with two hands (one at a time) we hope the Bandmaster will conduct the Mess Opera Company.

It is rumoured that another Billiards Tournament is being held in the near future. This time a "short" game (100 up), but we hope that "Von" will not haunt the members during play, even though our worthy friend has a "black outlook" himself.

On Saturday, May 15th, 1926, a dance was held in the Mess; the attendance was great. A very novel set of "Lancers" was danced, and the people who did "Trie" must be congratulated. The dance hall was "packed" during this (?) dance.

The band was relieved during the course of the evening by our own members (and others), and the rendering of that soul-stirring song, "Show me the way to go home," was so real that many really

wanted to go. The conducting of this band was done in fine style, and one could see that the conductor knew his job.

We had some members of the "Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment with us during our Albuhera festivities, and hope they enjoyed themselves.

We offer our congratulation to the undermentioned, who have been promoted during the quarter:—

Clr.-Sergt. Pilley to R.Q.M.S.
C.S.M. Davis to C.S.M.I.M.
Sergt. Hart to C.S.M.
L./Sergt. Fairchild to Sergeant.
L./Sergt. Mason to Sergeant.
L./Sergt. Banfield to Sergeant.
L./Sergt. Hazeldene to Sergeant.
L./Sergt. Fletcher to Sergeant.

We welcome to the Mess L./Sergts. Aird, Barker, Brathy, Hall, Howard, and Lione.

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Those who read our last notes perhaps noticed a promise made, hence the reason of this attempt at Pelmanism.

First of all, we cannot fail to mention the great Snooker Tournament for the "Ahmednagar Trophy," in which we played the Sergeants' Mess of an old and historic regiment. The trophy in question was a cue taken from the fresh evergreens of Ahmednagar, and studded with Deccan diamonds. It is reputed to be a treasure of the Princess Chand Bibi, and we are pleased to state that one of our troupe (commonly known as the "Skipper") added this to his already large collection of trophies. We offer him our congratulations.

Boxing.—This is another side-line in which the Corporals' Room endeavours to make history. Three members were sent by the Battalion Selection Committee to Poona for the District Boxing Tournament, but, said to relate, only Gen. Cook managed to win a cup, which caused the celebrations to have rather a damp and dark feeling at the time and in the morning. Of course, the feeling was most pronounced—"Ectic hic night."

The Regimental Sports day was a huge success, thanks to the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., in allowing the families of the privates and corporals to be entertained to tea on the field, and to the organization and

assistance given to the room by R.S.M. Cox.

A highly successful dance was recently held, which was patronized by the officers of the Battalion and the Indian regiments in the station, while the fair sex were not loth to put on their "glad rags" to attend so auspicious a function. The veterans of the Sergeants' Mess were there in force, nobly led by the guiding light. Messrs. Webb and Co. have more, without a doubt, to say on this subject.

A rather prevalent custom in vogue in the room is the substitution of "Death reports" for "Sick reports." We have been asked to inquire if this is due to the excessive blowing of the flute, or that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

It has been noticed that rather peculiar items for a soldier have been included in the tailor's bills. This may be explained in the next issue of the Regimental Journal; wait and see.

Albuhara Day was celebrated in a fitting manner within the Regiment, and, in addition, we had a strong force of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment from Poona visit us. An enjoyable "smoker" was held, and talent for the Regimental Concert Party was dominant.

Tennis is the most popular game nowadays. Our tennis court has been opened with much pomp and ceremony. Is this to be taken as a hint that wonders never cease?

Hearty congratulations to those who have risen in the ranks, those who have risen and are remaining with us, and to those who have recently joined the room. Names are too numerous to mention. Our congratulations to all who have left us for civilian life and are making headway, thus maintaining the traditions of the old Regiment.

I. U. M.

"A" COMPANY.

First and foremost we have to welcome to our midst our new (yet old) Company Commander, Capt. E. N. Appelbe, who has recently joined us once more after a tour of duty in the land of Fez and Tarbox. We have also to congratulate Capt. E. A. L. Lawrence on his departure to higher fields of fame. We are sorry to lose him. Another new arrival is Lieut.

F. Walden, whose presence in the Company should help to make "A" Company prove a strong opponent to all comers in the gentle art.

We have done remarkably well in the field of sport, the Company being well in evidence on the Battalion Sports day, winning numerous events. The Company was also fortunate enough in having one of its members (L./Cpl. Gransham) win the Championship Medal. Members of the Company have been selected to represent the Battalion in boxing (Poona District) at Poona, hockey (Southern Command and all India) at Poona and Rawal Pindi, and we are pleased to say they acquitted themselves creditably.

As yet, we have found no brilliant talent in sports from the recent drafts. Maybe it will be discovered in time for the Company to retain the "ashes."

Of late we have been in the throes of I.T., and all that could be heard during training hours was "Gun Stops," "On Guard," "Rifle Up," etc., but during the period of firing some of the Bisley and Ash Range marksmen and first-class shots found that the bullets have a nasty habit of going elsewhere. During the actual classification one and all will, without a doubt, be on the range waiting for the sun to come up and trusting to destiny to maintain the Company averages.

The Jazz Band, so much advertised in our previous issues, has faded away. Is it due to the departure out of the Service of one of our most versatile members? Will we ever regain our former prestige where jazz bands are concerned?

Congratulations to all who have risen to higher ranks, and to those who have placed their feet on the first steps of the ladder.

Our sincere regards to all who have left the Company and are now in Civvy Street, and we hope they are still maintaining the noble traditions of the "old Corps."

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why are spine-pads considered an article of winter clothing?

I. U. M.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last notes to the Journal we have had a change of Company Commanders. Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C.,

coming from England, has taken over the Company from Capt. V. J. Garrow, who is at present our second-in-command.

The Company is going steadily with "individual training," which, mixed with plenty of sport of an evening, makes a pleasant change.

We have very little to report in the sporting line this quarter, but the Platoon Leagues for football, hockey and cricket will now be steadily pushed forward, and football at present is the order of the day. No. 8 Platoon are, so far, the likely winners of the shield.

The Battalion Company Football League is now also in progress, and we, owing to two or three outstanding Company players now convalescing in the hills, find our work cut out to keep pace with the other companies. At present we have not done too badly, and no doubt will still "keep going" to pull ourselves from the League bottom.

Well, that is about all for competitive sport, and with the celebration of Albuhara Day we find ourselves still doing justice to our honour.

The 16th saw us doing everything possible to recall such an honour, and the men had a fine enjoyable evening of sport, prizes being given for the following:—

Six Aside Hockey.—Winners, No. 8 Platoon.

Six Aside Putting-the-Weight.—Winners, No. 5 Platoon.

Relay Race.—Won by No. 6 Platoon.

Basket Hall.—Won by No. 5 Platoon.

Later in the evening the time went pleasantly in the Dining Hall, where we had arranged a whist drive, and with a mingling of the West Kents from Poona the whist drive brought the day to an end.

The Company is not looking forward to the forthcoming trooping season, as we find we lose a big number of our men. We shall much regret their loss, as they have always given the Company their best, especially in the sporting line.

Who was the man fitted for his saddle by the Company Sergeant-Major? Did he intend to get his "down under" rig-out on the buckshee when he goes to Australia?

BEE KOI.

"C" COMPANY.

At present there is not much to write home about.

The Inter-Company Football League is in progress, and great keenness is shown by all companies. We have not been very successful up to date, and there does not seem much hope of pulling ourselves together. By the time our absent players return from Purandhar and other places out of Nagar the League will be finished.

We lost some very good men in the transfer to "H.Q." Wing just recently, amongst them being Pte. Putler, our long distance runner. We wish him the very best of luck in his new company. We have had quite a number of changes just lately.

Our Officer Commanding Company has left us for Poona District Headquarters, and we are pleased to welcome the return of our late Adjutant as Officer Commanding Company.

Lieut. J. R. S. Chapman has left us to enjoy leave in England for six months.

We are about to commence the period of individual training, and shall probably have a little more to report in the next issue of this Journal.

"D" COMPANY.

Since our last contributions to this column quite a number of changes have been wrought in the Company.

Lieut. Clayden came to us for a short spell from the duties of Transport Officer, and left us soon after for the Home Establishment, where we wish him the best of luck.

2/Lieut. Baldwin joined us soon after, and No. 16 Platoon soon found new talent for their hockey team in their new Platoon Officer.

We congratulate our late Company Sergeant-Major (C.S.M. Davis) on his promotion to C.S.M.I.M., and welcome in his place our late A./C.Q.M.S. Hart on his promotion to C.S.M.

C.Q.M.S. Cushion (Pasha) is still with us, as owing to the outbreak of an epidemic he missed that promised boat, and has been "stung" for a "buckshee" year. Somebody remarked that he was staying here "till the trains shall meet." Better luck next time.

Company sports were held at the Fort this year owing to the Company being on detachment there. Two days of excellent sport was provided, and some first-rate prizes were distributed to the winning

competitors. Capt. Whinney presented a very nice silver cup as an individual prize, which was won by Cpl. Neighbour, who made some splendid efforts.

The first day was utilized in running off heats. The second day we had the Band in attendance, and were pleased to entertain quite a number of married families.

Mrs. Clayden kindly presented the prizes, and the day concluded merrily with a concert provided by our usual artistes.

Our Company shone well in the Regimental Sports, gaining second place to "A" Company, who superseded us by one point.

In the Inter-Platoon Football, No. 16 Platoon fought their way through to the semi-final, where they met No. 4 Platoon, and after two gruelling games with extra time were beaten by 2-1.

We shower our congratulations upon Sergt. Cook on his receipt of a Long Service Medal, and hope that he thoroughly enjoys his six months' leave at home.

Rumours have been rife lately as to our next move, and according to the "touts" the Battalion is shifting to every station in India, but the latest, and nearest the truth, is that we move to Shingwe at the end of this year.

The following non-commissioned officers of "D" Company appeared in Battalion Orders for promotion as follows:—

L./Sergt. Hazeldine to Sergeant.

Cpl. Aird to Lance/Sergeant.

Cpl. Bratby to Lance/Sergeant.

L./Cpl. Neighbour to Corporal.

L./Cpls. Simmonds, Lane, Williams, Moss, and Timms to be Paid Lance/Corporals.

Pte. Miller to Unpaid Lance/Corporal.

We are sorry to lose Sergt. Hazeldine on his transfer to "B" Company, and will miss him from the forward line of our hockey team, but wish him success in his new surroundings.

Cpls. Fisher, Gwinnett and Williamson have joined us from "C" Company, and L./Cpls. Glew and Cadwallader from "H.Q." Wing.

The Company Football League has started, and "D" Company have won three matches out of four in the first half.

L./Cpl. Addinall is at Kasauli on a Physical Training Course, and no doubt will return full of "Kruschen feelings" and Kasauli notes.

Next month begins the new era, individual training—a wonderful time for all, especially the employed, who are brought from their hiding places for a spell of training. Our non-commissioned officers, too, are really anxious to begin, as they are bubbling over with knowledge derived from the recent cadre held at the Fort.

The undernamed, who sat at an examination in April, were successful in gaining Second Class Certificates of Education:—

L./Cpl. Addinall, Ptes. Rowe, Merry, Day, Kingsland, Ash, and Williams.

We were pleased to be able to accommodate in our Company lines 130 non-commissioned officers and men of The Royal West Kent Regiment, who came here for three days to share in our celebrations of Albuhera Day, and sincerely hope that they had an enjoyable time.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the "D" Company drummer at the Fort who found ants in his bugle? And whether they played the "Last Post" better than he did?

"DON" COMPANY.

"H.Q." WING.

Many soldiers who have not had the good fortune to serve in the "H.Q." Wing are apt to look upon that body as a vague collection of various ranks who do not belong to a duty company.

They would be surprised to know that the "H.Q." Wing actually forms the central framework of the structure of the Battalion, and it is mainly through that framework that a Battalion can function smoothly in peace and be used as an effective instrument in war.

A framework is a title selected to represent our organization, because, as in the framework of a watch, so in the case of the Wing: all its portions form one connected whole.

Those who eventually find themselves transferred to the "H.Q." Wing rapidly realize that they constitute part of a very living body, and soon grasp and imbibe the very intense *esprit de corps* which exists in their new home.

Each portion of the Wing tries its utmost to be top of the ladder, but each views with equal pride the success of

another group, for it is all part of the Wing, and that is what really matters.

Our watchwords are "Trust and Faith." Trust in each of our groups to carry us to victory if it is possible, and faith in each individual to maintain our name high both in work and in sports.

That our ideas are sound and our faith not misplaced is already apparent this year in the successes that our various teams have even now gained. We look forward to the future with the greatest confidence, and know we shall not be found wanting when we are put to the test, whatever it may be.

SIGNALS.

We are sorry to lose Capt. Sloane-Stanley, but we extend a hearty welcome to Major M. Browne, M.C., who has taken over command of the Company.

In the absence of our Signalling Officer, Lieut. E. L. Heywood, to the United Kingdom, where, we trust, he will have an enjoyable furlough, Sergt. Thompson is carrying on the training of the section, he being the only instructor here, as Cpl. Denchfield is, unfortunately, still in hospital. We again wish him a speedy recovery and return.

We congratulate our late storeman (Ellis) on his recent appointment to Lance-Corporal, and wish his successor ("Crusty") pleasant dreams amongst the cockroaches. We wish Ptes. Ormes, McNamara and Reeve every success at duty, although we now wonder where they would sooner be.

"H.Q.1" won the Guillemard Cup, and we congratulate this hockey team, which included three of the section.

In the Platoon Football Knock-out we beat No. 11 Platoon 7-0 in the second round, after obtaining a bye in the first, but in the third round we met defeat 2-1, after playing extra time, our opponents being the ultimate winners of this tournament, *i.e.*, Drums and Employed, whom we congratulate.

At hockey we still hold an unbeaten record for this year, despite the perseverance of the Band to lower our colours.

Our four representatives have ably assisted the Company in gaining premier position in the Football League up to date.

There have been some interesting games between the old and the new classes recently, much talent having been discovered, and we hope to field a strong side in any future events.

"ESSES-ESSES."

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Will "Mrs. Peasey" travel first class P. and O.?

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Where Sherlock Sausage got his clues whilst at Bangalore?

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When are "Lil" and "Wag" going to "chink" it?

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

Since our last notes the Platoon has taken on a different appearance by reason of new Command and new faces. We were very sorry to lose Capt. Sloane-Stanley, but were fully atoned and pleased to find that his successor, Major M. Browne, M.C., is a commander that anybody with the least common sense finds it a great pleasure to work under. We, therefore, extend our heartiest welcome. We were sorry to lose our Section Officers, Lieuts. Chapman and Clayden, but when we came to know our present officer, Lieut. A. N. Overell, our sorrow was short lived. Other departures from our happy institution were Sergt. Mayhew, who was our Platoon Sergeant for a period of five years. We wish him every success in all respects, but, believe us, he was a fool to go (Larraper, take note!). Cpls. Ruff and Howard (Bigger and Ging) have also left us to see if civilian life still has any interests for them. We all wish that they find it to their utmost pleasure.

Now to get down to the action of the Platoon since last January. I believe that the Machine Gun School of India must have taken a great liking to our kit, or it might be our good work, "who knows," but, still, in January we again found ourselves settled at Wellesley Lines, known as the Demonstration Section of the First Qualifying Course. The work was very hard, but interesting.

At the beginning of March a machine-gun concentration was held at the School, and several British and Indian units

attended. Our section did not take any great part in this except for a few demonstrations. The Platoon made many friends during the stay of the South Staffs., Royal West Kents, Royal Ulsters, and Hampshires, and it was quite interesting to hear one another "shout the odds." During this time we were by no means idle. We happened to be demonstrating to the Brigade Machine Gun Officers' Course, which we found to be interesting and instructive.

On April 5th the Platoon returned to the Battalion. Then we began to wonder and worry to find out who were going back to their companies. Eventually Battalion Orders relieved the strain, and we lost some very good gunners and sportsmen whom we were very sorry to lose.

We have now started the new classes of instruction to the new men who came to the Platoon to replace those who were returned to their companies. Up to the present they are going along fairly well, and gradually, but surely, finding their feet in the mysteries of the '303 H.B. and M.G.T., under the able command of Lieut. A. N. Overell and staff.

The Platoon has not done so well as was expected of them in the sports line, for the amount of talent which is in the Platoon calls for more and far better results, but still it is never too late.

The Platoon in general congratulates Cpls. Lione and Howard on their promotion to Lance-Sergeants, and Ptes. Adams, Jones, Nash and Young to the dizzy rank of Lance-Corporal; also Cpl. Webb and L./Cpl. Wright in qualifying as Instructors on the First Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School, 1926. Other events that have happened will be published in the Battalion Notes, so I will cut off steam and go through points "A."

"STEAMTUBE."

CONCERT PARTY.

Towards the end of March the Pot-hooks put in another appearance. On this occasion they presented a triple bill of variety, farce, and musical comedy.

Variety filled the first part of the programme, when the following members of the Pierrot Troupe performed:—2/Lieut. Chisholm ("A" Company), C.S.M. Hart ("D" Company), L./Cpl. Moss ("H.Q." Wing), L./Cpl. Smith ("D" Company),

Pte. Sweeting ("D" Company), and Pte. Higgins ("D" Company). Owing to inter-company transfers and new recruits future concerts will be more representative of the Battalion.

Immediately after the opening chorus Pte. Higgins, supported by the remainder of the troupe, told us all about "The man who smokes a pipe." He did not say enough at first, but after a little encouragement from the audience responded with further information in the shape of another verse. After he had been persuaded to leave the stage four sinister bearded figures appeared, who violently denounced everything which we hold dear. Considerable relief was felt by the audience on finding, when they had recovered sufficiently to consult their programmes, that the singers of "Down with the whole darn lot" were the comparatively harmless Lieut. Chisholm, C.S.M. Hart, L./Cpl. Smith, and Pte. Sweeting.

The curtain fell, and rising, after a very brief interval, revealed Lieut. Chisholm, who had apparently indulged in an incredibly rapid shave, for his beard had disappeared. After a brief speech, delivered to put us at our ease after the shock we had just experienced, he sang to us about an (we hope) imaginary female only rivalled in his affections by apples and bananas.

Lack of space forbids the description of all the succeeding turns, but mention must be made of "Operatic Hockey," wherein the complete troupe, with the exception of Moss, who was too busy at the piano, told us, with the aid of well-known airs, both ancient and modern, of the attractions of this popular game.

The record part consisted of a farce entitled "Who's Poppsky?" Wilfred Wynyard has some valuable diamonds, the theft of which is threatened by a gang of Bolsheviks, who send Comrade Poppsky to remove the swag. Herbert Baring, Wynward's secretary, phones to Scotland Yard for help. This appeal is followed by the advent of Superintendent Sutcliffe, C.I.D., who arrives with a certain Capt. Blake. In the meantime Matilda and Joan, Wynward's sister and daughter respectively, are much excited over the impending arrival of the thief. Blake, Baring, and the new butler, Johnson, are all in turn suspected, but the villain is ultimately unmasked by Blake, who turns out

to be a Secret Service man. It appears that Poppsky has locked up Matilda in the bathroom and has impersonated the lady. Poppsky shows fight, but is put out of action by a plain clothes man, who stuns him with his truncheon at the crucial moment. The body is removed, and Matilda rushes in clad in a bath towel, having made her escape from the bathroom.

In the dual roll of Matilda and Poppsky L./Cpl. Moss once more scored a big success. C.S.M. Hart, as the idiotic detective Sutcliffe, caused much amusement, and Lieut. Chisholm, as Capt. Blake, had a chance of which he took full advantage of appearing in a somewhat more serious light than we have been accustomed to see him. Good work was also put in by Mrs. Lawrence (Joan), Pte. Sweeting (Baring), Pte. Higgins (Johnson), Pte. Martin (plain clothes man), and Lieut. Clark, the author (Wynward).

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Battalion Sports for this year commenced with the Platoon Football Knock-out Competition, which was well contested with great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Some very tough games were fought, resulting in No. 4 Platoon and Drums and Employed Group ("H.Q." Wing) reaching the final, which was replayed four times, the Drums and Employed being the victors by one goal to nil.

Everything that is possible has been done to encourage the game in the Battalion, and it was hoped that some talent would be found amongst the drafts that joined during the last trooping season to replace some of the regimental team who proceeded to the United Kingdom for discharge and transfer to the Army Reserve, but up to the present, although the Selection Committee have been on the trail, no reports have yet come to hand of any likely recruit.

The Company League started on April 26th, and the position of teams to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
"H.Q." Wing	...	4	4	0	0	19	2 8
"D" Coy.	...	4	3	0	1	4	3 6
"A" Coy.	...	4	1	1	2	8	3 3
"B" Coy.	...	4	1	1	2	5	11 3
"C" Coy.	...	4	0	0	4	2	14 0

As it is noticed, "H.Q." Wing have fared very well in the first half of the League. They are very fortunate in having eight players in their ranks who have represented the Battalion for the many trophies won during the last six years, hence great credit is given to the companies who have stubbornly contested "H.Q.'s," victories.

The Football Selection Committee are still on the trail, and are very optimistic in their adventure in searching for a team to represent the Battalion in the forthcoming Rovers Tournament, Bombay, in September next, when it is hoped the Battalion will retain the cup for the third year in succession.

On May 16th, 1926 (Albuhara Day), we played the 1st Battalion The Royal West Kent Regiment (our old rivals in the Rovers Tournament, also District Cup) in a friendly game, resulting in a fair decision of a draw, 1—1. It was an unusual sight to see a team from another regiment at East Ridge, hence the Kents received a great ovation from the Battalion, assisted by about 130 of their own supporters, who were invited by the Battalion for Albuhara Day. Our team appeared to be rather staid and leg weary, but it was noticed that under the capable leadership of their captain better form can be expected.

BATTALION SPORTS.

EVENTS.

100 Yards.—1st Bdsman. Gower; 2nd, Pte. Pitchford; 3, L./Cpl. Granshaw.

220 Yards.—1st, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 2nd, Bdsman. Gower; 3rd, Pte. Bacon.

440 Yards.—1st, Pte. Bacon; 2nd, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 3rd, Pte. Taylor.

880 Yards.—1st, Pte. Smith; 2nd, Pte. Butler; 3rd, Pte. Hodgson.

One Mile.—1st, Pte. Smith; 2nd, Pte. Butler; 3rd, Pte. Hodgson.

Three Miles.—1st, Pte. Smith; 2nd, Pte. Butler; 3rd, L./Cpl. Harris.

High Jump.—1st, Pte. Smith; 2nd, C.S.M. Rand; 3rd, Pte. Wade.

Long Jump.—1st, Pte. Bacon; 2nd, Pte. Hamer; 3rd, L./Cpl. Granshaw.

Putting the Weight.—1st, Sergt. Peck; 2nd, Sergt. Capel; 3rd, Dmr. Bull.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, Pte. Worger; 2nd, Pte. Presland; 3rd, Pte. Such.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1st, L./Cpl. Granshaw; 2nd, Sergt. Capel; 3rd, Pte. Wade.
Inter-Company Relay.—1st, "D" Company; 2nd, "B" Company; 3rd, "A" Company.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

L./Cpl. Granshaw, "A" Company, 10 points.

FINAL PLACINGS OF COMPANIES.

	POINTS.
"A" Company	18
"D" Company	17
"C" Company	15
"B" Company	9
"H.Q.1"	8
"H.Q.2"	5

DEPOT NOTES.

LEUT. H. W. CLAYDEN joined the Depot on April 10th on being posted for a tour of duty from the 2nd Battalion.

The marriage is announced of Brevet-Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., and Kathleen, daughter of the late Mr. A. Moore Burt and Mrs. Moore Burt, Melbourne.

During the general strike the Depot furnished a detachment, organized as two platoons, under the command of Brevet-Major Bucknall, to guard the Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock.

SPORTS.

From the sports point of view, the past quarter has been comparatively quiet. Up to the present we have made very little progress with cricket; this is chiefly due to the fact that our ground is not available for play until after the completion of the Club Cricket Week. However, we hope to make a start early in July.

PASSBALL.

Although our pitches have been out of play for some time owing to the sodden state of the ground, we have kept the Recruits' League going, which resulted in "Mons" Squad claiming first honours and winning the shield and medals.

The Depot Passball Ladder has been kept well alive, and has produced some interesting and exciting games. In spite of the efforts of the Depot Staff privates,

they have to content themselves for the time being in occupying second place to the officers.

SHOOTING.

The Depot Staff are now commencing their annual course, on completion of which we intend to hold our annual Rifle Meeting.

PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY.

The Commanding Officer's Medal for the best all-round recruit at physical training and efficiency has been awarded to the following:—

Mons Squad, 619, Pte. P. Birmingham.
Ypres Squad, 619, Pte. C. Richards.

DEPOT SPORTS.

The Depot Sports took place on July 2nd on the Cricket Ground at Mill Hill. The 1st Battalion Band played excellent music. The weather was fine, although there were moments when rain seemed probable, and a good day's sport was enjoyed by everyone.

The list of events and winners is given below. Some excellent performances were put up, which should augur well for the sports teams of the 1st and 2nd Battalions in the near future.

Outstanding features were the running of Pte. Josephs, the best all-round recruit, and the pluck with which many men who had entered for several events carried on to a good finish although very tired.

The Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes provided teas for many friends in their own enclosures on the ground.

Mrs. Gerard Bucknall presented the prizes at the end of a very pleasant day.

We take this opportunity of congratulating all who took part on their great efforts and fine performances, particularly the prize-winners.

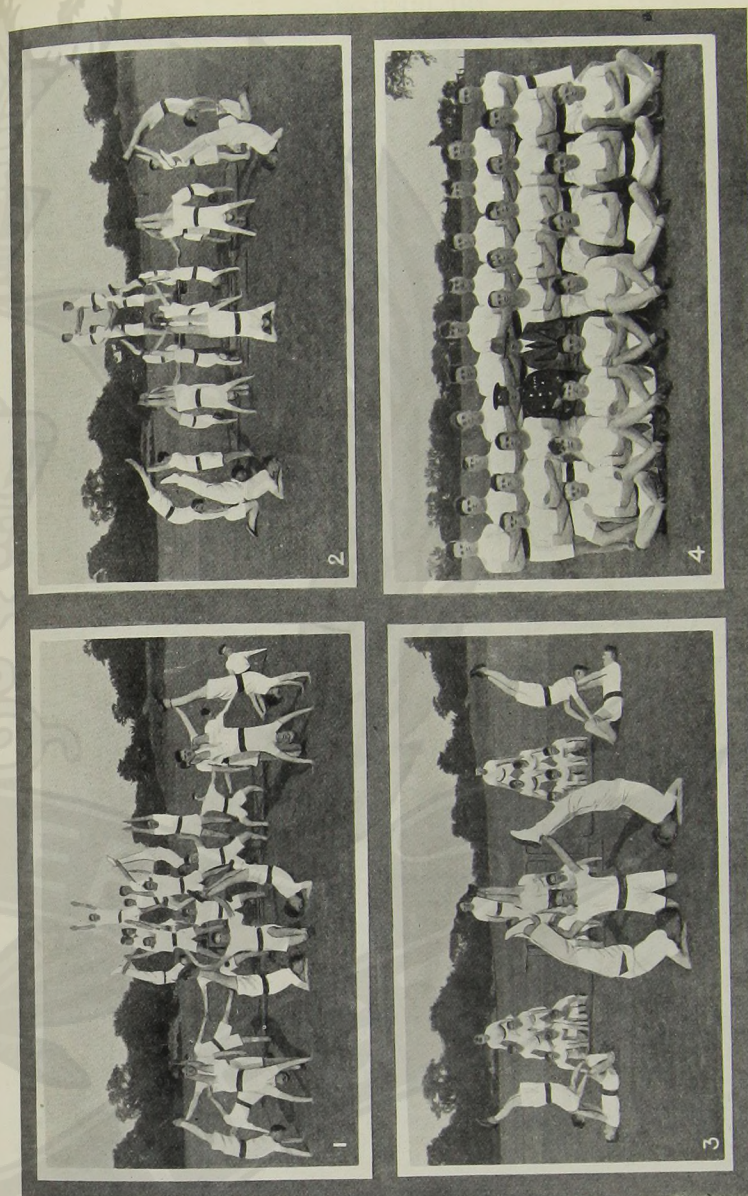
ALBUHERA SPORTS, 1926.

FINALS.

100 Yards, Open.—1st, Cpl. Bearne, 11 secs.; 2nd, Cpl. Kingdom; 3rd, Pte. Harris.

Heaving Shot.—1st, Pte. Warnes, 25 ft. 2½ in.; 2nd, Pte. Green; 3rd, Pte. Bond.

Recruits' 100 Yards.—1st, Pte. Harris, 11 1-5th secs.; 2nd, Pte. Josephs; 3rd, Ptes. Barnett and Davey.



DEPOT SPORTS—RECRUITS' GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

Recruits' 880 Yards.—1st, Pte. Josephs, 2 min. 25 secs.; 2nd, Pte. Jackson; 3rd, Pte. Drake.

Recruits' 440 Yards.—1st, Pte. Josephs, 1 min. 1 sec.; 2nd, Pte. Taggart; 3rd, Pte. Warnes.

Recruits' 220 Yards.—1st, Pte. Harris, 25 4-5th secs.; 2nd, Pte. Barnett; 3rd, Pte. Clarke.

Tug-of-War.—1st, Ladysmith Squad; 2nd, Albuhera Squad.

Long Jump.—1st, L./Cpl. Woodruff, 18 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Cpl. Kingdom, 18 ft.; 3rd, Pte. Taggart, 17 ft. 8 in.

Putting the Shot.—1st, Sergt. Darby, 31 ft. 8 in.; 2nd, Cpl. Kingdom, 27 ft. 3½ in.; 3rd, L./Cpl. Woodruff, 26 ft. 3 in.

High Jump.—1st, Sergt. Darby, 5 ft.; 2nd, Cpl. Kingdom, 4 ft. 10 in.; and Pte. Josephs, 4ft. 10in.

Open Mile.—1st, Pte. Endersby; 2nd, Pte. Flude; 3rd, Pte. Knights.

Three Miles.—1st, Pte. Frances; 2nd, Pte. Haylock; 3rd, Pte. King (Depot Staff).

Inter-Mess Relay.—1st, Corporals; 2nd, Privates; 3rd, Sergeants.

Inter-Squad Relay.—1st, Albuhera Squad; 2nd, Nivelle Squad; 3rd, Somme Squad.

Potato Race.—1st, Pte. Jackson; 2nd, Pte. Drake; 3rd, Pte. French.

Sack Race.—1st, Pte. Bent; 2nd, Pte. Taggart; 3rd, Pte. Clarke.

Veterans' Race.—1st, Sergt. Darby; 2nd, Capt. Stock; 3rd, Mr. Gibson.

Ladies' Race.—1st, Mrs. Skiggs; 2nd, Miss Rayner; 3rd, Miss L. Rayner.

Boys' Race.—1st, Master Oldham; 2nd, Master Clements; 3rd, Master Sperry.

Girls' Race.—1st, Gladys Rogers; 2nd, Katie Yorworth; 3rd, Violet Jennings.

Band Race.—1st, Cpl. Secretan.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last contribution, events, social and official, have crowded in on each other.

On April 16th we had a visit from "N" Division, Metropolitan Police, for a shooting match on the 30 yards range. We lost by a narrow margin. We then entertained the visitors to tea in the Sergeants' Mess. This was followed by a billiards match and social. The company dispersed at 11 p.m.; all were agreed that the visit had been an unqualified success. A return match, which had been

arranged to take place in May, had to be postponed owing to the industrial crisis.

The declaration of a general strike saw some of the members despatched on active service (*sic*) to Enfield Lock, those remaining behind being confined to barracks. However, this was a golden opportunity for the recognized "soldiers' privilege"—a moan—such extra duties as guards, piquets, etc., enabling them to take full advantage.

Thanks to the efforts of the Commanding Officer in arranging suitable amusement in the shape of a concert and cinema shows, the troops were quite happy, in spite of the restrictions.

The industrial situation assumed normal in time for the return of the detachment from Enfield Lock before the "All-ranks'" Albuhera Dance on May 18th.

On June 10th a Concert Party, organized by Sergt. Shaw, and composed entirely of local talent, gave a show which was well patronized, and proved a great success. We are hoping to have a reproduction in the near future.

The Regimental Cricket Week arrived, and the weather was ideal. Full results and comments on the play appear in the columns of THE DIE-HARDS, as also does a full report of the Albuhera Sports.

The Warrant Officers and Non-commissioned Officers' Dance which followed the sports was a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable day, commencing at 9 p.m. and finishing at 2 a.m.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Horrex on his promotion.

Sergt. "Hookie" Walker has arrived from "Punky Land." In welcoming him he has our assurance that all the bustle and stir here is on account of the visit of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief on July 6th. We hope he will not get unduly alarmed.

Tennis is now in full swing, and the following have taken it up with great zest, and show signs of becoming future champions:—Sergts. Shaw, Griffen, and Clements, not forgetting numerous ladies.

Bo'sun.

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Numerous events have happened since our last notes appeared in the magazine. The general strike caused several

members of the Mess to be dispatched to the Government factories at Enfield for duty, but this did not hinder the activities of those left behind, for although we were confined to barracks and extra guards and piquets had to be performed, the arrangements for the recreation of the troops were soon set in motion. The Waldorf Cinema Company were soon on the scene and supplied us with endless enjoyment in the dark. The Depot Concert Party, too, under the able guidance of Sergt. Shaw, began rehearsals and provided us with a humorous and dramatic evening.

Shortly after the return of the "active service" party from Enfield, an "All-ranks'" Dance was held in the Gymnasium which, like its predecessors, was a huge success.

The Corporals' Room has been closed for renovations, and is now well on the way to completion. Loads of furniture have been noticed disappearing inside, and we are all eagerly awaiting our removal back to our old home.

Cricket week was held from June 28th to July 2nd, the last day being devoted to the annual sports. Dame Fortune favoured us with fine weather and a splendid day was spent, many talented athletes being brought to light. Several of the Corporals showed their physical abilities by winning prizes, and also the inter-Mess relay race. In the evening we linked with the Sergeants and had a very enjoyable and successful dance in the Gymnasium, which was drawn to a close at 2 a.m.

Very few changes have taken place in the Sports Ladder. We were defeated by the Sergeants at Passball and dropped one place, but we still retain our position at the top of the Shooting.

Cpls. Soper, West and Egan, and L./Cpls. Woodruff and Hames have joined us from the 1st Battalion, and we offer them a hearty welcome. Cpls. Duckmanton and Kelly have left us, the former having joined the Police Force and the latter to Shorncliffe on a Vocational Training Course, prior to discharge. We wish them both every success and the best of luck in their new spheres.

L. T. H.

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

767394 Pte. G. Barnett.

6197051 Pte. H. Dickenson.

6550256 Pte. A. Marshall.

6196936 Pte. A. Hill.

6197028 Pte. C. Richards.

6196917 Pte. H. Taylor.

6196915 Pte. A. Price.

6197039 Pte. J. Ayres.

6196928 Pte. S. Coward.

6197042 Pte. W. Flude.

6196292 Pte. A. Peacock.

6197005 Pte. M. Ryan.

6005692 Pte. G. Barrett.

6197065 Pte. T. Castle.

6197085 Pte. C. Naylor.

6197035 Pte. H. Pegram.

6197081 Pte. A. Tuckfield.

6197011 Pte. W. Jarvis.

6196942 Pte. C. Cooper.

6197095 Pte. A. Cosgrove.

6197058 Pte. A. Drake.

6197036 Pte. A. Gurr.

6196932 Pte. E. Knight.

6197096 Pte. G. Mead.

6196941 Pte. B. Brewer.

6197029 Pte. A. Hawker.

6196933 Pte. J. Humphrey.

6196926 Pte. K. Porter.

6197060 Pte. T. Sargent.

6196902 Pte. T. Warren.

6515764 Pte. A. Wilkin.

6197041 Pte. A. Buckingham.

6197045 Pte. S. Fallon.

6196927 Pte. S. Gillings.

6197001 Pte. W. Purdy.

6197025 Pte. W. Harrington.

6197072 Pte. L. Beck.

6197047 Pte. E. Etheridge.

6197092 Pte. H. Parry.

6196911 Pte. A. Thompson.

6005312 Pte. R. Wigg.

6196918 Pte. E. Brown.

6197004 Pte. G. Crouch.

6197033 Pte. C. Carter.

6196877 Pte. A. Endersby.

6197068 Pte. B. Hodsdon.

6197009 Pte. H. Legassick.

DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

6191107 L./Cpl. T. Tisdall: To Army Reserve (4/4/26).

6189466 Cpl. J. Jones: To Army Reserve (6/4/26).

6190910 Sergt. A. Mayhew: To Army Reserve (6/4/26).
 6199014 L./Sergt. C. Taylor: To Army Reserve (30/4/26).
 313329 Cpl. W. Duckmanton: To Army Reserve (8/5/26).

POSTINGS.

6192826 L./Cpl. W. Woodruff: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty (9/5/26).
 2203910 Cpl. C. Soper: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty (2/5/26).
 6192093 Cpl. S. Kelly: Posted to 1st Battalion (20/5/26).
 6188940 Cpl. J. West: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty (26/5/26).

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6191494 L./Sergt. J. Trapp: Attended 30th Course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe, 8/1/26 to 19/3/26, and passed Class I.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6188784 Cpl. G. Horrex: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant 1/5/26.

MARRIAGE.

HART—ROBERTS.—6188510 Sergt. H. Hart married at Chatham, Kent, on May 24th, 1926, to Ada Roberts.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter at Mill Hill.

6196043 Pte. P. Birmingham.
 6196912 Pte. G. Hawkins.
 6196913 Pte. P. Ower.
 6192065 Pte. E. Rimell.
 6193456 Dmr. W. Stuhldreer.
 6194302 Pte. H. Goldsmith.
 6538201 Pte. A. King.
 6196920 Pte. J. Purcell.
 7734205 L./Cpl. A. Sargent.

MEDALS.

6905217 C.S.M.I. C. Elliott, A.P.T.S., attached to Depot: Awarded Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, with gratuity.

COURSES.

7810286 L./Sergt. W. Cobbett: Attended 9th L.Q. Course at S.A.S., Hythe, from 15/3/26 to 21/5/26, and qualified "Q1."

Twenty-two recruits were posted to the 1st Battalion during the quarter.

The following have been awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, with gratuity:—

6191917 C.S.M. E. Burns.
 6191836 C.Q.M.S. J. Cook.
 6188507 Sergt. H. Manders.
 6188992 Sergt. E. Pain.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1926.

Amount of grants made: £122 14s. 5d.
 Number of cases dealt with: 132.
 Number of cases assisted: 57.
 Number of men registered for employment: 77.
 Number of men found permanent employment: 26.
 Number of men offered employment: 107.
 Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 11.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 24th, 1926.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Major W. W. Jeffery, Major R. A. Snee, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. (2nd Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., Capt. H. B. W. Savile, M.C. (7th Battalion), R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C., R.Q.M.S. H. Purcell, Sergt. W. Rogers, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. J. Holwell, and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Secretary and Hon. Treasurer).

The Rules Amendment Committee submitted the suggested alterations to be made, which were considered in detail, after which further amendments were adopted, and the whole finally passed by the *ex-officio* members.

It was then proposed, and carried, that the Honorary Auditors be again asked to put forward the claim for refund of Income Tax, forwarding a copy of the rules which had been amended to comply with the requirements of the Income Tax Authorities.

ARMY WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

It is laid down in an amending Article to the Pay Warrant that the conditions under which the widow of a deceased soldier may be granted a pension are that she was legally married to the soldier while he was serving with the Colours and before the receipt of the wound or injury, or before the first removal of the soldier from duty on account of the disease from which he died.

CORRESPONDENCE.

P.O., MARAISBURG,
 TRANSVAAL.
 June 16th, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

The announcement of the death of Brig.-Gen. F. D. Lumley in the February issue of the Journal affected me strongly. I felt as if I was losing a dear old friend. As Col. Lumley, he was extremely well liked by most of the inhabitants of Utrecht, including my wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Kruger.

I shall never forget the hockey matches he used to take part in, and his marks of disapproval when the umpire's whistle was blown for an infringement of the "sticks" rule.

In these games my brothers and myself usually participated, sometimes on the Colonel's side and sometimes against.

In 1904 or 1905 the telephone bell in my Johannesburg office rang, and on answering it a familiar voice inquired "Is that the C.S.A.R. Volunteers?" "Yes," I replied. "Is Bandmaster Trezona there?" "Yes, speaking; who's that?" "Oh! I'm Col. Lumley; I'm staying at the Langham—on a short visit to South Africa—with my sister, Mrs. Carrington. Come down this afternoon to

the hotel, and bring your wife and family with you."

I did so, and had quite a long chat with Col. Lumley, and that is one reason, and not the only one, why I felt as if I was losing a dear old friend when I learned of his passing away.

I had three or four letters from him when I was in German East Africa in 1915-18. I have them now; filed safely away.

Yours fraternally,
 W. TREZONA.

376, LIVERPOOL ROAD,
 HOLLOWAY, N.7.

DEAR SIR,

I sincerely beg to thank you for the kind consideration and sympathy shown at the funeral of my dear brother.

I assure you the beautiful wreath you kindly sent was much appreciated by

Yours respectfully,
 J. LONGMAN.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, on April 24th, 1926.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Col. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. A. W. Stewart, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. F. E. E. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Major W. W. Jeffery, Major R. A. Snee, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. (2nd Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., Capt. H. B. Savile, M.C. (7th Battalion), Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman of the Dinner and Cricket Week Sub-Committees submitted their proposals for carrying out the annual events, which were approved.

It was proposed and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be passed to Major Steed for having performed the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer to the club since its formation.

It was decided that a Regimental Derby Sweepstake be arranged and carried out by the club, and that it be open to all present and past officers of the Regiment. It was further proposed and carried that the price of the ticket be fixed at one guinea, and that one shilling of this amount be paid to the Regimental Association.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the "Trocadero" on Tuesday, June 28th, 1926.

It was hoped that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, would be present, but a few days previous the following letter was received from his Equerry:—

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.

June 24th, 1926.

MY DEAR GENERAL,

I am writing to you with reference to the Regimental Dinner of the Middlesex Regiment on June 29th.

I told you in my letter of March 30th, I see, that I would let you know as soon as H.R.H. definitely settled if he would be able to attend.

I now write to say that Tuesday, the 29th, is a very hard day for His Royal Highness, as he is visiting the Enham Village Centre, Andover, which will be an all-day job, and he therefore hopes you will quite understand that after this trying day he does not feel up to a regimental dinner.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) GERALD F. TROTTER.

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

Except for this disappointment the dinner was in every way a success, ninety-six tickets having been asked for and eighty-nine members actually present.

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse presided, supported by Major-Gen. C. R. Simpson and Col.-Commandant F. W. Ramsay.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," appealed to all present to make the "History of the Regiment," the first volume of which has just been published, known as widely as possible.

The following telegrams were received during the evening:—

"7.12 p.m., BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
"Chairman, Middlesex Regimental Dinner, Trocadero Restaurant.

"Much regret unable to be with you to-night. Best wishes for a very enjoyable evening.

"EDWARD P.,

"Colonel-in-Chief."

"President, Middlesex Regiment Dinner Club, Trocadero Restaurant.

"Best wishes from 2nd Battalion."

The following telegram was sent to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, during the evening:—

"H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES,
"St. James's Palace.

"Health of your Royal Highness drunk with acclamation by Officers' Club, Middlesex Regiment.

"MAXSE,

"Chairman."

List of officers who attended dinner:—

General Sir Ivor Maxse

Major-General C. R. Simpson

Colonel-Commandant F. W. Ramsay

Colonels—

A. M. O. A. Passingham

C. N. Pank

J. L. Blumfeld

L. G. Oliver

R. M. Heath

Lieut.-Colonels—

W. H. Samuel

E. E. F. Baker

J. K. Maitland

J. S. Cunningham

F. Bull

C. R. Johnson

W. D. Coles

Majors—

B. R. Newman

A. W. Lewey

R. A. Slee

G. C. Bucknall

J. M. Cossar

D. C. Owen

W. W. Jeffery

Captains—

H. Phillips

C. W. Haydon

S. F. W. M. del Court

J. M. Lamont

L. F. Findlay

G. L. Fox

H. Sherwood

E. C. Lawson

N. P. Procter

W. H. Parmeter

A. S. Lindsay

G. W. W. Savile

R. H. Hayes

E. J. King

R. F. B. Glover

G. B. Lempriere.

W. A. Stewart

V. L. N. Pearson

G. Beach

W. Y. Miller

D. C. Percy-Smith

F. G. Poole

C. D. Drew

A. C. Arnold

E. H. Amor

C. Jarrett

F. S. Steed

L. L. Pargiter

G. W. H. Tupper

H. E. Foster

W. G. Chapman

H. B. W. Savile

S. F. Hedgcoe

H. C. Ellis

H. E. Heffer

N. H. B. Lyon

J. P. Jamieson

V. E. Stock

H. A. Palmer

R. I. Paiba

Lieutenants—

F. E. Bostock

H. S. Royffe

B. B. Rackham

D. Y. Cubitt

J. R. B. Worton

I. D. S. Gordon

W. C. Newton

C. A. G. Goulden

J. H. Clowes

I. E. Furlong

A. S. Hewson

L. C. Wright

E. W. Wright

P. E. C. Tuckey

J. R. S. Chapman

H. R. F. Butterfield

E. L. Heywood

S. C. Maxwell

S. Mirams

F. G. Parker

A. G. Cole

G. B. Sharpe

F. G. Hogg

F. E. Molz

L. C. D. Doidge

P. G. T. Lutyens

N. D. Clarke

ARMY GOLF MEETING.

For the third successive year a team from the Regiment journeyed to the scene, this year St. Andrews, of the Army Golf Championships, in search of the Army Team Championship primarily, and anything else which fortune might allow of secondly.

Although we fully realized, except in those moments of supreme optimism which even considerable disillusioning experience never completely dispels, that the cup was situated on rather a loftier pinnacle than we could hope to reach at the moment, we were not without hopes of reaching the semi-final this year. After a splendid contest in the second round with the Royal West Kents, however, we passed out under the bludgeoning of fate and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the third round.

Unfortunately both Major G. L. Brown and Major G. C. Bucknall were unable to take part this year, and their places were taken by Lieuts. J. F. Charlesworth and M. Crawford. Capt. del Court also came up, so that for the first time we had more than the actual team up at the meeting, and hope that the number will increase. We understand that although the last-named competitor did not seriously threaten the record for the old course, he created several unofficial records on the road up, such as the world's longest seventy-mile-an-hour skid, etc.

The advantage of a larger attendance is twofold. Firstly, it means that reserves are there in case one of the team strike a more than ordinarily bad patch, and, secondly, that there are supporters to the team which, even in golf, is not without its helping influence, and, in addition, it means that there are people to call upon

in future who will not come up raw to the atmosphere, for experience counts enormously in the success of a team.

In the individual competitions the team, as a whole, did not come up to last year's standard, and with the exception of Capt. Phillips were out of it. Phillips spoilt a first round, which would otherwise have been quite useful, by a nine at the fatal seventeenth (the renowned Road Hole), which was caused by an out of bounds, and a visit to the road behind the green. But for this, he would again have been very near the top of the list, as his second round, under much more difficult conditions, was a very sound eighty.

The team match against The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment was a truly exciting affair. A fair morning gave place to heavy rain at midday, and the teams arrived in as it was getting worse. Phillips ended one down to his opponent, followed by Procter, who was seven up. Then came a long pause, and we began to fear that Charlesworth and his opponent must have been drowned. However, they hove into sight at last, and ended a great struggle all square. This gave us a lead of six, but rumour had it that all was not well behind, and Crawford commenced the eighteenth hole five down, and with the knowledge that a half was necessary to save a tie.

With considerable lack of tact his opponent proceeded to win this hole, and in a deluge both teams were compelled to go out and play a nineteenth hole, and more if necessary. Fortunately, one hole sufficed, as the first three succeeded in winning their holes, and this decided the issue.

Against the Argyll and Sutherlands there was another close fight, in which the eighteenth hole played a considerable part, as had the putts of Phillips, Procter and Crawford gone down on that green the match might have been saved. As it was, Phillips ended three down, Procter five, and Crawford one up, and a very excellent five up of Charlesworth's was therefore of no avail. On Thursday afternoon Phillips and Charlesworth entered for the Bogey Foursome, and with a return of all spare, the result of steady play and good team work, won the competition.

Before closing these notes we feel that we ought to repeat the appeal of the

Committee of the Army Golf Society and bring to the notice of past officers of the Regiment the Argyll and Sutherland Cup. The conditions are as follows:—

- (1) Open to teams from British cavalry or infantry regiments. Teams to consist of four officers, each of whom must fulfil the following qualifications:—
 - (a) Must be a member of the Army Golfing Society.
 - (b) Must be off the Regimental List, and not qualified to compete in the Army Golf Challenge Cup.
 - (c) Must have completed ten years' continuous service (including any periods when seconded or on half-pay) as a Regular officer in the regiment for which he plays.
- (2) The cup will be played for by match play singles. Teams will score by holes. Eighteen holes will be played in each round, including the final. In the event of a tie, each team will play one extra hole and so on till one team wins.
- (3) There is no limit to the number of teams which may enter from a regiment, but an entrance fee of £1 must be paid for each team entered.
- (4) Medals will be presented to the winners.
- (5) The cup can never be won outright.

This year the Black Watch were the only competitors, but we feel that if it were more widely known there must be retired officers of the Regiment who would only be too willing to do battle against them for this trophy, and if any retired officer of the Regiment will come to the assistance of the serving members and help to hunt up golfing ex-officers we ought to be able to form a team, and, as a start, why not form a Regimental Golfing Society? And if autumn and spring competitions are held on a convenient course we might soon find our team before next year.

REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.

We have once more to thank the depressions which move north, south, east and west from Iceland and usually

play tricks with the weather at inopportune moments, for their kindly treatment of us during the Cricket Week.

It would have been hard to have more perfect weather than we got from June 28th to July 1st and this, combined with the natural surroundings and temporary gardens, ensued a social success for the "At homes."

An innovation this year was the Old Comrades' "At home" on the last day, and although it was not, on this occasion, very largely attended, it will doubtless grow in popularity in future years, although the fact of it being in mid-week is bound to affect the attendance to a certain extent. The Band of the 1st Battalion were again present throughout the week and added to the enjoyment, as usual, with their excellent performances of popular programmes. Altogether about 295 members and their friends attended the "At homes," and about fifty Old Comrades with their families were present on Thursday.

Amongst those present were:—

Gen. Sir Ivor and Lady Maxse, Major-Gen. G. C. Donald, Major-Gen. E. T. Dickson, Col.-Comdt. F. W. Ramsay, Col. Passingham, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Solly-Flood, Col. R. W. Graham, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Stewart, Major and Mrs. Owen, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Waters, R.A.M.C., Capt. and Mrs. Whieldon, Major and Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Heanly, Mrs. Corbett, Mr. L. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Brett-James, Mrs. and Miss Longe, Mrs. and Miss Ash, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Abell, Mr. C. Hamblin, Mrs. P. M. Large, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Morley, Mrs. B. E. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. de Salis, Mrs. and Miss Lutyens, Mr. H. W. Barter, Mrs. Miers, Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby-Garner, Mrs. Neale, Col. W. Simpson, Mr. J. Perring, Mrs. Hooper, Capt. F. Field, Mrs. and Miss Baker, Col. Dams, Kazi Tamizuddin Ahmad, the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Coldham, the Baroness Goldsmid, Col., Mrs. and Miss Lempriere, Col. and Mrs. Savile, Col. L. G. Oliver, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Cunningham, Capt. and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Scott-Moncrieff, Mrs. and Miss Blake, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton, Lieut. Newton, Lieut. and Mrs. Bostock, Major Money, Lieut. and Mrs. Clews, Capt. and Mrs. Lyon, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pearson, Major and Mrs. and the Misses Steed, Capt. and Miss Stock, Mr.



2.—OLD COMRADES GATHERING, MILL HILL, JULY 1st, 1926.

Back Row.—Mr. Dellow, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Gayton, Mr. Clelland, Mr. Sparks, R.S.M. Beasley, Mr. Pasby, Mr. Warren, Mr. Walters, Col. A. Passingham, O.B.E., Capt. Paiba, Mr. Cannon, Mr. W. Hall, Mr. Power, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Hunter, Mr. King, Major E. H. Amor, Mr. J. Lambourne, Mr. Parsons, Mr. W. Smith, Major F. S. Steed.

Front Row.—Mr. Furniss, Mr. Whiting, Mr. Dawson, Capt. F. Rosam, Mr. H. Lowen, Capt. Smith, Gen. Sir F. Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Mr. Stephens, Mr. Godley, Mr. White, Capt. E. C. Lawson, M.C., Mr. Evans, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Darker.

1 & 3.—OFFICERS' CLUB CRICKET WEEK, 1926.

Showler, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Molz, Lieut. Molz, Major and Mrs. Amor, Miss Cecilia Hill, Capt. Paiba, Lieut.-Col. Rooke, Lieut. and Mrs. Parker, Lieut. and Mrs. Mirams, Lieut. and Mrs. Rackman, Capt. and Mrs. Paul, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, and Mrs. Robertson.

Turning to the cricket side of the week, the outlook is less rosy. After the excellent results last year it is disappointing to have to admit to the loss of all four matches.

For this, no blame can be attributed to the pitch, for the Ground Staff are to be congratulated on providing the best wicket yet produced at the Cricket Week, and it was praised by all the visiting teams.

It is true that the teams turned out by the Regiment this year were not as strong as last year, but a general shortage of practice contributed still more to our undoing, aided by a desire to score runs quickly before the batsmen had their eyes in.

Owing to the shortage of bowlers this year, the brunt of the attack fell on L./Cpl. O'Brien who, as usual, bowled excellently and untiringly, deserving more wickets than he got, but, even so, he took sixteen wickets at a cost of little more than eleven a-piece. Apart from the bowling of L./Cpl. O'Brien, the only features of the Regimental cricket were the catches of Major Pargiter in the deep and the 30 by Phillips and the 44 by Pargiter, which put the Regiment in a fair way towards saving the game against the Fusiliers had the remainder given any support.

The first match this year was against the M.C.C. who, on winning the toss, elected to put us in, and after the first seven overs, with 13 on the score board, a rot set in which, except for a few cheerful moments occupied by Goulden in rapidly accumulating 16, continued as long as the wicket lasted. The last wicket fell at 50.

After lunch the M.C.C. started their innings, and for a time wickets came cheaply, five falling for 43. Cath 23 and Wilson 31, however, improved matters, followed by Coleman, who scored 25 before being bowled by Phillips. The latter was responsible for bowling the sixth, seventh, and eighth men, and took altogether four wickets for 31.

The M.C.C. innings closed at 115. After tea the Regimental side went in again, and, when stumps were drawn, had scored 145 for nine wickets. Phillips 16, Northcott 15, and Procter 39.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Major L. L. Pargiter, b Firth	...	...	7
Lt. J. H. Clowes, c Price b Wilson	...	...	9
Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, c Wilson b Firth	...	...	4
Sgt. H. Farrow, lbw b Wilson	...	...	0
Capt. H. Phillips, b Wilson	...	...	1
Lt. G. A. Goulden, st. Price b Wilson	...	...	16
Lt. J. B. Worton, c and b Wilson	...	...	1
Capt. N. P. Procter, c Parsons b Wilson	...	...	0
Lt. F. G. Hogg, c Turner b Firth	...	...	6
L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, not out	...	...	2
L./Cpl. W. Lazarus, run out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	2
Total	...	...	50

2nd Innings.

Capt. H. Phillips, b Bridger	...	...	16
Major L. L. Pargiter, b Bridger	...	...	4
Lt. J. H. Clowes, c Turner b Bridger	...	...	9
Lt. J. B. Worton, b Firth	...	...	4
Lt. G. A. Goulden, c Price b Firth	...	...	12
Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, c Price b Wilson	...	...	15
Sgt. H. Farrow, hit wkt. b Wilson	...	...	5
Lt. F. G. Hogg, c and b Wilson	...	...	13
Capt. N. P. Procter, c and b Wilson	...	...	39
L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, not out	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	19
Total	...	...	145

L./Cpl. W. Lazarus did not bat

M.C.C.

1st Innings.

Col. W. F. Parsons, b O'Brien	...	...	9
J. E. S. Tyler, c and b O'Brien	...	...	3
H. G. Cath, b Northcott	...	...	23
N. V. C. Turner, b Northcott	...	...	1
L. H. Jackson, c O'Brien b Northcott	...	...	2
F. O. B. Wilson, b Phillips	...	...	31
F. D. G. Colman, b Phillips	...	...	25
E. J. Bridger, b Phillips	...	...	0
G. A. Firth, c Pargiter b O'Brien	...	...	1
G. C. Ives, not out	...	...	7
Price, c Farrow b Phillips	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	9
Total	...	...	115

On Tuesday a side of the Cryptics visited us, and again the Regimental side batted first, with results little better than on Monday. Clowes was unlucky to hit his wicket when 21, and Worton when 16 was unkindly caught by Farrow, who was playing for the opposition, as were Procter and Lazarus, in place of three absent Cryptics.

On this occasion the total reached 83, and the Cryptics, commencing soon after lunch, wiped this out with the loss of a wicket, and scoring 189 for three,

declared. Churchill scored 41 and Whitcombe, who hit heartily most of the time, scored a somewhat fortunate 107 before being caught by Savile off O'Brien.

After tea the Regiment scored 71 for five, Saville 30 not out and Jamieson 20. Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Major L. L. Pargiter, b Marteman	...	...	5
Capt. H. Phillips, b Marteman	...	...	11
Capt. J. Jamieson, c Sherwood b Marteman	...	...	0
Lt. J. H. Clowes, hit wkt. b Marteman	...	...	21
Lt. J. B. Worton, c Farrow b Marteman	...	...	16
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, lbw b Dobson	...	...	1
Lt. G. A. Goulden, b Brinchman	...	...	8
Cpl. W. H. E. Northcott, b Marteman	...	...	2
Cpl. H. B. W. Savile, c and b Marteman	...	...	0
Capt. W. H. B. Stonor	...	...	6
Chapman, c and b Stonor	...	...	2
L./Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, not out	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	11
Total	...	...	83

2nd Innings.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, b Stonor	...	...	14
Lt. J. B. Worton, b Marteman	...	...	0
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, not out	...	...	30
Lt. Clowes, c and b Stonor	...	...	1
Capt. J. Jamieson, c Sherwood b Whitcombe	...	...	20
Lt. G. A. Goulden, b Dobson	...	...	2
Major L. L. Pargiter, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	4
Total (for 5 wks.)	...	...	71

Capt. H. Phillips, Cpl. Northcott, Chapman and L./Cpl. O'Brien did not bat.

CRYPTICS.

1st Innings.

Churchill, c Pargiter b O'Brien	...	...	41
P. H. Whitcombe, c Savile b O'Brien	...	...	107
Capt. Brinchman, c Lyon b O'Brien	...	...	25
L. V. S. Sherwood, not out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	14
Total	...	...	189

S. C. Dobson, T. C. Marteman, M. R. Stonor, Capt. N. P. Procter, Sergt. H. Farrow and L./Cpl. W. Lazarus did not bat.

On Wednesday the Free Foresters brought down a team, and on winning the toss elected to bat. The first wicket fell at 57, Martell being caught by Worton off O'Brien, followed quickly by Phillips bowling Maturin-Baird, but from then onwards runs came steadily, wickets falling at 83, 98 and 115. J. W. F. Crawford, after scoring 36, and having stirred up things somewhat, fell a victim to Pargiter in the deep off O'Brien, as did Turner after scoring 25, but this did not end matters, as Tatchell, coming in seventh wicket down, scored a quick 51 before being bowled by O'Brien. Altogether the Free Foresters scored 262.

Crawford was said not to have bowled for twenty years, but, however that may be, he proved too good for the Regimental side when they went in, and took six of our wickets for 25, and Sir G. Rowley taking three for 22, there is no need to go deeper into the total scored by the Regiment. Scores:—

FREE FORESTERS.

1st Innings.

F. H. Hollins, b Paul	...	...	39
J. Martell, c Worton b O'Brien	...	...	29
Capt. C. E. Maturin-Baird b Phillips	...	...	1
Major R. H. T. Turner, b O'Brien	...	...	14
Capt. Sir G. Rowley, Bart., b Paul	...	...	12
J. W. F. Crawford, c Pargiter b O'Brien	...	...	36
N. V. C. Turner, c Pargiter b O'Brien	...	...	25
J. P. Dewhurst, b Northcott	...	...	18
Capt. C. E. Tatchell, b O'Brien	...	...	51
R. H. Fox, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	37
Total	...	...	262

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, b Crawford	...	...	5
Lt. J. H. Clowes, b Crawford	...	...	0
Lt. J. B. Worton, b Crawford	...	...	11
Major L. L. Pargiter, b Crawford	...	...	0
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, run out	...	...	11
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, c and b Rowley	...	...	7
Capt. H. Phillips, b Rowley	...	...	4
Capt. N. P. Procter, lbw b Crawford	...	...	2
Cpl. H. Northcott, not out	...	...	2
Mr. E. L. Heywood, b Crawford	...	...	4
L./Cpl. J. O'Brien, b Rowley	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	6
Total	...	...	53

2nd Innings.

Lt. J. H. Clowes, b Rowley	...	...	1
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, b Hollins	...	...	17
Lt. J. B. Worton, c Goulden b Hollins	...	...	26
Major L. L. Pargiter, not out	...	...	23
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, c Tatchell b Turner	...	...	7
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, b Turner	...	...	2
Capt. N. P. Procter, not out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	2
Total (for 5 wks.)	...	...	80

Capt. H. Phillips, Cpl. H. Northcott, Mr. E. L. Heywood and L./Cpl. J. O'Brien did not bat.

The last match was against the Fusiliers, and produced the best game of the week.

The visitors winning the toss, took first innings, and the first two wickets fell in rapid succession for 6 runs, but runs came more easily as the innings progressed, and Mardell 27, Hartley 28, Sutton 28, McCall 25, and Standage 19 not out all helped to swell the total to 190, at which score the innings closed, leaving us just time to score the runs.

The Middlesex innings began like the previous ones, three wickets falling very cheaply, then, however, Jamieson, Phillips and Pargiter improved matters, and scoring 15, 30 and 40 respectively they raised the score to 116 for six. Time was now getting short, and Phillips decided to score fast and win or get out and lose. Paul survived the ordeal, and was not out for 18, but the remaining wickets failed to stay in and score fast, and endeavouring to score were cheaply removed, and a most enjoyable game ended in a loss for the Regiment by 55 runs. Scores:—

ROYAL FUSILIERS.

1st Innings.

Lt. D. W. G. Ray, lbw b Northcott	...	4
Major W. M. Transenter, st. — b O'Brien	...	2
Lt. J. H. T. Mardell, hit wkt. b O'Brien	...	27
Lt. F. Macey, b Northcott	...	8
Capt. E. Chester Master, b Phillips	...	15
Col. J. Hartley, c Northcott b O'Brien	...	28
Capt. C. L. M. Sutton, b O'Brien	...	28
Lt. D. L. M. Standage, not out...	...	19
Lt. B. McCall, b Phillips	...	25
Lt. J. Oliver-Bellasis, b O'Brien	...	12
L./Cpl. H. Isaacs, c Savile b Northcott	...	12
Extras	...	10
Total	...	190

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, b Sutton	...	3
Lt. J. R. B. Worton, b Sutton	...	4
Capt. H. B. W. Savile, c and b Transenter	...	5
Capt. J. Jamieson, c Ray b Sutton	...	15
Capt. H. Phillips, c Martell b Hartley	...	30
Major L. L. Pargiter, b Transenter	...	44
Capt. H. W. M. Paul, not out	...	18
Capt. N. P. Procter, b Transenter	...	3
Cpl. H. Northcott, b Transenter	...	0
Arnold, b Sutton	...	1
L./Cpl. J. O'Brien, b Sutton	...	0
Extras	...	2
Total	...	125

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THAT dark period known as the musketry season is now fast waning, and by the time these notes appear will have been succeeded by annual training, which, since it is taking place at Arundel this year, should, weather permitting, prove a much more pleasing pastime than taking the first pressure, aligning the sights, and restraining the breathing, as practised on the marshes of Rainham.

Despite the unattractiveness of Rainham itself, however, the musketry of the Battalion has shown a very great improvement over last year's somewhat disappointing performance, and with the steadily improving company averages we can all console ourselves with the thought that our time spent down there has not been wasted.

Since the last issue we have been compelled to say "good-bye" to Lieuts. Widdicombe and Hill, both of the "H.Q." Wing, who have resigned their commissions. We have, however, our eyes upon two likely recruit officers for the future, to wit, Messrs. Maitland and Cossar, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Maitland and Major and Mrs. Cossar on the birth of their sons.

BATTALION EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

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

"A" Company	...	120
"B" Company	...	148
"C" Company	...	223
"D" Company	...	65

REUNION DINNER.

The old "A" (Hampstead and Highgate) Company of the Battalion held their first reunion dinner on Thursday, June 24th, at King Edward's Hall, Finchley.

Although nearly eight years after the termination of the War, and the consequent dispersal of the members of the old Company all over England and elsewhere (one ex-N.C.O. coming over for the occasion from Paris), very nearly eighty of all ranks sat down to dinner, the success in tracing so many being almost entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Charles Saunders, of Highgate, who can trace back his connection with the Battalion for forty years.

It was especially gratifying to the members of the war-time Company to have among them several old officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the pre-war Hampstead and Highgate Companies, especially as it was possible to trace among those present a direct

connection from the present Battalion through the war-time and pre-war 7th Battalion, the 1st V.B. Middlesex Regiment, the 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps to within a year or two of the time when the Hampstead and Highgate Volunteers existed as separate units in the 3rd Middlesex and 14th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers respectively, under the 2nd Administrative Battalion, Middlesex Rifle Volunteers.

In replying to the toast of his health, Colonel E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., the old Commanding Officer and present Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, congratulated the Company on the numbers it had turned out, and mentioned that the Enfield and Barnet Company, as well as this Company, had now an Old Comrades' Dinner organized every year, and he hoped to see the Hornsey and Tottenham Companies shortly following suit, so that the present Battalion could feel that it had behind it a strong Veterans' Corps built up on the Company organization.

It is hoped that the two Companies mentioned will seriously consider the possibility of getting in touch with their old comrades, with a view to similar reunions; both Companies run very successful dances, concerts, etc., at their Drill Halls, so that the organization of an Old Comrades' Dinner should not be difficult.

Although every endeavour was made to trace as many as possible of the old members of the Hampstead and Highgate Companies, it was realized that there must have been many who did not receive a notice; to these the organizers of the dinner offer apologies, and hope that they will send their names and addresses to Mr. Charles Saunders, 50, High Street, Highgate, so that a notice of the next reunion, which it is hoped to hold early in 1927, may be sent to them.

"B" COMPANY.

Owing to the alterations to the Drill Hall the Company have, of necessity, been leading a very quiet life, and have had little, therefore, to contribute to the Journal (we have always been noted for our modesty in "B" Company). As soon as the alterations are complete, however,

it is hoped that we shall be able to recommence our social evenings, to which all our old friends will be cordially invited.

Our musketry at Rainham this year has shown a great improvement on previous years. We have an average of 75 out of a possible 115, and we hope the remaining few who have yet to fire will further improve this average.

We are endeavouring to retain the Efficiency Shield this year, and would point out to "C" Company that the Territorial year, which ends in October, is fast slipping away.

Last year we were unchallenged for the Inter-Company Tug-of-War Shield, but hope this year to see a little more spirit in the other companies when we are at Arundel, as our muscles are getting very stiff.

In the Brigade Lewis Gun Competition, although our team scored 218 against 150 by the 8th Battalion, and 179 by the 9th Battalion, we had to be content with second place owing to having a lower average of attendances at drills than the other Battalions. The scores, out of a possible forty, were as under:—

Cpl. Endersby	...	40
L./Cpl. Halsey	...	40
L./Cpl. Faulkner	...	39
Pte. Senior	...	34
Pte. Pell	...	34
Pte. Small	...	31

The entire Company much regret the termination of Company Sergt.-Major Goodall's engagement with them, and wish him every success when he rejoins his old Battalion.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Does a certain company count their musketry average toward the Efficiency Competition, and why?

"C" COMPANY.

We have just been reminded that it is time we sent in our notes for the Journal. Looking back, we see only one outstanding circumstance in a quarter otherwise singularly devoid of excitement, the strike. That historic thirteen days took us many ways, and its settlement found us doing many strange things. How many of us, for instance, thought that our childish ambitions to perform the onerous duties of that imposing but benevolent gentle-

man who, in exchange for a small sum of money, presents us with a piece of paper in which he has punched a hole with an instrument giving forth sounds of music, thus permitting us to make a journey upon one of the majestic vehicles provided by a kindly County Council, would be realized?

The job of a policeman appealed to many, and quite a number joined the Civil Constabulary Reserve stationed at Hornsey. It was a pleasant week (for us) while it lasted. There was, however, one "grouse," and that was that we were not sent "up the line." After all, it is a "bit 'ard" to be issued with a natty line in gentlemen's tin hattings and truncheons and not get a chance to use them for any purpose other than drill. However, *c'est la guerre*.

Our social and sports club is going strong. The Cricket Club has put in some useful practice, and has the makings of quite a good team. The running and boxing sections are beginning to get into their stride. The Cycling Club made its debut with a run to Rye House, near Broxbourne, on Sunday, June 13th, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. On arrival, after moistening earth's clay, the party proceeded to the miniature range to propel bullets at bottles. Shooting in the Company is certainly improving, and if Rye House becomes a regular run for the club the writer is minded to invest some money—if he can find any—in the old bottle trade. It ought to pay good dividends.

Talking of shooting, we have fired up to date one match in the King's Cup Competition, against "B" Company. This resulted in a win for us by forty points, the scores being:—"B" Company, 410 points; "C" Company, 450 points. We heartily congratulate Pte. Fitzpatrick on obtaining a "possible." We are looking forward to our matches against "A" and "D" Companies, which take place shortly.

We congratulate Sergt. W. L. Clarke on scoring 112 out of a possible 115 in the Musketry Course.

The other evening we received a visit from representatives of the other Companies in order to fire in a trial for the team which is to compete for the Lady Regnart Cup. In this we did not do too badly, four of our members being

amongst the "probables." We wish them all the best, and hope they will all get into the team.

This quarter we have lost Ptes. H. W. Webb and R. Charles, the former "Time Expired," the latter has joined the Regular Army—The Royal Corps of Signals. We wish them the very best of good luck. In their places we welcome Ptes. Spooner, Squires, A. Knight, Tassell and Bessent.

On Saturday, June 26th, we held a dance at our Drill Hall, which was very well supported, and was a great success. We are very grateful to those who lent a hand in decorating the hall; it did them great credit. We were very pleased, indeed, to welcome the Commanding Officer, also many other officers and their ladies, and should like to thank them very much indeed for honouring us with their presence. It gave us great pleasure, too, to see many of our friends from "A" Company, and we hope that, at our future social gatherings, they will turn up again, and our friends from "B" and "D" too. They can rest assured of a warm welcome.

We should like to take this opportunity to offer our heartiest congratulations to the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Maitland, and to Major and Mrs. Cossar, on the birth of sons who will, we hope, in future years, carry on the great traditions of the Regiment.

"D" COMPANY.

Our Invitation Dance on April 10th was a well merited success. We had the pleasure of being honoured with the attendance of Lieut.-Colonel J. K. Maitland and Capt. H. B. W. Savile (Adjutant). The attendance was nearly 250, which is exceedingly good when one considers that this is the first dance held there since 1914.

May we offer to Lieut. F. W. Garioch our somewhat belated, but none the less sincere, regrets at his leaving us. Our best wishes go with him, and we hope he will honour us with occasional visits.

Our Musketry average is gradually improving, while not all that is to be desired, it certainly gives encouragement for better things, and should exceed last year's.

That energetic Committee—the Canteen Committee—are once more at work, and arrangements are being made for a Dart Club, and some more dances. L./Cpl. Cutting is making an energetic attempt to form a Cycling Club and intends to affiliate to the Cyclists' Touring Club.

It is hoped, after camp, to form a Rifle Club, the instigator of this being C.S.M. Shaw. The suggestion is that each man pays for his ammunition and that the prizes be spoons or prizes in kind.

Let it be known the "age of miracles" has *not* passed. We are having new linoleum laid in the canteen. 'Nuff sed.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

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

(Conclusion.)

THAT cheerfulness of the British soldier, in trying circumstances, to which I referred in my first article, reappeared in the great bulk of our citizens during the recent general strike.

This trait in our people is a great national asset whether adversity come from within or from without.

I conclude these short stories.

9. SCENE: *Trenches, La Boutillerie, 1914.*

Pte. — was on my left. A shell landed in the trench immediately to his left, causing some six casualties. Pte. — had a very narrow escape. He was firing over the parapet at the time. Turning to me, he said: "That's my pal Bill gone, sir, and he owes me two francs." He continued firing calmly. I consider this the finest remark I heard during the war, coming, as it did, from a man who had every reason to be badly frightened but determined to keep his end up—and succeeding.

10. SCENE: *Regimental Aid Post, La Boutillerie, November 8th, 1914.*

A considerable number of us were in the post, and crowding was unavoidable.

Pte. —, a well-known and successful boxer, was brought in and put down against me. If I remember rightly he was badly wounded in the knee, the pain from which he was bearing with fortitude.

He was mumbling away to himself, and

then came out with: "I wish I had the blanky Kaiser in the ring for ten minutes."

My recollections of that day are not particularly clear, but the idea of Pte. —, of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, settling his differences with the Kaiser in that summary fashion stands out clearly.

11. SCENE: *Seres Road, Macedonia. Transport drivers leading mules up the hill on a scorching day.*

FIRST TRANSPORT DRIVER: "What did you do in the Great War, Daddy?"

SECOND TRANSPORT DRIVER: "Led a blanky mule about for the duration."

12. SCENE: *Gaza, Palestine. Nothing much else but sand everywhere. Middlesex soldier's letter to his father.*

"DEAR FATHER,

"We are at a place where there is nothing but miles and miles of damn all, and we're putting it into sandbags."

13. SCENE: *Bethlehem, Palestine. Another letter.*

"DEAR MOTHER,

"We are camped at Bethlehem, next the Australians. I guess the shepherds will watch their flocks all right to-night."

(N.B.—I am half-Australian myself.)

14. SCENE: *Jerusalem, Palestine, 1917.*

I was in a Division immediately to the left of the Division which actually occupied Jerusalem. The line rested a few days, consolidating the position.

Another officer and myself borrowed a car and got leave to go to Jerusalem for the day. We rather went in a Crusader atmosphere. After obtaining permits from the Military Governor to visit the walled city it occurred to me that it would be a good thing to get a bird's-eye view of the country first from the Mount of Olives.

I said to the Sentry: "Can you tell me which is the Mount of Olives?"

SENTRY: "No, sir."

MYSELF: "How long have you been in Jerusalem?"

SENTRY: "Four or five days, sir."

MYSELF: "Do you mean to say you have been in Jerusalem four or five days and you don't know which is the Mount of Olives?"

SENTRY: "No, sir. Would it be a public-house, sir?"

N.B.—The story has been in print at the instigation of others at least twice, but as it happened to me I feel justified in publishing it again.

N.B.—The sentry did not belong to the Regiment!

15. SCENE: *A. and B. Examination, 2/Lieutenants to Lieutenants (a good many years ago).*

One question called upon candidates to define certain military terms, including "Bivouac and Billet."

One candidate managed Bivouac all right, but his definition of a Billet was: "A comfortable appointment reserved for senior officers."

16. SCENE: *Pre-war Officers' Mess.*

The officers in Mess had made a pet of a wild mouse, which used to come into the ante-room to be fed at tea time, climb up a string to the mantelpiece, etc.

Unknown to the Commanding Officer, whose Christian name was Newington, the mouse was known by the name of Newington.

During a regimental guest night, when the General and other important people were dining, an excited fatigue man in his shirt sleeves burst into the mess-room, and going straight up to the Colonel said:

"Beg your pardon, sir, but Newington has fallen off the banisters, sir, and he's hurted hisself, sir, and I don't know what to do with him."

N.B.—Newington (the mouse) recovered.

To end Flotsam and Jetsam I will give two stories about Scottish soldiers, many of whom have served in the Middlesex Regiment.

17. SCENE: *The Somme, 1915. I was Brigade-Major of a Scottish Brigade.*

Considerable amount of mining and counter-mining going on. Bellows at frequent intervals in trenches. Party of our men overcome by fumes underground. Rescued with difficulty. It was then remembered that the canary was still underground.

One man, a miner, promptly went down and managed to bring it alive to the surface, to sing with all its soul in its cage on the parapet for so long as it remained alive.

18. SCENE: *Front line, Gallipoli.*

A man had occasion to move his posi-

tion in the trench in order to rid himself of unwelcome but small guests. Simultaneously with his catching the first one a whizz-bang landed on the very spot he had left.

Holding his captive before him, he thus addressed it:

"Ye wee de'il, ye've saved ma life. I canna promote 'ee and I canna decorate 'ee, but I'll reinstate 'ee." He then slipped it down his shirt neck.

N.B.—This is perhaps carrying justice a little too far.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

WE should probably be out of fashion if we did not mention what we did in the great strike, so although our readers may have experienced sufficient of strikes to last a lifetime, we hasten to add our contribution. For the first week, of course, we did nothing. Then with a hurry and scurry we were told to raise an army of policemen! Enrolment did not actually start until the day the strike was called off, but it was not until four days had elapsed that we cast aside our truncheons and prepared to become soldiers once more.

During this period and for the next fortnight parades were cancelled. This proved a severe blow to our weapon training arrangements, as on at least two Sundays firing at Bisley had to be postponed. But now the majority of the Battalion has fired, and the casualties will consist mainly of newly-joined recruits.

We are all pleased to find that annual camp will not be cancelled owing to the strike as we feared it would. The training year without an annual camp would not be half so attractive.

Since the last issue of this Journal 2/Lieut. G. B. Sharpe has had to leave us in order to take up an appointment in South Africa. We are sorry he has only been able to stay with us for such a short time, and we wish him every success in the future. Two new officers have joined, Lieut. Maxwell, who was with the Royal Fusiliers during the war, and 2/Lieut. Mitcheson, who joins us on first appointment. We take this opportunity of welcoming them to the fold.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run took place at Uxbridge on Saturday, June 19th. It would have been held earlier but for the strike. The weather was rather warm for distance running, but to off-set that the length of the course was shorter than usual. "A" Company are to be congratulated on their win. In fact, all companies taking part are to be congratulated on the close finish which the points show.

"A" Coy.	"D" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"H.Q." Wing.
2	1	8	4
5	3	9	6
11	13	10	7
12	14	16	15
18	20	17	23
22	26	19	24
70	77	79	79

The winners of the individuals' prizes were:—1st, Pte. O'Connor, "D" Company; 2nd, Pte. Gill, "A" Company; 3rd, Pte. Nash, "D" Company.

It was unfortunate for "D" Company that, after having two out of the first three men home, their team should only take second place. But that should spur them on to further effort next year.

"H.Q." WING.

Economy and the general strike are responsible for the dearth of news from "H.Q." Wing this time. On account of the former our annual week-end camp with "A" Company at Stanwell has had to be abandoned, while the latter caused general disorganization for a considerable period.

As regards training the Company is now busy with musketry, and at the time of writing a large number of men have already completed their annual course and drawn their bounties.

Recruiting is proceeding well, and the Company is now practically at full strength.

The band maintains its local reputation, and has the usual long list of summer engagements.

"A" COMPANY.

The last three months have been a peculiar mixture of slackness and great activity for "A" Company. During the

general strike all parades were cancelled, and the Drill Hall was occupied by a section of the Civil Constabulary Reserve, under the command of an old friend of the Company, Capt. Byham (or, rather, sub-Inspector Byham!) Several members of the Company turned themselves into constables, and entirely disproved the idea that a policeman's lot is not a happy one.

Quite a number of changes have recently taken place in the personnel of the Company. Lieut. D. D. Sherbrooke-Walker has been posted to us, and we extend a very hearty welcome to him, with a sincere hope that he has come to stay.

C.S.M. Westley has transferred to the Royal Engineers (Searchlights), a unit where his work will be more in conformity with his civil occupation. Our best wishes go with him. Sergt. Bawn has been promoted Company Sergeant-Major (provisional), and Sergt. Jennings is our new Company Quartermaster-Sergeant (provisional), filling the vacancy caused by the promotion of R.Q.M.S. Unsted, mentioned in the last issue of the Journal.

We are quite sure that his many friends in the Regiment will be delighted to hear that our permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Manders, has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, an honour thoroughly deserved.

On Saturday, June 19th, the Battalion Cross-Country Run, postponed on account of the strike, was held at Uxbridge, under a broiling sun. The Company team, thanks to Pte. Gill and some good packing, won the Team Championship for the first time since the war with a total of seventy points. Pte. Gill was very prominent in the Individual Championship, being second.

This success, coupled with the excellent effort that members of the Company are putting forward to make up for time lost during the strike (oh, that strike!), and the fact that we have just heard that camp is definitely "on," has put our tails very much up, and we are going down to Arundel bent on doing things that will keep them up.

In conclusion, we should like to offer the 1st Battalion at Aldershot our sincere congratulations on their great achievements, and to say how much we admire the tremendously high standard which they set.

"B" COMPANY.

SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES ANNIVERSARY.

"B" Company, with the Battalion Band and Drums, attended Church Parade Service at St. Faith's, Brentford, on Sunday, April 25th. The parade, which numbered over 120, included 2/Lieut. G. Butler (late Company Sergeant-Major) and twenty ex-members of the Company. Before dismissing at the Drill Hall wreaths were placed on the Company Memorial.

The work of the Company has been somewhat handicapped during the last three months by the strike. However, good progress has been made with the annual musketry course. Last month we started field training in Walpole Park. At the moment it is difficult to say whether the spectators or soldiers are winning the battle for supremacy. We hope with the advent of July the latter will push home the attack successfully.

The recruits are working exceedingly well; we shall welcome them amongst us during camp. We were very sorry to lose Ptes. Bean and Bateman to the Depot, but congratulate them on their success and wish them the best of luck.

The Battalion Cross-country Run took place at Uxbridge on Saturday, June 19th. We had the largest number of entries, and were the first company to get a complete team home, but regret that we only tied with "H.Q." Wing for third place. We must indent for a couple of fast runners so that we can start counting from first to second place instead of seventh and eighth. As this also took the place of our Company run, L./Sergt. Gosling and Pte. Budden win the Company silver medals for first and second place; Ptes. Still, Scarman, and Watkins, and L./Cpl. Alcorn win bronze medals.

We very much regret the departure of Lieut. D. Sherbrooke-Walker to "A" Company; a real gain at our expense.

We welcome the arrival of 2/Lieut. Elliott from "D" Company. As he lives in Ealing he will have plenty of opportunities to keep us hard at it.

Our notes are now getting a little like Part II Orders, but we have another arrival to report, even if we risk their being returned with the comment "Notes, not orders, please!"

A hearty welcome to Mrs. Tibbs, and sincere congratulations to C.S.M. Tibbs on his marriage. We wish both the best of health and happiness.

"D" COMPANY.

To camp or not to camp? That is the question. [Since decided, Editor.] Anyway, we are all looking forward to our annual training this year, and hope there will be no cause for disappointment.

We welcome Lieut. Maxwell, late of the 6th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, who has just joined us, and we bid goodbye to 2/Lieut. Sharpe, who is leaving us to take up an appointment in South Africa, and wish him good luck.

An interesting event took place in the permanent staff's quarters on February 19th last, and we congratulate C.S.M. and Mrs. Sparkes on the arrival of their second son.

Our cross-country team came in a good second in the Battalion run held recently, and although we narrowly missed regaining the cup we congratulate ourselves on having had the first and third men home, thereby winning two of the Battalion prizes.

We are now holding our Miniature Range Competition, and some very good scores have been registered, especially by some of the recruits.

Several new exponents of the noble art of self-defence have joined our boxing class, and we hope to have several useful additions to our team for the next Brigade contest.

YELLOW FLASHES.

Members of "B" Company are getting rather sick of the old joke so often brought up against them. In fact, they are suffering from mal de mayor.

Why did the General Strike?
Because of the Tea, you see.

It is reported that men of the Battalion who joined the Civil Constabulary Reserve are finding a difficulty in standing at attention for any length of time without doing a half-knee bend; also in refraining from addressing their Company Officer as Sergeant.

The appointment of a Company Sergeant-Major for "H.Q." Wing is authorized, but no steps will be taken to fill the position until the Drill Hall has been enlarged.

PROBLEM.

Think of a haversack, blanco it, add two swivels, take away four bob from the first officer you can get hold of, and the answer is—well, ask the Adjutant.

The Orderly Sergeant's breakfast at annual training is said usually to consist of coffee and nominal rolls.

There was a young man at "H.Q.,"
Who had nothing whatever to do;
So a local committee
Said "That's a great pity;
You can get up a Torchlight Tattoo."

Certain restrictions have recently been ordered in regard to the opening hours of company clubs. So much for those enthusiasts whose motto was "Not a minute off the day, not a cent. on the 'pay.'"

We have to welcome still more new officers. The two latest arrivals Max well with us all, and, in consequence, somewhat of a Scrim Mage-is-on in the Mess nowadays.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR notes this quarter must deal more with future events than past, as from our point of view the last three months have been singularly uneventful, the burning question having been, up till a day or so ago, whether camp would or would not be held this year. The doubt has now been settled, and delayed preparations are hurriedly being made for the revisiting of Arundel, which, from the point of view of surroundings, should be a great improvement on the last two years if the weather be kind.

All hopes of observing Albuhera Day was finally squashed by the national crisis, but quite a number of past and present members of the Battalion and Regiment went from Willesden to Aldershot on June

12th, when the 1st Battalion kept their delayed celebrations. As reported in our last notes, Roxeth Drill Hall was reopened, in part, on April 30th. I say in part, as at present only a portion of the hall and buildings has been taken over, though, needless to say, we hope that in the near future the present accommodation will be too limited, and that the Superintendent of Clothing (on whom be peace) will gradually be forced to look for a new abode.

A large gathering assembled for the opening, including the Brigade Commander, Col. R. E. Solly-Flood, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. Passingham, O.B.E. Mr. de Salis, the Secretary and Chairman respectively of the Association; Mr. White, Chairman of the Harrow Council; the Rev. E. Stogdon, and the Rev. A. H. W. Risdale, and representatives of the Harrow O.T.C.

A platoon of "C" Company marched from Wealdstone, under Lieut. H. K. Harcastle, and after the speeches gave a few demonstrations, and the Band, after marching the platoon down, played some selections before and after the ceremony.

During the evening the Brigade Commander presented the Territorial Efficiency Medal to Pte. Windmill, of "C" Company.

At the end of the proceedings two recruits immediately came forward, Ptes. Pengally and Dyer, and after being sworn in were at once handed over to Sergt. Maloney, who is in command at Roxeth. The quota asked for from Roxeth was one platoon, and although at the moment this has not been reached the numbers are steadily rising, and are at any rate stronger than the normal platoon in the Battalion; in fact, both at Wealdstone and Roxeth recruiting has been going on steadily, and we can now congratulate "C" Company on being the strongest Company in the Battalion, whereas a short while ago they were the weakest.

Unfortunately, we are forced to confess that musketry this year is more than disappointing, there being still a very large number of men who have not fired, and the number exercised on the Lewis gun shows every sign of being a big drop on previous years. The period of inactivity in May no doubt accounts for this partially, aggravated by the chaotic con-

ditions at Rainham since and the cutting out of week-end musketry camps.

Seven representatives have been entered for the N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley and three Lewis gun teams, but, unfortunately, the conditions which have hampered musketry in general also prevented us from getting the practice we hoped for with our teams. However, we still hope for the best, and wish our Bisley teams the best of luck for the first week in July, and hope that, in spite of the handicap, they will make their "mark."

Other fresh events are the entering of a relay team for the Open Relay Race in the Army Team Championships, and the entry of Pte. Dallenger for the Open Mile in the Army Individual Championships. Unfortunately, the first event occurs during camp, but it is hoped, nevertheless, to get the team off to attend.

One further effort is an assault on the T.A. Cooking Competition, for which the Sergeant-Cook, Sergt. Brooks, and four cooks are now preparing. As the competition takes place after camp the Battalion will probably gain or suffer by their experiments to produce super-dishes during camp.

As no one produced any inexpensive brain waves for a tattoo, it has been decided to restrict our activities at the carnival to a band performance and the Drums beating "Retreat," whilst the signallers have undertaken to supply telephonic communication from the gates to the official enclosures.

The regimental poster has at last been received, and quite a number of non-commissioned officers and men have undertaken to display them. We hope by this means to get this very attractive poster displayed in areas where ordinary recruiting posters are not at present shown, and that it is more attractive than the usual poster can be witnessed any day at Headquarters, where large numbers of passers-by stop and study it.

A scheme is now on foot to replace the memorial in the Drill Hall at Willesden by something of a more permanent nature, and designs and an estimate have been received. The present idea is to have a brass plate mounted on stone about 3 ft. by 3 ft. 6 in., with no ornamentation except the regimental badge and the simplest possible wording, with a case below in which the Regimental Roll of

Honour will be placed. The cost of this is likely to be about £50 to £60, and a committee has been formed to select the most suitable design and to raise the funds necessary when the amount required is known definitely.

The conditions of the Steers Cup, presented last year for annual competition amongst the officers of the Brigade, have been changed this year, and the cup will be won by the officer who has the highest score in the Annual Musketry Course.

It is hoped that the Transport Trophy will be ready and be presented during camp. After much discussion as to the most suitable form of prize it has been decided to have a driver's whip made of special material and silver plated, the name of the winner to be engraved on it each year.

Last, but not least, we have to record that the Battalion again won the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition for rifle, Lewis gun and machine gun. The Signalling Competition is not to be decided until annual classification.

Needless to say, we are delighted to have repeated the success of last year, and hope that the Signallers will add their competition to the list this year.

"B" Company won the Sherwood Shield with results which, to anyone who has had anything to do with the T.A., are remarkable, and "D" Company in being beaten this year are by no means disgraced.

The following is an extract from a letter to the Commanding Officer from the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse:—

"I cannot let the occasion pass without warmly congratulating you and your Battalion upon your success in the Middlesex Inter-Weapon Training Competition. I have studied the results with care, and it is obvious that you and your Officers and N.C.Os. must have put in a lot of sensible work to achieve the success you did.

"I 'take off my hat' to the 9th Battalion."

And, in conclusion, we do the same to "B" Company.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

A quite ambitious programme drawn up by the Committee at Willesden received

a set-back by the strike, but although this necessitated a readjustment and some slight modification a considerable portion of the original programme has been carried out.

The monthly competition for June took the form of a pair shoot for prizes (two half tea sets), presented by a very practical supporter of the Battalion, who particularly asked to remain anonymous.

The competition was chiefly notable for the very excellent score made by Sergt. Miller ("B" Company), one of the winning pair. Sergt. Miller scored 99 out of a possible 100, and with his partner, Sergt. Martin, scoring 80 they had a total of 179, as against 166 of the second pair, Cpl. Batty ("B" Company) 93 and Pte. Pinkerton ("H.Q." Company) 73. Cpl. Batty's score is also worthy of notice.

On Tuesday, June 8th, the first match in the Inter-Drill Hall Miniature Range Contest took place, "C" Company coming from Wealdstone to Willesden. Although obviously handicapped by unfamiliar surroundings as a team, C.S.M. Todman gave the visitors a good lead with 85 and 20 (105), but with the exception of Pte. Windmill the remainder failed to produce their best form, especially in the snapshooting, and the result was a victory for Willesden, for whom Lieut.-Col. Beach, with 87 and 16, and Sergt. Miller, with 91 and 12, were the highest scores.

The result was:— Willesden, 568; Wealdstone, 513.

On Friday, June 18th, Hendon visited Wealdstone, and suffered defeat at the hands of the home team, the scores being 244—284. C.S.M. Todman again headed the list with a total of 51, with C.Q.M.S. Linthwaite second with 44. For "D" Company Sergt. Badger and Pte. Laver scored 35 each.

The Annual Championship Shoot of the Headquarters' Miniature Rifle Club was held at the end of June.

The Secretary, Sergt. Soden, won with 91, a most suitable finish to the year considering all the time and work Sergt. Soden has devoted to the club. Sergt. Miller was second with 90, and Pte. J. Goss third with 86.

OBITUARY.

No. 6196952 PTE. F. STOKER.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death on April 3rd,

1926, on the way to Millbank Hospital, of No. 6196952 Pte. F. Stoker, of "C" Company of this Battalion from wounds received on the range on the same day.

Accounts of the accident have already appeared in the daily and local papers, and it is unnecessary to report the circumstances.

An inquest was held at Westminster on Friday, April 9th, when a verdict of accidental death was recorded, the Coroner saying that although the case was a very sad one every precaution appeared to have been taken to prevent such an occurrence, and no one was really to blame.

The funeral took place at Wealdstone on Saturday, April 10th, and after considerable difficulty a gun carriage was at last produced by kind assistance of the 343rd Brigade, R.F.A. (T.A.), Watford, who were most helpful, and to whom we are extremely grateful. The Band and a large number of officers and other ranks were present, and a firing party, under Sergt. Hattley, was provided by "C" Company, and buglers from Headquarters were present and sounded the "Last Post."

A very large crowd assembled, both on the route and at the cemetery, and there were a large number of floral tributes, including those from the Battalion, "C" Company, Staff, Harrow Post Office, Wealdstone Football Club, and comrades at the General Post Office.

Pte. Stoker joined the Battalion on September 7th, 1925, and since then had shown considerable keenness and aptitude, and gave promise of becoming a very smart young soldier. He was one of the platoon of "C" Company who took part in the opening ceremony at Roxeth a few days before, and was employed as a telegraph messenger at the General Post Office.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. J. Stoker, his father, who is an ex-Service man and an instructor in machine guns, and his relations in their sad loss.

CIVIL CONSTABULARY RESERVE.

"Nothing is impossible." One of these days the Territorial Army will have to adopt these words or something similar for their motto. True, many thousands of people found, during the first fortnight of May, that they could do things they had never dreamed of before, but the task that the organization and administrative

capabilities of the Territorial Army were put to was not amongst the least difficult, and it may safely be said that they came through the test with flying colours.

The metamorphosis which occurred in the 9th Battalion Area, changing its Drill Halls into the Police Barracks of the Headquarters of No. 6 Group, Civil Constabulary, and two companies, occurred in practically every Drill Hall in London and Middlesex.

On Monday the halls of the Battalion were deserted except for a few men playing "garden" billiards or some other equally peaceful game, but a warning had been received of a probable change, and on Wednesday by nine o'clock a.m. would-be Recruits for the Civil Constabulary Reserve were rolling up hard. The Cadets' hut was converted into a dining-room, and by the evening every man was told off to his section and the companies were organized.

Had recruiting not been stopped on account of the strike being called off, it is hard to say what number might not have been obtained, as the fact that recruiting had actually started had only begun to get about, other than in the immediate vicinity of Drill Halls. However, 160 had been enrolled by the time recruiting was stopped, forty at Harrow and the remainder at Headquarters, and practically all were either ex-soldiers, ex-sailors, or Territorials.

The problem of organization practically solved itself: the Commanding Officer became Group Commander, three of the Battalion Company Commanders were known to be available, and, in addition, several ex-Captains of the Indian Army, Territorial Army, etc., had kept in touch to find out if there was any chance of being of use, or, like many of the men, had come in as soon as recruiting started in the City and County of London, and had registered in case the Civil Constabulary Reserve spread to Middlesex.

It was, therefore, possible to draw up a skeleton organization at once, and the moment the gong rang the leaders were already told off ready to carry on.

With the markers, so to speak, out, it was not difficult to get the "constables." Many of them with years' of service behind them squaded, and this done the machine was in working order.

The administration was a far bigger

problem. Territorial Drill Halls are planned very much for part-time soldiering, and with no facilities for turning them into barracks, as even in the more normal times the accommodation of storage, etc., is in most cases lamentably inadequate. Sleeping could be got over, as there were the halls themselves to be used, but cooking and feeding was another matter.

Fortunately, at Headquarters there was the Cadets' hut, and this was turned into a dining-room, and two stoves which the Battalion have for camp were rigged up outside and roofed in by some of the experts who joined up.

On Tuesday, on being approached by the Commanding Officer, Mrs. Furness immediately collected a band of ladies who undertook the working and running of the canteen, whilst Capt. Lawson went off to purchase supplies. Hence by Wednesday morning the food problem was settled at Willesden.

At Harrow, Mr. J. Gilham undertook to cater for the company, and as a result the men there were able to get excellent meals at a price which would have turned any profiteer's hair grey, but which earned the loudest praise and thanks from the feeders.

Confinement to a Drill Hall for the greater part of four days is not a particularly cheerful occupation, but it was really astonishing how quickly and with what cheerfulness every one settled down. Card parties were fixed up all round the Drill Hall, whilst in the centre others were hard at it trying to break up the Drill Hall with stump cricket; others playing darts or billiards, and practically continuously one or other, and sometimes several, of the musical members were at work on the piano. The latter included one or two experts, and with their assistance a concert was arranged on Wednesday evening.

Every show has its humorous side, and No. 6 Group, Civil Constabulary Reserve, was not without its jokes.

Confusion of army and police ranks was responsible for some tongue-twisting, and one Inspector being finally tied up referred to the Regimental Sergeant-Major as the Regimental Constable-Major. An ex-Quartermaster-Sergeant of the Dublin Fusiliers approached Constable (normally Lieutenant and Quartermaster) Lawson, and inquired if he had been a Quartermaster long.

"No," replied he, "about two years. Why? What's your grouse?"

"Oh! no grouse, sir, but I thought that you hadn't been a Quartermaster long. I saw you had a cup of tea and paid for it."

For a short period the Civil Constabulary Reserve was allowed to route march, and, by the way, they showed at once that they had by no means forgotten how to march. The Harrow Company went off round the country roads, and were returning when a Special Constabulary car, filled with Special Constables, dashed past and stopped, and an Inspector got out and advanced threateningly towards Commander Sherwood. The Company halted! "What the — are you?" the Inspector asked, and he was duly informed. "Oh! we heard there was a body of strikers marching along this road, and we came out to see what was on," and on looking round it was seen that there were more Special Constables on motor-cycles, etc., who had dashed up to cut off retreat.

The order for dispersal was received at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and equipment was collected and the "Force" paid out; then, owing to an amendment arriving after the payment, another day's pay was paid out and dispersal forms completed by 11.45 a.m.

The Commanding Officer and Capts. Lamont and Sherwood, as Group Commander and Commanders, congratulated the companies on their behaviour under the trying conditions, and invited them to the Battalion entertainments in the future.

The vote of thanks to Mrs. Furness and her colleagues was no mere matter of form; many men had already made inquiries as to whether this was to be made before they dispersed, and the cheers both immediately after the proposal and when the ladies left the hall showed very definitely the appreciation of all for the unsparing efforts of these ladies, without whom, to put it plainly, we should have been in the soup.

At Wealdstone the departure of the Civil Constabulary Reserve was no less cheerful, and there, too, they demonstrated most emphatically their appreciation of such assistance as could be given them during their period of service.

One word must be said about the clerical work. It was obvious that clerks must be found if the Civil Constabulary

Reserve were to do anything, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major is to be congratulated on having spotted two before enrolment started. The two, namely Messrs. Verney and Saunders, worked like trojans, and the presence of capable and experienced men on the job saved much work and trouble.

No. 6 Group, Civil Constabulary Reserve, has, like the general strike, been called off, but in contrast with the latter it will be a pleasant memory if remarks passed at the time and since can be taken as proof.

Grousters and moaners had no place in the Civil Constabulary Reserve, and if No. 6 Group can be taken as typical it was a combined services reunion, and comradeship and good fellowship were the keynote.

To all who joined the No. 6 Group, Civil Constabulary Reserve, we wish the best of luck, and thank them for their cheerfulness and timely co-operation.

THE HEIGHT OF ECONOMY.

It is reported that a Pound Lane Aberdonian took his son to the pictures, and during the performance the child became thirsty owing to the heat.

"Daddy, can I have some lemonade?"

"Wait until the interval," replied the Pound Lane Aberdonian.

(Pause of ten minutes.)

"Daddy, can I have some lemonade?"

"Wait until the interval, and then I will tell you a ghost story which will give you cold shivers."

POPULAR FALLACIES.

Some soldiers seem to flatter themselves that absence makes the heart grow fonder. We would have them know that though this is quite incorrect, out of sight is not out of mind, and that a parade in time saves a fine.

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Two more of our Aberdonians were playing dominoes in the Sergeants' Mess the other evening, and the game had reached the stage when both wanted to tap the table. It remained there, as neither would tap first in case the waiter came for drink orders.

Another non-commissioned officer from the north discovered to his great consternation that sixpence was the lowest coin he had in his pocket, and the collection bag was to be handed round very soon. Seeing a boy seated next to him he asked him in an undertone to slip out quietly and exchange the sixpence for two threepenny bits. The boy slipped noiselessly out of the kirk, and was very soon back again. "Here you are, sir," he whispered. "I could not get two threepenny bits, so I bought a fourpenny and

"Clutching Hand" are practising a benign smile, etc. The "boys" discuss this year's prospects and regale sundry "Rookies" with boundless accounts of deeds and escapades of by-gone years. Meanwhile we all hope for the best weather and the steepest hills and the best of grub.

Except for the late strike, there is not much of note to write about. During that period our "home" was not our own, the hall being commandeered by a gallant band of "Specials" (extra specials), and



[Photo: H. Connold, Hendon.]

"D" COMPANY, 9th BATTALION.
Winners Inter-Company Boxing Competition.

Back Row.—Pte. Willison, Pte. Sinclair, Pte. Garrett, C.S.M. Denton, Pte. Greenway, Cpl. Breed, Mr. Dunmow.
Front Row.—L./Cpl. Lake, L./Cpl. Patterson, Capt. Fox, C.S.M. Walton, Pte. Doult, C.Q.M.S. Mills.

a twopenny. You don't mind them cold, do you?"

"C" COMPANY.

We are now entering on those strenuous weeks of preparation for annual training, and, as usual, it is the main topic. Everywhere one sees great activity. The guns are receiving a fresh coat of paint, cooks are lovingly polishing their instruments of torture, members of the

the hall still bears the marks of that hectic fortnight, and few of us will forget it in a hurry.

The Company have fired in two matches in the Inter-Drill Hall Miniature Range Contest, one with "H.Q." Company, who beat us, and the other with "D" Company, this one being a win for us. In either match no good shooting was performed, but we are really lacking in practice.

"D" COMPANY.

Our first duty this quarter is to heartily congratulate "B" Company on the splendid show they put up in the Winter Weapon Training Competition. It was a good tussle all through between us, and it is to be hoped that it will be just as keen a fight next year. Our hats off to "B."

On Wednesday, June 2nd, a presentation was made by our Company Commander, Capt. G. L. Fox, to ex-Sergt. J. Dunmow in recognition of his services rendered to the Company in the last Battalion Boxing Competition. The presentation was in the form of a framed photograph of the boxing team, with a small brass plate suitably inscribed.

Mr. Dunmow, in relying to a speech by Capt. Fox thanking him, said that he was always pleased to do anything for "D" Company, and was hoping to get even better results next year.

Whilst on the subject of boxing, we would like to say how sorry we were to lose Pte. Greenway from our team. He has gone to Australia, and we all wish him the best of luck in his new home. It has also been rumoured that the remainder of our boxing team have gone on tour in America. We have not seen them at Company Headquarters lately.

The Company Miniature Rifle Club has been reorganized. We are now affiliated to the S.M.R.C., and already have over thirty members. On June 18th we took a very good team over to Wealdstone to shoot against "C" Company in the Inter-Drill Hall Miniature Range Contest, but nobody did themselves justice, and we lost rather badly, the Company being sixty points behind at the finish.

On Sunday, June 27th, an Open Competition was held, for which two prizes were given. The winners were Cpl. Paul, 1st, with fifty-one points, who was awarded a watch, and C.S.M. Denton, 2nd, with forty-six points, received a silver-plated stick.

We should like to have a few more members of the club. Shooting takes place on Monday, 9 to 10 p.m.; Fridays, 6 to 10 p.m.; and Sundays, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

HEARD IN THE HALL.

INSTRUCTOR: "Why do we take a six o'clock aim?"

ROOKIE: "Because it's too dark at 7 p.m., sir."

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A.: "What size group did you get?"

B.: "Four home and one away."

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INSTRUCTOR: "Where does the compass needle always point?"

RECRUIT: "Straight up the Edgware Road, sir."

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MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

THE MILITARY MEDAL, 1852.

"VALEUR ET DISCIPLINE."

(1) Founded February 29th, 1852, by Louis Napoleon, when President of the Republic. It consists of a silver badge one inch in diameter, formed by two laurel branches, tied below with a gold band, surmounted by the French Imperial Eagle, with a loop and ring for suspension.

Obverse: As illustrated.

Reverse: Within a blue enamel circle, edged with gold, on a gilt centre of horizontal lines, the motto, *Valeur et Discipline*, in gold raised letters.

Ribbon: Orange watered silk, one and a half inches wide, with green edges.

Given by the Emperor Napoleon III to about 500 selected non-commissioned officers and men of the Army and Navy for services in the Crimea.

(2) The Medal was awarded to the following non-commissioned officers and men of the 57th Regiment:—

Colour-Sergts. John McCardle and John Coughlan, Sergt. James F. Andrews, Cpl. Thos. Connell, L./Cpl. Wm. Kinnarney, and Pte. John Murray, who were present at the Battles of Balaklava, October 25th, and Inkermann, November 5th, 1854; assault on the Redan, June 18th, 1855; and in the trenches during the siege. L./Cpl. Kinnarney and Pte. Murray were severely wounded on June 18th, and the latter was twice wounded in the trenches during the siege.

Colour-Sergt. John Jones, for gallant conduct at the Battle of Inkermann, where he was severely wounded.

L./Cpl. Thomas Anderson, for gallant conduct during the Siege of Sebastopol.

The unnamed of the 77th Regiment also received the Medal:—

Colour-Sergt. James Tookey, distinguished conduct on various occasions.

Dmr. Thomas McGill, distinguished conduct, particularly on the night of April 19th, 1855, at the capture of the Russian rifle pits, when he was one of the first in the pits and took a Russian bugler prisoner.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Ellis, which occurred at the Jubilee Hospital, Alderney, on June 14th, 1926, aged eighty-one years.

Mr. Ellis, who served in the Middlesex Regiment from 1870 to 1884, served throughout the Zulu War, and took part in the Battles of Ulundi and Ginghelova. Latterly he became blind, and was an invalid.

The funeral took place on June 18th, and the interment was in St. Anne's



MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

Pte. A. Wright, Pte. M. Charleston, L./Cpl. W. Wilson, Pte. Wm. McGuire, and Pte. John Quintan, for conspicuous bravery.

The group of Medals illustrated are those of Colour-Sergt. John McCardle, whose two sons served in the Regiment—Robert McCardle in the Drums and James in the Band.

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

Church Cemetery, buglers of the D.C.L.I. sounding the "Last Post" at the grave-side.

Several beautiful wreaths adorned the coffin, including one sent by the Regimental Association, and one from the Old Comrades at Alderney.

Mr. Mesney, an ex-private of the Regiment, represented the Association and carried the wreath.

We regret to announce the death, which

took place in St. Mary's Infirmary on June 27th, 1926, of Mr. Henry Longman, aged 41 years.

Mr. Longman enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in February, 1906, and served six years in India with the 1st Battalion. He went to the Army Reserve in 1913, and, rejoining the Colours on the outbreak of the Great War, went overseas with the 1st Battalion. He had the misfortune to be taken prisoner, and his four years' captivity in Germany was really responsible for his early death.

The funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery on July 5th, when a non-commissioned officer of the Depot attended with a wreath sent by old comrades of the Regimental Association.

We very much regret having to report the death, on July 8th, of Sergt. C. A.

Westerman, the Band Sergeant of the 9th Battalion, who died of pneumonia.

Sergt. Westerman had been Band Sergeant for three years, and, in addition to his ordinary band work, ran the dance bands for a considerable time.

The funeral took place at Hampstead on Monday, 12th, and a firing party from the Battalion, together with bearers and mourners, attended.

Amongst the wreaths was one from all ranks of the Battalion, which took the form of a copy of the regimental badge in flowers of the regimental colours.

He leaves a widow and three children, to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

We regret to announce that Captain Gordon James, M.C., died suddenly on 15th March last at the age of 38 years.

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D.S.O. 28 Sept. 24
1 Stewart, W. A.,
O.B.E. 28 Sept. 24

2 Arnold, A. C., O.B.E.,
M.C., p.s.c. 7 Dec. 15
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2 Thorp, J. R. [I]
M.C. 26 Jan. 16
1 Phillips, H., M.C.
26 Aug. 16
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1 Paul, H. W. M.,
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1 Horrocks, B. G.,
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M.C. 7 May 17
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M.C. (I) 28 Sept. 20
2 Whinney, C. T.,
M.C. 23 Mar. 21
1 Procter, N. P.,
M.C. 1 Apr. 21
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18 Feb. 22
2 Garrow, V. J.,
M.C. 25 Feb. 22
2 Manson, E. P., M.C.
15 June 26

Majors (8).

2 Owen, D. C., D.S.O.
4 May 16
1 Pearson, V. L. N.,
D.S.O. 24 July 16
bt. Lt.-col. 1 Jan. 18
2 White, P. G.
4 July 18
2 Browne, M., M.C.
(s.c.) 28 Sept. 24
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2 Brown, G. L., D.S.O.
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Subalterns (35).

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1 Pennycook, G. H. C.,
M.B.E., Lt. 18 Mar. 23
2 Moore, R. N.,
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d. Stock, V. E., M.C.
25 Aug. 14
capt. 1 July 17
1 English, J. 25 Aug. 14
capt. 25 Aug. 17
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Lt. 18 June 23

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Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Sgt.	S. Ingle ...	2nd	27/2/25
Sgt.	E. Jones ...	1st	1/3/25
Sgt.	E. Burt ...	1st	26/3/25
Sgt.	G. Flemming ...	1st	16/4/25
Sgt.	G. Lambert ...	1st	26/5/25
Sgt.	W. Rogers ...	1st	26/5/25
Sgt.	S. Tibbs ...	8 h	1/6/2
Sgt.	W. Randle ...	Depot	16/8/25
Sgt.	W. Overton ...	1st	28/10/25
Sgt.	L. Fairchild ...	2nd	20/1/26
Sgt.	S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
Sgt.	C. Banfield ...	2nd	13/2/26
Sgt. (O.R.S.)	W. Fletcher ...	2nd	7/3/26
Sgt.	G. Bone ...	2nd	*19/3/26
Sgt.	E. Hazledene ...	2nd	5/4/26
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett ...	Depot	†30/1/23
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence ...	1st	*20/2/24
L./Sgt.	G. Clift ...	1st	1/9/24
L./Sgt.	I. Trapp ...	Depot	*1/9/24
L./Sgt.	Robbins ...	Depot	*1/9/24
L./Sgt.	T. Tiller ...	2nd	17/2/25
L./Sgt.	H. Warren ...	Depot	26/3/25
L./Sgt.	A. Clifford ...	2nd	17/5/25
L./Sgt.	I. Page ...	1st	*1/6/25
L./Sgt.	W. Bennett ...	1st	*1/6/25
L./Sgt.	H. Thomas ...	1st	*8/6/25
L./Sgt.	W. Travarthen ...	1st	17/8/25
L./Sgt.	F. Stacey ...	1st	28/10/25
L./Sgt.	E. Aird ...	2nd	*20/1/26
L./Sgt.	C. Miso ...	1st	*22/1/26
L./Sgt.	A. Jones ...	1st	*29/1/26
L./Sgt.	A. Stenning ...	1st	†29/1/26
L./Sgt.	H. Barker ...	2nd	*2/2/26
L./Sgt.	W. Bratby ...	2nd	*13/2/26
L./Sgt.	G. McDonald ...	1st	*17/2/26
L./Sgt.	E. Lione ...	2nd	*7/3/26
L./Sgt.	E. Howard ...	2nd	*19/3/26
L./Sgt.	V. Hall ...	2nd	*5/4/26
L./Sgt.	G. Horrex ...	Depot	*15/2/26
Cpl.	J. Sharmman ...	2nd	1/5/20
Cpl.	H. Wilson ...	2nd	1/5/20
Cpl.	W. Floyd ...	2nd	1/5/20
Cpl.	R. Wood ...	2nd	13/5/20
Cpl.	J. Bray ...	1st	29/12/20
Cpl.	R. Newcombe ...	1st	1/7/21
Cpl.	W. Harwood ...	2nd	4/12/21
Cpl.	J. Steward ...	Depot	1/4/23
Cpl.	G. Hatfield ...	2nd	12/12/23
Cpl.	C. Mardle ...	1st	19/12/23
Cpl.	J. West ...	Depot	11/1/24
Cpl.	H. Gibson ...	1st	11/1/24
Cpl.	W. Grace ...	2nd	12/1/24
Cpl.	C. Olden ...	2nd	12/1/24
Cpl.	T. Hannah ...	1st	2/2/24
Cpl.	G. Egan ...	1st	16/2/24
Cpl.	J. Stretton ...	1st	20/2/24
Cpl.	Kelly ...	1st	12/3/24
Cpl.	W. Northcott, M.M. ...	1st	18/3/24
Cpl.	W. Tibble ...	1st	11/6/24
Cpl.	C. Lewis ...	1st	16/7/24
Cpl.	W. Patterson ...	2nd	28/7/24
Cpl.	C. Soper ...	Depot	16/7/24
Cpl.	G. Goss ...	1st	1/9/24
Cpl.	S. Burgess ...	2nd	11/11/24
Cpl.	A. Wright ...	2nd	11/11/24
Cpl.	S. Bishop ...	2nd	11/11/24
Cpl.	W. Swindon ...	1st	25/11/24
Cpl.	G. Blake ...	1st	13/12/24
Cpl.	F. Denchfield ...	2nd	27/12/24
Cpl.	R. King ...	1st	30/12/24

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Cpl.	J. Brown ...	2nd	4/2/25
Cpl.	R. Ecclestone ...	Depot	19/2/25
Cpl.	S. Copelin ...	2nd	24/2/25
Cpl.	L. Johnson ...	2nd	27/2/25
Cpl.	Kennett ...	1st	1/3/25
Cpl.	A. Williams ...	1st	26/3/25
Cpl.	J. O'Brien ...	1st	16/4/25
Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	2nd	26/4/25
Cpl.	L. Honeybun ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	E. Leggett ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	A. Secretan ...	1st	26/5/25
Cpl.	T. Ballard ...	2nd	5/5/25
Cpl.	W. Eldrett ...	1st	13/5/25
Cpl.	W. McMurdie ...	1st	1/6/25
Cpl.	E. Bearne ...	Depot	4/6/25
Cpl.	G. Atkins ...	2nd	15/6/25
Cpl.	C. Kingdom ...	Depot	3/11/25
Cpl.	H. Berry ...	2nd	28/10/25
Cpl.	R. Neighbour ...	2nd	7/1/26
Cpl.	A. Webb ...	2nd	11/1/26
Cpl.	J. Jenkins ...	2nd	11/1/26
Cpl.	H. Poulter ...	2nd	11/1/26
Cpl.	L. Laxton ...	2nd	20/1/26
Cpl.	C. Donaldson ...	1st	2/2/26
Cpl.	R. Franklin ...	2nd	2/2/26
Cpl.	H. Reading ...	2nd	2/2/26
Cpl.	B. Gower ...	2nd	2/2/26
Cpl.	W. Milberry ...	2nd	2/2/26
Cpl.	E. Jenkin ...	2nd	2/2/26
Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	1st	6/2/26
Cpl.	R. Challis ...	1st	8/2/26
Cpl.	E. Denyer ...	1st	17/2/26
Cpl.	H. Hull ...	1st	18/2/26
Cpl.	L. Priddy ...	1st	13/3/26
Cpl.	R. Wingrove ...	2nd	13/3/26
Cpl.	C. Clements ...	2nd	23/2/26
Cpl.	J. Power ...	2nd	7/3/26
Cpl.	C. Gwinnett ...	2nd	18/3/26
Cpl.	E. Fisher ...	2nd	19/3/26
Cpl.	G. Williamson ...	2nd	5/4/26
Cpl.	E. Wright ...	2nd	26/4/26
L./Cpl.	J. Murphy ...	1st	*20/8/20
L./Cpl.	A. Sando ...	Depot	*1/1/21
L./Cpl.	F. Clarke ...	1st	*1/4/21
L./Cpl.	F. Carter ...	1st	*6/4/21
L./Cpl.	H. Channon ...	2nd	*21/11/21
L./Cpl.	G. Skeats ...	1st	*12/10/22
L./Cpl.	J. Painter ...	1st	23/3/23
L./Cpl.	A. Reed ...	1st	*1/4/23
L./Cpl.	W. Tomkins ...	1st	*13/7/23
L./Cpl.	G. Staines ...	1st	*27/7/23
L./Cpl.	G. Green ...	1st	*27/7/23
L./Cpl.	R. Armiboldi ...	Depot	*13/7/23
L./Cpl.	L. Yesterley ...	1st	†30/8/23
L./Cpl.	H. Short ...	Depot	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. Sewell ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. Mills ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	A. Wallace ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	J. Frost ...	1st	*8/10/23
L./Cpl.	G. Foley ...	Depot	*13/10/23
L./Cpl.	Goodall ...	1st	*22/1/24
L./Cpl.	G. Knock ...	Depot	*4/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hames ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. McGlone ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	P. Edwards ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. Frost ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	H. Wilson ...	1st	*15/2/24
L./Cpl.	C. Watson ...	1st	*20/2/24
L./Cpl.	C. Turner ...	1st	*8/3/24

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L./Cpl.	S. Jackson ...	1st	*8/3/24
L./Cpl.	H. Riley ...	1st	*8/3/24
L./Cpl.	G. Theobald ...	1st	*14/3/24
L./Cpl.	E. Pinder ...	Depot	*8/5/24
L./Cpl.	R. Glover ...	1st	*8/5/24
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge ...	Depot	*18/5/24
L./Cpl.	H. Batt ...	1st	*21/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Case ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Hows ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	A. Anson ...	1st	*28/5/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell ...	2nd	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	1st	*3/6/24
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor ...	1st	*11/6/24
L./Cpl.	West ...	1st	*14/7/24
L./Cpl.	Bayles ...	1st	*13/8/24
L./Cpl.	W. Banham ...	1st	*19/8/24
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	1st	*19/8/24
L./Cpl.	Barley ...	1st	*8/9/24
L./Cpl.	Marshall ...	1st	*1/6/25
L./Cpl.	O'Neill ...	1st	*25/9/24
L./Cpl.	Kelly ...	1st	*2/10/24
L./Cpl.	L. Westney ...	1st	*9/10/24
L./Cpl.	Thompson ...	1st	*11/10/24
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson ...	1st	*17/10/24
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke ...	Depot	†1/11/24
L./Cpl.	Fletcher ...	1st	*1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Hammond ...	1st	*1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Woodroff ...	Depot	*1/12/24
L./Cpl.	Wheatley ...	1st	*10/12/24
L./Cpl.	Chasney ...	1st	*1/1/25
L./Cpl.	Carnoll ...	1st	*1/1/25
L./Cpl.	Painter ...	Depot	*1/1/25
L./Cpl.	H. Holness ...	1st	*6/2/25
L./Cpl.	W. Lee ...	1st	*4/3/25
L./Cpl.	Balls ...	1st	*4/3/25
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer ...	1st	*13/3/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hutton ...	Depot	*18/3/25
L./Cpl.	A. Clark ...	2nd	*12/11/20
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt ...	2nd	*11/7/21
L./Cpl.	G. Milne ...	2nd	*13/12/21
L./Cpl.	A. Simmonds ...	2nd	*6/2/22
L./Cpl.	E. Addinall ...	2nd	*12/3/22
L./Cpl.	F. Welsh ...	2nd	*27/3/22
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell ...	2nd	*24/8/22
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell ...	2nd	*22/12/22
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson ...	2nd	*14/3/23
L./Cpl.	W. Potter ...	2nd	*15/6/23
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley ...	2nd	*27/7/23
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews ...	2nd	*13/8/23
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*15/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft ...	2nd	*17/8/23
L./Cpl.	W. Hathaway ...	2nd	*23/9/23
L./Cpl.	T. Levett ...	2nd	*29/10/23
L./Cpl.	W. Adams ...	2nd	*20/11/23
L./Cpl.	F. Fisher ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	E. Barker ...	2nd	*4/1/24
L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge ...	2nd	*16/1/24
L./Cpl.	A. Jones ...	2nd	*2/2/24
L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw ...	2nd	*25/3/24
L./Cpl.	F. Towell ...	2nd	*25/3/24
L./Cpl.	W. Schooledge ...	2nd	*19/4/24
L./Cpl.	F. Cook ...	2nd	*5/5/24
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes ...	2nd	*24/6/24
L./Cpl.	C. Champion ...	2nd	*7/7/24
L./Cpl.	J. Lane ...	2nd	*17/7/24
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp ...	2nd	*3/1/25

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L./Cpl.	G. Reed ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	W. Budd ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	C. Stewart ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	D. Williams ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	H. Meddams ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	A. Boen ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble ...	2nd	*31/1/25
L./Cpl.	J. Carroll ...	2nd	*2/3/25
L./Cpl.	C. Moss ...	2nd	*6/3/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lee ...	2nd	*11/3/25
L./Cpl.	F. Gray ...	2nd	*11/3/25
L./Cpl.	J. Davis ...	2nd	*2/4/25
L./Cpl.	A. Johnson ...	1st	*17/4/25
L./Cpl.	E. Foulger ...	1st	*18/4/25
L./Cpl.	F. Goodall ...	1st	*21/4/25
L./Cpl.	Smith ...	1st	*5/5/25
L./Cpl.	Chalkley ...	1st	*26/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery ...	2nd	*27/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes ...	2nd	*30/5/25
L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher ...	1st	*4/6/25
L./Cpl.	T. Martin ...	2nd	*9/6/25
L./Cpl.	L. Harrison ...	1st	*13/6/25
L./Cpl.	Pike ...	1st	*17/6/25
L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus ...	1st	*22/6/25
L./Cpl.	Kruck ...	1st	*30/6/25
L./Cpl.	T. Sibley ...	2nd	*30/5/25
L./Cpl.	F. Wright ...	2nd	*6/7/25
L./Cpl.	D. Glew ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Cadwallar ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. Stagg ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. Timson ...	1st	*24/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Sargent ...	Depot	*29/7/25
L./Cpl.	F. Wood ...	1st	*5/8/25
L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls ...	1st	*6/8/25
L./Cpl.	Pratt ...	1st	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Cox ...	2nd	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Skull ...	2nd	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	Donovan ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	M. Horton ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	E. Paterson ...	1st	*15/8/25
L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore ...	1st	*1/9/25
L./Cpl.	Trestain ...	2nd	*4/9/25
L./Cpl.	P. Hale ...	1st	*16/9/25
L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn ...	1st	*29/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. May ...	2nd	*29/9/25
L./Cpl.	A. Mason ...	1st	*3/10/25
L./Cpl.	Evans ...	1st	*15/10/25
L./Cpl.	T. Little ...	1st	*17/10/25
L./Cpl.	F. Bowden ...	1st	*28/10/25
L./Cpl.	B. Rapley ...	2nd	*13/10/25
L./Cpl.	T. Woolford ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	A. Loom ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	P. Timms ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	F. Scott ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	R. Sage ...	1st	*2/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Ball ...	1st	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	R. Wilson ...	2nd	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	George ...	1st	*9/12/25
L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe ...	1st	*11/12/25
L./Cpl.	S. Harris ...	2nd	*14/12/25
L./Cpl.	T. Lambert ...	1st	*7/1/26
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	*12/1/26
L./Cpl.	W. Webster ...	1st	*12/1/26
L./Cpl.	H. Parrott ...	1st	*13/2/26
L./Cpl.	S. Statham ...	1st	*14/3/26
L./Cpl.	J. Quick ...	1st	*31/3/26
L./Cpl.	H. Parker ...	1st	*8/4/26
L./Cpl.	T. Lowe ...	1st	*2/4/26

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L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	... 1st	†24/4/26	L./Cpl.	A. Miller	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	H. Channon	... 2nd	†6/1/26	L./Cpl.	J. Byatt	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	W. Hammond	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	G. Sherriff	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	G. Balls	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	H. Adams	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	S. Pinner	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Ellis	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	G. Blackman	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Hutcihns	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	E. Jennings	... 2nd	†23/4/26
L./Cpl.	S. Tiller	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	A. Souch	... 2nd	†29/5/26
L./Cpl.	S. Young	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	W. Giles	... 2nd	†29/5/26
L./Cpl.	F. Nash	... 2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	A. Deamer	... 2nd	†29/5/26
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