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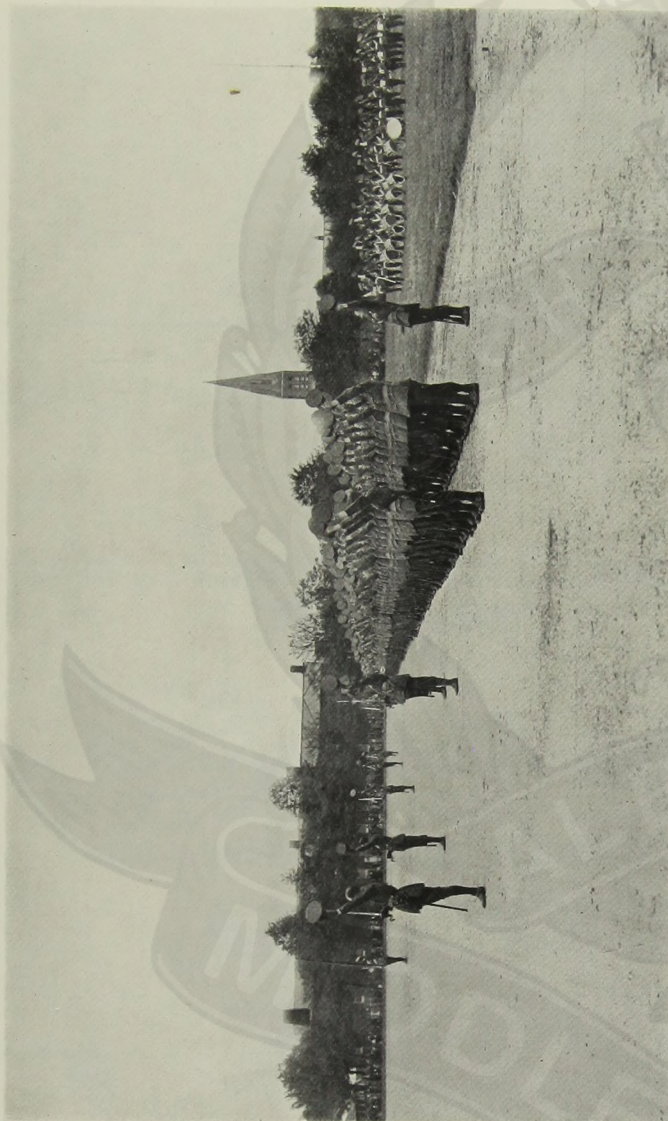
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Colonel:

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

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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate the 2nd Battalion on again winning the Rovers Cup for the third year in succession.

The Rovers Cup Association Football Competition is open to all India for both military and civilian teams.

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C. F. Carvell, late Orderly-room-Sergeant and Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, transferred on disbandment of 3rd Battalion to Royal Sussex Regiment, has been promoted Lieutenant and Quartermaster.

We tender him our most hearty congratulations.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

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

January 1st: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

9TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

October 30th: A Concert will be held at the Drill Hall, Graham Road, Wealdstone at 7.30 p.m.

December 4th: A Concert will also be held at the Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, at 7.30 p.m.

Admission will be by programme, which will be obtainable at all Drill Halls of the 9th Battalion, or at the door, price 6d.



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.

WE give below more extracts from the many excellent reviews of Volume I of the Regimental History which have appeared in the Press.

The Committee hope that they will have the effect of stimulating the sale of the book, which so far proceeds but slowly.

"Mr. Everard Wyrall's notable work, which is to be commended to every soldier who was connected with the forty-six Middlesex battalions which served during the war."—*Advertiser and Gazette*.

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THE outstanding event of the last quarter has been the visit of our Royal Colonel-in-Chief, the Prince of Wales. His equerry wrote some time earlier, and said the Prince wished to spend a morning with the Battalion, and also wished his visit to be of an entirely private nature.

He eventually selected Wednesday, July 28th, and motored over with his equerry, Lieut. W. D. C. Greenacre, Welsh Guards (an old friend of the Battalion). He found the Battalion drawn up in line

facing the Saluting Base, on either side of which were enclosures filled with the families of the Regiment.

Joining the Prince at the Saluting Base were Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., Col.-Commandant Hon. A. G. A. Hore-Ruthven, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Guards Brigade, and Major E. T. C. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., Scots Guards (Brigade Major). After receiving the Royal Salute, His Royal Highness, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., minutely inspected the Battalion.

At the finish of his inspection he presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to C.Q.M.Ss. J. Cook and R. B. Flatman, D.C.M., Sergts. E. D. Pain and W. Moore, and L./Cpl. H. Murphy.

The Battalion then marched past by companies, returned in close column, reformed line, gave His Royal Highness another Royal Salute, followed by three cheers, and then marched off parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, Mrs. Stewart was presented to His Royal Highness, who, with her, visited the married families' enclosure, and spent ten minutes in conversation with them.

The Prince then inspected the Regimental Transport, which has won the Aldershot Command Infantry Transport Shield for the past three years, and congratulated Sergt. W. Moore on the excellent turn-out.

This was followed by a visit to the Sergeants' Mess, where the Commanding Officer presented all the Warrant Officers and Sergeants, including those attached from the 2nd Battalion, to the Prince.

His Royal Highness was then photographed in two groups, one of the officers and one of the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

He subsequently lunched with the officers, remaining until 3.20 p.m. Before leaving, he expressed the pleasure his visit had given him, and congratulated the Commanding Officer on the smartness of the Battalion, both on parade and in barracks.

By the time these notes are in print the Battalion will be in its new station at Catterick Camp, and as it will probably be of interest to many to see records of what has been accomplished while we were in Aldershot, a record appears else-

where. Both in work and in games the Battalion has always been to the fore.

From a military point of view, it is a great advantage for a "line" unit to serve with the Guards Brigade, and the spirit of friendly competition is thereby fostered. We have now served with nine different Guards Battalions, and many friendships have been made. From a sports point of view, the competition at a station like Aldershot is extremely keen, and in practically every game we have been in a foremost position, certainly in

there being no manoeuvres. The culminating point was reached in divisional operations, which had to be curtailed owing to bad weather. The scheme was largely based on air operations, and as there was a very heavy mist, in addition to pouring rain, the results hoped for could not be obtained. Next year in our new station training may be somewhat different, as for any exercises on a large scale units have to be assembled from places so wide apart as Strensall, York and Lichfield. The training area is



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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, WARRANT OFFICERS
AND SERGEANTS.

the three that count most—Rugger, Soccer and Boxing. Athletics improved enormously this year. As far as shooting is concerned, a most noticeable improvement took place in the Command competitions. Since the reforming of the Battalion since the war, we have never before done very well at match shooting, and to have gained second place this year in the Aldershot Command Championship is, indeed, an achievement.

Training this season did not seem so strenuous as last year, possibly owing to

somewhat restricted, although a movement is on foot to enlarge it. The ground is varied: the south-eastern portion close country, the western open moorland, rising over 1,000 feet.

Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C., had a marvellous escape recently when the aeroplane in which he was observer came down to drop a message during one of our "battles" in the Camberley area, and instead of climbing after the message had been dropped crashed with so great a force that the engine was buried in the

ground. Unfortunately, the pilot was killed, but Lieut. Roberts only suffered from shock and severe bruises.

Soldiering certainly ensures a varied life. One of our latest diversions has been acting for the films in the New Era Film Company's "Mons." The rôle assigned to us was that of Germans in a number of scenes. A good deal of amusement was caused during the filming. It has not been possible to publish a photograph from the actual film as the New Era Film Company say that the only "still"

Depot. He has recently returned from Hythe.

Considering the difficulties which training causes in the cricket world, we had a very successful season, and won most of our matches. In the Aldershot Command Knock-out Competition we were beaten in the second round by the R.A.S.C., who put a very strong team into the field. We batted first on a difficult wicket, and only scored some 150 runs. The match then had to be postponed for several days owing to the weather and training.



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"MONS" FILM—MEN OF 1ST BATTALION REPRESENTING GERMANS.

photo taken turned out badly. However, some groups are reproduced taken before commencing.

We congratulate Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C., on his appointment as Adjutant. Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook, M.B.E., who has been Adjutant since March, 1923, is, we are pleased to say, posted to the 1st Battalion. During the time he was Adjutant he did an immense amount of good work for the Battalion, both in administration and in games.

We are sorry to lose Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, who is leaving us to go to the

and when it was finally continued the R.A.S.C., on an excellent wicket, put up a bigger score with the loss of only five wickets.

L./Sergt. Northcott and Cpls. Kennett and O'Brien have been our mainstay in the attack, the two latter bowling particularly well early in the season. Sergt. Farrow batted consistently well throughout. Sergt. Glover, of the 2nd Battalion, was a great help. He is a good bowler, and on occasions made some very "lively" innings by good hitting.

SPORTS.

This has been a comparatively quiet period as far as sports are concerned, the chief event being the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships on July 27th and 28th.

In this we were placed sixth, the majority of our points being attained by a win in the High Jump (L./Cpl. Harrison and Bdsn. Walker, whose combined jumps were only one-eighth inch short of the Army record) and third place in the Hurdles.

The successes which our athletic teams have achieved this season is very gratifying. There were very few of last year's teams available, and the training of the young and inexperienced runners has meant no end of work to Capt. Horrocks, the captain, and Sergt. Bennett (A.P.T.S.), the trainer. We shall miss the services of the latter at Catterick more than a little, but take this opportunity of expressing our keen appreciation of all that he has done for us in this branch of sport during our stay in Aldershot.

Several friendly cricket matches have been played, but we were only allowed to play one match in the Command Knock-out Competition. The R.A.S.C. Training College gave us a decisive beating in the first round.

The Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out Competition took place in July and August. In the final "D" Company beat "C," thereby wresting the shield from "A" Company, who have held it for some years.

Before these notes appear in print the Battalion will be at Catterick Camp. The publication of a summary of the successes both at training and sport which the Battalion has achieved in the Aldershot Command will not, therefore, be out of place. It speaks for itself.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND, 1923 TO 1926.

ATHLETICS.

1924.—Runners-up Aldershot Command Shield.

1925.—Winners Aldershot Command Shield (tie with Scots Guards).

1926.—Runners-up Aldershot Command Shield.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

1923.—Semi-finals Army Cup.

1924.—Runners-up Command League.

1925.—Divisional winners English Amateur Cup; 4th round Army Cup; runners-up Aldershot Command Football Cup.

BOXING.

1923-24.—Winners Command Boxing Trophy.

1924-25.—Winners Command Boxing Trophy; semi-finalists Army Boxing Cup.

1925-26.—Winners Command Novices' Boxing Trophy; runners-up Command Boxing Trophy; runners-up Army Boxing Trophy; winners of the Noble Boxing Trophy.

CRICKET.

1924.—Semi-finalists Aldershot Command.

1925.—Semi-finalists Aldershot Command.

HOCKEY.

1924-25.—Semi-finalists Aldershot Command Cup.

Enlisted Boys' Hockey.

1924-25.—Finalists (runners-up) Aldershot Command Enlisted Boys' Hockey Cup.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND HORSE SHOW.

1924.—Winners Unit Transport Turn-out.

1925.—Winners Unit Transport Turn-out; runners-up Aldershot Chamber of Commerce Cup; winners Best Infantry Officers' Jumping; winners Pairs Stripped Mules.

1926.—Winners Unit Transport Turn-out.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

1923.—Fifth round Army Cup.

1924.—Fifth round Army Cup; runners-up Aldershot Command Cup.

1925.—Runners-up Aldershot Command Cup.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND TROPHIES, SUMMARY 1925-26.

Association Football Shield.—Runners-up.

Athletics Shield.—Runners-up.

Boxing Shield (Novices).—Winners.

Boxing Shield (Open).—Runners-up.

Connaught Shield (Tactics: Platoon in Attack).—Runners-up.

Horse Show Shield: Transport Turn-out.—Winners.

Rugby Football.—Runners-up.

Evelyn Wood Competition.—Runners-up.

Aldershot Command Small Arms Meeting.—Runners-up.

Roberts Cup (Rapid Fire Competition).—Winners.

Inter-Ranks Tile Shoot.—Winners.

WEAPON TRAINING.

Averages.

Year	Rifle.	Lewis Gun
1923	113'44	178'68
1924	130'97	192'54
1925	122'24	172'42
1926 (new course)	93'03	143'45

RIFLE MEETINGS.

1925 Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting.

Best Shot all Ranks: C.S.M. W. Beaman.

Best Shot Warrant Officers and Sergeants: C.S.M. W. Beaman.

1926 Army Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley.

Worcester Pairs Cup Competition (Lewis Gun).—Runners-up (Sergt. B. Brockman and L./Sergt. A. Jones).

Roupeil Cup Competition: Young Soldiers' Class.—Winner, Pte. A. Couling.

1926 Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting.

Aldershot Command Challenge Cup Competition.—Runners-up.

Roberts Cup (Rapid Fire Competition).—Winners.

Inter-Ranks Tile Shoot.—Winners.

CONNAUGHT SHIELD COMPETITION.
(Endurance and Tactics: Platoon in the Attack.)

1926.—Runners-up Aldershot Command.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND RIFLE MEETING.

It was a very fitting finale to the Battalion's stay at Aldershot that the rifle teams should have done so well at the above meeting.

It must be remembered that with a home Battalion men come and go with a great regularity, and so the Weapon Training Staff have great obstacles to face in training new teams for the various matches. That they succeeded is shown by the result. But for a faulty pouch, a thing often overlooked, we should have fared better. When one views the suc-

cesses of the Battalion since its arrival at Aldershot it is pleasant to see that, although honours were won at sport, the soldiering part was not lacking. The results of the various matches are shown below, with comments appended. Great credit is certainly due to all those who worked very hard to obtain such a fine result. The G.O.C.-in-Chief of the Command commented upon the Battalion once again coming second in the Command show.

If we have any regret at the results it is that we were not first.

RESULTS.

The Machine Gun Match.—2nd, 740 points.

The Machine Gun Knock-out Match.—9th.

Anti-Aircraft Match.—2nd ("H.Q." team: Cpl. Bray, Dmrs. Goodwin, Saunders and Weedon), 82 points.

"H.Q." Wing Rifle Match.—10th, 231 points.

Aldershot Command Match.—3rd (Capt. Lyons, Lieut. Pennycook, C.S.M. Beaman, Sergts. Green, Thomas and A. Jones, L./Cpl. Staines, Cpl. O'Brien, L./Cpl. Westney, Cpl. Riley, Ptes. Tyler, Warren, Boiling, Lockett and Mann, L./Cpl. Sage, Cpl. Priddy, and L./Cpl. O'Connor), 712 points. In this match we tied with another unit for second place, but lost on the rule for deciding such ties.

Young Soldiers' Match.—2nd (2/Lieut. Goulden, Ptes. Mann, Couling, Sullivan, Beardsmore, Deacon, Pilgrim, Wilson, Crabbe and Wright), 331 points.

Rapid Fire Competition (Roberts Cup).—1st (Capt. Lyons, Lieut. Pennycook, C.S.M. Beaman, Sergts. Green, Thomas and Northcote, Cpls. O'Brien, Frost and Priddy, L./Cpl. Westney, Ptes. Tyler, Warren, Lockett and Boiling), 550 points.

Inter-Ranks Knock-out Competition.—Warrant Officers and Sergeants won the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Challenge Cup.

Section Knock-out Competition.—"B" Coy., 4th.

Berdoe Wilkinson and Imperial Tobacco Competition.—

Revolver Match.—10th.

Evelyn Wood Competition.—2nd. This was lost by the small margin of 4 points, the winning score being 309 and ours 305. Both were record scores.

"A" COMPANY.

Owing to the fact that the majority of the Company are on annual furlough we have very little to report. Little has been done in the way of sport since manoeuvres, which have fully occupied our time until the beginning of this month (September). Since then all sports gear has been packed away in readiness for our move to Catterick.

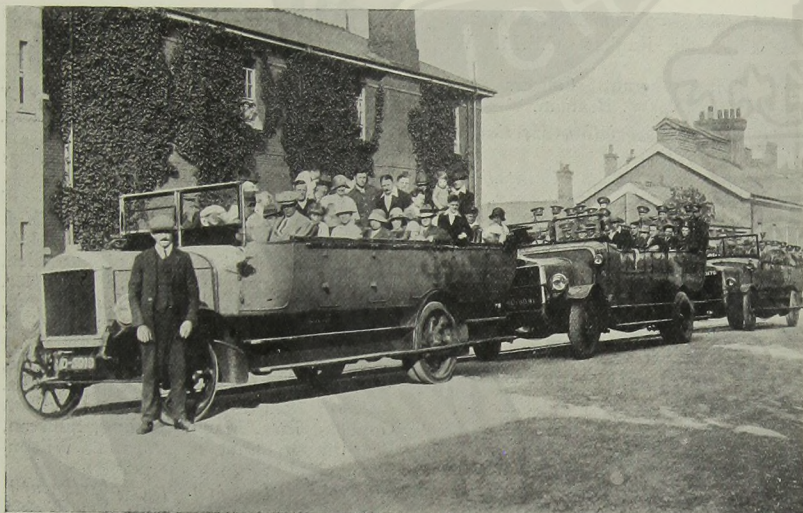
Everyone is well pleased that manoeuvres have finished, especially the four days' divisional training, which,

We welcome A./C.S.M. C. Cook to the Company, but regret having to lose 2/Lieut. G. A. Goulden, who has gone to "D." We wish him the best of luck in his new Company.

We welcome the Band on its return from tour, and hope to hear it oftener.

It is regretted that our efforts this time are poor, but our usual correspondent is on leave, and has taken all his data with him.

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"B" COMPANY, 1st BATTALION, PROCEEDS TO BRIGHTON, JULY 13th, 1926.

however, really only lasted two days owing to the unsatisfactory state of the weather. Although very damp outside, it was noticed that the rain appeared to improve many people's vocal efforts. Everyone had settled down to passing a decidedly wet night in a field when "A" Company came to the fore by discovering a barn, so saving the unpleasant situation, although we noticed that some people had become on such friendly terms with the frogs, etc., that they were loath to leave their places among the hedges.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last issue, the proposed trip to Brighton took place on July 13th, a very pleasant day being spent. The weather proved glorious, and many of the Company took the opportunity of having a dip in the "briny." Company Headquarters were noticed making tracks toward the end of the pier with fishing tackle complete, but no catch was reported. Luncheon was taken in the Commercial Hotel, tea following later in the Chinese Gardens. The day came to

an end all too soon. We arrived back into barracks quite happy, some being very happy.

We have had the pleasure of the company, during the last quarter, of Serpts. Mewitt, Beaveridge and Mason, of the 2nd Battalion, who are now on leave prior to rejoining that unit. We trust they have enjoyed their stay as much as we have enjoyed their presence with us. May the best of luck and all good wishes go with them.

Our congratulations are extended to the following non-commissioned officers on their promotion:—L./Serpts. Bennett and Page to Sergeant, and L./Cpls. Frost, Sewell and Theobald to Corporal. All receive our best wishes for the future, although we regret having lost Serpts. Bennett and Page and Cpl. Theobald on their transfers to other companies.

In the near future we shall have to take farewell of many old faces, who will be leaving us to join the 2nd Battalion. We have no doubt they will give a good account of themselves, and we wish them all prosperity.

At present we are packing up for our move to Catterick, where shortly after our arrival we intend to get "going" in the various sports. BEE.

"C" COMPANY.

We have not much news to offer this quarter as very little of note has happened outside the annual training. Summer months never seem to produce the same amount of sport as the winter months do. As these are now drawing in upon us, we look forward to something a bit more exciting to happen.

In our last notes it was promised to give the result of the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out Competition. After a very good and sporting game, "D" Company beat us. We have no excuse to offer as to why we lost, but the fact remains that we did, and the shield goes to "D" Company, and we collect second place points towards the Athletic Championship Shield.

We have lost the Efficiency Shield owing to its being now termed the Athletic Championship Shield.

It is supposed they got tired of us winning it year after year, and therefore gave

it a new name. We have now to recover it under its present name. That will not be an easy thing, as most of our sportsmen who have assisted us previously have left us for civil life, and the young blood of the Company is being seriously interfered with by the requirements of a draft for the 2nd Battalion this trooping season. However, we intend to put up a good fight, and will not give up until the shield is in our possession.

CORK.

"D" COMPANY.

Since our last contribution we have been very busy.

During the past two years "D" Company has not been fortunate in the sport line. This year, however, we succeeded in winning the Inter-Company Knock-out Cricket Shield. This trophy we wrested from "A" Company, who had had possession of it since the Battalion have been in Aldershot.

We beat all our opponents comfortably, largely due to the efforts of L./Sergt. Northcott in the batting line and the bowling of C.S.M. Walker, who has improved very much this year.

We were also fortunate in possessing a well-balanced team, all capable of knocking up a few runs when they were wanted. The fielding still leaves room for improvement. We hope to win it again next year.

During the coming trooping season we are sending thirty-four members of "D" Company to join the 2nd Battalion in India. Included in this draft are such notables as Pte. Le Surf (the Company speaker) and his rival, Pte. Love; also others of as much notability. In fact, when the draft has sailed, once again will "Don" Company be composed of new members.

It is also interesting to note how well "D" Company did in the recent "Casuals" Musketry Course, which took place during the early part of September. "Don" had six members firing. Out of these three were returned as marksmen, two as second class shots, and only one as a third class shot. This result does great credit to "Don's" musketry instructors, as four of these "casuals" who fired at Ash were failures at Bisley only a few months previously.

The result also backs up C.S.M. Walker's opinion of musketry that "practice makes perfect."

We are now up to our eyes in work preparing to move to our new station at Catterick Camp in Yorkshire, which takes place on October 5th.

We expect great things from our Company football team. Don.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Our next notes will be made at Catterick Camp, and as it appears that that place is, by repute, "out in the wilds," one imagines it will turn out to be "not so lively." That remains to be seen. It is hoped, however, that we will easily be able to make things "go" during our sojourn there as we used to in the days "Am Rhein." It should not be hard, and, at any rate, we have an entertainment committee that can do well, as is proved by the success of a "farewell dance" that was organized by them on September 6th at the Maida Drill Hall. The coal strike was, of course, responsible for the fact that it was not even a greater success, for owing to the necessary emergency restrictions we were not allowed to use the electric lights after midnight. With these restrictions removed, as it is hoped they will be shortly, we hope that we may be able to hold several dances at Catterick during the approaching winter with as much success and more as we have had during our three years in this Command. It is easily to be foreseen that we must make our own pleasure in the new station, or we will have little.

Sports grounds appear to be scarce at Catterick, and we are hoping strongly that this rumoured scarcity will not entail any reduction in our customary sporting activities. It is not thought, however, that we shall have any less sport than we have been accustomed to in the Aldershot Command. In fact, it is hoped that we may even have more.

A cricket match was held between the Officers and our Mess on August 30th, and although we were hopelessly outclassed we enjoyed the game immensely.

Our "arrivals and departures" have not been so considerable as during the period previous to the last publication of

the Journal. Cpls. Leggett and Stretton and L./Cpl. Harrison have gone to the Army Reserve, and we heartily wish them every success in civil life. They will not be forgotten, and we hope to see them again at some future date, despite the distance that lies between our new station and our home county.

L./Cpls. West, Thompson '23, and Mason have left us for the Depot, where we hope they will do well. At the same time we are glad to welcome back Cpls. Ecclestone and Honeybun from there on completion of their tours of duty; also Cpl. Egan and L./Cpl. Hames, who have been attached to the Depot for some months.

Congratulations to Cpls. Wallace and Theobald and to Cpls. Pinder and Knock, of the Depot, on their recent promotions; also to L./Sergt. Hannah and L./Sergt. Challis on their appointments.

We are genuinely sorry to lose R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C., on his discharge on August 14th, and sincerely wish him every possible success in his new vocation on the War Department Constabulary. A presentation of a clock was made to him by the Mess before he finally departed.

Our sincere compliments to all other Corporals' Messes in the Regiment.

L. I. P.

"DRUMS" NOTES.

At present the Drummers are—the majority of them—on annual furlough, and the remainder of them are busily packing up for our move to Catterick Camp; also, of course, doing plenty of "guards" in between times.

We intend taking our old "warrior" friend Rex with us, and trust that this will be a much more comfortable journey for him than was the last move we carried out. It is not supposed that he would welcome a similar experience to that which he went through on our move to this station from the Rhine.

We are leaving Sergt.-Dmr. Goodwin behind when we leave here so that he may complete his "plumbing" course at the Vocational Training Centre at Thornhill. He will leave us sometime in December, but we wish him every success in civilian life.

Sergt. Heath, who has returned to us for training while Sergt.-Dmr. Goodwin

is on his course, is shortly leaving for India to join the 2nd Battalion. We wish him *bon voyage*.

We are immensely pleased to see the return of our friends the Band, but, alas, they are on week-end leave already.

SNAKE CHARMER.

SIGNALS NOTES.

Manœuvres having now concluded, we have just a little time in which to write our notes before we are too late.

The section is now on leave, but will be back in a short time. On their return we commence training again in earnest, and as a new class is already formed we perceive a strenuous time before us, but we do not doubt that we shall show favourable results when classification comes.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Challis on his recent appointment, and trust that he will remain with us for some years yet.

The Football season has now come upon us again, and as soon as we are settled down at Catterick Camp we hope to find some "dark horses" among our new class.

Our recent classification was not such a success as was anticipated, but, as we said before, our next results will be more favourable.

Some startling changes have taken place recently, one being that we have lost our venerable colleague "Feathers," and another we have acquired four miles of new and brightly coloured cable. The latter has caused some annoyance, however, and it has had to be reeled on drums, and its new names have been anything but complimentary.

DOT AND DASH.

MACHINE GUN NOTES.

Now that we have finished our stay in the Aldershot Command we can look back on our last year as having been most successful.

The Battalion has achieved a reputation both in work and play second to none in the British Army, and we can honestly feel that we have contributed our "bit" towards this amazing success. The sports and cricket teams had their large share of machine gunners, and in every department we have been well represented.

In the Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting we were second in the Machine Gun Challenge Cup, out of an entry of twenty-six platoons, with a score which was 200 points higher than that of the winners last year.

We all enjoyed our trip to Netheravon to fire the A.R.A. Cup, in which we were sixth in the Army. With a bit more luck in our indirect shoot we should probably have won it, as our night practice was easily top of the Army.

Space does not permit me to go into too much, but the annual change over is at hand, and many familiar faces will disappear, a most heart-breaking affair, but one that cannot be helped.

We shall all be sorry to see the last of "Lofty" Low, who has been a well-known figure for many years, but we wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of life surrounded by those internal combustion engines which he loves so dearly.

EMMA GEE.

THE 4th BATTALION AT MONS.

IT is well known that the defence of the Mons Canal by the British Army on August 23rd, 1914, was sustained against great odds, and that the 4th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment very greatly distinguished itself in this battle.

A fact, however, which has only recently been brought to light is that two companies of the 4th Battalion maintained their position on the Canal for a period of seven and a half hours against the attack of an entire German Division.

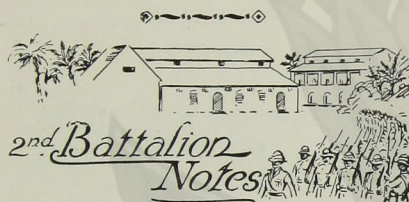
The 4th Battalion held the north-eastern face of the salient formed by the bend in the Canal to the East of Mons. Their position extended from Obourg to Nimy.

The following translation of an extract from "Der Grosse Krieg in Einzeldarstellungen—Die Schlacht bei Mons" (the German official monograph on the Battle of Mons) describes the attack of the 18th German Division against that part of the Canal which was held by the 4th Battalion.

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The IXth Army Corps approached the

The following were also present:—
 Major M. F. Grove-White, D.S.O.,
 R.E., whose father commanded 1st
 Battalion.
 Capt. G. A. Stephenson, 2nd Battalion.
 Capt. H. A. A. Howell, 2nd Battalion.
 C.S.M. A. J. Pharaoh, late 4th
 Battalion.
 Mr. G. C. Miller, late 2nd Battalion.
 Mr. F. Deason, late 3rd Battalion.
 Mr. W. Thurston, late 2nd Battalion.
 Mr. W. H. Follenfant, late 2nd
 Battalion.
 Mr. J. Schooling, late 3rd Battalion.
 Mr. F. Davis, late 3rd Battalion.
 Mr. C. Nixon, D.C.M., M.S.M., late
 3rd Battalion.
 Mr. F. C. Johnson, late 3rd Battalion.
 The following were unable to be pre-
 sent:—
 Mr. T. M. Wayte, late 2nd Battalion.
 Mr. G. Champ, New Armies Battalion.
 C.S.M. A. Preston, late 2nd Battalion.
 Mr. J. B. Carr, 11th Battalion.
 Mr. F. A. Willis, late 3rd Battalion.
 Mr. W. Williamson, late 3rd Battalion.



OFFICERS' NOTES.

CAPT. AND ADJUTANT R. N. MOORE was granted sick leave in India from April 30th, 1926, to July 21st, 1926, and proceeded to the United Kingdom on August 7th on six months' leave on medical grounds.

Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence attended a Course at the Equitation School, India, during May, 1926.

Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence was appointed Staff Captain, 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, Ahmednagar, on June 29th, 1926.

Major M. Browne, M.C., attended a Course of Physical Training at Poona, in August, 1926.

Lieut. H. P. Lambert was granted sick leave in India from March 5th, 1926, to June 18th, 1926.

Lieut. E. P. Manson, M.C., was promoted Captain, June 29th, 1926.

2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob attended a Course in Transport Duties at Poona during July and August, 1926.

Capt. J. R. Thorp was attached to Poona District Headquarters for duty during the following periods:—May 20th, 1926, to June 13th, 1926, and June 17th, 1926, to July 3rd, 1926.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The following is an extract from the *Times of India*, dated Monday, August 23rd, 1926.

DIEHARDS WIN.

GYMKHANA'S GOOD FIGHT AGAINST MIDDLESEX.

A huge crowd turned up at the Cooperage on Saturday to witness the second round of the Rovers Cup match between the Bombay Gymkhana and the Middlesex, the holders, and though the game was not so thrilling as some of those played during the earlier part of the week, some very good football was seen. The Middlesex eventually won by four goals to two, but they required extra time to do it. They were the better team, though they did not touch the form they showed last year when they won the trophy. The Gymkhana surprised the crowd by the stern resistance they put up, but training told in the end, and they did not last so well as the Middlesex. Ogden stood out as the best back on the field and played a great game, in fact, all the members of the Gymkhana defence did well. The three halves were good, with Alexander the best, and Reid played his game of the season. The local forwards were poor and generally ineffective. The Middlesex showed good combination, keeping the ball on the ground, and their passing was accurate. Capel was a good centre-half and Palmer a good back.

MIDDIES GET GOING.

Lincoln was the first to handle, but the Gymkhana came again, Innes making ground on the left, but his centre was cleared by Palmer. Then Kermack dallied in shooting and Etherington got offside. The "Middies" then got going, a neat movement being started by Capel, and Nichol had to come out and gather

the ball to clear. Neighbour and Bradley had a tussle and Alexander pulled up the "Middies" right wing neatly.

The Gymkhana were playing well in the defence, but their forwards were well held by the soldiers' defenders, among whom Capel and Palmer were good. Their forwards were fast and clever, and played go-ahead football. From a centre from the left wing, Nichol gathered the ball, but lost possession. Irvine was on the spot and cleared. A corner was forced, but this gave the Gymkhana no trouble, Terry clearing with a good kick to his left winger, who, however, was stopped by Neighbour. Terry and Bugden got "tied up" and a free kick was given against the Gymkhana. Etherington put behind and at the next Middlesex attack Ogden was noticeable with some good tackling. Budd tried a shot, but found Nichol at home, and though the ball was crossed in front of the Gymkhana goal three times, it was not forced in.

MIDDLESEX DRAW BLOOD.

A good movement brought the Middlesex their first goal, the ball being crossed to Glew who, though tackled by Alexander, managed to force the ball over the line. A second followed soon after, this being the result of a good solo effort by Bugden, who beat Terry for possession and went on to drive the ball into the net as Nichol came out to meet him. Near the interval, Ogden again did some good work, and at half-time the Middlesex held a two-goal lead.

The Middlesex started well on the resumption, and Nichol had to gather the ball and boot upfield. Hewitt was kicked in the stomach and hurt for a few minutes, but he carried on. For a time, play hung along the touchline and it was not as fast as in the first half. The Gymkhana got going and Innes from far out on the left wing tried a shot from a difficult angle and to the surprise of the crowd the ball found its way into the net past Lincoln.

Away went the Middlesex after this, and Hewitt gave Glew an opportunity, but the inside-right shot wide. They forced two corners, but "hands" brought relief and the Gymkhana raided the "Die-hards" area, but Arnold found

touch. The Gymkhana forced a corner which was well placed by Etherington, and Innes dropped the ball into the goal-mouth, but the defence prevailed. Innes again led a left-wing raid, but the "Middies" cleared and then they set up a period of pressure on the Gymkhana goal. Training was now telling, and the Gymkhana were kept in their own half for a bit. Capel tried a shot which went over, and Bugden was tackled only just in time. Budd dropped in a long, high shot which Nichol missed in trying to punch out, but fortunately for the Gymkhana the ball hit his body and went clear. In the last minute, the Gym. had a final effort and Innes dropped the ball from the left wing into the net over the head of Lincoln, bringing the scores level amid great cheers.

EXTRA TIME.

At the end of the allotted period, the teams crossed over for the extra time. Within five minutes of the start of this, the "Die-hards" were two goals up. Ogden stopped a left-wing advance and Nichol cleared another attack, but the "Middies" came again and Bacon drove the ball into the net. Straight from the kick-off the holders attacked again and Bugden headed behind, while Budd sent just over. Still keeping up the attack, Glew got a chance and he made the most of it, putting the ball past Nichol for the fourth time, and the Middlesex crossed over for the final ten minutes with a two-goal lead. In this period the Gymkhana had shot their bolt and the Middlesex had no difficulty in keeping their lead. Bugden had three shots at Nichol in rapid succession and the Gymkhana goalie made two brilliant saves, but the final whistle found the Gymkhana two goals down.

Result: Middlesex, 4; Bombay Gymkhana, 2.

Teams:—

Middlesex.—Lincoln; Arnold, Palmer; Neighbour, Capel, Mackie; Hewitt, Glew, Bugden, Budd, Bacon.

Bombay Gymkhana.—Nichol; Ogden, Terry; Irvine, Reid, Alexander; Etherington, Groundwater, Kermack, Bradley, Innes.

Referee: A. D. Lowe.

BOXING NOTES.

During July a most successful Novices' Tournament was held, which attracted the magnificent total of 110 entries. The boxing, in consequence, had to be spread over five days, and during that time some very promising young boxers were discovered, who should do well with more experience and training. The tournament was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, July 24th, when, as was to be expected, the best fighting of the meeting took place. It would be a lengthy business to describe all the contests, as there were so many. Suffice it to say, therefore, that every fight was fought cleanly and to a finish, and in many cases the referee and judges had quite a difficult task to decide on the winners. The last fight of the tournament—the Class "A" Feather-weight Final—provided a fitting end to a successful show. The contestants were L./Sergt. Hall ("A" Coy.) and Pte. Butler ("H.Q." Wing). Without doubt, it was the finest fight of the meeting, and it would be impossible, for those who saw it, to witness a more magnificent display of grit and determination. Butler eventually won on points. Both, and especially the loser, received a tremendous ovation from the audience on leaving the ring.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer who, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Committee for the work they had done in organizing the tournament, and said that he hoped he would see even more enter for the next tournament.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

CLASS "A."

Fly-weights.—Pte. Fordham ("B" Coy.).

Bantam-weights.—Pte. Berks ("C" Coy.).

Feather-weights.—Pte. Butler ("H.Q." Wing); Runner-up, L./Sergt. Hall ("A" Coy.).

Light-weights.—Cpl. Readings ("B" Coy.); Runner-up, Pte. Ball ("D" Coy.).

Welter-weights.—Pte. Baker ("D" Coy.); Runner-up, Cpl. Johnson ("H.Q." Wing).

Middle-weights.—Pte. Hornett ("A" Coy.); Runner-up, L./Cpl. Jones ("H.Q." Wing).

Light Heavy-weights.—Pte. Higgs ("D" Coy.).

CLASS "B."

Fly-weights.—L./Cpl. Jeffrey ("H.Q." Wing).

Bantam-weights.—Pte. Slate ("B" Coy.).

Feather-weights.—Pte. Trayhorne ("D" Coy.).

Light-weights.—Pte. Tear ("D" Coy.).

Welter-weights.—Pte. Spicer ("A" Coy.).

Middle-weights.—Pte. Brown ("A" Coy.).

The points obtained by Companies towards the "Scissors" Challenge Cup were as follows:—"A" Coy., 83; "B" Coy., 59; "C" Coy., 121; "D" Coy., 69; "H.Q." Wing, 43.

"C" Company are to be heartily congratulated on establishing such a long lead over the remaining Companies, and they were, perhaps, a trifle unfortunate in not having more prize-winners.

Another Novices' Tournament is due to take place at the end of September, and it is sincerely hoped that the next one will receive as much support as the last, if not more.

The officials in the last tournament were as follows:—

Referees.—Capt. E. Byers, 1/2nd Punjab Regt., and Lieut. F. Walden.

Judges.—Bt. Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., Capt. V. J. Garrow, Lieut. H. P. Lambert, 2/Lieuts. N. G. Gilbert and C. M. Baldwin.

Timekeepers.—Lieuts. S. J. Clark and R. T. Douthet.

M.C.—R.S.M. S. A. Cox.

CRICKET.

The Company Cricket League for 1926 is now an accomplished fact, in spite of the long stay of the monsoon.

The game has undoubtedly been taken seriously. The outstanding feature is the vast improvement in both batting and fielding, which is brought out by the fact that, whereas last season only required half a day for a match, this season had two afternoons for each match and then only on one or two occasions have two innings per team been completed. It has not been a case of "sitting on the spile," as the Company scores prove. The

average per innings is well above 100. The highest score in any one innings belongs to "D," with 240.

The final positions in the league are as follows:—

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
"H.Q." ...	4	4	0	8
"D" ...	4	2	2	4
"A" ...	4	2	2	4
"B" ...	4	2	2	4
"C" ...	4	0	4	0

From the above it will be noticed that "H.Q." (who only find one team this year as an experiment) win the league, which carries with it the cup and silver medals. Great credit in this excellent performance must be given to Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, whose good captaincy, combined with his good example in the way to make runs, must have gone a long way towards encouraging his team. The second place was tied for by "D," "A" and "B" Companies. "B" were a hard-working team, but not visited by luck very often, while "D" were lucky to win one of their matches and unlucky to lose another. "A" were, as usual, a well-balanced side, C.S.M. Siddons being no doubt the backbone. "C," not having won a match, finish last. Rather than sympathize with them, one must give them credit, for, in spite of losing match after match, they still came up for more and tried hard to gain points. Their match with "B" was touch-and-go until the last, and it was a pleasant change to see "C" leading on the first innings. Next season will no doubt see an improvement in this team, as Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., takes great interest in the game.

The most exciting match of the league was "D" v. "H.Q." Thrills were numerous. First "D" were disposed of (for them a moderate score) for 90. Then another shell exploded, "H.Q." being "shot out" for a poor show of 47. Capt. Whinney and Pte. Trendall were responsible for this, for, while the former kept the score down by good length bowling, the latter helped himself to the wickets; his average for the innings being 7 for 17. Most of us thought that this was the end, but it was not so. "D's" second attempt at batting only produced 31 runs, which left "H.Q." 75 to get with 90 minutes' play. "D" Company's poor score was due to the fact that Kemp (6 for 12) and

Pte. Edwards (3 for 4) proved that they could "send over the goods" when occasion demanded. "H.Q.'s" effort to get 75 provided many ups and downs, Pte. Butterfield being sent back for 0 was the first "down," but the arrival of Palmer, who promptly pushed a couple of deliveries over the boundary, caused hopes to rise. He went out to a rising ball when 16, but caught it low down on the bat. The very difficult chance was held by "D" Company's cover and so down went hopes again. Anyway, the next three batsmen were not to be denied, and the required number of runs was got with 12 minutes to spare.

Individual batting and bowling averages form interesting reading. They are only taken from matches of importance. Such matches as Inter-Platoon friendlies are not included. The best in each department to date are:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	not out.	Times.	H't.	Aver.
C.S.M. Siddons ...	11	401	4	118		65.8
Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer ...	13	652	3	102		65.2
Pte. Worger ...	4	129	0	53		32.25
Capt. Whinney ...	9	235	0	101		26.1
Pte. Trendall ...	8	180	0	81		22.5

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
C.S.M. Siddons ...	104	25	211	38	5.5
Pte. Roberts, '07 ...	117	32	233	36	6.4
L./Cpl. Kemp ...	68	7	150	24	6.5
L./Cpl. Addinall ...	97	32	166	24	6.9
Pte. Edwards ...	63	9	175	24	7.2
Pte. Trendall ...	83	19	215	29	7.4

An effort is being made to get off a quadrangular tournament; teams of officers, sergeants, corporals and privates taking part. This should turn out very interesting and even be reported on in the next issue of the journal.

A match was played against the Royal Tank Corps on August 21st, which we won by six wickets. For the Royal Tank Corps, L./Cpl. Audely scored 63 not out and Lieut. Tidcombe, R.A., 30. For the Regiment, L./Cpl. Welsh scored 56 not out, C.S.M. Siddons 38, Pte. Worger 19, and Capt. Whinney 17 not out. Time was an important factor, and the deciding run was scored by Capt. Whinney with the last ball of the over.

MATCH v. 1ST Q.O. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

On August 4th, the cricket team went over to Poona to play the Royal West Kent Regiment, and 2 officers and 100

N.C.Os, and men were kindly invited as guests until the following Saturday. The match was to be played on the 5th and 6th, but many doubts were expressed as to the weather, which had been very uncertain with several heavy showers during the previous two weeks. As luck would have it, the pessimists won, as, after a very enjoyable day's cricket on the 5th, the rain put a stop to the match.

We lost the toss and Major Hardy opened the West Kent's innings with Pte. Johnson to the bowling of Capt. Whinney and L./Cpl. Addinall. Major Hardy compiled 42 before being caught out by Milehand off Addinall. The only others to reach double figures were Capt. Kerr (15), L./Cpl. Hayward (15), and Cpl. Peacock (11); the innings closing at 124.

We replied with 107—Capt. Whinney (34) and C.S.M. Siddons (45) alone being able to cope with the bowling.

In the second innings, C.S.M. Siddons, who had not bowled in their first innings, was the chief factor in upsetting our opponents, taking 3 wickets for 11 runs. Capt. Whinney took 2 for 23, and Kemp 2 for 18.

At the close of play our opponents had made 96 with two wickets in hand, and so the draw was distinctly in our favour, as Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer would probably have made a very different score on his second appearance at the wicket.

The following are the scores:—

ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.	
1st Innings.	
Major Hardy, c Milehand b Addinall	42
Pte. Johnson, c Lincoln b Whinney	5
Capt. Kerr, c Wilson b Kemp	15
Lieut. Howlett, c Lincoln b Kemp	9
L./Sergt. Davis, b Addinall	0
Pte. Cannacott, b Kemp	8
L./Cpl. Hayward, b Kemp	15
Bdsn. Adams, b Kemp	0
Pte. Last, c Lincoln b Kemp	4
Lieut. Craven, not out	7
Cpl. Peacock, c Lincoln b Kemp	11
Extras	8
Total	124
2nd Innings.	
Major Hardy, c Milehand b Whinney	9
Lieut. Hayward, not out	18
Capt. Kerr, c Worger b Whinney	9
Lieut. Howlett, b Siddons	8
L./Sergt. Davis, c Whinney b Kemp	15
Pte. Cannacott, b Siddons	1
Pte. Johnson, b Siddons	0
Bdsn. Adams, c Lincoln b Kemp	4

Pte. Last, c Wilson b Palmer	15
Lieut. Craven, not out	10
Extras	8
Total (8 wks.)	97
Cpl. Peacock did not bat.	

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

1st Innings.	
L./Cpl. Welsh, c Cannacott b Howlett	5
Pte. Butterfield, b Davis	3
Sergt. Wilson, c Johnson b Howlett	3
Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, b Davis	5
Pte. Lincoln, c Cannacott b Davis	0
C.S.M. Siddons, c Kerr b Adams	9
Capt. Whinney, b Adams	45
L./Cpl. Kemp, b Howlett	34
Bdsn. Milehand, b Adams	1
Pte. Worger, not out	1
L./Cpl. Addinall, c Kerr b Adams	0
Extras	4
Total	107

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Again another quarter has rolled round and another attempt at journalism has to be essayed. Though not well versed in the art and wiles of a Gibbs or an Ashmead-Bartlett, yet we ask for no sympathy and express no regret.

In the gentle art of boxing we have to record great progress, for, in the recent "Scissors" Cup Tournament, we were well represented in winners and runners-up. Cpl. Readings and L./Cpl. Jeffrey won their weights. Cpl. Johnson and L./Cpl. Jones were runners-up, while L./Cpls. Lane and Smith were awarded good losers' prizes for the creditable performances they put up. We are now awaiting the advent of the championship events, when General Cook and others will come to the fore and prove their sterling qualities as exponents of this noble art.

Since our last issue, we have lost old members in Cpls. Wood, Patterson and O'Neill, who are now Staff-Sergeant-Instructors with the Auxiliary Force Units in India. We wish them the best of luck in their new spheres of labour.

We have to welcome to our midst L./Cpl. Buckle, of 3rd Battalion fame, who has recently transferred to us from the Royal Sussex Regiment.

The new tennis court is now in full swing, but we would like to see more members patronizing this great game. Though not possessing the luxuries of a Wimbledon, we can promise them comfort, refreshment and a good game.

A rumour is prevalent that we are developing the Royal Army Temperance Association spirit. Though prohibition has not yet reached this ancient den, we are given to understand that the Post Office "Babu" is working overtime and that a number of our members were gathered together recently, invoking displeasure on all those who imbibe too freely of nectar. Does this mean that some are going home and the others going dry?

Certain of our members have risen in rank, others have received remuneration for the extra weight on their sleeves. To all we offer our congratulations.

We have also to wish good-bye to those who are leaving us this "Trooper" for better climes. We wish them all the best of luck for their future welfare in civilian life, and trust that when 'mid their jollification and merriment they will sometimes give a kind thought for those who are "serving on" in the land of forgotten heroes (?).

Battalion and Brigade camps are in the offing and in our next issue we shall relate our troubles and woes while plodding across India's rugged features.

Till then, *au revoir*.

I. U. M.

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

Since we last wrote our notes for the journal, our hopes have been fully realized. We have won the Inter-Company Football League for 1926. We never lost a game throughout the league, scored 33 goals, and in the eight games played had only 5 goals scored against us.

It is a very creditable record, as many of the games were very hard ones, and we congratulate all members of the team on their excellent play.

It would be hard to pick out any member of the team for special mention, but it is felt that all will agree that a large share of the praise should go to Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, who, besides being a tower of strength, never failed to offer advice where it was needed, and encouragement when it was called for.

The cricket season has been in full swing, and the "H.Q." Wing team, after several hard matches, met "D" Company in the last game of the league. A

close and exciting game resulted in a victory for us.

Cricket brings out all the best sporting instincts in us all, and it has been a real pleasure to watch all the games. It is to be much regretted that the same spirit is not always displayed at football and hockey. It is a significant fact that the bad spirit sometimes apparent at these games nearly always comes from the onlookers and not from the players themselves.

As the trooping season draws near, our hearts and our minds turn to our own land and we begin to realize that we are losing many well-known faces in the "H.Q." Wing. Many members of our various teams will be leaving us, and we shall find it hard to replace them.

In the region of training, also, we shall undoubtedly feel the loss of some who have been largely responsible for the efficiency of the technical training in the "H.Q." Wing.

Last, but not least, we view with gloom the departure of C.Q.M.S. Smith to the Home Establishment.

Although we consider that many of those leaving us would be better advised to continue with the Colours, we can fully understand that the attraction of their own homes, whether in the streets of dear old London or in the lanes and winding paths of some hamlet or country village, is far greater than the lure of the East even as depicted by Rudyard Kipling.

We cannot but envy them, but, at the same time, we wish them every possible success at home, and feel sure that, when they resume work in civil life, they will not be found wanting.

In conclusion we would like to offer an explanation as to why we are comparatively happy in this sun-dried country. We think it is because in some mysterious way a regiment in India is rather like one of our British ships in some distant ocean. It is, so to speak, a part of our own country, planted temporarily in a foreign land, and so we feel that so long as we are with our own Battalion we are not cut off from our Mother land.

"A" COMPANY.

Here we are again with our same tale of woe and despair, "When are we going

to move from Nagar?" or "When is the Battalion going home?" These are questions now predominant in all minds, from the humble sweeper to the aristocratic regimental contractor.

Since our last collection of notes, nay, rather, our somewhat belated attempt at journalism, we have spent a peaceful sojourn.

The Company was, for the last few months, split up, a detachment being on duty at the Fort. This is considered a "cushy" task, but what with guards, sand-models, whitewash, red-ochre and other odds and ends, it was found to be otherwise.

While there, one of our brainy members considered taking a heavy stone roller over a suspension bridge was great fun. It may be noted that he was also a member of the C.B. gang.

In the Novices' Tournament (Boxing) for the "Scissors" Cup which was recently held, the Company came a good second. With a total of 83 points towards the winning post, maybe we shall prove to be the winners. The Company had four medal winners.

The Battalion Cricket League has just drawn to a close and the Company was rather less fortunate than in former years, sharing second place with "B" and "D." Now that all our talent in this noble sport is on the eve of departure to better climes, we shall have to look to our laurels to keep up the traditions and reputations of the Company.

The Company congratulate those who have recently obtained their 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of Education. We are now becoming a very brainy Company indeed. We must also congratulate "Mac" on passing his Cookery Course at Poona with a V.G.

Now that the first "Trooper" is well nigh due, we are about to lose familiar faces who are leaving us never to return. Our chief loss will be that of our C.S.M., who, after a long period of meritorious service with the Battalion, has now decided to leave for civilian life. As a soldier and sportsman we shall greatly deplore his departure and the good wishes of every one in the Company will go with him into civilian life. Under his able guidance and persistence, we were Champion Company again last year. His

personality and devotion to his Company were instrumental in all our successes and with such sterling qualities we have no fear for his future.

In the field of sport, other stalwarts are leaving for other fields of glory. Their names are too numerous to mention.

Many old members of the Company are also due to leave, making this "Trooper" one of regrets on all sides.

The Company offer one and all their very best wishes for their future welfare in civilian life and trust that all will be fortunate in obtaining employment soon after their entry into civil life.

I. U. M.

"B" COMPANY.

Since writing our last notes, sport has been in full swing, but the Company has not done so well as we expected.

In the Cricket League the Company tied for second place with "A" and "D" Companies, although we were favourites for the league.

Much was expected from Sergt. Wilson's bowling, but he turned out rather a failure with the ball, so took wicket instead and made quite a useful show at that and with the bat.

The best batting averages in the Company were those of Sergt. Wilson, Pte. Lincoln and L./Cpl. Welsh; and bowling, Pte. Lincoln, Capt. Garrow and 2/Lieut. Gilbert.

In the Battalion Inter-Platoon Knock-out Tournament, No. 8 Platoon again reached the semi-final, but was beaten by a much weaker team in No. 16 Platoon, of "D" Company.

Bats have been presented to the under-mentioned for making 50 in an innings during Company games, and the Company congratulate the recipients: Sergt. Wilson and Pte. Lincoln.

L./Cpl. Welsh received one from the Battalion for making 50 in an innings against the Gymkhana Club.

In addition, our O.C., Capt. and Bt. Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., very kindly put up a bat, and this was won by Sergt. Wilson, who made 50 in each innings against "C" Company, a very creditable performance.

In the Inter-Platoon games within the Company for the Platoon Shield, No. 8 stand a very good chance of buying the Goddards again this year. They have a clear lead over the other Platoons by 10 points and there is only hockey left to be played. (I fancy I can hear Sergt. Sperry at the Depot saying, "There you are. My old platoon; see how I have brought 'em out!")

The Battalion Novices' Boxing took place in July and this year it has been run on better principles, there being two classes of novices, i.e., "A" for those who have been in the ring before, and "B" for those who have not. This gave the raw ones a chance among themselves and some promising lads were found in the Company, although it is a pity we cannot get more entries.

In Class "A" we had two winners in Pte. Fordham (Fly-weight) and Cpl. Readings (Light-weight).

Fordham leaves us this year for the Army Reserve and has registered with the Association for a job as a groom, but I expect he will be taking on all comers at The Ring, Blackfriars, or be on show at Mons. Marcel's hairdressing establishment, showing the permanent wave. Cpl. Readings remains with us and will be a big help to us in the Battalion Championships.

In his first fight he was rather nervous, but improved with every fight afterwards, and concluded by putting his man out in the second round in the final, after a very clean exhibition.

In this class, Pte. Batchelor receives a good loser's prize for his splendid show against Pte. Ball, "D" Company. The fight was one of good hard hitting from start to finish.

Class "B" found quite a useful boxer in Pte. Slate, a newcomer from the Black Watch, who gave quite a masterly show, winning his weight with ease. He put his man out in the final with a nasty hit under the heart.

We do not stand much chance of winning the "Scissors" Cup, but we hope to have a team for the Battalion Championships that will bring a few belts to the Company.

In conclusion, we wish all those returning to the United Kingdom during the trooping season the best of luck in

civil life, and congratulate C.S.M. Burns on being presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

BEER KOI.

"C" COMPANY.

The first of two Novices' Boxing Competitions has just been held, and the Company put up a very good show, gaining a lead of 38 points towards the "Scissors" Cup. We are looking forward to the deciding competition, which takes place some time in October, and hope to carry off the cup by a fair margin of points. Our competitors put up a jolly good show and we must say that we congratulate them.

Very keen competition is being shown by Platoons in the various games that are being played for possession of the Inter-Platoon Athletic Shield. No. 10 Platoon, who have won it for three years, are leading at present with 45 points, followed closely by No. 12 Platoon with 40 points. We have not played the Inter-Platoon basket ball or the hockey up to the present, so the final result will have to be held over until the next issue of the journal.

We are looking forward to some very keen shooting this year, as we have an average of 84 points to beat. You will probably hear more about Company averages in other columns of this issue.

Our officers have also presented us with a very nice and original shooting trophy, to be competed for by Platoons. The Platoon with the best combined average at the end of the musketry year is to hold it for twelve months. We wonder what No. 10 Platoon will do in this respect?

We are afraid that we did not shine very brightly in the Inter-Company Cricket League, but we hope to do better next time; in any case, we thoroughly enjoyed the games. Capt. J. R. Thorp has left us again for Poona District Headquarters, and we understand that he is away for two months. In his absence, Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., is in command of the Company. We congratulate him on his promotion to Captain and wish him the best of luck during his future career. Sergt. Draper has left us for the A.F.I. and we wish him all he wishes himself.

Sergts. Mason and Tiller have joined us from other Companies and are at present on leave in the United Kingdom. Some people are born lucky.

An old member of the 3rd Battalion (namely, Buckle) has joined us from the Royal Sussex Regiment, and we welcome him back.

Members of the old disbanded battalions are gradually creeping back. Let 'em all come.

"D" COMPANY.

Since our last contributions to this



"C" COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, NOVICES BOXING TEAM.

column, quite a number of events have taken place.

During the first three weeks of Individual Training, the Company was isolated owing to an outbreak of scarletina. However, with large doses of B.T. combined with S.A.T., we managed to scare it away. As we could not visit the canteen, the N.C.Os. kindly acted in the capacity of "char-wallahs," and proved themselves efficient business men, especially those who sold the tea.

We did not do so well in the Company Football League as we expected, only

winning one match out of four in the second half, which meant that we finished up with third place.

We did better in the Cricket League, sharing second place with "A" and "B" Companies. We won two matches out of four, beating "A" Company for the first time in five seasons. Capt. Whinney made a fine stand on this occasion, scoring 101 runs. His score was only 60 when the last man went in, but Pte. Buckle ably held his end until the century was reached. We congratulate them both on their fine performance.

We have just finished our annual

Musketry Course (Table "R"), and being brimful of musketry, the shooting was of a high standard. We have 14 marksmen in the Company, Cpl. Gwinnett gaining the distinction of Company Shot with a score of 115.

We shone well in the recent Novices' Boxing Tournament, Ptes. Baker, Tray-horne and Tear winning their weights.

We have not managed to gain top place at anything so far, but as we are always well placed, we hope to reach that exalted position next year.

"DECOY."

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

Once more we are going to bore our readers with a few lines about our worthy selves. We are all glad to welcome Lieut. Overell back to the Platoon after his illness. Lieut. Wray, D.S.O., who has been attached to us, is at present on the Second Qualifying Course at the Machine Gun School.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Fisher on being promoted to Corporal. The new Section is getting along very well, but has not yet produced that spirit which our Platoon Sergeant (Sergt. Hewitt) is always talking about.

Since our last notes, the Platoon Cricket Knock-out has been played, and the Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament has been held. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections were drawn against each other, which resulted in a win for the senior Section, who were knocked out by the Drums and Employed. In the boxing we had eight entrants:—

CLASS "A."—*Feather-weight*, Sergt. Hewitt; *Light-weights*, Ptes. Davis and Marshall; *Welter-weight*, Cpl. Johnson; *Middle-weights*, L./Cpls. Young and Jones.

CLASS "B."—*Feather-weight*, Pte. May; *Light-weight*, Pte. Bonfield.

Unfortunately, nobody turned out a winner, although we secured a runner-up in Cpl. Johnson and a "good loser" in Pte. Davis, but we hope to do better in the forthcoming Open Tournament.

We shall be pleased to see the return of Sergt. Palmer ("Pop"), who has been on leave to the United Kingdom. We hear that he is attached to the 1st Battalion.

CONDENSOR BAG.

SIGNALS.

We have very little to report this quarter in the way of sport except that we have sent a representative with the Battalion football team to help carry back the "Rovers" Cup.

While we welcome back Cpl. Denchfield after his long spell in hospital, there seems every likelihood of us losing him again through medical unfitness, in the event of which we wish him every success after his discharge from the service.

We hear that Lieut. Heywood is making the most of his furlough in "Blighty," and we trust that he continues to enjoy same and we wish him a safe and pleasant voyage back.

We wish Lieut. Clark and L./Cpl. Gray every success at the conclusion of their forthcoming Instructor's Course at Poona, even to the extent of a "D."

"ESSES-ESSES."

BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes, events have been happening thick and fast, the most outstanding being the departure of Cpl. Berry for the Indian Army Ordnance Corps at Quetta, where he is now doing duty as a Sergeant. (Congrats.) We have also to congratulate L./Cpls. Jennings and Souch on their recent appointment as such.

In the sports line I think we can afford to say we are at least holding our own, the Band generally managing to tear up all comers on our beloved "Keeta." For "H.Q." Wing, L./Cpl. Kemp and Bdsn. Milehand both distinguished themselves by winning bats, whilst L./Cpl. Kemp had the glorious bowling analysis of 7 for 41 against the Royal West Kents recently at Poona. Our boys have also had their share of cricket lately, for, besides playing for the Band very often, on August 18th ten boys, under the captaincy and care of Capt. Whinney, M.C., and the Bandmaster, played a Battalion team. Not only did they play, but some of them put up quite a good performance, Boys Thompson and Gilbert contributing 28 and 23 respectively, whilst Broadbridge and George Robey also showed good form.

The Band is at present undergoing their annual Stretcher-bearing Refresher and are otherwise having a busy time with late dances, etc.

We are due to lose yet two more of our number this trooping season who will be a great loss in every respect. "Good luck to 'em."

"SH-H-H."

DRUM NOTES.

Since our last notes we have nothing to quote on our sports items. We congratulate Dmr. Dockree and Dmr. Pugh on their performance in the Battalion

Boxing Tournament, both having hard luck by meeting good men in the second series. We wish them better luck next time.

Our noted "Cyclopædia," Cpl. Donaldson, has been found by the Battalion as possessing wonderful talent, so he has been sent on an Education Course. We all wish him success.

We feel rather proud to think that we have two members in the Regimental football team, in our Sergeant-Drummer and Dmr. Bugden, who have gone away to play in the "Rovers" Cup.

We hope they retain the cup for the third year.

"QUIT IT, KID!!"

A Musical Play in Two Acts, by
Lieut. S. J. Clark.

Presented by "The Pothooks" at the
Regimental Theatre, East Ridge, on
July 12th, 13th and 14th, 1926.

CHARACTERS (in the order of their appearance).
SAM SHOTAWAY } Of Shotaway & Green,
HILARY GREEN } Solicitors.

2/Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm

L./Cpl. W. Smith

JOSEPH WIGGINS (their office boy)—

C.S.M. J. Hart

CLARE DOUGLAS (their typist).....Mrs. Floyd

DICK BARCLAY (a stockbroker)—

C.S.M. H. G. Rand

SUSAN SHOTAWAY (Sam's wife).....L./Cpl. C. Moss

OLIVE TRENT (Dick's fiancée).....Mrs. Rand

BERTRAM BOLSOVER (his uncle).....Lieut. S. J. Clark

SADIE SAMSON (of California, U.S.A.)—

Pte. F. Higgins

ENRICO (a waiter).....Pte. S. Sweeting

WATSON (a lunatic).....L./Cpl. J. Lane

Sam Shotaway and Hilary Green are a pair of sporting lawyers who take life as it comes and avoid as much work as possible. Imagine their disgust, therefore, when their friend, Dick Barclay, bursts in upon them with the news that he requires their professional assistance. Apparently the trouble is that his uncle, Bertram Bolsover, is returning from California, after "striking it rich in oil," bringing with him an American lady of doubtful age and appearance, to whom he proposes to marry Dick, who all the time is engaged to the charming Olive Trent. The lawyers' great brains get to work and decide that Joseph Wiggins must captivate Sadie, the American, while

Olive lurks in the background until the time is ripe for her to be presented to Uncle Bertram. The lawyers' plans are unconsciously helped by Sam's elderly but flighty wife, to whose wiles the susceptible Bolsover falls an easy victim. Sam catches the guilty pair in the act of a mild flirtation, or vulgar intrigue, as the case may be, and threatens to drag their names through the mire of the divorce court, and to send their photos to the *News of the World* unless Bolsover consents to the marriage of Dick and Olive. The old man reluctantly agrees, and the young couple are left free to wed, subject to the making up of the quarrel such as usually befalls the lovers of musical comedy.

Since the usual performers appeared in the usual type of part, it is unnecessary to say much about them except that they all "put it over" with their usual success, especially L./Cpl. Moss, who had more scope than usual. Pte. Higgins, who was called upon to play the part of a woman, and an American at that, was very good, and Pte. Sweeting was the ideal waiter. Mrs. Floyd has greatly improved since her last appearance, while Mrs. Rand, a newcomer, made a big success in the part of Olive Trent, and is our best leading lady up to date. L./Cpl. Smith, making his first appearance in a speaking part, acted very well, and last but by no means least L./Cpl. Lane as the hotel keeper, who had gone mad after "spending four long, weary years in Ahmednagar," caused considerable amusement.

The Band contributed their usual valuable assistance, directed as before by Bandmaster Clibbens, A.R.C.M., who scored two of the songs direct from gramophone records and the remainder from the piano copies, with the exception of three similarly scored by Sergt.-Major Rand. The most successful songs were "Hurrah for the rolling sea" (Hart), "If you only knew" (Rand), "Tommy, won't you teach me the way to Tango?" (Chisholm), "The gipsy warned me" (Moss), "The dear old days" (Clark), and "Door of my dreams" (C.S.M. and Mrs. Rand).

C.Q.M.S. Smith, with his accustomed energy, ran the business side of the show, with the result that over Rs900 were taken,

the profits of which will go to the B.S.H., in aid of which the show was given. Sergt. Thomson arranged the lighting, but in view of the unsatisfactory state of the electric light installation in the Regimental Cinema, the precaution, fortunately unnecessary, of having Pte. Porter, the "H.Q." lampman, with two kitson lamps in readiness, was taken. Pte. Yule was the stage manager, and he was assisted by Cpl. Wilson and Ptes. Budd and Squires. L./Cpl. May and his pioneers acted as scene shifters. The play was produced by 2/Lieut. Chisholm.

THE PASSING OF AN OLD DIE-HARD.

(From "New Zealand Times.")

ONE of the members of the old Fifty-seventh Regiment, Mr. John Fitzgerald, has died in Palmerston North at the age of 91. He was a native of Cahir, Tipperary, and joined the Army when 17 years old, and travelled with the regiment to Malta, Aden, and India. In January, 1861, the "Die-hards" came to New Zealand to take part in the Maori Wars. In succeeding years Mr. Fitzgerald served in Taranaki under Generals Pratt, Cameron, and Schute. In 1866 the regiment was transferred to the Waikato. Mr. Fitzgerald later obtained his discharge and returned to Wanganui. When hostilities broke out again he joined the militia, and was one of the force under Colonel Whitmore, which defeated the Maoris at the Wereroa Redoubt. Afterwards he resided in Hawke's Bay and Taranaki, and came to Palmerston North 34 years ago. His wife died 13 years ago. He is survived by seven daughters and three sons.

SOME REGIMENTAL MEMORIALS.

COPY of inscription on grave (vault) in the old cemetery, Cheltenham, to General James Allan, for eighteen years Lieut.-Colonel of the 57th Regiment.

"Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of Major-General James Allan, C.B., Colonel of the 50th Regiment, who departed this life February the 17th, 1853, in the 76th year of his age."

James Allan received his first commission as Ensign in Capt. Cockle's Independent Company in 1794.

In 1795 he was promoted Lieutenant in the 94th Regiment (then known as the Scots Brigade) and served in it with great distinction until its disbandment in 1818.

He was with the Regiment at Gibraltar and the Cape of Good Hope from 1795 to 1798. In 1799 he was appointed Adjutant of the Regiment, and served with it in the Mysore War, being present at the battles of Mallivelly and Stockadee and the storming of Seringapatam. He commanded a detachment of the Regiment at Vellore, and the flank companies at the capture of Tranquebar in the second Polygar War. In 1803 he was invalided to England, but later rejoining the 94th was present with it at the reduction of the Cape of Good Hope in 1805. He served with the Regiment in the Peninsular campaign, being present at Corunna, Valladolid, Albuhera, Salamanca and Toulouse. In 1814 he was promoted Brevet Lieut.-Colonel and awarded the C.B. The 94th Regiment being disbanded in 1818, he was placed on half-pay, but rejoined the Regiment when it was re-established in 1823.

In 1828 he was appointed Lieut.-Colonel to command the 57th Regiment and joined it in New South Wales, where it was then stationed, proceeding with it to India in 1830.

During a great part of the sixteen years in which the Regiment remained in India, he was on staff employ, and for some time commanded in the provinces of Malabar and Canara—as Brigadier-General.

He was promoted Major-General in 1846 and in 1852 was appointed Colonel of the 50th Regiment, but died the following year. General Allan had as well as the C.B. received the medal for Seringapatam, the gold medal for Toulouse, and the reward for meritorious service.

Whilst he commanded the 57th in India two of his sons served in the Regiment with him. One of these, Andrew Allan, was for a time his father's adjutant, the other, Thomas, died while

quite a young man, when serving with the Regiment in India.

Copy of inscription on memorial tablet in the Lady Chapel of Christchurch Priory, Hants, to Major John Peter Nelley, 77th Regiment.

"To the memory of John Peter Nelley, A.M., of Trinity College, Dublin, late Major of H.M. 77th Regiment, son of Colonel John Nelley, Bengal Artillery, who died at Malta, 10th November, 1856, aged 57 years. Sincere, just, compassionate, his last end was peace."

It is not certain whether Major Nelley served with the Regiment in the Crimea. At the time of his death, he appears to have been doing duty with the Reserve Companies at Malta.

Copy of inscription on memorial tablet in the south choir aisle of Christchurch Priory, Hants, to Capt. Henry Douglas Mackenzie Shute, 57th Regiment.

"Sacred to the beloved memory of Henry Douglas Mackenzie Shute, Captain in H.M. 57th Regiment, youngest son of the late Thomas Dean Shute of Burton and Bramshaw, Hampshire, deceased while on service with his Regiment, December 28th, 1860. Aged 23. Most deeply lamented."

Henry Shute joined the 57th Regiment in the Crimea on December 28th, 1855. He was invalided early in 1856, but rejoined before the Regiment left the Crimea for Malta after peace had been signed. He did duty with the Regiment at Malta until May, 1858, when he embarked with the Headquarters for India to take part in the final suppression of the Mutiny. He served in India with the Regiment until towards the end of November, 1860, when orders were received for its embarkation for New Zealand for the Maori War. Before leaving India, Capt. Shute had unfortunately caught a severe cold. This grew worse and worse as the *Castilian*, on board of which the portion of the Regiment with which Capt. Shute was, got to sea, and this gallant young officer finally succumbed on December 28th, 1860, being buried at sea. Curiously, Capt. Shute's death occurred on the fifth anniversary of the date on which he joined the Regiment in the Crimea.

"SENEX."

THE 57th AND 77th REGIMENTS AT THE BATTLE OF INKERMAN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

You lately have been kind enough to publish accounts of the two principal battles in which these two Regiments were distinguished, viz., Albuhera and El Bodon. I now venture to send you a short account of the only battle (as far as I know) in which the two Regiments fought side by side. I believe the 57th and 77th have only once been quartered together in the same garrison and that was in Dublin in 1879, when I well remember the 77th all turning out of Beggar's Bush Barracks and lining the road to cheer the 57th on their return from the Zulu War, and how afterwards the officers and different companies of the 77th entertained the same companies of the 57th.

For my account of the Battle of Inkerman I am indebted to an old diary of Lieut. G. S. Peard, 20th Regiment, who was brigaded with the 57th Regiment. (The 57th was in the 1st Brigade under Brig.-General Goldie, who was also Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and in the IVth Division under Sir George Cathcart. The 77th was in the 2nd Brigade under Brig.-General Buller of the Light Division, which was commanded by Lieut.-General Sir George Brown, who at that time was the full Colonel of the 57th and 77th Regiments.)

I also have been helped by the late Major Woolwright's excellent histories of the 57th and 77th Regiments.

Lieut. Peard writes: "On the 3rd November, 1854, I was on infantry picket, and on a working party on the 4th when it rained incessantly all that night. Early in the morning of the 5th November heavy fog rested on the valleys and heights and our men on picket were drenched to the skin, and their fire-locks were so saturated with wet that there was little chance of their going off. In the midst of all this wretchedness I was winding my way with a party of men to the Sebastopol road on the extreme right of our attack. The trenches on our arrival were full of mud and water and it was with the greatest difficulty that we could grope our way

along. When the morning came we were aroused by musketry on our right which increased more and more.

"During the night a sharp fellow on a picket of the Light Division reported that he heard the rumble of cart wheels in the valley below, which was that of Inkerman, but no notice was taken of it, as it was supposed to be a train of arabas (2-wheeled carts) going in or out of Sebastopol instead of immense bodies of the enemy with their cannon approaching the very place where his picket was situated. They were creeping up the rugged heights above the valley of Inkerman which was entirely undefended except by a few pickets.

"The advancing lines of infantry poured in a fearful volley of musketry on the pickets of the IInd Division which, retiring, contested the ground to the summit of the hill. The Light Division pickets were also compelled to fall back. No doubt the object of the sortie was to force our men to abandon our batteries by a flank attack on an undefended position. So confident were they of success that they erected a telegraph post on the heights of Inkerman to announce to the army in Sebastopol when we were routed, so as to enable them to sortie on all sides and keep up the panic.

"The Russians were greatly cheered and animated by the presence of the Czar's two sons, the Grand Dukes Nicholas and Michael Nicholavitch.

"The *réveillé* had scarcely sounded in camp when the alarm was given that the Russians were advancing in force. Brig.-General Pennefather was in command of the 2nd Division in the absence of Sir De Lacy Evans, who was ill on board ship. No sooner did the latter gallant officer hear of the attack when he, disregarding his own health, buckled on his sword, hastened with all possible dispatch, not to command his own Division, but to assist Brig.-General Pennefather by his excellent advice. Sir George Cathcart turned out about 2,000 of his Division: these were composed of the 20th, 21st, 46th, 57th, 63rd, and 68th Regiments and their advance was directed towards the left of the ground occupied by the 2nd Division. The 1st Brigade under Brig.-General Goldie moved in advance, and the 2nd Brigade under Brig.-

General Torrens acted as its support. The Light Division under Sir George Brown also advanced to the attack; it was composed of the 7th, 19th, 23rd, 33rd, 77th and 88th Regiments.

"The fog still continued so thick that the troops were fired on by tremendous volleys of musketry before they could discover their grey-coated foes.

"The Guards, under the Duke of Cambridge and Brig.-General Bentinck, came rushing to the front and occupied the ground on the right of the 2nd Division. The 3rd Division under Sir Richard England acted as reserve.

"Then commenced one of the most bloody struggles ever known, such determination and fury on the part of the enemy, and such brave resistance was never before witnessed. The enemy were led by vast clouds of skirmishers, supported by dense columns of infantry.

"Two powerful bodies of infantry attacked the Guards on the right, protected by shot, shell and grape from their guns on the heights. The Guards displayed the utmost gallantry, until compelled to retire by an overwhelming force, but being reinforced by a wing of the 20th Regiment, they advanced and retook a redoubt.

"It was 6 a.m. before the Headquarters were aroused by the roll of musketry and shot. Lord Raglan was informed that the enemy were advancing in force. At 7 a.m. he rode towards the scene of action. Volleys of musketry and cannon were then pealing forth, mingled with the cheers of the troops. The tents of the 2nd Division were torn to pieces. Colonel Gambier was ordered to bring up two eighteen-pound guns to respond to the enemy's heavy artillery and the precision with which these guns were fired much contributed to decide the fate of the day.

"By this time our men had suffered great losses, but there had been a still greater slaughter of the enemy. The greatest confusion prevailed and our Generals could not tell where to go or which way to turn on account of the fog which screened the enemy from view.

"A large column of Russian infantry was observed by Sir George Cathcart to be outflanking the 4th Division, so the gallant General rode down into the ravine

in which they were engaged and rallied them and, riding at their head, he cheered them on. My Regiment, the 20th, was inspired anew by his presence. A cry at this time was raised that the ammunition was failing, when Sir George exclaimed, 'There is nothing left for you but the bayonet!' He then led them up the hill, when he fell from his horse, a shot having passed through his head. Brig.-General Goldie here met with his wound, which the day following proved fatal.

"In the Light Division the 88th Regiment got so far to the front that they were surrounded by the enemy until relieved by the 77th Regiment under Major Stratton, who charged through the Russians and put them to utter confusion.

"Officers were fired at more than the men, and the enemy seemed to direct their attention more to mounted officers than any others. Sir George Brown was shot through the arm early in the day and was carried off in a stretcher to the rear.

"The Guards on the right opposed dense columns of Russians three times their number and charging them, drove them back. It was not until two o'clock in the afternoon when the enemy appeared to be giving way and large masses were then seen crossing the bridge of Inkerman, leaving behind 6,000 dead and wounded. The enemy lying in the field were about ten to our one and never was a more fearful spectacle than it now presented. It was calculated that the Russian casualties could not have been short of 15,000.

"The British troops actually engaged were about 8,200 men and the French (General Bosquet's Division) amounted to 6,000; the remainder of the French on the spot were held in reserve.

"It is difficult to come to an exact conclusion as to the numbers of the enemy, but it is supposed they numbered 60,000. Fresh columns were repeatedly brought up in front to the attack. The ground was very rugged and covered with brushwood.

"The total loss of our armies on the 5th November was: 43 officers, 32 sergeants, 4 drummers, 380 rank and file killed; 102 officers, 121 sergeants, 17 drummers, 1,694 rank and file wounded; 1 officer, 6 sergeants, 191 rank and file missing. Total, 3,605 casualties.

"The day after the battle at 12 o'clock Lord Raglan and a numerous staff assembled when the bodies of Sir George Cathcart, Brig.-General Strangways, R.A., Brig.-General Goldie, 57th Regiment, were interred in separate graves, and my own brother officer, Lieut. Dowling, Capt. Blunt, 57th Regiment, and others were buried also around them.

"The battle of Inkerman certainly showed, under the most adverse circumstances, the great superiority of our troops over our antagonists, and the heaps of slain Russians, strewn over the valley, presented a spectacle which even the eyes of veteran soldiers had never before witnessed. It is impossible to imagine or describe the courage and impetuosity with which our soldiers fought at Inkerman."

Extracts from the "History of the 57th Regiment."

"The 57th having just furnished a strong party for duty in the trenches had only a few officers and men available on the morning of the 5th November, 1854, when the order arrived for Sir George Cathcart's Division to proceed to the Inkerman heights. Captain Stanley was in command and Lieuts. Hague and Venables carried the colours.

"On arriving at the scene of action Sir George Cathcart's small force was at once split up, the 57th and a wing of the 20th advancing under Brig.-General Goldie; the latter gallantly charged a body of Russians advancing against its right, while the 57th were ordered to lie down in front of the centre of the breast-work erected on the crest, and while there several casualties occurred. A fresh column of the enemy threatening the centre of the breast-work, the 57th were directed to attack it. Captain Stanley led the Regiment straight against the mass of Russians in front, and an obstinate hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which Sergt.-Major Bergin particularly distinguished himself (for which he was afterwards awarded a commission). The 57th being at length victorious, and pursuing the enemy down the ravine leading to the Tchernaya as far as the bend where the ground opposite rises abruptly. The staff of the Regimental Colour had been broken by a shot, and both colours

repeatedly pierced by bullets during the battle.

"Captain Stanley was killed, and the Regiment lost 94 out of 196 engaged, nearly one-half!"

Extracts from the "Records of the 77th Regiment."

"On the 5th November, '54, the Light Division was called to arms before daylight. There was a heavy cannonade and a sharp firing of muskets going on on our right, on the heights of Inkerman. The 88th Regiment was immediately marched off, and in about 10 minutes after the 77th Regiment was ordered to follow. The Regiment only consisted of the four companies of the right wing, as the four companies of the left wing were either on outlying picket, or on duty in the trenches, consequently we did not take the Colours with us, as we could spare no officers to carry them. We advanced to the crest of the rising ground and found ourselves in the presence of an enormous column of the enemy's infantry, who were coming on with shouts. The front of their column was not five yards from us [sic], when Colonel Egerton gave the word 'Give them one volley on the knee and load.' The men dropped on the knee, and poured in a close volley with great precision, then our men rose up, and loaded their rifles with as much steadiness as if they were on parade. Colonel Egerton then gave the words 'Prepare to charge—charge.' The Regiment rushed forward with a loud cheer, and threw themselves like tigers upon the enemy. A desperate contest ensued but soon terminated in our favour, for the enemy could not stand the fury of our men, and they fairly turned and fled. In the battle the right wing of the 77th Regiment lost one officer killed and 59 N.C.Os. and men killed and wounded, and though the left wing was not actually in the battle, yet they suffered from the fire from the position of Inkerman. The Regiment wore greatcoats at Inkerman; it was a raining, misty day.

"They left the camp without their breakfasts, and they had not a morsel to eat the whole of the day."

G. W. W. S.

DEPOT NOTES.

LIEUT. I. D. S. GORDON has joined the Depot from the 1st Battalion on posting for a tour of duty.

Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., whose tour of duty at the Depot has expired, has taken up the appointment of Adjutant of the 7th City of London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).

Lieut. H. W. Clayden has taken up the appointment of Acting Adjutant at the Depot.

SPORTS.

GENERAL.

The present quarter has seen the passing of the cricket season, and the advance of football. The quarter has had no outstanding feature. All grounds have been in excellent condition, and the weather has not been too unkind to us.

CRICKET.

From the close of the Regimental Cricket Week onwards the Depot side had some good games with local teams on a programme which we hope to make still fuller next year. Inter-Squad games have taken place since then throughout the summer. We hope that these will result in one or two promising players coming into the limelight in the two Battalions.

PASSBALL.

The Passball League has been progressing enthusiastically. The "Ladder" passball games are now starting again. The officers' team heads the list—they await all challengers!!

HOCKEY.

Hockey games are now in full swing. We hope to arrange several matches with local teams for the Depot side. The corporals' team heads the "Ladder" games.

FOOTBALL.

This year we are unfortunately unable to take part in the local league, owing to expense and the loss of some of our prominent players.

We hope, however, to arrange some friendly local games.

An excellent match between the 1st Battalion eleven and the Depot took place on September 28th, when the 1st Battalion won 11-1. The game was most keenly contested. The Depot held their own considerably better than the score might represent. Of course, all taking part so early in the season were suffering from lack of training and cohesion.

We have one or two promising recruits whom we hope will be given a chance to show their form in the Battalion sides.

A six-a-side football "Ladder" has started. Depot "H.Q." Privates have "dug well in" at the top.

SHOOTING.

A most successful Rifle Meeting took place early in September, of which a brilliant account by our local "scribe" is given elsewhere.

The Officers' team heads the Depot Shooting "Ladder" at present.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

There is very little to record in the way of Mess functions during the past quarter, absence of members on leave, camp, etc., accounting in a great measure for the social inactivity.

Congratulations to O.R. Clr.-Sergt. and Mrs. Finch on the birth of a daughter; also to Sergt. and Mrs. Darby, who have now left us to join the 1st Battalion. We wish them every success.

The ranks of our single members are becoming sadly depleted; R.S.M. Mantell and C.S.M. Gray, D.C.M., having become infected by the "air" of "lovely Mill Hill," have joined the ranks of the Benedicts.

We congratulate them both on braving the ties of Holy Matrimony, and wish them, Mrs. Mantell and Mrs. Gray all prosperity, success and happiness for the future.

On September 2nd and 3rd, the Depot Rifle Meeting took place and, as will be seen by the details published elsewhere in this journal, the Mess members acquitted themselves very well. The Mess gained one trophy—the Wooden Spoon—won by Sergt. Clements for the "Cracked Shot" of the Depot. Congratulations are odious.

The Officers gave an "At Home" to the members of the Mess on August 11th. We all spent a most enjoyable time at games such as tennis, croquet, bowls, archery, etc., and were entertained to tea in the Officers' Mess. This was followed by more games. Frequent showers of rain interrupted the outdoor amusements and we retired to the Officers' Mess during the intervals and played table tennis.

Last month we had a Skittles Tournament, which was won by Sergt. Osborne, most of the billiard players being vanquished in the early stages.

Our dance season opened with a dance on September 17th. Frequent changes in the Depot staff have, unfortunately, left us with insufficient instrumentalists for a Depot orchestra, so we had to resort to a civilian quartette for the first time. This function was, as usual, well patronized. During the evening, the Commanding Officer and officers honoured us with their presence.

Dancing continued until 2 a.m. Our thanks to C.S.M. Gray, D.C.M., who carried out the duties of M.C., and his committee for their efforts in making the evening such a great success.

The Corporals having issued a challenge to a billiards match, we met them on their own "cloth" on Monday, September 20th, the result of which appears in the Corporals' Notes. We are looking forward to a return in the near future.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the 2nd Battalion on winning the "Rovers" Cup for soccer for the third year in succession.

"Bo'sun."

CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Our usual correspondent having rejoined the 1st Battalion, it has fallen to my lot to endeavour to describe the various happenings in the Corporals' Room this quarter.

We moved into our newly-decorated room about the end of July, after waiting long, weary weeks. Still, we have been amply repaid, for all vote it is far better than before.

Nothing very startling has happened up to the time of writing. We have had various tries to dislodge the Officers from

the top of the Shooting "Ladder," but have failed by a small margin on each occasion. Still, we are far from being pessimistic.

Just after the room was opened, we had the pleasure of the Sergeants' company to a billiard tournament, which we had the luck in winning by 10 points. A very enjoyable evening was spent and we heard that the barber did a great trade in shaves next morning.

So far this season we have not held a dance, but hope to in the near future. Unfortunately, the ranks of the Depot Band are sadly depleted owing to various members having left to join the 1st Battalion.

The Corporals' jazz band have been practising a lot of late, but owing to L./Cpl. Mason losing his comb and Cpl. West his voice, we will not be able to utilize them for a dance.

A few of the members attended the 9th Battalion's opening dance at their Headquarters in Pound Lane, Willesden, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

On September 28th we had the pleasure of meeting several members of the 1st Battalion Corporals' Room, and it felt quite like old times, although judging by their size, manoeuvres do not make one thin. We also had several members representing the Depot in a football match against the 1st Battalion team. Although we were not the victors, the Depot gave a good account of themselves and a very enjoyable game was witnessed. Hockey and football have only just commenced, yet judging by the talent in the Corporals' Room, we are quite confident of holding our own.

On September 29th we played Albuhera Squad in a "Ladder" game of football and ran out victors by 10 goals to 5, thanks to the noble efforts of our goalkeeper, L./Cpl. Thompson, who has ably relieved L./Cpl. Jones of the posts. (It is said that L./Cpl. Woodruff has recommended him to the 'Spurs.)

L./Cpls. West, Thompson, Mason and Connelly have joined us, and we tender them a hearty welcome. Cpls. Ecclestone, Honeybun, West and L./Cpl. Sando have left us, the three former to join the 1st Battalion, and the latter to civilian life, and we wish them every success in their new spheres.

Before closing, I would like to tender, on behalf of the members of the Corporals' Room, every success to our late Adjutant, Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C., who is leaving the Depot, in his new sphere, and every success to our new Adjutant, Lieut. H. W. Clayden.

E. A. B.

DEPOT RIFLE MEETING.

The annual Rifle Meeting was held on September 2nd and 3rd.

As in previous years, this was a very successful show, due to the energies of the Committee, the enthusiasm of the side-show administrators, the support of all ranks by entries, and the kindness of the weather.

The 3rd was the chief day, the Commanding Officer sanctioning a holiday. Shooting and side-shows went swimmingly from 8 a.m. until 5.30 p.m.

We congratulate the prize-winners, especially the Officers for their strenuous efforts in the Inter-Mess competition, which they well deserved to win; also Sergt. Griffin on winning the individual championship.

A most elaborate wooden spoon was provided this year, to be held each year by the individual with the lowest score in the championship competition.

Whether we should say anything about the recipient of this trophy this year or not we will let the Sergeants' Mess of the 2nd Battalion decide.

We take this opportunity of thanking C.S.M.I. Elliott and his assistants for their successful side-shows, which provided great fun as well as financial help.

We also thank Mrs. Arnold for distributing the excellent prizes at the conclusion of the day. We tender our thanks to the various societies for kindly lending many of the exhibits in the Art Gallery, and hope that those who gave their support to the Gallery were not disappointed.

Space will not permit details of each competition being given, but here are the results:—

Depot Staff Individual Championship.
—1, Sergt. Griffin (50); 2, Lieut. S. Mirams, M.C. (44), and 3, Cpl. Steward (44)—(after a re-shoot). Sergt. Clements (11), wooden spoon.

Knock-out Pairs (Clay Pipes).—1, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., and Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C.; 2, C.S.M.I. Elliott (A.P.T.S.) and Sergt. Osborne (A.E.C.).

Inter-Mess Challenge Cup.—1, Officers' Mess (127); 2, Sergeants' Mess (97).

Recruits' Handicap (Teams of 4 from Squads).—1, Albuhera I. (129); 2, Mons I. (125); 3, Mons III. (115).

Lewis Gun Pairs (Depot Staff).—1, Cpl. Bearne and Pte. Bates (61); 2, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., and Sergt. Raindle (59).

Lewis Gun Pairs (Recruits).—1, Pte. Turner and Pte. Fellows (29); 2, Pte. French and Pte. Smith (19).

Inter-Squad Fire Order Competition.—1, Ladysmith (Cpl. Short) (17); 2, Mons (L./Sergt. Trapp) (15).

All Comers Rapid Fire Competition.—1, R.S.M. Mantell (34); 2, Sergt. Griffin (33).

POSTINGS.

Sergt. H. Darby: Posted to 1st Battalion (13/7/26).

Cpl. L. Honeybun: Posted to 1st Battalion (23/5/26).

Cpl. R. Ecclestone: Posted to 1st Battalion (19/6/26).

L./Cpl. F. Thompson: Posted from 1st Battalion (23/5/26).

L./Cpl. L. West: Posted from 1st Battalion (19/6/26).

Cpl. G. Knock: Posted to 1st Battalion (28/7/26).

Cpl. J. West: Posted to 1st Battalion (6/8/26).

L./Cpl. A. Mason: Posted from 1st Battalion (28/7/26).

L./Cpl. F. Rumens: Posted from 1st Battalion (6/8/26).

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

L./Cpl. J. Painter: Promoted Corporal (25/5/26).

L./Cpl. H. Short: Promoted Corporal (19/6/26).

L./Cpl. W. Clarke: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal (9/8/26).

L./Cpl. G. Knock: Promoted Corporal (28/7/26).

L./Cpl. E. Pinder: Promoted Corporal (6/8/26).

Pte. C. Connelly: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal (21/9/26).

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

L./Cpl. J. Painter: Attended 31st Course of Instruction at Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 9/4/26 to 18/6/26, and obtained a Satisfactory Report, Pass Class I.

BIRTHS.

DARBY.—On July 24th, 1926, at Mill Hill, the wife of Sergt. H. Darby—a daughter (Mavis Olive).

FINCH.—On August 12th, 1926, at Mill Hill, the wife of C.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch—a daughter (Iris June Margaret).

MARRIAGES.

KING—JENKINS.—Pte. A. King, married at Hendon on November 7th, 1925, to Rose Jenkins.

GRAY—STELLING.—C.S.M. H. Gray, D.C.M., married at New Southgate on July 31st, 1926, to Elizabeth Margaret Stelling.

MANTELL—HASTIE.—R.S.M. R. Mantell married at Hendon on September 18th, 1926, to Amy Hastie.

DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

L./Cpl. R. Arnaboldi: Transferred to Army Reserve (29/7/26).

L./Cpl. A. Sando: Discharged (8/8/26).

RECRUITS POSTED TO 1ST BATTALION.

15 Recruits posted (17/7/26); 22 Recruits posted (7/8/26); 25 Recruits posted (21/8/26); 2 Recruits posted (11/9/26).

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

7050 Pte. C. Dale, 7031 Pte. W. Hill, 7067 Pte. W. Sims, 9729 Pte. F. Wilmore, 7052 Pte. A. Burrell, 7084 Pte. W. Hack, 7061 Pte. W. Lee, 7055 Pte. J. Orchard, 7210 Pte. L. Rayner, 7240 Pte. L. Waterfield, 7219 Pte. T. Bond, 9001 Pte. J. Campbell, 7332 Pte. P. Doubleday, 7316 Pte. L. Grainger, 7215 Pte. F. Knights, 7312 Pte. R. Vince, 7247 Pte. A. Woolford, 7002 Pte. J. Smith, 7034 Pte. G.

Grigson, 7069 Pte. F. King, 7057 Pte. J. Taggart, 7074 Pte. J. Barry, 7098 Pte. J. Chapman, 7216 Pte. H. Harris, 7208 Pte. J. Moss, 7231 Pte. C. Rayment, 7073 Pte. H. Whitford, 7083 Pte. W. Webber, 7325 Pte. A. Bowman, 7327 Pte. A. Connor, 7302 Pte. W. Ellis, 7227 Pte. A. Humphries, 7214 Pte. W. Witcombe, 7315 Pte. R. Outram, 7209 Pte. A. Young, 6842 Pte. G. Hilton, 7037 Pte. C. Roberts, 7043 Pte. A. Warner, 7186 Pte. C. Bateman, 7225 Pte. H. Evans, 6667 Pte. E. Hollands, 7249 Pte. J. Miles, 7224 Pte. S. Robinson, 7201 Pte. E. Warnes, 7075 Pte. A. Dungleison, 7248 Pte. Brazier, 7205 Pte. C. Doughty, 7090 Pte. J. Fawcett, 7232 Pte. R. Hewitt, 7300 Pte. A. Wisbey, 7309 Pte. E. Smith, 7327 Pte. E. Wilson.

SALONICA REVISITED.

THE following notes may interest old members of the British Salonica Force.

The object of the journey was to attend the unveiling of the memorial there on September 25th, 1926.

The ceremony has been fully described in all the papers, so there is no point in repeating. Suffice that it was well carried out, and largely attended by the local authorities and local villagers, who had in many cases come some distance to be present. The monument could hardly be called pretty, but is impressive. The material used was quarried locally with the exception of the marble lions and marble slabs inscribed with the names of the missing. In this connection, of the 1,979 members of the force who have no known grave, nearly all names have now been inscribed on one or other of the piers standing at the four corners, but some distance away from the monument itself. Colonial Hill was finally selected in preference to Grand Couronne or the Beles, partly because of frontier difficulties and partly because of transport difficulties.

The monument stands out well and faces Doiran Lake, with the lion on one side looking towards the Pip Ridge, and on the other towards Roupel and the Struma Valley. At the foot of Colonial Hill is the large British Military Cemetery of Doiran. All the cemeteries are in

perfect order. Those in charge have experienced great trouble in getting flowers and trees to thrive in them, but a horticultural expert is being sent out and no money or pains are being spared in order to make these cemeteries in Macedonia attractive as well as tidy. Doiran town has not been rebuilt—the Serbians seem to have started a new town just out of sight from the monument. All the other villages appear to have been re-occupied and rebuilt—many more villages have sprung up under the Refugee Settlement Schemes. These villages look more sanitary but not so picturesque as the old ones. Large drainage and irrigation works are being carried out by an English company, with the hope of making the Salonica Plains more fertile and thus providing a livelihood to the thousands of refugees who have drifted into the area from Smyrna and elsewhere. Salonica itself is being reconstructed: Venizelos Street and the Via Ignatia are much broader, but the surfaces of all roads are dreadful, the inevitable cobble being still used. Large parts of the town seem much as the fire in 1918 left them. There is a fine hotel on the site of the old Splendide. Flocca's and Orosdi Back are carrying on business as usual. On cultivated ground, trenches and wire have more or less disappeared, but in the Pip Ridge, Doiran Sector, these remain much as we left them. The two big belts of wire on P.4 are distinctly visible from Colonial Hill. At Guevgueli the wire seems to be in use now to demark the Serbo-Greek Frontier.

H.M.S. *Resolution* provided the guards of honour, and together with all spectators, etc., were taken up to Doiran by two special trains that stopped at the foot of Colonial Hill. On their return, the Naval guards marched through the town with bands playing. Considering the atrocious surface of the streets, their marching was remarkable. A huge crowd started to collect some time before they were due to pass, and gave them a very warm reception.

The writer placed a wreath on the monument on behalf of the old members of the 3rd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, in memory of their comrades who lie in Macedonia. The wreath was handed to the writer in London before starting by Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.

"RECOLLECTIONS OF A LONG LIFE."

By LORD BROUGHTON.
(John Cam Hobhouse.)

"With Additional Extracts from His Private Diary," edited by his daughter, Lady Dorchester.

"My father to-day got a letter from my brother Benjamin, who gave an account of the conduct of his regiment, the 57th, at the battle of *Albuera. They went into battle 572 rank and file, 1 Lieut.-Colonel, 1 Major, 7 Captains, 18 Subalterns. They fought four hours and then drew up behind a hill to count numbers. They were then 118 rank and file and 6 subalterns. Benjamin and another Officer were the only ones not scratched and without a hole in their clothes. The brigade went out of the field commanded by a junior captain, and the regiment commanded by a junior lieutenant. Benjamin first commanded the light company and then held the colours, through which were eighteen holes."

"My brother was killed at Quatre-Bras."

"My brother had served with the 57th Regt. through the Peninsular Campaign, and was at the battle of *Albuera when that regt. lost between five and six hundred men. Lord Hardinge told me that he had ridden along the line just after the 160 survivors had been led off the field by a lieutenant and that he beheld those that had fallen lying in two long lines, as he said, like a pack of cards. On that occasion the 57th got the name of the 'Die-Hards.'"

"My brother was attached to Lord Hill's staff during part of the Spanish Campaign and was sent by him on detailed service. He got his Company and joined the 69th in Flanders where he was wounded and taken prisoner in the unfortunate affair at Berghen-op-Zoon."

* Albuera.

Why is a tradesman like a student of the scriptures?

Because he studies the profits.

BIG APPETITES.

The Emperor Claudius is said to have been able to devour a bushel of apples at one go; also to have eaten for his breakfast 500 figs, 100 peaches, 10 melons, 20 lbs. grapes, 100 snappers, and 4,000 oysters.

Hardicanute is said to have sat down four times daily to enormous meals of all kinds of viands, and finally to have come to an end through gluttony at a wedding feast at which he was present as guest.

A certain famous Roman of the name of Phangar is reputed to have eaten a whole boar at one meal, 100 loaves of bread, large helpings of sheep and pig, and 3 gallons of wine.

A gentleman of Kent is mentioned as having devoured a whole sheep for his dinner, and 30 dozen pigeons; and at another time 84 rabbits, 18 yards of black puddings, and a whole hog, with 3 pecks of damsons.

We cannot swear that these reports are authentic history.

Pat: "May I bid what I like?"

Auctioneer: "You may, sir."

Pat: "Then I bid you good-morning."

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30th, 1926.

Amount of grants made: £156 4s. 10d.
Number of cases dealt with: 124.
Number of cases assisted: 81.
Number of men registered for employment: 92.
Number of men found permanent employment: 12.
Number of men found temporary employment: 1.
Number of men offered employment: 35.
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, July 24th, 1926.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl, Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Major W. W. Jefford, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. (2nd Battalion), Major R. A. Slee, M.C. (1st Battalion), Capt. C. W. Haydon, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. J. W. Holwell, and Major F. S. Stead, D.C.M. (Secretary and Treasurer).

The question of inviting Regimental Guests to the Old Comrades' Dinner was discussed, and it was proposed and carried that the following be asked to attend:—

The Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke, G.C.V.O., Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex; County Alderman B. Todd, J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council; Sir Benjamin Gott, M.A., Chairman of Middlesex Education Committee; Cecil De Salis, Esq., D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Force Association; E. S. W. Hart, Esq., M.B.E., Clerk of the Middlesex County Council.

The following subscriptions to charities, made on behalf of all Battalions of the Regiment, were approved:—

	£	s.	d.
British Legion	1	1	0
Charity Organisation Society ...	4	4	0
Charity Organisation Society (Registration Branch) ...	1	1	0
Friends of the Poor	2	2	0
Gordon Boys' Home	1	1	0
Hospital for Sick Children ...	2	2	0
National Association for Employment of Ex-Soldiers ...	2	2	0
Netley Charitable Fund	2	2	0
Newport Market Training School	1	1	0
Royal Drummond Institute ...	2	2	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society	2	2	0
Special Fund for Blind Ex-Service Men (National Institute for the Blind)	1	1	0
St. Dunstan's	1	1	0

The question of a deed of trust for the Association was discussed, and it was

decided to ask the Hon. Solicitors to draw up a draft for submission to the *ex-officio* members for approval.

A letter from Col. R. M. Heath was read, requesting permission to resign his membership of the Executive Committee, as he was taking up an appointment abroad. This was regretfully accepted, and a vote of thanks was passed to Col. Heath for the valuable service he had rendered the Committee during his period of office.

It was notified that Col. G. B. Lempriere had been invited by the *ex-officio* members to serve in place of Col. Heath, and that he had very kindly consented to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. PANCRAS SCHOOLS,
ABBOTS LANGLEY,
WATFORD, HERTS.
September 24th, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

I have been selected, from a number of candidates, for the post of Charge Master at a school in West Bromwich. Were it not for the fact that the Association introduced me to my present appointment, I should not have known that the new one was vacant, and should quite possibly still have been numbered among the unemployed. I feel that I must let you know of my success, and I beg you to accept my warmest thanks for the initial effort which has made it possible.

I am, dear sir,

Yours sincerely,
R. W. N. RUTLEDGE.

280, BOTSFORD STREET,
MONCTON, N.B.,
CANADA.
July 12th, 1926.

GENTLEMEN,

Please accept my best thanks for the first volume of the *Diehards in the Great War*. It is certainly a splendid book, well compiled and printed, and of the deepest interest to us.

Again thanking you, I am, gentlemen,
Yours sincerely,

G. WHELAN.
(ex-Clr.-Sergt., Middx. Regt.)

"CHARDEN,"
53, GLADSTONE PARK GARDENS,
CRICKLEWOOD, N.W.2.
September 23rd, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Would you please convey my thanks to the Executive Committee and old comrades of the Regimental Association for the kindness and sympathy shown to me in my recent sad bereavement. It is a great comfort to me to know that all who knew my husband held him in such great esteem.

Yours very faithfully,
J. E. GREEN.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

THE usual Quarterly Concert was held at the Masonic Rooms, Euston Road, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1926, and proved the most successful of the series.

Over 200 Old Comrades, their wives and friends assembled, and the crush was so great that the seating accommodation was strained to its utmost.

Many faces appeared which had not been seen for years, and a real reunion, with the consequent yarns of old times, took place.

A number were unable, owing to the large gathering, to either see or hear the artistes, but were quite happy in renewing old acquaintances and clinking glasses in another part of the building.

Our worthy Chairman, Mr. E. Morris, who appeared very happy with such a large party to control, was ably supported by Col. Passingham, Col. Beach, and a number of Officers from all Battalions.

At the conclusion, Col. Passingham, Chairman of the Regimental Association, addressing the assembly, said how pleased he was to see so many present, and that he hoped they had all had a good time and enjoyed themselves as much as he had.

Some mention was made about engaging the Royal Albert Hall for future events, but no steps are being taken as yet in this direction.

Space will not admit of the full programme being given, but the following

artistes appeared and provided a first-class concert:—

Miss Nancy Sharpe (dramatic soprano), Mdme. Alice Newby (the famous contralto), Miss Phyllis Gillespie (speciality dancer and comedienne), Mr. H. J. Phipps (tenor, Carl Rosa Quartette), Mr. Charles Wren (the English humourist), Mr. Fred Merry (the "merry" comedian), Mr. Albert McCarthy, M.I.M.C. (the great illusionist), Mr. Billy Bee (the unique entertainer). At the piano, Mr. Billy Bee.

The names of all those who attended could not be ascertained, but among those who were present were the following:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Majors W. W. Jefferd, R. A. Slee, F. S. Steed, E. H. Amor, G. C. Bucknell, M.C., Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., Capt. and Mrs. C. Deleay, Capt. Johnson and R. Rosam, Lieuts. M. McDonald, I. D. S. Gordon and G. J. B. Furness, Sqdn.-Ldr. J. Goggin, Mdme. G. Corri, Mr. E. Morris, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Miss Shorter, Miss Demus, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cox, Mr. E. Warren, C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. W. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alma, Mr. and Mrs. E. Coe, Mrs. Coe, Mr. Coe, Mr. R. Ayres, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. Muggridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clelland, R.S.M. and Mrs. W. Beasley, Mr. A. Helps, Pte. Knighton, Mr. Betambeau, Mr. J. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Hames, Mr. and Mrs. H. Window, Mrs. and Master Holwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. G. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. W. King, Mr. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. Meacham and Sons (2), Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rickards, Pte. Carter, Pte. Stokes, Pte. Hemmy, Mr. F. Haybree, Mr. Bond, Pte. Smith, Mr. F. Fenemore, Mr. J. Lavender, Mr. A. Todman, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Quick, Mr. Lansdell, Mr. M. Stacey, Mr. W. Shread, Mr. C. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Nethercott, L./Cpl. and Mrs. W. Clarke, Pte. and Mrs. E. Warren, Mr. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson, Mr. J. Churchley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. F. Searle, C.S.M. and Mrs. Pull, Mr. and Mrs. W.

Stafford, Mr. W. G. Walter, Mr. J. Isaac, Mr. J. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. E. McLernon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Molloy, Mr. H. Woodward, Miss Kerwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, Mr. Nichols, Mr., Mrs. and Misses (2) F. Saunders, Pte. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Dellow, C.S.M. and Mrs. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donoughue, Mr. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnes, Pte. Snellgrove, Pte. Heath, Pte. Lovejoy, Mr. H. Brandon, Pte. Alexander, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Harrison, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. E. Viney, Sergt. Wilcockson, Miss Richardson, Mr. R. Harfield, Mr. Furniss and Miss Church, Cpl. Knock, Miss Lambourne, Lieut. and Mrs. Carvell, Mr. R. Carvell, Pte. Young, Mr. A. Morey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan, Pte. Turner, Pte. Fellows, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, Mr. and Mrs. W. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Pte. Morey, Mr. B. Sewell, Mr. J. Foley, Mr. B. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayes, Pte. Outram, Mr. Outram, Dmr. Primett, Pte. Gates, Mr. R. Arnott, L./Cpl. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goulding, Mr. P. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Killiard, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gibson, Mr. Aldridge.

"K.A.R."

AN unofficial account of the origin and activities of the King's African Rifles will shortly appear by Major W. Lloyd-Jones, late Middlesex Regiment, the author of *Havash—Frontier Adventures in Kenya*. There is a preface by Major-General Sir Cecil Pereira, K.C.B., who, while a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, served in the Uganda Rifles in the early days of the British occupation. The author describes the evolution of the locally-enlisted African units from the arrival of the first Europeans to their present state of efficiency to-day. All the five dependencies which comprise East Africa, viz., Somaliland, Kenya Colony, Uganda, Tanganyika Territory and Nyasaland are dealt with and the full story of the rise and fall of the Mad Mullah is given. There is a good deal about that rather mysterious country, Abyssinia, inhabited

by a race of warlike Christians who have upheld the Cross against the Crescent for so long, but still practise slavery as a national institution.

Two years have been taken with the collection of material, and many authorities have been consulted, as the especial object of the author is to convey to the general reader the constructive part played by the King's African Rifles in the acquisition and pacification of Eastern Equatorial Africa and the spirit of devotion and loyalty to their British officers which animates the various dissimilar races which form the African ranks of the King's African Rifles.

A chapter is devoted to the pursuit of the elusive Von Lettow in German East Africa, in which the late Lieut. Hardingham, M.C., Middlesex Regiment, is mentioned.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

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

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Major W. W. Jefferd, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C. (2nd Battalion), Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C. (1st Battalion), Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was proposed and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be passed to the undernamed for the excellent arrangements made and the successful manner in which the Annual Events were carried out:—

Capt. H. E. Foster and the Dinner Committee; Major W. W. Jefferd and the Cricket Week Committee.

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office, announces that a limited number of boys may be nominated by the Army Council for admission for a competitive

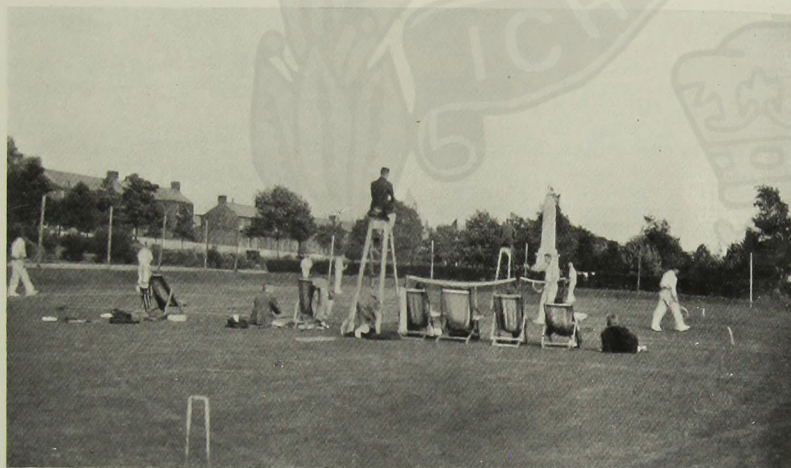
examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and a limited number of Gill Memorial Exhibitions which will be held at Brighton College on June 7th and 8th, 1927.

The annual value of a Gill Memorial Scholarship is not less than £81, and that of a Gill Memorial Exhibition is £60. They are tenable for three years at Brighton College (the period may be extended to four years on the recommendation of the Headmaster). The total dues payable for a Gill Memorial

Brighton College at the termination of the summer vacation.

Applications for nomination by the Army Council should reach the Under Secretary of State, The War Office, London, S.W.1, not later than April 1st, 1927 (accompanied by birth certificates and certificates of conduct covering the last two years).

Full particulars regarding the examination, and copies of former papers set, can be obtained on application to the Headmaster, Brighton College.



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scholar amount to not more than £76 10s. a year.

To be eligible for nomination by the Army Council, a candidate must be:—

- (a) Under 14½ years of age on June 1st, 1927, and
- (b) The son of an Officer of the Regular Army (serving or retired), or in default of qualified candidates being available, the son of an Officer of the Special Reserve or Territorial Force.

The successful candidates for the Scholarship or Exhibitions will enter

OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

In spite of the lateness of the season and the short notice that was given, a most successful Officers' Tennis Tournament was held at the Depot on Saturday, September 11th.

The tournament was open to all Battalions, Regular and Territorial, and to the Depot. It was distinctly unfortunate that musketry prevented the 1st Battalion from sending up more than two players, but apart from this all the other units were well represented, and

some excellent tennis was witnessed. The two grass courts used were playing very true, and although it was mid-September showed little signs of wear.

The morning was devoted to playing off the Singles as far as the final round. The best match undoubtedly was that between Lieut. F. G. Hogg (9th Battalion) and Lieut. S. Mirams (Depot). Hogg started off strongly, and by sound driving and judicious placing to the backhand he established a good lead, but Mirams then took the offensive, and, making full use of his reach at the net, captured the set at 7-5.

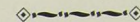
In the Doubles, the match between the 1st Battalion and the Depot "A" Team produced quite the best tennis of the day. Both pairs were at the top of their form, and the match was closer than the score indicates. The combination of Major Jefferd's driving and Lieut. Mirams' smashes proved too much however for Lieut.-Col. Pearson and Lieut. Rackham, who were eventually defeated 6-4, 6-2. The other match of the semi-final round was remarkable for the fine recovery of the 8th Battalion. In both sets the 9th Battalion led at 5-3, only to be beaten on each occasion by 7-5.

The last match of the day was the final of the Singles between Lieuts. Mirams and Rackham, and was the most closely-contested of all the games, despite the fact that both players were showing signs of the trying effects of their previous efforts. Mirams proved the more aggressive player of the two and scored most of his winning aces by means of smashes at the net. Rackham was, however, very steady, and scored many points by well-placed passing shots. As he tired, however, his driving lost something of its sting and accuracy, and, although fighting to the end, his opponent eventually wore him down, winning by 7-6, 7-5.

RESULTS.

Doubles (1st Round).—1st Battalion beat 7th Battalion "A," 6-3, 6-3; Depot "A" beat 9th Battalion "B," 6-2, 7-6; 9th Battalion "A" beat 7th Battalion "B," 6-0, 6-1; 8th Battalion "B" beat Depot "B," 6-3, 6-1. *Semi-finals:* Depot beat 1st Battalion, 6-4, 6-2; 8th Battalion beat 9th Battalion, 7-5, 7-5. *Final:* Depot beat 8th Battalion, 6-0,

Singles (1st Round).—Lieut.-Col. Pearson beat Major Jefferd, 6-2; Lieut. Hogg beat Lieut.-Col. Maitland, 6-3. *2nd Round:* Hogg beat Pearson, 6-2; Lieut. Mirams beat Lieut. Newbery, 6-1; Capt. Sherwood beat Lieut. Clark, 6-1; Lieut. Rackham beat Lieut. Patterson, 6-2. *Semi-finals:* Mirams beat Hogg, 7-5; Rackham beat Sherwood, 6-4. *Final:* Mirams beat Rackham, 7-6, 7-5.



"SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE DIE-HARDS."*

By Sergt.-Major E. BEZAR (late 57th Regiment).

CHAPTER I.

AS many feel no small amount of pleasure in looking back, and talking of old times, and as there are many yet who took part, or who are interested in those who did, still in this Colony, I feel that a reference to the trip may not be out of place. Everyone has some idea of the year 1857, when the world, the English-speaking portion in particular, received the startling news of the revolt of a portion of our Indian Native Troops. The shock was a trying one, not only to the authorities, but to the thousands who had relatives or friends out there. Though every confidence was placed in our troops, it was looked upon as possible, with such an overwhelming number of very active and well disciplined native troops, that they might be out-matched for a time until reinforcements could arrive. As may well be imagined, the time was a very trying one. Unity was wanting among the natives, however, thanks to the different castes, many of which are as hostile towards each other as they are to a foreign foe.

Being in Malta at the time, we were, as a matter of course, on the tiptoe of expectation, looking for an order every hour to proceed; consequently there was considerable excitement. Matters were thus till September of that year ('57), when an order came for 200 of the "Die-Hards" to proceed through Egypt. I was on duty that day at the main entrance to the city of Valetta, and before noon saw mounted officers galloping about.

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Shortly after I saw the Colonel, now General Sir H. Warre, K.C.B., ride into the city at a time when he was usually employed at the orderly room. But no word reached us until our dinner came, then we were informed that the two companies stationed on the Ravelin were to be made up to 100 each and proceed with all speed to Aden. It so happened that I was the only one present that belonged to either of these companies, so it can readily be understood that I was in high glee; indeed, I was looked upon as the hero of that guard for the remainder of that twenty-four hours. Later on more news came. The tailors of the other regiments were ordered to assist in preparing a suit of plain clothes for each one going. This consisted of a drab undress coat, blue trousers, and drab wide-awake hat. This news added fresh interest to the route, and I was more and more the envied one of the guard. Our arms, uniforms, etc., were packed up for the trip. I looked upon this as my last duty in Malta, which it proved to be. Every man in the regiment wanted to join the two companies ordered off; but as each was about 70 strong, the number required to make these up to 100 was not large. We had a special parade in our new outfit. General Warren—father of Major-General Sir C. Warren, until lately head of the London Police—had a look at us. So had the General Commanding, General Pennefather, who was about the best hand at laying on soft sawder I ever knew, but a fine old general. He led us to believe we were going on the most important trip ever undertaken; that we should all be looked upon as heroes; that our names would be posted on the church doors of our parish. He went so far that we began to look forward to the time when we should go home to receive the grand reception his remarks led us to see in the future. Fortune we, of course, looked for, grand receptions, freedom of the city, honours from the learned societies, and so on. I have not gone home for my reception yet. Some have, and some that I know have not, and never will. Those who did go have never sent me word how they were received.

Before we left we heard several rumours connected with our going. It was owing to the conduct of a Sepoy regiment 1,400 strong. They were not

as obedient and respectful as they ought to be, and there were only some fifty European troops there, of the Bombay Artillery—some of "John Company's" men. They and the few European residents were not happy, and a couple of hundred more troops was a necessity, and as they could not be spared from India, the next nearest place had to furnish them. It is hardly necessary to dwell much upon the events up to the time of our leaving. It was pretty well known that the remainder of the regiment would soon follow, and that the women and children would be sent home until affairs in the East justified their joining again. There was, therefore, lots of leave-taking with native friends too. Such leave-takings as those are matters to remember; they are genuine, for the friendship between men in the army is a thing not easily forgotten. We were leaving a lot behind, and the time of our again meeting was very uncertain. We felt that we were bidding a lasting adieu to our Maltese friends. The last day of September came. This was to be our last in the beautiful isle of the sea, and 4 p.m. was the hour fixed for our march to the place of embarkation. By that hour there was a good number pretty jolly. The regimental band came to play us down, but when the Colonel saw the state of affairs he ordered them back. This was not wise, for it gave cause for excitement of a character seldom witnessed in the army. I feel sure he was sorry for what he had done immediately after. However, we went without that very popular air, "The girl I left behind me." The men soon supplied a substitute, and exercised their lungs in choruses. There were hundreds on the beach, both military and residents. At 10 p.m. up went the anchor, and off we went. This was my second sailing out of Malta. I felt it was my last, and I feel so now. The next morning we were well out to sea, and the effects of the previous day's proceedings were soon washed off with salt water. Many felt that they ought to be a little bit ashamed of themselves, and to make up for their conduct they laid themselves for the trip. Colonel Pocklington, the Quartermaster-General at Malta, accompanied us, and he remarked to Major Logan (whose death took place about a year ago) that if he

was not positive of it, he could never suppose us to be the same 200 men that embarked the day before. The Major, as a matter of course, knew what a route means, and this one in particular. We tripped across the Mediterranean to Alexandria, the land of the Pharaohs. Everyone was looking forward to a sight of that famous country, which millions would like to see. Up to that time the number crossing it was limited, but since these colonies have become so important, coupled with our possessions in the East, there are thousands who cross it for dozens in those days before the canal was cut. On the 4th October we arrived, and our arms, baggage, etc., were landed and despatched to Suez on the following day. We were not permitted to go ashore, so had to content ourselves gazing at Alexandria from the harbour, and amusing ourselves with the natives, who swarmed in boats offering things for sale. On the morning of the 6th we had an early breakfast, and landed to take the train straight off. We were particularly struck with a mob of boys and girls under the command of big brutes with whips. They were engaged carrying stones, and if one loitered a second to look at us, the whip was at once applied. There was one thing I very soon convinced myself of, and that was that had I the chance I would use those whips about the backs of the brutes who were placed over the poor creatures. But then we were in Egypt, the Holy Land, and we were looked upon as nothing but "Christian dogs" that did not know how to rule. They knew; they were carrying out the same ideas that were practised thousands of years before. We soon got into our places, and the familiar whistle denoted that we were off, leaving behind us that city which was once the pride of the world, and which, but for Omar, might have been the means of bringing about a different state of affairs to what we now experience. The seats were crossways, so everyone could not have a window to look out at. We gazed out, as may well be imagined, and there they were, everything just as was the custom before the Pyramids were piled up; the same kind of plough; the same mode of cultivation; nothing new. We soon found it was just as well to keep our mouths shut when at stopping-places, for the flies

were about. Who has not heard of the flies of Egypt? I noticed them very thick about the eyes, nostrils, and mouths of the youngsters, whose faces are, as a rule, not too clean. How they could see puzzled me, for we could see nothing but flies, and no attempt was made to hunt them off. Mothers with babes in arms never attempted to interfere with them. I heard that the parents had such a dread of the army, that they used to destroy one eye of all the male children—the military eye, of course. Finding this, the Khedive organized a regiment or two of one-eyed men. This must have put a stop to the practice, especially as they were always sent where the most danger was. At about 11 a.m. we reached the famous Nile—the Rosetta branch. Here the train was drawn over on a floating bridge, and joined the rails on the other side. We got out here—Kafrezzaia—and were marched in front of a very fair spread. This had all been arranged, of course. It was provided by a Frenchman. We soon got through the task of refreshing the inner man, and strolled outside to look round a bit. There was not much to look at, but then we were in Egypt. With a few others I strayed into a building in which there were a number of natives. I believe they had been dealing in humanity, but our entry put a stop to it. There were several females crouched down, and we could see some very bright eyes viewing us through the two little holes in their head-covering. There were many expressions of pity for the dear little creatures, and many wished they could make a purchase of one of Eve's daughters. We felt, however, that we were not justified in encumbering ourselves in the face of the important mission we were on. As a matter of fact, some thought we were on our way to Eden, and had written to their friends to that effect. I may here refer to a little incident or two which transpired in Aden after our arrival. We had a very comical old chap—a sergeant—who was brimful of wit and humour. He was out patrolling the town with a picquet, and when passing one of the high towers in an open square, one of the men asked him what it was? "Oh," said Clarke, "that's built over the stump of the tree from which Adam and Eve picked the apples." "Begorrah," said the man,

"I'll go in and have a look at it some day." The same sergeant was out another evening in another locality, and there was seen on an eminence a tomb belonging to some one of note. "Who's buried there?" said someone to the sergeant. "That," was the reply, "is where Cain is buried, who killed his brother Abel." "But," said the man, "I thought Cain cleared out to some other country to escape the detectives who wanted him for the murder." "That may be," said the sergeant, "but there is nothing more natural than that he was brought back to his native village for burial." This was accepted.

(To be continued.)

7th BATTALION NOTES.

"B" COMPANY.

WE think the Company should be congratulated on its fine performance at Arundel in the Platoon Drill Competition, the cup being lost by two points only. (I did hear that a certain Private who omitted to fix his bayonet securely, did receive an unexpected bath. 'Nuff said!)

However, we did pull off something—the tug-of-war.

Now that the annual training is over, we are concentrating on the various Battalion competitions. Soon we expect to begin in earnest the winter training, at which we hope the N.C.Os. will parade in full strength at Headquarters, in order to pass on their knowledge to the Company.

We have started a Social Club and on Sundays Badminton will be played. Lieut.-Col. Smith has promised to coach us. We commence to play on Sunday, October 17th. When proficient, we shall challenge the other Companies. For the benefit of those who do not play Badminton, various shooting competitions will be arranged on the miniature range.

To revert to the serious side of things, we *do* want recruits, and it is up to the Company to bring in men like themselves.

"C" COMPANY.

We very much regret to announce the death on August 4th at Finchley Memorial Hospital of our Quartermaster-Sergeant, after a short illness. C.Q.M.S. W. Thompson had served with the Company from January, 1921, until his death. In him we had not only a good C.Q.M.S., but a keen soldier and a staunch supporter of all the Company's activities. His loss is keenly felt by all ranks, and we wish to tender our deepest sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Thompson in their bereavement.

Camp this year was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The weather was glorious and made "blobbing" an enjoyable if warm pastime. We are overjoyed to say that at last we have won something. In camp we collected the Battalion Sports Cup, winning the cricket and football and drawing the tug-of-war with "B" Company. The cricket we won fairly easily, but we must congratulate the football and tug-of-war teams on winning their dour battles in the way they did.

To the Sports Cup we have added the "Arnold White" Cup, and heartily congratulate the team on their victory. Our "young soldiers" did well, coming top in the Battalion. We are going to have a jolly good try to win some Brigade competitions next year. Look out, 9th Battalion!

Heartiest congratulations to Sergt. Munro on winning the Brigade Championship Medal, to Sergt. Chase on winning the "Warrant Officers and Sergeants" Cup, and to Pte. Fitzpatrick on winning the "Corporals and Privates" Cup. Also congratulations to Cpl. Galloway and L./Sergt. Bryan on their promotions to Sergeant, and to Ptes. Healey and Abell on being appointed Lance-Corporals. We are very sorry to lose 2/Lieut. Duncan, who has gone to China. We wish him all the best of good luck and sincerely hope that he will not get kidnapped.

Ptes. Hurley and Fletcher, W., have left us to join the Regular Army, and Pte. Humbles to join the Royal Navy. We wish them all the best in their new walks of life.

On September 25th we held a dance, which was quite well attended and very enjoyable. It was unfortunate that the

date clashed with "D" Company's dance, a misfortune that deprived us of the presence of the Officers for part of the evening.

We welcome many new recruits to the Company, and hope that they will soon feel quite at home in our midst.

We are still leading the field in the Inter-Company Efficiency Competition, and we hope that by the time the next journal notes are due we shall be able to say we have won it; and also the "King" Cup, in which we are having a hard tussle with "A" Company.

spite of the Adjutant shouting himself hoarse—it happens every year—we did give a few demonstrations on how football should be played. Self-flattery forbids us to publish the scores and results; the other Companies, with their usual generosity, may do it for us. As all joys and camps come to an end, we had to return to Enfield and work, after having a fortnight's sport.

On returning from camp, preparations were soon in hand for the High Sheriff's Competition. After having three Sundays at Rainham we then had a week-end camp



"D" COMPANY.

That welcome annual event, namely, Camp, took us to Arundel once more. Everything passed off O.K., "D" Company, doing the things—it happens every year—that it is not expected to and not doing the things it is expected to do, failed to win the "Warner" Drill Cup. Owing to the pressure of civilian requirements, the Company was not as strong as we desired, and this fact compelled the inclusion of a number of recruits for the competition. However, *qui s'excuse s'accuse*. Though we did not portray exceptional brilliance at drill, in

at Bisley. Here we did a little night-hop with "B" Company against "C" and "A" Companies in the form of the regulation pillow-fight, supported by a covering fire from the "biscuits." Anyway, the Sergeant-Major did not approve of our demonstration of enthusiasm and zeal and came and stopped us. As doubtless the compiler of the Battalion Notes will give the result, it is not necessary for me to rewrite the "blessed information."

On September 25th, the Canteen Committee opened their hearts and their cheque-book and held an invitation dance at the Drill Hall. Once more we had a

record attendance, and, in fact, it could hardly be otherwise when one considers the amount of hard work the Committee put in to it. It is hoped that they will now be urged on to greater things.

Our old friend and instructor, Sergt.-Major Shaw, has now left us. He assuredly parts with our best wishes for his future civilian life. Having been with us for some few years, he has certainly made himself popular and shown what a permanent staff instructor should be like. We sincerely trust that he will not fail to visit us on the occasion of our dances and annual dinner and whenever he can.

In his place we have to welcome Sergt.-Major Bennett, who, we hope will be able to assist us in the good times to come.

ROOKIE.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

THE most important event since our last notes has been annual training. We were fortunate in being sent again so soon to Arundel—a pleasing contrast to last year. As a camping site, Arundel Park is ideal, with its privacy, fine turf and beautiful surroundings. As a training area it is not so good. A succession of very bold features renders it extremely difficult to arrange satisfactory field-training schemes. The weather, on the whole, was good and we can look back on a really successful fortnight with a marked increase in efficiency and a happy spirit throughout the Battalion. During camp we were glad to be able to entertain a number of members of our County Territorial Association. Their visit was arranged for the day on which the Brigade competitive events took place. Unfortunately, bad weather completely spoilt the afternoon and the latter half of the programme had to be abandoned. Before the storm came, Mr. de Salis was able to present the Brigade prizes for the past year. In these competitions we shared the trophies equally with the 9th Battalion.

In the competitions decided at Arundel, our greatest triumph was our victory in the Transport Turnout. It was the first time we had won this event since the war. There was no mistaking the thoroughness with which the judges

made their inspection. Not content with criticizing horses and wagons, they proceeded to examine the most intimate details of the men's clothing. Their thoroughness gave even the best-dressed spectators a doubt as to whether they themselves could have passed such an ordeal. However, the transport did—a great feather in the cap of Lieut. Cary and his men. The renowned "Glaxo babies" once more won the tug-of-war. To our surprise, we nearly came in first in the Officers' point-to-point race. If our team had been as accomplished in long-distance running as they were in horsemanship and map-reading, we would have done so.

"B" Company are to be congratulated on winning the Efficiency Cup, and C.S.M. Manders on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The principal event of interest since camp has been the Brigade Rifle Meeting, when we did not shine. The machine gunners and Cpl. Merren of "C" Company, who was runner-up in the individual shoot, were the only bright spots in a black day. There is no point in dwelling on past mistakes except to resolve that they shall not happen again. The Companies have some stiff work before them in the next few months if they are to lay the foundations of success at next year's meeting.

We regret to have to record the loss to the Battalion of two popular officers. Capt. Ellis and Lieut. P. R. Pattison are leaving us. They will be greatly missed and all our good wishes go with them.

We have dealt with the past and now turn to the future—the new Territorial year which will begin shortly. We hope it will be a year of definite improvement and that it will witness a great increase in our strength and real progress towards the goal of our ambitions—"fit to take the field."

Readers of the daily papers will have seen what lies before us. The gentlemen who spend their time in measuring the Pyramids assure us that the next war begins in May, 1928. In case we should get downhearted about it, we are told that the whole thing will be over by 1936. There is no need, therefore, to worry. Still, we had better put our backs into it in case.

"H.Q." WING.

The chief items of interest to record at this season of the year naturally centre round annual training. The camp at Arundel was a great success, not only from the point of view of the weather, but in every other way.

Once again "H.Q." Wing turned up in strength and carried out their numerous duties, it is hoped, with satisfaction. Once again we achieved success in the Inter-Company Cricket Competition, beating first "B" Company, then "D" Company and finally "C" Company. Our success was largely due to the strong batting of the Band, Bdsn. Greeney and T. Smith being conspicuous, the bowling of C.Q.M.S. Roberts and the excellent wicket-keeping of the same Bdsn. Smith.

During camp, a competition for the tidiest tent in the Company lines was organized, marks being given each day by one of the Company Officers. This was won by a Band tent under the command of L./Cpl. Alder. He and his men are to be congratulated on their efforts, which made it almost impossible for the inspecting Officer to find any faults.

On the Sunday in camp, we had a visit from a number of old members of "H.Q." Wing and of the Battalion, who travelled down from Hounslow by charabanc and were entertained by the Sergeants at their Mess.

Since annual training, the only item of news to record is the success of the Vickers Gun team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting. Congratulations to them.

We are now engaged in preparing for the winter season. The training of specialists and of N.C.Os. in particular is claiming attention, while social events such as shooting matches, games contests, dances, whist drives, etc., are not being forgotten. So look out.

YELLOW FLASHES.

Here's a chance. "A" Company have got a Mayor now. In fact, the Battalion has, so to speak, a pair of Mayors.

"B" Company are rather sore about this. Their C.S.M. was actually seen to

be weeping the other day, but this may have been merely his onions.

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Heard in camp:—

OFFICER (to member of Sanitary Squad): "Where's the Pioneer Sergeant?"

M. of S.S.: "Down by the absolution benches, sir."

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We much regret the departure from the Battalion of Capt. Ellis and Lieut. P. R. Pattison. The latter will no doubt give a "phillip" to British prestige in the East, while, as to the former, we shall just have to try to get somebody "ellis."

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At this season of the year we wish all good Territorials a bountiful time.

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Thus spake a young soldier of Hampton, "I don't like the ground that we camped on;

"There were spiders and ants

"In my vest and my pants,

"And the ground thick with ones that I'd stamped on."

"A" COMPANY.

The chief event since the publication of our last notes has been camp at Arundel. The powers that be always call it "Annual Training," why, we know not, as, in "A" Company, at any rate, we train all the year round. Call it what you will, it was an enjoyable time and we were lucky in the matter of weather. We think that the Company acquitted itself well; anyhow, nobody seemed to get particularly cross with us.

We did not carry off the Efficiency Cup this year; it was awarded to "B" Company, who are to be congratulated upon having been successful in borrowing it from us for a year. We won the Sports Cup, however, by a comfortable margin, thanks chiefly to the excellent performances of Lieut. P. R. Pattison, Lieut. D. R. Pattison, Cpl. Rainsford and Ptes. Gill and Richardson.

C.S.M. Manders was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by the Brigade Commander during camp. We congratulate him again and also C.S.M. Bawn upon his promotion.

We are glad that Twickenham has been promoted to be a municipal borough. Doubtless the authorities consider that this was only fitting in view of the growing importance of "A" Company, which recruits largely from the district. We hope "B" Company will note that we now have a Mayor of our own.

Lieut. P. R. Pattison has handed over the command of the Company to Lieut. R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, as the former has recently sailed for India to take up an appointment out there. We are all exceedingly sorry to lose him and he will be much missed. We wish him every success abroad. Lieut. D. R. Pattison, his brother, has been posted to us and we are very glad to welcome him. May the mantle of "P. R." fall upon the shoulders of "D. R."—after the necessary tucks have been taken in.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last notes, the joys of camp are over. We left Ealing on Sunday, July 25th, for Arundel shortly after 9 o'clock. We numbered 3 officers and nearly 70 other ranks. Our train was timed to leave Hounslow at 12.5.—It did not! The Brigade transport decided to travel cross-country. To cut a long story short, the round-up was completed in time for us to depart at 3.50. (For further details, see Battalion, "H.Q." Wing, "A," "C" and "D" Company Notes.) We arrived in camp just after 8 o'clock; all then worked hard to get settled down before dark. The weather, apart from the first day, was excellent. After 48 hours, our equipment was almost perfect (many have unpleasant memories of wet Shoreham).

Our field training was mainly Platoon work, outpost, attack and defence. Occasionally we became "A" "B" Company, so that our O.C. might have a little work to do. Many regretted the arrival of rain on Friday afternoon, as it stopped our night operations. We heard pleasant talks of the Black Rabbit and boating on the river.

We were delighted to see our Company Sergeant-Major receive the Lord Cheylesmore Cup for the highest score at last year's rifle meeting.

2/Lieut. Mitcheson, several N.C.Os. and men won individual events at the

Battalion Sports. We still need one or two fast runners to enable us to win the Battalion Sports Cup.

C.S.M. Simons, C.Q.M.S. Coppard, Sergt. Buckner and Sergt. Huntingford scored well in the winning shooting team of the Battalion Sergeants against the 4th Royal Sussex, 7th and 9th Battalions Middlesex Regiment.

The very successful camp was completed by the award of the Company Efficiency Cup. Well done, "B"!

We were delighted to have Cpl. Hodges back with us; we all hope it will be a very long time before he thinks it necessary to take another holiday.

We heartily congratulate Lieut. Elliott on his promotion. We shall expect great things from him now. We offer a hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. Mitcheson on his posting to "B" Company. Another departure to "A" Company; what is the attraction at Hampton-on-Thames? Lieut. Pattison has been with us since 1922. We shall miss him very much.

With the exception of a church parade at Acton and two route marches in Ealing and Hanwell, we have done very little work since camp. We very much appreciated having the Battalion Drums with us on all three occasions.

Our first dance on September 25th was very successful. We congratulate the Committee on their work.

We are very pleased to see Cpl. Pert, M.M., and L./Cpl. Bird have qualified in signalling; also that Cpl. Manister and L./Cpl. Godfrey did good work whilst attending the N.C.Os.' Class.

We wish our permanent staff instructor (C.S.M. Tibbs) every success at Hythe, and look forward to his return at Christmas.

Our successful recruits completed their first year's training by making top score in the Battalion for young soldiers' team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting in September.

"B" TROOPS.

"C" COMPANY.

ANNUAL TRAINING, 1926.

We started away from Staines Drill Hall on Sunday, July 25th, with hopes of joining a train at Staines Station at 12.10 for Arundel, but, alas, at 12.10 a message came through from Hounslow,

stating that the train had not yet left, on account of undisciplined horses without which they could not leave. However, about 3.30 the train arrived (this savoured of war days) with the horses, and we eventually reached Arundel at 8 p.m. We were greeted with the usual beginning to annual training—rain, and we feared more rain; but after the first day the weather was exceptionally good to us. The camp was again situated in the park, and most of the men declared it was the best since Hastings.

Battalion Sports were held on August Bank Holiday, when "C" Company, represented by Sergt. Taylor, Cpl. Reed, Cpl. Merrin, Cpl. Hawkins, Cpl. Bond and Pte. Bavin, just managed to pull off the tug-of-war. Our entries in the other events were few, but Cpl. Browning ran third in the 100 yards.

In the Inter-Company Cricket Tournament, we were drawn to play "A" in the first round. This game took place on Friday, July 30th, on a fine ground in the castle precincts, when, after a good game, we won by 36 runs, receiving great help from Lieut. Clarke, who took seven of "A" Company's wickets very cheaply, and C.S.M. Rose, who scored a good 30 runs and looked capable of 300. In the final on Wednesday, August 4th, we played "H.Q." Wing, who fielded a strong eleven. We were without our captain, Lieut. Newbery, who was unfortunately in bed on the Medical Officer's orders, and, batting first, we were all out for a very low score, and went down to a much better team to the extent of 9 wickets.

At the Brigade Sports on Friday, August 6th, our O.C. Company, Lieut. Newbery, obtained second prize in the Officers' Chargers, thanks to Pte. Bavin, his groom; whilst three of "C" Company, C.S.M. Reed, Sergt. Taylor and Cpl. Reed helped the Battalion to win the tug-of-war.

The Company was fortunate in having the services of Lieut. Clarke, of the R.A.S.C., during camp. He fitted so well into the scheme of things that we had hoped to annex him altogether, and if we do not it will not be for the lack of trying.

BRIGADE RIFLE MEETING.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting on

September 5th we entered teams in the High Sheriff's Shield and Lewis Gun Cup. In the former no luck came our way, but in the Lewis Gun Cup we had more satisfaction, as, although we did not win it, this year's position of third is a great improvement on previous years.

We congratulate Cpl. Merrin on obtaining second place in the individual shoot.

We are all very sorry to lose our permanent staff instructor, C.S.M. Rose, after his five years with us. He is liked by all and wherever he may go we wish him the best of good health and luck and hope he will not forget "C" Company of the 8th, as he will never be forgotten by members of the Company. We more than regret the last summer of Rose.

"D" COMPANY.

Many events have taken place since our last contribution, and for the sake of all concerned, our notes for this issue shall be *multum in parvo*.

All are agreed that camp this year was a most Sussex-ful one. We were unfortunate in not having Lieut. Maxwell with us, but we were pleased to see Capt. Murray of the Territorial Army Reserve, who was attached to us. The training, although perhaps a bit strenuous for the "rookies," was nevertheless interesting and instructive.

Our team did well in the Battalion Sports, winning several events, including the relay race and the mile, which Pte. O'Connor won easily and in very good time.

In the Cricket Cup, we had a most exciting game with "H.Q." Wing (the winners) and were only beaten by 8 runs. C.S.M. Edwards proved himself a useful bat by making top score and Pte. West, a newcomer to the team, turned out to be a bowler of some merit, and was responsible for the rapid dismissal of "H.Q.'s" "tail." They need have no fear for next year, however, as West has now joined the Regular Army.

At the Brigade Rifle Meeting this year, although the shooting was not up to the usual standard, the Company did well to maintain the best average in the Battalion. L./Cpl. Juggins put up some very good shooting. He took fourth place in the

"Cheylesmore" and ninth in the Brigade Championship, and wins a medal.

Talking of Bisley, we are reminded of a humorous episode. A certain Sergeant-Major, endeavouring to ensure a good attendance at a rifle meeting there, was pointing out to the assembled troops the joys of a good week-end's sport, and finished up by saying, "and there will be high tea for all of you when you get there." In spite of the Sergeant-Major's eloquent address, the attendance was not up to his expectations, several of the "old soldiers" being conspicuous by their absence, and when questioned later as to their non-attendance they replied, "We get quite enough I.T. here in the drill hall without going to Bisley for it."

9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE notes for this quarter's Journal were practically written, and in going through the happenings of the past three months we had come to the conclusion that it had been a most satisfactory period, when the Battalion suffered a loss which has done much to detract from the satisfaction felt in our recent successes. I refer to the death of R.Q.M.S. C. Green, M.S.M., who was to a large extent bound up in the successes of the Battalion, for during his time as P.S.I. to "D" Company he laid the foundations to their rise in efficiency, and whilst working as clerk to the orderly room assisted in every possible way he could in the raising of the Battalion teams. Further, apart from his own success in the Brigade Rifle Meeting, he helped both the Battalion and "H.Q." Company teams to gain their victories at the meeting.

We cannot, therefore, commence our notes this time without expressing our sorrow at his sudden death and our deep sympathy with Mrs. Green. Fuller details will be found elsewhere.

The normal events fall naturally into three headings: Pre-camp, Camp and Post-camp.

Under the first heading comes the N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley, to which Capt. Sherwood, C.S.M. Todman, Lieut. Furness, C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald, Sergt.-Dmr. Inkster and Pte. Lloyd went, armed

with rifles, to make an assault on the various rifle competitions. Though they did not achieve their primary object, which was the Goldsmiths and Silver-Smiths Cup, C.S.M. Todman gained his place in the T.A. fifty for H.M. The King's Medal. Capt. Sherwood and Sergt.-Dmr. Inkster also gained prizes, and we understand that they all have enough paraphernalia and telescopes to sweep the board. For the N.R.A. Lewis Gun Competition, open to T.A. units, two teams went to Bisley and caused considerable rejoicing by obtaining fourth and fifth places in the prize list, making us the only unit with two teams in the prize list of this competition. "B" Team (Cpl. Bateman, "A" Company, and Pte. Spicer, "B" Company) were fourth, and "A" Team (Cpl. Batty and Cpl. Powell, "B" Company) were fifth.

As this is the first year that we have had more than an odd competitor present, we feel that the expense, though heavy, is fully justified. Also before camp Pte. Dallenger went to Aldershot to run in the Army Individual Championships. Realizing the opposition, we did not expect anything sensational, but, at any rate, he "showed the 9th Battalion flag." We hope that the experience will be useful, and that next year he will be amongst the first three.

Although it actually occurred during camp, we will mention here, as it is also about athletics, that a team went to Aldershot for the Open Relay in the Army Team Championships. Cpl. Paul and L./Cpl. Patterson (200 Yards), Pte. Lovell-Mansbridge (440 Yards), and Pte. Dallenger (880 Yards) formed the team. Again we were up against it, but I am sure that it is better to have run and lost than not to have run at all, and to show that whilst the Regular Battalion of the Regiment is busy building such a high reputation for itself the Territorial Battalions are at least making an effort, even if they cannot carry off the honours.

CAMP.

Prior to the departure of the Battalion to camp a local paper said: "The Battalion will be headed by their Commanding Officer, and all that is further needed to make the camp a success is fine

weather." Wonderful the prophetic powers of the Press. They were correct in every detail.

Excellent weather, good camping ground and pleasant surroundings laid the foundations for a successful camp, and everything went with a swing, whilst the fact that the training areas were close to camp was a further asset, as it meant that Battalions were back in camp for dinners to time.

The Band—a kind word for them for once—also had a happy inspiration when they selected "Sussex by the sea" for a march, as this was certainly popular and became the tune of the camp.

The percentage attending camp this year showed a considerable improvement, as also did the marching and turn-out both going to and returning from camp.

Probably none gained more from this year's camp than the machine gunners, who, for the first time, were practically as strong as possible, and in consequence worked for the whole period as a section on their own, so that, with a very keen brigade machine gun officer to run their training, they were able to do work which they have hitherto not touched.

Night operations this year were held around Amberley and Houghton, and were favoured by ideal weather. The enemy were supplied by Lieut. Parker's Non-commissioned Officers Cadre Class, and the use of boats by them for their part of the show added to the interest and, unofficially, the amusement, especially for them. It is rumoured, too, that the enemy improved their knowledge of the Charleston considerably whilst waiting at their headquarters to go out on patrol.

The Brigade Day was chiefly notable for the necessity it afforded for most units to pass through a wood of varying density, out of which, strange to say, in spite of using compasses, everyone emerged safely, and quite a number at somewhere near the right spot.

On August 5th Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse visited the camp and lunched with the officers of the Battalion. This is the first time that Gen. Maxse, as Colonel of the Regiment, has visited it at training, but we hope that he will be able to spare the time from his prize apples to visit us again when the Battalion is in the neighbourhood.

On Friday, 6th, it was arranged for the members of the Middlesex T.A. Association to visit the Brigade, and a gymkhana was to take place in the afternoon. The visit of the members of the Association took place, and Sir Herbert and Lady Nield, Col. Pinkham and Col. Kittoe lunched with the Battalion, but apparently the clerk of the weather could not resist the temptation to start sprinkling unnecessary water about as soon as they arrived, and in consequence, except for the first round of the Tug-of-war, judging the Officers' Chargers and Infantry Transport Turn-out, the remainder of the events had to be postponed until Saturday morning.

In the Officers' Chargers the Brigade Commander's horse was placed first, but as this was only entered under pressure by his groom (12th Lancers) Lieut. Furlong's horse (groom, Cpl. Harris) won first prize.

In the Transport Turn-out the Battalion once more failed to carry off top honours. Competition was extremely keen, and in turn-out of animals and harness there was nothing to choose. It is all the more regrettable, therefore, to have to admit that the real reason for failure was neglect to read the conditions carefully, and that it was incorrect turn-out of the men which lost the competition. We hope that the Transport Officer will take a course of reading before next year.

On Saturday the Transport made up for their failure on the previous day by winning the Driving, in which Dvrs. Todd, Barr and Card represented the Battalion.

The Tug-of-War was, as usual, won by the 8th Battalion. For the honour of being defeated by them the 7th and 9th Battalions pulled off on Friday, and the 9th won.

The other event decided on Saturday was the Officers' Team Point-to-point. The vanity of the officers of the 9th Battalion was so badly hurt by the reflection of what they must have looked like last year on the beast of burden supplied by the contractor whom the Association employed that they must needs search elsewhere this year for their steeds.

A contractor was found who supplied a set of real horses; at any rate, there were enough for all the really vain ones to

show off their horsemanship, and, in fact, for a few days, until these aristocrats of the horse world came to earth and realized that Territorial training is not hunting, some of the vain ones were busier riding than commanding companies.

However, the true value of these horses was not apparent until the day of the Officers' Team Point-to-point.

Two teams were entered from the Battalion, Team 1 consisting of the pick of the horses ridden by the expert light-weights, Team 2 using the remainder of the riders, of which one was broken-winded, another had sleepy sickness, the third was even stouter than his rider and protested hard, whilst the fourth was a light draught, whose rough exterior hid a heart of gold. This team was ridden by any old volunteer.

Both teams had worked out every possible route they might be given, and could be heard for nights beforehand going over in their sleep all the map references possible.

At the start off Team 1 went ahead full of pride, their gallant steeds delighted at the prospect of a four-mile gallop, and to all appearances there was only one team in it. Behind came assortments of men riding animals; Team 2, even after half a mile, could have been heard some distance away, such roaring and grunting did they make. The team of the 8th Battalion, led by Col. Baker, were riding with Team 2, and behind, presumably working on the theory of the hare and tortoise, came the 7th Battalion team, well held in by their Adjutant, Capt. Savile.

And now comes the fall. On reaching the first point each team received a fresh map reference, and Team 1, obtaining the reference, started off, but they had reckoned without their knowing steeds. These clever animals knew all about map reading, and upon hearing the map reference started off with long raking strides over the hill and down to the River Arun. Unfortunately, they must have misheard the letters in the co-ordinate, for whilst they galloped hard to Amberley and found no point, the other teams, without any aid from their mounts, arrived at the correct second point, and thence to the finish, where the 8th Team and 9th Battalion No. 2 Team fought out

a great struggle, ending in a very narrow victory for the No. 2 Team by about six puffs of breath.

The vain ones and their chasers arrived later in the morning after a good gallop, and in time to see their No. 2 Team carry off the Brigade Commander's prizes.

It only shows that if you must have super-horses you must arrange with them whether the riders or they are to be responsible for the map reading.

During camp the usual Battalion competitions were held. Of these "C" Company again won the Guard Mounting, "B" Company being second and "A" Company third. "D" Company were unfortunate in having to be disqualified for being a man short, as otherwise they had a very good guard, who would probably have robbed "C" Company of the shield had they been up to strength.

In the second, the Tactical Competition, we were fortunate to have the Depot cadre non-commissioned officers to act as judges, and they deserve a hearty vote of thanks for the enthusiastic way they entered into it, and for their very helpful criticism afterwards.

The winners were again "A" Company, with "D" Company second and "C" Company third. Some of the section leading was excellent, Cpl. O'Shea, "C" Company, Sergt. Badger, "D" Company, and Cpl. Batty, "B" Company, being principally noticeable, although the general standard of section leading in their companies was not as level as that of "A" Company.

The Bugling Competitions were won by:—Senior: 1st, Dmr. C. Austin; 2nd, L./Cpl. Tavender; 3rd, L./Cpl. Smith. Juniors: 1st, Boy Brittain; 2nd, Boy W. Smith; 3rd, Pte. Lloyd. In addition, Pte. Wyatt and Boy Fenner passed the bugling test. We might add that the standard of bugling this year in camp was considerably better than previously, and we think that the fact of playing combined band and bugle marches has helped to do this.

2/Lieut. Furness, apart from sharing with Lieut. Townell the honour of having a birthday during camp, was granted permission to wear another pip upon his shoulders. We congratulate him upon this occurrence, and hope that it will spur him on to uphold the honour of Willesden by adding a further pip.

POST-CAMP.

This period has been unusually active, and several important events have occurred.

We have to congratulate C.S.M. Kelly on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and thus upholding what we understand to be a family tradition.

2/Lieut. B. L. Sutcliffe has been gazetted to the Battalion, and we welcome him to our midst, hoping that "D" Company in particular and the Battalion

including that most important part, the feeding.

Still more pleasing was the fact that, with the exception of the Machine Gun Competition, the Battalion carried off all the competitions, winning the Middlesex Justices' Shield, the Sir William Crump Cup, the Ross Brigade Cup, the High Sheriff's Competition, the Young Soldiers and the Lewis Gun. The first and second were won by the Battalion team, the third by the Battalion for having the best aggregate in all the competition, the



[Photo, Harry Baker, Willesden]

9TH BATTALION RIFLE TEAM.

The Middlesex Justices' Shield. Sir William Crump Cup.

in general will soon be able to reap as much benefit from his military knowledge, with the use of rather less paper, as the P.M.C. and War Memorial Committee have from his civilian professional ability.

2/Lieut. Ryan is resigning his commission on joining the Colonial Police.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting this year was altered slightly, the teams going to Bisley on Saturday night instead of Sunday morning as previously. This proved to be an advantage, and the arrangements worked out satisfactorily.

fourth by "H.Q." Company, the fifth by "A" Company, and the sixth by "D" Company. In addition, in these team events the second team in each company competition was found by the Battalion.

In the two individual events, the Cheylesmore Cup and the Brigade Championship, the 9th Battalion provided the first man, in the former it was the late R.Q.M.S. Green, M.S.M., and in the latter it was Pte. Tweed, "H.Q."

On Sunday, September 26th, a team was entered for the Monro Lewis Cup

Competition at the London and Middlesex Counties Rifle Association Meeting, and to prove that the previous results this year were not a fluke they gained second place, being beaten by the Artists Rifles, but beating the London Scottish, L.R.B., H.A.C., etc., in all twenty teams. On this occasion, as the team consisted of two pairs, the two best of the "B" and "D" Companies were selected as knowing the gun well they would have to fire on, and it is hoped to increase the number of teams entered next year.

MARRIAGE OF CAPT. G. L. FOX AND MISS M. LAMONT.

On Thursday, September 16th, the wedding took place at Hampstead of Capt. G. L. Fox ("D" Company) and Miss Margaret Lamont (sister of Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C., "A" Company). It was quite a Battalion affair, still more so, as the best man was 2/Lieut. B. Sutcliffe, the junior subaltern.

There was also quite a large collection of Officers of the Battalion both at the church and at the reception at 59, Reddington Road, the home of the bride's father.

It is usual when writing of these ceremonies to expend most of the ink describing the bride and bridesmaids, but, as this is a magazine for mere men, we are concentrating chiefly on the bridegroom. Unfortunately, men's fashions do not allow of any great effort in dress description. Suffice it to say that there was a uniformity in the costumes of the bridegroom and groomsmen which equalled, if it did not surpass, that of the bridesmaids. In opposition to the four maids of the bride, four grooms attended Capt. Fox to maintain the balance of power. There were two outriders, but as they were not visible to me, I should have said to our correspondent, "Their effect on the balance is not considered."

We understand that the bride was given away by her father. The nearest that the bridegroom came to being given away was when a tactless brother Officer at the reception, instead of passing sedately before the happy couple with some appropriate muttering of felicitation, asked the bridegroom for his cufflinks, and we are happy to report that even at

this moment when the greatest of minds are apt to leave slight details undone, Capt. Fox was equal to the occasion and, turning back the cuff of his morning coat, proudly displayed the links with their mystic device, "A.O.F.B."

We are unable to report what tailor had the privilege of "turning out" the bridegroom; doubtless it was one of these between Golders Green and Commercial Road, Highgate, Croydon, all of whom, we understand, have at one time or another been called upon to produce raiment for him.

Passing from the house to the garden, further trials befell the bridegroom, and after the bride had with considerable skill found the hidden cut in the cake with a knife, mark you (the bridegroom's sword having been condemned on inspection by the Medical Officer as unlikely to improve the taste of the cake), the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed. As the proposer came from north of the Tweed, I am unable to report what was said. The bridegroom's remarks, though possibly equally unintelligible to the members of the Clan Lamont, were perfectly intelligible to the natives of London and its environs. Though excellent, clearly enunciated, they also are not recorded here.

There was, after this, a slight disturbance by the members from Woolwich and Harrow, after which the bridegroom departed to don his going-away dress, and during this interval, kind friends were fully occupied attending to the final arrangements for the comfortable departure of the hero and heroine.

We offer to both our heartiest congratulations and wish them long life and happiness.

We understand that shortly after these notes appear, the doctor also will leave the now decreased ranks of celebrities, but as the occurrence will take place in the wilds of Wales, it is unlikely that we shall be able to arrange for the attendance of our special correspondent to obtain an account of the event.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hogg for presenting us with another promising platoon commander. We think it a little hard, however, that it should have been condemned to the "Furness" at such a tender age.

We anticipate the migration of the Quai Hai wallahs to Putney to join the second-in-command now that special facilities are available in the neighbourhood for the practice of quai hai-ism.

On Saturday, September 25th, the Battalion rifle team were present at the Middlesex Guildhall, where Sir Montagu Sharp, K.C., before dealing with the assembled batch of victims and litigants, presented the Justices' Shield to the team and congratulated them on winning it. Col. Beach replied on behalf of the Battalion. Previous to entering the court, the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the memorial to the men of Middlesex in the entrance hall. After the presentation, the team were shown over the Guildhall by Mr. Basil Holmes, including the dining room where he very kindly invited the assembled multitude to sample the contents of the cellar. The invitation was not refused.

Ptes. W. Humphrey and F. W. Lloyd of "D" Company have joined the Royal Artillery, and Pte. H. Moody, "B" Company, has been accepted for the Metropolitan Police. We wish them all success in their new careers.

By the time these notes are published, November will have arrived and with it the commencement of a new training year, which we hope will be a proof that every year we get better and better and nearer to sweeping the board in everything, and the first people to have a chance of proving this will be the cooks, who we hope will prove themselves the champion cooks of the Territorial Army at the Agriculural Hall early in November.

"B" COMPANY.

To all of us it was a great shock to learn of the death of R.Q.M.S. Green on September 16th and, though he was not attached to our Company, yet he was always ready to help in any way he could for the good of the Battalion, and he is a great loss.

To Mrs. Green and her two sons we offer our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

We are all agreed on the success of this year's annual training in Arundel Park (there were only five absentees from "B"), and were sorry when camp had

to be struck on August 8th. Certain of our senior N.C.Os. seemed particularly sorry for themselves that morning and we wonder whether they wished that the Winter Weapon Training Competition Cup had not been such a large one.

We expected to "walk away" with the Guard Mounting Competition, especially when one of the guard in the Company which won last year dropped his rifle. However, two beautifully-polished oil-bottles lying in cotton wool in one of the tents instead of in the butts were the chief cause of our being only second.

We congratulate Cpl. Batty and his guard on the smart way they paraded and handled their arms, and wish them better luck next year.

We also congratulate Cpls. Batty and Powell, two of the four members of the team representing the Battalion in the Lewis Gun Competition at Bisley on September 25th, on coming out second—a fine performance.

Our two representatives attached to the Training Cadre—Sergt. Jackson and L./Cpl. Littlefield—received good reports on their work.

We are sorry to lose Sergt. Morris and L./Cpl. Mancer, now with "H.Q." Company, and Pte. Moody, who has joined the Police Force.

This year's Brigade Rifle Meeting resulted in two "seconds" for us—the B.S.A. Guns (young soldiers), in which Pte. Harper fired very well, and the Lewis Gun competition.

Our Adjutant carried out his duties of Hon. Secretary splendidly, and through his efforts the meeting was made most interesting.

We wish to close our notes in offering our congratulations to our Commanding Officer on his promotion, and to Lieut. Furness on gaining his second "pip" as well as on his good firing at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

"C" COMPANY.

When these notes are published, "that strenuous period of unrest," a nightmare to many, a joy for ever to those with more "Ford-like" hearts, to wit, camp, will be fading into a dim memory.

Once more "C" gathered laurels, winning the Guard Mounting Competition for the third year in succession, and the

Lewis Gun Competition. Cpl. O'Shea is to be congratulated on being in command of the winning teams.

The improvements in the Company since last camp are considerable, the most noticeable being our huge numbers. With recruits still evading those proverbial gusts of wind that sweep out of our portals, it is rumoured that the Company's "guiding stars" are beginning to dream of that phantom 86th man.

This winter a Boxing Club is being formed and, it is hoped, will be a success. The results of the last competitions at Headquarters were very encouraging and

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the P.S.I. who used "Union Jack" Paste so diligently on his feet that he contracted corns on his tonsils?

How many more marriages there are to be in the Company, and if they all know that hot-water bottles are quite cheap?

If our "Subs" have changed much?

"D" COMPANY.

The chief event since our last notes appeared was our annual fortnight of "Active Service," eventually held, after



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with the better facilities for training, there is no reason why we should not do even better.

While mentioning winter, we all hope the coal strike will not prevent the final touch to the "homely" aspect our Canteen has admirably assumed, that touch being, of course, a fire.

The Children's Christmas Party will again be held and will, no doubt, be as complete a success as before.

We all deeply regret the death of R.Q.M.S. Green, who has been with the Battalion so many years. We will all miss him very much.

many nasty rumours, at Arundel, where we arrived on Sunday, July 25th.

Those of us who had been there before certainly hoped to have a better time than last year, but I don't think anybody expected to have such a good time as we did. I feel sure that this year's camp will have a good effect on next year's attendance, although the attendance this year was extraordinarily good.

Many valuable lessons were learnt from the Platoon of the Leicester Regiment, who were demonstrating to us this year.

In a Platoon competition held towards the end of the camp, our Platoon were

second to "A" Company, which was not at all a bad result. L./Cpl. Patterson got special praise for his leading in this competition. Apparently, the leading of the "glow-worm parties" at night is good training.

Three of the Company were in the team that went to Aldershot to represent the Battalion in the Inter-Unit Relay Race at the Army Athletic Meeting. We finished fourth in the event, only four teams competing.

Great consternation was caused on the day of marching out; 'twas like this:—Pte. F—e arrived in the lines with an unrecognizable set of equipment, i.e., perfectly clean and brasses highly polished. All N.C.Os. were immediately called for and a conference held, and it was decided that the "Show" set seen by all N.C.Os. outside the Orderly Room was not in it. If only he could have produced a hat to march home in, we should all have been very proud of him.

All good times come to an end, however, and everyone left Arundel full of regret, Littlehampton rock and gramophones. Back again at Hendon, we immediately set about practice for the Brigade Rifle Meeting and with what good results! First in Lewis Gun, with 50 points' lead of the nearest team; second in the High Sheriff's, only 2 points behind the winners; and third in Young Soldiers—not a bad record.

We are now concentrating on the Platoon Competition to be held at the Depot on Sunday, October 10th. In the next issue we shall see how we get on.

Before closing, we should like to say how extremely grieved we all are at the death of the late permanent staff instructor, R.Q.M.S. Green, and our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and two sons.

"DON."

"H.Q." WING.

SIGNALLERS.

We must start our notes by apologizing for not sending in notes for our last issue, but owing to our hot summer, our sub-editor went to sleep and did not wake up until it was too late for publication.

However, we have arrived back in the Drill Hall from camp and have started

afresh, with the loss of our old friend, Sergt. Elkins, who has left us (on medical grounds). We sincerely hope we have not seen the last of him and wish him a speedy recovery and successful future.

We must now start issuing "congrats" round, for our Section Headquarters moved last July to Catterick, where Lieut. Heffer and Cpl. Missen were on the 88th Regimental Course, and at the time of writing are anxiously waiting results; while L./Cpls. Holliwell and Pinkerton were on the 3rd Territorial Army Course and came home with "flying colours."

The attendance at the Drill Hall has improved immensely, but there is still room for more men to train as signallers, and anyone desirous of joining the Section will be welcomed.

The results of the classification were extremely disappointing, but, as the Section had been handicapped by the absence of instructors, we will say no more about it, but must pull our socks up and retrieve our losses next time.

However, as we have still five men "up our sleeve" for classification, we wish them every success, and must congratulate our fellow-signaller, Pte. Tweed, on his creditable performance at Bisley, when he came on top in the Brigade Championship.

In closing, we extend our heartiest good wishes to all signallers of the Regiment.

"WIND TICKLER."

THE LATE C.S.M. (R.Q.M.S. (T.A.)) C. GREEN, M.S.M.

To all who knew him, past and present members of the Regiment, Regulars and Territorials, the death on September 16th of R.Q.M.S. Green came as a great shock. For twenty-three years he had served with the Regiment in one capacity or another, and in addition to his valuable services to it, he was as respected and popular with his seniors and juniors as with his own immediate circle.

Joining the Regiment in 1903, he was posted to the 4th Battalion, and in course of time became a signaller. He was the senior N.C.O. in the Signalling Section when they rose from bottom to the top of the Army, and for this work he was given accelerated promotion to Sergeant

in 1911. Prior to the outbreak of war, he had to undergo a serious operation and on being discharged from hospital was posted to the Depot for a two-years' tour.

At the Depot he was able to show that signalling was not his only subject, and he proved to be a very fine drill and musketry instructor.

On the outbreak of war he immediately applied to rejoin his Battalion and after a struggle managed to get his way, but on arrival he was rejected by the medical authorities as totally unfit for active service, and despite repeated efforts he was never allowed to go abroad.

How keenly he felt this only those who knew him well really understood.

However, though unfit for France, he was by no means idle and, being posted to the 6th Reserve Battalion at Chatham, was employed as C.Q.M.S., C.S.M., and finally R.S.M. Though often a very sick man, he refused to give in and only on receipt of a direct order would he report sick.

The value of his work at Chatham can be gauged by the fact that he was awarded the coveted Meritorious Service Medal in addition to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

After the war he was again posted to the Depot for a short period and then joined the 9th Battalion as a Permanent Staff Instructor.

Both at Headquarters and with "D" Company, his experience as an instructor was invaluable, and whilst with the latter Company not only did it get beyond its establishment in strength, but in addition practically every trophy in the Battalion found its way to Hendon.

Shortly before his discharge to pension, R.Q.M.S. Green underwent another operation which it was hoped and believed had effectively cured him, and after his discharge in June, 1925, he remained with the Battalion as civilian clerk.

This was not sufficient for him, however, and he hated being out of harness. It was therefore with delight that he was allowed to re-enlist as a Territorial and take on the duties of R.Q.M.S. and in addition take an active part in the Battalion's activities.

Only a week before he was taken ill he fired for the Battalion team and "H.Q."

Company team at the Brigade Rifle Meeting at Bisley and helped them considerably towards obtaining their winning scores, whilst he himself won the "Cheylesmore" Cup for the best individual aggregate.

The funeral took place at Hendon Cemetery. The firing party was provided by the 9th Battalion, and Officers, W.Os., N.C.Os. and men of the Battalion attended; whilst in addition there were representatives from the University College School O.T.C., where he had been an instructor, the Depot, the Regimental Association, Mill Hill School O.T.C., 7th and 8th Battalions, and a large number of old comrades. A very large number of wreaths were received, and if any evidence was required of the esteem in which he was held, the wide range covered by the donors would suffice.

R.Q.M.S. Green leaves a widow and two young sons, and to these we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

It was impossible to have served with Green without appreciating and liking him and realizing that the words on the scroll of the cap-badge he had worn for so long summarized his life and work:

Ich Dien—I Serve.

THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of the Club will take place on December 10th at the Constitutional Club in Northumberland Avenue.

All members of the Club will receive a notice in due course, but in the meantime are asked to keep that date free.

All Officers who have ever served in the South Middlesex Volunteer Rifles or in any of the four Battalions of the Tenth Middlesex are eligible to attend the dinner.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Major C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., 440, Strand, London, W.C.2.

MEDALS OF THE REGIMENT.

THE group of medals illustrated are those of Col.-Sergt. James C. Furnish, who was present with the 77th Regiment at the Battles of Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol.

In New Zealand, Col.-Sergt. Furnish served with the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment (Suffolks).

The two medals on the right were won

for shooting in Australia; the large one being inscribed "N.S.W. Rifle Association, 1881, won by Staff-Sergeant James Furnish," and the smaller, which is of gold, was awarded him as a member of the English team at the International Rifle Match, 1884, when the scores, which are engraved on reverse, were: England, 633; Australia, 624; Ireland, 602; Wales, 592; Scotland, 588.

The medals are in Mr. E. Morris's collection, to whom we are indebted for the description and photograph.



OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on September 16th, of C.S.M. Charles Green at the age of 42 years. The deceased served twenty-three years in the Regiment, and was at the time of his death R.Q.M.S. of the 9th Battalion. (See page 357.)

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Guernsey through an accident

on August 14th, of James Gates. The deceased joined the 57th Regiment on July 31st, 1879, and was discharged from the Permanent Staff of the 3rd (Militia) Battalion in the rank of Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry on October 4th, 1897. He saw service during the Great War in the rank of Colour-Sergeant from October 2nd, 1914, to December 15th, 1916, when he was discharged as being no longer physically fit for war service. We tender our deepest sympathy to the widow and family.

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Sgt.	E. Kelly	9th	20/11/17
Sgt.	C. Goodall	1st	5/7/18
Sgt.	E. Pain	1st	26/10/18
Sgt.	King	1st	18/1/19
Sgt.	C. Mabb	1st	19/9/19
Sgt.	W. Moore	1st	7/11/19
Sgt.	D. O'Connell	1st	15/1/20
Sgt.	H. Glover	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	C. Cox	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	A. Walker	2nd	1/5/20
Sgt.	W. Palmer	2nd	15/5/20
Sgt.	E. Margrave	1st	20/11/20
Sgt.	E. Heath	1st	30/11/20
Sgt.	J. Wilcockson	Depot	30/11/20
Sgt.	J. Cook	2nd	30/11/20
Sgt.-Dmr.	G. Goodwin	1st	4/7/21
Sgt.	H. Darby	1st	25/8/21
Sgt.	E. Walsh	7th	25/8/21
Sgt.	H. Hart	Depot	25/8/21
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	19th Lond.	25/8/21
Sgt.	W. Thompson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	G. Capel	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	S. Wilson	2nd	9/1/22
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	8th	22/1/22
Sgt.	(O.R.C.) C. Stuart	1st	23/4/22
Sgt.	F. Hill	2nd	22/8/23
Sgt.	S. Colbourne	2nd	6/10/23
Sgt.	V. O'terholme	1st	10/10/23
Sgt.	R. Mewett	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Leatherby	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	W. Connors	2nd	12/12/23
Sgt.	H. Hewett	2nd	10/1/24
Sgt.	T. Massey	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	F. Peck	2nd	12/1/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	Depot	19/1/24
Sgt.	G. Anderson	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	G. Cullen	1st	20/2/24
Sgt.	H. Farrow	1st	7/5/24
Sgt. (I.M.)	J. Griffen	Depot	11/6/24
Sgt. (I.M.)	V. Brockman	1st	15/7/24
Sgt.	L. Simmonds	2nd	24/8/24
Sgt.	L. Clarke	19th Lond.	1/9/24
Sgt.	W. Clements	Depot	10/11/24
Sgt.	J. Beaveridge	2nd	28/1/25
Sgt.-Dmr.	W. Palmer	2nd	4/2/25
Sgt.	F. Draper	1st	19/2/25
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Sgt.	G. Lambert	...	1st 26/5/25	Cpl.	A. Williams	...	1st 26/3/25
Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	1st 26/5/25	Cpl.	J. O'Brien	...	1st 16/4/25
Sgt.	S. Tibbs	...	8th 1/6/2	Cpl.	L. O'Neill	...	2nd 26/5/25
Sgt.	W. Randle	...	Depot 16/8/25	Cpl.	L. Honeybun	...	1st 26/5/25
Sgt.	W. Overton	...	1st 28/10/25	Cpl.	A. Secretan	...	1st 5/5/25
Sgt.	L. Fairchild	...	2nd 20/1/26	Cpl.	T. Ballard	...	2nd 13/5/25
Sgt.	S. Mason	...	2nd 2/2/26	Cpl.	W. Eldrett	...	1st 1/6/25
Sgt.	C. Banfield	...	2nd 13/2/26	Cpl.	W. McMurdie	...	1st 4/6/25
Sgt. (O.R.S.)	W. Fletcher	...	2nd 7/3/26	Cpl.	E. Bearne	...	Depot 15/6/25
Sgt.	G. Bone	...	2nd 19/3/26	Cpl.	G. Atkins	...	2nd 3/11/25
Sgt.	E. Hazledene	...	2nd 5/4/26	Cpl.	C. Kingdom	...	Depot 28/10/25
Sgt.	P. Newman	...	1st	Cpl.	H. Berry	...	2nd 7/1/26
Sgt.	W. Sadler	...	1st	Cpl.	R. Neighbour	...	2nd 11/1/26
Sgt. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	...	1st	Cpl.	A. Webb	...	2nd 11/1/26
Sgt.	T. Tiller	...	2nd 1/7/26	Cpl.	J. Jenkins	...	2nd 11/1/26
Sgt.	T. Page	...	1st 20/5/26	Cpl.	H. Poulter	...	2nd 20/1/26
Sgt.	W. Bennett	...	1st 19/6/26	Cpl.	L. Laxton	...	1st 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	W. Cobbett	...	Depot 13/10/23	Cpl.	C. Donaldson	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	A. Lawrence	...	1st 20/2/24	Cpl.	R. Franklin	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	G. Clift	...	1st 1/9/24	Cpl.	H. Reading	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	Depot 1/9/24	Cpl.	B. Gower	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	Robbins	...	Depot 1/9/24	Cpl.	W. Milberry	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	H. Warren	...	Depot 26/3/25	Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	2nd 2/2/26
L./Sgt.	A. Clifford	...	2nd 17/5/25	Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	1st 6/2/26
L./Sgt.	H. Thomas	...	1st 8/6/25	Cpl.	R. Challis	...	1st 8/2/26
L./Sgt.	F. Stacey	...	1st 28/10/25	Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	1st 17/2/26
L./Sgt.	E. Aird	...	2nd 20/1/26	Cpl.	H. Hull	...	1st 18/2/26
L./Sgt.	C. Misso	...	1st 22/1/26	Cpl.	R. Priddy	...	1st 13/3/26
L./Sgt.	A. Jones	...	1st 20/5/26	Cpl.	L. Wingrove	...	2nd 13/2/26
L./Sgt.	A. Stenning	...	1st 12/9/26	Cpl.	C. Clements	...	2nd 23/2/26
L./Sgt.	H. Barker	...	2nd 2/2/26	Cpl.	J. Power	...	2nd 7/3/26
L./Sgt.	W. Bratby	...	2nd 13/2/26	Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	2nd 18/3/26
L./Sgt.	G. McDonald	...	1st 17/2/26	Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	2nd 19/3/26
L./Sgt.	E. Lione	...	2nd 1/3/26	Cpl.	E. Wright	...	2nd 26/4/26
L./Sgt.	E. Howard	...	2nd 19/3/26	Cpl. (O.R.C.)	W. Baker	...	2nd 30/4/26
L./Sgt.	V. Hall	...	2nd 5/4/26	Cpl.	S. Buckle	...	2nd 17/8/26
L./Sgt.	G. Horrex	...	Depot 1/5/26	Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	2nd 28/8/26
L./Sgt.	H. Gibson	...	1st 20/5/26	Cpl.	G. Skeats	...	1st 20/5/26
L./Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	...	1st 19/6/26	Cpl.	J. Painter	...	Depot 23/5/26
L./Sgt.	A. Wright	...	2nd 1/7/26	Cpl.	H. Short	...	Depot 19/6/26
L./Sgt.	T. Hannah	...	1st 6/8/26	Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	1st 3/7/26
Cpl.	J. Sharman	...	2nd 1/5/20	Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	1st 9/7/26
Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	2nd 1/5/20	Cpl.	J. Frost	...	1st 12/6/26
Cpl.	R. Wood	...	2nd 13/5/20	Cpl.	G. Knock	...	1st 28/7/26
Cpl.	J. Bray	...	1st 29/12/20	Cpl.	H. Riley	...	1st 20/5/26
Cpl.	W. Harwood	...	2nd 4/12/21	Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	1st 5/8/26
Cpl.	J. Steward	...	Depot 1/4/23	Cpl.	E. Pinder	...	Depot 6/8/26
Cpl.	G. Hatfield	...	2nd 12/12/23	L./Cpl.	J. Murphy	...	1st 20/8/20
Cpl.	C. Mardle	...	1st 19/12/23	L./Cpl.	F. Clarke	...	1st 1/4/21
Cpl.	J. West	...	Depot 11/1/24	L./Cpl.	F. Carter	...	1st 6/4/21
Cpl.	W. Grace	...	2nd 12/1/24	L./Cpl.	H. Channon	...	2nd 21/11/21
Cpl.	C. Olden	...	2nd 12/1/24	L./Cpl.	A. Reed	...	1st 1/4/23
Cpl.	G. Egan	...	1st 16/2/24	L./Cpl.	W. Tomkins	...	1st 13/7/23
Cpl.	Kelly	...	1st 12/3/24	L./Cpl.	G. Staines	...	1st 27/7/23
Cpl.	W. Tibble	...	1st 11/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Green	...	1st 27/7/23
Cpl.	C. Lewis	...	1st 16/7/24	L./Cpl.	L. Yesterley	...	1st 13/8/23
Cpl.	W. Patterson	...	2nd 28/7/24	L./Cpl.	G. Mills	...	1st 8/10/23
Cpl.	C. Soper	...	Depot 16/7/24	L./Cpl.	G. Foley	...	1st 13/10/23
Cpl.	G. Goss	...	1st 1/9/24	L./Cpl.	Goodall	...	1st 22/1/24
Cpl.	S. Burgess	...	2nd 11/11/24	L./Cpl.	A. Hames	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	S. Bishop	...	2nd 11/11/24	L./Cpl.	G. McGlone	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	W. Swindon	...	1st 25/11/24	L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	G. Blake	...	1st 13/12/24	L./Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	F. Denchfield	...	2nd 27/12/24	L./Cpl.	G. Frost	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	R. King	...	1st 30/12/24	L./Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	1st 15/2/24
Cpl.	R. Brown	...	2nd 4/2/25	L./Cpl.	C. Watson	...	1st 20/2/24
Cpl.	J. Ecclestone	...	1st 19/2/25	L./Cpl.	C. Turner	...	1st 8/3/24
Cpl.	S. Copelin	...	2nd 24/2/25	L./Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	1st 8/3/24

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L./Cpl.	R. Glover	...	1st 8/5/24	L./Cpl.	C. Moss	...	2nd 6/3/25
L./Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	1st 21/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Lee	...	2nd 11/3/25
L./Cpl.	R. Aldridge	...	Depot 18/5/24	L./Cpl.	F. Gray	...	2nd 11/3/25
L./Cpl.	H. Batt	...	1st 21/5/24	L./Cpl.	J. Davis	...	2nd 12/1/25
L./Cpl.	A. Case	...	1st 28/5/24	L./Cpl.	A. Johnson	...	1st 17/4/25
L./Cpl.	A. Hows	...	1st 28/5/24	L./Cpl.	E. Foulger	...	1st 18/4/25
L./Cpl.	A. Anson	...	1st 28/5/24	L./Cpl.	F. Goodall	...	1st 21/4/25
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell	...	2nd 3/6/24	L./Cpl.	Smith	...	1st 5/5/25
L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	1st 3/6/24	L./Cpl.	Chalkley	...	1st 16/5/25
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	...	1st 11/6/24	L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery	...	2nd 27/5/25
L./Cpl.	L. West	...	Depot 14/7/24	L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes	...	2nd 30/5/25
L./Cpl.	Bayles	...	1st 13/8/24	L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher	...	1st 4/6/25
L./Cpl.	W. Banham	...	1st 19/8/24	L./Cpl.	T. Martin	...	2nd 19/6/25
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt	...	1st 19/8/24	L./Cpl.	Pike	...	1st 17/6/25
L./Cpl.	Barley	...	1st 18/9/24	L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus	...	1st 22/6/25
L./Cpl.	Marshall	...	1st 1/6/25	L./Cpl.	Kruck	...	1st 30/6/25
L./Cpl.	O'Neill	...	1st 25/9/24	L./Cpl.	T. Sibley	...	2nd 30/5/25
L./Cpl.	Kelly	...	1st 2/10/24	L./Cpl.	F. Wright	...	2nd 16/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. Westney	...	1st 9/10/24	L./Cpl.	D. Glew	...	2nd 17/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Thompson	...	Depot 11/10/24	L./Cpl.	A. Cadwallar	...	2nd 17/7/25
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson	...	1st 17/10/24	L./Cpl.	L. Staggs	...	2nd 18/7/25
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke	...	Depot 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	2nd 18/7/25
L./Cpl.	Fletcher	...	1st 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	L. Timson	...	1st 24/7/25
L./Cpl.	Hammond	...	1st 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	A. Sargent	...	Depot 29/7/23
L./Cpl.	Woodroff	...	Depot 1/12/24	L./Cpl.	F. Wood	...	1st 5/8/26
L./Cpl.	Wheatley	...	1st 10/12/24	L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls	...	1st 6/8/25
L./Cpl.	Chasney	...	1st 1/1/25	L./Cpl.	Pratt	...	1st 10/8/25
L./Cpl.	Carnoll	...	1st 1/1/25	L./Cpl.	W. Skull	...	2nd 10/8/25
L./Cpl.	H. Holness	...	1st 6/2/25	L./Cpl.	Donovan	...	1st 14/8/25
L./Cpl.	W. Lee	...	1st 4/3/25	L./Cpl.	M. Horton	...	1st 14/8/25
L./Cpl.	Balls	...	1st 14/3/25	L./Cpl.	E. Paterson	...	1st 15/8/25
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer	...	1st 13/3/25	L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore	...	1st 19/9/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hutton	...	Depot 18/3/25	L./Cpl.	Trestain	...	2nd 4/9/25
L./Cpl.	A. Clark	...	2nd 12/11/20	L./Cpl.	P. Hale	...	1st 16/9/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt	...	2nd 11/7/21	L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn	...	1st 29/9/25
L./Cpl.	G. Milne	...	2nd 13/12/21	L./Cpl.	J. May	...	2nd 29/9/25
L./Cpl.	E. Addinall	...	2nd 12/3/22	L./Cpl.	A. Mason	...	Depot 13/10/25
L./Cpl.	F. Welsh	...	2nd 27/3/22	L./Cpl.	Evans	...	1st 15/10/25
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell	...	2nd 24/8/22	L./Cpl.	T. Little	...	1st 17/10/25
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell	...	2nd 22/12/22	L./Cpl.	F. Bowden	...	1st 28/10/25
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson	...	2nd 14/3/23	L./Cpl.	B. Rapley	...	2nd 13/10/25
L./Cpl.	W. Potter	...	2nd 15/6/23	L./Cpl.	A. Loom	...	2nd 20/10/25
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley	...	2nd 27/7/23	L./Cpl.	P. Timms	...	2nd 20/10/25
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews	...	2nd 13/8/23	L./Cpl.	F. Scott	...	1st 12/11/25
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler	...	2nd 15/8/23	L./Cpl.	R. Sage	...	1st 10/11/25
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcraft	...	2nd 17/8/23	L./Cpl.	A. Ball	...	1st 10/11/25
L./Cpl.	T. Levett	...	2nd 12/9/23	L./Cpl.	R. Wilson	...	2nd 9/12/25
L./Cpl.	F. Fisher	...	2nd 4/1/24	L./Cpl.	George	...	1st 11/12/25
L./Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	2nd 4/1/24	L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe	...	1st 14/12/25
L./Cpl.	E. Barker	...	2nd 14/1/24	L./Cpl.	S. Harris	...	2nd 17/1/26
L./Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2nd 16/1/24	L./Cpl.	T. Lambert	...	1st 12/1/26
L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2nd 16/1/24	L./Cpl.	E. Rochester	...	1st 12/1/26
L./Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	2nd 16/1/24	L./Cpl.	W. Webster	...	1st 13/2/26
L./Cpl.	A. Jones	...	2nd 2/2/24	L./Cpl.	H. Parrott	...	1st 4/3/26
L./Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	2nd 25/3/24	L./Cpl.	S. Statham	...	1st 13/3/26
L./Cpl.	F. Towell	...	2nd 19/4/24	L./Cpl.	J. Quick	...	1st 8/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Schooldge	...	2nd 24/6/24	L./Cpl.	H. Parker	...	1st 2/4/26
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes	...	2nd 7/7/24	L./Cpl.	T. Lowe	...	1st 24/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Champion	...	2nd 17/7/24	L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	...	Depot 24/4/26
L./Cpl.	J. Lane	...	2nd 13/1/25	L./Cpl.	H. Channon	...	2nd 16/1/26
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp	...	2nd 10/1/25	L./Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Waterman	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	G. Sherriff	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	G. Reed	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	H. Adams	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Budd	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Ellis	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Stewart	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Hutchins	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	D. Williams	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	S. Tiller	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	H. Meddoms	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	S. Young	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Boen	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Nash	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble	...	2nd 31/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Lee	...	2nd 23/4/26
L./Cpl.	J. Carroll	...	2nd 23/3/25	L./Cpl.	J. Jones	...	2nd 23/4/26

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L./Cpl.	W. Green ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	G. Thorpe ...	1st	7/7/26
L./Cpl.	F. Marjarum ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	V. Cobcroft ...	1st	13/7/26
L./Cpl.	A. White ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	J. Knight ...	1st	13/7/26
L./Cpl.	A. Miller ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	W. Holt ...	1st	13/7/26
L./Cpl.	W. Hammond ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	J. Thompson ...	1st	14/7/26
L./Cpl.	G. Balls ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	W. Higgins ...	1st	15/7/26
L./Cpl.	S. Pinner ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	H. Meakins ...	1st	15/7/26
L./Cpl.	G. Blackman ...	2nd	†23/4/26	L./Cpl.	S. Hill ...	1st	19/7/26
L./Cpl.	E. Jennings ...	2nd	†29/5/26	L./Cpl.	P. Carter ...	1st	19/7/26
L./Cpl.	A. Souch ...	2nd	†29/5/26	L./Cpl.	F. Hedges ...	1st	24/7/26
L./Cpl.	W. Giles ...	2nd	†29/5/26	L./Cpl.	W. Willis ...	1st	3/8/26
L./Cpl.	A. Deamer ...	2nd	†29/5/26	L./Cpl.	A. Canning ...	1st	6/8/26
L./Cpl.	A. Russell ...	1st	*5/5/26	L./Cpl.	G. Hawkins ...	1st	10/8/26
L./Cpl.	T. Rowbottom ...	1st	*12/5/26	L./Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	14/8/26
L./Cpl.	C. Freeman ...	1st	*20/5/26	L./Cpl.	S. Boiling ...	1st	16/8/26
L./Cpl.	W. Thompson ...	1st	23/5/26	L./Cpl.	P. Andrews ...	1st	16/8/26
L./Cpl.	E. Hows ...	1st	†31/5/26	L./Cpl.	E. Freeman ...	1st	24/8/26
L./Cpl.	E. Newman ...	1st	†31/5/26	L./Cpl.	L. Williams ...	1st	6/9/26
L./Cpl.	E. Kent ...	1st	†31/5/26	L./Cpl.	P. Bermingham ...	1st	24/8/26
L./Cpl.	C. Carney ...	1st	1/6/26	L./Cpl.	E. Hillier ...	2nd	24/8/26
L./Cpl.	G. Brooks ...	1st	1/6/26	L./Cpl.	H. Parnell ...	2nd	24/8/26
L./Cpl.	G. Maunder ...	1st	†4/6/26	L./Cpl.	A. Gilbert ...	2nd	6/9/26
L./Cpl.	W. Ray ...	1st	7/7/26				

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