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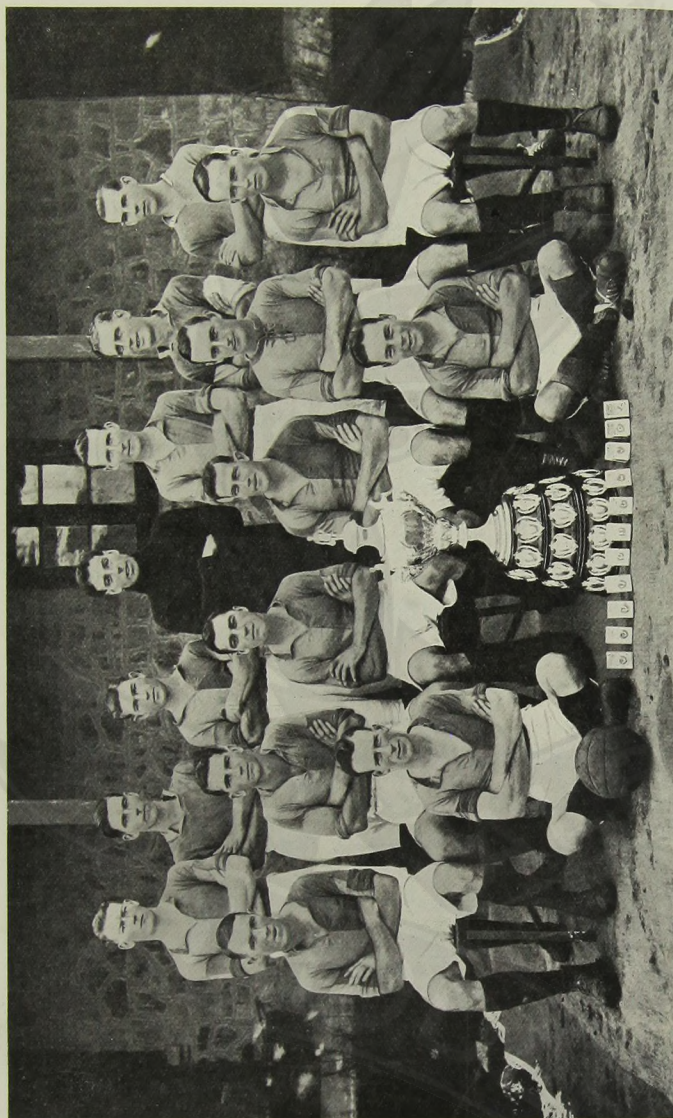
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FOOTBALL TEAM, 2ND BATTALION.

Winners of the Rovers Cup for three years in succession.

Back Row—Bacon, Budd, Lincoln, Grew, Butterfield, Rowe.  
Second Row—Bugdon, Arnold, Corpl. Neighbour, Sgt. Capel, Sgt. D. Palmer, Mackie.  
First Row—Sgt. Hewitt, L./Corpl. Loom.

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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

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6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... Mill Hill.  
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#### Colonel:

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## EDITORIAL



BEING a New Year issue, we must commence by wishing all our readers happiness and prosperity for 1927. May it prove a kindlier year than 1926.

It is with much regret that we have to inform our readers that the price of the Journal has been raised from 6d. to 9d.

For a considerable time the Journal has not paid its way. In spite of every effort to increase the circulation and to obtain more advertisements our income has failed to cover the cost of production. The Committee of the Regimental Association at the Quarterly Meeting in November last decided therefore to increase the cost of the Journal rather than decrease its size.

We trust that the extra cost of 1s. per annum will not affect the circulation, and

that our readers will continue to give the same support to the Journal as they have done in the past.

The 9th Battalion are to be congratulated on winning the Territorial Army Cookery Competition—Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition, 1926.

We also congratulate Sergt. W. Rowe, once Sergeant-Master-Cook of the 4th Battalion, but transferred on the disbandment as Sergeant-Master-Cook of the Depot, The Buffs, on winning the Army Advanced Cookery Competition, 1926.

## ERRATA.

VOL. II, PAGE 328, "The 57th and 77th Regiments at the Battle of Inkerman."

Line 32.—Lieut.-General Sir George Brown should have been shown as the full Colonel of the 77th Regiment only, and not 57th and 77th Regiments.—G. W. S.

## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1927.

- January 1st: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.  
 April 2nd: Quarterly Concert at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.  
 June 27th: Cricket, The Regiment v. A. N. Other, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.  
 June 28th: Cricket, The Regiment v. The Cryptics, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.  
 June 28th: Officers' Club Dinner, at the Trocadero Restaurant, at 7.45 p.m.  
 June 29th: Cricket, The Regiment v. The Free Foresters, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.  
 June 29th: Officers' Club "At Home," at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.  
 June 29th: Old Comrades' Gathering, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m.  
 June 30th: Cricket, The Regiment v. A. N. Other, at the Depot, Mill Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

October 1st: Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Hall, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

November 5th: Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, N.W., at 7.0 p.m.

November 5th: Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

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

He served in the Zulu War, 1879, for which he received the war medal.

On returning from the war he served in Ireland and elsewhere until joining the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, on promotion as a Major, in India, 1890.

He returned to England with this Battalion in 1898, and served at Woolwich until the breaking out of the South African War, when he accompanied the Battalion there as second in command.

He was present at the engagements of Allemans Nek, Pieters Hill, the Relief of Ladysmith, and Spion Kop. During the



THE LATE MAJOR N. J. R. BLAKE, D.S.O.

## MAJOR N. J. R. BLAKE, D.S.O.

THE late Major Napoleon Joseph Rodolph Blake joined the 57th Regiment in Ireland in 1873, and proceeded the same year with his regiment to Ceylon.

latter battle he was in temporary command of his Battalion, as Col. A. W. Hill was in temporary command of the 10th Brigade.

For this war Major Blake was mentioned in despatches and received the D.S.O. and two war medals. He retired in 1901.

During his latter service he was much



handicapped by deafness, which afterwards prevented him taking an active part in the Great War, though for a time he was employed at censor work.

After he retired he settled down at Camberley, where he was always very pleased to meet any of his old friends in the Regiment.

G. W. W. S.

The funeral took place at St. Michael's Churchyard on Monday, October 25th, 1926, following a service at St. Tarcisus Church. The Rev. Father Twomey officiated at the Requiem Mass at 9 a.m., and also at the interment at noon.

The mourners were Miss Blake (daughter) and Mr. Page Henderson (brother-in-law). Others present included Col. Rowcroft, Col. and Mrs. Lempriere, Col. W. E. A. Blakeney, Major Willoughby, Major Harland, Major F. C. L. Thomas, Major R. A. Haviland, Capt. H. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White and Miss White.

Brig-Gen. Garstin expressed regret that he was ill and away from home at the time, which prevented him from attending.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—

Mrs. and Miss Blake (wife and daughter).

Col. R. Blake.

Col. and Mrs. Page-Henderson.

Mr. and the Misses Page-Henderson.

Officers of the Middlesex Regiment.

Col. and Mrs. Savile.

Col. and Mrs. Lempriere.

Capt. and Mrs. Foster.

Lady Pinkey.

Col. and Mrs. Blakeney.

Col. Orman.

Gen. and Mrs. Thorold.

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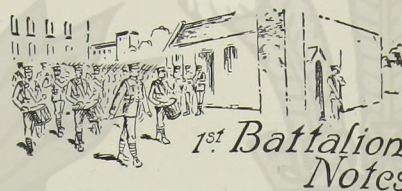
Mrs. and the Misses D'Arcy.

Major and Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cracknell.

Mrs. Hunter.

Nurses Haines and Hunt.



**T**HE Battalion left Aldershot with many regrets, which were somewhat alleviated by the kind things which were said to us on our departure.

Sir Philip Chetwode, the G.O.C.-in-Chief, dined with the officers shortly before we left. Gen. Sir Cecil Romer, commanding the 1st Division, and Col. Commandant The Hon. A. G. Hore Ruthven, V.C., commanding 1st Guards Brigade, held farewell parades, at which both officers made reference to the unique record set up by the Battalion at work and sport during its three years at Aldershot, and expressed regret at it leaving the Aldershot Command.

The officers of the Brigade of Guards have presented the officers with a very beautiful statuette of a guardsman. A reference to this, taken by permission from the *Household Brigade Magazine*, appears elsewhere in this number, together with a photograph.

We finally left Aldershot at 9.30 p.m. on October 5th, being played to the station by the massed drums of the Guards Brigade, and being seen off at the station, despite the lateness of the hour, by a large number of old friends, including our popular Brigade Commander. The journey to Catterick was made in two trains, and we reached our destination at 7.30 a.m. the following morning, finding on our arrival that the Officer Commanding advance party had made excellent arrangements for our reception.

To be quite frank, we do not, as yet, like our new station; circumstances have been against any love at first sight. The coal strike caused us to be placed on half-rations of inferior coal, and the weather has been bitterly cold, and until recently invariably wet. Catterick mud is a near relation to that of Flanders. Sports grounds are in their infancy, whilst we feel cramped in the reconstructed huts after the spacious barracks of Aldershot.

However, there are compensations: the married families are happy in grand new quarters. The institutes are, on the whole, far superior to those we left behind, and we have dining halls built on modern plans—connected with the kitchens—instead of converted barrack rooms.

Our first care has been to try to get ourselves out of the mire, and to this purpose, all except the specialists and weapon-training students, have become road-makers. The Commanding Officer received permission to pull down certain derelict buildings, and to date a railway station, farm buildings and a large bread and meat store have been demolished, and have disappeared in the all-engulfing mud, but we begin to see signs of a road.

Thrown back on ourselves for entertainment, certain talented members of the Battalion have risen to the occasion nobly under the management of Lieut. Musselwhite. These excellent people are giving us wonderful entertainments and playing to very full houses.

Accounts of the few games we have been able to play appear elsewhere. In the Army Cup we have been singularly unfortunate. At Association, after drawing once with the East Yorks, casualties left us finally only eight men on the field when we were beaten in the re-play. At Rugby we have been disappointed at getting no new blood from Sandhurst, the 2nd Battalion having received all the last young officers for the past two years. However, our loss is their gain. As a result, several officers whose Rugby days should be a little past have had to take the field again, fortunately showing no signs that they are not as good as ever.

At Boxing we lost by the narrowest of margins (one point) to the Training Battalion Royal Corps of Signals. At Hockey we still live, having beaten the Royal Engineers by 2 goals to 1. The winning goal was scored by Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, very newly arrived from India.

As soon as the difficulty of playing grounds has been overcome, we hope to devote the remainder of the season to developing the promising young talent which exists in the Battalion, both at Rugby and Association, with a view to a further onslaught on the elusive Army Cups next year.

Several officers are hunting regularly now with the Bedale and Zetland Hounds. A Mess shoot has produced mixed bags and a great deal of amusement.

The first draft to India of 100 left on December 15th, and a further sixty should sail on February 10th. We imagine that they are all pleased at the chance of seeing something more of the world. They are good material, and take our best wishes with them.

The older inhabitants of this future Aldershot of the North assure us that the place is so healthy that one grows to like it immensely, in spite of its defects. We are hoping that this feeling will begin to make itself felt by us very shortly, but we wish that the powers that be had found a site nearer London.

We regret losing R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C. Since we reformed at Clipstone in 1919 he has been our Regimental Sergeant-Major, and a great deal of the honour of our present proud position must be attributed to him. He was an exceptionally fine athlete, and represented the Army at soccer at left back on many occasions. He was also runner-up in the Army Putting the Weight Championship, besides being a very fine hurdler and jumper. We wish him every success in his new career in the War Department Constabulary. We congratulate R.S.M. Beaman on his promotion, and in him we have a worthy successor who has also distinguished himself in the athletic world, particularly in boxing.

Congratulations to Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C., on his marriage to Miss Marjorie Bindloss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bindloss, of Farnborough.

Lieut. Hudson, who is attached to this Battalion now, is an all-round athlete, and comes to us from the Air Force. Capt. N. H. B. Lyon is also attached pending posting to either Battalion. He has been Courts-Martial Officer on Rhine Army Headquarters for some years. He is a first class cricketer.

Another Christmas has come and gone, and for the third time in succession "H.Q." Wing were first in the decorations competition. A large number of the Battalion were on leave, but it is quite safe to remark that those who remained behind had an exceedingly good time.



## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Since 1923, when we first made a real start in the Rugby world, very few changes have been made in our team.

Year by year we have battled on with a team, the leaders of which are gradually getting older and are of a less suitable age for Rugby.

A sound foundation having now been established to the game, it is felt that the time has come when certain members who have reached, or who are reaching, the age limit should retire.

We must now look to our younger officers, non-commissioned officers and men to take their places in order that we may continue along the same road of success.

Following our arrival in the North, we have provided the Northern Rugby Club with Capt. Hayden and Lieuts. Worton and Clinch, for which club they have played regularly on Saturdays.

Worton is now back again in the ranks of the Harlequins, and is going hard for another International cap.

Clinch we congratulate on once again being selected to play for Ireland *versus* France on New Year's Day: his fifteenth appearance for Ireland, we believe.

We are sorry to lose the services of Sergt. Lambert, who for the past four years has done sterling work, and is well worth his place in any team.

For the first time we have really been able to get down to company matches, which have now become a regular feature of our weekly sports programme. This will, no doubt, produce the much-needed young blood.

## ARMY CUP—1ST ROUND.

## v. TRAINING BATTALION ROYAL SIGNALS.

This match was played on Wednesday, November 10th, 1926, in bad weather, with a strong wind blowing, and the continuous rain of the previous weeks had made the ground in a very bad state.

The Signals early took the game into our "25," but after fifteen minutes' play we took up the offensive. The Signals then made a dangerous attack, which was stopped just short of the line. Capt. Hayden then got well over, but the angle was too acute for Lieut. Worton to con-

vert. A few minutes later Capt. Hayden again got over after a brilliant run, but Lieut. Worton was again unable to convert.

In the second half, with the wind in our favour, we kept up a continuous pressure, and Lieut. Worton scored a few minutes before time. A good piece of work by the three-quarters and a neat pass by Lieut. Clinch resulted in Capt. Hayden scoring the fourth try of the match.

No try was converted, the wind and muddy condition of the leather making it almost an impossibility. The Signals had two free kicks, from which they also failed to score.

Without hesitation we were the better XV.

Result: 12 points to nil.

## v. THE BORDER REGIMENT.

This match was in the 2nd round of the Army Cup, and was played on the Richmond School Ground.

Before the commencement of the game both teams realized that they would have to play at the top of their form in order to win.

The game was one of the hardest and keenest we have ever witnessed, both sides alternately pressing, only to be once again drawn back on the defensive.

Our three-quarters made several good movements, only to be stopped near the line, and the Brothers Chambers for the Borders brought off some good runs. At time neither side had scored.

Early in the second half of the extra time we were unfortunately penalized in front of our goal for a forward lying on the ball, which resulted in a penalty goal for the Borders.

Our team afterwards pressed hard, but were unable to force a score.

After such a game, where the team played so well, it seems invidious to pick out individuals for congratulations, but I cannot help remarking at the splendid game played by Batt at scrum-half. He has learnt the game entirely with the Battalion during the last two years, and has developed into a player with tons of drive. Ansom, brought in at the last moment to play back, played also as sound a game as could be desired.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

After the debacle at Lichfield, the Selection Committee now, for the first time for three years, are free to set out on a policy of finding new players and building up a new young team, which we hope will carry us along the same successful path as did the 1925 team. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to C.S.M. Pelly, Pte. Lindsay, Pte. Hance, Sergt. Cullen and others for their great assistance. There is a new team in training, and it will play in the North Riding Amateur Cup, and in the Northern Command Cup, which competitions take place in the New Year. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer is a great acquisition to our team, and should do well.

## ARMY CUP.—1ST ROUND.

## v. EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

This match was played at home on November 11th, 1926, and resulted in a draw, after playing extra time. Of the four goals scored, Scales had three to his credit and Jones one. The East Yorkshires were a good team: their forward line very fast, and generally we were lucky to draw. Gilbert played well in goal and saved several difficult shots; Jones, at centre-half, fed the forward line well, and was at times extraordinarily good, although he seemed slow compared with his previous playing of former seasons.

## ARMY CUP—1ST ROUND (RE-PLAY),

## v. EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

At Lichfield. Our team played unchanged from the eleven that represented us at Catterick. From start to finish bad luck dogged us. At the end of four minutes Lindsay was injured and left the field, to take no further part. Fifteen minutes later Fletcher's knee gave out and he became a passenger for the rest of the game. This, however, was not the end of our troubles, for a quarter of an hour before the end Keep also left the field injured. The feature of the game was the truly wonderful goalkeeping by Gilbert: but for him we must have been beaten by a cricket score. Hance worked untiringly in his efforts to get a three-man forward line going, but without avail.

The winners are a fast, well-balanced team, which we expect to go far in the competition.

## BOXING.

We were unlucky to draw the Training Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals, the team which we have met for the last two years in the semi-final, each of us gaining a decision. It seems perfectly certain that they again will reach the semi-final. We look forward to gaining an early revenge next season. It is noteworthy that for the last three years the result of the contest with our victors has always been decided on the odd fight in eleven. We are very grateful to C.S.M. Beaman and his assistant, C.Q.M.S. Cook, and to the team, for all the hard work they have put in in training under very adverse conditions.

## ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.—1ST ROUND.

## v. TRAINING BATTALION, ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

*Welter-weight (Officers).*—Lieut. Cubitt v. Lieut. Spencer: Lieut. Spencer was the better boxer. He soon "floored" Lieut. Cubitt, who, however, was up to time. Lieut. Cubitt was then knocked out by a left swing ending the fight in the first minute.

*Bantam-weight (Other Ranks).*—Bdsn. Elliott v. Sig. Fowler: Elliott opened well, and assumed the offensive and appeared to be leading on points at the end of the first round. In the second and third rounds he failed to maintain his advantage, and gradually weakened, losing the fight on points.

*Feather-weight (Other Ranks).*—Sergt. Fleming v. Sig. Govier: Sergt. Fleming was easily superior. Commencing gradually, he increased his attack as the fight went on, and won comfortably on points. A good example of a clean fight.

*Light-weight (Other Ranks).*—L./Cpl. Lagarns v. L./Cpl. Jones: L./Cpl. Jones, the Imperial Services Champion, was too good for Lagarns. At the end of the second round Lagarns appeared somewhat exhausted. In the last round he recovered a great deal, and landed Jones a powerful blow which "floored" him. Jones, however, managed to last the round and gained the decision.



*Welter-weight (Other Ranks).*—Pte. Bayliss *v.* Sig. Wheeler: The fight was characterized by a lack of guard on the part of both men. A good deal of hard hitting took place, especially in the last round, when Wheeler got home with his left nearly every time.

*Welter-weight (Other Ranks).*—Cpl. McMurdie *v.* Sig. Williams: A lively fight, in which McMurdie was at a disadvantage owing to Williams' longer reach. McMurdie knocked his man down in the third round, but he managed to recover before the gong sounded. Williams was lucky to win on points.

*Middle-weight (Other Ranks).*—Cpl. O'Connor *v.* L./Cpl. Tapley: L./Cpl. Tapley seemed a good boxer, but not good enough for Cpl. O'Connor, who knocked him out in the first round.

*Middle-weight (Officers).*—2/Lieut. Goulden *v.* Lieut. Keddie: This was a wild, scrambling fight, in which Lieut. Goulden gained the decision.

*Light Heavy-weight (Other Ranks).*—Cpl. Jackson *v.* Sig. Rodda: This was one of the best fights of the evening. Both men have represented the Army. The first two rounds Jackson fought at a terrific pace, gaining many points, which gave him the decision.

*Heavy-weight (Other Ranks).*—L./Cpl. Timson *v.* Sig. Stuart: A hard, well-fought fight, with Timson trying for a knock-out and Stuart the better boxer. In the second round Timson unluckily cut his eye, which handicapped his vision. In the last round he was "floored," but pluckily recovered to lose the fight on points.

*Heavy-weight (Officers).*—Lieut. Clinch *v.* 2/Lieut. Campbell: Lieut. Clinch so easily outclassed his opponent that the referee stopped the fight in the first round.

## EDUCATION UP TO DATE.

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

*Instructor:* What is a centurion?

*Bright Youth (aged 18):* "Old soldier, Sergeant; one of them wot goes to Chelsea."

*Alternative Bright Youth (same class):* "Old soldier over 100 years."



It is regretted that the last issue did not contain any notes from the Mess, and we hope the Editor will overlook this laxity. The Mess has been a "moving" concern of late, and it has been difficult to obtain much matter for the Journal.

Aldershot was left with many regrets. From the social point of view it was par excellence.

We have had several whist drives and dances here, and they have been most enjoyable. All have been well attended. On December 12th we entertained the Royal Tank Corps Sergeants' Mess at billiards, and won by 103, but in the return match, which included snooker, we lost by 30.

Christmas was held with great gusto by the few who were left behind, but we believe that these few members are asking for a course of housebreaking to finish their training.

We have had join us from India C.Q.M.S. Smith and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, whom we welcome to our Northern home. We regret to lose C.Q.M.S. King and Sergt. Heath, and also Sergt. Lambert, who will be in India by the time these notes are published. We wish them all luck and prosperity.

A short note has been placed elsewhere in the Journal about our late R.S.M., so we will here wish him the very best of luck. In his place we have R.S.M. Beaman, and we congratulate him on his promotion.

GASPA.

## CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

It has taken some time to get used to our new station, but before long things should be going as well as when we were at Aldershot.

As soon as we arrived we made the acquaintance of the Corporals of the 1st Cameronians and also the members of the Corporals' Room of the 4th Royal Tank Corps, both being our immediate neighbours.

A billiards tournament was held in the Corporals' Room of the Cameronians

towards the end of October, when we were lucky enough to win by a few points. It was a good time for us, and no one failed to enjoy it.

Quite recently we held a billiard and snooker tournament with the Corporals' Mess of the Royal Tank Corps, in which our team was not so lucky, as they lost by a considerable margin. Nevertheless, it was a most enjoyable evening, and we hope for a return match very shortly.

This sums up our social activities except that we expect to hold a dance very shortly.

A few old friends have left us recently to go to the Army Reserve—L./Cpls. McGlone, Lambert and Kelly. We wish them every success in their new sphere of life.

Our compliments to all Corporals' Messes of the Regiment.

L.I.P.

## "A" COMPANY.

Rumour is forever silenced. No longer do we hear whispers of Devonport, Shorncliffe and the Sunny South, for we have arrived at Catterick.

Acres and a cow are not to be compared with the policy of this district, for here everyone has his plot of land which he carries with him.

Our arrival was made an occasion of festivity by old, yet new friends, who sent their hands to meet us, enlivening our progress to camp by lively tunes. So eagerly was our arrival awaited that the bandmen could hardly contain themselves, and they led the way to our new quarters at a great pace. It was almost a general state of "bellows to mend" as the numerous small bumps were surmounted. However, everybody packed well, and we all arrived together to do full justice to a good breakfast.

Then came the distribution of keys by our Company representative, and they do say that most of the married men had found their quarters by dinner-time.

The next few days were spent in retrieving household effects from the various dumps. By the end of the week it could safely be said that we had arrived. Shortly afterwards a new system was inaugurated, and in the short time which has elapsed since its start, it is surprising

what a large surface of ground has been covered (over).

Allotments are also another source of amusement, and quite a number are assuming a respectable appearance.

Sports take their usual part, and although it has not been possible to play as many games as at Aldershot, a fair number have been played with a share of success. Company Rugby is an innovation, but we are happy in the possession of a scrum half, who, if not quite up to Harlequin standard, certainly has the weight and dash on his side. But of that, more anon.

Christmas dinner was partaken of by about thirty members of the Company, who thoroughly enjoyed the fare and entertainment provided. Some of the turns were of the most original nature, particularly the vanishing trick as portrayed by a young lance-corporal. So successful was his performance that it was some time before he found himself. This and other strange turns kept the Company fully occupied until the late hours of the evening, and altogether it was voted as a most enjoyable time.

Since leaving Aldershot our C.Q.M.S. and 21 other ranks have left us to join the 2nd Battalion. We wish them the best of luck and a safe return.

The Company wish all old friends and serving members all the best for 1927, not excepting our old and esteemed friend Sergt. Macdonald, whose services and advice were always readily given to any of the Company who asked his help.

In closing, hearty congratulations are tendered to Lieut. Clinch on his again being selected to represent Ireland at Rugger. We understand the match is being played in Paris, so trust that by the time these notes appear in print that our friends across the water will have fully recovered.

## "B" COMPANY.

The move to Catterick mentioned in last quarter's notes has taken place, and here we are, tucked away in the "wilds" of Yorkshire, members of a brand new brigade, the 13th.

Sport in the Company has not yet had time in which to develop, although one or two friendly games have been played. "B" Company of the Tanks, who, with



the Cameronians, are our neighbours, gave us a good game of hockey, which ended in a defeat by the small margin of 2-1.

During November a trip to Lichfield, a distance of a hundred and some odd miles, was made in buses, to see the Battalion football team play off the first round of the Army Cup. This also ended in defeat, although it did not damp our spirits on the journey back.

On December 14th many old faces left us for the 2nd Battalion, to whom we wished *bon voyage* and every good wish for their future welfare. In February yet a few more are to leave us, and to these also we tender our sincerest good wishes.

Christmas proved a merry time, although only a small party were left in barracks for the festivities, forty sitting down to dinner as the representatives of "B." After dinner, which was served in the Company dining hall, gorgeously decorated for the occasion, a "sing song" was organized, Ptes. "Choppers" and "Wagg Hance" being well to the fore.

It was with deep regret that we bade farewell to L./Cpl. Carney, who left us shortly before Christmas for "civvy" life, but trust he will accept our best wishes.

BEER-KOI.

#### "C" COMPANY.

We expect all companies will be reporting on the move to Catterick, so will refrain from commenting much on it with the exception that those who were looking forward to the change from Aldershot wish that they were still there. But things are always worse before they are better, and though the paths around the hutments could not be very well termed as such, all ranks have now improved things a good deal, and it is certainly more pleasant to walk without having to carry a lot of mud on one's puttees and boots.

When this issue is published many old faces will be missed. C.S.M. Tungate, D.C.M., has left us for a tour of duty with the 7th Battalion, and we wish him every success.

We have also said adieu to Sergts. Hill, Colbourne and Cook, and also to Cpl.

Ballard, of the 2nd Battalion, who were attached to us. To the two former we owe much for the good results obtained by the casualties in their Annual Musketry Course.

Another draft has left us for India, and we shall miss their cheery voices both on the march and in barracks, but those remaining will not soon forget them.

We have also lost Sergt. Lawrence and Pte. Bonner, M.M., the former on transfer to the Army Reserve and the latter to discharge.

We welcome the arrival of C.S.M. Goodall from the 7th Battalion, and also the new draft from the Depot, whom we look to to carry the torch.

We had hopes of retaining the Musketry Shield for the third year in succession, but "A" Company were very lucky.

Our congratulations are extended to Lieut. Bailey on his success in the regimental concerts, especially when appearing as a country squire, or, should we say, a poacher?

As our correspondent has not yet settled down our literary attempt has been in consequence very small, but wait until the next issue!

CORK.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Since our last notes appeared in print the long-awaited move to Catterick has taken place. "Nuff said," but it must be understood that first impressions are not always lasting ones.

On arrival we were met by the musicians of old chums of Aldershot, who endeavoured to liven the proceedings by spritely music, and although their efforts were undoubtedly appreciated by many, a few found the strain a little too much for age and service, to say nothing of bad stations.

However, everybody reached camp to find breakfast waiting, to which full justice was done.

The next few days were spent in digging in (and out) and making ourselves comfortable. Ere we had quite settled down, though, most of us discovered that there was quite a lot more digging to be done, and it is really surprising how adept everyone has become in the use of their implements.

Sports has relieved the tedium of digging, and judging by the promise shown by some newcomers from the Depot the daily operation of delving has proved good training. Of Association matches played to date the Company has had a fair share of success, and on return of the leave wallahs we hope to do even better.

On December 16th we lost a few of the Company, who left us to stay with the 2nd Battalion. We wish them every success, and hope to have them in 1930-31.

A large and lucky party managed Christmas in the "Smoke," and we trust that they had a good time, as did those who remained behind. Quite a merry party sat down to Christmas dinner, and judging by appearances thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After dinner the Company had a sing-song, and kept hard at it until they were either voluntarily or compulsorily retired.

However, all's well that ends well, and we are now looking forward to the New Year and new training grounds.

In closing, the Company congratulate R.S.M. Beaman on his promotion, and trust he will remain with us for many moons.

"MIGRATING MICK."

#### SIGNALS' NOTES.

We have now settled down to our new station, and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year. The new class are showing great promise, particularly those who have been transferred to "H.Q." Wing. We have, unfortunately, accomplished little in the way of sport, but we hope to make a good show very soon.

Thanks to our much discussed three-valve wireless set, we are now enjoying some excellent programmes. As yet, we are more or less in the experimental stage, and some of us are rapidly becoming "radio fiends."

We wish all signallers, past and present, a bright and prosperous New Year.

MONKEY NUT.

#### "DRUMS."

Since our last contribution we have been very busy making ourselves comfortable in our new station, although

there is not much here. The Drummers seem to find plenty to amuse themselves, while the rest of "H.Q." Wing moan about the camp. (The Acting-Sergeant-Major's table is usually loaded well with passes for Darlington—chiefly drummers.)

In sport we are progressing favourably, and at last we have formed a Rugby team, which, under the tuition of Sergt. Lambert, will no doubt achieve fame. Plenty of new talent have joined us from duty, and we sincerely hope that they will keep up our reputation.

We have gained a valuable asset in Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, and we all welcome him cordially. Also we are sorry to announce that we are losing several of our drummers this year, and although we shall miss them very much they have our best wishes when they start in civilian life.

Sergt.-Dmr. Heath has left us for India, and we all wish him "bon voyage." Congratulations to Sergt. Bray on his recent appointment. "The Drums" wish all ranks of the Regiment a happy and prosperous New Year.

DUN DRUM.

#### "EMMA GEE" GROANS.

We really have a reason for groaning at last. We have arrived in our new station, and find it to be a wonderful place (when summer comes). Anyway, we have settled down to our real business, and that is training.

We welcome the new gunners, and hope that they will uphold the honour of the Platoon, both in work and play. Among them are Cpls. Blake and Theobald, to whom we wish every success when they go on their Instructors' Course at Netheravon.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Anson on obtaining a Qi on his course, and we hope that L./Cpl. Case, who has just returned, has done as well, if not better.

Those of the old gunners that are left have had a "pleasant" diversion from the gun. They have been strenuously employed making paths and football fields. Judging from the remarks passed, we think that they have enjoyed themselves.

Sport is going on very well in the Platoon. We should still have a good football team, as witness the fact that we



have played the Depot "Green Howards" twice, among other teams, and have beaten them on each occasion. Cross-country runs have also been organized.

Most of the gunners have joined the "Jews' Squad," under the able leadership of L./Cpl. Frost. To all the uninitiated the "Jews' Squad" stands for those who are "on the moss."

Another departure of the Platoon is gardening. Up to the date of going to press no flowers have materialized.

Games, such as draughts and table tennis, have been purchased out of the Platoon Funds, and now it is strangely quiet in the barrack rooms, the reason being that our "Charleston stiff" are deeply engrossed in draughts or a strenuous game of darts.

We take this opportunity of wishing all those old "gunners" who have left the Battalion for India every success in their new station. We also wish all gunners of the 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions every success during the New Year.

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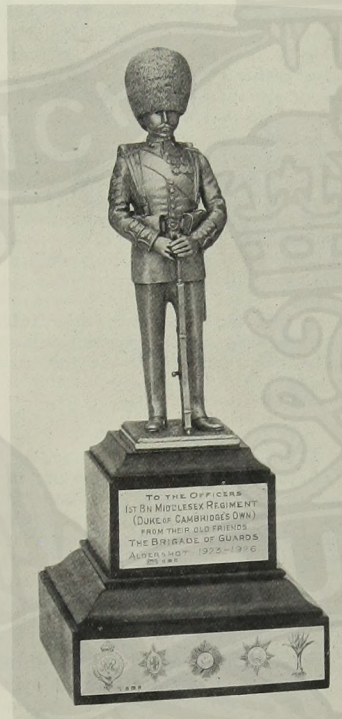
Extract from "Household Brigade Magazine."

#### PRESENTATION TO 1ST BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

On the departure of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment from Aldershot in October, the officers of the Battalion were presented with a silver statuette by officers of battalions of the Brigade of Guards who had served with them in the 1st Guards Brigade. The statuette, which was executed by Messrs. Carrington, represents a Colour-Sergeant of the Grenadier Guards in Guard Order. It is mounted on an ebony plinth bearing the badges of the five regiments of the Brigade, and the inscription: "To the Officers, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) from their old friends in the Brigade of Guards, Aldershot, 1923-1926." Previous reference has been made to the regret felt at the departure of the battalion by all who have served with them in the 1st Guards Brigade. In all branches of military training and sport they were worthy opponents or invaluable allies as circumstances dictated.

When the massed drums of the 1st

Guards Brigade played the battalion to the station on October 15th, they represented the many hundreds of Guardsmen who were present in spirit to bid farewell to their old friends. Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart and all who served under him may rest assured that they carry with them to Catterick, and later on foreign service, the heartiest good wishes of all who served with them at Aldershot.



Presented to Officers, 1st Battalion, by Officers Brigade of Guards.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor, "Household Brigade Magazine."

DEAR SIR,—

Through you, may I express the very real regret of all ranks of the battalion under my command, that their three

years' association with the Brigade of Guards is at an end.

As the line battalion in the 1st Guards Brigade we have been brigaded with all your battalions. It has been for us an interesting and most pleasurable experience.

My battalion has appreciated the good comradeship which the Brigade of Guards have extended to it, and will always look back upon the years 1924-1926 with the very happiest of memories.

Yours, etc.,

ARCHIBALD STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding 1st Bn. Middlesex  
Regiment.

Aldershot,

October 5th, 1926.

283 Main Street,  
Brisbane.

November 12th, 1926.

DEAR COLONEL STEWART,—

I received your letter and have to thank you for sending on the note to Col. Elgee.

I have the best authority for believing that he received it, because he spent a day with us last week, and my wife and I were delighted to find that he was so much better in health. He went on the same night to Singapore.

My long delay in replying to your letter was due to my wish to send you a copy of the only visible record of the 57th in Brisbane, the tombstone of Colour-Sergeant Pittard's infant daughter.

I have now obtained it and send it along to you—the grave formerly stood on the river bank within the city boundary.

The 57th went from here to India before 1833. In that year Moreton Bay was still a penal settlement, and Pittard must have held some civil employment in connection with it.

The detachment in Brisbane in 1833 was furnished by the 17th Foot, Capt. Clunee, of that regiment, being Commandant here, from the death of Capt. Logan of the 57th till he went to India. There he commanded the Buffs in the Gwalior Campaign, under old "Daddy" Gough, in 1843.

There is an account of Capt. Logan's death in the *United Service Journal* for 1831.

I have one or two 57th buttons and relics of the Maori War of the 'sixties, when Capt. Logan's son commanded the Regiment, I believe.

I was able to show Col. Elgee a photograph of Major Lockyer, of the 57th, which I had recently received from his son, Sir Nicholas Lockyer, of Melbourne.

Major Lockyer was in Brisbane in 1825. His son was last here in 1925.

I was very glad indeed that my notes were of interest to you. History is a hobby of mine, my real business in life being that of a Professor of Law.

The hobby is a relic of Oxford days.

I noticed in the *Times* the other day that you had crossed the Basingstoke Canal. I have not seen it since the Jubilee Review in 1887.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. S. CUMBRAE STEWART.

Inscription on gravestone now in Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane, Queensland:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

JANE PITTARD

DAUGHTER OF JOHN PITTARD

LATE COLOUR-SERGEANT

OF THE 57TH REGIMENT

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

JANUARY 23RD, 1833

AGED 12 MONTHS AND 13 DAYS.

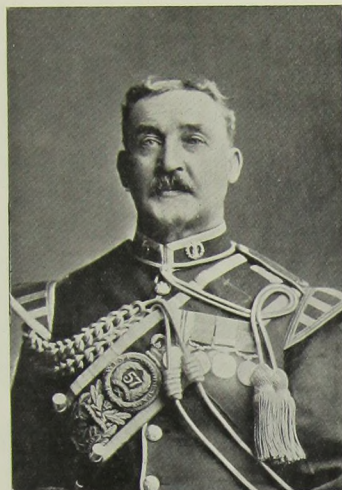
#### SERGEANT-DRUMMER JAMES DEACON.

THE LATE SERGT.-DMR. JAMES DEACON was born in Tipperary on August 18th, 1851, and served continuously in the 57th Regiment (later 1st Battalion) until discharged on August 20th, 1913, when he had completed 47 years 246 days' service.

He served with the 57th Regiment throughout the Zulu War, being wounded at Ginginhlovo on April 2nd, 1879, and was awarded, at the termination of the campaign, the South African Medal with clasp, 1879.

He was also in possession of the Meritorious Medal, with annuity, Long





**JAMES DEACON,**  
The late Sergeant-Drummer.

Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the India Durbar Medal.

During his service he completed over twenty-five years abroad, and when serving in India was presented to their

Majesties King George and Queen Mary at the Durbar. He was one of four brothers, all of whom served in the Middlesex Regiment.

He was in fairly robust health up till about six months ago, when he commenced to decline, and during the last two months was confined to bed, finally passing peacefully away on November 1st, 1926.

The arrangements for the funeral were made by the Regimental Association, and took place on Friday, November 5th, 1926.

The gun carriage, provided by "O" Battery, R.H.A., St. John's Wood, paraded with a bearer party from the Depot, consisting of C.S.M. Gray, Sergts. Griffen, Raindle, Hart, West, and L./Sergt. Horrex, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and received the body. This was conveyed, accompanied by a mourning coach in which rode the chief mourners—Mrs. Ada Molloy (sister), and Mr. James Molloy (nephew), and also Mr. E. Morris and Mr. Rose (late drummer) to Willesden Lane, Kilburn, where it was met by a firing and funeral party from the Depot, under the command of Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon.

The cortège then proceeded to Paddington Cemetery, the 9th Battalion band



**FUNERAL OF THE LATE SERGEANT-DRUMMER JAMES DEACON.**

preceding it and playing the Dead March in Saul.

A special cushion rested on the Union Jack covering the coffin, on which were the medals belonging to the deceased.

The interment took place in the private grave of Mr. E. Morris at Paddington Cemetery. This act of kindness was the last token of love for a very old and esteemed comrade, and is much appreciated by all ranks of the Regiment.

A large number of old comrades attended, many coming from long distances, and a great array of choice floral tributes were borne on the gun carriage, mourning coach, and carried by the followers.

After the commitment the firing party fired three volleys over the grave, and the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé."

The following were among those who attended:—Col. Passingham, Majors Jeffers, Stead and Amor, Capts. Stock, Lawson, T. J. Smith, Rosam, R.S.M. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, C.S.M. Tisdale, C.S.M. Kelly, and Messrs. E. Warren, W. Clarke, H. Hewitt, Bath, Pasby, Lowen, Ryan, R. Stephens, H. A. Edwards, Mullaney, Goodwin, Holmes, Tipper, E. Morris, W. Brooks, B. Worley, H. Rose, McKenzie, Allum, James, E. F. James, and H. Beadle.

The floral tributes included wreaths sent by the following:—Mrs. Molloy (sister); all ranks, 1st Battalion; Regimental Association; all ranks, Depot, Middlesex Regiment; 8th Battalion; 9th Battalion; Sergeants' Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Mr. E. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.

## 2nd & 4th BATTALIONS FIRED FIRST AND LAST SHOTS IN THE WAR.

VOLUMES could be written around the coincidences noted during the war, but probably the most wonderful of them all is recorded by Lieut.-Col. J. H. Boraston and Capt. Cyril E. O. Bax in their story of "The Eighth Division in War, 1914-1918," published by the Medici Society, Ltd. When the Armistice

came the 2nd Middlesex, part of the Eighth Division, was three and three-quarters miles north-north-east of Mons. The night before, they established posts in the village of Ghlin. "To the north of the village," it is stated, "is situated the Château of La Verrière, and its owner informed the men of the 2nd Middlesex that in August, 1914, their colleagues of another battalion of the same regiment (the 4th Middlesex) had been billeted there. A remarkable coincidence, but there was one still more extraordinary. For there were a number of men then in the 2nd Middlesex to whom the information was already familiar; for the very good reason that they themselves had actually been serving with the 4th Middlesex in August, 1914. These men had, on the morning of August 23rd, 1914, fired the first shots of the war on the British front; on November 11th, 1918, having survived all, from the same spot they fired what may well have been the last."—Gen. Heneker, who commanded the Division for two years, remarked, in his farewell message: "In offence, as well as in defence, I have watched with admiration the wonderful spirit which pervaded all ranks. Neither the winter wind of the Passchendaele Salient, nor the sleepless days and nights of the retreats on the Somme and the Aisne, appeared able to destroy the cheerfulness, or diminish the marvellous devotion to duty which was displayed by officers and men. I have come out of the war with one conviction, at all events, and this is that the finest man on God's earth is the British private soldier." In his foreword to the book Earl Haig pays a great compliment to the exploits of the 8th Division. "High among them," he writes, "is surely the performance of the 8th Division in meeting the great German onslaught of March, 1918, and, peculiarly, the magnificent stand at Rosieres, when for thirty-six critical hours the Division held up the enemy's progress towards Amiens."

*Pat*: "There are a great many differences between town and country. One is, that in the country, if you have a sirloin of beef for dinner everyone knows it, whereas in London you may have a stewed elephant and no one cares a jot."



## OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

THE Old Comrades Annual Dinner was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone Road, London, on Saturday, November 6th, 1926.

The gathering was a very good one, many officers and old members of the Regiment coming long distances to put in an appearance, but owing to the move of the 1st Battalion to Catterick a few weeks previous the numbers did not reach those of last year. However, we hope that when the next dinner is held that many from the wilds of Yorkshire will arrange to be on leave in London, and again put in their most welcome appearance. The Commanding Officer and a number of the officers did make the journey, a very long and tedious one, and only arrived a few minutes before the dinner was timed to commence. Their considerate and sporting effort was greatly appreciated by the old members of the Regiment, and a hearty welcome awaited them.

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment, presided, the guests being Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., High Sheriff of Middlesex; Mr. Cecil De Salis, Chairman of Middlesex Territorial Association; Sir Benjamin Gott, M.A., Middlesex Education Committee; and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, M.B.E., Clerk to the Middlesex County Council.

The Chairman was supported by Cols. Lempriere, Passingham and Beach, Lieut.-Cols. Stewart, Samuel and Baker, Major Jefferd, and Captain Foster.

The following telegrams were received during the evening:—

GEN. SIR IVOR MAXSE,  
Great Central Hotel.

The King sincerely thanks the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment for their loyal message conveyed by you, and hopes they will enjoy their annual gathering.

STAMFORDHAM.

GEN. MAXSE,  
Great Central Hotel.

My sincere thanks to all ranks for kind telegram.

EDWARD, P.,  
Colonel-in-Chief.

CHAIRMAN,  
Old Comrades Association,  
Middlesex Regiment.

Old Comrades, East Surrey Regiment, heartily reciprocate greetings.  
GEN. LONGLEY.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL DINNER,  
Great Central Hotel.

Royal Fusiliers Association send hearty greetings to their old friends the Middlesex Regiment.

GEN. PINNEY.

Cannon Street Hotel.

The Band of the 9th Battalion played an excellent programme of music during the dinner, and the Commanding Officer and Bandmaster Rouse are to be congratulated in possessing a band with such capabilities, the rendering of the items being much appreciated by all present.

The loyal toasts having been proposed and received with acclamation and musical honours, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse proposed the toast of the evening, "The Regiment," and in the course of his remarks said: I sometimes reflect upon the wider aspect of our Regimental Association of Old Comrades, and try to realize what is at the root of our desire to keep it going. The help of our Secretary is, of course, indispensable. He prevents us from drifting apart, but we should not second his efforts nor subscribe our necessary mite were it not an established fact that the Association fulfils a human want. What exactly does that want amount to, and why has it such a hold on us?

This annual dinner is the outward and visible expression of our comradeship, and another sign of it is to be found in the eighty-three men we have placed in permanent jobs during the year, but beyond or behind our philanthropy and comradeship there exists an even stronger motive which bands us into a little society of patriots, men who are not eloquent and do not make speeches and are usually bored if they have to listen to speeches. Their patriotism has been tested by action rather than by talk, and they have acquired the habit of getting things done and saying little about it.

I think soldiers instinctively mistrust eloquence, but have a way of understanding one another without words or books, and thus the ordinary party politician's



OLD COMRADES' DINNER, 1926.



oratory or propaganda leaves them stone cold. But our inarticulate intimacy is a living force; it holds us together, and you all know that the bond of the Regiment remains for years and years after you have ceased to serve the King. Indeed, I do not notice in any civilian institution that a similar tie binds its members so permanently, and, therefore, I think that our Regimental Associations, scattered as they are throughout the land, are a national asset of considerable value, especially in these days of alluring suggestions by oratorical artists who seem to promise you anything, such as double pay for less work, or homes for heroes at popular prices.

Up and down the country you can hear their voices, and some even advocate the destruction of coal mines, which would deprive miners of their livelihood in the future. Can you imagine any soldier advocating the destruction of his own regiment, and with it his own pay and rations?

However, here you are assembled to-night in your hundreds, and without an expectation of getting something for nothing, or of achieving more than a few hours spent with comrades whom you trust and whom you greet again with pleasure and enthusiasm.

I wish there were more of you, for a week or two ago we saw in London a wonderful parade of Guardsmen, who turned up in their thousands from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, at their own expense, to demonstrate their regimental spirit. Would you not like to have a similar parade for the 100,000 men who served in the forty-six battalions of the Middlesex Regiment during the War? Such parades can only be organized through Regimental Associations, and only by them if they are in touch with the majority of their demobilized soldiers. We hope in time to strengthen our own Association by getting every man to take a keener interest in its doings on leaving the Colours. Every man who has served in the Regiment, no matter whether Regular, Militia or Territorial, automatically becomes a member from the first day he wears the badge of the Regiment. Thus with those serving soldiers the bond of friendship between all "Die-Hards" is established. What we aim at is getting those who leave the Colours to keep in

closer touch with the Regimental Association, and a postcard once a year, giving his name and address, will accomplish this. We can then watch the interests of our members, their wives, widows and children, help them to get employment and aiding them in distress, within the limits of our annual income, which was £700 last year.

Comrades, I give you the toast of "Your Regiment," and long may it serve the King.

Mr. E. Warren then proposed the toast of "The Officers," saying: Comrades, I have the honour of proposing the toast of the officers of the Regiment, both past and present, from our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, down to the last-joined subaltern, but most particularly those who have honoured us with their presence here to-night. We have in the chair the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. Lempriere, Col. Pank, the Commanding Officers of the 1st, 8th and 9th Battalions and Depot, and several other officers too numerous to mention by name, much as I should like to, but you will all be able to see who are present by referring to the next issue of the Regimental Journal, in which will appear all their names, together with your own.

Those who are not already subscribers I strongly advise to write at once to the Secretary of the Regimental Association and enrol.

The presence here this evening of all these officers shows you the very great interest they take in all you comrades, and I am sure you will back me up when I say that our officers are second to none. Comrades, I now ask you to rise and drink to the toast of "Our Officers."

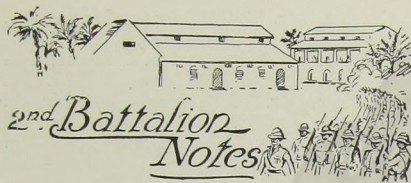
The names of those who were present are as follows: Mr. Averill, Mr. H. Averill, Pte. A. Adams, Pte. C. Alexander, Pte. R. Atkins, Major A. C. Arnold, Major E. H. Amor, Mr. E. Ash, C.S.M. Allum, Pte. T. Bond, Pte. W. Bilham, Pte. W. Barrett, Pte. J. Baulch, Capt. C. S. Burdon, Mr. B. J. Buxton, Major G. C. Bucknall, Mr. W. Bridge, Mr. J. T. Buxton, Mr. F. Barnes, Col. Beach, Mr. C. Beatty, Mr. F. E. Bowen, Mr. S. C. Bodden, Mr. J. Boothby, Mr. F. Brucas, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Bussard, R.S.M. Beasley, Mr. A. Blinco, Lieut. F. E. Bostock, Mr. T. W. Bailey, Chelsea Pensioner S. Connolly, Pte. C. Christmas,

Sergt. L. Clarke, Mr. P. Creedon, Pte. T. Cladd, Mr. W. Clarke, Bdmstr. J. W. Clark, Lieut. J. D. Clinch, Lieut. H. W. Clayden, Mr. J. R. Carter, Mr. T. A. Clayden, Mr. H. A. Cluett, Mr. A. C. Capel, Mr. C. Lee Clark, Mr. A. B. Chidley, Mr. W. Cuthbert, Capt. A. B. Coldicott, Mr. W. J. Cook, Mr. W. E. Cutler, Mr. H. E. Cross, Mr. E. S. Coleman, Sergt. Cowper, Mr. A. Disbury, Mr. T. F. Dibley, Mr. A. G. Durrant, Mr. J. Donoghue, Mr. L. Drinkwater, Major A. C. Dundas, Mr. C. B. Dellow, Mr. G. H. E. Duffield, Mr. J. H. Dennis, Pte. W. Downer, Mr. W. G. Dines, Pte. J. Dodgson, Pte. A. Dickel, C.S.M. Denton, Mr. H. A. Edwards, Pte. E. Edmonds, Pte. G. Elliott, Pte. J. Everitt, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. R. Furman, Pte. L. Filby, O.R.C.S. Finch, Mr. A. C. Furse, Mr. J. Fry, Mr. H. Ford, C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald, Capt. H. E. Foster, Mr. W. Field, Sergt.-Major Furniss, Mr. P. Foley, Pte. F. Green, Pte. H. Griffiths, C.Q.M.S. W. J. Gray, Mr. V. F. Garleb, Mr. C. W. Gibson, Mr. W. J. Greenland, Mr. J. Goulding, Mr. J. Geary, Mr. J. F. Goch, Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. J. Gunningham, Mr. H. Gales, Mr. J. Goodall, Mr. H. Gregory, Capt. B. G. Horrocks, Mr. B. T. Hiney, Mr. W. J. Hall, Mr. F. Harding, Mr. A. Hayward, Mr. M. Hunt, Mr. W. J. Hazell, Mr. A. W. Havard, Mr. J. W. Holwell, Mr. W. Hayes, Mr. J. Harrigan, Mr. A. Heacock, Mr. Holmes, Mr. F. J. Holman, Mr. J. Hollings, Mr. T. C. Harris, Mr. G. Hanks, Mr. S. Halliday, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, Mr. A. Howard, Mr. F. E. Holmes, Pte. L. Image, Sergt.-Dmr. Inkster, Pte. W. Jacobson, Mr. F. E. James, Major W. W. Jefferd, Mr. Jackman, Mr. C. P. Jones, Pte. F. Knights, Mr. W. H. King, Mr. E. King, Mr. G. W. Kerswill, Sergt. F. Kendall, Mr. J. Lambourne, Mr. A. Lambourne, Pte. H. Leonard, Col. G. B. Lempriere, Mr. G. Lane, Mr. H. Lowen, Mr. G. Lidington, Mr. H. Litting, Mr. J. Lavender, Mr. F. Linton, Capt. E. C. Lawson, Capt. Lloyd-Williams, Mr. A. G. Lamkin, Lieut. S. C. Maxwell, Major H. G. Money, Pte. R. Morris, Pte. E. Martin, Lieut. D. McDonald, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, Mr. W. G. Matthews, Capt. F. Measor, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. W. Molloy, Mr. R. T.

Guscott, Mr. E. McLernon, Mr. W. A. Meachen, Sergt. Matthews, R.S.M. Mantell, Mr. G. Mullaley, Pte. Meekins, Cpl. Manister, Sergt. Medows, C.S.M. H. Manders, Mr. T. K. Mackenzie, Mr. A. Morey, Mr. E. E. Needes, Pte. R. Outram, Lieut. W. O'Donoghue, Mr. H. J. Ormiston, Pte. W. Poulter, Col. Comdt. C. H. Pank, Mr. W. Phipps, Mr. W. E. Pasby, Mr. J. C. Parsons, Mr. F. C. Pilgrim, Mr. T. Patrick, Capt. N. P. Palmer, Col. A. M. O. Anwyl, Passingham, Lieut. F. G. Parker, Pte. G. Palmer, Mr. A. J. Parker, Mr. G. Pusey, Mr. W. A. Percy, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Cpl. W. D. Pert, Capt. W. H. Parmeter, Capt. H. C. Phillips, Mr. W. G. W. Quick, Pte. S. Ross, Mr. V. E. Rice, Mr. W. Rouse, Pte. O. Ryan, Mr. F. Ryder, C.S.M. F. W. Rose, Mr. J. Ryan, Capt. W. Rosam, Pte. W. Sheppard, Pte. H. Smith, Sergt. E. Shaw, Pte. G. Smith, Pte. L. Sheffield, Mr. F. L. Schaper, Mr. W. A. Smith, Mr. F. G. Sparks, Mr. F. Shawcross, Major F. S. Steed, Mr. G. Shaw, Capt. V. E. Stock, Mr. J. S. Stanger, Mr. G. Stevens, Capt. T. J. Smith, Mr. C. H. Stacey, Mr. C. Sexton, Mr. W. Stacey, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Capt. Sherwood, Pte. P. Sanders, Cpl. G. Seymour, Mr. H. W. Smith, Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, Mr. A. Stephens, Mr. A. Safferty, Major R. A. Slee, Pte. J. Turner, Mr. G. Tabersham, Mr. H. A. Twigg, Mr. E. G. Tulley, Mr. J. H. Tipping, Mr. A. S. Thompson, Mr. A. Todman, Major J. W. H. Tupper, L./Cpl. Tupp, Mr. E. J. Tepper, Mr. L. Vivian, Sergt. S. Vince, Pte. H. Webb, Pte. T. Warren, Mr. A. Weston, Mr. H. E. Wamsley, Major N. E. G. Willoughby, Mr. B. G. Watkins, Lieut. E. A. M. Williams, Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. G. Watson, Mr. H. Wells, Mr. A. E. Warren, Mr. H. Willmer, and Mr. J. M. Weddell.

We offer our hearty congratulations and many thanks to Mr. E. Morris (chairman) and his committee, composed as under, for the excellent arrangements made, which assured us enjoying such a pleasant evening. Committee: Mr. R. E. Evans, Mr. J. Edwards, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Mr. J. W. Holwell, Mr. G. W. Kerswill, Mr. C. W. Beasley, Sergt. Carter (7th Battalion) and Mr. E. J. Warren.





## OFFICERS' NOTES.

LIEUT.-COL. H. P. F. BICKNELL, D.S.O., was granted two months' privilege leave, in India, from September 1st to October 30th, 1926.

Major P. Grove-White commanded the Battalion during the absence of Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, on leave.

Lieut. P. Pater rejoined from leave in the United Kingdom on September 14th, and was admitted to the Connaught Military Hospital, Poona, on October 8th, 1926. Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey rejoined from leave in the United Kingdom on November 28th, 1926.

Capt. J. R. Thorp assumed the appointment of Officiating D.A.A.G., Poona District, on August 22nd, and relinquished the appointment on September 14th, 1926.

He proceeded to Bombay on November 17th, 1926, on appointment, as Adjutant to the Bombay Battalion, A.F.I.

Capt. (Bt.-Major) O. H. Tidbury, M.C., assumed the appointment of Officiating Brigade Major, 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, on August 26th, and relinquished the appointment on October 18th, 1926. He departed for Egypt, per ss. *Rasnak*, together with his family, ex Bombay on November 20th, 1926, to take up the appointment of G.S.O.3 at Army Headquarters, Cairo.

Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., passed a course of Rangtacking at the Machine Gun School, Ahmednagar, on September 6th, 1926, and also qualified at the second Machine Gun Qualifying Course, at the same school, on August 20th, 1926.

2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob qualified at a Transport Training Class, held at Poona, on August 23rd, 1926.

Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence relinquished the appointment of Staff Captain, 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, on September 2nd, 1926, and, on being reposted to the

Battalion, took over command of "B" Company.

Lieut. S. J. Clark passed in subject (b) at the Officers' Promotion Examination, held in Poona, on September 27th, 1926.

Lieut. H. P. Lambert qualified at a Course of Instruction held at the Army Veterinary School (India), Poona, on September 15th, 1926.

*Extract from the "Times of India" dated September 3rd, 1926.*

## MIDDLESEX WIN ROVERS FOOTBALL CUP.

## PREVIOUS RECORD EQUALLED.

Wednesday was Bombay's big footer day, the occasion being the final of the Rovers Tournament. A big crowd turned up, and for once the weather was kind, no rain falling during the match. The Middlesex won the cup for the third time in succession by the wide margin of four goals to nil, after a typical Army cup-tie, in which there was plenty of good football. It was, however, marred by an accident to the captain of the Gordon Highlanders, Sergt. Hiscock, who sustained a broken leg early in the game and who was taken straight from the field to the hospital. It was bad luck for the Gordons. Hiscock's accident had a bad effect on the team for some time, and during this period the Middlesex made themselves safe. The holders gave full value for their win. They played good football, hardly ever putting a foot wrong, and played their best game of the tournament. They were the better side all through, every man playing well, the forwards especially being very dangerous, while they were well led by Sergt. Capel, who played a brainy game at centre-half, his form being in keeping with the fine reputation he has got as a player. The strength of the Middlesex was again their backs, and Palmer and Arnold were seldom passed, and Lincoln in goal had a light afternoon. The halves all played well, Neighbour getting through a lot of work and Capel opening up the game nicely. The forwards played go-ahead soccer, cutting out all frills and making the goal their objective all the time, while their combination was excellent. The Gordons played for the majority of the game under a big handicap. To lose

their captain, who is their best defender, early in the game, was a big shock, and it unsettled them. They played good football, however, but were overweighted by their opponents, who were also fast. Had Hiscock been on the field the whole game it is very probable that the score would have been different; it would certainly have been much closer. The game was played in a fine sporting spirit, hard knocks were taken in the true Army manner, and the game was replete with

a little in mid-field, the teams evidently feeling one another. The Middlesex were the first team to get the ball over the goal line. From the goal kick the Highlanders advanced on the left, but Kinnaird was met by Palmer, who transferred the ball to the other half of the field. This started a Middlesex attack, and Hartley was noticeable with some good tackling near the corner flag. The Middlesex kept up the attack, and Bacon dropped over a neat centre that looked



2nd BATTALION TEAM, ROVERS CUP, 1926.

Back Row—Arnold, Lincoln, Sgt.-Dmr. Palmer.  
Second Row—Corpl. Neighbour, Glew, Sgt. Capel, Budd, Mackie.  
First Row—Sgt. Hewitt, Bugdon, Bacon.

good, vigorous football of the full-blooded type. Referee Lowe handled the game admirably.

## THE GAME.

After both teams had undergone the ordeal of the photographer, the Gordons, as challengers, entered the field first to the skirl of their pipers, while the Middlesex received a big reception from the crowd. Capel beat Hiscock in the toss, and the Gordons kicked off towards the dressing-room goal. Play hung for

dangerous, but Gow headed clear. Away went the Gordons, showing nice combination, and Goudie sent over a beautiful centre which Dickens headed into the goal, but Lincoln safely caught the ball and punted up field. The pace was a fast one, and both sets of attackers were showing good form, but all four full backs were playing well and the goalkeepers did not have a lot to do. Capel sent Bugden away, who transferred to Budd, who in turn gave the ball to Glew, but the inside right was robbed in the



goal-mouth by a clever tackle by Harley. Play was confined to mid-field for a bit. Then the holders dashed away, and Glew, taking a first-timer, sent over, while Palmer stopped a movement by the Gordons' left wing. Bacon was dispossessed near the corner flag, but the Middlesex came again and Henderson had to make the first real save of the match, the lengthy goalkeeper diving to the post and pushing the fast ground shot behind. During this attack Hiscock was kicked on the shin and dropped, and when the ball had gone over the line he was picked up and carried off. This disorganized the Gordons' defence, but they were the next to attack, their four forwards—Dickens had dropped back into the half-back line—advancing rapidly, but Neighbour robbed Cull as he trapped Goudie's centre and was in the act of shooting. Henderson made a good save from Bacon, and Budd trying to take a dropping ball first time did not get hold of it properly, and Henderson safely dealt with it.

#### THE FIRST GOAL.

The Gordons were missing Hiscock, and the Middlesex took charge of the game. They were playing good football, and the disorganized defence of the Highlanders were finding it very difficult to hold their lively forward line. They got down, however, and Jones lifted a centre from Goudie over the bar, and later Cull also sent the ball too high. Capel sent Bacon away with a long pass to the wing, but the winger dropped the ball into the crowd behind the goal. Directly after, the first goal came. Bugden, receiving in the penalty area and beating the back, drove the ball into the net, giving the Middlesex the lead. From the restart the Gordons dashed away, and a good shot from Goudie was caught by Lincoln. Every time the ball was in the air the Gordons' forwards were handicapped by lack of inches, and it was invariably a Middlesex defender who got his head to it. The "Die-hards" now set up a hot pressure, and the Gordons appeared rattled. Capel lifted the ball over the bar, while, following clever combination, Budd shot over. The second goal was a good one. Neighbour robbed Kinnaid, dribbled the ball up among his forwards and gave it

to Bugden, who transferred to Glew, who took a first-timer, and the ball was in the net before Henderson knew anything about it. Almost immediately afterwards a third one came, this time Bugden making an opening for Budd, who drove the ball into the net with a left-footed shot. The Gordons were at this period being outplayed, the Middlesex playing storming football. Harley sent the Middlesex back with a clever screw kick, but they returned again. The defence, however, prevailed, and the Gordons' right wing again got going and Lincoln did well to tip Goudie's shot over the bar. Straight from the corner away dashed the Middlesex, and they were another goal up, Budd again being scorer. This was the last incident of note before the interval, when the Middlesex held a winning lead. Half-time score:—

Middlesex	...	...	4 goals
Gordons	...	...	Nil

#### AN UPHILL GAME.

After the resumption the play hung about mid-field, but the Middlesex were the first to attack, a good header by Budd being caught by Henderson, while the goalkeeper dropped on a fast grounder near the post, pushing it out. The holders, however, kept up their attack, and Budd drove hard against the bar, the ball rebounding to Glew, who had too much elevation on his shot, and the ball went over. The Gordons were playing a good uphill game, but the Middlesex had a hold on the play they never relaxed. Dickens was doing good work as a half-back, and both the Gordons' backs were playing well, but Henderson, though he got the shots all right, did not inspire confidence. Though chiefly on the defensive this half, the Highlanders often raided the Middlesex goal, but they found Palmer and Arnold difficult to beat. Kinnaid came into the picture with a good run and centre, which, however, caused Lincoln no trouble. Bacon was soon dashing down the Middlesex left wing, but his shot was well saved at the expense of a corner, which was put behind.

#### CLEVER FOOTBALL.

The Middlesex were playing clever football, their combination being excel-

lent, but their forwards were not so dangerous as they were in the first half. Capel tried to run through on his own, and lobbed the ball on to Bugden's head, but the centre-forward headed just wide. Bacon hit the side of the net, and Capel repeated his former effort, this time shooting himself, but Henderson dealt with the shot all right. A lot of the interest had gone out of the game, but the Gordons were playing in a determined manner, and the Middlesex, though they had the best of the game, found goals far more difficult to get. The Die-Hards were the faster team, and their height stood them in good stead when the ball was in the air. Goudie, who was doing good work on the Gordons' right, once more dropped in a good centre, but Dickens, who met it, was robbed by Capel at the expense of a corner. Palmer closed a Gordon right-wing advance with a good tackle, and then both Capel and Cull sustained kicks which slowed them up a lot. Kinnaid led a raid which came to nothing, and away went the Middlesex again, this time Bacon crossing the ball to Hewett, whose shot was stopped by Henderson. Budd sent over, as did Hewett, then the right-winger was also hurt, having to go behind the line for a minute or two. He returned, but was not so lively afterwards. The Middlesex were now carrying a couple of crocks in Capel and Hewett, but the centre-half managed to raise a run now and again, but he wisely brought back Bugden to assist in the defence, being content to hold on to the lead he had. The holders eased up towards the end, and the Gordons had a little more of the game, Goudie dropping the ball into the goal. Lincoln safely punted up the field. With play near the half-way line the final whistle went. The result:—

Middlesex	...	...	4 goals
Gordons	...	...	Nil

The teams were:—

*Middlesex.* — Lincoln; Arnold and Palmer; Neighbour, Capel and Mackie; Hewett, Glew, Bugden, Budd and Bacon. *Gordon Highlanders.* — Henderson; Gow and Harley; Gibson, Hiscock and Tosh; Goudie, Cull, Jones, Dickens and Kinnaid.

Referee: S./Sergt. A. D. Lowe, R.A.S.C.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr. J. A. Kay, the President of the W.I.F.A., congratulated the Middlesex on winning the cup for the third year in succession, and stated that as they had previously won in 1897 they had equalled the record of the Cheshires, who had also won it four times, three in succession. He commiserated with the Gordons, and referred to the accident to Sergt. Hiscock, announcing that the centre-half had broken his leg. He then asked Mrs. Reade to present the trophies, which, besides the Rovers Cup, included the Harwood League Trophy and the Leslie Running Cup. Sergt. Capel received an ovation as he came up to receive the handsome Rovers Cup for the third year in succession.

*Extract from the "Times of India," dated November 30th, 1926.*

#### MIDDLESEX WIN POONA FOOTBALL TOURNEY.

##### A SPLENDID GAME.

An extraordinary good game of football was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators last evening, when the Middlesex Regiment from Ahmednagar and the 4/7th Dragoon Guards from Secunderabad met in the final of the District Tournament on the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment's ground at Ghorpuri, the match finally resulting in a victory for the former by the odd goal in three.

From the initial kick the Dragoons took up the offensive, and the ball was kept in the Middies' territory for an appreciable length of time, at the end of which a nice centre from Reeves, the Dragoons right extreme, was headed over the crossbar. From the goal kick the Die-Hards transferred play to their opponents' goal area, and a corner went begging. A considerable amount of mid-field play followed before the Dragoons once again became dangerous and forced a corner, which proved abortive. Shortly after this another corner resulted in the first point being scored, Wise, the inside right of the Guards, heading a beautifully placed kick into the corner of the net. This advantage, however, was not held for long, for the Middies forced the play, and



a perfect centre by their left extreme resulted in a scrimmage in front of the Dragoons' goalmouth, from which Budd got the ball and scored the equalizer with a low shot which entered the corner of the net. The game now became a series of attacks and counter-attacks on both citadels, the Middies having the better of the exchanges, but both defences kept their goals intact till the interval arrived.

#### THE WINNING GOAL.

Crossing over on level terms, the Dragoons attacked, but they were sent back, and soon after the re-start the Middies got ahead, a nice pass from Budd enabling Bugden to score what proved to be the winning goal. The struggle became fierce, and from a considerable amount of play in the middle of the field the Middies returned to the attack, Newland, the Dragoons' custodian, on one occasion bringing off a brilliant save which elicited a round of applause. Shortly after this Bugden sent over from close quarters, and from the other end the Dragoons' inner forwards were not in their places to take a good pass from Hill, their outside left, thus missing a fine opportunity for equalizing. Newlands once again came into prominence by bringing off a good save, as also did the Middlesex goalie a little later, when he just managed to get to a shot by Reeves, which was saved at the expense of a corner, which was fruitless. Towards the last fifteen minutes of the game the Dragoons exerted a great deal of pressure, which necessitated the two inner forwards of the Middlesex team falling back to help the defence, which really did not require extra aid. In the last five minutes of play there occurred what one of the spectators rightly defined as "Some shot! Some save!" Budd sent in a beautiful ground shot, which all thought would find its mark, but Newlands made a dive for the ball, which he managed to reach after measuring more than his length on the ground. Both the shot and the save were loudly applauded. Full time arrived with the score—

Middlesex Regiment... 2 goals  
4/7th Dragoon Guards 1 goal

Before presenting the cup and silver medals to the winners and bronze medals to the runners-up, Col. Grant, Command-

ing the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, made a short speech, in which he expressed the District Commander's regret at not being able to be present owing to his being away from Poona on duty, and congratulated both teams on the good exhibition they had given.

#### CRICKET.

##### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

The return match *versus* the Royal West Kents took place at Ahmednagar on September 29th and 30th. Weather was of a real cricket nature. Both sides were at full strength, and a very close game was anticipated. While the result was not so close as was expected, the spectators were recompensed by real bright and good cricket.

Play commenced at 11 a.m. Capt. Whinney won the toss, and every shady spot was occupied when Sergt. Capel and L./Cpl. Welsh came out to open against the bowling of Lieut. Howlett and Bdsn. Adams. The former came fresh from his successes in the Quadrangular Tournament games, which correspond with county cricket at home, and was expected to do great things, but while his bowling was accurate in length he did not seem to be at home on the matting wicket.

The feature of the first six overs was smart cuts through the slips by both batsmen. Their steady play caused a double change, Sergt. Davis and Cpl. Peacock now sharing in the attack. The former met with early success in taking the leg stump of Welsh: 34—1—5. Sergt. Wilson joined Capel, who was playing very sound cricket; his leg strokes being frequently applauded. Wilson and Lincoln, who followed, were quickly disposed of by means of catches. The score now stood at 58 for 3. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer now joined Capel, and treated the spectators to some bright cricket until Lieut. Howlett, who had come on at 60, just touched the top of his leg stump. Palmer's 16 (made in seven minutes) included two boundaries. C.S.M. Siddons now came in, and received an ovation, this being his last regimental match in view of his early departure to the United Kingdom. He went out to a long hop from Adams, who

had replaced Davis. The ball failed to rise; result, 91—5—1. Capel and Butterfield fell to slip catches, both of which were held by Pte. Cannacot, whose fielding throughout the day was remarkably good. Capel's 40 was an excellent effort, made up with all-round-the-wicket strokes. Capt. Whinney and Pte. Worger were now associated, and together took the score to 120 before the lunch interval. Lunch was admirably served in the cool shade of the pavilion,

one from Lieut. Howlett, and retired for 44. The fact that these two players, in making their 91 runs, only scored four boundaries, speaks volumes for both the accurate length bowling, and careful placing by the batsmen. The innings closed for 193. The fielding of the Royal West Kents was keen throughout.

The Kents came in to bat, Major Hardy and L./Cpl. Hayward facing the bowling of C.S.M. Siddons and Pte. Lincoln. The first ball disposed of the



CRICKET TEAM, 2nd BATTALION.

Back Row—L./Corpl. Meddows, Butterfield, Worger, Lincoln, Kemp, Addinall, R.S.M. Cox.  
Second Row—Sgt. Wilson, C.S.M. Siddons, Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., Sgt.-Dmr. Palmer, Sgt. Capel.  
Front Row—Milehand, L./Corpl. Welsh.

both teams sitting down together with officers of the Regiment.

The weather was very hot when play was resumed. Runs came fast, and, by excellent cricket, the score was taken to 187 before the eighth wicket fell, Capt. Whinney being caught. His score of 47 was made up of his usual sound cricket, and the combined efforts of himself and Worger put on 90 runs for the eighth wicket and pulled the game round from what appeared at first to be a poor show. Worger put his leg in front of a straight

former, a lightning catch being held by Lincoln, after Capel had broken the sting by getting his gloves to it. The same over saw Hayward bowled by a yorker which spreadeagled the whole wicket. At the end of his first three overs Siddons' average stood at:—3 overs, 1 maiden, 3 runs, 4 wickets. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth wickets fell for no addition to the score. The tea interval found the board reading 14 for 6. After tea the fielding, which had been exceptionally good, was brilliant.



Palmer at cover, by very clean returns at great speed, ably assisted by Capel behind the wicket, caused the dismissal of two batsmen. Even then the Kents had not been taught to respect the field, and Wilson, by a smart return, caused the dismissal of the third. The Kents were now struggling hard to avert a follow-on, but it was not to be. Lie. Askew, apparently a new addition to their regimental side, pulled everything to leg and contributed 20 to the score before being run out. Lieut. Howlett compiled 31 before being caught in the gully.

The innings closed at 81, which necessitated a follow on.

Close of play for the day saw the score standing at 28 for 2, the Kents requiring 84, with eight wickets to fall, to avert an innings defeat.

The second day's play was a struggle by the Kents to avert the innings defeat. They had to contend against accurate bowling and smart ground work. When the score stood at 86—6 this did not seem possible. But eventually the innings closed for 122, leaving the Regiment 10 to get. This was managed without loss, so that the result was a win for the Middlesex by 10 wickets.

A very enjoyable and keen game was the opinion of all who witnessed the game, and, as far as the regimental team was concerned, a fitting final to the season's cricket. Scores:—

#### MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

##### 1st Innings.

Sergt. Capel, c Cannacot b Howlett	...	40
L./Cpl. Welsh, b Davis	...	15
Sergt. Wilson, c Davis b Peacock	...	3
Pte. Lincoln, c Howlett b Davis	...	4
Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, b Howlett	...	16
C.S.M. Siddons, b Adams	...	1
Capt. Whinney, c Craven b Davis	...	47
Pte. Butterfield, c Cannacot b Howlett	...	6
Pte. Worger, lbw b Howlett	...	44
Bdsn. Milehand, b Howlett	...	3
L./Cpl. Addinall, not out	...	1
Extras	...	14
Total	...	194
Bowling.—Howlett, 5 for 55; Adams, 1 for 38; Peacock, 1 for 30; Davis, 3 for 49.		

##### 2nd Innings.

L./Cpl. Welsh, not out	...	7
Pte. Butterfield, not out	...	6
Total (for no wickets)	...	13

#### ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT.

##### 1st Innings.

Major Hardy, c Lincoln b Siddons	...	0
L./Cpl. Hayward, b Siddons	...	2
Capt. Kerr, c Butterfield b Lincoln	...	2
Sergt. Davis, c Capt. Whinney b Siddons	...	5
Lieut. Macklin, b Siddons	...	0
Lieut. Howlett, c Substitute b Addinall	...	31
Pte. Cannacot, run out	...	0
Bdsn. Adams, run out	...	0
Lieut. Craven, not out	...	0
Cpl. Peacock, b Addinall	...	8
Pte. Askin, run out	...	20
Extras	...	13
Total	...	81
Bowling.—Siddons, 4 for 26; Lincoln, 1 for 26; L./Cpl. Addinall, 2 for 13.		

##### 2nd Innings.

Major Hardy, c Milehand b Lincoln	...	0
L./Cpl. Hayward, c Siddons b Lincoln	...	23
Capt. Kerr, c Capel b Capt. Whinney	...	3
Sergt. Davis, c Welsh b Davis	...	20
Lieut. Macklin, st Capel b Lincoln	...	5
Lieut. Howlett, b Lincoln	...	19
Pte. Cannacot, b Siddons	...	17
Bdsn. Adams, c Capel b Siddons	...	9
Lieut. Craven, not out	...	0
Cpl. Peacock, c Capt. Whinney b Siddons	...	0
Pte. Askins, c Addinall b Siddons	...	6
Extras	...	20
Total	...	122
Bowling.—Capt. Whinney, 1 for 8; Lincoln, 5 for 33; Siddons, 4 for 33.		

#### SHOOTING NOTES.

##### S.I.R.A. CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

The above meeting was held in September at Bangalore, the Battalion being represented in all the team and individual events. In the former, luck was not on our side, and efforts to bring back the much-coveted Bangalore Cup proved fruitless. We were beaten, and well beaten, by a very fine team sent down by the 1st Battalion Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Regiment (A.F.I.), who, considering the climatic conditions on the day of the shoot, put up a magnificent performance, and won by a large margin of points from the runners-up, the Southern India Railway Battalion (A.F.I.). Although beaten, our team did creditably, and it is only to be hoped that next year we shall have better luck than on the last occasion. In the Officers' and Non-commissioned Officers' Cup neither team shot up to form, especially in the latter, which we fully expected to win.

An officers' revolver team, consisting of Lieut. F. Walden, Lieut. and Quarter-

master R. T. Douthet and 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin, competed for the Revolver Cup, and tied for third place with the Royal Tank Corps Company stationed at Bangalore. The 1/1st Madras Pioneers were the winners of the trophy.

As regards individual events, the Battalion's representatives figured prominently in the prize list, and C.S.M. H. Siddons and Cpl. S. Buckle are to be congratulated on winning respectively the cups presented by the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board and the Maharajah of Mysore.

The following is a detailed list of our prize-winners:—

*The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board Cup (200 Yards Slow).*—1st, C.S.M. H. Siddons, "A" Coy.; 4th, L./Cpl. A. Jones, "C" Coy.; 6th, Sergt. F. Hewett, "H.Q." Wing; 7th, Pte. S. Bargeman, "D" Coy. (206 entries.)

*The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Regiment Cup (300 Yards Slow).*—2nd, Sergt. F. Hewett, "H.Q." Wing. (219 entries.)

*The Governor's Cup (400 Yards Slow).*—4th, R.S.M. S. A. Cox, "H.Q." Wing; 10th, Pte. W. Smith, "A" Coy. (210 entries.)

*The Krishnia Chetty Cup (500 Yards Slow).*—15th, Sergt. F. Peck, "D" Coy. (215 entries.)

*The Barton Cup (600 Yards Slow).*—3rd, C.S.M. H. Siddons, "A" Coy.; 10th, Lieut. and Quartermaster R. T. Douthet. (215 entries.)

*The Maharajah of Mysore's Cup (200 Yards Snapshooting).*—1st, Cpl. S. Buckle, "C" Coy.; 4th, C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien, "C" Coy.; 10th, L./Cpl. Deamer, "B" Coy.; 12th, Pte. W. Robinson, "H.Q." Wing; 21st, 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin. (205 entries.)

*The Yuvarajah of Mysore's Cup (400 Yards Rapid).*—15th, R.S.M. S. A. Cox, "H.Q." Wing. (134 entries.)

*The Marlam Cup (500 Yards Rapid).*—13th, Cpl. S. Buckle, "C" Coy.

*The Baccala Cup (300 Yards to 200 Yards).*—15th, L./Cpl. A. Jones, "C" Coy.

In the decentralized matches, "A" and "D" Companies are to be congratulated on gaining second place in the "Young Soldiers'" and "The Rawlinson" Cups respectively. Only a few points separated

them from the winning team in both cases.

Lieut. and Quartermaster R. T. Douthet and C.S.M. H. Siddons are also to be congratulated on being selected for the third year in succession to shoot in the Army Eight against the Auxiliary Force. Both shot well throughout the meeting, and especially Siddons, who will be very much missed in the Battalion team next year.

#### BOXING NOTES.

##### NOVICES' TOURNAMENT.

Another Novices' Tournament was held between October 4th and October 8th, and once again excellent entries were received, the total number falling just short of a hundred. As on the previous occasion, "C" Company provided the bulk of the competitors, and fully deserved to win the "Scissors" Challenge Cup. Not many of their boxers showed much science, but they all fought gamely to the last, and are heartily to be congratulated on the creditable performance they put up. On the whole, the standard of boxing was not up to that shown in the previous tournament, but that could hardly be expected, as all previous Class "A" winners were barred from competing again. However, some promising novices were discovered, especially L./Cpl. Smith, Ptes. Hamer, Slate, and Kerr, who all won their respective weights. With more experience these should all be worthy of a place in the Battalion team. A short account of the finals is given below:—

##### CLASS "A."

*Fly-weights.*—Pte. Pugh, "B" Coy., v. L./Cpl. Jeffery, "H.Q." Wing: This bout did not last long, Pugh using the right hook to advantage and knocking out his opponent in the first round.

*Bantam-weights.*—Pte. Slate, "B" Coy. v. Pte. Gorman, "C" Coy.: This was fought at a fast pace, Slate winning easily on points. Gorman took a lot of punishment and stood up to his opponent well, but he must learn the use of a straight left.

*Feather-weights.*—Pte. Trayhorne, "D" Co. v. L./Cpl. Smith, "D" Coy.: Both endeavoured to win by the



knock-out, but without success. Smith eventually won on points, and showed good style throughout. He used his left hand to advantage, and has a sound defence. With more experience he should do well.

*Light-weights.*—L./Cpl. Milne, "C" Coy. v. Pte. Sayers, "B" Coy: A very close fight, the decision being in doubt to the last. Milne opened with heavy body punches, but Sayers' left hooks and jabs won him the verdict on points.

*Welter-weights.*—Pte. Hamer, "D" Company, v. Pte. Lowry, "C" Company: From the outset both tried for the knock-out. Hamer was the cleverer boxer, and avoided some punishing blows by covering up well. He gradually wore Lowry down, and won the fight in the second round.

*Middle-weights.*—Pte. Evans (70), "A" Coy. v. Pte. Jackson, "C" Coy: Evans was the more aggressive, and showed more skill than Jackson, who was knocked out by a right hook in the second round. Evans, with more experience and coaching, should develop into a good boxer. He has a good straight left, but at present seems to kill most of the power behind his punch by stamping his foot as he delivers a blow.

*Light Heavy-weights.*—L./Cpl. Hammond, "C" Coy., walk over.

#### CLASS "B."

*Bantam-weights.*—Pte. Ilett, "C" Coy. v. Pte. Meers, "C" Coy.: Ilett made use of good straight lefts and won with comparative ease.

*Feather-weights.*—Pte. Kerr, "A" Coy. v. Pte. Butler, "B" Coy.: Kerr, who is a very promising young boxer, fought well throughout, and won an interesting bout on points.

*Light-weights.*—Pte. Brady, "B" Coy. v. C.S.M. Rand, "C" Coy.: A good, sporting bout, in which Rand showed that he has speed and skill, eventually beating Brady fairly easily on points.

*Welter-weights.*—Cpl. Neighbour, "D" Coy. v. Pte. Waddington, "D" Coy. This bout produced plenty of hard hits, and was fought at a fast pace from beginning to end. Waddington won by a small margin of points.

*Middle-weights.*—Pte. Painter, "C" Coy. v. Pte. Simpson, "A" Coy.: Simpson, who is powerfully built, was awarded the fight in the first round, after he had floored his opponent three times.

*Special Four-Round Contest.*—L./Cpl. Skull, "A" Coy. v. Pte. Cable, "H.Q." Wing: A well-contested fight with plenty of hard hitting. Both displayed some knowledge of in-fighting, but Cable, who is a more experienced boxer, gained a popular victory on points.

On the conclusion of the last night's boxing the Brigade Commander, Col. Comdt. A. W. H. M. Moens, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the cup to the winners, "C" Company, and medals to the individual winners and runners-up.

The following officiated during the tournament:—

*Referees.*—Capt. E. Byers, 1/2nd Punjab Regiment; Lieut. F. J. P. Dewhurst, Royal Tank Corps; Lieut. F. Walden.

*Judges.*—Bt.-Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., Lieut. H. P. Lambert, 2/Lieut. M. A. Jacob, 2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert, 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin.

*Timekeepers.*—Lieut. and Qmr. R. T. Douthet and 2/Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm, M.C.—R.S.M. S. A. Cox.

*Ring Manager.*—Sergt. F. Peck.

*Clerk of the Scales.*—C.S.M. E. Burns.

*Register Keeper.*—Sergt. W. Fletcher.

In addition to the above, the Boxing Committee wish to thank C.Q.M.S. T. Smith and Sergt. W. Thompson for their tireless efforts in connection with the preparations for the tournament. The former, who now, unfortunately, has left the Battalion on transfer to the Home Establishment, was a great help in every way, and more especially in the financial side of the meetings. He will be greatly missed in future tournaments, for there was nothing he was not prepared to do, except, perhaps, box himself!!

Sergt. W. Thompson has on the last two occasions been entirely responsible for the lighting arrangements, and has made considerable improvements in that direction. His help and advice have been invaluable.

The final placings of companies in the "Scissors" Challenge Cup for the year 1926 are as follows:—

	Points.
"C" Company (winners) ...	261
"A" Company ...	132
"D" Company ...	122
"B" Company ...	108
"H.Q." Wing ...	65

#### TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Battalion Team and Individual Championships took place in November, and, as was to be expected, some excellent boxing was witnessed. The enclosure was packed each evening, and there was great excitement throughout the Tournament to see who would eventually be winners of the "Shaboodeen" Cup. In the end "D" Company were the winners, and are heartily to be congratulated on their success. They were a well-balanced team, and deserved their victory. "A" Company, last year's winners, finished up fourth, a few points behind "B" and "H.Q.," who tied for second place. "C" Company were not very successful; most of their boxers are novices and hardly up to the Battalion championship standard yet. Next year, however, should see an improvement in their team, and it is hoped then that they will finish up higher than they have done this year. In addition to the cup for the winning team challenge belts are being obtained for the individual winners. Up to the present four have been promised and have been presented for the following weights:—Feather-weights (by Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O.), Light-weights (by the officers), Welter-weights (by Major M. Browne, M.C.), and Middle-weights (by H. F. Shaboodeen). It is hoped that these will be ready for presentation at the next Novices' Tournament to be held early in the New Year.

The finals took place on Saturday, November 13th, before, as stated above, a packed house, and a brief description of each fight is given below:—

*Fly-weight Championship.*—Pte. Pugh, "B" Coy., v. Pte. Jerman, "H.Q." Wing: This was a very evenly contested fight while it lasted. In the first two rounds both were quick, and Pugh especially boxed well against a man much taller and with a longer reach. In the last round, after an exchange of blows, Pugh knocked out his opponent with a

clean straight left to the jaw. The winner is an improved boxer, and should do well with more experience.

*Bantam-weight Championship.*—Pte. Geard, "B" Coy. v. Pte. Berks, "C" Coy.: On the whole, this was a tame fight, although Geard showed that he was a clever boxer, and defended well. At the end of the second round Geard was leading on points, and maintained this advantage in the last round. It was not known until afterwards that the winner had, on the previous day, been bitten by a scorpion on his left hand, which considerably handicapped him in this fight.

*Feather-weight Championship.*—Cpl. Donaldson, "B" Coy., v. Dmr. Dearman, "H.Q." Wing: From the outset hard blows were exchanged, and Donaldson took the lead. In the second round Dearman was badly shaken by upper cuts and body punches, but fought pluckily. In the last round both tried for a knock out, but without success, Donaldson eventually winning on points. Dearman showed great pluck throughout, and stuck to his man well.

*Light-weight Championship.*—Cpl. Reading, "B" Coy., v. Pte. Cook, "C" Coy.: This was, as anticipated, the fight of the evening, and was full of interest from start to finish. Cook was the more polished boxer, but Reading, who was a novice at the beginning of the season, gave him no rest, and fought extremely well. At the end of the second round Cook was ahead on points. In the third round Reading became more aggressive, and showed to advantage with lefts and rights. At the end of the bout the judges disagreed, and an extra round was ordered, which Cook, by superior boxing and ringcraft, won by a narrow margin. It was an excellent fight throughout, and both were loudly cheered on leaving the ring. Reading is one of the most improved boxers in the Battalion, and should do really well with more experience. More will be heard of him in the future.

*Welter-weight Championship.*—L./Cpl. Howlett, "A" Coy., v. Pte. Hamer, "D" Coy.: Howlett won the Championship last year, and once again showed that he is the best at his weight in the Battalion. He is quick, and hits hard with both hands. Hamer also is a good boxer,



but lacks the experience of his opponent. The first round opened with hard hitting on both sides, and it looked as though the fight would soon end when Hamer was sent down for a count. He recovered, however, and was fighting strongly at the end of the round. The second round was evenly contested, but Howlett went ahead in the last round to win on points. This was a good bout throughout, and was fought at a fast pace.

*Middle-weight Championship.*—Pte. Ormes, "A" Coy., v. Pte. Taylor, "B" Coy.: Both were well matched physically, but Ormes proved himself to be a better boxer from the start, and hit harder. Taylor was distinctly outclassed in the second round, but fought pluckily. Ormes gave him no rest, and won the bout towards the end of the second round with a fought at a fast pace.

*Light Heavy-weight Championship.*—Pte. Higgs, "D" Coy., v. Pte. Hornett, "A" Coy.: This was a disappointing fight, won by Higgs in the second round.

*Heavy-weight Championship.*—Pte. Sculpher, "D" Coy., v. Pte. Page, "D" Coy.: Sculpher was easily the better boxer, and outclassed his opponent from the start, winning easily on points.

In addition to the championship finals three contests were arranged, all of which were keenly contested. The winners were L./Cpl. Slåte, Ptes. Bell and Bagge, all of "B" Company. At the conclusion of the boxing the Team Challenge Cup was presented to the winners, "D" Company, and presentation medals to the champions and runners-up in each weight by the Commanding Officer, who congratulated all on the excellent show they had given. The undermentioned were the officials throughout the meeting:—

*Referees.*—Capt. E. Byers, 1/2nd Punjab Regiment, and Lieut. H. A. Hayes, R.A.

*Judges.*—Bt.-Major O. H. Tidbury, M.C., Lieut. F. J. P. Dewhurst, Royal Tank Corps, Lieut. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O., Lieut. F. Walden, and Lieut. H. P. Lambert.

*Timekeeper.*—Lieut. and Quartermaster R. T. Douthet.

M.C.—R.S.M. S. A. Cox.

*Ring Manager and Clerk of the Scales.*—Sergt. F. Peck.

*Register Keeper.*—Sergt. W. Fletcher.

Great credit is due to Sergt. F. Peck, ably assisted by Pte. Cane, for the excellence of the ring-side arrangements, and also to Sergt. W. Thompson for the many hours he spent in the lighting arrangements, which improve with each tournament that is held.

Lastly, those who worked "behind the scenes" must not be forgotten. C.S.M. Burns, as chief whip, and C.Q.M.S. O'Brien and Cpl. Fisher, as dressing-room stewards, performed their somewhat unpleasant tasks most efficiently, and, throughout the meeting, there was no hitch of any kind, except the rain on the second night, for which they cannot be blamed!

The final placings of companies in the Team Championships were as follows:—

	Points
"D" Company (winners) ...	39
"B" Company ...	34
"H.Q." Wing ...	34
"A" Company ...	30
"C" Company ...	19

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The quarter under review has been a quiet one. Social entertainment, as far as messes are concerned, consisted of just the usual dances. The outstanding feature was the Regimental Quadrangular Cricket Tournament, which will be reported on elsewhere. The last match of the tournament, Officers v. Sergeants, was a double event, as it also constituted the return of two matches of a social nature which are indulged in by us and eagerly looked forward to. In this case the Officers were "at home" to the members of the Sergeants' Mess and their wives, and a very pleasant time was spent; but I cannot pass it over without a few remarks about the play. The match was the deciding factor as to who should hold the doubtful honour of bottom place in the league. In view of the result (a draw), which necessitated it sharing it, the captains tossed as to who should be printed last. The R.S.M., who had apparently taken Gilligan as an ideal, lost, so that's that. Now to get back to the match proper. Both teams were at full strength. The Sergeants batted first, and at tea time, after two hours' play, had

completed a score of 216 for 3—R.S.M. Cox 13, Sergt. Capel 39, Sergt. Wilson 100, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer 42 not out were the scorers. This huge score must not be considered as due to bad bowling, which, in spite of a very warm sun, kept good length. It was luck as much as anything. Sergt. Wilson's 100 was an excellent effort. He got them in two hours, and helped himself to thirteen 4's and two 6's. Palmer was always safe and looked like staying on, but with Wilson being stumped the R.S.M. declared and tea was served. The tea interval was utilized as a favourable opportunity for the presentation of the "Kent" Cup to C.S.M. Siddons, as the best rifle shot in the Mess for 1925-1926. Mrs. P. Grove-White kindly consented to present it.

The Officers went in to bat after tea, and at the close of play had gathered 155 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. The Padre 32, Lieut. Wray 12, Lieut. Gilbert 27, Capt. Whinney 42 not out, and Lieut. Douthet 12 not out, were responsible. Capt. Whinney never looked like being shifted, and played a sound game. Three hundred and seventeen runs in four hours, with the mercury bubbling, is some going. One is almost tempted to write to the *Daily Mail* and ask if this can be beaten.

This match was also the last in which C.S.M. Siddons and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer will be seen in action for the Battalion. They have represented the Battalion in all matches during the past seven years, and have helped largely to the good record we have made in the three countries we have served in. Their loss will be felt in our cricket world.

This quarter has seen six members leave us for more healthy climes—C.S.M. Siddons, C.Q.M.S. ("Pasha") Cushion, Sergts. Lione and Clifford to civilian life; C.Q.M.S. Smith and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer to the 1st Battalion. We most heartily wish them the best of good fortune in their new spheres.

Last summer's leave party has joined us again, and their healthy and robust appearance (in two cases I suppose "rotund" would be a better word) makes us long for a chance to take a trip westward. Collective training will now claim our constant attention for six weeks. We go to camp commencing November 12th.

By the time this appears in the "Yellow book" on which the sun never sets, Christmas and all it means to folks away from home will be on us. So here's wishing all "Die-Hards", and attachments thereto, the happiest of days and a prosperous New Year. "May you never see the troubles I've seen," as an old friend of ours was won't to say. Providing there is anything of us left after the exertions to come, we hope to turn up smiling in the next quarter. In closing, we would like to offer our congratulations to R.S.M. Mantell on his marriage, and also to Sergt. Fairchild on his.

#### "B" COMPANY.

Since the last Journal there have been many changes in the Company. Our Company Commander, Major Tidbury, has been Acting Brigade-Major, and is now off to Cairo to take up a Staff appointment. We all wish him every success and the best of luck. Capt. Garrow is at present at the Small Arms School, Pachmari, going through a course. Lieut. Wray, who has commanded the Company for the last two months, is now attached to the Machine Gun Platoon, and has handed the command of the Company over to Capt. Lawrence. We all welcome Capt. Lawrence to "B" Company.

We did very well in the Company Cricket League. Three companies, namely, "A," "B" and "D," tied for second place in the League. These companies played off for the runners-up medal, and "B" Company came out winners.

Sergt. Wilson, L./Cpl. Welsh and Pte. Lincoln were largely responsible for our success. L./Cpl. Welsh is to be congratulated on getting his place in the Regimental XI.

The Company has shown a distinct improvement in the boxing of the Battalion. In the Novices' Competition we had quite good entries. In the last Open Battalion Championship the Company were well to the fore. Three weights were won outright, and we were runners-up in two other weights. Cpl. Reading put up a very good show, getting through to the final of his weight, where he was beaten, on points, by Pte.



Cook, of "C" Company, after an extra round. Cpl. Donaldson, Ptes. Pugh, Taylor and Geard also did extremely well. It all shows a great improvement, which is mostly due to the encouraging efforts of C.S.M. Burns.

We are, unfortunately, losing a good number of men this trooping season, including a fair number of regular Company players at most games. It is always rather a sad business seeing these men leave the Battalion. The rest of the Company wish them every success and the best of luck in civilian life.

The Company are now off to Company and Battalion Camp at Vilad for six weeks.

#### "C" COMPANY.

##### SHOOTING.

We held a very successful shoot on August 29th. The sun did not burst forth in all its glory in the morning, but found its way from behind the clouds before we commenced firing. After we had waited an hour, the buses arrived with a flourish of motor horns, and conveyed us to the range. Shaboodeen was present in all his glory with a good supply of tea and "wads." Beer was conspicuous by its absence. It is rumoured that there was a small quantity of "pigs' ear," but it was labelled "For officers only."

Great keenness was shown by all ranks, and the opinion of all the Company is that it did a great deal towards improving our musketry average this year.

Event No. 1 was won by No. 9 Platoon.

Event No. 2 was won by No. 9 Platoon.

Event No. 3 was won by No. 12 Platoon (two photographs enclosed).

Event No. 4 was won by No. 9 Platoon.

The final placings were:—

1st, No. 9 Platoon.

2nd, No. 12 Platoon.

3rd, Nos. 10 and 11 Platoons (tie).

A pool bull was in full swing all the morning, and all ranks made good use of it. Pte. Collins was the only one to obtain a pool bull, and it is said that he made good use of the money. He did not visit the canteen that night.

We have just concluded our A.W.T.C., and the results are a great improvement on last year's. Company averages: Rifle,

86'4; last year, 66. Lewis gun, 147; last year 102.

##### RUNNING.

Our Inter-Platoon Cross-country Run was held on Sunday, September 19th, but the attendance was very small. L./Cpl. Harris, our star runner, came in first with a lead of about 800 yards. No. 12 Platoon carried off the shield with a total of 9 points. They were followed by platoons as follows:—No. 11 Platoon, 4 points;



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No. 9 Platoon, 3 points; No. 10 Platoon, 2 points.

##### BOXING.

We put forth forty-four entries in the Novices' Competition, and we were presented with the "Scissors" Cup on the final night. We started with a lead of 38 points which we gained on the last tournament, and finished with a total of 261 points. "A" Company were second with 134 points.

The following were awarded medals:—

Class "A" Runners-up.—L./Cpl. Milne, Pte. Lowry, and Pte. Jackson.

Class "B" Winners.—Bantam-weights, Pte. Ilett; Light-weights, C.S.M. Rand. Pte. Ellingham was awarded a good loser's prize.

Our Company officers were so pleased with the efforts made by all ranks that they decided that we should celebrate the occasion with a dinner and concert. We held the same at the Fort on Saturday, October 9th, and all members of the Company who were proceeding home during the trooping season were invited.

troupe managed to remove him from the stage. Lieut. Chisholm obliged with two songs, which, as usual, were very well rendered. Our C.S.M. was conspicuous by his absence from the stage. It is said that he was out looking for hidden treasure—I wonder what it was? The whole show was a great success, but our C.S.M. did not find what he was looking for.

##### MOVES.

Capt. Thorp has again left us. This time he has left us for a fairly long time. We wish him the best of luck as Adjutant of the Bombay Battalion A.F.I.



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About 75 officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men sat down to dinner. L./Cpl. Champion proved himself, once more, an efficient caterer. When dinner was finished and the usual speeches made, we adjourned to the concert hall, where we were entertained by the Company Concert Party. The programme on the whole was well rendered and full of life. Pte. Wigmore did his utmost to remain on the stage until the following morning, but after a lot of persuasion the other members of the

Capt. Manson, M.C., has again taken over command of the Company. Sergt. Colbourne has rejoined us from leave, and we are hoping that he will be a great asset to our football and hockey teams this year.

#### "D" COMPANY.

The most important topic this quarter is the going of "Pasha" (C.Q.M.S. Cushion), who has left us at last to begin a new career in civilian life. He has taken



with him a clock presented by Capt. Whinney from the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of "D" Company as a token of our appreciation of his good work during his seven years with "D." We all sincerely wish him "bon voyage," and the very best of luck.

His place has been filled by Sergt. Hills, whom we congratulate on his rise to Company Quartermaster-Sergeant.

We are still progressing favourably in the realm of sport. No. 16 Platoon managed to reach the semi-final of the Platoon Hockey Knock-out. In the Battalion cross-country run we took second place, Ptes. Poulson, Adams and Green being among the first six home. The Battalion Open Boxing Tournament has just started, and judging by the form of our team there is every reason to hope that we shall gain top place. No. 13 Platoon's crack shot came second in the Rawlinson Cup Shooting Competition, losing to the winning team by the narrow margin of five points. Considering the large number of entries the team can be proud of its place, and each member is now in possession of a bronze medal presented by the S.I.R.A.

The Battalion Open Boxing Competition is now over, and we have gained for ourselves top place, thereby winning the Shaboodeen Cup. It is impossible to congratulate each of the individual boxers in turn, as all showed great determination and keenness from the beginning, and we are only sorry we did not win more individual prizes. We must congratulate Pte. Hamer on being runner-up for Major Browne's belt (welter-weight), Pte. Higgs on winning the light heavy-weight, and Pte. Sculpher and Pte. Page on being the winner and runner-up of the Catch-weight Championship.

We are now preparing to march to Vilad Camp as advance party, where we stay till December 22nd. So there is no doubt that after tripping over the hills and wallowing in the dust for five weeks we shall look forward to our Christmas holidays.

We congratulate L./Cpls. Eldridge, Baldwin, Simmonds and Smith on their promotion to corporal, and wish the two last-named good luck in their new companies.

#### "H.Q." WING.

The "H.Q." Wing has passed through its yearly contest with the pay warrant as to whether it can draw 6d. a day or return it to the State. In most cases we are glad to say the soldier has won, and the results of the musketry have been most satisfactory, and particularly so as our arch enemy "Indian weather" was in its most truculent mood. We have added to our laurels since we last wrote. In the cross-country run we were at the top of the tree. Out of forty competitors not one failed to pass the post within the time limit. Amongst the forty were five of our boys, and two of them were well to the fore. A most creditable result considering their age.

The Wing has scored another success by winning the Inter-Platoon Hockey Tournament. The winning team came from the Drums and the old stalwarts of the Employed Group. Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer captained the victorious team. The Signals reached the final, and the Band were only defeated by a platoon of "A" Company after three drawn games. We certainly had our full share of honours in this tournament.

The Machine Gun Platoon is full of smiles. In the first place they formed the bulk of the successful cross-country team, and, secondly, their machine-gun mules gained first place at Poona Horse Show recently. In this connection also the District Commander, at his recent farewell inspection, told the Commanding Officer that he had been at the show, and they were the best turned-out machine-gun mules he had seen in his service. As his service covers a period of some forty years this is high praise indeed. We must not forget to give Sergt. Bone, our transport sergeant, his share of praise, as much was due to his careful supervision and untiring devotion to the cause.

We have said good-bye to the first batch of those fortunate ones who are proceeding home. It was a sad good-bye for some, who have spent twenty odd years in the Regiment, and it is hard to say whether we or they felt the parting most. Amongst them was C.S.M. Siddons, a former member of our Drums, and of late years a stalwart opponent in many hard-fought games between the Wing and "A" Company. He never

forgot his old association with us, and often said he owed all his sporting attainments to the early teaching in the Drums. He is an inspiring example to our present boys.

Amongst those who have left the Wing are C.Q.M.S. T. Smith, Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer, L./Cpl. Meddams and Pte. Kemp. All four had been associated with the Battalion for many years, and the Wing can ill-afford to lose such members. Pte. Kemp having looked after the officers' mess silver for six years, had to be almost dragged to the station before he would leave the cups, whose history he knew so well. It is at such moments that we feel most vividly the strength of the wonderful gift of true comradeship which exists in the Army and binds all ranks together. When the time comes to go we feel as if part of ourselves was being drawn out and left with our Regiment. We wish them every success on their arrival in England.

#### BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes we have been at the height of expectation, and there have been a few changes. But before we go any further we wish our Editor and staff a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

There have been one or two promotions in our ranks, and we offer our cordial congratulations to Cpl. Harwood, promoted sergeant, and L./Cpl. Hathaway, promoted corporal. We wish them every success for future promotion.

We have recently played off the platoon knock-out (hockey), and it was in the early stages of this that we were at the height of expectation, but, alas, we failed to retain the shield, which we were the holders of. It happened that we were drawn to play against our old opponents, No. 2 Platoon, "A" Company, in the first round. It was a very keen and hard struggle before it was decided who the winners were, No. 2 Platoon finally being the victors.

This was not decided until we had played five successive games, extra time being used for each. At one time we were the winners by one goal till not less than ten seconds before the final whistle. It was at a time when victory seemed

inevitable. The scores were as follows:—1—1, 0—0, 1—1 and 2—1. The shield was won by the Drums and Employed: "H.Q." Wing after all.

One often heard the term "Jam" used, and as it would take such a great deal of space to speak of origination, we propose leaving it out, but, nevertheless, we have been wondering where and how No. 2 Platoon got their jam. At the time of writing we are preparing for a six weeks' stay at camp, a holiday much appreciated. Some look with dread on the coming days, and others—well, we wonder if they are in their right senses. It leaves us puzzling if we shall fix up in time for the Christmas festival, as we do not arrive back in barracks till just a few days before Christmas. A soldier is noted for finding a way out of his difficulties, so I think that we shall make things a great success.

We shall soon have Band-Sergt. Glover with us again, who is bringing with him some new talent from Aldershot. We hope the new boys when they arrive will soon settle down to the new life in the wilds of 'Nagar.

Between now and the next issue we may be given some greater inspirations, so we hope for the best. For the present, we wish one and all a very happy Christmas and the best of luck in the New Year. Those who leave our midst for civilian life we wish the best of fortune.

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#### MACHINE GUN NOTES.

The writer has not been with the "Emma Gees" very long, so probably this episode will be short and sweet. The Platoon has been going on steadily with their "Mount Gun" and "A.S.D. 6," known now by the initiated as S.S. S.T. 5, and everything has been progressing favourably, in spite of the station of dear old 'Nagar. By the way, we had a change of station this year. (The name of the barracks was changed from East Ridge to Sandhurst.) Of course, all the gunners are just as loose in the tiles as ever. The Battalion sent a cross-country team to Poona on October 31st to compete for the Poona District Cup. The Platoon was well represented by L./Sergt. Howard, Cpls. Jenkin and Fisher, and



Ptes. Davis, Copelin and Holland. I think that the team finished considerably well, as we had had very little intensive training beforehand. We finished first against the West Kents and Cheshires on the Tuesday, and then the following Saturday competed in the final against the Loyals. Eventually we became runners-up, and each received a medal. Both courses were five miles each. The first was a "cake walk," but the second was "heavenly" (it was certainly unearthly anyway). I can understand why the ambulance followed us round the road.

The Brigade Machine Gun concentration begins on November 19th and terminates on December 4th. From that date we proceed to camp at Vilad.

We shall shortly be losing a few of our most popular non-commissioned officers in Cpls. Hatfield, Franklin and Fisher. We wish them bon voyage. We also miss a popular non-commissioned officer, L./Sergt. Lione, who left for England on the H.T. *Derbyshire*.

Last of all, but not least, we welcome the return of Sergt. Palmer from furlough in England. Once again he takes over machine gun sergeant.

#### TRANSPORT NOTES.

Last September, for the first time since our arrival in India, we sent in teams for the Poona Horse Show, with extremely gratifying results. In the Inter-Unit Machine Gun Team Competition we secured first place. The judges made a special note of the conditions of the mules, the turn-out also getting a special mention.

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay presented the cup. We were beaten at the post in the Lewis gun team event by one point. There was an entry of nine teams, and after a long argument among the judges we took second place.

Sergt. Bone, our energetic transport sergeant, must be congratulated in securing a first and second place.



Matches may be made in heaven, but they are sometimes dipped in the other place.

## AN OLD "DIE-HARD" AND SPORTSMAN.

SAMUEL HOPPER POWELL was born on September 21st, 1835, at Lucan House, Sharow, Yorkshire (West Riding). His boyhood was spent at Sharow Lodge, Ripon, Yorks, the residence of his father, the Rev. S. H. Powell (Squarson). His school was Shrewsbury.

He received a commission in the Army by nomination of Sir Frederick Thesiger, afterwards Lord Chelmsford, and was gazetted Ensign in the 57th Regiment on March 14th, 1855. He shortly afterwards joined the Depot of the Regiment, then stationed at Birr (King's County), Ireland, being promoted Lieutenant on August 31st. Shortly afterwards he proceeded with a draft to the Crimea, and in September, 1855, just after the second assault of the Redan joined the headquarters of the Regiment there, continuing to serve with it until the end of the war.

In October, 1855, Lieut. Powell was present with his Regiment at the bombardment and capture of Kimburn. The Brigade which carried out this operation was commanded by Major-Gen. the Hon. A. A. Spencer, and consisted of the 17th, 20th, 21st, 57th and 63rd Regiments. Remarkable as it may appear, it is a fact that Lieut. Powell possessed the only telescope (a Dollond) in the Brigade. This was very properly commandeered for the operations by the General Officer Commanding. The telescope is still to be seen in Major Powell's Hampshire home. None of the officers on the Kimburn expedition even had field glasses.

In November, at the conclusion of the operations, Gen. Spencer's Brigade returned to the Crimea, and the 57th, on landing, marched back to its old camp on Cathcart's Hill, and was employed in bringing up planks and housing from Balaclava, with which to construct huts for the winter. Hostilities were then practically at a standstill, the enemy on the north side of Sebastopol contenting himself with occasionally firing at the working parties engaged in destroying the docks. On March 1st, 1856, an armistice was proclaimed, which lasted until the 30th *idem*, when the treaty of peace was signed.

The 57th remained in the Crimea for nearly a couple of months after the conclusion of peace, and on May 27th, 1856, Lieut. Powell embarked with his Regiment for Malta, where it formed part of the garrison of the island for two years. Two companies were, however, in September, 1857, detached for duty at Aden, and in March, 1858, took part in a very successful operation in the neighbourhood against the Arabs, who were seriously threatening the town.

In May, 1858, orders were received for the Regiment, less the Aden detachment, to proceed from Malta to India, where the suppression of the mutineers was still incomplete. The journey was somewhat eventful, as the railway from Cairo to Suez had only just been commenced, and the desert had in consequence to be crossed to the latter place on donkeys.

On arrival at Suez the Regiment embarked for Bombay, arriving on June 6th, and remaining there throughout the rainy season, at the conclusion of which it was ordered to proceed on field service against the remnants of the mutineers, who still held out in Central India. Lieut. Powell did not remain long in India, but was transferred to the Aden detachment in August, 1858, continuing to serve with it there until 1860, meanwhile taking an active part in all sports and gymkhanas held in that rather barren quarter. In April, 1860, he went home on leave of absence, and did not again rejoin the Regiment, but retired by sale of his commission. On December 20th, 1860, he was appointed Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces (1st North Yorkshire Royal Volunteer Corps), being granted in 1874 the temporary rank of Captain, and in 1879 the honorary rank of Major. He held the appointment of Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces for twenty-one years, resigning his commission as such on April 1st, 1881, continuing to retain the honorary rank of Major.

During his Adjutancy Major Powell's headquarters were at Richmond, one of the most sporting neighbourhoods of the North Riding, and marrying as he did

into a family resident in that part of Yorkshire he had every facility for indulging his proclivities for all branches of sport. He regularly hunted with the Bedale, the Hurworth, and Lord Zetland's hounds, shot grouse on the Swaledale and other moors round Richmond, and fished the trout streams in the vicinity.

After his retirement Major Powell lived at Bishopton, Ripon, for some twenty



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Major S. H. Powell (centre) at a meet of the Courtenay-Tracey Otterhounds on the River Meon, Hants.

years, during which time he continued to indulge his sporting tastes to the utmost in a part of the country where he was so well-known and very popular. In 1904 he moved to King's Lynn, Norfolk, where he had bought a small place in surroundings which enabled him to continue to indulge his propensities for sport. He continued, indeed, to hunt until the commencement of the Great War, when he was close on eighty years of age, and only



then gave up hunting on account of the paucity of horses.

In 1920, by which time he had become a widower, Major Powell became the owner, from the maternal side of his family, of his present Hampshire home. He then sold his Norfolk property and settled down in his new surroundings. Here he continued to indulge his taste for shooting and fishing until increasingly indifferent sight necessitated his practically giving up these sports which he loved so well. But fishing, at all events, died hard with him. Even though his sight was very bad, he continued, until comparatively recently, to throw a fly successfully for the trout in the stream which runs through the village of Wickham. Now, however, that his sight will not permit him to do even this, the gallant veteran, in no way daunted, goes out with the Beagles and Otter Hounds when they meet within practicable distance of his home. Inset is a reproduction of a photograph which appeared in *The Tatler* of 13th October, 1926.

This photograph was taken on September 23rd, 1926, at a meet of the Courtenay-Tracey Otter Hounds at Misslingford, on the Meon River. It shows Major Powell (a very good likeness) in the centre, with his daughter, Mrs. Atherton Powell, and the Master of the Hounds, Capt. Hussey, on either side of him. What an indefatigable sportsman Major Powell is will be evident from the fact that two days subsequent to the above photograph being taken, viz., September 26th, 1926, he was again present with these Otter Hounds when they killed at Southwick, and was presented with the mask, which pleased him greatly. He frequently also goes to meets of Beagles when these are held in the neighbourhood. He does not now, of course, follow on foot, but does so in his car wherever possible.

Major Powell retains the greatest affection for his old Regiment. He was always most popular with those, now very few in number, who served with him in it. He was present at the Albuhera Centenary Dinner on May 16th, 1911, and attended the annual dinner commemorative of the famous battle in the memorable year 1914 at Woolwich, whence some three months later his old battalion

proceeded to France as part of the "Old Contemptibles" of glorious memory. On that occasion, owing to the unavoidable absence of Col. Lord Sinclair and Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Major Powell found himself the senior officer present at the dinner, and as such made an admirable speech. At its conclusion he invited the last-joined officer to reply for the young "Die-Hards." This challenge was aptly responded to in a capital speech by 2/Lieut. (now Captain) Paul, who at the time occupied that enviable position.

The Middlesex Regiment may well be proud of this veteran soldier and sportsman, who has already celebrated his ninety-first birthday. The writer earnestly hopes, as he is sure any who may read this little notice will equally hope, that Major Powell may yet be spared for a number of years in health and strength to enjoy the sports of which he is so fond.



### THE OLD COLOURS OF THE 2nd BATTALION.

THE old Colours of the 2nd Battalion were handed over by Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, Colonel of the Regiment, to the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council on October 28th, 1926.

The ceremony took place at a meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall at Westminster, where the Colours will hang together with those of the 3rd and 4th Battalions, which were handed over two years ago.

These Colours were presented to the 77th Regiment in 1876 by Field-Marshal H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge, and were carried by the Regiment for forty-nine years.

There were present at the ceremony on October 28th three veterans who were present on the parade in 1876 when the Colours were presented, viz., ex-Col./Sergt. Whitesides, ex-Regimental-Paymaster-Sergt. Warren, and ex-Sergt./Dmr. Nugent Taylor.

In handing over the Colours, Sir Ivor Maxse traced the history of the Regiment from the honours borne on the Colours. He pointed out that the present ceremony



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### 2nd BATTALION COLOURS.

Three old 77th N.C.Os. who were on parade when the Colours were presented.

Ex-Sgt.-Dmr. Nugent Taylor, Major Jefford (Commanding Depot), Ex-Colour-Sgt. William Whitesides, General Sir Ivor Maxse, Ex-Paymaster-Sgt. E. Warren.



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### 2nd BATTALION COLOURS.

The Colours being handed over at the Middlesex Guildhall.



was a further opportunity for bringing the Regiment into closer touch with the civil authorities of the county.

Mr. Todd, Chairman of the County Council of Middlesex, in accepting the charge of the Colours, expressed the desire of the civil authorities of the county to maintain close touch with the Regiment.

## THE 77th FOOT.

### REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

READING in THE DIE-HARDS Journal of the presentation of new Colours to the 2nd Battalion at Ahmednagar calls to my mind the presentation of the Colours now replaced.

There are not many left who were on that parade, but one who is well-known to a number of old comrades is Col.-Sergt. William Whitesides, who was right guide of the company which escorted the old Colours at their last trooping.

These were eventually placed on May 8th, 1876, in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the following verses written by an old soldier of the 77th Regiment appeared in the *Morning Advertiser* two days later:—

SAINT PAUL'S, 8TH MAY, 1876.  
Blubbering, well p'r'aps I am a bit:  
It comes over a feller yer know  
To catch sight o' the Colors he marched  
behind  
A score of years ago.  
It makes his stiff limbs grow young again  
And puts his blood in a glow.

Yes, that's my boy with the corporal stripes;  
'Tis a comfort to think that he,  
When the time shall come, will fight for  
his Queen  
In the same old ranks as me.  
Why, he learned to love the Seventy-Seventh  
As he toddled about my knee!

God bless the glorious rags, says I,  
I remember 'em spick and span,  
There wasn't a rent or a hole in 'em then  
'Fore the Rooshian War began.  
'Twas a diff'rent tale when the Alma was  
cross'd  
An' they'd waved thro' Inkerman.

What a story those tatters could tell,  
There's a hist'ry in every hole.  
See, sir, for fear they should drop right off  
They've pinned 'em on to the pole.  
I mind when the Regiment was much the  
same  
When they called the muster roll.

'Twas a hottish time while it lasted, sir,  
An' 'twas very few at last  
As could answer "Here," but we  
shouldered up close  
An' tried to forget the past.  
But now-to-day, it all will come back,  
An' my heart's a beatin' fast.

Is it any wonder my blood runs thick  
As I think o' that April day,  
When we mustered silently under those  
flags  
And heard our Colonel say,  
"There's some fighting before us to-day,  
my lads,"  
In his brave an' kindly way?

Then out we streamed with lips pressed  
tight  
To the Rooshian rifle pits;  
Why talk about fighting that licked the  
lot  
As ever I'd done into fits.  
But we did the trick, tho' the enemy's fire  
Knocked us nearly all to bits.

Yes, we paid for it dear, 'twas a bloody  
fight,  
God help me—it made me swear  
When a cruel bullet cut down by my side  
Poor young Captain Lempriere.  
He was only a boy—bless his smiling  
face—  
But a regular devil to dare.

I saw Colonel Egerton pick him up  
And carry him back to the rear,  
An' then he came striding on again;  
He was six foot four, sir, clear.  
An' then a bullet dropp'd him dead  
Whilst his lips were shaping a cheer.

But there—I could gossip of the deeds all  
day  
That the sight of our Colors recalls.  
Thank God I've seen 'em placed at rest  
On our Monument in Saint Paul's.  
'Twill be good to think that those glorious  
rags  
Is safe within sacred walls.

Did yer see how the men gazed up at the  
flags.

Did yer look along the line  
And watch their faces, sir, when the band  
Burst out with "Auld Lang Syne"?  
That's the sort of thing to make men fight  
An' to stop the army's decline.

These Colours, which were placed,  
together with the old Colours of the 57th,  
over the Regimental Memorial in St.  
Paul's Cathedral, can still be seen, and are  
to be found inside the left of the main  
entrance.

## DEPOT NOTES.

FOUR squads are at present under-  
going training at the Depot. From  
indications we are led to believe that we  
may soon be filled up to six squads or  
even more. A draft of thirty-two pro-  
ceeded to join the 1st Battalion on January  
7th, 1927.

Now that the 1st Battalion are so far  
away from London we have been given  
authority in certain cases to send recruits  
on completion of recruits' training on  
their month's annual furlough, thus  
saving them the expensive journey from  
Catterick and back.

A new recruiting experiment is being  
tried, and we, together with two other  
depots of our group, have been selected  
as the victims.

Briefly, we accept no recruits for the  
Regiment at Mill Hill other than special  
cases enlisted on A.F. B.203, but squads  
are filled up from Whitehall.

Ordinary enlistments at Mill Hill are  
sent to other regiments of the zone,  
depending on which is "opened" for the  
moment. It is claimed for this system  
that squads will be formed quicker than  
previously, and that there will be less  
waste as several depots will not have half  
completed squads at the same time.

The results we have yet to see, but  
the two squads formed on this system up  
to date contain only a slightly larger pro-  
portion of men from the provinces—  
Scotland and Ireland—than squads formed  
at Mill Hill, so that for the present our  
Territorial connection is not seriously  
menaced.

We congratulate Major Bucknall, M.C.,  
on the birth of a son.

2/Lieuts. Coleman and Chattey, Supple-  
mentary Reserve of Officers, are carrying  
out their initial training at the Depot.

On November 11th the usual outdoor  
parade service was held at the Regimental  
Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks. Repre-  
sentatives of all battalions of the  
Regiment were present, and many friends  
and relatives of those who fell. Wreaths  
were laid by all battalions by the Terri-  
torial Association and Regimental  
Association at the close of the service.

The annual Christmas dinner was held  
on Saturday, January 1st.

Sergt. Shaw and his experts as usual  
performed prodigies, and are to be  
heartily congratulated.

On Thursday, December 30th the  
annual tea, entertainment and Christmas  
tree were held in the Lecture Room for  
all married non-commissioned officers and  
men and their wives and families. The  
tea was admirably run by the N.A.A.F.I.,  
and we then had an excellent Punch and  
Judy show from London. Father  
Christmas (ably featured by Sergt. Griffin)  
being thoroughly up to date arrived by  
aeroplane, bringing his Christmas tree  
and presents for all children.

We broke up at seven o'clock after a  
most successful afternoon.

## SPORTS NOTES.

### GENERAL.

The sporting activities at the Depot  
have gone steadily forward during the  
past quarter.

A most successful Boxing Tournament  
was held for recruits at the end of  
November.

Passball is unquestionably the most  
popular game at the Depot, and many  
games have been most keenly contested  
by all ranks. The officers distinguished  
themselves by winning the Passball  
League without losing a match.

### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

This has now become a regular item of  
the sports agenda, and we have at least  
our run of approximately three and a half  
miles every month. Ptes. Sheffield and  
Cladd both ran well in winning the last  
two runs.



## FOOTBALL.

Although we have not entered a team in a league this season, we have played several friendly games with very satisfactory results. Numerous inter-squad games have also been played.

## HOCKEY.

Unfortunately, the bad state of the ground has almost completely prevented our team obtaining any practice; nevertheless, we have managed to field a very useful side on the few occasions we have been able to play.

## PASSBALL.

The Depot Staff Passball League has just been completed, which resulted in the Officers winning, with the Sergeants runners-up.

## PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

No. 6197358 Pte. R. Morris, of Ypres Squad, won the Commanding Officer's Medal for the best recruit at P.T. and P.E.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The last three months of the old year, with one or two exceptions, has been a period of inactivity, socially of course.

On November 19th we were at home to the Corporals in a Billiards Tournament, where we managed to turn the tables on them. The final scores were:—

SERGEANTS.				
Sergt. Mewett	...	...	...	100
C.S.M.I. Elliott	...	...	...	100
C.S.M. Gray, D.C.M.	...	...	...	89
R.S.M. Mantell	...	...	...	50
Sergt. Shaw	...	...	...	50
Sergt. Wilcockson	...	...	...	100
				489
CORPORALS.				
Cpl. Kingdom	...	...	...	79
L./Cpl. Woodroff	...	...	...	60
L./Cpl. Aldridge	...	...	...	100
L./Cpl. Foley	...	...	...	47
L./Cpl. West	...	...	...	18
L./Cpl. Thompson	...	...	...	42
				346

On Armistice Day the usual impressive service was held at the War Memorial, details of which appear in this issue of the Journal.

This was also the occasion of a visit from several ex-members of the Regiment.

We held a dance in the Lecture Hall on November 12th. This was well patronized, and proved a great success, Sergts. Raindle and Shaw carrying out the duties of M.C. Our newly-augmented dance orchestra made its first appearance, and was much appreciated. Dancing continued from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Having received a challenge from the Sergeants' Mess, 7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, T.A., to a Billiards Tournament we proceeded to Sun Street in full force on December 3rd. Despite our defeat, we spent a very enjoyable evening, and are looking forward to a return match early in the New Year. The scores were as follows:—

DEPOT.				
Sergt. Wilcockson	...	...	...	96
R.S.M. Mantell	...	...	...	102
L./Sergt. Cobbett	...	...	...	102
Sergt. Shaw	...	...	...	58
Sergt. Mewett	...	...	...	99
				457
7TH BATTALION.				
Sergt. Carvell	...	...	...	100
C.S.M. Addison	...	...	...	100
C.S.M. Hooper	...	...	...	77
Sergt. Brown	...	...	...	121
R.Q.M.S. —	...	...	...	100
				498

During the Christmas holidays all the single members were away on leave, and the married men held undisputed sway, Sergt. Griffin acting as "worthy host." An impromptu social was held in the Mess on Christmas night, and the wives and members were given the privilege of attending. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The remainder of the holiday was passed very satisfactorily. There were a few moans, caused by some of the members having to change their diet, the caterer having sold all the bottled beer.

We are now on the eve of our annual dinner, to be followed by a dance in the Lecture Hall. This should afford ample scope for news in our next issue.

In welcoming Sergts. West and Mewett to the Depot, we bid God-speed to Sergt. Walker (Uncle Hookey), who has left us to join the 2nd Battalion in "Old Stagers' Land" and Sergts. Wilcockson and Horrex, who have gone to the 1st

Battalion in "Stodgy Land." According to whispers vacancies in the Depot are at a premium in the 1st Battalion, and "Gum boots" are going cheap.

## OSCILLATIONS.

Who was the member who sat on "Rose Marie," and was it worth half-a-crown?

Will a certain member's New Year resolutions necessitate revolutions?

WANTED.—A reason for the mysterious disappearance of several yards of "clothes line copper wire,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and receptive," from the vicinity of the married quarters.

Heard in the laundry. Local broadcast will follow immediately.

Dot: Have you heard? Sh—whispered consultation.

Dash: Who told you? Points violently in the direction of "Reproducer's" abode.

Dot: No.  
Dash (with violent gesticulations): In "Originator's" direction, "Her"?

Dot (with emphatic nods in the affirmative): Don't tell no one.

And so another reputation goes the way of the soapsuds.

Bo'sun.

## CORPORALS' ROOM NOTES.

Having introduced myself during the last issue of this Journal, and up to the time of writing received no complaints, I will now recount the various happenings in the Corporals' Room during this quarter.

At the beginning of the quarter we were kindly invited to a Billiard Tournament by the sergeants, which took place in the Sergeants' Mess. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and although we were not the winners our worthy cuists did their very best—with the cue.

During the latter part of October a dance was held. Unfortunately, Dame Fortune did not smile on us, for it poured with rain.

Early in November we entertained a Social Club from Edmonton to a Billiards Tournament, and ran out winners by a

few points. Once again a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Nothing more of note happened until December 10th, when a carnival dance was held. All voted it was the best we have held, and we were honoured by having present several members of the 1st Battalion Corporals' Room. Professor Riley gave us some very good exhibitions of the Charleston. Four prizes were given for spot waltzes, which were won by Capt. Savile, M.C., and Miss Tucker, Cpl. Knock and Mrs. W. Clarke.

We have had several tries to dislodge the officers from the top of the shooting ladder. Once we were successful, but, sad to relate, we again stand second.

In the Depot Passball League we have unfortunately finished at the bottom. So far, in the Depot Football League we have played one game, against the Depot Staff Privates, which we won 1—0. As they are probably our strongest opponents I hope to be able to record in the near future how we finished top of the League.

We tender a sincere welcome to "Tim" Egan, who has joined our massive ranks from the land of "Mud and Moans." Some little bird whispered there are many more who would prefer Mill Hill to their present domicile. Since joining us our "Tim" has not been idle. Whilst on leave he joined the Mustard Club, and since his return he has been busily preparing his notes for a lecture on "Sisters."

We congratulate L./Cpl. Woodroff on passing his Referee and Judging Course at Shorncliffe, and for bringing back a good supply of bandages.

Before closing we tender our sincere apologies to Cpls. Painter, Short and Pinder on omitting to congratulate them on their promotion to corporal in last quarter's issue, so we now take the greatest pleasure in doing so.

We also wish our Commanding Officer, Major W. W. Jefferd, who is at the time of writing these notes in hospital, a speedy recovery, and sincerely hope he will soon be working among us again.

E. A. B.

## RECRUITS' INTER-SQUAD BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Our Recruits' Boxing Tournament was held in the Gymnasium on November



25th, and although the strength of the Depot was rather weak we mustered seventy-three entries.

Owing to lack of space we will not detail our first series of thirty fights, but will be content with showing the points obtained by the various squads, which were as follows:—Ypres Squad, 67 points; Nivelles Squad, 58½ points; Mons Squad, 52½ points.

The second series of the above-mentioned tournament took place on December 1st.

There were thirty-five contests. Results as follows:—

*Semi-final Bantam-weights.*—Pte. Image beat Pte. Lazarus. Pte. Williams beat Pte. Lindsay. This was a very close contest, Lindsay only losing by a narrow margin.

*Final.*—Pte. Williams beat Pte. Image on points.

*Semi-final Feather-weights.*—Pte. Elliott beat Pte. Saunders, the loser putting up a very game fight. Pte. Neal beat Pte. Barratt, the latter being a game loser.

*Final.*—Pte. Neal beat Pte. Elliott.

*Semi-final Light-weights.*—Pte. Adams walk over, Pte. Winterburn damaged hand. Pte. Outram beat Pte. Jacobson. The loser had plenty of pluck and endurance.

*Final.*—Pte. Adams beat Pte. Outram.

*Semi-final Welter-weights.*—Pte. Cross beat Pte. Walker. Pte. Jones beat Pte. Butfield.

*Final.*—Pte. Jones beat Pte. Cross.

The referee and judges decided that Ptes. Lindsay and Jacobson were the best losers, and they were awarded special medals.

Points for the Boxing Shield:—Ypres Squad, 108½ points, winners; Nivelles Squad, 106 points, runners-up; and Mons Squad, 63 points.

At the conclusion of the tournament Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., presented the prizes, and congratulated all the competitors, especially the winners and runners-up.

#### POSTINGS.

Sergt. A. Walker: Posted to 2nd Battalion (4/10/26).

Sergt. R. Mewett: Posted from 2nd Battalion (4/10/26).

Cpl. C. Egan: Posted from 1st Battalion (14/11/26).

L./Sergt. G. Horrex: Posted to 1st Battalion (14/11/26).

L./Cpl. B. Carroll: Posted to 1st Battalion (24/11/26).

C.Q.M.S. W. Gray: Posted to 1st Battalion (6/12/26).

Sergt. J. Wilcockson: Posted to 1st Battalion (19/12/26).

Sergt. W. West: Posted from 2nd Battalion (19/12/26).

Recruits posted to Home Battalion during past quarter, sixty-eight.

#### COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Sergt. J. Griffin, I.M.: Attended Course of Instruction at the R.A.S. Factory, October 17th to 30th, 1926, and obtained Certificates of Proficiency in Keeping Rifles and Lewis Gun in order.

Cpl. E. Pinder: Qualified at a Fire Fighting Course at Aldershot from 2/10/26 to 27/10/26.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6197314 Pte. R. Atkins, 6197331 Pte. T. Cladd, 6197355 Pte. S. Day, 6197348 Pte. A. Gibbons, 6197338 Pte. A. Adams, 6768735 Pte. T. Brind, 6197353 Pte. E. Edmonds, 6197328 Pte. W. Hayward, 6195890 Pte. W. Jacobson, 6197376 Pte. H. Lovelock, 6197346 Pte. R. Saunders, 6197389 Pte. R. Simmons, 6197313 Pte. R. Bowden, 6197341 Pte. D. Brooks, 6197363 Pte. C. Christmas, 6197350 Pte. J. Elliott, 6197362 Pte. W. Poulter, 6197351 Pte. W. Barrett, 6584440 Pte. F. Butfield, 6197386 Pte. N. Footer, 6197387 Pte. J. Marmer, 6197365 Pte. H. Leonard, 6197359 Pte. E. Martin, 6197361 Pte. L. Sheffield, 6197390 Pte. J. Walker, 6197099 Pte. H. Plunkett, 6197182 Pte. T. Clarke, 6197352 Pte. J. Dodgson, 6197235 Pte. A. Fletcher, 6757404 Pte. R. Weaver, 6197342 Pte. A. Bickel, 6197385 Pte. N. Dussan, 6197364 Pte. L. Filby, 6197347 Pte. L. Image, 6197393 Pte. J. Lawler, 6197368 Pte. G. Pay, 6197357 Pte. G. Smith, 6197305 Pte. A. Williams, 6197323 Pte. A. Stokes.

#### DISCHARGES AND TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE.

6188447 L./Cpl. S. Hutton: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xxi) (7/11/26).

## THE TARANAKI REGIMENT.

WE have received from New Zealand a copy of "The Taranaki Rifle Volunteers: A Corps with a History," by W. J. Penn, now the Taranaki Regiment, our Allied regiment, of the Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Rifle Volunteers were raised at New Plymouth in 1858 in consequence of the threatening attitude of the Maoris.

They served throughout the Maori War from 1859 to 1865.

They were the first British Volunteers ever to be in action against an enemy. This was at the Battle of Waireka on March 28th, 1860.

During the South African War, 1899-1902, they contributed a number of men to the various New Zealand contingents which took part in that campaign. The Taranaki Regiment was allied to The Middlesex Regiment in 1913. During the Great War the regiment served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France.

The Taranaki Rifle Volunteers and the 57th Regiment served together at New Plymouth and in the surrounding districts during the Maori War of 1860 to 1865. Some account of the actions and events in which they were together during this period is given below.

The 57th landed in New Zealand in January, 1861, and were stationed at New Plymouth. Within a few days a portion of the Regiment was in action with the Taranaki Volunteers near Omata.

They were again in action together at the capture of the Omata Stockade on March 23rd, 1861.

On June 25th, 1861, Colours were presented to the Taranaki Rifle Volunteers by Mrs. Warre, the wife of Col. Warre, C.B., the Commanding Officer of the 57th. On this occasion the 57th were formed up in division in front and rear of the Volunteers.

Mrs. Warre read the following address to the Taranaki Regiment:—

"Major Herbert, Officers, Non-commissioned Officer and Men of the Taranaki Militia and Volunteers. The ladies of Taranaki have done me the honour to select me to present to you these Colours,

6191102 L./Cpl. F. Welsh: To Army Reserve (18/11/26).

6188419 C.Q.M.S. F. Cushion: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xxi) (20/11/26).

6190708 L./Sergt. E. Lione: To Army Reserve (18/11/26).

6191311 L./Sergt. H. Clifford: To Army Reserve (28/11/26).

6191039 L./Cpl. H. Meddoms: To Army Reserve (10/12/26).

6188457 C.S.M. H. Siddons: Discharged under K.R. 363 (xxi) (20/12/26).

#### APPOINTMENT.

7810286 L./Sergt. W. Cobbett: Appointed paid Lance-Sergeant (14/11/26).

#### EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6189232 Cpl. H. Short: Re-engaged at Mill Hill to complete 21 years with the Colours (23/11/26).

#### LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

The undermentioned have been awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, in accordance with the list published with Army Orders for October, 1926:—

*Warrant Officers, Class II, with Gratuity.*  
6188459 A. W. Clark; 6192171 A. F. C. Purcell.

#### Non-commissioned Officers and Men, with Gratuity.

6188523 C.Q.M.S. C. J. Kent, 6192447 Sergt. W. E. Allum, 6191970 Sergt. E. F. Heath, 6188488 Sergt. E. Kelly, 6188719 Sergt. F. W. Rose, 6192434 Cpl. J. J. O'Brien, 6191840 Cpl. A. Stenning, 6192094 Pte. H. Bloomberg, 6188518 Pte. W. Day.

#### BIRTHS.

CLARK.—On November 21st, 1926, at Aldershot, the wife of 6191643 Pte. J. Clark—daughters (Ellen May and Mary Ann).

DENTON.—On December 3rd, 1926, at Woolwich, the wife of 6190793 Pte. H. Denton—a daughter (Rose May).

#### MARRIAGE.

GRAINGER—DONOGHUE.—6194353 Pte. C. Grainger, married at West Ham on May 1st, 1926, to Ellen May Donoghue.



which your country-women desire you to accept as a token of their grateful and affectionate interest, and their deep sense of your bravery and devotion. They beg of you to accept and honour these Colours as your rallying standards should occasion oblige you to unfurl them in defence of your families and your adopted country.

"I remind you that the colours of a regiment are considered as pledges of our faith and of our allegiance to our Queen and country; to be honoured and preserved as a sacred duty, and to be defended to the last at the cost of life itself. But to you gallant Militia and Volunteers who have already fought for your country, and many of you in the ranks of England's noble Army; to you who have gone through so many trials, who have seen war and its effects in its saddest form; to you I feel that no such appeal is necessary. Whenever you have been called upon, whenever you have been engaged, you have proved that you are worthy of the trust, and have shown that your true English blood has not deteriorated by your transfer to this distant colony.

"Most deeply do I sympathize in the misery that the late unhappy struggle has brought upon many who are now assembled here—a struggle that I fully believe had for its end the subversion of the Queen's authority in this country, and possibly the subjugation of her subjects. On you have the results of this struggle most heavily fallen; your families have been scattered, your homes have been destroyed, but you may be sure that England will not allow you to suffer without redress. Who ever appealed to England or her beloved Queen in vain?

"Compensation will doubtless be granted for your losses, but you have already a compensation beyond all price in the knowledge that you have done your duty; that you have suppressed rebellion and upheld the Queen's supremacy.

"In concluding, allow me to express that satisfaction I feel in being associated with the ladies of Taranaki on this occasion, and permit me to offer you, in my one and Col. Warre's name, our best wishes for your future welfare and success."

On September 24th, 1863, a party of

the 57th and two companies of the Volunteers encountered a body of the Maoris in the Bell District, whom they dispersed and drove into the bush.

On this occasion Dmr. Dudley Stagpool, of the 57th, earned the medal for distinguished conduct in the field by his energy and courage, twice bringing in wounded men, although himself wounded in the head. The Taranaki Volunteers received great praise from Col. Warre for their behaviour in this affair.

Towards the end of September, 1863, the rebels began to be more active in Taranaki, and several little skirmishes took place, in which the Volunteers had a share, the most serious being on October 2nd at Allen's Hill. Both Capt. Atkinson's and Capt. Webster's companies were engaged in these skirmishes. They received great praise from Col. Warre for their behaviour upon a little brush in the Bell district on September 29th. The Colonel's report said: "It is with much pleasure I draw the Lieutenant-General's attention to the satisfactory result of this encounter between the civilian forces of this province and the rebel Maoris, and to the persevering efforts of Cpts. Atkinson and Webster and the officers and men under their command to carry out the important duties entrusted to them. In all weather and at all hours have these companies sought the enemy, and it is to their constant patrolling not only the immediate vicinity of the town but the outskirts of settlement that I attribute the little annoyance we have experienced from the presence of, it is now stated, some 500 of the rebels, who occupy strong positions on the edge of the bush between the Bell Block stockade and Mataitawa. Capt. Atkinson possesses all the energy and perseverance requisite to make him a first-rate 'guerilla' leader, and he is most ably seconded by the officers he has trained, as well as by the non-commissioned officers and men who form his force. They have co-operated with the Regular troops on several occasions, and I am much indebted to their exertions, their endurance of fatigue, and their willing cheerfulness in their performance of their arduous duties."

In his report of the Allen's Hill affair, Col. Warre expressed his indebtedness to

Cpts. Atkinson and Webster, of the Volunteers, and all the officers, "who set an example to their men which was nobly responded to." He also singled out for special praise Dmr. Dudley Stagpool, of the 57th; Pte. Antonio Rodriguez, of the Militia, and Capt. Mace, of the Militia, and his mounted orderlies. The Militia and Volunteer force engaged in this skirmish consisted of Capt. Atkinson, Capt. Webster, Capt. Messenger, Lieut. Jonas, Ensign Brown, Assistant-Surgeon Webber, 5 sergeants, 2 drummers, and 84 rank and file.

For their conduct in the affair of October 2nd and Ensign Down and Dmr. Dudley Stagpool were both awarded the Victoria Cross. They particularly distinguished themselves by rushing into the open, under heavy fire from the concealed Maoris, and bringing in a wounded comrade who was lying at the edge of the bush and on the point of falling into the enemy's hands.

"On Wednesday, December 23rd, 1863, Col. Warre made an attack on the native fortifications at Kaitake, in which both companies of the bushrangers, under Cpts. Webster and Atkinson, took part."

Towards the end of March, 1864, operations were directed by Col. Warre against the principal stronghold of the Maoris, situated amongst the mountains of Kaitake, on the borders of an impenetrable jungle and strongly fortified, from which they commanded two miles of level ground between the mountains and the sea, and threatened the whole length of road between New Plymouth and Tataraimaka. The place had been reconnoitred the previous year by Lieuts. Waller and C. M. Clarke (now Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke), of the 57th Regiment.

The force consisted of about 300 Regular troops, a half-battery of Royal Artillery, a few of the 70th and about 200 of the 57th, and about 400 Volunteers and Militia, and he disposed them so as to attack the Maoris' entrenchments on all sides simultaneously.

A lucky shot from one of the field guns having set fire to the wharries inside the enemy's stockade, a party of Militia, who had been placed under cover near the right of the entrenchment, took advantage of the smoke and rushed forward to attack

it. The other parties immediately advanced from their several positions, Capt. Lloyd's company of the 57th and Capt. Wright's of the 70th forcing the right of the position, and two companies of the 57th the left of it, while the Volunteers who had made their way along a very intricate and circuitous track behind the Kaitake, guided by Lieut. C. M. Clarke, attacked the enemy in rear, and Capt. Russel's company of the 57th forced their way through the double line of palisades in front.

Their position being taken in reverse and the higher portion of it captured, the rebels gave up the contest, abandoning their long line of defences and flying into the mountains and the bush, where it was impossible to follow them.

The capture of this stronghold was a great blow to the Maoris, and prevented any further attack on the communications between New Plymouth and Tataraimaka.

Parties of the 57th and the Taranaki Volunteers were together in various brushes with the enemy up to the end of 1864, by which time the 57th had been concentrated at Wanganui. A year later the 57th left New Zealand for home.

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1926.

Amount of grants made: £162 16s. 11d.

Number of cases dealt with: 207.

Number of cases assisted: 80.

Number of men registered for employment: 101.

Number of men found permanent employment: 16.

Number of men offered employment: 49.

Number of married couples found employment: 1.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 16.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, November 6th, 1926.



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

The Secretary, in the absence of the Chairman of the Dinner Committee, explained the arrangements made for holding the Annual Old Comrades' Dinner, which were approved.

The finances of the Regimental History Fund were discussed, and arrangements were made to meet the cost of publication of Volume I.

Col. Beach, Chairman of the sub-committee appointed to deal with the claim for refund of Income Tax, explained the steps that were being taken to make good the claim, and said that he hoped to obtain a favourable decision in the near future.

The question of the Regimental Journal finance was considered, and it was decided, with much reluctance, after the position had been carefully reviewed, that the price must be raised to 9d. per copy, the enhanced price to come into effect from the first issue of 1927.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on Saturday, November 6th, 1926.

Present: Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. (in the chair), Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Major W. W. Jefferd, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Major N. E. G. Willoughby, Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. Phillips, M.C., Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. A. B. Clark, Lieut. H. W. Clayden, Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Secretary and Hon. Treasurer), and about twenty others.

The Chairman, Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse,

presented the report, and explained the work performed by the Executive Committee during the past year, which, he said, reflected great credit on all concerned.

After some points had been raised by Mr. Duffield on the general working of the Association, the report was adopted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Co. TIPPERARY.  
October 24th, 1926.

HON. SECRETARY,  
LADIES' GUILD.

DEAR MADAM,

I wish to thank you for the splendid parcel of clothing which came on Friday, 22nd, also for the boots and shoes which came by post yesterday.

I cannot convey my feelings properly, but I hope you will believe me when I say I am deeply grateful.

The woollen vests, jerseys, little hats, and the boots for the two girls should be seen on the children just now to get the measure of how greatly they are appreciated, and the lovely coat for the little girl, but perhaps it might amuse you to know the kiddies were as much, if not more, delighted with the dolls (Betty and Felix) as any other piece of clothing. My wife got a lump in the throat when she saw the two dolls, and we both realize your thoughtfulness, for it was, indeed, a happy idea, and we thank you.

I myself feel the benefit of the cardigan jacket, for it is bitterly cold, and my wife, too, feels the difference with the warm woollen dress. She is very grateful for all the things sent her, especially so for the shoes, as she had not a boot or shoe to her feet.

We are all very well off now for boots and shoes and warm clothing, all due to the kindness and generosity of the Association.

We shall always remember all that has been done for us, and at a period when assistance was most urgently needed—to use a very worn phrase—when we were “down and out.” We had no visible means or prospects of procuring boots or clothing, and if there had not been an Association of a Regiment like the Middlesex then I do not know what would have happened to my family.

I close my eyes and shudder when I think how we would have fared this winter if it had not been for you and the Association.

Thanking you again.

I am, Dear Madam,  
Gratefully,  
JOHN C—.

HOLLOWAY, N.7.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 29th, 1926, and parcel, which arrived this afternoon.

My wife and I respectfully request that you will please accept, and also convey to the members of the Ladies' Guild, our heartfelt thanks, assuring you that every article was indeed a great necessity. The fact that the two little kiddies are now attending school decently clad and shod must in itself be a great consolation to all concerned in such a splendid relief work.

Believe me to remain,  
Yours very thankfully,  
E. A. M.

BRONDESURY, N.W.2.  
December 21st, 1926.

THE SECRETARY,  
MIDDLESEX REGIMENTAL  
ASSOCIATION,  
THE BARRACKS,  
MILL HILL, N.W.7.

DEAR SIR,

re J— B—, Kilburn.

I am extremely grateful to you for the splendid parcel of clothes which you have sent for this family. Mr. — has been ill in bed with influenza, and so has Mrs. —, but she is just able to get about again. When given the clothes the poor woman completely broke down, and was more than grateful to you. One could not express her gratitude in words.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the excellent parcels of clothes which you have sent to our cases in this district.

I also received the parcel for Mr. A. J. C—, of —, but have not yet seen him. I know that this family will also appreciate your kindness. With so

many small children it must be terrible to know where to provide for them all.

Yours truly,  
ELINOR PENN GASKELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families  
Association.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.  
December 21st, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Many thanks indeed for your very kind letter, Christmas card, and present which you so kindly sent me. It was very acceptable indeed; and also to thank you for your very kind wishes.

I return my best thanks to all who have been so kind to remember us old boys at Chelsea, so wishing you one and all a happy Christmas, and many of them. Once more, with many thanks, I will conclude.

Yours most respectfully,  
C. HIND.

[Mr. Hind, late 77th Regiment, is seventy years of age.—EDITOR.]

CHARLEMONT, MOY,  
Co. TYRONE.  
November 6th, 1926.

TO THE SECRETARY,  
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

SIR,

I beg to thank you most kindly for your kind thought in letting me know of the death of Mr. Deacon, a great old chum of mine.

In my early days he was a boy in the Band. There were three brothers, George, John and James, all real good soldiers, who served a long time in the 57th Regiment.

I am,

Most respectfully yours,  
JAMES MOONEY,  
late 57th Regiment.

MILL HILL, N.W.7.  
December 18th, 1926.

MAJOR STEED.

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed please find registration form filled in as requested.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff for the promptness and



courtesy received by my husband and myself when we came to your offices?

We have, with your help, found a comfortable home with exceptionally kind and considerate employers.

Yours faithfully,

C— M— C—

### OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent at the Masonic Rooms, Euston Road, on New Year's Day, when the Old Comrades assembled for their usual quarterly concert.

We had fears that after the large number that put in an appearance at the previous concert we should again be overwhelmed, but the festivities of New Year's Eve had the effect of keeping the attendance down, with the result that although the room was full it was not overcrowded, and allowed those present to enjoy the programme in comfort.

The Harold Edwynne Entertainers provided the musical items. They were exceptionally good and screamingly funny, and the company being in a merry mood a most happy evening was spent.

Mr. E. Morris presided, and was supported by Col. Passingham, Lieut.-Col. Samuel, and Capt. Foster.

The following were among the company present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. Samuels, Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Major Whittaker, Capt. H. E. Foster, Lieut. D. McDonald, Madame G. Corri, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris (Chairman), Mr. and Mrs. H. Cox, Sergt. and Mrs. Johnstone (9th Battalion), Sergt. and Mrs. Silcer, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards, Mrs. Lucken, Mr. Cattell, Sergt. and Mrs. Manders, Mr. Newton, Mr. Hillier and friend, Mrs. and Master Holwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wendom, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. McLernon, Mr., Mrs., Miss and Master Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. B. Warley, Mr. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Nethercott, Mr. and Mrs. Buxton, Mr. Chambers, Mr. and

Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Meachen, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr., Mrs. and Master Cleland, Master Carvell, Mr. and Mrs. Hames, Mr. Hames, Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue and friend, Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. B. Sullivan, Mr. Helps, R.S.M., Mrs. and the Misses Beasley, Sergt. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Tepper, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Seager, Mr. W. G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Homes, Mr. Furniss, Miss Church, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. Foley, Mr. Avery, Mr. Mackenzie.

#### PROGRAMME.

*Part I.*—The Company arrive; we "Smile, Grin and Smile"; Cecil Stuart and Stanley Stanton and "My Girl's Mother"; Frank Glover will sing "Sanctuary"; the Company visit a Farmyard; Evelyn Glover says "Sorry! It's quite alright"; the Company try some "Variations of a Song"; Violet Houghton sings "Break o' Day"; Harold Edwynne tries to sing; Stanley Stanton and "Percy"; a B-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l Ballet by the Entire Company; interval (to allow the audience to recover).

*Part II.*—The Company return; Frank Glover asks "Is it nothing to you?"; an Interruption; Frank and Evelyn and a few "Tit-Bits"; Violet Houghton will sing "Carissima"; Oh! Happy Day!!!; Stanley Stanton and "Tennessee"; Evelyn Glover in a Comedy Character Item; the Company in The Highlands; "God save the King."

### ARMISTICE DAY.

THE Armistice Day Memorial Service was held at the Regimental Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, on November 11th, 1926.

Representatives from all battalions were present, and the Depot paraded at full strength.

Cecil De Salis, Esq., D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Association, attended, and placed a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of the members of the Territorial Association.

### OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Office, Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, on Saturday, November 6th, 1926.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E. (in the chair), Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major W. W. Jefferd, Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., Major R. A. Slee, Capt. H. E. Foster and 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, seconded and passed that the sum of £15 be expended in further furnishing a Club Guest Room at the Depot, and that members using the room be charged one shilling per night.

It was decided that in future the Annual Club Dinner will be held on the last Tuesday in June, and that there will be one "At Home" held on the day following.

A further resolution was passed limiting the cricket to four days in the same week, the Tuesday or Wednesday to be included, but the other two days to be fixed by the Officer Commanding Depot and Cricket Secretary.

Members are reminded that regimental ties, scarves and tobacco pouches are kept in stock, and can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary.

### "SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE DIE-HARDS."\*

By SERGT.-MAJOR E. BEZAR (late 57th Regiment).

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#### CHAPTER II.

AFTER a stay at Kafrez-Zaiad of a couple of hours, we re-entered the train and started on our journey. We seemed to have created some interest

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The Rev. E. Howard Cobb, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, officiated, the service consisting of a hymn, a short address, Two Minutes' Silence, and the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Réveillé."

A good assembly of relatives of the fallen and a number of Old Comrades attended, all of whom placed floral tributes at the base of the Memorial at the conclusion of the service.

The following were among those present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, Chairman Regimental Association; Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., 1st Battalion; Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Clayden; Mr. E. Morris, Mr. E. J. Warren, Mr. R. Stephens, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. H. Hewitt, Mr. Whalley, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. H. Lowen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Lambourne, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Cooley, Mrs. Mantell, Mrs. Clements, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Randle, and Mrs. Sperry.

The Territorial Battalions were represented by Lieut. Coles, 7th Battalion; Capt. Hedgecoe, 8th Battalion; and C.S.M. Kelly, 9th Battalion.

At the conclusion the following placed wreaths on the Memorial:—

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, all ranks 1st Battalion; Major A. C. Arnold, all ranks 2nd Battalion; Lieut. A. G. Cole, all ranks 7th Battalion; Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, all ranks 8th Battalion; C.S.M. Kelly, all ranks 9th Battalion; Major W. W. Jefferd, from Officers, Depot; R.S.M. Mantell, from Sergeants, Depot; Cpl. Bearne, from Corporals, Depot; Pte. Seers, from Privates, Depot; In memory of Cpl. A. E. Hexney; In memory of Sergt. Brownell; In memory of G. Lowen; In memory of L. S. Downing; Col. Passingham, from Regimental Association; Cecil De Salis, Esq., from Chairman and Members of the Territorial Association of the County of Middlesex.

"Oh, Algernon, I wish you were taller."

"My love, so do I if—"

"If what?"

"If it would make me higher in your estimation."



among the natives: so many of us all dressed alike. At every stopping place they crowded round the train selling water. They offered very little else, and they did not drive much trade in that, as it had not the look of having issued from a clear running brook or spring; nor did it appear to have been filtered. Several natives were very inquisitive. They wanted to know what we were, and where we were going. Some of the replies were highly amusing. One said we were navvies going to India to make railways. This didn't seem to take, nor did another that we were pilgrims off to pay our homage to their great Mahomet. The little country villages dotted here and there reminded me very much of the beavers' houses. A large number were clustered on a space, in many cases not exceeding a quarter of an acre, and it would have a name. Fancy that! Those people thought they were of much importance, no doubt; they must be a happy lot. No Town Councils or Road Boards to elect; no politics to break them down; no one scrambling after more than his share of the rates to make his footpath better than his neighbour's. But all the money to be got in one of those villages would not make a chap rich. If one broached the "Single Tax" to them they'd jump at it and say we always pay double and treble taxes.

The system of irrigation is interesting, but, like everything else, it is as old as the hills. A large beam pivoted on an upright pole: at each end is a rude construction to take up water. This is conveyed by a trough to the other end, which is lowered to discharge the water into another paddock. Thus they cover large areas of country. I have heard many complain of the shaking of our trains, but they would ascertain what real shaking means if they had taken a trip at that time.

The next branch of the Nile, the Damietta branch, is crossed by an iron bridge. When drawing near Cairo, we got a glimpse of the Pyramids. We reached that city at about 5 p.m. The stationmaster, who was an Englishman, turned out in evening dress. He expected, he said, to have had the pleasure of seeing some red coats. We only had about fifteen minutes to stay at the old city. Everyone would have liked a few hours

there, but that was not in the contract. The line from Cairo to Suez is a thing (or was then) to be remembered. Entering the desert, just at nightfall, is one of the most desolate scenes imaginable, the vast dreary space being nothing but drifting sands.

The Fellahs, or Egyptian labourers, along the line, have to depend on the trains for water, and great is their joy when it arrives at one of the stopping places. A mob of them rushes down to the train, as if attacking it, and I must candidly admit that many of us drew our clasp-knives, the only weapons we had, prepared to sell our lives dearly. We soon became acquainted with the real cause of commotion. The carrying of water by the trains was no small matter, and a few remarks here will, I think, not be out of place. The want of water cuts down the profits of the line. For thirty miles water has to be taken from Cairo, and it will be sufficient to state that locomotive power equal to half that required to draw the train was constantly employed in carrying water for the boilers alone. The practical effect of the want of water, and the gradients, was to limit the number of trains, and to reduce the average weight from 130 tons to 40 tons. Thus the average cost of transport on the Cairo and Suez line, as compared with the Alexandria and Cairo line, was as 2½ to 1. The power that cost 1s. on the latter, cost 2s. 6d. on the former. With regard to the gradients from Cairo to Suez, the line ascends until a summit of 800 feet is reached. Then it descends 850 feet to Suez. But at the time I refer to, the line only went within twenty-five miles of Suez, but it was, of course, surveyed. The line surveyed by Mr. R. Stevenson, M.P., was almost a dead level, and took in a much more fertile country. It commenced at Zagazig, a branch already reaching there from Bena Lassel, and travelled down the Wadi Toumilat or ancient land of Goschen. What the railways now are, I have not to deal with: I am speaking of over thirty years ago. No doubt, Egypt has kept pace with the times, influenced as it is by the great powers. The first line, after a lot of talk, was commenced in 1851, and, in spite of the many drawbacks inseparable from such undertakings in a country like Egypt, it was opened from Alexandria to Cairo,

a distance of 131 miles, early in 1856. The average cost per mile was £6,700 with a single line of rails, but an embankment wide enough for two. I heard that when the wheelbarrows were handed over to the Fellahs they filled them right enough, but one took hold of the handles and another the wheel and carried them to the place of discharge. That system was more in keeping with their ancient customs. At Suez the Steam Ship Company keeps a tankship to supply the steamers with water, brought from a distance of a day's sail.

We arrived at the terminus at about 10 p.m. Here we were again marched into a large marquee, to another spread laid out for all hands. This was a very welcome sight, and it is needless to say that we soon eased the tables. We had not touched anything since we left Kaffrez-Zaiad, at mid-day, as there were no stores at which to purchase, and the supply on the tables did not admit of putting anything away for the journey. I was fortunate enough to bring with me from Malta a box of cigars, and this eased off the pangs of hunger; but it is astonishing how little thought one gives to eating when rushing through a new country, especially one like Egypt, gazing with open mouth at every little thing to be seen. We soon dispatched all the eatables, and were anxiously gazing round for another course, but alas! we gazed in vain, and when we found waiting would bring no substantial result, we cleared out to have a look about. Being midnight, and in the very heart of the desert of Egypt, the sight was not an interesting one, but to make up in some way for what we could not see, our ears were constantly greeted with the gobblings of the natives, who were busy getting the teams ready to convey us to Suez. Shortly, to our joy, the bugle sounded "Grog oh!" This somewhat startled the natives, being, of course, rather an unusual thing in that lively part. It took nearly fifty caravans to accommodate us, four horses in each—or two mules and two horses and two postilions. The work performed, and the very choice broken English used, to show us that we had not all the English language to ourselves, was more than amusing. I think it was about midnight when we got on our way. The scene and noise were something for all present

to remember for the remainder of their days. We had no asses. They were left for the remainder of the Regiment to follow us, which they did eight months later. They did this part of the journey on donkeys. Let anyone picture to himself a lot of fellows over six feet on small Egyptian donkeys, and a lad poking each up behind with some pointed instrument, and fancy men having to hold up their legs to prevent them trailing on the ground! In time this would become rather tedious, and they would, in order to stretch their legs, walk now and then, still keeping the animals under them, who, it may be presumed, did not object to it. Though I did not see this, I can fully understand what it was. Many jokes were coined in after years. Mounted infantry was unknown in those days, but many expressed themselves to the effect that should Her Majesty the Queen ever decide to turn one of her foot regiments into one of cavalry, the "Die-Hards" had the first claim, after their ride through Egypt on donkeys. We are all pretty familiar with the kind of English foreigners usually learn first. Well, on this trip, they did ample justice to their tutors. We had nothing to view now, being on our way to Suez, so we tried to steal forty winks, but that was almost impossible, for about every dozen yards or so the wheels would come in contact with a lump of rock, and many were the cries to the drivers, in language more forcible than polite, to keep clear of them. Otherwise the drive was a pleasant one, and reminded many (but not me) of the time they were at home doing a drive in the family conveyances. Sleep we found impossible. The postilions, I think, must have made up their minds that we should not slumber, judging from the way they kept their tongues going, either at their animals or at each other. Their noise and the jolts over the stones caused special prayers to be offered up for their safety. Animals were changed about every seven miles. The sun was just rising when we arrived at Suez. We could see the P. & O. Company's steamer, *Alma*, out in the offing, waiting for us.

We had but little time to wait before we were conveyed in a tug steamer to the *Alma*. Consequently, Suez was not surveyed; but, looking at it from our halting place, we thought we did not miss much



of a treat. About 4 p.m. everything was ready for the start up the Red Sea, and we were all called together to pay a parting compliment to Col. Packlington, who was just going ashore after seeing us finally fixed for the last stage of our journey. Never, I think, did two hundred men shout more heartily than when called on by Major Logan (whose death as General Logan was cabled out on January 31st, 1890) for this purpose. He referred to the unpleasant incident when embarking at Malta; but he said, "On my return there I shall make such a glowing report of your conduct since then to your colonel (now General Sir H. J. Warre, K.C.B.), that I feel sure he will forgive all." He said it was impossible for men to behave better than we had, and with nothing but compliments the tug steamer moved off amidst loud hurrahs. This was October 7th, 1857. We had two desires now—one was to sleep, and the other to have a look at the Red Sea—and this latter was most prominent, so we left the former till night, for who knew but that we were passing over the place where Pharaoh and his host met their doom when rushing after poor old Moses and his tribe. Everyone began to make use of any little biblical knowledge he possessed. A priest on board pointed out what was supposed to be the spot where Pharaoh and his host were coaxed to follow Moses. Moses' rock was pointed out, or rather, the direction in which it lay; but he pointed to the Egyptian side, whereas I have always understood that this happened *after* he crossed the Red Sea. One and all felt pleased that Moses got safely over and that Pharaoh didn't; that he only met a just doom. Some doubted whether such a thing ever occurred; others maintained that it had, for was not one of the chariot wheels fished up not long ago? This was considered by some as solid proof of the great event—for a great event it must be considered for water to open out, leaving a dry path for the poor pursued ones to pass. At sundown we witnessed a terrible scuffle. All the Lascars became suddenly all life, and it was some few minutes before we knew what it was all about; they had to take post at sundown in all parts, and they did swarm up the rigging, and seemed thoroughly up to their work. There were several on

board besides us—two hundred gentlemen, and others off to the East. Next morning I was up feasting my eyes on the scenery. At breakfast the natives were squatted about in groups as many as could find room round a large dish of currie and rice. This was not a very remarkable operation to watch. Unfortunately, when passing a group, my shadow happened to cross their tucker. In an instant they sprang up and heaved the contents of the dish overboard, and scowled at me in a way that said as plain as words: "My boy, if we had you away from the crowd of Christian dogs, we'd soon put you in a way that your disgusting shadow should never pollute the food of the 'Faithful' again." None of these people had a very warm feeling towards any white folks. The Indian Mutiny was then in full swing. We soon became sufficiently acquainted with their custom so as not to interfere with their appetites. I became acquainted with the butcher on board—a European. He said: "I'll show you chaps some fun, bye-and-bye. You know those fellows have a great dread of a pig." That day he carried out his promise. He let a pig loose just as they were about the deck, and Mr. Porker was only too glad to have a good run after being penned up so long. The yells and screams of the Lascars were terrible. The rigging was lined with them, and there they remained till Mr. Porker was recaptured and put up. This none of our men or the European sailors were in a hurry to do. This was the joke the butcher promised us. We had a pretty warm voyage. One of the crew—a Chinaman—got a flogging at the hands of one who appeared to be well able to do the operation justice. He had purchased some article of one of our men's outfits—a very rough and bad character he was—and he himself was punished for selling. This was the last trip made by the *Alma* from Suez, for she was wrecked on her return trip. She was purchased by a Parsee merchant in Aden, and when he went down to inspect his new purchase, she gently lowered herself under water, and he had to return somewhat crestfallen. An officer of ours, Lieut. Waller, was on his way back to rejoin headquarters at Malta, and the wreck occasioned his return to Aden. This officer, afterwards in this colony, was

hired at by an ambuscade in Taranaki on May 25th, 1863, twenty-one days after the murder of Lieut. Traggett, Dr. Hope, and party. Mr. Waller escaped, but his horse was killed. This event led to the capture of Hori,\* the half-caste, who had been concerned in the murder, on whom were found several articles of jewellery belonging to the murdered party, and who was duly tried for murder and sentenced to death.

(To be continued.)

\* Hori was captured by Sergt. Bezar and the particulars are in the "Official History of the War."

The basket-ball enthusiasts of Hornsey are rejoicing the hearts of the local Gas Company owing to the heavy casualty in mantles that occurs each night; while we understand that the "feather-pushers" of Highgate are so satisfied with their progress that they have challenged the local Badminton Club to play them.

We are very glad to report that the Challenge Shield presented by the Middlesex T.A.A. for the best kept miniature range in the Brigade has this year been won by "A" Company. This is the second Brigade Competition that the Battalion won in 1926, the other



7th BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT T.A. MINIATURE RIFLE TEAM.  
Winners of the Lady Regnart Cup.

### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE past three months have been notable for social and sporting activities rather than the more martial side of Territorial life. All four companies have been regaling us with a series of most successful dances. Most of the companies have also turned their attention towards indoor amusements for the men of the companies, with excellent results.

being the Steers Cup for the best officer shot, won by 2/Lieut. C. N. Duncan. Let us hope, however, that this is only a beginning, and that 1927 will see a steady flow of cups from the neighbourhood of Pound Lane, Willesden, and Hanworth Road, Hounslow, in the direction of Hornsey.

We congratulate "B" Company on winning the Battalion Efficiency Competition for the second year in succession, and we can only hope that the other three



companies will not let this grow into a habit with them.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Capt. A. F. Thomson and Lieut. E. C. Kent on their promotion, and also welcome 2/Lieut. S. A. W. Brown and 2/Lieut. S. M. Pratt to the Battalion.

#### BATTALION EFFICIENCY COMPETITION, 1926.

Winners: "B" Company, Highgate.

Below is given the results of the various competitions:—

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"
Drill Attendances ...	170	191	288	143
King Cup ...	60	30	30	—
Hornsey Cup ...	30	30	—	60
Volunteer Cup ...	60	40	—	20
Sports Cup ...	—	28	45	28
Boxing Cup ...	30	45	15	—
Musketry ...	—	60	20	40
Total ...	390	484	418	291
Points lost ...	37	18	3	5
Result ...	353	466	415	286

#### OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Major and Quartermaster J. T. H. Hudson, D.S.O., which took place at his home in St. John's Wood on December 11th, 1926.

Major Hudson, who only retired in 1925, had been connected with the 7th Middlesex since 1889, when he enlisted in the 3rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. He was promoted Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster in 1902, and served with the 7th Middlesex during the war. He was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the Distinguished Service Order in 1918.

Military honours were accorded at the funeral, which took place at Golders Green. The coffin was conveyed on a gun-carriage, and eight non-commissioned officers of the Battalion acted as bearers. Among those present as mourners were Col. Maitland, Col. Smith, Major Cossar, Capt. Savile, Capt. Muir, and Capt. Murray, besides several retired officers of the Regiment. Wreaths were sent from all ranks of the 7th Middlesex Regiment and the Non-commissioned Officers' Mess.

#### "A" COMPANY.

One of our New Year resolutions was to purchase a pen and a pot of ink, and to take our place as regular contributors to the Journal, a matter in which we have been somewhat remiss for some time past.

The results of the various competitions of the last Territorial Year form the main items of news. In the Battalion Efficiency Competition we find ourselves in third place, and in offering our congratulations to "B" Company we should like to assure them that we mean to give them a very hard run this year. In the other competitions we managed to give a fair account of ourselves by winning the Warner Drill Cup, also the King Cup for miniature range team-shooting. In the Volunteer (Lewis Gun) Cup we took second place, and tied for second place with "B" Company in the Hornsey Cup—miniature range section shooting. Our boxing team was second again to "B" Company in the Battalion Boxing Competition.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Cpl. Porter, winner of the Battalion Marksmen's Cup; to Cpl. Suggett, who took second place; and to Pte. Lerner, winner of the Battalion Lewis Gun Cup.

Early in November we organized a Company Sports Club, and such games as Badminton, deck tennis and quoits are being played on nights other than parade nights. After the usual parades, basketball is very popular as a finishing touch to military activities, and our boxers are now very busy preparing for the Battalion Competition, which takes place towards the end of this month.

An Invitation Dance, held in the Drill Hall on Saturday, December 11th, provided a most enjoyable evening. Sergt. March's Syncopaters played excellently, and a new note was struck by Sergt. Cowtan, who, as M.C., provided himself with an orderly bugler. It is proposed to hold at least two more dances before the close of the winter season.

We welcome 2/Lieut. S. A. W. Brown, who has been posted to the Company.

And so the weapon training, on which all our energies will be concentrated during the next three months.

#### "B" COMPANY.

The weapon training season is once more with us, and we are hoping to see all ranks busy in the Drill Hall with a view not only to retaining the Efficiency Shield for another year, but also with an eye on those Brigade Competitions.

On December 4th the Company held their first dance of the season. This was well attended, and proved a great success. In response to a general demand, we understand that more are to follow. The Annual Company Dinner takes place on February 5th, when the Colonel has promised to be present.

A lot of hard work is being put in by our boxing team, who hope to retain their grip on the Boxing Cup, which is being competed for shortly.

We welcome Mr. Pratt, who has just been posted to the Company as a Second-Lieutenant.

The Company have since the beginning of the winter taken up Badminton. Great keenness has been shown, large numbers turning up for games on Sunday mornings and after drills. On Friday, January 7th, we played our first match against G. A. Grant, Esq.'s VI. Although beaten by six sets to three, we gained some very valuable experience, which should do much to improve the standard of our play. The play of Cpl. Ellis and Pte. Spicer is especially worthy of mention. They put up very good fights in each set, and should shortly be a formidable pair.

#### "C" COMPANY.

Owing to a certain laxity on the part of our scribe, our notes are late in going to press. We therefore apologize for their shortness and lack of sweetness. Christmas comes but once a year, and he really had been "awfully busy" . . .

We are rather disappointed with ourselves. The result of the Battalion Efficiency Competition last year was, from our point of view, not so good. To come second to "B" Company after leading for the greater part of the year does not do us much credit.

Although our general standard of efficiency compares favourably with that of other companies, we seemed to suffer from complete inability to win competi-

tions. This regrettable state of affairs must be rectified at once.

We have just recovered from a shock received at the end of October, when there appeared on the Drill Hall Notice Board sheets of foolscap bearing the legend "Rules for Inter-Platoon and Inter-Section Efficiency Competitions." In due course these mysteries were explained to us, and we gathered that the idea is to make work more interesting by instituting competitions of all kinds, and by giving us something more personal in which to take an interest. Points are allowed for nearly every conceivable thing, even to the number of points a section will receive if one of its members boxes for the Territorial Army. We understand that there is no truth in the rumour that one enterprising gentleman has been asking how many points he would count for swimming the Channel.

A dance was held in the Drill Hall on New Year's Day, which, although enjoyable, was not numerically a success. We should like to see more of our older members at company dances.

We take this opportunity of wishing those members who have left the Company "all the best," and extend a hearty welcome to our many new ones. Also congratulations to Sergt. and Mrs. Munro on the birth of a daughter.

#### "D" COMPANY.

The events of the past three months have not been numerous, though the few have been important and successful.

Our most important event—Bounty Night—was held on December 16th, and, needless to say, we paraded at full strength; those of the newly-enlisted were able to anticipate the joys of such a "night." Perhaps knowledge of the fact that by doing "extra" drills they not only benefit the Company by points, but themselves by shillings, will result in a full parade of recruits each drill night.

On another eventful night, headed by Pipers and Drums, we marched through Enfield Town to visit the Rialto for a performance of "Mons." As a result of the showing of the film, we have enlisted a large number of recruits.

Now that the N.C.Os' Course of Instruction has finished, preparation is



being made for them to impart their knowledge to the recruits.

On January 8th, the Company is to hold another invitation dance, and we all expect a most enjoyable evening, which is to be followed in March by a Company dinner which we hope will be equally successful.

### 8th BATTALION NOTES.

THERE are very few Battalion events to record at this time of the year. Since our last notes, a very successful tactical exercise has been held in the Ruislip neighbourhood. There was an unusually good attendance of officers and N.C.Os. for this scheme, at which the Brigade Commander was present.

The Officers' Reunion Dinner was held on December 2nd, 1926, at the Trocadero Restaurant. It is pleasant to be able to record that there was again an increase in the number of former officers of the Battalion who were present. This annual function appears now to be firmly re-established, and likely to be even more successful in future years.

The Battalion Prize Distribution was held at Hounslow on December 17th, 1926. Here again we were glad to see many old friends. The prizes were presented by Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., who commanded the 8th Battalion in France, and who has recently been appointed High Sheriff of Middlesex. In his speech he paid a generous tribute to the traditions and spirit of the Battalion during the many years in which he had known it. There was only one thing lacking to make the evening a complete success—the presence of more men of the Battalion. It is to be hoped that they will appear in larger numbers next year, to show their keenness in the Battalion and their interest in their comrades who have won prizes.

We offer our congratulations to Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker, Capt. Boys and Lieut. Elliott on their promotion, and welcome to the Officers' Mess two newcomers, 2/Lieut. S. Maddex and 2/Lieut. J. P. B. Clark.

Col. Dams has once more shown us his very real interest in the Battalion, and has presented us with a very handsome

cup for weapon training. We owe him our sincere thanks.

It only remains to say a word about the New Year. There is plenty of scope for achievement in the Battalion in 1927. We all want to see the 8th head the list in everything—whether work or sport. We want to see it happy, and we want to see it efficient. The secret of accomplishing these things is very simple. It consists in every man down to the youngest recruit doing his job, and doing it well. No one else can do it for him. If every single man pulls his weight, there can only be one result, and that is—Success. Let the year 1927 be notable for an increase in our numbers. They are increasing, but only slowly. We want to go into camp this summer a really strong battalion. We shall do so if those serving in the Battalion and our civilian friends will help—as they so easily can—by just bringing along the right stamp of men as recruits. There are thousands of the right sort, but they don't all know about the Battalion. See to it that they do know, and then that they come and try it for themselves.

### "H.Q." WING.

Once again we are able to report a very successful year. We have again secured the Company Championship Cup, besides a number of others, details of which will be found in another column in the report of the Annual Prize Giving. Among them is the Cricket Cup, and, although we lost the Football Cup, we were only beaten in the final, which shows that "H.Q." Wing can still excel in sport as well as in work. Our credit was increased by the fact that the best shot in the Battalion—Pte. Arthurs—is one of us. Congratulations to him.

We held our Company Prize Distribution on December 22nd, when a fair number was present at the Drill Hall, though somehow prize distribution never rivals Bounty Night in popularity. The Band attended and played selections during the evening. The Officer Commanding "H.Q." Wing presented the cups and prizes, which were awarded as follows:—

*Edwards Memorial Cup* (for the most efficient Group).—No. 4 Group, Band and Transport.

*Capt. Palmer's Cup* (for the best shot in the Company).—Pte. Arthurs.

*Individual Efficiency Cup*.—Pte. Edwards, who had attended no less than 118 drills during the past training year.

A number of prizes, kindly given by local residents, were also presented to competitors in the Annual Christmas Miniature Range Competition.

We were glad to see C.Q.M.S. Roberts among us again on Bounty Night, December 15th, after his recent operation. May he rapidly regain his normal activity and continue in good health for many years.

The Officer Commanding "H.Q." Wing would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who by their help have contributed to the success of the Company in the year that is now past.

### "A" COMPANY.

We have to record various doings since our last notes were written.

On Armistice Sunday the Company joined with "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company in a church parade at Ashford. The parade assembled at Ashford station, and, headed by the Battalion Band, we marched to Ashford War Memorial, where an open-air service was held, which was joined in by several local organizations as well as by many members of the public.

A well-attended parade was held at Hampton on December 16th, when a kit inspection was followed by the payment of bounties, the latter half of the programme appearing to be the more popular. We wish that some of those who always turn up with such unfailing regularity each year to receive their bounties would help the Company by putting in more drills during the year. Before leaving the subject of kit inspection, we must warn members of the Company who in future may find themselves seeking ingenious excuses for non-compliance with written orders posted to their homes, that the explanation that orders were duly received, but were not read because "the baby got hold of them and tore them up before I could read them," should not be put forward. An Irishman who tried it on unsuccessfully this year holds the copyright.

The Company cups and prizes for the year were also distributed on December 16th, and we congratulate the successful winners, whose names are as follows:—

*Montgomery Memorial Cup and First Prize*.—Cpl. Seymour.

*Second Prize*.—C.S.M. Bawn.

*Major West's Cup and Third Prize*.—Cpl. Hillier.

*Capt. Watson's Cup and Fourth Prize*.—Pte. Gunner.

*Fifth Prize*.—Pte. Hayward.

*Sixth Prize*.—Sergt. Williams.

*Seventh Prize*.—Sergt. Owen.

MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

*First Prize*.—Cpl. Hillier.

*Second Prize*.—C.S.M. Bawn.

*Third Prize*.—Pte. Abbott.

Lieut. D. R. Pattison has returned from leave, and we are glad to have him back again. We also welcome 2/Lieut. S. Maddex, who has recently joined us, and who had a short period of war service towards the end of 1918. We have heard from Lieut. P. R. Pattison, who left us in September last. He wrote from Cawnpore to let us know of his arrival in India, and that he likes what he has seen of the country so far.

### "B" COMPANY.

Armistice anniversary was observed on Sunday, November 7th, and the Company and Battalion Drums attended church parade service at St. Matthew's, Ealing Common. Several ex-members attended the parade and were under the command of Mr. Smith (ex-R.S.M.). On our return to the Drill Hall, Capt. Parmeter and Mr. Smith placed wreaths on the Company memorial. Immediately we were dismissed, the local photographer took two groups of the Company and Battalion Drums. (We have given up all hope of seeing the Arundel photographs. We wonder who smashed the camera?) Two excellent groups were taken, and we hope to see the group of the Drums in THE DIE-HARDS. Our own, although good, is not sharp enough to reproduce.

Very little has been done in the way of training during the past quarter, most of our time having been spent in pleasant anticipation of bounties and prize distribution. We were marshalled at the pay table on Tuesday, December 14th, and on leaving we were tracked down by an army



of collectors for subscriptions to no less than six different funds. The list included dinner clubs, Christmas draws, Mayor's Fund, calendars, etc. We were lucky to have any money left for the Canteen!

Our Christmas Concert and Prize Distribution was held on December 21st, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The Commanding Officer presided, supported by Capt. Parmeter and the Company officers. The Mayor and Mayoress and Mrs. A. C. Ruston were among the many guests present. An excellent musical programme was given by the Band under Bandmaster E. S. Coleman. Bright solos were sung by Miss Eunice May and Mr. W. T. Sharp, and Mr. R. H. Gilkes gave one or two humorous items. Before the prize distribution, Capt. Parmeter gave a brief report of the Company's work. The Commanding Officer, before asking Mrs. Baker to present the Efficiency Cup, congratulated the Company on its progress. The Regimental March, followed by the National Anthem, brought the concert to a close.

We congratulate the winners of the Company trophies:—

*Town Prize Cup.*—Sergt. W. Gosling (third year).

*Wynne-Williams Section Cup.*—No. 15 Section (Cpl. A. Manester).

*George Clark Lewis Gun Section Shield.*—No. 8 Section (Cpl. W. G. Hearn).

*Ladies of Ealing 1868-1924 Cup.*—Pte. D. F. C. Watkins.

*Recruits' Drilling and Shooting Cup.*—Pte. A. Rowe.

*Capt. Wynne-Williams Musketry Cup.*—C.S.M. J. Simons and L./Cpl. R. Brampton.

*Rothschilds Musketry Cup.*—Pte. O. C. Loxton.

*Bott and Neil Musketry Cup (Recruits).*—Pte. W. Farmer.

*Lewis Gunners' Cup.*—Pte. F. C. Watkins.

*Stowell Sports Cup.*—Pte. F. C. Watkins.

*Captains' Cup (Recruits' Sports).*—Pte. W. Budden.

*Johnson Cup (Smartest Turn-out).*—Pte. E. A. Keats.

We were delighted to have a Christmas card and letter from Pte. Bean (late "B"

Company). We congratulate him on so quickly passing out of the Depot.

Many congratulations to our Company Quartermaster-Sergeant on his promotion. We hope to have Mears for years.

We conclude with best wishes to all for the New Year.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Journal, our Company has been unfortunate in losing the services of Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., who, for business reasons, has had to transfer to the Territorial Army Reserve. We take the opportunity to welcome Capt. R. H. G. Boys, who was recently Battalion Signalling Officer and who now commands the Company. 2/Lieut. J. P. B. Clark has also been posted to us; so once more our establishment of officers is complete.

We are glad to report that we were able to rescue the Gamage Cup from the procession of trophies on their way to "H.Q." Wing by beating them by 7 goals to 1 in the final of the Football Knock-out. We are looking forward to another good game in a return match, which is shortly taking place.

The Miniature Range is now complete, and, as we understand that it has not won the Brigade trophy, we must congratulate the winners, but we warn them we mean to win next year. We hope then to have our new outside range ready for the competition.

#### YELLOW FLASHES.

There is no confirmation of the story that one man, on receiving his bounty, handed it back to his Company Commander, with the remark that in these days of national stress he could not think of taking the money.

Congratulations to the new O.C. "D" Company on his promotion and appointment. Boys will be boys. Likewise the O.C. "A" Company on his promotion, though, of course, everybody knew he would "walkerway" with it before long.

Welcome to our new Signalling Officer. Let 'em (H)all come.

Suggestions have been invited for improving the attendance at Annual Prize Distributions: one correspondent contributes the following:—

Little rolls of sausage,  
Little drops of beer;  
Don't you think that they might make  
An audience appear?

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The O.C. "H.Q." Wing had to walk up so many times at the Prize Distribution this year to receive the cups his Company—no, Wing—had won, that, in the event of a similar situation occurring again, he is going to apply for permission for someone to run for him.

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Our tame poet has sent in the following lines, under the heading of—

#### TERRITORIAL TRIFLES.

##### NO. 1.—THE PERMANENT STAFF INSTRUCTOR.

At every drill hall you will find  
A soldier man who is a kind  
Of personal conductor.  
He superintends the work and play  
Of Territorials day by day,  
And this is what the officers say  
Of the Permanent Staff Instructor:  
Bless the Sergeant-Major!  
Whatever should we do  
If we were bound to run around  
And do his job in lieu?  
Bless the Sergeant-Major!  
We could none of us do or die,  
If we hadn't got him on the spot—  
That permanent P.S.I.

To him each man's a soldier, sir,  
Be he a clerk or carpenter,

Or omnibus conductor.  
He shows recruits the proper way  
To act like men and to obey;  
But this is what the soldiers say  
Of the Permanent Staff Instructor:  
Curse the Sergeant-Major!  
Whatever should we do  
If we were bound to run around  
All day with one, one-two?  
Curse the Sergeant-Major!  
We could very well do or die  
Without him there to curse and swear—  
That permanent P.S.I.

#### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

BY the time the Journal appears, Christmas and the New Year will be things of the past, but, as we omitted the usual seasonable greetings in our last notes, we will start by hoping that all those who take the trouble to wade through our scribbles will have had a thoroughly satisfactory Christmas, that the New Year has started off in good style, and that it will continue to prove every day and in every way better and better.

In one way and another, the drill halls have been pretty fully occupied during the last quarter. Some of the functions are hardy annuals, and consequently any description of them would be merely a repetition of our notes of previous years.

The most important event has been the unveiling of the new permanent War Memorial in the Drill Hall at Headquarters, and a separate account of this appears elsewhere.

If the unveiling was the most important, the most pleasantly surprising was the cooks' success in the Territorial Army Cookery Championship at Olympia. By calling their success a surprise, I am in no way casting any doubt on their capabilities—as most of them are boxers, I should not risk it—but merely expressing the natural feeling of all concerned, that however skilful, it was not to be expected that they should carry off the chief awards without previous experience.

A little intelligence work beforehand doubtless helped, and appearances: the accompanying photograph speaks for itself—but this was not all that was required. In front of an audience composed for the most part of critical housewives, they had to prepare and cook a dinner of brown stew and carrots, meat pie, potatoes, cabbage, white sauce, jam roll and milk pudding.

Cooking is not usually looked upon as an exciting entertainment for spectators, but the supporters of our side got considerable excitement and entertainment out of the contest, and, by treating the event as a form of cup-tie, probably created an atmosphere which encouraged the cooks to give of their best.

It was known that the teams competing the night before had lost some vegetables (boiled away) and a pie crust (subsidised



into the pie), so that they might be termed two goals down, whilst, shortly after beginning on the night of November 17th, the team working beside ours lost their jam roll, cast out by the referee, and with it went a cook. Two more goals to us, and all that was required was to play for safety; in other words, to produce the goods safely from their various pots.

As the "goods" had been hidden from sight for some time past, supporters could only judge how they progressed from the

Willesden contingent, pronounced them good.

Before leaving, the judges informed the team unofficially that they had won, and this has since been confirmed, the team being awarded the Special Diploma. In addition, each member of the team has been awarded the highest individual award: Sergt. A. E. Brooks, Silver Service Medal and Diploma; Cooks R. E. Boston, G. Webb, H. Deacon and J. Cassidy, Silver Medals and Diplomas.



TERRITORIAL ARMY COOKERY COMPETITION, OLYMPIA, NOV., 1926.

Won by 9th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment.

Back Row—G. Webb, J. Cassidy, R. E. Boston.

Front Row—Sgt. A. E. Brooks, Capt. & Qmr. E. C. Lawson, M.C., H. Deacon.

apparently satisfied look on the cooks' faces and the savoury smells which came out when the tops were removed from the pots or the oven door was opened, and consequently it was with relief that each dish was seen to emerge from its hiding place in recognizable form.

Appearances are sometimes deceptive, but the judges—a job for gluttons, this—tasted each dish and, amidst loud applause from the spectators urged on by the

The 4th Bn. East Yorkshire Regiment were second, 3rd Bn. Prince of Wales's Volunteers third, and 13th Bn. The London Regiment fourth.

We congratulate Capt. E. C. Lawson, M.C., Sergt. Brooks and the Cooks on their achievement, which forms a fitting ending to a successful year.

We would apologize for inflicting another wedding upon you, but regret that we have no control in the matter:

hence weddings, instead of being events, are now a frequent occurrence. The latest is the marriage of Capt. P. Lloyd-Williams and Miss Lloyd Jones on November 27th. As the service took place in the Welsh Presbyterian Church, Charing Cross Road and rumour had it that the language to be employed would be Welsh, our special correspondent took lessons from his milkman, a native of that country, but, after getting a ricked tongue and a stiff jaw in the attempt, abandoned the effort.

We presume that the happy couple were legally united, but to all those who live east of the Severn it is merely a matter of conjecture, and we must needs draw a veil over what occurred, as we could not turn our Welsh dictionary far enough to follow the flow of eloquence.

With commendable promptitude, our representative escaped from the church almost before the bride and bridegroom, and, as was only befitting, was immediately ushered into the largest Rolls-Royce there, whereupon, sinking into the deepest corner, he was able to recover from the strain of the last half-hour's Esperanto before facing the further calls of the reception.

For the operation of cutting the cake, a family sword was produced, but was not used until the bridegroom, true to his profession, had ensured that it was thoroughly disinfected.

The ration allotted to our informant contained an unexpected dainty, for, in all innocence, he started to eat the cake and then found something hard within. Covered with confusion, he removed the obstacle and found it to be a silver replica of one of the mainstays of men's apparel, and, to add to his discomfort, ample thread was attached to it for securing it to the garments, if required.

Shortly after this contretemps, the bride and bridegroom departed on their honeymoon which, rumour has it, is to be spent at Abbetsswgwdydyss (it does exist, as we have looked it up in the A.B.C.).

We were supplied with an excellent description of the costumes, but feel that it is far above the heads of the majority of our readers. The word "cabouchons" alone finished us; we will therefore conclude our account with best wishes to them both for long life and happiness.

On Sunday, October 10th, quite a successful day was spent at the Depot, Mill Hill, and we have to thank Major Jefferd and the Depot staff for their invaluable assistance.

A platoon from each company, mostly rather skeleton, assembled at the "D" Company Drill Hall at Hendon, and from there marched at intervals to Mill Hill, dressed in fighting order complete with "tin hats." The platoons were marked for their marching, marks being deducted for those under the strength laid down, and on the whole the march discipline was good, though the swing and step of some platoons were to be criticized. On arrival at Mill Hill, the officers and N.C.Os. were fallen out and departed to perform a platoon attack with the Depot Cadre N.C.Os. as leaders. In the meantime, the men donned their drill order and underwent a drill competition.

Needless to say, there was much to be desired in the drill, since this plays only a small part in the training of the present-day Territorial soldier, and, simple though the movements were, consternation and confusion resulted in many cases. Over-anxiety and failure to listen carefully to the words of command were chiefly responsible, and more practice would have made a world of difference. As it was, all the platoons had improved considerably by the time the day ended.

Dinners followed, and all owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Tucker, the manageress of the Canteen, and her staff for their excellent repast. In the afternoon, each platoon in turn, under their own N.C.Os., now expert from the Cadres' instruction, did the same attack that the N.C.Os. had done previously.

Tea and coffee followed, and then the platoons fell in and marched back to Hendon, with the exception of "C" Company, who broke off at the foot of the hill and embussed for Harrow, there to give a demonstration for the benefit of "Socrates."

Combining the marks for marching and drill, "D" Company won, "B" Company being second.

The Miniature Rifle Club, though not so strongly supported this year as last, is by no means defunct, and even if Sergt. Soden is much missed, his successor, Sergt. Missen, and his committee have



produced continual interesting and amusing events, including a Novelty Shoot, cricket matches, and two matches against the Willesden Green Special Constabulary. The first of these matches took place on Sunday, November 21st, after a special parade when the local "Specials" laid a wreath on the Battalion Memorial. On this occasion, the Battalion rifles only were used, which was a handicap to the visitors, who were not accustomed to open sights, and the Battalion team therefore were successful. But on the return occasion, the "Specials" brought their own rifles and had their revenge.

We understand that these meetings are to be followed by a billiards match between the "Specials" and our Sergeants. We welcome the liaison between the two forces, which we hope will be to the advantage of both.

Whilst on the subject of liaisons, there is another from which we hope both parties will derive benefit. The local Territorial Cadets have for too long been more or less dead, but a reorganization and the introduction of fresh life, combined with arrangements being made for the Cadets to have the use of the hall instead of their impossible hut outside, should lead to them taking a new lease of life, and, we hope, taking their proper place in the Territorial scheme and sending on useful recruits to the Battalion.

To return to the Rifle Club, the Christmas Shoot was again held this year, and we have to thank the generosity of various donors and the energetic collecting of the Permanent Staff for another excellent array of prizes, which once more provided enough rewards for every firer to receive one. The Quartermaster's cigars once more gave (and, in spite of the draught, still give) an air of affluence to the hall.

The donor of one of the "mystery" packets might be surprised to hear that his parcel caused no amusement and only considerable annoyance to the Committee. We do attempt to produce some humorous stunt for the last prize-winner, but in this case the Committee in all good faith, knowing where the prize came from, strongly recommended it, and were even more annoyed than the winner when it was found that the imposing parcel contained an acid drop.

Fortunately, the matter could be more or less patched up, but it is only to be

expected that the Committee will be very wary of these surprise packets in future. Granted that the Christmas Shoot is not a very serious affair; nevertheless, the Committee are placed in a very awkward position if they recommend a prize to one of the less affluent members of the Battalion, knowing that it comes from a firm of standing, and find that there is nothing inside. The least that the donor can do is to warn them beforehand what to expect.

The judging of the miniature ranges this year took place on December 17th, and on this occasion the 7th Battalion range at Hornsey was adjudged the best. We offer them our heartiest congratulations on their success, and, although we are loath to part with the shield, we are glad that fortune has at last shone on them after their run of bad luck. We congratulate C.S.M. Tisdale on his range, which, even if not a winner, provides all that is absolutely required at the modest cost of ten shillings, and, as it is a new range, the additional expenditure of a few shillings should make great improvements possible by next year.

The long-discussed range at Headquarters is really threatening to become an accomplished fact this year, and should be a great improvement, as it should assist greatly in easing the present frequent congestion.

We extend our heartiest sympathy to Lieut. Furlong on his recent serious motor accident, and we are very glad to hear that he is progressing satisfactorily and note that even in a semi-hashed-up state he still retains his sense of humour.

We understand that there will be only one answer to all complaints in future at the cookhouse—"Look at the diploma."

We congratulate Cpl. and Mrs. Brockett on the arrival of an Armistice Day addition to their family. We await the production of their child's birth certificate to confirm a rumour that it has been given all the Regimental battle honours as christian names and will be known as "Little Zab" for short.

A non-commissioned officer we wot of has been awarded a prize for Charlestoning. We wonder whether it was his dancing or the mesmeric effect of his "Oxford bags" that gained him this distinction?

The engagement is announced of Sergt. Thompson ("H.Q.") and Miss Florence Binstead, daughter of Mrs. Beasley. We tender our warmest congratulations.

We congratulate Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Sewell on the addition of a daughter to their family circle.

The following promotions have taken place during the quarter:—

C.S.M. Hine to Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant; C.Q.M.S. Fitzgerald to Company Sergeant-Major; Sergt. (O.R.S.) Barkway to Company Quartermaster-Sergeant; Cpl. Cobb to Sergeant; Cpl. Missen to Sergeant; Ptes. Wellden, Manser, Brittain and Renyard to Lance-Corporal.

Pte. Cornwell (to the East Surrey Regiment), Ptes. Humphreys and Lloyd, "D" Company (to the Royal Artillery) have joined the Regular Army. We wish them good luck in their new sphere, and are glad to be able to report that we have heard from several men lately who have gone from the Battalion to the Regular Army that they are getting on well and would not be out of it for anything.

The honorary and onerous post of Battalion Sub-Editor falls vacant before the next notes are due. We should therefore be glad to interview candidates any evening except Thursday at Pound Lane. They should be queued up by 7.30 p.m. The Editor, we know, finds that our notes cost far more than our sales bring in. It is, however, very important that we should keep our notes going, as these are the only records, apart from Battalion Orders, that will be available for reference in time to come.

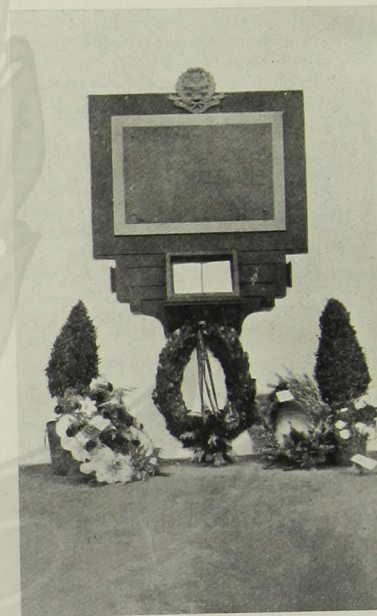
#### UNVEILING OF 9TH BATTALION WAR MEMORIAL.

Especial interest was added to Armistice Day this year owing to the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial taking place on that day.

The Armistice Service and Ceremonial have come to stay, and attendance is always large, but on this occasion the capacity of the hall was fully taxed, as people came from all quarters to attend the unveiling.

The memorial itself, a photograph of which is reproduced, is simple and handsome. It is constructed of oak, with a bronze plate mounted on Hopton Wood

stone, carved with the words: "In memory of all ranks of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) who gave their lives in the Great War." The Regimental badge which surmounts the memorial is of unstained oak and below is a small case containing the Memorial Roll. The roll, which is beautifully bound in red leather, was presented by ex-R.Q.M.S. Bowles, and the memorial was designed by 2/Lieut. B. L. Sutcliffe, who has recently joined the Battalion; it will have a rail



9th BATTALION WAR MEMORIAL.  
Drill Hall, Pound Lane.

in front when a suitable design can be scheduled. Every effort was made to keep the ceremony simple and dignified, in keeping with the memorial, and, to judge by the remarks of those attending and the reports, in some cases super-effusive, this was achieved.

Col. Blumfeld, the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, consented to unveil the memorial, and we were most fortunate in



that the Chaplain-General to the Forces, the Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, C.M.G., M.C., D.D., kindly agreed to come and dedicate it.

At 8 p.m. the Band played Ketelbey's "Elegy," and during this two sentries in fighting order were mounted on the memorial. At the conclusion of the "Elegy," the Chaplain-General, Col. Blumfeld, and Col. Beach entered and took up their positions, followed by the Colour party (2/Lieut. A. W. W. Gray, 2/Lieut. B. L. Sutcliffe, C.S.M. Sewell, C.Q.M.S. Shand, C.Q.M.S. Hawksworth, and two buglers, L./Cpl. Smith and Dmr. Lloyd), who halted immediately inside the hall, facing the memorial.

After the hymn, "Abide with me," Col. Blumfeld stepped forward, and, after a few most appropriate words, unveiled the memorial. This was followed by the "Last Post" and, after a short silence, the "Réveillé"; and the buglers, particularly L./Cpl. Smith and Dmr. Lloyd, are to be congratulated on the excellent sounding, which was of better tone and more intelligent than any we have heard for some time. The Chaplain-General then dedicated the memorial and delivered an eloquent address, which was much appreciated.

A hymn, a few prayers, a wreath laid by the Commanding Officer, and then "God Save the King," after which the Colour party advanced to the memorial, placed the Colours on either side of it and withdrew, followed by the Chaplain-General and Col. Blumfeld. The ceremony was ended and it only remained for those who had wreaths to place them at the foot of the memorial.

Throughout the evening so far, with the exception of the lights on the Band showing up their scarlet against a sombre background and those lights absolutely necessary for the audience, the whole of the lighting had been concentrated on the memorial, over which, in addition, a special light has been fixed to shine straight down upon it. As a result, the eye automatically was carried to the Union Jack covering the tablet and then, when this was dropped, to the memorial itself, nor did the officers seated with the Chaplain-General distract the eye, as, in their blue uniforms, they merged into the shadows, and only when the Chaplain-

General stepped forward in his doctor's robes to dedicate the memorial was a magnificent touch of colour added to the scene.

Amongst those present were Col. Bartholomew, Col. Anwyl-Passingham, Major Steed, Mr. De Salis, Major Finlayson, Lieut. F. G. Parker, Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon, Capt. Sholl, Col. Pankham, Capt. J. Hewlett, Capt. L. Hewlett, Rev. H. H. Treacher, the Vicar of Willesden, Mr. Morris, Major P. V. Cotten, and many others—too many to give in detail.

Since Armistice Day, many pilgrimages have been made to the memorial, in some cases relatives having come from quite a distance to lay wreaths there; and, if many appreciated the introduction of the Armistice Day Service before the original scroll, still larger numbers may be anticipated in the future at this handsome memorial.

#### THE BATTALION PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

As the holding of the Annual Prize Distribution on Armistice Day was found last year to be a success, it was decided to hold it again on that day, following the unveiling of the memorial, and so, after a short interval, during which the Band played, the prize table was wheeled into the hall and the Commanding Officer, accompanied by Col. Blumfeld and Mrs. Ellis (daughter of the latter), took their places behind the table.

The Commanding Officer expressed his satisfaction at the results obtained this year in spite of all obstacles, and thanked all concerned for their co-operation. He reminded the Battalion, however, that the worst enemy of Best is often Good. He then asked Mrs. Ellis to present the prizes.

The Battalion results of the year were as follows:—

*Crowborough Cup*.—"B" Company.  
*Best Company Rifle Average*.—"A" Company.  
*Best Company Lewis Gun Average*.—"D" Company.  
*Best Average Attendance*.—"G" Company.  
*Best Company, T.A.R.A. Competition*.—"D" Company.  
*Sherwood Shield*.—"B" Company.

*Inter-Company N.C.O.s' Cup*.—"B" Company.

*Best W.O. and N.C.O. Cup, Rifle*.—C.S.M. Sewell ("A" Company).

*Best Private Cup, Rifle*.—Pte. Jessett ("H.Q." Company).

*Best Recruit Cup, Rifle*.—Pte. Ward ("A" Company).

*Best Score (any rank), T.A.R.A.*—R.Q.M.S. Green ("H.Q." Company).

*Best Score, Recruit, T.A.R.A.*—Pte. Ward ("A" Company).

*Best Machine Gun Team*.—No. 4 (L./Cpl. Wye).

*Tactical*.—"A" Company.

*Guard Mounting*.—"C" Company.

*Officers' Shooting Cup*.—Col. G. Beach.  
*C.O. Bugler*.—Dmr. Austin.

We will conclude our notes for this quarter with the list of the Battalion's successes during the past year, and we hope that this will not only be equalled this year, but surpassed.

#### N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY.

*T.A. Lewis Gun Competition*.—Fourth and Fifth.

*King's Hundred*.—C.S.M. Todman gained a place.

*Other Competitions*.—Capt. Sherwood and Sergt.-Dmr. Inkster were amongst the prize-winners.

#### BRIGADE RIFLE MEETING.

*Middlesex Justices Shield*.—First.

*Sir William Crump Cup*.—First.

*Ross Aggregate Cup*.—First.

*High Sheriff's Competition*.—First and second.

*B.S.A. Competition*.—First and second.  
*Lewis Gun Competition*.—First and second.

*Vickers Gun Competition*.—Third.  
*Cheylesmore Cup*.—First, second and third.

*Brigade Individual Championship*.—First, third and fourth.

#### LONDON AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES R.A. COMPETITION.

*Lewis Gun Competition*.—Second.

#### OTHER COMPETITIONS.

*Brigade Winter Weapon Training Cup*.—First.

*Brigade Boxing*.—First.

*Best Miniature Range, 1925-26*.—First.

*Brigade Transport Driving*.—First.  
*Officers' Team Point-to-Point*.—First.  
*Territorial Army Cooking Championship*.—First.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Another year is about to commence and with it a whole host of resolutions have been made. Here are those that affect the Company as a whole:—

(1) We are going to keep the Boxing, Lewis Gun, T.A.R.A. Meeting, and Platoon Drill Cups.

(2) Make every effort to regain the Sherwood Shield from "B" Company.

(3) See if we can get our name for the first time on the Guard Mounting Shield.

(4) Win the Rifle Cup, etc., etc., etc., and so on.

These are a few of the resolutions made and in the corresponding issue next year we will review and compare the results, and we all hope that they will be better than this year's, which are good.

We tried a new experiment this year, in that we had a Carnival Dance and Prize Distribution instead of the usual Company Dinner. If numbers attending count for anything, it was a huge success, for we had wives, lady friends, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers and children of all ages. The Committee are to be congratulated on the decorating efforts; the hall looked very nice.

A series of indoor games was played against the old members of the Company in October, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The result was a win for O.C.A. by one point, but I am sure that when we get as old and as artful as they are we shall beat them. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. Adams, J. Adams, R. Dawkins, H. Palfreman, A. Harding, A. Gates, C. Sexton, W. Starting, and J. Dunmow. We should like to see more at the next meeting.

The various prize-winners are given below:—

*Section Challenge Cup*.—No. 15 Section (L./Cpl. Patterson, Ptes. Paine, Bartle, B. Jupp, L. Jupp, and Laver).

*Musketry Cup*.—C.Q.M.S. Mills.

*Burgess Cup*.—Sergt. Breed.

*Recruits' Cup*.—Pte. Laver.



## OLD COMRADES' NOTES.

The 9th Battalion Old Comrades Association have taken a step forward towards Regimental unity by deciding to be a branch of the Middlesex Association and not a separate body. As a result of this move, the drill halls of the Battalion become the gathering places not only of past and present 9th Battalion men, but also of men of all battalions of the Regiment; and the 9th Battalion O.C.A. concerts are not reunions of ex-9th Battalion men only, but a gathering of all Middlesex men. Needless to say, this is common sense and practical. Wherever there are drill halls in Middlesex there are old soldiers of the Regiment, and it is only right that the drill hall should be the place of reunion, and we are sure that many will welcome the opportunity now given of meeting. Everyone cannot attend the O.C.A. Dinner or the concerts in town, but this decision means that Old Comrades' concerts and entertainments will take place all over that part of Middlesex which the 9th Battalion occupies.

The first of these concerts took place at Wealdstone on October 30th, and was organized by Mr. Fennemore, who is acting as Secretary round Harrow. Col. Beach, Col. Anwyl-Passingham, the Chairman of the Regimental Association, and the Secretary of the Middlesex T.A.A., Major Steed, the Secretary of the Regimental Association, Col. Hewett and Capt. L. M. Hewlett, who presided, were present, together with about a hundred members and their friends. A concert was arranged by Mr. Penfold, which was much appreciated, and this was followed by a dance.

Another concert took place at Pound Lane, Willesden, on December 4th, on this occasion organized by C.S.M. Fitzgerald, and an excellent programme was kindly arranged by Madame Corri. About two hundred were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. We noticed representatives, past and present, from various battalions, and hope that, as the shows become better known, the numbers will get still larger.

2/10th BATTALION  
REUNION DINNER.

ON December 3rd, at the Goat and Compasses Hotel, there took place what may fairly be called the first real reunion of all ranks of the old 2/10th. It must have been most gratifying to those who had worked to bring into being to witness the real pleasure which all present derived from the gathering to know that their estimate of the probable numbers attending was greatly exceeded, and to realize that the unanimous roar which greeted the proposal for the annual holding of the gathering showed that they may expect harder work and larger numbers in future.

Although a few had met in the course of their daily round, and had some stories of previous meetings, the majority of those present had not met for seven and even eight years, yet, on the whole, time had altered the men of 1918 very little, one may have got a little thin on top another lost his war-time figure, whilst occasionally the cares of peace, seem to have been harder than those of war, but in spite of this the broken thread is quickly picked up, and even if names have been temporarily forgotten each face brings back some place, occasion, or incident, and, after all, what is in a name.

Long before the rendezvous was reached men in trains and buses were eyeing one another in a "is-that-so-and-so-of-such-and-such company-yes-it-must-be" way, and so on until they arrived in batches, and then it was so good to meet friend after friend, and there was so much to talk about that dinner seemed a waste of time. However, on reaching the dining-room it was found that the committee had got out company tables, and everyone was surrounded by those they knew best, thus all could do justice to the excellent dinner served at a most reasonable cost, and yet go over the old years to their hearts' content.

Capt. N. B. McIvor, M.C., was in the chair, and in response to his toast of "H.M. The King" the gathering replied by singing "God Save the King" with real zest. The only other toasts

were "Our Absent Comrades" and "The Regiment."

Col. W. H. Samuels, representing the Regimental Association, replied to the last toast. He spoke of the wonderful record of the 2/10th, who had added thirteen honours to the regimental list, and who, as a Battalion of a Regiment notable for its wonderful *esprit de corps*, had demonstrated in the war that it was second to none, and was giving further proof that night in the wonderful tone of a splendid gathering.

Following the toasts there was an interval of a few minutes whilst the room was re-arranged, and the company then sat down to the real business of the evening.

Capt. McIvor read letters and telegrams of greetings from Col. Pearson, Capt. Dick, Capt. Bateson, Major Lewey, Lieut. Topham, Capt. Raynor, and others, and then proceeded to explain how the gathering came about.

He said he felt that some explanation was due, as he had heard of other gatherings, and he did not want it felt that there was in any way dissent or rivalry amongst the Old Comrades.

He had long felt that some gathering was required, and had in March got together various old friends of "D" Company, with whom he was in closest touch, to discuss what could be done.

However, it was not a "D" Company show, as there were several members of other companies present, and they decided to form a committee of himself, C.S.M. H. A. Ireson, Sergt. Reeves, "A" Company; Sergt. Fryer, "B" Company and "H.Q." Company; Sergt. Cutler, "C" Company; and Sergt. Croft, "D" Company. This committee was to endeavour to get in touch with as many more as possible, and see whether a dinner was possible. The result of their efforts was the gathering that night.

Between the first meeting and December 3rd they were placed in a quandary by hearing of another gathering, and they were undecided whether they should go on or not. However, they decided that they had better carry on, not in rivalry but because they might be letting down a whole lot of Old Comrades if they decided to cancel their show, as there

would not have been time to notify them of the other gathering.

As it happened, many who were at the other reunion were present to-night, and he was deeply indebted to some of them for the assistance they had given him in spreading round the notice of the present gathering. To prevent further confusion and the holding of a lot of separate small gatherings he had a proposal to place before them. Many probably did not know of the Middlesex Regimental Association, and if they did they did not realize that they, men of a Middlesex battalion, were automatically members of the Association.

It was obvious, therefore, that they did not want to form an association of their own, as they were part and parcel of the Regiment, and he proceeded to point out the advantage of being part of the Association.

Capt. McIvor proposed that they should form a branch of the Regimental Association, thus sharing its advantages, and at the same time be able to hold their own reunion dinners as well.

He would ask Major Jarrett to express his views, and afterwards ask Col. Samuel to explain the activities of the Association.

At this juncture Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., arrived, and after having been cordially received was called upon for a speech.

Major Jarrett then endorsed Capt. McIvor's suggestion, and Col. Samuel outlined the work of the Association, after which Mr. Charles Davis, M.M., was induced to oblige with a monologue in his well-remembered style, which called for loud applause and a demand for more. Another old member of the "Magpies," Mr. Nunn, was present, but refused to come to the assistance of his old fellow member, pleading that he had now forgotten all the old favourites.

Then followed an interval of talk and reminiscences, and then Mr. Cottell kindly sang various songs, which were much appreciated.

And now time was flying, and there seemed to be many people to be met whom it had been impossible to get near so far, so that the remaining time was spent in more reunions, and gradually



and unwillingly everyone drifted away to catch last trams, last trains and last tubes.

There can be no doubt but that the gathering was a success, and that it will be repeated and looked forward to anxiously by all those who were present and those who were prevented from attending, for, as Capt. McIvor had said earlier in the evening, quoting from Kipling:—

There isn't much we haven't shared . . .  
The same old work, the same old skoff, the same  
old dust and sun;  
The same old chance that laid us out or winked  
and let us through;  
The same old life, the same old death. . . .

And, in conclusion, I would complete the quotation, adding: "Good-bye, good luck to you; good-bye, so long. Don't lose yourselves, nor us, nor all kind friends."

### 7th CITY OF LONDON REGIMENT (POST OFFICE).

THE year that has just closed has been an eventful one for us. During our annual training at Shorncliffe this year we won the Brigade Transport Cup with 113 points out of a possible 115, our nearest competitor being the Honourable Artillery Company with 109.

We are proud of the fact that we have won the Territorial Army Machine Gun Cup this year.

It was competed for by 118 teams from Territorial units from all parts of the United Kingdom.

The 6th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (the holders) got second place, and our second team obtained sixth place.

We are also proud of the fact that we have won the Osborn Machine Gun Challenge Cup for 1926.

Our Sergeants' Mess Dinner was held on Saturday, November 13th, at "Ye Old Butler's Head," Coleman Street, when we took the opportunity of giving our new Adjutant, Capt. S. Mirams, M.C., a right royal welcome. Also we were delighted to have as a guest R.Q.M.S. Purcell. This Warrant Officer was a member of the Battalion before he decided to take up soldiering as a pro-

fession. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess from Mill Hill, headed by R.S.M. Mantell, took us by storm on Friday, December 3rd, the occasion being a billiards match between the two Sergeants' Messes.

Apparently something went wrong, for we had the temerity to win, the margin being forty points.

No doubt on the return match a different tale will have to be told.

### OBITUARY.

MAJOR N. J. R. BLAKE, D.S.O.

We regret to announce the death of Major N. J. R. Blake, which took place on October 21st, 1926, at his residence, "Skirsgill," Camberley, where he had resided for some years.

An appreciation of his services and an account of the funeral is given on page 367.

MR. JAMES DEACON.

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. James Deacon, late Drum-Major of the 1st Battalion, which occurred at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on November 1st, 1926.

A record of his long and meritorious service, together with an account of the funeral, will be found on page 377.

MRS. JOHN WARD.

Mrs. Lilian Elizabeth Ward, wife of Col. John Ward, Constitutional M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent, died at her home, "The Nest," West Hill, Wandsworth, S.W., on December 16th, 1926.

Mrs. Ward, who was fifty-six, had been ill ten days with pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. She was born at Winslow, Buckinghamshire, and married Col. John Ward at St. Faith's Church, Wandsworth, in 1892. Always taking a keen interest in her husband's political activities, she worked for him in all his election campaigns.

### THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief	Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C. Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L. R. S. Fus., S. W. Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo. Personal A.D.C. to the King		
Colonel	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.		25 Feb. 21
Officer Commanding Depot	Jefford, Maj. W. W., Midd'x R.		11 Mar. 26
1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.)	d. 2 Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. 7 Dec. 15 1 Tait, J. 12 Mar. 19 2 Thorp, J. R. (I) 31 June 19 1 Phillips, H., M.C. 26 Jan. 16 1 Bucknall, G. C. 26 Aug. 16 d. 1 M.C. (s.c.) 26 Aug. 16 1 Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) 26 Aug. 16 1 Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (I) 1 Jan. 17 1 Haydon, C. W., M.C. 25 Apr. 17 2 Lawrence, F. A. L. 7 May 17 (1) del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (I) 28 Sept. 20 2 Whinney, C. T., M.C. 23 Mar. 21 1 Procter, N. P., M.C. 16 Apr. 21 1 Lyons E. F., M.C. 18 Feb. 22 2 Garrow, V. J. 25 Feb. 22 2 Manson, E. P., M.C. 15 June 26	2 Chapman, J. R. S. 5 Jan. 19 1 Tait, J. 12 Mar. 19 2 Pater, P. 21 June 19 2 Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. 27 Aug. 19 d. 2 Clayden, H. W. 27 Aug. 19 1 Stephenson, G. A. (Adj't, Singapore Vol. Corps) 24 Oct. 19 c.o. Howell, H. A. A. 24 Oct. 19 2 Clark, S. J. 21 Feb. 20 2 Walden, F. 21 Feb. 20 2 Heywood, E. L. 29 Feb. 20 2 Ayscough, E. S. M. 20 Dec. 20 c.o. Reid, J. G. E. 18 July 21 1 Hudson, E. V. H. 17 Dec. 21 1 Musselwhite, C. C. 16 July 22 1 Cubitt, D. Y. 24 Dec. 22 2 Tuckey, P. E. C. 14 July 23 1 Worton, J. R. B. 14 July 23 2 Lambert, H. P. 14 July 23 1 Gordon, I. D. S. 14 July 23 1 Crawford, M. 23 Dec. 23	Majors. Schooling, J. H. 3 Apr. 15 Captain. Lieutenants. 2nd Lieutenants. Adjutant. Hon. Colonel. Machiter, Sir George C. K.C.B., C.M.G., Lt.-Col. ret. pay t.a. 25 Feb. 21 Lt.-Colonel. Graves, C. A. H., O.B.E. 4 Apr. 18 Captains. Josephs, L. H. O. 22 Apr. 14 Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C. 20 Mar. 15 Pechell, H. C. 1 Jan. 17 2nd Lieutenants. 1 Newton, W. C. 30 Aug. 24 2 Jacob, M. A. 30 Aug. 24 2 Chisholm, G. A. N. 18 Dec. 24 1 Goulden, G. A. 20 Jan. 25 1 Clinch, J. D. 2 Sept. 25 2 Gilbert, N. G. 4 Feb. 26 2 Baldwin, C. M. 4 Feb. 26 2 Elise, F. H. Adjutants (2). 2 Moore, R. N., capt. 18 July 25 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17 Sept. 26 Quarter-Masters (3). d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25 Aug. 14 capt. 1 July 17 1 English, J. 25 Aug. 14 capt. 25 Aug. 17 2 Douthet, R. T., lt. 18 June 23
Lt.-Colonels (2). Ricknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28 Sept. 24 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28 Sept. 24			
Majors (8). Ivory, D. C., D.S.O. 4 May 16 Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24 July 16 H. Col. 1 Jan. 18 White, P. C. 1 July 18 Brown, M. C. 28 Sept. 24 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. 1 Jan. 19 Jefford, W. W. 16 Dec. 24 Bennett, R. D., M.C. 15 Sept. 25 Sloan Stanley, L. F. 31 July 26			
Subalterns (35). Lieutenants. 1 Bailey, F. A. 1 Jan. 17 1 Roberts, W. L., M.C. 1 July 17 1 Nunn, F. J., M.C., s. 6 Aug. 17 c.o. Hull, R. L. 21 Aug. 17 1 Bostock, F. E. 2 Sept. 17 Lt. Dix-Lewis, A. 2 Sept. 17 1 Mirams, S., M.C. 4 Sept. 17 1 Royffe, H. S. 18 Sept. 17 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 13 Oct. 17 c.s. Charlesworth, J. F. 17 Nov. 17 c.o. Kempster G. W. 10 Jan. 18 c.o. Weller, A. T. 19 Jan. 18 c.o. Pain, E. V. 19 Jan. 18 1 Dobbs, J. E. 1 Feb. 18 1 Jones, W. H. V. 6 Feb. 18 1 Pennycook, G. H. C., M.B.E. 27 Apr. 18 1 Hedgecoe, S. F. 27 Apr. 18 d. Parker, F. G. 4 June 18 2 O'Veil, A. N. 1 Nov. 18 1 Jones, I. H. 1 Nov. 18			
Captains (14). 1 Tibbory, O. H., M.C. p.s.c. (I) 17 Dec. 14 1 Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. 11 Dec. 14 1 H. maj. 31 June 19 1 Wolcombe, T. S., M.C., s. 12 Dec. 14 1 H. maj. 31 June 18 1 Lyon, W. H. B., M.C. (Courts Martial Offr.) 6 Feb. 15 1 Appelbe, E. N. 17 Feb. 15 1 Moore, R. N., Adj't. 25 Mar. 15 1 Neenan, L. A., M.C., p.s.c., s. 30 Apr. 15 1 H. maj. 31 June 19 1 Savile, H. B. W., M.C.,			



Lieutenants.		Lt.-Colonel.		2nd Lieutenants.		Territorial battalions affiliated to the Regiment:	
Newbery K E., M.C. 26Feb.19	Adjutant.	Beach, G., O.B.E., TD 17Aug.22	Coubro, T. P. 23June25	7th City of London Regt (Post Office Rifles.)		24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.	
Wells, E. T. W. 1Mar.19	Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt. 10Oct.25	bt.-col. 17Aug.22	Gray, H. W. W.				
Maxwell, S. C. 7July22	Lieut. Middx. R.	Major.	Sutcliffe, B. L. 24Mar.26	19th London Regiment (St. Pancras.)		The figure of St. Pancras.	
Pattison, D. R. 13Nov.24	Quartermaster.	Tupper, G. W. H. TD 17Jan.21	17Mar.24				
Elliott, P. R. H. 22July26	Dymore, H., M.C. Capt. 19Apr.20	Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1June16	Procter, N. P., M.C., capt. Middx. R.	[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
2nd Lieutenants.		Findlay, L. F. 25Oct.21					
Cary, R. C. 11Mar.25	9th Battalion (Territorial).	Fox, G. L. 17Aug.22		19th London Regiment (St. Pancras.)		The figure of St. Pancras.	
Lutyens, P. G. T. 5Dec.25	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.	Sherwood, H. 22Oct.22					
Sharpe, G. B., 20Feb.25	Hon. Colonel.	Hardcastle, H. K. 2Feb.23		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
Mitcheson, P. S. 24Apr.26	Blumsfeld, J. L., TD 14. 10 Jan. 22	Hogg, F. G. 31Mar.23					
Maddox, S. 21Oct.26		Furlong, I. E. 11May23		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
Clark, J. P. B. 9Nov.26		Hewson, A. S. 9June23					
		Townell, S. H. 25June23		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
		Wright, L. C. 24Dec.23					
		Wright, E. W. 24Dec.23		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	
		Heffer, H. 17Mar.26					
		Furness, G. J. B. 30July26		[Uniform—Scarlet. Facings—Lemon Yellow.]		76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.	

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

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

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	W. Eldrett	...	1/6/25	Cpl.	W. Eldrett	...	1/6/25
Cpl.	W. McMurdie	...	4 6/25	Cpl.	W. McMurdie	...	4 6/25
Cpl.	E. Bearne	Depot	15/6/25	Cpl.	E. Bearne	Depot	15/6/25
Cpl.	G. Atkins	...	3 11/25	Cpl.	G. Atkins	...	3 11/25
Cpl.	C. Kingdom	Depot	28/10/25	Cpl.	C. Kingdom	Depot	28/10/25
Cpl.	R. Neighbour	...	11/1/26	Cpl.	R. Neighbour	...	11/1/26
Cpl.	A. Webb	...	11/1/26	Cpl.	A. Webb	...	11/1/26
Cpl.	J. Jenkins	...	11/1/26	Cpl.	J. Jenkins	...	11/1/26
Cpl.	H. Poulter	...	20/1/26	Cpl.	H. Poulter	...	20/1/26
Cpl.	L. Laxton	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	L. Laxton	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	C. Donaldson	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	C. Donaldson	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	R. Franklin	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	R. Franklin	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	H. Reading	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	H. Reading	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	B. Gower	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	B. Gower	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	W. Milberry	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	W. Milberry	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	2/2/26	Cpl.	E. Jenkin	...	2/2/26
Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	6/2/26	Cpl.	A. Fowler	...	6/2/26
Cpl.	R. Challis	...	8/2/26	Cpl.	R. Challis	...	8/2/26
Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	17/2/26	Cpl.	E. Denyer	...	17/2/26
Cpl.	H. Hull	...	18/2/26	Cpl.	H. Hull	...	18/2/26
Cpl.	L. Priddy	...	13/3/26	Cpl.	L. Priddy	...	13/3/26
Cpl.	R. Wingrove	...	13/2/26	Cpl.	R. Wingrove	...	13/2/26
Cpl.	C. Clements	...	23/2/26	Cpl.	C. Clements	...	23/2/26
Cpl.	J. Power	...	7/3/26	Cpl.	J. Power	...	7/3/26
Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	18/3/26	Cpl.	C. Gwinnett	...	18/3/26
Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	19/3/26	Cpl.	E. Fisher	...	19/3/26
Cpl.	E. Wright	...	26/4/26	Cpl.	E. Wright	...	26/4/26
Cpl. (O.R.C.)	W. Baker	...	30/4/26	Cpl. (O.R.C.)	W. Baker	...	30/4/26
Cpl.	S. Buckle	...	17/8/26	Cpl.	S. Buckle	...	17/8/26
Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	28/8/26	Cpl.	W. Hathaway	...	28/8/26
Cpl.	G. Skeats	...	20/5/26	Cpl.	G. Skeats	...	20/5/26
Cpl.	J. Painter	Depot	23/5/26	Cpl.	J. Painter	Depot	23/5/26
Cpl.	H. Short	Depot	19/6/26	Cpl.	H. Short	Depot	19/6/26
Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	3/7/26	Cpl.	G. Sewell	...	3/7/26
Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	12/6/26	Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	12/6/26
Cpl.	J. Frost	...	28/7/26	Cpl.	J. Frost	...	28/7/26
Cpl.	G. Knock	...	20/5/26	Cpl.	G. Knock	...	20/5/26
Cpl.	H. Riley	...	5/8/26	Cpl.	H. Riley	...	5/8/26
Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	25/9/26	Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	25/9/26
Cpl.	E. Pinder	Depot	6/8/26	Cpl.	E. Pinder	Depot	6/8/26
Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	26/9/26	Cpl.	R. Baldwin	...	26/9/26
Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	1/10/26	Cpl.	W. Eldridge	...	1/10/26
Cpl.	F. Towell	...	1/10/26	Cpl.	F. Towell	...	1/10/26
Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	13/10/26	Cpl.	A. Granshaw	...	13/10/26
Cpl.	J. Hames	...	2/11/26	Cpl.	J. Hames	...	2/11/26
Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	2/11/26	Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	2/11/26
Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2/11/26	Cpl.	W. Smith	...	2/11/26
Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2/11/26	Cpl.	J. Simmonds	...	2/11/26
Cpl.	J. Murphy	...	20/8/20	Cpl.	J. Murphy	...	20/8/20
Cpl.	F. Clarke	...	1/4/21	Cpl.	F. Clarke	...	1/4/21
Cpl.	F. Carter	...	6/4/21	Cpl.	F. Carter	...	6/4/21
Cpl.	H. Channon	...	21/11/21	Cpl.	H. Channon	...	21/11/21
Cpl.	A. Reed	...	1/4/23	Cpl.	A. Reed	...	1/4/23
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Cpl.	G. Staines	...	27/7/23	Cpl.	G. Staines	...	27/7/23
Cpl.	G. Green	...	27/7/23	Cpl.	G. Green	...	27/7/23
Cpl.	L. Yesterley	...	30 8/23	Cpl.	L. Yesterley	...	30 8/23
Cpl.	G. Mills	...	8/10/23	Cpl.	G. Mills	...	8/10/23
Cpl.	G. Foley	Depot	13/10/23	Cpl.	G. Foley	Depot	13/10/23
Cpl.	Goodall	...	22/1/24	Cpl.	Goodall	...	22/1/24
Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	15/2/24	Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	15/2/24	Cpl.	G. Stagpoole	...	15/2/24
Cpl.	C. Frost	...	20/2/24	Cpl.	C. Frost	...	20/2/24
Cpl.	C. Watson	...	8/3/24	Cpl.	C. Watson	...	8/3/24
Cpl.	C. Turner	...	8/3/24	Cpl.	C. Turner	...	8/3/24
Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	8/5/24	Cpl.	S. Jackson	...	8/5/24
Cpl.	R. Glover	...	21/5/24	Cpl.	R. Glover	...	21/5/24
Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	18/5/24	Cpl.	J. Henderson	...	18/5/24
Cpl.	R. Aldridge	Depot	21/5/24	Cpl.	R. Aldridge	Depot	21/5/24
Cpl.	H. Batt	...	21/5/24	Cpl.	H. Batt	...	21/5/24



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L./Cpl.	A. Case ...	1st	*28/5/24	L./Cpl.	T. Sibley ...	2nd	*30/5/25
L./Cpl.	A. Hows ...	1st	*28/5/24	L./Cpl.	F. Wright ...	2nd	*6/7/25
L./Cpl.	A. Anson ...	1st	*28/5/24	L./Cpl.	D. Glew ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	C. Pestell ...	2nd	*3/6/24	L./Cpl.	A. Cadwallar ...	2nd	*7/7/25
L./Cpl.	W. Smith ...	1st	*3/6/24	L./Cpl.	L. Stagg ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor ...	1st	*11/9/24	L./Cpl.	A. Fowler ...	2nd	*18/7/25
L./Cpl.	L. West ...	Depot	*14/7/24	L./Cpl.	L. Timson ...	1st	*24/7/25
L./Cpl.	Bayles ...	1st	*13/8/24	L./Cpl.	A. Sargent ...	Depot	*29/7/23
L./Cpl.	W. Banham ...	1st	*19/8/24	L./Cpl.	F. Wood ...	1st	*5/8/26
L./Cpl.	C. Pettitt ...	1st	*19/8/24	L./Cpl.	J. Nicholls ...	1st	*6/8/25
L./Cpl.	Barley ...	1st	*18/9/24	L./Cpl.	Pratt ...	1st	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	Marshall ...	1st	*1/6/25	L./Cpl.	W. Skull ...	2nd	*10/8/25
L./Cpl.	O'Neill ...	1st	*25/9/24	L./Cpl.	Donovan ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	Kelly ...	1st	*2/10/24	L./Cpl.	M. Horton ...	1st	*14/8/25
L./Cpl.	L. Westney ...	1st	*9/10/24	L./Cpl.	E. Patterson ...	1st	*15/8/25
L./Cpl.	A. Thompson ...	Depot	*11/10/24	L./Cpl.	H. Dallimore ...	1st	*1/9/25
L./Cpl.	P. Phillipson ...	1st	*17/10/24	L./Cpl.	Trestain ...	2nd	*4/9/25
L./Cpl.	W. Clarke ...	Depot	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	P. Hale ...	1st	*16/9/25
L./Cpl.	Fletcher ...	1st	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	F. Blackburn ...	1st	*29/9/25
L./Cpl.	Hammond ...	1st	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	J. May ...	2nd	*29/9/25
L./Cpl.	Woodroff ...	Depot	*1/12/24	L./Cpl.	A. Mason ...	Depot	*3/10/25
L./Cpl.	Wheatley ...	1st	*10/12/24	L./Cpl.	Evans ...	1st	*15/10/25
L./Cpl.	Chasney ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	T. Little ...	1st	*17/10/25
L./Cpl.	Carnoll ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Bowden ...	1st	*28/10/25
L./Cpl.	C. Painter ...	1st	*1/1/25	L./Cpl.	B. Rapley ...	2nd	*13/10/25
L./Cpl.	W. Lee ...	1st	*4/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Loom ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	Balls ...	1st	*4/3/25	L./Cpl.	P. Timms ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	P. Palmer ...	1st	*13/3/25	L./Cpl.	F. Scott ...	2nd	*20/10/25
L./Cpl.	S. Hunt ...	2nd	*11/7/21	L./Cpl.	R. Sage ...	1st	*2/11/25
L./Cpl.	E. Addinall ...	2nd	*12/3/22	L./Cpl.	A. Ball ...	1st	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	W. Makewell ...	2nd	*24/8/22	L./Cpl.	R. Wilson ...	2nd	*10/11/25
L./Cpl.	A. Rowell ...	2nd	*22/12/22	L./Cpl.	George ...	1st	*9/12/25
L./Cpl.	S. Simpson ...	2nd	*14/3/23	L./Cpl.	E. Roscoe ...	1st	*11/1/25
L./Cpl.	W. Potter ...	2nd	*15/6/23	L./Cpl.	S. Harris ...	2nd	*14/12/25
L./Cpl.	H. Crawley ...	2nd	*27/7/23	L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	*12/1/26
L./Cpl.	G. Matthews ...	2nd	*13/8/23	L./Cpl.	W. Webster ...	1st	*12/1/26
L./Cpl.	J. Fowler ...	2nd	*15/8/23	L./Cpl.	H. Parrott ...	1st	*13/2/26
L./Cpl.	W. Chalcroft ...	2nd	*17/8/23	L./Cpl.	S. Statham ...	1st	*4/3/26
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L./Cpl.	W. Schooledge ...	2nd	*19/4/24	L./Cpl.	H. Channon ...	2nd	*6/1/26
L./Cpl.	E. Noakes ...	2nd	*24/6/24	L./Cpl.	G. Sherriff ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Champion ...	2nd	*7/7/24	L./Cpl.	H. Adams ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	J. Lane ...	2nd	*17/7/24	L./Cpl.	A. Ellis ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Kemp ...	2nd	*3/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Hutchins ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Waterman ...	2nd	*10/1/25	L./Cpl.	S. Tiller ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	G. Reed ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	S. Young ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	W. Budd ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	F. Nash ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Stewart ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Lee ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	D. Williams ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	J. Jones ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Boen ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	W. Green ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	F. Gribble ...	2nd	*31/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. White ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	B. Carroll ...	1st	*2/3/25	L./Cpl.	A. Miller ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	C. Moss ...	2nd	*6/3/25	L./Cpl.	W. Hammond ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	A. Lee ...	2nd	*11/3/25	L./Cpl.	G. Balls ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	F. Gray ...	2nd	*11/3/25	L./Cpl.	G. Blackman ...	2nd	*23/4/26
L./Cpl.	J. Davis ...	2nd	*2/1/25	L./Cpl.	E. Jennings ...	2nd	*29/5/26
L./Cpl.	A. Jo' nson ...	1st	*17/4/25	L./Cpl.	A. Souch ...	2nd	*29/5/26
L./Cpl.	E. Foulger ...	1st	*18/4/25	L./Cpl.	W. Giles ...	2nd	*29/5/26
L./Cpl.	J. Goodall ...	1st	*2/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Deamer ...	2nd	*29/5/26
L./Cpl.	J. Smith ...	1st	*5/1/25	L./Cpl.	A. Russell ...	1st	*5/5/26
L./Cpl.	Chalkley ...	1st	*16/5/25	L./Cpl.	T. Rowbotton ...	1st	*12/5/26
L./Cpl.	F. Jaffery ...	2nd	*27/5/25	L./Cpl.	C. Freeman ...	1st	*20/5/26
L./Cpl.	F. Sparkes ...	2nd	*30/5/25	L./Cpl.	W. Thompson ...	1st	*23/5/26
L./Cpl.	T. Fletcher ...	1st	*4/6/25	L./Cpl.	E. Hows ...	1st	*31/5/26
L./Cpl.	T. Martin ...	2nd	*9/6/25	L./Cpl.	E. Newman ...	1st	*31/5/26
L./Cpl.	Pike ...	1st	*17/6/25	L./Cpl.	E. Kent ...	1st	*31/5/26
L./Cpl.	A. Lazarus ...	1st	*22/6/25	L./Cpl.	C. Carney ...	1st	*1/6/26

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L./Cpl.	G. Brooks ...	1st	*1/6/26	L./Cpl.	E. Hillier ...	2nd	*24/8/26
L./Cpl.	G. Maunder ...	1st	*4/6/26	L./Cpl.	H. Parnell ...	2nd	*24/8/26
L./Cpl.	W. Ray ...	1st	*7/7/26	L./Cpl.	A. Gilbert ...	2nd	*6/9/26
L./Cpl.	V. Cobcroft ...	1st	*13/7/26	L./Cpl.	J. Merry ...	2nd	*7/9/26
L./Cpl.	J. Knight ...	1st	*13/7/26	L./Cpl.	E. Honnor ...	2nd	*7/9/26
L./Cpl.	W. Holt ...	1st	*13/7/26	L./Cpl.	W. Dowse ...	2nd	*13/9/26
L./Cpl.	J. Thompson ...	1st	*14/7/26	L./Cpl.	L. Brown ...	2nd	*28/9/26
L./Cpl.	W. Higgins ...	1st	*15/7/26	L./Cpl.	H. Chambers ...	2nd	*28/9/26
L./Cpl.	H. Meakins ...	1st	*15/7/26	L./Cpl.	F. Howlett ...	2nd	*28/9/26
L./Cpl.	P. Carter ...	1st	*19/7/26	L./Cpl.	J. Brewer ...	2nd	*23/10/26
L./Cpl.	F. Hedges ...	1st	*24/7/26	L./Cpl.	H. Ison ...	2nd	*23/10/26
L./Cpl.	W. Willis ...	1st	*3/8/26	L./Cpl.	G. Slate ...	2nd	*23/10/26
L./Cpl.	A. Canning ...	1st	*6/8/26	L./Cpl.	R. Kent ...	1st	*4/10/26
L./Cpl.	G. Hawkins ...	1st	*10/8/26	L./Cpl.	E. French ...	1st	*11/10/26
L./Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	*14/8/26	L./Cpl.	W. Jones ...	1st	*18/10/26
L./Cpl.	S. Boiling ...	1st	*16/8/26	L./Cpl.	W. Lucas ...	1st	*29/10/26
L./Cpl.	P. Andrews ...	1st	*16/8/26	L./Cpl.	W. Hill ...	1st	*4/11/26
L./Cpl.	E. Freeman ...	1st	*24/8/26	L./Cpl.	H. Bull ...	1st	*5/11/26
L./Cpl.	L. Williams ...	1st	*6/9/26	L./Cpl.	C. Richards ...	1st	*19/11/26
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