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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate the 9th Battalion on the excellence of the display carried out by them on May 16th in celebration of the anniversary of Albuhera Day. A description of the display will be found in the 9th Battalion Notes.

Our readers are reminded that the Old Comrades' Dinner will take place this year at the Great Central Hotel on Saturday, November 5th. It is hoped that, in the absence abroad of both regular battalions, as many old comrades as possible will make a special point of attending in order to keep going this most desirable function, and to prevent a loss to the Entertainment Fund.

We regret that illness prevented the attendance at the Regimental Dinner of

Lord Revelstoke, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, but hope that his recovery may be rapid, and that he will be well enough to honour the old comrades with his presence on November 5th.

We learn that the 1st Battalion has moved from Shanghai to Wei-hai-wei, a change which, we understand, will be welcome, especially as they will be under the command of their former Commanding Officer, Col.-Comdt. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Congratulations are offered to Cols. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., and A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., on being appointed Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Middlesex.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1927.

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 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.

THE FAMOUS DIE-HARDS.

From the "Auckland Star," New Zealand, January 31st, 1927.

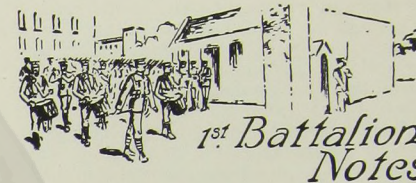
THE London cable message announcing the intended dispatch of a British Expeditionary Force to China gives the First Battalion Middlesex the place of honour; it heads the Shanghai Army. This has a certain interest for New Zealanders, for the First Middlesex is identical with the 57th Regiment which served for six years in the Maori Wars.

Regimental numbers have long been discarded, but the regiment maintains its identity and traditions unbroken. Its story goes far back indeed; it was in the Peninsula War of more than a century ago that it won never-dying fame for its splendid valour at Albuhera. It was at Albuhera that it earned its glorious soubriquet, "The Die Hards," from the memorable words of its colonel as he exhorted his hard-pressed soldiers.

The 57th came to New Zealand from India in the ship *Star Queen and Castilian* in 1861 in time to take part in the war at Waitara. Major Logan came out in command of the first detachments, and Colonel (afterwards General) Sir H. J. Warre followed. . . . The 57th shared with the veteran 65th the toil and honours of the most arduous campaigns undertaken in New Zealand by Imperial troops. Those "Die Hards" who did not take their discharge in this country returned to England in the ship *Electra and Maori* from Auckland in 1867. . . .

Many of the 57th veterans joined the colonial forces after their discharge. In the heroic defence of Turuturu-mokai redoubt, near Hawera, in 1868, four "Die Hards" were engaged, and three of them were killed; the survivor (Michael Gill) is still living in Hawke's Bay. Sergeant-Major E. Bezar, of Wellington, now well over the eighties in years, is one of the very few—only three or four in fact—of the members of the old regiment in New Zealand. General Sir Mansfield Clarke, who was a lieutenant in the regiment in the Taranaki wars, lives in England; he paid a visit to New Zealand recently, met his old sergeant—who is still erect and soldierly in spite of his load of years—and revisited the old fighting grounds and once tented plains of Taranaki. The famous regiment well maintained its ancient reputation in the Great War; from 1914 to the end of the war it recruited forty-six battalions. Now it has a new sphere of active service, and, if traditions go for anything, it will not neglect an opportunity of showing that it can still die hard. But we shall all be much better pleased if it is not called upon to emulate Albuhera or Otapawa.

J. COWAN.



QUITE a number of people prefer soldiering abroad, but hardly anyone could enjoy leaving England at a moment's notice as we did. Eight days after our first warning the ship had actually set sail, so the amount of work which had to be put into those few hours can be better imagined than described. The first intimation of our going to China was when the Commanding Officer was called to Brigade Headquarters on January 21st. Next day, when orders for China were confirmed, everyone was recalled from leave except our draft to the 2nd Battalion, who were not coming to China with us. As the Battalion had to be brought up to Colonial Establishment 443 men were required, and this was accomplished by mobilizing Section "A" of the Army Reserve (i.e., men who were only time-expired within the previous two years). So now, as a unit, we are fairly representative of the Southern County Regiments as a whole.

As it may be of interest, a nominal roll of officers who proceeded to China and a statement of numbers of Reservists who were posted to the Battalion will be found elsewhere. Orders were received on January 24th to embark on the 29th, but our horses later. On the 25th the S.S. *Assaye* was designated as our ship, and at night our reservists began to arrive (Middlesex, Suffolk and Northamptonshire Regiments). From thence onwards reservists of all Southern County Regiments arrived in batches at all times of the day and night, and the task of fitting them out was no light one. Without trying to be flattering, the physique and technical training of what now forms the major part of the Battalion was extraordinarily good, and the Press, in remarking that the Reservists were picked men, was undoubtedly right. Next day the P. & O. ship *Karmala* was detailed for our transport in place of the *Assaye*. Heavy baggage was now in process of being

loaded, and it finally left on the 27th. The last day at Catterick was one long rush, everyone buoying themselves up by remarking that the Battalion was bound to return to England almost at once. Two trains conveyed us to the Royal Albert Docks, London, the first of which left at 4.35 a.m. on the 29th inst. in the middle of a very heavy snowstorm, had "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company on board, and the second, which departed at 5.30 a.m., took the remainder of the Battalion. These trains arrived at the Royal Albert Docks at 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. On arrival at the Docks it was found that only a portion of our heavy baggage had been loaded, owing to the presence of an army of workmen who somewhat delayed the process of loading, as they were still engaged in painting the ship and generally transforming her into a troopship—no light task considering that she normally carried 150 passengers and we sailed with over 1,700. The Border Regiment and the 5th Armoured Car Company who accompanied us had already embarked, and when our men were on board the ship was a seething mass of troops and friends. Everyone appreciated the presence of hundreds of past members of the Regiment and friends who came to wish us good luck on our journey to an unknown destination. Anyone who has heard a record called, "The Departure of a Troopship" probably imagined that you marched straight on board, the band then played a tune and off you started. It was not like that. Crowds struggled up and down the gangways for hours, and the slow business of loading was delayed by the breaking of a crane and by the confusion caused by the carpentering and painting which was taking place in the midst of it. To the uninitiated it appeared impossible for us to sail that night, but sail we did. A few minutes before we left, when the tugs were ready to pull us into midstream, and the last few loads of baggage were being hoisted, the master of a tug, mistaking a signal by whistle to a man who was in charge of a crane, pulled the bow of the ship clear of the quay. There was a terrific wrench and the hawsers snapped, letting two 40 ft. gangways fall straight into the water. Fortunately no one was on them at the time, but it was a narrow escape.

About 11 p.m. on the 29th we finally left, and proceeded down stream to Gravesend, where we anchored for the night in order to enable the crew to prepare the ship for its long journey, as up to then it had been given up to soldiers and workmen. Gravesend was already familiar to some of us who were there six years ago, but the personnel of the Battalion changes so rapidly that possibly there were not many who viewed it with familiar eyes. About midday on Sunday, the 30th, we commenced our voyage, and we were lucky in only getting the very tail end of the 102 miles per hour gale which had been raging a few days before. However, many suffered from what sea there was, and until Gibraltar quite a number did not feel at their best. Some even felt at their worst. It must have been one of the latter who pointed out the lights of St. Leonards and Hastings as being those of a train.

The chief difficulty on the ship was accommodation, as the crowding was overdone. The *Karmala*, a ship of 9,144 tons, was built for passengers and a considerable cargo. A large portion of the cargo space was converted for use of troops, and in consequence, in addition to being uncomfortably herded together, there was not sufficient weight for the ship, in spite of the sand ballast. This made her light, and so most of the "roll" we experienced in the Bay can be ascribed to it. About 5 p.m., on February 3rd, we passed Gibraltar, and the thoughts of the Mediterranean cheered up our more unfortunate comrades. The next few days to Port Said were much calmer, although the temperature was surprisingly low. Some glimpses of the Algerian coast broke the monotony of endless miles of sea. By now we had started passing the *Assaye*. This was undoubtedly the catchword of the voyage, as every ship seen on the horizon was invariably reported as the *Assaye*. However, the rumour could not continue after we did pass her on February 28th in the China Sea. At noon on February 9th we reached Port Said, and no sooner were we alongside than the coaling commenced, and we were glad to be able to get clear of the ship and avoid the coal dust, which covered everything. A short route march followed through the town, which could hardly be called prepossess-

ing in appearance. No sooner was there a halt than everyone was surrounded by hawkers attempting to sell every imaginable useless article, for which they commenced by demanding at least five to six times as much as they eventually accepted. The men returned to the ship for tea, and the officers and sergeants returned at 7 p.m. It had certainly provided a break to have been on land again, but Port Said did not make you feel you wanted to stay there indefinitely. For some unknown reason we did not sail until well into the night, and morning found us passing through the Suez Canal, which was by far the most interesting part of the voyage.

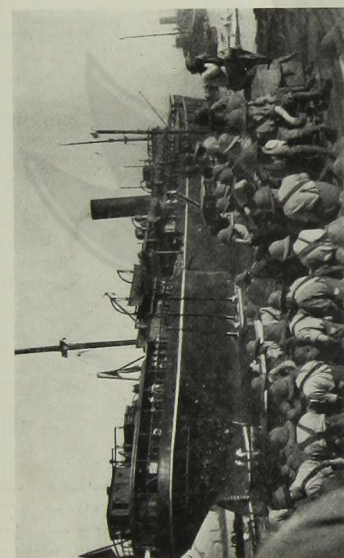
From this time onwards it began to get steadily warmer, with a noticeable increase in temperature after crossing the Tropic of Cancer. Passing through the Canal was a slow affair, and took about sixteen and a half hours, until we reached Port Suez; but as the majority of us had never been through the Canal before it was very interesting. As soon as we had left Suez helmets were worn, and all but the lightest clothing was discarded. On February 14th, at about 1 p.m., we passed Aden, and the famous title of the march "Barren Rocks of Aden" seemed a fitting description as far as could be seen through glasses. There is supposed to be a tree growing there, but our most powerful binoculars failed to locate it. After this we caught occasional glimpses of Africa. The wireless news indicated that our destination would be changed for Hong-Kong instead of Shanghai, and our deductions were afterwards shown to be correct. About this time we had a number of "alarms" and standing-to at boat stations. Everyone knew "secretly" when they were about to take place, so they were matters of routine. The actual number of the Battalion on board was 28 officers and 812 other ranks. Following us on H.T. *Bellerophon* with the transport were 1 sergeant and 12 other ranks. A few more days through the Indian Ocean and we arrived at Colombo on the night of February 20th, when coaling again immediately commenced. Next morning we disembarked early and went for a short route march. A long march would have been very trying, as the heat was considerable. Echelon Barracks, where we then went, had a splendid swimming

bath, which was made full use of, and at 11.30 a.m. shopping began and lasted for an hour. Colombo, a quite pleasant town, was an immense improvement on Port Said, and it would have been delightful to have been able to see more of it; but the rupees seemed to vanish very speedily, so perhaps it is just as well that we left at 8.15 p.m. the same night. After this land was not sighted for some days until we passed through the Straits of Malacca, where it was uncomfortably hot and damp at night. Enormous flashes of lightning lit the sky every few seconds, but as they were unaccompanied by thunder the effect was strange. A few rainstorms and a swell in the China Sea were all we experienced until we arrived at Kowloon, in the New Territories, on March 3rd, at 10 a.m.

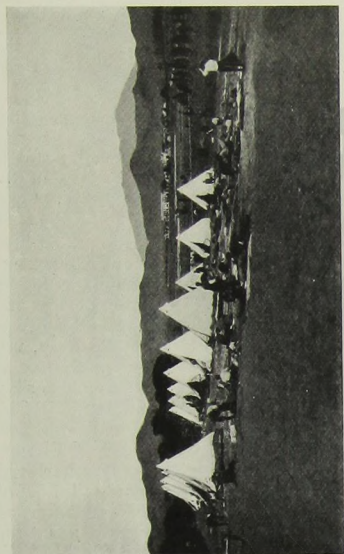
Probably a good many have never heard of Kowloon, on the mainland of China, ten minutes by ferry from Hong-Kong; but in time, no doubt, we shall get to know it well as we are to be quartered in the Peninsular Hotel eventually. Everyone was glad to get on land again after our long voyage, although a great many amusements had been provided to relieve the monotony. Both the band of the 1st Bn. Border Regiment and our own band played every day (after we had safely left the Bay behind) and there were dances and concerts (accompanied by community singing), a tug-of-war competition (in which "D" Company were beaten in the final by "C" Company of the 1st Borders after a great tussle), deck tennis, quoits and whist drives, etc. The Entertainment Committee should certainly be congratulated on what they did.

To enliven the morning, the pack store, kitbag store and heavy baggage room were frequently opened to draw out various articles. This was in the nature of a "lucky dip" competition, and it can be safely stated that so successful was it that by the end of the voyage only a few had their own kit. Great keenness and interest were taken in opening the particular pack or kitbag given to you. A list of prize winners would probably be invidious.

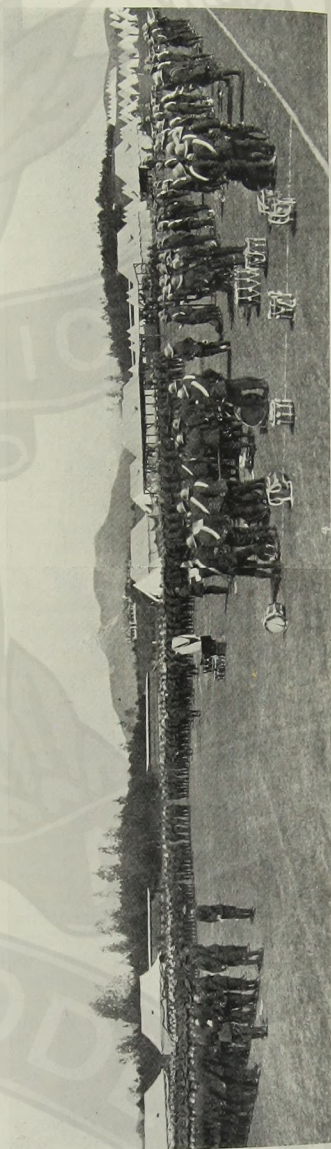
On arrival, the drums and fifes of the King's Own Scottish Borderers were waiting on the quay to greet us. The landing of the troops was not a very long affair, and a temporary camp was our destination until the baggage could be



Kowloon: Unloading ss. "Karmala."



Fanling: Part of the Camp.



Parade Service, Fanling.

unloaded and reloaded on the train which was to take us some twenty miles inland to our camp at Fanling, or more correctly, Sheung-Shui, as that is the nearest railway station. The original intention was for the Battalion to move the same afternoon, but the baggage unloading was so slow that the move did not take place until the 5th at 1.30 p.m. After fifty minutes' train journey through very hilly country, in parts rather reminiscent of the Riviera, without its luxuriant vegetation, we arrived at Sheung-Shui. A march of ten minutes brought us to the site of our camp-to-be on the Hong-Kong Golf Club's course, and the tents were immediately erected. The site was at one time "paddy" fields and is consequently very wet as has been since discovered. As soon as it rains it becomes a swamp, and the water does not sink into the ground; but fortunately it dries equally quickly, directly the hot sun commences its work. Now the order of the day is much the same as at Aldershot with its platoon, company and battalion training, except that we do not have to go so far to our area, which is next door to the camp. A small wood which is visited on nearly every scheme will be named Pyestock as it is competing very closely with it in military popularity.

When the next issue of "Die-Hards" is in print we expect to be in the Peninsular Hotel, Kowloon, but perhaps, to avoid misunderstanding, it should be stated that as it is only in course of construction, awaiting the completion of the Trans-European-Asiatic Railway, via Peking—Canton—Kowloon, it is more aptly to be described as a barracks than an hotel.

We should like to congratulate Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., on his marriage to Miss Mary Lowsley-Williams, daughter of Major and Mrs. Lowsley-Williams, of Chevenage, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, which took place at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, on January 25th. The wedding was originally arranged for later in the year, but owing to our sudden departure to China, Capt. del Court obtained a special licence so that the wedding could take place before we left England.

All ranks deeply regret the loss of Sergt. W. Moore, who achieved so much for the Battalion, and who was so popular

among those who knew him. A special reference to him appears elsewhere, but this is a fitting opportunity to express the deep sympathy felt by all ranks of the Battalion for Mrs. Moore and family.

Roll of officers of 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment who proceeded with the Battalion to China on January 29th, 1927:—

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E. (Commanding Officer).
 Brevet Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O. (Second-in-Command).
 Brevet-Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (O.C. "C" Company).
 Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. (O.C. "H.Q." Wing).
 Capt. H. Phillips, M.C. (O.C. "A" Company).
 Capt. H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C. (O.C. "D" Company).
 Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C. (O.C. "B" Company).
 Capt. and Qmr. J. English.
 Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court (Second-in-Command, "A" Company).
 Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C. (M.G. Officer).
 Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C. (M.G. Officer, "C" Company).
 Lieut. W. L. Roberts, M.C. (M.G. Officer).
 Lieut. F. E. Bostock (Second-in-Command "B" Company).
 Lieut. H. S. Royffe (M.G. Officer).
 Lieut. B. B. Rackham, M.C. (Adjutant).
 Lieut. J. E. Dobbs, M.C. (Platoon Officer, "A" Company).
 Lieut. G. H. C. Pennycook, M.B.E. (Transport Officer).
 Lieut. J. H. Clowes (Signal Officer).
 Lieut. J. Tait (Second-in-Command, "D" Company).
 Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson (Platoon Officer, "C" Company).
 Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite (Platoon Officer, "D" Company).
 Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt (Platoon Officer, "B" Company).
 Lieut. J. R. B. Worton (M.G. Officer).
 Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon (Platoon Officer, "B" Company).
 Lieut. W. C. Newton (Platoon Officer, "C" Company).
 Lieut. G. A. Goulden (Platoon Officer, "D" Company).
 2/Lieut. J. D. Clinch (Platoon Officer, "A" Company).

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our last notes were written in England, and not then did any one of our members imagine we should write our next in China. The Mess was early packed up, and as we had a limited allotment of baggage only essentials were brought to China. This means no billiards or "Pokey-Die." We are now under canvas (on a mud-heap), but we hope when we get into billets to recommence a real Mess. The voyage, from many members' point of view, was one of "Heavo" and "Up she comes." We left behind at Catterick C.Q.M.Ss. Flatman and Lydiat for discharge, C.Q.M.S. Cook and Sergt. Russell for the Depot, Sergt. Rogers to the 8th Battalion, and Sergt. Baldwin in hospital.

Our short stay here has been sadly marred by the demise of Sergt. W. Moore. This occurred at Port Said on March 7th from pneumonia. There is no doubt in the mind of any member that his illness was entirely due to his arduous devotion to his duty with the transport. "Pony," as he was always called, has been a member of our Mess for many years, and he will be missed.

The members will always remember him by his record of achievements at the Aldershot Command Horse Shows. It was a happy inspiration which caused his rosettes gained at these to be framed and placed in the Mess.

In conclusion, the whole of the members convey their very deepest sympathy to Mrs. Moore and her family in their bereavement.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Since the Battalion departed for China the Corporals' Mess has not been in existence, but as soon as we take over quarters at the "New Peninsular Hotel" at Kowloon, we hope to have our room again. There being no Mess at present, members get somewhat out of touch a great deal more than is imagined, and it is hard to give news of any interest other than the main topic of everyone's notes—"China."

We have welcomed approximately thirty new members from Section "A" of the Army Reserve, of whom several are

our old comrades—Cpl. Davis (ex-Orderly Room Corporal, 2nd Battalion), L./Cpls. Tompkins, Harrison, Oskinat, '72 Smith, Flint, Glibbery, and Pollard. The last three are late of the 2nd Battalion.

Our congratulations to Cpls. Jackson, Turner, Westney and '65 Frost on their promotions prior to our advent to China, and to L./Sergt. Kennett on his appointment.

The announcement of the death of Sergt. "Pony" Moore is most deeply regretted by the Mess, and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his widow and very young family. We shall never forget him, whose devotion to duty cost him his life.

L.I.P.

"A" COMPANY.

Since our last notes, stirring events have taken place. The morning of Saturday, January 22nd, saw us under orders for China, and from that moment until we actually embarked on H.T. *Karmala* everything was bustle. All senior ranks on the mention of the word "China" developed that well known Eastern malady "liver," and this long before they reached regions responsible for the disease.

However, after a very strenuous week we arrived at the Royal Albert Docks, leaving Catterick in a snowstorm. All London was there to see us off although the London "pictorials" failed to send a photographer. Still, we cannot complain when there were so many other units detailed to join the Shanghai Defence Force.

We all got on board safely, despite the attractions of the "Smoke," and at about 11 p.m. we commenced on our long journey to the Far East. After dropping the artists responsible for the fitting out of the ship at Gravesend, we weighed anchor early on Sunday, 30th, and commenced the voyage in real earnest. Things went very smoothly until passing Dover, when the Captain of the ship failed to throw oil on the waters. However, "All's well that ends well."

During the voyage, band programmes, concerts and "house" filled the bill. As an extra, the "Quarterblokes" and the Adjutant had a daily house game, having

a full card and packs as counters. Nobody acquired a "full house."

We disembarked at Kowloon, Hong-Kong, on March 3rd, and took up temporary quarters in Marina Camp, but in another forty-eight hours we were under canvas at Fanling Camp. This camp was originally a golf course, but owing to the Catterick-like conditions, and other causes, it but little now resembles what it was originally intended for.

After arrival in this camp, amusements came to a dead end, so it was decided to invent a few new pastimes. The first was entitled the "Drill Hunt." To compete in this game you had to forward one suit of drill to the tailor, and the solution was to obtain the same suit back. To make this competition more difficult the tailor assisted by shortening the sleeves instead of taking the jacket in.

When this competition got dull the "Dhobi" was called in to help, and he must be given credit for creating the finest competition that ever was. It has not yet been solved by any member of the Company.

However, we still Hope!

As our neighbours we have the Green Howards, Cameronians and Devons, and it is rumoured, however vague, that we are shortly going to Kowloon to live in a palatial residence called an hotel. The only drawback seems to be the number of stairs there, and presumably the "Die-Hards" will be at the Top.

In conclusion, the Company wish to congratulate Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C., on his recent marriage, and wish him a long and happy married life.

Glad news is seldom unaccompanied with sorrow, and although sympathy is but a little thing, the condolences of the whole Company are extended to Mrs. Moore and family in her bereavement. "Pony" will always be remembered by his Mess chums, and by most members of the Battalion as one of the best; a man who was never too tired to go out of his way to help another. May he reap as he has sown.—R.I.P.

WANDERER.

"B" COMPANY.

Little can be recorded in our notes since the Christmas festivities other than our move to China with the Shanghai Defence

Force. On Saturday, January 22nd, "M" Lines became a hive of excitement, for it was known that the 13th Infantry Brigade were under orders for China. By the following Saturday Reservists had joined the Company from various depots, and in the early hours of the morning, in a heavy snowstorm, we were off, leaving Catterick by train for the Royal Albert Docks for embarkation on H.T. *Karmala*.

On arrival at the docks we found a host of old faces from the Depot and many friends and relatives to bid us *bon voyage*, with whom we were able to spend a short time.

Monday, January 31st, saw us well out to sea and running into the Bay of Biscay, which will be long remembered by many who spent that night and the next day or two near the side of the boat.

"Physical jerks" were soon the order of the day, and greatly assisted in our recovery, and we soon gained our "sea legs."

Dances, whist drives and concerts were organized, and the Band, who played us many delightful selections, helped to pass the time.

Thirty-three days from the start of the voyage we were at Kowloon and under canvas at the reception camp there, two days later moving by train to Fanling camp, where we remained until the weather broke, carrying out platoon and company training. Our next move will be to the Peninsular Hotel at Kowloon, where we expect shortly to take over billets.

BUSY BEE.

"C" COMPANY.

Since our last issue we have changed our quarters from the mud of Catterick to the "paddy" fields of Hong-Kong. The change, were it under different conditions, would be appreciated, as the inclement weather of Yorkshire was not altogether pleasant.

The days prior to our embarkation were filled with visions of large packing cases, mingled with the arrival of Section "A" Reservists.

The leaving behind of "details" and the Indian draft, together with the absorption of Reservists, has made us quite a different "C" Company, both in size and language, for the deep bass of

Somerset mingling with the accent of Birmingham and a little Cockney makes us believe the world is really a small place. The services of an interpreter would frequently alleviate the sufferings of Section Commanders.

The voyage was, on the whole, quite good, and except for a very rough patch in the Bay of Biscay might have been excellent. The daily routine aboard was not very strenuous. An hour's physical training competed with the canteen "rush" in keeping the troops fit.

Our first ray of sunshine was a march around Port Said while the boat was coaling and provisioning. This was the first we had of seeing ourselves as a company in the light of day, and gave us a real understanding. We stopped at Port Said for twelve hours. The journey down the Suez Canal was uneventful, but Lieut. Hudson's knowledge of the area, interpreted into a very interesting lecture, supplemented with photographs, made that part of the journey more interesting than is usually the case.

From Suez it was the eternal sea again. This portion of the journey was a busy one for our Company Quartermaster-Sergeant—A./Q.M.S. Goodall. We were sorry to leave C.Q.M.S. Flatman behind owing to his unfitness, but our loss was lessened by the way in which the constant issue of kit to Reservists and the minor losses (in those cubby holes that only ships can provide for lost kit) were met with forbearance by our Q.M. Branch.

By the time we reached Colombo they were still without grey hairs, despite the "Houdini" like happenings to most people's kit.

The day we spent in Colombo proved to be a real blessing. Numerous articles of cleaning kit, sadly needed, were purchased, and the wide roads on which we exercised our land legs did much to restore our confidence for the remainder of the voyage.

Disembarkation commenced with the unloading of rifles and the detailing of unloading parties, etc. Eventually we took up temporary quarters at a camp on Chatham Road, Kowloon, where we stayed only two days, and moved by train to Fanling Camp and pitched camp. Company lines, Officers' and Sergeants'

Messes, cookhouses, etc., soon occupied the green expanse of the fairways of the Hong-Kong Golf Course, whilst a fairway in the rear of the Club House soon became transformed into a football pitch.

We are now engaged in platoon and company training, and it is noticed how quickly the Reservists have worked off the effects of their stay in civil life, and are foremost in nightly discussions on tactics, etc.

Sports have, so far, been confined to two company matches, which have proved that we have good reason for expecting some talent amongst our new arrivals. We shall very shortly start inter-platoon six-a-side competitions.

Entertainments have been furthered by the cinema of the 1st Bn. The Green Howards, who are our immediate neighbours in camp. Constant changes of programme keep us amused.

"A."

"D" COMPANY.

On the morning of January 22nd news came of orders to proceed to China as part of the Shanghai Defence Force, and thereafter events took place swiftly. Reservists of Section "A" streamed in from the 24th to 28th from all southern regiments' depots to bring the Company up to Colonial establishment. What with the fitting, etc., of drill clothing, packing of stores, issuing of kit, etc., everyone was so busily engaged that the time flew until we actually left Catterick at 3.30 a.m. on the morning of January 29th. We left behind a draft of nineteen other ranks for the 2nd Battalion, and four or five others who were unfit or under age, etc., including our old friend Pte. Davey—"The Bird Catcher."

We arrived at the Royal Albert Docks at 4.30 p.m., and were greeted by many of our old "Die-Hard" friends, wives and relations, who gave us a rousing send-off.

The voyage to Hong-Kong was splendid, and proved quite exciting in many ways, for example, equipment and great-coat "wars." After sea sickness subsided we settled down to an easy routine and various kinds of sport such as the small deck space provided. The Inter-Battalion Tug-of-War Competition proved to be very exciting and more popular than any-

thing else, probably because companies of the 1st Bn. Border Regiment were constantly drawn against us. After pulling our way to the final we met "C" Company of the Borders, who won after a very hard tussle. Our team was under the very able coaching of Sergt. Fleming.

We congratulate Sergts. Wilcockson and Newman on beating B.M. Clark and Sergt. Northcott in the final of the Sergeants' Deck Quoits Competition, the score being twenty-one points to nineteen. A very close and exciting game. In the evenings whist drives were run on the troop deck, and were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our short stay at Port Said and the journey down the Suez Canal provided many new sights which will not be easily forgotten. We had another route march at Colombo, when we were allowed to spend an enjoyable hour about that town.

On disembarking at Kowloon we went under canvas there for two days, during which time we heard the first "letter" call for some time. When we moved to our present camp at Fanling, where we are carrying out platoon and company training and making ourselves acquainted with Hills 33, 35 and 38, and the splendid villages of "A," "B" and "C."

"Don."

BAND NOTES.

The short while we were at Catterick we were able to spend a reasonable amount of time in helping to make sports grounds there, which occupation kept us fit and warm during the very cold weather.

On the Sunday prior to the move of the Battalion to China, we gave two programmes at Bridlington, which were greatly appreciated by large audiences. Of the journey there and back we need not speak; suffice it to say that we arrived back the following morning at 4 a.m. quite happy.

We have welcomed many bandmen from all parts who were called up on the Reserve, amongst whom we were delighted to see Bdsn. Beaney. Our rather slender Band was brought to a total of fifty with the advent of Section "A" Reservists.

On the voyage out we did our best to pass the monotonous hours away by playing "out," taking it day and day about

with the Band of the 1st Bn. The Border Regiment, with occasional concerts and supplying the music for bi-weekly dances.

Since being under canvas at Fanling we have been able to get a little sport in, despite the weather, which has not been very encouraging. We were able to draw 1-1 when playing against the Signals, Bdsn. Milton scoring the goal for our side with a fine shot.

We wish the best of luck to L./Cpl. McGlone and Bdsn. Venn, who have left us for civil life.

It is expected that several Journals will find their way to Babbacombe, where we have played for the last three years, so we take an opportunity of expressing our regret that we are unable to play there this year also. Much sorrow is felt for one of our bandmen in particular. However, better luck next year.

MEZZO-SOPRANO.

DRUMS.

We all left Catterick in high spirits, as we were only too glad to get away from the rain and mud and their attendant evils, and we finally reached our destination with great anticipations for the future. Those anticipations will not be fully realized, however, until we eventually are quartered, as we expect, in the Peninsular Hotel at Kowloon. The Drums have increased in numbers by Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer from the 2nd Battalion, and seven Reservists from Section "A" namely, Dmrs. Pocock and Clarke from the Middlesex Reservists (ex-2nd Battalion), L./Cpl. Burton (ex-1st Battalion), Smith and King from the Royal Sussex Regiment, and Cheveau and Gosling from the Royal "Swankers."

Dmrs. Pocock and Clarke wish to send their best wishes to the Drums of the 2nd Battalion, and would like them to know that they are still "soldiering" on.

We are proud to have obtained such a good sportsman in our new Sergeant-Drummer, and are sure that his advent will result in our acquiring further "laurels" in the sports line.

Our newly acquired friends have soon "fallen in," and friendship has already been assured, though much regimental rivalry reigns. Still, we hope to have them all real "Die-Hards" before our return to home.

We all grieve for the loss of Sergt. Moore, who was a thorough sportsman and our trainer. We wish our heartfelt sympathy conveyed to his wife and relations.

— SNAKE CHARMER.

"DETAILS."

During our hurried departure from Catterick, at the end of January, we were sorry to leave certain of our number behind, to wit, L./Cpls. Lucas, Canning and Lazarus, and Ptes. Reid and Sparkes. Sergt. Baldwin was also left behind, having been admitted to hospital at the last moment. We miss them all, particularly L./Cpl. Lucas, whose "Charleston" efforts would have gained great admiration during the several competitions that were held aboard the good ship *Karmala*, had he been with us.

Amongst the Reservists of several regiments who joined us prior to our embarkation, we were glad to see again L./Cpls. Harrison and Tompkins who had only recently left us. The number of Reservists who have joined the "Details" are too many to mention their names, but we certainly welcomed them, and at the same time express the hope that they will have no difficulty in getting their jobs back on their return to "civvy" life when this "war" is over.

For the want of further news to add, we have a tale to tell of two of our newly acquired comrades. One morning, whilst *en voyage* to China, a certain member of the "Details" was seated on the troop-deck cleaning his buttons, and at the same time taking part in an argument (presumably on politics). The argument ended at the time the buttons were all cleaned, the cleaner discovering that the tunic on which the buttons were was not his. The laugh that followed was none the less hearty when the actual owner of the tunic found a letter in one of the pockets of it, which he thought he had posted three or four days beforehand. What had actually happened was that he had posted the envelope only and, as no stamps were available, the recipient will have to pay for nothing. Of course, no names—no Robinson.

The "Details" have now obtained a "Daddy." We have already learnt how to get in his good books—he likes people

to go to the canteen for him and fetch his cigarettes.

— "DOBBERDA."

SIGNALS.

We will forbear to say much about our move to China as it has, no doubt, already been mentioned in these pages. It has, however, greatly altered our winter programme and upset the, hitherto, even tenor of our lives. We welcome to the fold several Reservists of the Section "A" class, including old 2nd Battalion men, Essex, and East Surrey Regiments' ex-signalling personnel.

Perhaps it would be of great interest to the "flagbushers" of Ahmednagar to know that L./Cpl. Forster and Ptes. James, Brazil and Draper have answered the call, and have added China to their pay-books. L./Cpl. Oskinat has also returned to find a "warm" welcome. It is rather rough luck on these good fellows, but we sincerely hope that their stay with us will be short and sweet—not that we want to lose them yet.

Things are looking up in the way of sport. The new talent we have acquired has strengthened our football team, with the result that we had a drawn game with the Band, and are hoping to do great things in the near future.

For the benefit of the 2nd Battalion Signallers we are requested by the "Great Snake" to say that he is still waiting for his medal, and that "Peasy" did travel by P. & O. We wish them all the best of luck.

— DOT AND DASH.

EMMA GEE GROANS.

Since the last appearance of the "Groans," the Die-Hards, 1st Battalion, as all our world knows, have moved Overseas, and are now stationed at Fanling Camp, near Hong-Kong.

With them, of course, are the "gunners." We have had great "doings," and our strength has increased about a hundred per cent.

We have now in the Platoon, which, by the way, now consists of three sections (one provisional), a great many from Section "A" of the Army Reserve. Among these, and we are sure our brother "gunners" in the 2nd Battalion

will be pleased to hear it, are L./Cpl. Glibbery and Ptes. Park and Kyberd.

We had a good journey out here, and during the voyage an attempt was made to "polish" up those who were a little "rusty." Everyone is gradually settling down, and as far as appearances go "everything in the garden is lovely."

In and around our present camp the country is very hilly, and all gunners are being given the opportunity of imitating mules and limbers, as we are without transport.

We look forward to going into billets in Kowloon very shortly, as it has rained much for many days now.

The questions of the moment are: (1) When are we going back home? and (2) why does it always rain when the "Die-Hards" are in camp. It is truly strange how bad weather "dogs" us. We left Catterick in a terrific snowstorm!

We hope, in the next issue of the journal, to have more to say about our new station and things in general.

— FEED-BLOCK.

State showing numbers and regiments of Section "A" Reservists who have joined the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment to complete Colonial Establishment:

| Regiment. | Number of Reservists. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| D.C.L.I. | 13 |
| Hampshire Regiment | 12 |
| Wiltshire Regiment | 13 |
| Devonshire Regiment | 16 |
| Somerset Light Infantry | 13 |
| Dorset Regiment | 14 |
| Norfolk Regiment | 16 |
| Suffolk Regiment | 18 |
| Northamptonshire Regiment... .. | 23 |
| Bedfs. and Herts Regiment | 14 |
| Essex Regiment | 21 |
| Queen's Royal Regiment | 34 |
| East Surrey Regiment... .. | 34 |
| The Middlesex Regiment | 34 |
| The Buffs | 30 |
| Royal West Kent Regiment... .. | 33 |
| Royal Sussex Regiment | 35 |
| Royal Fusiliers | 34 |
| Total | 407 |

THE LATE SERGT. J. W. MOORE, D.C.O.

Sergt. J. W. Moore enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment on November 21st, 1906, when he was posted to the 3rd Battalion The Middlesex Regiment in India, and joined that Battalion to serve in the Shoemakers' Shop.

On the outbreak of the Great War he came home with the 3rd Battalion, and on mobilization at Winchester he joined the Transport, and served in it without a break until the Battalion cadre returned from Constantinople. Owing to the ravages of war he was promoted Transport Sergeant to the Battalion from the rank of lance-corporal at Alexandria in November, 1915. From that time he has been one of the foremost personalities amongst the other ranks of both the 3rd and 1st Battalions until the time of his death.

By his loyalty, keenness, hard work and example he had, without exception, the finest infantry transport in the Salonika Army.

After the war he left the Colours for a short period, only to re-enlist in the 3rd Battalion again. On the disbandment of the 3rd Battalion he was posted to the 1st Battalion, and while that Battalion was at Aldershot through his efforts they were able to create a record by winning the Infantry Transport Shield for three years in succession at the Command Show.

He died on March 7th, having been disembarked from H.M.T. *Bellerophon* at Port Said, to the last doing duty by the side of the animals which he loved.

Sergt. Moore was an example to all, and loved by all.

1ST BATTALION NOTES, APRIL, 1927.

As we were expecting when at Fanling Camp, near Hong-Kong, our next move was to the Peninsular Hotel at Kowloon. Had we remained much longer in the camp, our usual games of football would have been substituted by aquatic sports of some description, but luckily we just left before the wet became intolerable. "D" Company were left behind to strike the tents and those of the Green Howards in the neighbouring camp. With the

thoughts of dry billets ahead this work was soon accomplished, and the Company rejoined two days later at Kowloon (April 1st). The quarters in the Peninsular Hotel were really comfortable, and everyone had beds for the first time since leaving England. The officers were quartered in the Kowloon Hotel next door, where a most unfortunate accident happened to Major Pargiter, which luckily did not result in his sustaining more serious injuries. The lift boy started the lift when Major Pargiter was only half-way in it, which threw him down and injured him. He has had to remain at Hong-Kong, but we hope he will be fit enough to rejoin us soon.

There was not much opportunity for sport at Hong-Kong, but one game of Rugger was played against the Cameronians, in which we were easily the winners. Soon rumours commenced about the Battalion moving to Shanghai, and eventually orders were received that we were to proceed on the S.S. *Herminius*. The usual moving of baggage and stores commenced once more, and the loading of the ship continued throughout a wet and stormy night. The S.S. *Herminius* (10,000 tons, Aberdeen Line) had plenty of accommodation, so there was none of the crowding which took place on the *Karmala*, and, in addition, she seemed a more seaworthy ship, although luckily there was no cause to test this to its fullest extent. In other respects, however, she was inferior. For instance, no deck games could be played, for the very good reason that there was no deck space. Normally employed in taking emigrants to Australia, and returning with a cargo of frozen meat, decks apparently were not required. The very small space there was in normal times was occupied by horse-boxes.

After a very calm voyage of three days we arrived off the mouth of the Yangtze on April 11th. The river seemed larger than most of us had seen before, as no land could be sighted when entering the mouth of it. A trip up the Hwangpoo River brought us to Shanghai, where we immediately commenced disembarking and marched to a camp nearby by the name of Yangtzepoo. Our stay there was brief, as move orders were received at the same time as our arrival, and very

thankful everyone was as soon as they saw the camp. Situated some four miles from the centre of Shanghai on a mud flat, it could not be described as desirable. On the 12th, after a march of about five miles, we took over the billets of the reserve battalion to the 13th Infantry Brigade. The Battalion was split up into company detachments, "A" and "B" Companies in Medhurst Road, "C" Company in Wei-hai-wei Road, and "D" Company on the race-course. The great difficulty in Shanghai is the provision of playing fields for such a large number of men, so games have had to be very few and far between. The race-course has playing fields, but these are heavily booked by all units of the force, so the difficulty of arranging, say, a company game can well be imagined.

Two important matches have been played, the Army *v.* Navy, in Rugger and Soccer, and the Army *v.* Shanghai. The Battalion had representatives in all these games, namely, Lieuts. Worton and Clinch, Cpls. Flint and Fletcher, and Sergt.-Dmr. Palmer.

As a Battalion, our one and only match was against our friends of Aldershot days, the 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards, in which we won by three goals to two.

On the 14th we took over the front line from the Green Howards. The greatest enemy is the dirt and filth of portions of it, as the sanitary arrangements are of a very primitive nature, where they exist at all. No one will leave Shanghai without remembering the sweetly-scented Soochow Creek, which forms our frontier for some part of the Battalion's area. Now there are three companies in the line and one in reserve. Two are in the Ewo Godown distinguishable by the continuous noise of the breaking up of old iron, one company (reserve) at Wei-hai-wei Road and one at the Ellis Radoorie School, which is in itself a good billet, but the posts found by this company are possibly too near one of the main drains to be pleasant.

Our Band has been much appreciated, and has played at all the leading hotels, and has numerous future engagements.

1ST BATTALION NOTES, MAY, 1927.

The King's Birthday Parade has been, undoubtedly, the outstanding event since April. This took place on June 3rd and was attended by detachments of all the British Troops in Shanghai, and the Navy, Air Force and Municipal Police. The Battalion was represented by two composite companies, No. 1 consisting of "A" and "B" Companies under the command of Col. Pearson with Lieuts. Cubitt and Newton as subalterns, and No. 2 Company commanded by Capt. Paul with Lieuts. Clowes and Worton as subalterns. The Colours were carried by Lieuts. Gordon and Goulden.

The parade commenced with the Trooping of the Colour by the Coldstream Guards, followed by the march past of all detachments. It would be invidious to single out any particular regiment as the best, but suffice it to say that the Battalion marched past in its very best style and was quite up to its former King's Review standard at Aldershot, if it did not surpass it. The white inhabitants of Shanghai were full of praise for the whole parade. Unfortunately, owing to anti-European propaganda, very few Chinese attended, but those who did so, particularly the Chinese pupils of English schools, shared the good opinions expressed by the white population, and we hope that this may have demonstrated to them that on parade, as in other ways, the British soldier is second to none.

A large draft has arrived from the Depot, and amongst them are some old friends. First of all a welcome is extended to Lieut. Crawford on again rejoining the Battalion. He has recently qualified for the Ordnance Corps, but has now returned to us as Signal Officer. Several others who have served with us before have now rejoined, and we hope that they will not be very disappointed, particularly as we are due to go to the "seaside" at Wei-hai-wei. Lieut. Pennycook, whom we thought we had lost at Catterick, when he went to Aldershot to a staff appointment on the physical training staff, but who came back to the Battalion owing to the China crisis, has now been selected again for an appointment and has left us to fill a position under our late C.O., Col.-Comdt. R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding

Northern China. Everyone will regret the loss of Lieut. Pennycook, who has done such a tremendous amount of good work for the Battalion, but on the other hand everyone will wish him the greatest success in his new appointment. He sailed with the Border Regiment who are going to Tientsin (North China H.Q.).

As soon as the Battalion reaches its next "port of call," at Wei-hai-wei, it will come under the command of Col.-Comdt. Heath. We know that all those who have served under him before will feel both pleased and honoured, and those that have not yet done so, will soon agree.

Albuhera Day could not be observed in the usual manner, as there were three companies in the posts and only one in reserve. However, some games were played on the limited number of fields available, and in the evening a special officers' dinner was held at the Majestic Hotel (where H.Q. and the Reserve Company mess normally). Our band played in the ballroom, alternating their programme with that of the Dance Orchestra. It was, of course, impossible for all officers to attend, owing to the military situation, but most were present. No Toasts could, of course, be drunk, nor could the dinner partake in almost any way the character of a normal Albuhera Night, but suffice it to say that the best attempt was made, consistent with the abnormal conditions, to remember our Regimental Anniversary. Perhaps if one searched the archives of Regimental History a similar case may have occurred, but for very many years past no such situation has arisen, so possibly an Albuhera Night in a ballroom is unique.

May Day in England is always a day somewhat lacking in pleasure, and so it proved to be in China. However, here no trouble resulted from it, and there was no need for last year's lorry drives which ended in Victoria Park on May 4th. May 30th is more important in Shanghai as it is the anniversary of the sacking of a police station. Numerous meetings were held and all troops "stood to," but the day passed without incident, except for a stone-slinging "marksman," who missed an officer by several feet.

Our Reservists are now busily engaged in writing to their own Regimental Magazines about us, so perhaps we may

voice the opinion of the Reservists we know, in our Magazine, by saying that they are quite happy and contented with the Regiment. In sport, as well as work no one could ask or wish for better material, and we feel sure that they will not be too disappointed with their extra year of service with the Colours. Naturally, everyone wants to go back to England (and probably this is not only the Reservists' opinion) so that when the year expires about Christmas time we are all hoping for the best to happen. In the meantime we may be lucky in being ordered to Wei-hai-wei, which is reputed to have a much better climate in the summer than Shanghai.

"A" COMPANY.

Since our last notes the Battalion has moved from Fanling Camp to the place at present most in the public eye (Shanghai). Fanling Camp was a most excellent spot, and the Battalion was encamped on the golf course.

During the sojourn in camp our stay was enlivened by the activities of our Sergeant-Major, who endeavoured to perfect the length and accuracy of his drive in the Royal and Antient game. He was fairly successful.

Our period in camp was curtailed owing to a sudden deluge, and the Battalion made a hurried move to Hong-Kong.

On arrival in Hong-Kong we were moved into the palatial residence of the Peninsular Hotel, and, as forecasted in our previous notes, the Middlesex Regiment were at the top. Flights and flights of stairs, with a lift as an aid for tired soldiers.

This lift was much in use.

Our stay in the hotel was short, and the Battalion embarked for Shanghai on or about April 8th. As usual, the move was not in accordance with the Clerk of the Weather's forecast, for it was accomplished in a downpour of rain.

A good voyage was made, and after emerging from a deep fog at the mouth of the River Yangtze, we made Shanghai. The entry into Shanghai was enlivened by the strains of the Regimental Band, which played for nearly one and a half hours.

After mooring, the troops gained a certain amount of amusement by catching tins of cigarettes thrown from the quay-side by civilian visitors.

On disembarking, the Battalion moved to a very salubrious spot, by name Yangtze-Poo, and immediately after arrival it again rained.

Since then the moves have been so many that nearly everyone has turned giddy with the constant shifts. However, the powers that be have taken pity on us, and we are now to be moved to Wei-hai-wei, which is reported to be an excellent holiday resort. Are we stopping?

Since leaving England we have received a draft from the Depot, who bid fair to become the usual stamp of men recently joining the "Die-Hards."

WANDERER.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last issue Fanling Camp has been placed upon our historical records as a "watering place," for the rainy season commenced with great suddenness, causing a hurried retreat back to Kowloon, where we spent a few pleasant days in the Peninsular Hotel. Orders were then soon received that we were to join the Borderers and Green Howards in Shanghai, so early in April we embarked upon H.M.T. *Herminius* for a three days' sail. Long will be remembered this journey, particularly the rigour of the second day, when we ran into a thick fog, but, thanks to the capabilities of the captain and his crew, Shanghai was safely reached, only a few hours late.

Yangtze-Poo Camp was our next billet, but once again only for a few days, when we marched through the city till, finally, the companies departed to their own billets, "A" and "B" being together in a large house in Medhurst Road. We then settled down for a few weeks to recuperate and clean up after our activities already mentioned, aided by a few practice "street fights."

Fully revived, our turn came to occupy a part of the line, which was duly allotted, and into which we went fully prepared for any emergency.

Our next move, we hear, is to be Wei-hai-wei, which we are all eagerly await-

ing, for, by reports, Wei-hai-wei is the finest holiday resort in China.

Just recently a large draft arrived from "Blighty" and joined the Battalion, amongst whom were several old faces. Seventeen have come to "B" Company, and to all we extend a hearty welcome.

Although the companies have been separated sport has not been neglected, and inter-section tournaments have been arranged and played off in six-a-side football, hockey, and passball.

"C" COMPANY.

Our last issue left us struggling with the mud of Fanling, and although it has been gratefully exchanged for the hard roads of the International Settlement of Shanghai, the Fanling days still have a definite hold on our memories. The first days in the Peninsular Hotel, Kowloon, were given over to the drying of clothes, a much-needed drying, whilst the lines proved a series of temporary executions to the Orderly Sergeant. Our hotel days were full of incident, the much-awaited promotions list was published and congratulations were the order of the day. Major Pargiter hurt his back in a lift accident, and had to go to hospital, and although the Company is in the capable hands of Capt. Lyons, we hope the Major's return will not be delayed.

Let me at this juncture remind those misguided spirits who were highly amused at the appearance of our Company Sergeant-Major and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant in their night attire that although crackers and cannons are very appropriate at Chinese weddings and November 5th they were not deemed very necessary by people who have been working hard on the organization of the move, and who are trying to eliminate kit losses during same. But they must certainly be given credit for the day, April 1st. During our stay at the hotel collapsible beds were issued, and though quite a number gave demonstrations of their powers of collapsing to their owners without being required to do so, we were very pleased to use them.

The morning of April 8th saw us in a Biblical position, for the whole Company "took up their beds and walked." At 1.30 p.m. we started on yet another stage of our journeying on H.M.T. *Herminius*.

On arrival at Shanghai we marched to Yangtzepoo, where we were quartered in stables, and although conditions under foot were as bad as at Fanling, the stables themselves were dry, and that, added to the comfort of our newly-acquired canvas beds, allowed a little margin for comfort. The night of the 14th saw us ready to depart once again, this time for billets at the other end of Shanghai. "C" Company's billet was at 116, Wei-hai-wei Road, and here we were led by the guide after we had left the remainder of the Battalion *en route* for their billets. We found that before our arrival several needs had been catered for by the residents of Shanghai. Hot baths were to be obtained at the British Women's Association, and were soon taken advantage of.

The money exchange had to be mastered, and when one was given 120 cents for a 100 cent. bill things began to look bright for Shanghai, but later counts found that it was small money, and that we were not gaining. We succumbed to one Chinese custom, and Mah Jong became the order of the day, the billet echoing with "chows" and "pongs" daily. Then began a series of "Alarm" parades, during which we were given a demonstration of street clearing. Unfortunately, the area to clear was not built on European style, and although every approach seemed to be effectually guarded it proved not so on inspection, and what appeared to be harmless doorways were, in reality, entrances to alleys. But we have now profited by our mistakes, and Chinese house construction has no hidden traps for us. The arrival at our billet door of various Chinese vendors caused much amusement, and though in general their wares were not of much use to us, the vendor of flutes did a fairly brisk trade, as the frequent wailing of scales during evenings would testify. Soon we ceased to wonder at the merchants and shops, whilst the advent of a coolie balancing enormous loads on his bamboo pole caused very few looks of envy. "A" Company were by this time installed in the front line area, and "C" then relieved them.

During this period patrols were frequent, but we managed to play two matches with "B" Company, Border

Regiment, at football on the local school pitch. The ground was not very large, and consequently our team was handicapped by lack of space, and two draws were to our credit.

Twelve days of patrols and post duties saw the arrival of "D" Company, to our relief, whilst we adjourned to the Wei-hai-wei Road billet. The five days spent here allowed us to clean up: a privilege indeed from the lack of space at Ewo Godown. Albuhera Day was celebrated by a holiday and six-a-side football competition, the best we could do under the circumstances. Eventually our tenure of reserve was finished, and once more we departed from Wei-hai-wei Road.

The arrival of the draft from Hong-Kong brought more work to our already busy Q.M. Branch, who must think their troubles will never cease, as the transfer of stores takes up most of their time. Amongst the draft there were many reunions with the younger soldiers, and it would appear that when the draft wants to see Shanghai they will not lack for guides.

June 3rd saw our King's birthday party resplendent in maroon hose tops rewarded for their practice by a very fine show.

In conclusion, congratulations are due to our baggage personnel for their efficiency. On all occasions the kit has been quickly transferred from place to place without loss, which is, indeed, a great performance. As they have never lacked practice, it would appear that practice makes perfect, and if the move to Wei-hai-wei materializes, who knows but what they will further add to their laurels.

"D" COMPANY.

Doubtless our readers already know that we are at Shanghai; but, before informing them of any exciting moments, I feel I must refer back to the last week or so we spent at Fanling Camp.

If I remember rightly, my last notes concluded by saying that the Company was busy training, and our Company Commander was preparing to attack the village of Ping-Hong; needless to say it was a great success (possibly as no resistance was given). That day will never be forgotten by the Company, not only from

a tactical point of view, but from the scorching heat.

Training was going quite well until the weather became our greatest enemy. Rain fell in torrents, flooding most of the tents; it was so bad that we had to move to Kowloon.

The Battalion, less "D" Company, moved on March 30th; and, as we were more fortunate to have our tents on a hill, the Company was detailed to strike camp, which included that of the Green Howards, who had previously left for Shanghai.

With a little strenuous labour the camp was struck in record time, enabling us to leave the old training ground and join the Battalion, only to be informed that we would proceed to Shanghai during the following week.

On the morning of April 8th we embarked on H.M.T. *Herminius*, wondering what kind of a reception awaited us at the journey's end.

Disembarking at Shanghai, we moved to billets at Yangtzepoo for four days, after which the Battalion took over part of the "line" from the Green Howards.

Marching from Yangtzepoo to Shanghai racing stables, crowds of inhabitants lined the route, giving us a rousing welcome. "D" Company were in reserve, and with constant practice alarms mingled with street fighting our "beauty sleep" was disturbed considerably. Finally, the Company took over the left sub-sector from "A" Company, Green Howards.

Ellis Kadoorie School was our next home, where the Headmaster (Mr. Dowie) kindly placed the Chinese boys' playground at our disposal, which was greatly appreciated.

During our stay at the school the most exciting day was realized. On May 1st (Labour Day) the barriers were closed, consequently no one was allowed to enter the Settlement. Small parties tried to land and pass our posts, only to retire defeated with muddy glory from the bottom of the creek, and three rowing boats sunk.

After completing twelve days in the "line of post" we moved back to rest; four days afterwards Ewo Godown was the next sector to hold, therefore we are continuously changing over until the Battalion is relieved on June 5th.

"H.Q." WING.

Shanghai, Shanghai, how I love (?) you, trills the youthful Winger. Yet I would venture to say that our C.Q.M.S. hates the place. Who wouldn't with a Wing which is, now, never less than 300 strong? Still, things do run smoothly, and this can only be accounted for by hard work from the top to the bottom. The group notes will show what sport has been carried on, but I notice they omit the names of those carried out. However, "mum's" the word, not to mention the Palm Cafe. It is wonderful how soon a soldier settles down to Chinese ways. When these notes are issued we shall be, if all is well, at Wei-hai-wei. The "change" will doubtless do us good. After Wei-hai-wei we hope to return to—but let's be Asquithian.

WINGER.

BAND.

Here we are again, but I am afraid we haven't much news to tell this time. Soon after our last notes from Fanling Camp went in, an inter-tent six-a-side football knock-out was arranged for "G" Company by Capt. Procter.

It was very pleasing to see two band tents in the final, but it still remains a matter of opinion whether the best team won.

On Albuhera Day a Regimental six-a-side knock-out was decided, in which we had two representatives for the winners, Sergt. Cullen and Bdsn. Beaney.

Recently, at the invitation of Mr. Geary and his band of the Border Regiment, we played them football in Hongkew Park. After a clean and hard game we beat them by 5 goals to 3. After the match we were entertained to tea in the European restaurant. We hope, very shortly, to offer them a game of cricket in return.

Since our arrival at Shanghai we have been constantly busy playing out at theatres, clubs and to our companies. At present we are chiefly engaged in practising for the King's Birthday Parade and the Searchlight Tattoo, which is being held on the race course, on June 3rd and 4th.

Time and space prevent everything in detail, therefore our readers must try, after reading these notes, to realize the conditions in which we are placed in Shanghai.

Sport has taken up most of the time allotted for rest. The Company played an inter-platoon six-a-side hockey tournament, including a team of officers and batmen, and one of warrant officers and sergeants.

The games provided great excitement among the Company; and, finally, No. 14 Platoon beat No. 16 Platoon 4—2 after one of the best games of the tournament. Prizes were given by the officers of the Company.

Football has also been greatly indulged in. Playing a team from Ellis Kadoorie School we won 6—2; this team was composed of Chinese boys who attend the school, and, incidentally, they play pretty football.

Entertaining "D" Company, Green Howards, we won 5—2. It may be interesting to note they had never been defeated since their arrival in Shanghai.

Albuhera Day provided tense excitement when the Company reached the final of the six-a-side tournament, only to be defeated by "H.Q." Wing 2—0.

Cricket is now in full swing, and with the able assistance of Sergt. Northcott and Cpl. Flint our prospects look very rosy. No fixtures are being made, owing to the forthcoming move to the seaside resort of Wei-hai-wei.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Flint, Ptes. Jacobs and Routley on being presented with sons.

Again to Cpl. Flint on being selected to play for the Army v. Navy at football.

Promotions: L.-Cpl. Flint to Corporal, Ptes. Boggen, Connel and Coxall to Lance-Corporals.

We are sorry to lose Sergt. Fleming, who has taken over Regimental Transport-Sergeant.

We welcome the draft from the Depot, among whom is Pte. Davey (24) (the packboard king and bird-catcher). I mentioned in my last notes he was left at Catterick.

Next time I hope to tell you about the King's Birthday Parade, when you will see that the "Dons" are still to the front, this time in hose-tops. "Don."

SIGNALS.

We will take it for granted that the movements of the 1st Battalion since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS Journal have already been recorded in these pages, and forbear comment on such things as the Peninsular Hotel, H.M.T. *Herminius* and Yangtzepoo Camp. The section has been split up for some weeks now, a number of signallers being employed at the various billets, leaving only a very few with "H.Q." Wing. Many things are happening in the near future which may re-unite us as a Section once more, but as there are more rumours than facts we are unable to say what will happen.

Our old signal officer, Lt. Crawford, has returned to us once more; we welcome him back, although we are sorry to lose Lt. Clowes.

The Reservists in our group are still cheerful, and are more or less settling down to their old soldiering ways. Their chief worry is, that perhaps their civilian suits left behind in England will be out of fashion when they return. The Great Snake (late 2nd Battalion) was heard to remark "he had lost the ticket for his," but his meaning is a trifle obscure.

Football has passed away, and we have discovered some useful cricketers among the Section "A" signallers. We met the Brigade H.Q. at Soccer at Fanning Camp, and won 7 goals to 1. Owing to our reduced ranks, six-a-side football fell rather flat. We haven't done very well at basket-ball, except for an entirely unofficial early morning match versus Details. Sergt. Challis has a novel method of goalkeeping, by which we were enabled to "see the Details off."

TOC EDWARD ACK.

SINGAPORE OLD COMRADES' ALBUHERA DINNER.

OLD comrades of the Regiment held their fourth Annual Reunion Dinner at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, on May 16th, 1927.

We have not received an account of the proceedings, but by the details in the menu and the musical programme sent

us nothing was lacking to ensure its complete success. This, we are sure, was the case.

Lieut.-Col. B. A. Thompson presided, and was supported by Major M. F. Grove White, D.S.O., O.B.E. (whose father commanded the 1st Battalion), and Capt. H. F. Chapman, M.C., D.F.C. (late 5th Battalion, Chatham, 1917).

The following old comrades were present:—F. Deason, G. C. Champ, W. H. Follenfant, F. C. Johnson, A. E. Lickfold, G. C. Miller, A. J. Pharaoh, J. Pockney, J. Schooling, C.S.M. H. Enser, and Capt. H. A. A. Howell.

[The Editor would be grateful if a scribe could in future be appointed so that a full account of the proceedings may be published.]

IN THE RANKS.

The days of commanding by shouting and bullying are over, says General Harington.

When the sergeant's on parade
Every order is obeyed,

Especially when followed up with "If you please,"

And his courteous appeal—

"Gentlemen, we now right-wheel,

After which, with your approval we will stand at ease,"

Brings a quick, responsive nod
From each member of the squad,

And the hours of drill are voted
Simply full of bliss,

While those sympathetic charms

Make them love their "Shoulder Arms,"

And they groan with disappointment
When they hear "Dismiss."

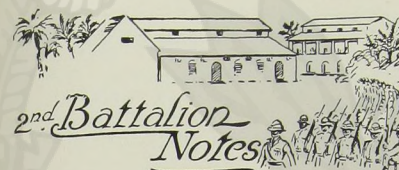
MR. MAYFAIR.

Review of "Notes for Section Commanders," by Lieut. J. Jefferson. (Gale and Polden, 9d. net.)

This pamphlet consists of lecture notes for a section leader's course of training.

It covers the whole field of a section leader's course, with the exception of "field signals," which might well be included.

This pamphlet should be of value to N.C.Os., as it contains all the notes which they need take at lectures, and it is small enough to be carried in the pocket during field training.



FAREWELL VISIT OF THE BRIGADE COMMANDER.

ON relinquishing command of the 16th Indian Infantry Brigade, Col. Comdt. A. W. H. M. Moens, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., paid a farewell visit to the Battalion on Saturday, March 5th, 1927. The Battalion was drawn up in three sides of a square on the Battalion cricket ground, and, on arrival, the Brigade Commander was received with a General salute. The Battalion then stood at ease whilst Col. Moens made a speech, which was as follows:—

"Colonel Bicknell, officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men:

"My visit this morning, I regret to say, is to say 'Good-bye.' I want to tell you how pleased I am to have had you in the Brigade which it has been my honour to command.

"I have watched you carefully, and want to say that at work and in the field, as well as drill, I have found you distinctly good. In discipline you have been more than good, in fact, excellent, and I thank you for it.

"I am also proud to have been associated with the Battalion on that historic occasion of the presentation of the new Colours. I am very pleased with your record in sport, which has been really great.

"I have always received the utmost support from Col. Bicknell and all ranks. This support I am certain has made this Brigade the easiest command to control in the world.

"I am only going to Poona, and so, not being far away, I hope to have the opportunity of seeing you again, both collectively and individually, and shall always be pleased to meet you at any time.

"I wish you all the best of luck and good fortune, both in your new station and in years to come.

"Good-bye and thank you."

The Commanding Officer then replied as follows:—

"On behalf of all ranks of the Battalion I wish to thank you for the kind words you have spoken to us this morning. I also thank you for the keenness you have always displayed in the Battalion and our welfare both at work and play.

"We regret very much your leaving the Brigade, but take this opportunity to wish you the best of good luck in your new appointment."

The Commanding Officer called for three cheers for the Brigade Commander, which was heartily responded to by the Battalion.

OFFICERS' NOTES.

STRENGTH.

Increases.—Lieut. A. Dix-Lewis, together with his family, disembarked at Bombay, ex ss. *Ranchi*, on March 24th, 1927, and joined the Battalion on March 26th, 1927. He is posted to the Battalion with effect from March 4th, 1927.

Decreases.—Major D. C. Owen, D.S.O., embarked at Bombay, per ss. *Kildonan Castle*, for the United Kingdom, on April 1st, 1927, on proceeding on leave to May 4th, 1927, pending retirement.

Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., embarked at Bombay, per ss. *Kildonan Castle*, for the United Kingdom, on April 1st, 1927, on being posted to the Regimental Depot.

Lieut. H. P. Lambert embarked at Bombay, per H.T. *Derbyshire*, for the United Kingdom, on March 11th, 1927, on being posted to the Regimental Depot.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.

Lieut. A. N. Overell passed in Subject (b), (i), Part I, at an Officers' Promotion Examination, held at Poona, in October, 1926.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut. M. A. Jacob qualified at the 1st Qualifying Course held at the Small Arms School (India), Ahmednagar Wing (M.G.), from January 10th to March 11th, 1927.

SERGEANTS.

There are many changes to record for the quarter under review.

R.S.M. Cox, the Bandmaster, and Sergts. Capel and Hall, proceeded to the United Kingdom, for six months' furlough, at the end of March. We hope that they are enjoying it to the utmost.

C.Q.M.S. Hills and Sergts. Cook, Glover, and Hill, together with their families, have rejoined us from six months' (? a big one, too) leave in the United Kingdom. They say that they are pleased to get back—I suppose that we shall have to believe them. They look fit and well after their spell at home.

Sergts. Clements and Lambert joined us with a draft from the 1st Battalion last March, together with their families. We extend a hearty welcome to them.

We congratulate C.S.M. Wilson and Sergts. Brathy, Howard, Hall, and Wright on promotion to their present ranks, and welcome the undernamed new members to the Mess: L.-Sergts. Brown, Copelin, Johnson, and Neighbour.

Sergts. Walker and Tiller have proceeded to Pachmari to undergo a combined Small Arms Course. We hear that "Hookey" is "shrinking visibly." We feel sure that those of our contemporaries who are acquainted with him will share our sorrow on hearing of this lamentable tragedy.

Sergt. Wright has proceeded to Kasauli on a P.T. Course, and L.-Sergt. Copeland to the Educational School, Belgaum, to swell the "brains" department of the Battalion.

Sergt. Palmer has also proceeded to Belgaum in charge of an "Instructional" Squad. We believe that the "good angel" of First Class Certificates hovers in that vicinity: anyhow, he took a mysterious box with him, said to contain nothing but books. (Who said bottles?)

Sergt. Barker proceeded home, on being invalided, in March last. His family accompanied him. We sincerely hope that he will recover, and trust to see him again one of these days fit and well.

In the way of entertainments we have had a busy time.

The Mess was "at home" to the Garrison on Battalion sports day. A crowd of our friends from the Tank Corps

and other units in the station turned up, and everyone had a pleasant time. The Entertainments Committee "got there" in the matter of refreshments, and the ladies revelled in ice cream, whilst for the menfolk there was plenty of less innocuous refreshment with which to beguile the time.

A very pleasant and successful Sunday morning was spent in March shooting off for the Kent Cup. Practically the whole of the Mess competed, and there were not a few "strangers in Court" on the rifle range. Our Adjutant and Lieut. Jacob very kindly officiated for us, and were presented with a silver spoon each as a memento of the occasion. In acknowledging his, the Adjutant told us he had spent one of the most pleasant and amusing mornings of his life. According to the happy smile on his face when he presented the cup to R.S.M. Cox, and the still happier one when he awarded the "wooden spoon" to "Hookey," we can well believe it.

During the quarter we have had two billiards handicap tournaments, a snooker tournament, and a handicap tennis tournament.

In the first billiards tournament Sergt. Palmer and the Armourer-Sergeant were the finalists. They were both handicapped 100 in 150. The Armourer-Sergeant won by a margin of 8 points.

C.S.M. Wilson and Sergt. Hazeldine were the finalists in the second billiards tournament. The former won, and also carried off the prize for the biggest break—36.

Sergt. Colbourne won the snooker tournament, with C.S.M. Wilson as runner-up.

The handicap tennis tournament provided some excellent games and proved that the standard of tennis in the Mess is improving. C.S.M.I.M. Davis and Sergt. Colbourne fought out the final, and, after a really excellent exhibition of tennis, the latter won by 6 sets to 4.

In passing, it might interest our contemporaries to know that we have joined the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers.

C.S.M.I.M. Davis is to be congratulated on earning his "Blaster's" Badge.

The outstanding social event of the quarter was the "Albuhera" Dance.

The dance was held on the tennis court, and the committee, ably assisted by a willing crowd of helpers, were as busy as ants for a week beforehand, and the results did them credit.

Two large tarpaulins in the centre of the court, suitably treated, proved to be an excellent dance floor, and the band occupied a raised platform in between the tarpaulins.

The court enclosure was entirely screened in, with the exception of the end of the Mess building, which forms the fourth side of the enclosure.

The space not occupied by the dance floor was covered with dhurries and carpets, with tables, chairs and settees placed at convenient and comfortable intervals, while a great number of palms and other green plants, distributed by an artistic eye, added a natural note to the scene.

The inevitable bar was not forgotten, and, for the benefit of those who did not dance, was hidden in the corner, presided over by "Tots" Bone. This, by the way, was the haunt of the "Frothblowers" during the evening.

The verandah of the Mess building was occupied, for almost the whole of its length, by a huge table, which groaned under the weight of innumerable good things. Claret cup, hock cup, trifle, orange baskets, sandwiches, confections, etc., were all there, and the order of the day was "help yourself."

The ladies found the various cups so good, and apparently harmless, that we believe some of them complained of fat heads in the morning.

The men were not forgotten, and on all the tables where they gathered together for talk, and, incidentally, to imbibe, plates of roasted pea-nuts and crisp potatoes were placed.

The novel feature of the evening was the drummer, who, dressed in the uniform of the "Albuhera" period, announced the dances with a roll of the drum, thus eliminating the services of an M.C.

We had a crowd of visitors, and the distinguished visitor of the evening was the officiating District Commander, Col. Craufurd, who happened to be in Ahmednagar on tour and very kindly honoured us with his presence. The Colonel-Commandant and his Staff accompanied him.

The whole evening was a great success, and we have a sneaking feeling that the R.Q.M.S. was mainly responsible for the arrangements.

We congratulate him, the C.S.M.I.M. and the committee on the excellent show they put up.

In concluding these notes, there are one or two things we should like to know:—

How many gallons of petrol does a motor bike consume during the course of a week, and how many nocturnal journeys, per week, does the replenishing of the supply necessitate?

What would happen to our long-eared chums if somebody ate the lucerne patch during the night?

What is "Bunny's" objection to kippers? Is lack of supervision anything to do with it?

BOXING.

At the time our last notes were sent to the press three of our boxers were at Jubblepore fighting in the Command Individual Championship. These were L./Cpl. Howlett (light-weight), Pte. Cook (bantam-weight), and Pte. Brown (fly-weight), and it is very gratifying to be able to report that two of them, Ptes. Cook and Brown, won their weights, and are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

Howlett apparently was off form, and did not do himself justice, otherwise three Command cups might have now been adorning the Library. However, it is to be hoped that he will have better luck next time. He has the makings of a good boxer, and should do well.

An Individual Novices' Tournament was held on May 10th and following days, and once again there was a large entry—eighty-four altogether—which necessitated fighting taking place on four days.

A number of the last two drafts figured in this Tournament, but few, if any, showed really promising form. It is to be hoped, however, that they will improve as time goes on, and perhaps at the next Tournament in July it may be possible to judge more accurately what their capabilities are.

The following were the prize-winners:

CLASS "A."

Feather-weights.—Winner, L./Cpl. Clifton, "C" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. 16 Brooks, "B" Coy.

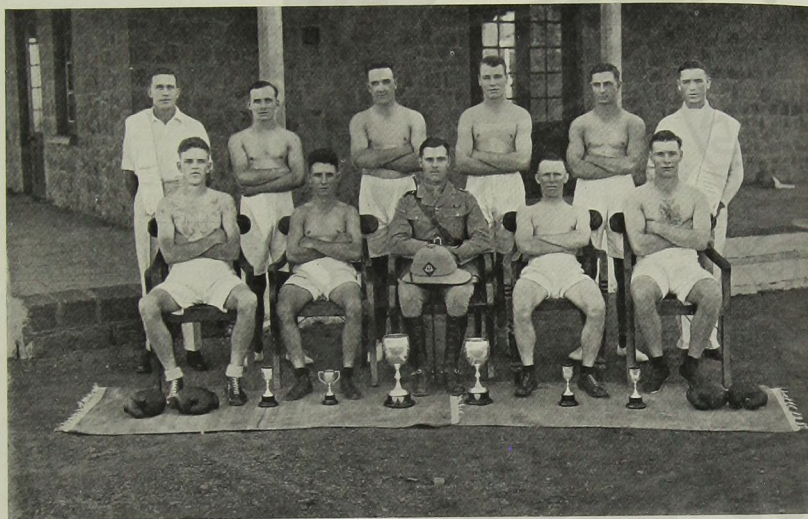
Light-Weights.—Winner, Pte. Batchelor, "B" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Williams, "D" Coy.

Welter-weights.—Winner, Pte. Ball, "D" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Blatchford, "H.Q." Wing.

Middle - weights.—Winner, Pte. Richards, "D" Coy.

The following were awarded "good losers" prizes:—L./Cpl. Harper, "B" Coy.; Pte. Tyler, "B" Coy.; Pte. Aylett, "B" Coy.; Pte. Screwsbury, "B" Coy.

"B" Company, who provided a large number of the competitors, are to be congratulated upon their successes, and it is hoped that these will encourage them to do even better in future tournaments.



2nd BATTALION BOXING TEAM.

Back Row.—Sergt. Capel, Cpl. Donaldson, Cpl. Champion, L./Cpl. Ormes, Pte. Hamer, Pte. Cane.
Front Row.—Pte. Baker (80), Pte. Cook, Lieut. Walden, Pte. Brown ("D" Coy.), Pte. Schulpher.

Middle-weights.—Winner, Pte. Sweeting, "D" Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Simpson, "A" Coy.

CLASS "B."

Bantam-weights.—Winner, Pte. Staples, "B" Coy.

Feather-weights.—Winner, Pte. Wise, "B" Coy.

Light-weights.—Winner, Cpl. Davis, "B" Coy.

Welter-weights.—Winner, Pte. Manhood, "D" Coy.

"A" COMPANY.

To us the past three months have passed very quickly owing to the amount of duty, sport and entertainment that has fallen to our lot.

Owing to the Company being on Fort Detachment, duties, guards and fatigues have been rather more frequent than in barracks, but that is only a minor detail.

Sport has, to a certain degree, been on a greater scale. The Company held their athletic sports at the Fort, and on the

evening of the finals entertained married families to tea, after which Mrs. Appelbe kindly presented the cups and medals to the winning competitors and the Company boxing team. The Individual Championship was won by Pte. Coker. We were again fortunate in having some members of the Company selected by the Battalion to represent it in football, boxing and athletic games in the Poona District Championship and Southern Command Championship. The performances by them in the different sports were very creditable to the Company.

In the Inter-Company Tug-of-War League Competition we proved ourselves once more victorious. Great credit is due to our trainer and coach for the way in which he worked to gain us the victory.

Two successful dances have been recently held by the Company, and were greatly patronized by the remainder of the Battalion, and even the ladies were not loth to put on their "glad rags" to attend such a function.

The Battalion Novices' Boxing Tournament has just concluded, entries for which were in abundance, until a few realized it was a man's game and scratched, but those who did compete upheld their platoons and Company in putting up some extraordinary good fights in the preliminary rounds. Great praise is due to them. A cup has been given for the platoon getting the most points in the Novices' Competitions. Which will be the first to hold it?

It is with great regret that we have to announce the loss of one of the members of the Company, 5432423 Pte. E. Hines, who died at the British Military Hospital, Poona, on April 16th, 1927. He was a well-known platoon sportsman, and will be missed in the field of sport. As a soldier he was an example of efficiency. Arrangements were made for a number of the Company to proceed to Poona to attend the funeral.

I. U. M.

"B" COMPANY.

Since our last notes the Company has been spending most of their time carrying out individual training and preliminary musketry. This has been carried out quite successfully, in spite of the hot weather.

The Company Sports Meeting was a

most enjoyable and interesting one. It was divided into two groups. There were the individual events, and then we introduced inter-platoon team events. All events were well contested. L./Cpl. Fowler is to be congratulated on taking off the individual championship of the Company for the third time running. He has left us now for civil life, and we wish him equal success. The team competition was won by No. 5 Platoon, and the rest of the Company congratulate them on their efforts.

In the Battalion sports we were placed fourth. However, we are certainly not discouraged by that, as two or three of our entries showed great promise of future things. Private Allen won the mile in fine style.

We were not very successful in the Battalion Inter-Platoon Football Competition. All the platoons were drawn in the first round, and were knocked out. Every platoon put up a good fight, and in all cases the result might easily have been the other way.

We are now in the throes of the Company Football League. Up to date we have beaten "A" Company 3-0, and "C" Company have beaten us 3-2. It is rather difficult to find a really good steady team, as we have so much new blood in the Company of unknown quality.

Sergt. Wilson, who has been acting as Company Sergeant-Major of "A" Company for some time, has now been promoted to that rank. "B" Company congratulate him, and wish him the best of luck.

Sergt. Walker has come back to his old company from the Provost Staff, and is welcomed by all ranks. He is now at Pachmari on a small arms course, which ought to solve his problem of weight-reducing.

The Company Championship Shield for football, cricket and hockey again passed into the hands of No. 8 Platoon. This is a great effort, and they are to be congratulated. No. 5 Platoon have won the Football Competition of 1927, and are on the way to wresting the shield from No. 8 Platoon.

The Battalion has just finished its first Individual Novices' Boxing Competition of the year. In this the Company did

extremely well, and it is greatly due to the fine spirit shown by the new men in the Company. We had easily the largest number of entries, and finished up by carrying off four of the weights and one runner-up. Also we got the four best losers' prizes, which is a thing to be very proud of. It was good to see the fine show that was put up when two men of the Company met in the ring. The results were as follows:—

CLASS "A."

Feather-weights.—Runner-up, 16 Pte. Brooks.

Light - weights. — Winner, Pte. Batchelor.

CLASS "B."

Bantam-weights.—Winner, Pte. Staples.

Feather-weights.—Winner, Pte. Wise.

Light-weights.—Winner, Cpl. Davis.

Good losers: L./Cpl. Harper, Ptes. Tyler, Aylett and Shrewsbury.

Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey has left us temporarily to take over the duties of Quartermaster during the absence of Lieut. and Qrmr. R. T. Douthet, on leave in the United Kingdom.

The Company was very grieved to hear of the death of two of their old comrades, Ptes. Lincoln and Watson. They both left the Company last trooping season to enter civil life. They were both very popular in the Company, and very good sportsmen.

"C" COMPANY.

The Company Annual Sports Meeting was held on March 7th, and everything went off swimmingly. 2/Lieut. F. H. Else was an easy winner of the individual championship, obtaining a total of 23 points. L./Cpl. Harris was second with a total of 12 points. 2/Lieut. F. H. Else won the following events:—

Cricket ball, 100 yards, 220 yards, long jump, and was second in the high jump, his best feat being the cricket ball, which he won with a throw of 99 yds., 1ft. 5 in.

Platoons obtained points as under:—

No. 12 Platoon, 41 points, and were awarded 20 points towards the Company Athletic Shield.

No. 11 Platoon, 38 points, and were awarded 15 points towards the Company Athletic Shield.

No. 10 Platoon, 26 points, and were awarded 10 points towards the Company Athletic Shield.

No. 9 Platoon, 14 points, and were awarded 5 points towards the Company Athletic Shield.

On the evening of the sports, "The Emma Ink Corps" gave a concert in the Regimental Cinema. This was run by our C.S.M., and on the whole was quite a good show.

The opening number of the troupe was spoilt by an oversight with the lights. A small light was showing from the buffet, which displayed some movements of the troupe, which should not have been seen. The following song, "Beer," which was well rendered by Pte. Usher, soon brought the show round.

The outstanding items of the programme were as under:—

Song, (a) "Moonlight and Roses," (b) "Why don't my dreams come true?" well rendered by Mrs. Jones; duet, "Down Love Lane," by Mrs. Jones and C.S.M. Rand; song, "Devonshire Cream and Cyder," by 2/Lieut. F. H. Else; song with impersonations, "Tit Willow," by C.S.M. Rand; song with impersonations, "Viewing the Baby," by C.S.M. Rand. This item was very short, and it is rumoured that our C.S.M. forgot his words. I wonder if this is right.

The sketch, "Freezing a Mother-in-law," was a scream from beginning to end. Everything went wrong from the commencement, but the audience thoroughly enjoyed the farce. What say you?

The refreshments were run by the C.Q.M.S. and his committee, and we should like to thank them for the able way in which they did their part of the show.

We were not very successful in the Battalion Sports, but should like to congratulate 2/Lieut. Else on winning the cricket ball, and Pte. Smith and 2/Lieut. Else on winning the high jump.

We held another successful Rifle Meeting on April 10th, and I think we can say that all ranks thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The winners of the events were as under:—

First event at 300 yards. Iron falling plates, k.o.—Winners, No. 9 Platoon.

Second event at 300 yards. Snap-shooting, k.o.—Winners, No. 10 Platoon.

Third event at 300 yards. Application, 2nd and 3rd Class Shots.—Winners, No. 10 Platoon.

Fourth event at 300 yards. Application, Marksmen and 1st Class Shots.—Winners, No. 11 Platoon.

A pool bull was running all the morning, but no non-commissioned officer or man was lucky enough to get one.

While on the subject of shooting, we should like to mention that we are the

1st Pte. Brown (26); 2nd, Pte. Collett; 3rd, Pte. Meers.

The platoons finished with points as under.

| | Points. |
|-----------------------|---------|
| No. 12 Platoon | 21 |
| No. 10 Platoon | 16 |
| No. 9 Platoon | 14 |
| No. 11 Platoon | 11 |

We must congratulate No. 12 Platoon on winning the shield for the second half year.



"D" COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, NOVICE AND OPEN BOXING TEAM.
Winners of the Shaboodeen Cup of 1926.

best shooting company, and the display of badges dazzles one's eyes.

The averages in rifle and Lewis gun were:—Rifle 86.47 and Lewis gun 141.05. We are pleased to note the marked improvement on last year's shooting.

We held our half-yearly Cross-Country Run on March 7th, and, by the number of entries we had, it appears to be a very popular form of sport in the Company. The first three men home were as under:—

Let us congratulate L./Cpl. Clifton on winning his weight in the Battalion Open Novices' Competition. We hope to see more of this promising lad.

We have had several changes in the Company, the principal being a change of Company Commanders. We welcome Major M. Browne, M.C., as our new commander, and wish our old one (Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C.) the best of health and the best of luck in his new sphere.

"D" COMPANY.

The main topic of our notes on this occasion is our recent deeds in the realm of sport. As a matter of fact, we have been waiting for this opportunity to broadcast our doings, or, in other words, "bum our chat."

The first item is our Company Sports, which were held on March 13th and 14th, 1927. Entries were numerous and competition keen, making the show a great success. On the day of the finals we were pleased to entertain the married families to tea, and had the Band in attendance. A fine array of prizes greeted the winners, among them being the Individual Championship Cup presented by Lieut. E. L. Heywood, and eventually won by Pte. Carey, who made some splendid efforts. The day concluded with the presentation of the prizes by Mrs. Grove White, who kindly favoured us with her presence.

Battalion Sports followed soon after, and "D" Company managed to get a place in nearly every event, losing the Company Championship to "H.Q." Wing. Our tug-of-war team finished second this year; this we attribute to the fact that Sergt. Peck was missing from the end of the rope. However, the team did very well, and we congratulate them on their good pulls.

In the Platoon Football Knock-out, No. 13 Platoon won their way to the final, where they met the Signals, and after a well-contested game managed to beat them by the odd goal in five. This means a bit more of "H.Q.'s" plate for us.

The Company Football League has just started, and we have beaten "C" 7-1 and "A" 10-2 (this is not a misprint), so with such a start we hope to finish in a prominent position on the league table.

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing the following of "D" won their weights: Ptes. Ball, Manhood, and Richards. All of them put up some good fights and showed promising style. Pte. Brown won the Fly-weight Championship of the Southern Command, and we wish him the best of luck in his forthcoming fight at Bangalore.

We are now preparing for Individual Training, which starts next month, and our non-commissioned officers have been chewing S.A.T's., F.S.R's., and various other volumes, and one "old timer" on

the Cadre has had to buy a new topee to allow for extra brain space.

In conclusion, we congratulate Cpls. Addinall and Scholedge on their recent promotion.

"DECOY."

MACHINE GUNNERS.

April 1st saw the annual change over of the Machine Gun Platoon. A new section was formed, making in all a service section and a training section. We heartily welcome the new section, which consists of a few 1st Battalion gunners, and wish them every success in their new sphere of life. Up to the present they have worked very well indeed.

The Company Sports were held on March 10th and 11th, and the gunners did very well indeed. Two cups and the consolation prize found their way to the Platoon. Cpl. Jenkin and Pte. Holland finished in the first three in the Three Miles, and the former second in the Mile also. The consolation prize was won by L./Cpl. Wright, who ran an admirable 440 Yards. Here a tribute must be paid to Pte. Holland, who won the Three Miles in splendid style. He finished the course in 17 min. 45 sec., and had to sprint a good 220 yards to attain first place. Hats off to "Sailor," boys! May his shadow never grow whiskers. The prizes were simply splendid, worthy of the Company Commander, who loves to see sport encouraged. Unfortunately, he has taken over command of "C" Company. We were all sorry to see him leave us, but we wish him every success in his new command.

We did fairly well in the Battalion Sports too, which were held on March 23rd, 24th and 25th. The Platoon was represented by Cpl. Jenkin (Three Miles and One Mile), Pte. Holland (Three Miles), Pte. Copelin (880 Yards), Pte. Mills (Hurdles), and L./Cpl. Makewell (Throwing the Cricket Ball). Pte. Copelin is a runner of note, and should do well in the future.

We are sorry to state that Sergt. Hewitt, our best short distance runner, "crocked" himself on the first day's individual events. This injury prevented him from partaking in any further events. Probably his injury was bad, for he woke a fellow up at twelve o'clock one

night for the purpose of borrowing some liniment.

In the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out M.G.1 were beaten by the Signal Section by three goals to nil. In the semi-final M.G.1 had a very good team, and they were expected to win. It was a keenly contested match, and the "Sigs" fully deserved their victory. Our team was as follows:—L./Cpl. Wright; L./Cpl. Jackson and Pte. Stock; Pte. O'Shea, L./Cpl. Makewell and Cpl. Jenkin; L./Cpl. Nash, L./Cpl. Boen,

centre of India, with a party of the Battalion, who are endeavouring to get their "seconds."

We also welcome Lieut. M. A. Jacob as our new section officer from "A" Company. He will be a great help to the cross-country team of M.G.1.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Johnson and L./Cpl. Boen in qualifying on their recent machine-gun courses.

A Group Cross-Country Run was held recently, and M.G.1 literally "walked" away with it. The subalterns of the



THE MACHINE GUNNERS' CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, 2nd BATTALION.

Sergt. Hewitt, Ptes. Holland and Bonfield. We hope to do better next year.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition the following represented the gunners:—Ptes. Marshall, Orton, Smith (02), Wilder, Armitage, Young, Legassick and Hazel-tine. They all did very well, but we hope they will do much better next time.

We welcome to the Platoon L./Sergt. Brown, Cpls. Wingrove and Simmonds, from "C," "A" and "B" Companies respectively. Sergt. Palmer, our "Pop," has gone to Belgaum, the educational

Company put up a clock in a case for the event. It may now be seen hanging up in the bungalow of the M.G.1.

We send the season's greetings to our "comrade gunners" in the 1st Battalion at Shanghai, and hope that they get on well in their new station.

M. A. D. MANNE.

BAND.

Once again a quarter has come and gone, during which period the Band and

the "Wing" in general have covered themselves in glory on the sports field.

We will commence with our own performance in the Company Sports, where we only lost the Group Championship—to the Drums and Employed—by a very narrow margin. L./Cpl. Kemp had the distinction of winning the Individual Championship trophy, whilst "Tubby Gower" ran him very close. We congratulate them; also L./Cpl. Souch and "Spud," who certainly lived up to his name for the great occasion.

All told, we managed to capture ten cups and an abundance of medals, which was certainly not a bad haul.

Next comes "H.Q.'s" performance in the Battalion Sports, which was all team work, as far as the championship was concerned. The Band representatives once again contributed their useful services, with the result that there is another Championship Shield on view outside the Company Office.

We offer our condolences to the "Sigs" on losing the final of the Platoon Football (2-1) to No. 13 Platoon. We, unfortunately, came a nasty cropper at the second fence, where the Drums and Employed trounced us to the tune of 5-1.

The "Wing" has just started a League for all sports, and by the time these notes appear in print we hope to be well up among the leaders.

"H.Q.2" has commenced the Company Football League by defeating "A" Company by three goals to nil. May success bring success.

Herewith a snap of the Band's trophies gained in the Company Sports.

CUSHY.

SIGNAL SECTION.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I take up my pen to write of the deeds and doings of the Signal Section since our last notes were submitted.

Training is progressing more or less favourably.

We have a new class now under instruction, and we are hoping that they will achieve the same success as previous classes have done, both in good work and sport.

Quite a number of old signallers will be leaving us during the forthcoming troop-

ing season. It will be with many regrets on both sides, for most of them are among our best sportsmen and signallers.

In sports we have been doing quite well.

In the Company Sports the signallers had the honour of winning the Relay Race to everyone's surprise, except, of course, our own.

We also provided the winner of Putting the Shot, namely, Pte. Horsman.

It was during the Company Sports that we discovered some hidden talent in Pte. Ramsey, of whom we shall hear more in the near future. He is a fine 880 yards runner, and surprised every one by his performance.

The Platoon Knock-out Football then came along. We were beaten in the final by the odd goal in three after a very hard and exciting game against No. 13 Platoon, to whom we offer our congratulations.

Before closing we wish the signallers of the 1st Battalion a good time in their new station, and hope that it will not be too hot for them.

FLAG BASHER.

EMPLOYED.

This is the first time we have pushed ourselves into the limelight, the silence on our part being due to the fact that there was nobody with the energy, aptitude (or perhaps time) to jot down a few words on our behalf (the feeling of *ennui* being, no doubt, due to the amount of work the Employed have to do). However, that is neither here nor there; let's get to the point.

We have not exactly a great deal of news to discourse upon. We merely enlarge upon events which have taken place recently, and in which we happen to figure; in some cases rather prominently. A fuller and more detailed account of the parts played by all will be recounted by a pen with more time to spare. Anyway, what little there is merits the space allotted to it.

On March 7th Company Sports were held to determine who should represent the "Wing" in the Battalion Sports. In one event in particular, namely, the

Tug-of-War, we shone brilliantly, carrying all before us, or, perhaps, "pulling all with us" would sound better. The contesting of this event was fought out with great determination by the different groups, but determination without strength and stamina is not much use, and, therefore, owing to our team possessing the latter qualities, the Drums and Employed emerged victorious. We do not think that there was any betting as to the result, but any likely "plunger" could, with a feeling of safety, have put the contents of their "blue books" on us.

As a result of achieving that success we were the recipients of a beautiful shield presented by Major M. Browne, M.C., then Officer Commanding "H.Q." Wing. This is to be held by the Drums and Employed for the ensuing year; that is, until the annual sports commence again. We will not forecast the holders of it next year because practically all the team who secured it for us will be due to proceed to the United Kingdom during the forthcoming trooping season.

In the cross-country part of the sports it was indeed surprising to find how many of the Employed *could* run. Over a five-mile course of the most treacherous and endurance-testing ground scampered M.G.'s drummers, bandsmen, signallers and the Employed to see who was the best team. Despite the fact that many of our men finished the course in good time, we must fade into the background, for the M.G.'s won comfortably, practically all the first twelve home being gunners.

Instead, however, of reflecting discredit on us, it is rather the contrary, because the general belief was that we were, on account of our easy life, totally unfit to perform such a strenuous feat. We proved otherwise.

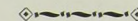
In the Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, the Drums and Employed put up a good show, fighting their way as far as the semi-final, there to be checked by the formidable team of No. 13 Platoon, who proceeded later to exterminate the Signallers in the final.

We were very sorry, indeed, to lose Major M. Browne, M.C., when he relinquished the command of "H.Q." Wing to take over "C" Company. He worked ceaselessly to keep the "Wing"

up to an efficient standard, and with our daily handling of the rifle, coupled with the keenness shown, we shall, we feel sure, all be marksmen this year. Wait and see.

Lieut. E. L. Heywood has assumed command of "H.Q.," and, therefore, we shall not be allowed to forget what we have learnt. Nobody, however, has ever finished learning, not even the learned men in this Group.

We regret to announce the death of one of our comrades, Pte. Atkinson, who died on May 2nd at the British Military Hospital, Ahmednagar, after a very brief illness.



THE PASSING OF ANOTHER OLD "DIE-HARD."

("Evening Post," Wellington, New Zealand, May 3rd, 1927.)

A VERY large and representative cortege followed the funeral of Mr. Thomas Potter Lister to the Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth, last week. He had been a sergeant in the 57th Regiment during the Maori War, and was later a member of the Armed Constabulary. Prominent amongst the veterans in the procession was Sergt.-Major Bezar, an old comrade of Mr. Lister's in the "Diehards," who, despite his 91 years, had come from Wellington specially for the funeral. The pall-bearers were six grandsons of Mr. Lister. The Rev. E. H. Strong conducted the graveside service, at the close of which the Last Post was sounded by Master T. Murdoch. Subsequently Sergeant-Major Bezar stood at the foot of the grave and related incidents of his friendship with Mr. Lister. They had been comrades ever since the latter came from England to join the regiment in India in 1860, and they had always kept in close touch since then. Sergt.-Major Bezar then placed a wreath on the grave on behalf of the Regimental Association of the Regiment.

[Mr. Bezar, although in his 91st year, travelled over 500 miles to attend this funeral and represent the Regiment.—Ed.]

DEPOT NOTES.

MAJOR L. F. SLOANE-STANLEY is temporarily attached to the Depot for duty.

Major A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., whose tour of duty at the Depot expired on May 9th, has taken up the appointment of D.A.A.G., Scottish Command.

Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., and Lieut. H. P. Lambert have joined the Depot for a tour of duty.

years, in order that recruits may be old enough for posting to the battalions abroad before the next trooping season.

SPORTS NOTES.

With the sports ground in use again after being drained by the Engineers, we have been able to start cricket practice and have also played several matches.

PAPERCHASE.

On May 11th a paperchase was held, which was successful, except for the few



DEPOT BOXING TEAM.

Winners Home Counties Area Recruits' Boxing Tournament, 1927.

The Draft-finding Company went into camp at Pirbright on July 9th for the purpose of firing Table R, Parts 1 and 2, and the whole of Table R.

Recruiting has been very slow during the last quarter. It took seven weeks to complete the last squad.

Over 400 recruits are required by the Regiment before March 31st, 1928.

The age for enlistment into the Regiment has again been raised to 19

hares who managed to lose the trail. Of the five hares (2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey, Ptes. Scott, Smith, Knight and Harriss) three reached home.

PASSBALL.

On June 1st an Inter-Squad Knock-out Passball Competition was held, the three passball pitches being in action again.

"Mons" Squad (Sergt. Russell) won the Passball Shield, "Nivelle" being the runners-up.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

The new system of physical training is now in full swing, and the recruits seem to like the work. The system has already greatly improved the general physique of the men. The Superintendent of Physical Training (Capt. T. H. Wand-Tetley) visited us on May 27th and 30th, together with physical training experts of the R.A.F., R.N., and Superintendents of other commands. They were struck with

PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY MEDALS.

The Commanding Officer's P.T. and P.E. Medal winners:—

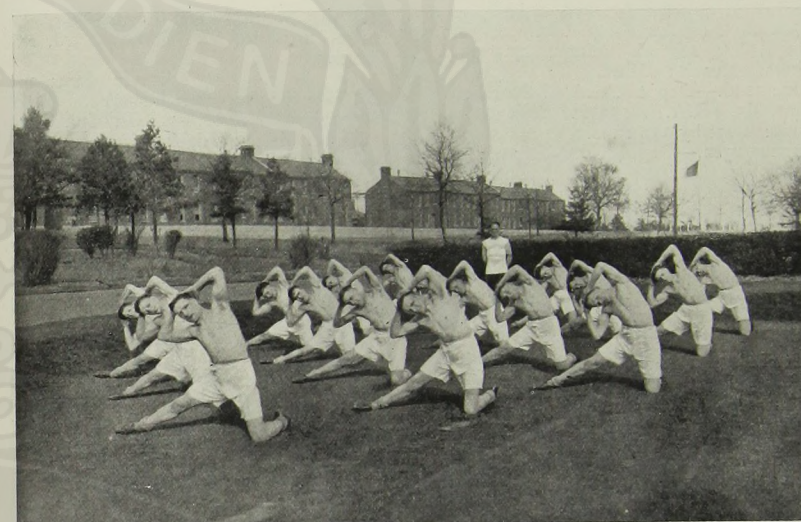
"Albuhera" Squad, Pte. Dyer.

"Mons" Squad, L./Cpl. Scott.

"Ypres" Squad—Pte. Bland.

DEPOT RECORDS.

The record for three miles, previously held by Pte. Birmingham with 17 min.



(Photo: Arthur Hailey, Church End, Finchley, N.)

A SQUAD OF RECRUITS AT THE DEPOT DOING THE NEW NIELS BUCH PHYSICAL TRAINING.

the smart and agile work of the recruits, and the Superintendent's report was as follows:—

"Saw 'Ladysmith' (third week) and 'Mons' Squad (fourteenth week). The former are promising, whilst the latter have attained a very high standard, especially as regard to general development and strength. Their agility work is also well above the average. Work and instruction most satisfactory."

15 sec., was beaten by Pte. Smith (79), who lowered the record by 15 sec.

CRICKET.

With the aid of the new cricket nets, we have been able to get in a great deal of practice during the evenings, especially with squads.

Up to the present the Depot side has played six matches, three of which have been won, two drawn, and one lost.

Scores:—

May 26th.—Depot v. A.I. Dairies. Depot, first innings, 36; second innings, 67 for 6 (declared). A.I. Dairies, first innings 87; second innings, 5 for 8 wickets. Result: Draw.

May 28th.—Depot v. Lilywhites. Depot, 105. Lilywhites, 32. Result: Won by 73 runs.

June 15th.—Depot v. R.A.F., Northolt. Depot, 105. R.A.F., 96. Result: Won by 9 runs.

June 16th.—Depot v. A.I. Dairies. Depot, first innings, 57; 2nd innings, 104 for 5 wickets (declared); A.I. Dairies, first innings, 87; second innings, 27 for 7 wickets. Result: Draw.

June 22nd.—Depot v. R.A.F., Northolt. Depot, 63. R.A.F. 173 for 10 wickets. Result: Lost by 110 runs.

June 25th.—Depot v. Lilywhites. Depot, first innings, 91. Lilywhites, 5. Result: Won.

DEPOT SPORTS, 1927.

The Depot Sports, postponed from July 1st owing to adverse weather, took place on Wednesday, July 6th, on the sports ground at Mill Hill. The rain luckily kept off until the meeting was over, and many excellent performances were put up. Most notable of these were Sergt. Bearn's 100 yards sprint in 10 4-5th sec, Cpl. Kingdom's long jump of 19 ft. 2 in., and Pte. Smith's three miles in 18 min. 30 sec. A list of events and winners is given below.

An excellent physical training display by a squad of young soldiers under C.S.M.I. Elliott, A.P.T.S., was appreciated by the spectators.

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

Mrs. Gordon Parker presented the prizes at the end of an enjoyable day's sport for both spectators and competitors.

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

FINALS.

Three Miles (Open).—1st, Pte. Smith (79), 18 min. 30 sec.; 2nd, Pte. Knight, 18 min. 54 sec.; 3rd, Pte. Conway.

Long Jump.—1st, Cpl. Kingdom, 19 ft. 2 in.; 2nd, L./Cpl. Woodruff, 17 ft. 8 in.; 3rd, Sergt. Raindle.

Putting the Shot.—1st, L./Cpl. Woodruff, 30 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Pte. Millar, 29 ft. 9 in.; 3rd, Sergt. Bearn.

100 Yards (Open).—1st, Sergt. Bearn, 10 4-5th sec.; 2nd, Cpl. Kingdom; 3rd, L./Cpl. Woodruff.

Potato Race.—1st, Pte. May; 2nd, L./Cpl. Goodall; 3rd, Pte. Mather.

High Jump (Open).—1st, Pte. Tyler, 4 ft. 11 1/2 in.; 2nd, L./Cpl. Scott; 3rd, Cpl. Kingdom.

Young Soldiers' 880 Yards.—1st, Pte. Smith (79); 2nd, Pte. Conway; 3rd, Pte. Thompson.

Sack Race.—1st, Cpl. Kingdom; 2nd, Pte. French; 3rd, Pte. Burberry.

Heaving the Shot.—1st, L./Cpl. Scott; 2nd, Pte. Millar; 3rd, Pte. Turner.

Young Soldiers' 100 Yards.—1st, L./Cpl. Scott, 11 sec.; 2nd, Pte. Molloy; 3rd, Pte. Millar.

Veterans' Race.—1st, Capt. Stock; 2nd, Mr. Harrigan; 3rd, Major Sloan-Stanley.

Boys' Race.—1st, Joe Connolly; 2nd, Berlin Clark; 3rd, W. Sperry.

Girls' Race.—1st, Kathleen Cook; 2nd, Kate Yorwarth; 3rd, Vera West.

Young Soldiers' 440 Yards.—1st, Pte. Millar; 2nd, Pte. Treviss; 3rd, Pte. Hall.

Tug-of-War.—1st, No. 1 Platoon, D.F.A.; 2nd, "Ladysmith" Squad.

Jockey Race.—1st, Miss Vaughan; 2nd, Mrs. Elliott; 3rd, Mrs. Fergusson.

Young Soldiers' 220 Yards.—1st, Pte. French; 2nd, Pte. Molloy; 3rd, Pte. Millar.

Apple and Bucket Race.—1st, Pte. Conway; 2nd, Cpl. Painter; 3rd Pte. Ayles.

220 Yards (Open).—1st, Cpl. Kingdom; 2nd, Cpl. West; 3rd, L./Cpl. Woodruff.

1 Mile (Open).—1st Pte. Smith (79), 5 min. 33 sec.; 2nd, Pte. Knight; 3rd, Pte. Bennett.

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

Three-legged Race.—1st, Ptes. Bond and Rogers; 2nd, Cpls. Kingdom and Woodruff; 3rd Ptes. Woolcott and Dyer.

Tug-of-War, Officers v. Sergeants.—Winners, Officers.

Inter-Squad and Platoon Relay.—1st, "Nivelle" Squad; 2nd, "Ladysmith" Squad; 3rd, No. 2 Platoon.

Inter-Squad Passball Shield.—Winners: "Mons" Squad (Sergt. Russell). Runners-up: "Nivelle" Squad.

Inter-Squad Sports Shield.—Winners: "Ladysmith" Squad, 23 points. Runners-up, "Nivelle" Squad, 18 points.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Social events in the past few months have been few, but work still goes on, in spite of the records of events that are to follow.

On April 12th a few sergeants from the Mess proceeded to Purfleet for firing, and

On April 13th we entertained the Finchley Police to a Billiard Tournament, some of the best players being absent, which resulted in our losing by the narrow margin of six points. The result is as follows:—

Finchley Police.—Mr. Dacombe, 86; Mr. Whiteside, 102; Mr. Warland, 101; Mr. Webb, 102; Mr. Longman, 44; total, 435.

Depot Sergeants' Mess.—Sergt. Mewitt, 101; Sergt. Raindle, 88; Sergt. Steward, 75; Sergt. Shaw, 65; Mr. Gooley, 100; total, 429.

Sergt. Hart has left us for a tour of



the Mess for a time was practically deserted. They are looking forward to July 9th, when they again go, especially Sergt. Robbins, who was getting quite adept at eel fishing when the time came for the return to barracks.

Best wishes to R.Q.M.S. Beattie and Sergt. Baldwin, who have left us, and we wish them the best of luck in their new stations.

The April Monthly Skittle Tournament was won by Sergt. Raindle, who vanquished some of the "Stiffs" in the earlier rounds. Up to date we have been slack in playing our other monthly tournaments.

duty at Catterick Camp. We much regret his departure owing to his musical ability.

We congratulate Sergt. Raindle on qualifying "Q.1" at Hythe on the last course, which terminated on April 1st. Rather an appropriate date.

Congratulations to Cpl. Bearn on becoming a member of the Mess. Our gain, the corporals' loss.

W. A. R.

CORPORALS' MESS.

Owing to the fact of our worthy editor having left us to join the ranks of the sergeants, it has fallen to my lot to give

an account of the happenings of the Mess during the past quarter.

During the quarter we played the Sergeants in a Billiard Tournament on our own ground. This turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable evening.

After a very keen struggle we just managed to beat our old rivals by a few points, but we had to acknowledge our opponents easily our superiors at pokey die.

We held a Dance in the Lecture Hall, and everybody present voted it a great success, and we tender our congratulations to the Entertainment Committee and to Cpl. Pinder, who performed the duties of M.C. like an expert.

The Depot Staff were our opponents in a cricket match, which was closely contested. After being well behind on the first innings we just managed to win by a few runs. This success was gained largely through the brilliant display of our wicket-keeper, Smith.

NOTE.—We believe this to be the Warwickshire keeper in disguise. Anyway, he is a cert for the next tests against South Africa.

We tender our hearty congratulations to L./Sergt. Bearne on his promotion, and also to Cpls. Thompson, Aldridge and West, and wish them all great success in their new positions.

Our ranks have been greatly strengthened by the arrival of several new lance-corporals from the drafting company, and we also heartily congratulate them and wish them great success.

ELSIE.

The undermentioned have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, April, 1927:—

WITHOUT GRATUITY.

6188527 R.S.M. R. Mantell.

WITH GRATUITY.

6188445 C.Q.M.S. A. Goldstraw.

6188525 Sergt. A. Banfield.

6188534 Sergt. J. Wilcockson.

6188505 Pte. C. Connelly.

BIRTHS.

GRAY.—At Mill Hill, on May 19th, 1927, to C.S.M. H. Gray, D.C.M.—a son.

OFFICERS' CLUB.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Officers' Club took place at the Central London Recruiting Office, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 30th, 1927.

Present: Major W. W. Jefferd (in the chair), Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major A. W. Lewey, 8th Battalion; Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The Chairman of the Dinner Committee, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, explained the arrangements made for holding the Annual Dinner, and it was proposed and carried that the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex, who is Vice-President of the Regimental Association, be invited to attend as a club guest.

The arrangements made for the Cricket Week and an "At Home" were notified by the sub-committee, and it was decided that ladies and guests not accompanied by members should be in possession of tickets, obtainable free from the Honorary Secretary.

The Sweepstake Committee explained and produced the result of the draw.

This was eventually won by Major E. H. Amor, 1st; Lieut. E. L. Heywood, 2nd; and 2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey, 3rd.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday evening, June 28th.

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., presided, and eighty-five members were present.

The tables looked very gay decorated with flowers in the colours of the Regiment and a large quantity of the plate now at the Depot.

Wires were received from Major-Gen. C. R. Simpson, C.B., Col.-Commandant R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the 2nd Battalion abroad.

The following is a list of the members who attended:—

Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. F. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Cols. A. M. O. Anwyl

Passingham, O.B.E., G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O., G. B. Lempriere, E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., L. G. Oliver, C.M.G., R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O., and G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D.; Lieut.-Cols. C. R. Johnson, W. H. Samuel, H. Goodwin, D.S.O., H. W. E. Finch, O.B.E., D.S.O., W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., S. Cedric Smith and Guest, Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., Lieut.-Cols. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., and J. K. Maitland, M.C.; Majors H. E. L. Glass, L. F. Sloane-Stanley, W. W. Jefferd, G. L. Brown, A. C. Arnold, O.B.E., M.C., F. S. Steed, D.C.M., H. Money, P. B. Allott, R. A. Slee, J. M. Cossar, T.D., A. W. Lewey, G. C. Bucknall, M.C., D.S.O., E. H. Amor, C. Jarrett, D.S.O., G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., N. E. G. Willoughby, and R. A. Haviland; Capt. C. S. Burdon, E. M. Hodding, A. S. Lindsay, W. H. Parmeter, E. P. Mansion, M.C., S. Mirams, M.C., V. Stock, M.C., H. B. W. Savile, M.C., H. E. Foster, W. E. Pringle, J. P. Jamieson, D.S.O., V. J. Garrow, F. A. L. Lawrence, S. F. Hedgcoe, R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker, A. R. Joyce, M.C., E. C. Lawson, M.C., B. G. Horrocks, M.C., J. N. Lamont, M.C., P. Lloyd-Williams, H. E. Heffer, M.C., W. Muir, M.C., L. F. Lindlay, and H. Sherwood; Lieuts. R. Douthet, L. Lambert, A. V. Weller, S. J. Clark, H. W. Clayden, W. H. P. Chattey, F. G. Parker, A. G. Cole, L. C. D. Doidge, P. G. T. Lutyens, R. Hall, G. W. Kempster, J. B. Addis, G. B. J. Furness, I. E. Furlong, H. K. Hardcastle, H. Heffer, A. S. Hewson, T. P. Coubro, F. G. Hogg, L. C. Wright, E. W. Wright, and S. C. Maxwell; Sqd.-Leader J. S. Goggin, R.A.F., and the Rev. E. H. Barnes.

The Chairman in a speech mentioned the absence abroad of the two regular Battalions and congratulated the 9th Battalion, who stepped into the breach caused by the absence of the 1st Battalion, by giving many members of the old "Die-Hards" a great treat on Albuhera Day.

Their presentation of a Peninsular Guard, most realistically got up, being relieved by a modern Guard, was most efficiently carried out.

He commented on the way the Territorial Battalions played up splendidly for the whole Regiment. He also referred to the splendid work Capt. Foster had done in arranging the dinner for the last fifteen years. He also thanked Col. Anwyl Passingham and Major Steed for the good work they have done, and are continuing to do, for the Officers' Club, and said how pleased we were to have among us Gen. Rowley and also Gen. Hall, who had done so much towards the early formation of the Club.

He was glad to say that the Officers' Club is increasing in numbers, and although more old regular officers were present than usual, we still hope to see a further increase. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and we shall not be surprised if the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers' Anthem is sung next year.

CRICKET WEEK.

We regret to chronicle that the Cricket Week and Club "At Home" were this year entirely spoilt by the appalling patch of wet weather which descended on the whole country during this period.

Except for an hour or two each day after lunch, cricket was impossible, and the "At Home" was rendered cheerless by a torrential downpour which commenced just when the guests were beginning to arrive.

A number of old officers and ladies of the Regiment put in an appearance, but the majority of both officers and guests were prevented from coming by the heavy and continuous rain.

Previous to the events taking place the committee were faced with various difficulties, the most important of which was to find a team, with both battalions abroad, capable of putting up a game against such opponents as the Free Foresters and the Cryptics.

There were practically no officers at the Depot who play cricket regularly, and but one or two old officers who keep up the game.

In spite of these drawbacks the energy of our team secretary prevailed, and a fairly good side was got together, but with a tail of doubtful wagging ability. As this appendage was not called upon to

exercise any movement, its vitality is still unknown.

Another obstacle encountered was that owing to the Royal Engineers taking it into their heads to redrain the cricket field in the early part of the spring the ground was rendered unfit for cricket at the time it was most wanted.

Efforts had therefore to be made to obtain another ground, and after several unsuccessful attempts we were fortunate in securing permission to use the Finchley Cricket Club ground. This is situated about a mile and a half from barracks, with a nice outlook and pleasant surroundings, but owing to the limited space in the outskirts it did not lend itself to the convenient erection of marquees or the placing and laying out of shrubs and flower beds.

However, everything would have gone with a swing had the weather smiled on us, but it rained heavily each morning and the late afternoon, making conditions only possible to play the following:—

THE REGIMENT v. THE CRYPTICS.

| THE REGIMENT. | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| R. Latham, c Hall b Rogerson ... | 22 |
| C. Dorman, c Whitcombe b Cook ... | 3 |
| R. Parker, not out ... | 51 |
| C. Birken, c Mackie b Cook ... | 17 |
| Capt. Jamieson, not out ... | 3 |
| Extras ... | 10 |

Total (for 3 wickets) ... 106

Capt. Savile, Col. Miller, Major Wollocombe, Major Bucknall, Lieut. Parker, and Capt. Horrocks did not bat.

THE CRYPTICS.

Mr. McNeil, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Whitcombe, Mr. Hall, Mr. Cook, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Bonham-Carter, Mr. Perverdy, Mr. Mackie, Mr. Rogerson, and Mr. Harrison did not bat.

Match abandoned owing to rain.

THE REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS.

| FREE FORESTERS. | |
|--|----|
| F. H. Hollins, run out ... | 9 |
| Lt.-Col. C. Mande, c Birken b Jamieson ... | 50 |
| J. H. Dalrymple, not out ... | 15 |
| S. Clarke, c Dorman b Birkin ... | 12 |
| Major B. H. Matheson, not out ... | 0 |
| Extras ... | 22 |

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 108

H. G. Saunders, F. M. R. Stephenson, J. B. Risher, F. H. Hancock, and R. H. Fox did not bat.

THE REGIMENT.

R. Latham, C. Dorman, R. Parker, C. Birken, Capt. Jamieson, Capt. Savile, Col. Miller, Major

Wollocombe, Major Bucknall, Lieut. Parker, and Capt. Horrocks did not bat.
Match abandoned owing to rain.

The following were among the members and guests present at the "At Home" on June 29th:—

Gen. Sir Ivor and Lady and Miss Maxse, Brig.-Gen. Garstin, Brig.-Gen. Hall, Col. Savile, Col. Oliver, Col. and Mrs. and Miss Passingham, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Goodwin, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Baker, Lieut.-Col. Bethune, Major and Mrs. Dundas, Major Willoughby, Major Sloane-Stanley, Major Money, Major and Mrs. and Miss I. Steed, Major and Mrs. Amor, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Samuel, Capt. and Mrs. Hodding, Capt. Whieldon, Lieut. and Mrs. Clayden, Lieut. and Mrs. Douthet, Sqdn.-Leader Goggin, Major Jefferd, Major and Mrs. Wollocombe, Capt. Savile, Major and Mrs. Bucknall, Capt. Horrocks, Capt. and Mrs. Manson, Capt. Mirams, Lieut. and Mrs. Parker, Capt. and Miss Stock, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Finch, Capt. Jamieson, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Abell, Col. and Mrs. Glover, Lieut. Latham, Col. and Mrs. Dams, Lieut.-Col. Miller, Mrs. Paul, the Misses Pare, Dr. Donald Holmes, Capt. Hedgecoe, Mrs. Clowes, the Rev. and Mrs. Dickin, Lieut. Lambert, Lieut. Chatty, Col. Perring, Col. Simpson, Mrs. and Miss Lutyens, Lieut. Kempster, and Capt. Paiba.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THERE is, perhaps, nothing that reminds us so insistently of the old adage that time flies as the speed with which each quarter arrives, with its demand for fresh copy for the Regimental Journal. Scarcely do we seem to have despatched our quarterly notes to the Editor, with a sigh of relief, than we receive his next reminder that our notes are "long overdue."

While a lot of hard work has been going on in the Battalion during the past few months, there is very little in the way of "copy" to record. Undoubtedly the most spectacular achievement of the Battalion during this period was their participation in the Hornsey Carnival, in

aid of the Hornsey Central Hospital and the British Legion.

This event took place on Thursday, June 16th, a fortunate choice of dates in view of the fact that it was the day upon which we happened to have our summer this year, though, perhaps, this was not appreciated by some of the more heavily attired members of the Battalion, or the drivers of the General Service wagon.

The Battalion produced three tableaux for the procession, showing the history of the local Volunteer Movement from its inception in 1798. The central figures on the first vehicle were dressed in the uniform of the period of Waterloo, and consisted of a colour party carrying copies of the old Hampstead Colours presented in 1804, while below them were arranged men in various uniforms worn by the Battalion in 1798, 1859, 1880, and 1914. The second vehicle represented the Battalion's activities during the Great War. Around a sand-bagged trench-mortar, served by two men of the Battalion, were grouped troops showing the evolution of kit and weapons from the drill-clad figures representing their stay in Gibraltar, in 1914, to the steel-helmeted soldier of 1918, complete with box respirator and Lewis gun. The rear was brought up by a General Service wagon carrying a machine-gun section, signallers, and transport men, representing the activities of the Battalion at the present date. The procession toured through a large portion of our recruiting area, and it is hoped that many eligible young men were duly impressed, though, on the return of the performers it appeared that they had appealed more to the female element of the population than the male, as the only captives they brought with them were members of the gentler sex appropriately garbed as Red Cross Nurses, and in other dresses of the period.

It is with a sigh of relief that we learn that obligatory musketry is, to all intents and purposes, finished for the year, and we are now concentrating our efforts on preparing for annual training, and the Brigade Rifle Meeting, where we fondly hope success will crown our efforts, and bring another training year to a close in a cloud of glory for our marksmen.

"C" COMPANY.

Another quarter has passed, and this time, we are glad to say, we have some more "copy" for our notes.

The Inter-Platoon and Inter-Section Competitions are still going strong. The position on the "Ladders" to date being:—

Inter-Platoon Competition.—

1, No. 12 Platoon, 714 points; 2, No. 9 Platoon, 599 points; 3, No. 10 Platoon, 526 points; 4, No. 11 Platoon, 454 points.

Inter-Section Competition.—

1, No. 3 Section, 279 points; 2, No. 14 Section, 251 points; 3, No. 5 Section, 232 points; 4, No. 10 Section, 219 points.

The Inter-Section Miniature Range Competition was won by No. 5 Section. Team: Ptes. Newson (Capt.), Basinger, Beale and Duck. We heartily congratulate them on their victory. No. 3 Section was 2nd, and No. 10, 3rd.

We also congratulate No. 10 Platoon on winning the Inter-Platoon Miniature Range Competition. No. 12 Platoon was 2nd, No. 11, 3rd, and No. 9, 4th.

On Saturday, May 21st, we held our last dance of the season, which was the most successful of any we have held so far. We were very pleased to have many of the officers and their lady friends with us. We were very sorry that the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Maitland were unable to be present. We were also very pleased to welcome some of our friends from the Hornsey Company. The March Syncopaters were in attendance, and a very enjoyable evening passed, thus bringing to a close a season of very successful dances.

Twelve of our members took part in the Carnival at Hornsey, on June 16th, dressed in the uniforms of bygone days. They seem to have had an amusing afternoon, in spite of being jolted about on wagons. The consensus of opinion seems to be that soldiering in modern dress is infinitely more preferable to soldiering in the uniform of, say, a century ago. As one of the actors remarked: "It ain't 'arf — 'ot in them clothes."

The Company musketry returns this year shows a great improvement on last year. We should like to see the recruits' and Lewis gunners' averages higher.

Our averages to date are:—Trained men, 839; recruits, 70; Lewis gunners, 513.

We are sorry to lose L./Cpl. C. Loxton, whose work has taken him to Liverpool; also L./Cpl. J. Watkins and Pte. F. C. Mardell, time expired. We welcome Ptes. C. E. Fletcher and P. Whiting.

We are all looking forward to camp at Shorncliffe, where we hope to do well both in training and in the competitions.

Let us close with the earnest hope that the weather will be kind to us.

"D" COMPANY.

Although written in the delightfully civilian atmosphere of Enfield, these notes will be read during the harassing activities of military life at Shorncliffe, when for a fortnight we renew our acquaintance with the intricacies of field training.

This year we are very fortunate in having a large number of exceptional recruits, chaps whose efficiency and ability would be a credit to full-blown trained men. With the assistance of these we hope to win back to its proper home the Warner Drill Cup.

At Easter, and again at Whitsun, the Battalion held a week-end camp for musketry. We did exceptionally well at these camps, our number of first class shots being very large.

On June 2nd we had as our guests the neighbouring battalion—the Bedfs. and Herts. A shoot took place between the two teams, and resulted in a win for us by 75 points; afterwards we pitted our skill against them in a friendly game of darts, and then adjourned to the canteen for a sing-song and the "flowing bowl." On the 17th we gave them a return match, which resulted in a win for them by 52 points. They are due to visit us again shortly, and shoot off the final, when we intend to entertain them right royally.

The Sergeant-Major has just informed us of the fact that on Sunday, July 3rd, Cpl. Wrangles won the gold medal in the July Battalion Rifle Meeting. We offer him our congratulations.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1927.

Amount of grants and loans made: £81 6s. 4d.

Number of cases dealt with: 100.

Number of cases assisted: 47.

Number of men registered for employment: 78.

Number of men offered employment: 38.

Number of men found permanent employment: 17.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 4.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Saturday, April 30th, 1927.

Present: Major W. W. Jefferd (in the chair), Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Major A. W. Lewey (8th Battalion), Capt. H. E. Foster, Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., and Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer and Secretary).

The chairman of the sub-committee appointed to deal with the claim for refund of income tax explained the progress made since last meeting, and it was decided to proceed with the handing over of the trust. As this will entail the amendment of the rules, the sub-committee was asked to review these and put forward at the next meeting any amendments considered to be necessary.

It was proposed and carried that a vote of thanks be passed to the resigning members of the Executive Committee: Major R. A. Slee, R.S.M. W. J. Brooks and R.S.M. H. Anderson, M.C., for the great assistance rendered during the many years they have served on the Committee.

The chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. E. Morris, explained the arrangements made for the Old Comrades' Gathering fixed to take place at the ground of the Finchley Cricket Club on June 29th.

A special application for a loan for emigration purposes was considered, and it was proposed and carried that the matter be left in the hands of the Standing Committee.

Employment.—The question of employment has not improved very much during the present year, at least not to the extent of showing an appreciable falling off in applications to the Association for jobs, although a slight improvement has manifested itself in billets which require hard manual labour.

Into these it has been possible to place a limited number of men leaving the Colours after short periods of service, but the greatest difficulty is still experienced in obtaining suitable employment for those who complete the long periods required to qualify for permanent pensions, and who, by reason of their length of service, cannot undertake this class of work.

In this connection the Committee wish to draw the attention of those warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who are approaching the expiration of pensionable Colour service to the following, and hope that the opportunity offered of securing assistance in obtaining suitable employment on leaving the service will be remembered and taken full advantage of.

The Army Council has given approval to the formation of a new class at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, in order to assist soldiers with long service (*i.e.*, soldiers with 18 years or more service) to obtain positions of trust such as caretakers, porters, messengers, etc., for which occupations their military training renders them suitable.

Such soldiers may apply to join the Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, for the last two months of their service. While there, they will be employed on duties and given instruction in subjects likely to be of use to them in the employment they seek. Simultaneously, the Centre's Employment Bureau will take up their cases and endeavour to place each man in a job suitable to his particular qualifications. The men, moreover, will be given every facility during their attachment at Hounslow to attend interviews with prospective employers,

and will also be immediately available to take up positions as they occur.

In obtaining employment it should be remembered that self-help counts for a lot. The man who keeps his eyes and ears open, looks round for himself and gets his friends to help him, stands a better chance of finding congenial employment than does the man who sits down and waits for others to find it for him.

Senior ranks holding positions of responsibility will find that, at Hounslow, being released from their duties, they can devote their whole energy to solving the problem of their future.

Soldiers who are allotted vacancies are advised to bring with them plain clothes, as whilst some employers like to see applicants for employment in uniform, others prefer to see what they look like in civilian clothes.

It must be remembered that a discharge certificate of service is not available until within a few days of expiration of Colour service. Before a soldier obtains this he has nothing to prove to employers what his record is. For this reason, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men are advised to bring with them any chits they may have received from officers under whom they have served, and, if they wish to take up a dual post with their wives, copies of any references the latter may possess.

It has further been decided to continue the special courses at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot, for the purpose of giving vocational training to soldiers during their last six months of service for employment at schools and institutes where the knowledge of gymnastics, boxing, refereeing, wrestling, fencing, swimming, equipment making and repairing, etc., are essential assets. Only soldiers who are in possession of physical training certificates will be eligible; soldiers who require training to enable them to secure appointments merely as groundsmen will not be accepted. There is a special course for this purpose at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Catterick. Students who join the school on and after July 1st, 1927, will be required to pay the flat rate of fee (7s. 6d. per week).

OLD COMRADES' GATHERING.

THE Annual Old Comrades' Summer Gathering took place at the Finchley Cricket Club Ground on Wednesday, June 29th, 1927.

It has been arranged that this event takes place at the same time and place as the Officers' Club "At Home," the object being to provide an opportunity for old officers and their wives to meet old comrades and their families, and so keep in touch with those with whom they spent their soldiering days.

Unfortunately, the clerk of the weather proved most unkind; as early in the afternoon he dispatched such a downpour that not only did it keep the majority of both officers and old comrades away, but spoilt, for the few that ventured, the keen enjoyment occasioned by these gatherings.

There were, however, several pleasant reunions, and Gen. Garstin, Gen. Hall, Cols. Savile, Oliver, Glover, and Finch and many ladies found many they knew who were as eager to test memories as they were to quote long and detailed incidents of the times usually referred to as "the good old days."

We hope next year to make this more of a real gathering, and in place of the tens of members who now put in an appearance endeavour to persuade the old comrades to gather round in their hundreds.

With this object in view, the Entertainment Committee earnestly invite all ex-members of the Regiment to forward suggestions as to what they consider the best way of improving this function, and to make it what it should be, the most enjoyable day of the year.

As the gatherings next year will take place at the Depot, the difficulty experienced this year of not being able to erect the tents conveniently near the offices will be obviated, as space, which was the cause, is not limited on the Mill Hill ground.

The following were among those who attended:—Mr. E. Morris, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. T. W. Hicks, R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. W. Hunter, C.Q.M.S. West, Sergt. Shaw,

Mr. Godley, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. King and daughters (two), C.S.M. Gray, C.S.M. Sperry, C.Q.M.S. Cook, Mr. T. Bailey, Mr. Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whiting, Mr. W. P. White, senr., Mr. W. P. White, junr., Mr. R. Evans, Mr. Bosworth, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. G. Kerswill.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

THESE are the last notes before we go to annual training at Shorncliffe. We hope that it will be notable as a camp for the large attendance. Big numbers make both for efficiency and happiness, and it is to be hoped that every man in the Battalion will do his utmost to be present at what is the most important fortnight in the Battalion's year.

Since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS "B" Company have distinguished themselves by winning the Winter Weapon Training Competition for the Battalion. We owe them both congratulations and thanks. We have said for some time that the 8th must win this event. Thanks to "B" Company we have done it.

The second Annual Reunion Dinner of the 8th Battalion Old Comrades was held at Hounslow on May 26th. It was a great success. Sixty-seven members were present, Col. Garner being in the chair, supported by Col. Peake and Col. Baker. It was very gratifying to see so many old comrades who had served in the Battalion before the war. Their keenness might well be taken as a model by the young soldiers serving to-day. The Committee gratefully acknowledge donations of one guinea each from Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Phelps. We have, unfortunately, not got the names of all old comrades. It would be a great help if names and addresses of former members of the Battalion could be forwarded to the Adjutant or to any of the permanent Staff Instructors at the Drill Halls. They would then be sure of receiving a notice of the dinner in future.

On Whit-Monday the Battalion Transport entered two vehicles for the Ealing Horse Parade. They followed up their success of last camp by taking first and second places in the Turnout Competition.

At Easter and Whitsuntide the majority of the signallers and machine gunners were attached to Regular units at Shorncliffe. They seem to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly by the sea with the assistance of their Regular comrades.

A number of the Battalion officers took part in a very instructive Brigade tactical exercise at Canterbury during the week-end of May 27th to 29th. The country was excellent for the work, and the weather, fortunately, was fine.

Musketry has been in full swing, and will, we hope, be over by the time these notes are in print. The trip to Bisley seems more popular now that it is made by the London General Omnibus Company's buses instead of the old means of transport. The standard of musketry shows an improvement this year, particularly as regards the Lewis gun. The turnout of the men firing was noticeably better than in previous years, both in cleanliness and in fitting of equipment.

Recruiting is steady, but by no means brisk. However, what we lack in quantity we make in quality, as the type of man accepted is very good.

"B" Company have been preparing for some weeks to give a Torchlight Tattoo at Ealing. On the afternoon of Saturday, June 18th, the Company paraded with detachments from other companies for a final rehearsal. This was quite satisfactory, but, unfortunately, the weather was against us when the time came for the performance. A continuous downpour of rain made it impossible to carry on with the show, and we reluctantly had to abandon it. However, on July 2nd it is intended to give the Tattoo at Brentford. This time we hope our friend the Clerk of the Weather will be more kind.

"H.Q." WING.

A somewhat dull period the last three months. Mostly musketry, and then a little more musketry. Even the only inter-company event held recently was the Miniature Range Competition. At the time of writing this is not yet finished, but "Q" Company (one of the two portions of "H.Q." Wing newly constructed for the purpose of regimental competitions) is, of course, in the final, and

stands, we hope, a good chance of pulling off a victory.

We congratulate the Transport Section, and in particular L./Cpl. Godfrey, on their splendid turn-out at the Ealing Horse Show last month when L./Cpl. Godfrey and Pte. Holland carried off the first and second prizes of their class respectively.

Successful dances continue to be held at Hounslow Drill Hall every Saturday, but otherwise there are no social events of importance to record.

Preparations are now in full swing for annual training at Shorncliffe. It is at such times that "H.Q." Wing really gets busy. Important posts have to be filled for various Battalion and often for Brigade duties, and transport, stores, etc., have to be made ready. We look forward to another good camp this year, and if only the weather is kind there is no reason why we should be disappointed.

We deeply regret to have to record the death, following a stroke, of Bdsn. H. Dudley on June 28th. Although he only joined us last year, his early decease is a very great loss both to the Band and to the whole Company.

YELLOW FLASHES.

By the time these notes are published we shall be under canvas at Shorncliffe, a camp we last visited three years ago. We wonder if we shall find Charles, the Earing, the regimental pet in those days, and if he can still form fours?

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The excuse for bad shooting at Bisley this year is that you forgot to take your camera for the snap-shot practice.

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Q. Why is the new spot light miniature rifle like the Battalion notes in the Regimental Journal?

A. Because it is able to project yellow flashes on to any given target.

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There is some talk of alterations to the Drill Hall at Hounslow. We suggest the inclusion of a cock-tail bar and a garage for fifty cars.

The War Department's little game
Of scrapping bounties seems a shame;
But have we really cause for blame?
Although the joke is rather tame
And all excuses very lame,
Efficiency grant is just the same—
"A rose by any other name."

"A" COMPANY.

We have many doings to record in this issue, and we will take them in order.

The Winter Weapon Training Competition, which ended in March, was won by "B" Company, and we congratulate them. We were second, which is quite a satisfactory result, although we had very real hopes of being first this year.

Bisley has come and gone, as far as Annual Musketry is concerned. The firing, as far as "A" Company results show, was up to the usual standard for the rifle, but the Lewis gun results were rather better this year. The improved transport facilities were much appreciated.

In the Battalion Miniature Range Shield Competition we were drawn against "D" Company in the first round, and they visited us in May. After an exciting struggle the visitors were successful, obtaining 171 points against our 157.

On June 2nd we held a Company Miniature Range Competition and a Billiards Competition, both of which were much enjoyed. We were glad to see our old friend, R.Q.M.S. Unstead, who kindly organized (and incidentally won) the Billiards Competition. The results were as follows:—

MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

Trained Men.—1st, C.S.M. Bawn; 2nd, Pte. Bramall.

Best Recruit's Score.—Pte. Holden.

BILLIARDS COMPETITION.

1st, R.Q.M.S. Unstead; runner-up, Pte. Slade.

During May and June we were, as usual, temporarily short of officers, as Lieut. Pattison was on leave for some weeks owing to business in Ireland, and 2/Lieut. Maddex, not content with his recent Weapon Training Course, is, at the time of writing, attending a two months' Drill and Tactics Course at the

London District School of Instruction. Sergt. Williams has recently attended a Weapon Training Course at the London District School of Instruction, and Cpl. Seymour a Signalling Course. Cpl. Seymour and Pte. Gill were also present at a Whitsuntide Signalling Training Course at Shorncliffe. We shall hope to get the full benefit at camp of this orgy of courses!

We congratulate Sergt. Hillier on his promotion. He is one of the oldest members of the Company, and one who has its interests very much at heart.

We are all looking forward to camp at Shorncliffe, and we mean to win back the Efficiency Cup this year, so "B" ware.

"B" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS the Drill Hall has been a continual buzz of activity, and a very good attendance has been maintained throughout. Our miniature range has again been put in order, and, although it may not be quite as elaborate as some we have seen, we have shot on worse.

Through the earlier part of the year our time was fully occupied in preparing for the Winter Weapon Training Competition. We were selected to represent the Battalion for this, and the members of the teams, who put in a great deal of extra work, are to be congratulated on winning the cup for the Battalion.

Unfortunately we were not so successful in the Battalion Miniature Range competition. We were knocked out in the last round on June 13th. No doubt 13 is our unlucky number!

On Sunday, April 24th, a church parade was held at St. George's, Brentford, where the Vicar, in his sermon, gave an interesting history of the Middlesex Regiment and showed how its traditions should be upheld. We had the Battalion Drums on parade, and there was a good attendance from "B" Company.

Monday, May 16th, being "Albuhera" Day, we held the first of what we hope will be many Old Comrades' Reunion Dinners in the Drill Hall. Among those present were Cols. Garner and Baker, Major Jack, Cpts. Hedgecoe, Dymore, Sherbrooke-Walker, and Dark, the officers of the Company and close on fifty of its past and present members. The usual

toasts and speeches followed the dinner, and then an informal sing-song was inaugurated. Judging by the time we left, and the hazy recollections of the happenings the following morning, the Reunion must have been a great success. Indeed, there is nothing like a pipe and a pint pot (except, of course, a quart one) to start a hearty flow of reminiscences.

For the past month we have been preparing for the Torchlight Tattoo, which should have been held on Saturday, June 18th. Unfortunately all concerned have been badly disappointed in that function owing to the weather. We paraded, supplemented by men from the other companies, in the Drill Hall at three o'clock, nearly a hundred strong. We then marched to a field at North Ealing (Snell's Farm), where the Adjutant put us through a final rehearsal of the movements. After tea we proceeded to the Walpole Park, where the Mayor inspected us in the drizzling rain. Then we marched past and returned for another of the excellent meals which he and his Council had kindly supplied for us. At about ten o'clock the rain showed us plainly enough that it really meant business, so we were regretfully compelled to cancel the Tattoo. Even if we had ignored the torrents of rain, it was doubtful if we should have been able to keep on our feet, the ground was so slippery, and it was still more doubtful if there would have been any drenched enthusiasts left to watch our well-practised evolutions. We are to repeat the Tattoo at Brentford on July 2nd, and it is to be hoped that the weather will then be more suitable.

Bisley has been our destination on Sundays of late. The journey there is much more comfortable now, as we ride there in the luxury of a General omnibus instead of the shaky, leaky old lorries that have been our lot for many years past. No doubt this will have a beneficial effect on our shooting.

"C" COMPANY.

Since the last time of writing we are glad to say that the Company Club is in full swing once more, and that we are having many more men on parade.

2/Lieuts. Warlow and Addis are attending weapon training and drill and

tactics courses respectively at the London District School of Instruction. Cpl. Merrin is to be congratulated on obtaining a satisfactory report on the completion of his Lewis gun course at the same school.

On Saturday, April 2nd, we held a very successful dance at the Drill Hall, when we had much pleasure in entertaining Col. and Mrs. Baker and the officers of the Battalion. It is hoped we shall be able to hold more of these jolly evenings in the future.

We congratulate "D" Company on beating us in the Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition by thirty-one points. In the Division Cross-Country Run the Company was represented by 2/Lieut. Warlow and Pte. Andrews.

On Saturday, June 18th, about ten N.C.Os. and men visited "B" Company at Ealing to take part in a Torchlight Tattoo, which was abandoned at the last moment owing to the extremely bad weather. On the return journey our lorry broke down between Hounslow and Feltham, and although a few of the party managed to catch the last train, it is sad to relate that three of them had to walk to Staines, and arrived home in the early hours of the morning.

We hope to hold a Church Parade on July 10th, when we are looking forward to seeing some of our friends from other companies. Lastly, we welcome Capt. H. A. M. Hughes to the Company, and assure him of our best wishes. He is to take command of the Company after camp.

"D" COMPANY.

The Miniature Range Competition has now been brought to a successful conclusion. The result is a win for "D" Company. We congratulate Cpl. Woodhouse, the captain of the team, and Cpl. Austin, L./Cpl. Juggins, Ptes. Warren, Nowell, Petford, Smith, Day and Langton, the members of the team. We must not forget C.S.M. Edwards and C.S.M. Sparkes, to whom credit is due for their perseverance with the intensive training of the team on every possible occasion. The remark passed by the Permanent Staff Instructor that "This wasn't won on paper" will, of course, be much too subtle for most readers.

By the time these notes are published camp for 1927 will probably be a thing of the past, and it is hoped that the Quartermaster will not be sending too many of his friendly little notes to Uxbridge asking for a cheque for the undermentioned articles lost by Pte. Blank.

The attendance at camp will not be as good this year as it has been in previous years, but what we lack in quantity we hope to make up in quality.

Congratulations to "B" Company on winning the Winter Weapon Training Competition. We should have been surprised if their scores had not brought them the success they so well deserved.

A THREE WEEKS' HOLIDAY TO THE CANARY ISLANDS.

I HOPE that these few notes of the trip may be useful to somebody wanting to take a holiday on the sea or requiring to go for health reasons to a warm and healthy climate.

As everybody knows, the Canary Islands are situated about sixty miles off the North-West Coast of Africa, and the principal islands are Grand Canary and Tenerife.

It is possible to go to these islands, spend six days there, and do the whole thing for the very low figure of £35—or £30 in the summer months.

The first thing to do is to book your passage by Nelson Line—£25 first-class return, or £20 in the summer months.

The ships of this line are most comfortable, and very steady sea boats. They run from Tilbury to South America, calling at Boulogne, Vigo and Las Palmas on the outward journey.

We left Fenchurch Street Station on the morning of April 21st, and proceeded by special boat train to Tilbury Pier, and from there in a tender to the ship, which was lying in mid-stream.

We sailed at about twelve noon, reached Boulogne at about 10 p.m., and sailed again at about 11 p.m. We passed down the Channel, saw the islands next day about noon, and reached the Bay of Biscay that night, and Vigo on the 25th at 3 p.m.

The ship anchored just outside the inner

harbour, and most of the passengers spent the afternoon ashore.

We sailed again that night at nine o'clock. After leaving Vigo we ran into lovely weather.

The ship reached the harbour of Puerto de la Luz, which is the port of Las Palmas, Grand Canary, at 7 a.m. on the 28th, and dropped anchor about 200 yards from the Mole.

We went ashore in a motor launch at about 10 a.m., and landed at the Mole.

Our party went to stay at the Hotel Towers in West Bay, about five minutes from the landing stage. This hotel is situated right on the sands, and the bathing is excellent.

Others went to stay at the Metropole, which is considered the best hotel, situated half-way between the Port and Las Palmas, but the bathing from this hotel is not good.

Some went to stay at the Hotel Madrid in the centre of Las Palmas, and, again, others stayed at the Hotel St. Brigida at Monte, about 1,700 feet up above the town of Las Palmas and about seven miles by road, and there is also another very good hotel called Fruiles, half-way between Monte and Las Palmas.

The average price at these hotels is between 12s. and 13s. a day, all inclusive.

The climate of these islands is practically the same all the year round, a hot sun but always a breeze, and, in fact, it becomes quite chilly in the evenings.

There are several very nice motor drives to be done on the island through banana plantations and orange groves.

Motor cars are plentiful; they are mostly large cars to seat six, and can be hired for about £2 for a whole afternoon.

In conclusion, I should like to say that the voyage is wonderful value for the money.

The ships are so steady that passengers are seldom absent from meals. Personally, I had a wonderful appetite all the time on board ship, and ate nearly £25 worth of food. "A CANARY BIRD."

Extract from recruit's essay on regimental history:—

"Sir ringapatam sed to his men, 'Die Hard, my men, die hard.' That was his last words borfand he died of wounds."

9th BATTALION NOTES.

ALTHOUGH we have been extremely busy during the past few months, there does not appear to be very much which lends itself to print. The outstanding incident was, of course, our Albuhera Day celebrations, but as this has been fully dealt with elsewhere it is not proposed to enter into it in detail in these few lines. Suffice it to say that, in the absence of both our Regular Battalions in hotter and thirstier (?) climes, we felt it incumbent on us to uphold the regimental traditions to the best of our ability, and to try to impress on the people of Willesden that Albuhera Day was of peculiar significance to the district. The considerable trouble taken by the organizers was amply repaid by the success of the evening and the obvious interest and enjoyment displayed by the large crowd of over a thousand people present.

In an evening of this sort, although one hears much from the official reports about the actual performers, there are a good many people behind the scenes who come in for no glory, but are just as much responsible for success as, shall we say, that most photographed star, the Commander of the Old Guard. For instance, it was very pleasant on arrival to come in to the capable hands of Sergt. Missen and staff at the car park. There are ways and ways of having one's car parked, as we all know to our cost, but Sergt. Missen's tactful handling of the anxious owner-drivers was a sheer joy to watch. Lieut. Gray and staff are heartily to be congratulated on their excellent policing arrangements and management of the large crowd, a none too easy matter in such a confined space as the Pound Lane Parade Ground. It is reported that the Police Inspector from Harlesden was so impressed that Mr. Gray was offered the rank of constable on the spot. And it speaks highly of Mr. Gray's devotion to the Territorial Army, and the 9th Battalion Middlesex in particular, that he withstood such a tempting offer, which would undoubtedly have been snapped up by most impecunious officers of the British Army.

The interior decorations of the Drill Hall were most artistically arranged, and

although Capt. Lawson has only just recovered from the blisters on his thumbs, caused by obstinate drawing pins, he can rest assured that they were not in vain, and the results of his hard work were much appreciated by all.

Although the Territorial Army is essentially the life for a benedict, and there was a suggestion by some bachelors (not many) that a notice should be put over the gate "Beware of marriage all ye who enter here," the most confirmed woman-hater must admit that Albuhera Day would not have been half such a success without the untiring efforts of the Ladies' Committee, consisting of Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Sherwood, who were entirely responsible for the admirable catering arrangements, which sent us all home with that warm pleasant feeling inside, so inducive to dreams, pleasant or otherwise, and a bad night's rest. The permanent staff, as usual, were indefatigable, and it would be invidious to pick out any one for special notice when all gave of their utmost to make the evening a success, but when they depart to a higher and happier existence undoubtedly they will find that the recording angel has made an entry on the credit side of their heavenly conduct sheets. Owing to the very large parades preceding Albuhera Day there was naturally a falling off of attendances afterwards, but thanks to gymnasium, N.C.Os. classes, recruits' parades and musketry no grass has as yet appeared through the floors of these hives of industry, the 9th Battalion Drill Halls. There have been two very successful church parades, the first at Christ Church, Brondesbury, commanded by Capt. Lamont, and the second at the Parish Church, Willesden, commanded by Capt. Findlay. The Battalion mustered about a hundred strong on each occasion, and the steady influx of recruits shows that the smart turn-out was appreciated by the civil inhabitants. The usual musketry week-ends and Sundays have been carried out, and we are glad to say that there are very few men now left to fire their annual musketry course. The musketry training has caused the introduction of a new rank in the 9th Battalion, that of the "Master Dead Eye," which was unanimously confirmed on Capt. Sherwood, and one of the sights of Rainham has been the "Master Dead Eye" surrounded by an

admiring crowd of "Baby Dead Eyes" recording bulls with monotonous regularity at every conceivable range.

There is a danger that most of the 9th Battalion are shortly moving to Hollywood to take up "movies" as a profession. Acting in the films, or, rather, appearing on the stage of the local cinemas, has become quite a recognized form of training in the Battalion, and Sergt. Batty, Cpl. Bell and L./Cpl. Austin are making "positively their last appearance" in the near future.

The most successful evening was undoubtedly the Wednesday following Albuhera Day, when both the old and new guards were marched down by the Drums to the Empire Cinema, and appeared on the stage while the film of the Albuhera Celebrations was released (I believe this is the correct word) for the first time.

The theatre was packed to capacity, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the Army Community Singing, led by the two guards afterwards.

The first N.C.Os. Promotion Examination was held at Pound Lane on June 24th. Thirty-two candidates presented themselves for examination, and as all but two passed—many with distinction—it speaks well for the knowledge and keenness of the young N.C.Os. of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

"C" COMPANY.

When these notes appear in print we shall be amidst the din and strife of annual training. "Far from the madding crowd," perhaps. Once again we will be able to show the rest of the Battalion just how to mount guard, and also how to "still let 'em wait and see."

Now winter weapon training is over, chief interest is centred on the Physical Training Class. The class, under the direction of Sergt.-Major Elliott, from the Depot, is going along splendidly. We ought to be able to do great things later on. There is only one fly in the ointment: some of the would-be gymnasts will persist in trying to butt a hole in the "horse," but still they will grow out of this little prank, no doubt. We are immensely pleased with our Instructor, and we cannot show our appreciation

better than by turning up in full force. (Sundry weeds, please note.)

We all deeply regret losing Lieut. Hardcastle from the Company, but congratulate him on his promotion to Officer Commanding "B" Company. We trust "B" will endeavour to preserve the high standard of efficiency to which he has been accustomed.

Congratulations are due to those who sat for the N.C.O. examinations, as all of them passed.

"C" COMPANY'S DINNER.

At our enjoyable Reunion Dinner in the Drill Hall on Saturday, April 2nd, the Company serving members were joined by a number of old comrades, both officers and men. Our Commanding Officer, Capt. L. F. Findlay, presided, and supporting him were Col. W. P. Hewett, former Commanding Officer of the Battalion; Col. A. M. O. A. Passingham, Colonel Beach, Officer Commanding the Battalion; Capt. L. M. Hewlett, Capt. W. J. Sholl, Councillor V. D. Dempster, Capt. C. Harding, Major A. N. Tuck, Capt. B. J. Horrocks, Adjutant of the Battalion; Capt. H. Sherwood, and Lieut. G. J. B. Furness. There were also present R.S.M. W. C. Beasley, C.S.Ms. H. Tisdale and A. Todman; whilst old members included Mr. Marks, who was bandmaster during the war; ex-Lieut. H. E. Cross, Messrs. W. A. Boulter, H. Jordon, and H. Yedder. The Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Rouse, played selections during the dinner.

It was a matter of regret to us that our Honorary Colonel, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, was unable to be with us owing to indisposition. In this place the toast of "The Regiment" was appropriately proposed by Col. W. P. Hewett. He emphasized the indivisibility of the Regiment, and reminded us that we are the custodians of the honour of the Regiment which has the reputation of being second to none in the British Army.

Col. Passingham responded, and remarked that the good attendance of old comrades showed the *esprit de corps* of the Company. They were proud of their Territorial battalions, especially the 9th, and he congratulated us on the reputation of the Company.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and this was responded to by Capt. Sholl.

The toast of "The Company" was proposed by Col. Beach, who congratulated the Company on having won the Battalion Boxing Cup during the year, and also the Guard-mounting Competition. He thought that the fact of having an old Guardsman for a Sergeant-Major had something to do with the latter success. Having referred to the proposed discontinuance of the bounty, the Colonel said he was certain the Company would be no weaker in consequence, because they had such an efficient Recruiting Committee in Harrow and because they were "C" Company.

The Chairman, in reply, mentioned that the Company had wrested the Boxing Cup from "B" Company, and also won the Brigade Boxing, almost he might say, off their own bat, seeing that the points made by "C" Company were sufficient to beat the next Battalion on their own. (Applause.)

At guard-mounting they had won the cup for the third year in succession. They were determined that "C" Company should keep up the best tradition of the Battalion as far as lay in their power.

Col. Passingham then presented cups and medals won by the following members:—Brigade Boxing Championships: Ptes. Lindon, Macguire and Thomson. Battalion Championships: Pte. Stewart (Middle-weight), Pte. Linden (Feather-weight), and Pte. Haggerty (Novices), Ptes. Simpson and Foster being runners-up. Guard-mounting Competition: Cpl. O'Shea, Ptes. Hulme, Parsons, Woods and Sweatman. Tent Competition: Cpls. Harrod and Messider. T.A. Cookery Championship: Winner of the 9th Battalion, Pte. Deacon.

Capt. Findlay announced that they were arranging competitions for various cups belonging to the Company. In addition, the Wealdstone Football Club had kindly promised a cup for any competition the Company chose. He thanked the club for their kind offer, which was warmly appreciated.

"D" COMPANY.

By the time these notes appear in the Regimental Magazine, another annual

training may be finished. At the moment everybody is preparing for it. Those of us who were at Shorncliffe before are taking a supply of cotton wool for our ears, as we have recollections of earwigs. However, we are all looking forward to as good a time as last year. A word about the 1926-27 Winter Weapon Training Competition. In the Battalion we were again second to "B" Company, but owing to different conditions we represented the Battalion in the Brigade Competition, and although we were last in the competition, no blame is attached to the sixteen N.C.Os. and men who turned up for the final tests, as actually in these tests we were well in front of the other battalions, i.e., thirty points in front on the Lewis gun, for instance, but the points were lost on the drill attendance averages, etc., throughout the whole of the competition.

We have started a Gymnastic Class on Thursday evenings, under C.S.M.I. Elliott, of the Army Gymnastic Staff. We should like to see a better attendance at these classes, and I feel sure that the progress made by those who are attending would surprise many who are not taking part.

Seven of our N.C.Os. entered for the promotion examination at Pound Lane on June 24th, and they are all to be congratulated on getting through. It is rumoured that the next one will not be quite so easy, so those N.C.Os. who missed this one will probably be sorry.

We regret that in our last notes we forgot to wish our late Adjutant, Capt. N. P. Procter, the best of luck on his departure to join the 1st Battalion and proceed to China. "Our wishes," although belated, are none the less sincere.

Don.

"EMMA GEE."

The Section have had quite a busy time since the last notes. We have to thank the Warwicks and Inniskillings for very interesting times at Easter and Whitsun training.

Quite a number of the Section have arranged advanced bookings for various things for the summer training, but we are not permitted to disclose their names.

We proceeded to Rainham by bus on Sunday, June 26th, to fire our course, and after an enjoyable journey arrived only to find that Rainham kept up its name for bad weather.

All the same, everyone did quite well, and we congratulate L./Cpl. Croker and his team on coming out top; also L./Cpl. Croker himself for making the best score with 240 points.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Ptes. Reavell and Elsey to the Section, and tender our congratulations to the members who passed the N.C.O.s examination.

"CROSS HEAD."

SIGNALLERS.

Since our last notes the Section (with the usual exceptions) have made rapid strides, and it has been a cheery sight to see the attendance, on the whole. We take this opportunity of welcoming Ptes. Ransom and Lathwell to the Section, and though we will be losing some of our backward "signallers" our latest additions will more than fill their places.

We would like to express our pleasure upon the recovery from his recent illness of our greatly esteemed Signal Officer, Lieut. H. Heffer, and offer our congratulations to him on passing his promotion examination.

Some splendid schemes have been done lately, and from a signal point of view the Dorking Scheme was the best.

At Easter, thanks to the "Warwicks," we had a splendid time, and again at Whitsun, thanks, this time, to the "Staffs." We look forward to another meeting during camp.

Our pet chorister, "Jacko," gave us each night, after celebrating in Folkestone, his account of "Way down Wizz-Bang Lane." We hope his repertoire is extensive, as he will be needed at camp.

Thanks are due to Lieut. G. J. B. Furness for allowing us to use his fields, the men thoroughly appreciating his kindness, to judge from their comments.

There is still room for men to train as signallers, and they are sure of a hearty welcome.

Finally, we wish all signallers of the Regiment the best of good luck, and to our friends abroad a speedy return.

"WIND TICKLER."

We are indebted to the *Willesden Citizen* for the following account of the Albuhera Day celebrations:—

ALBUHERA DAY.

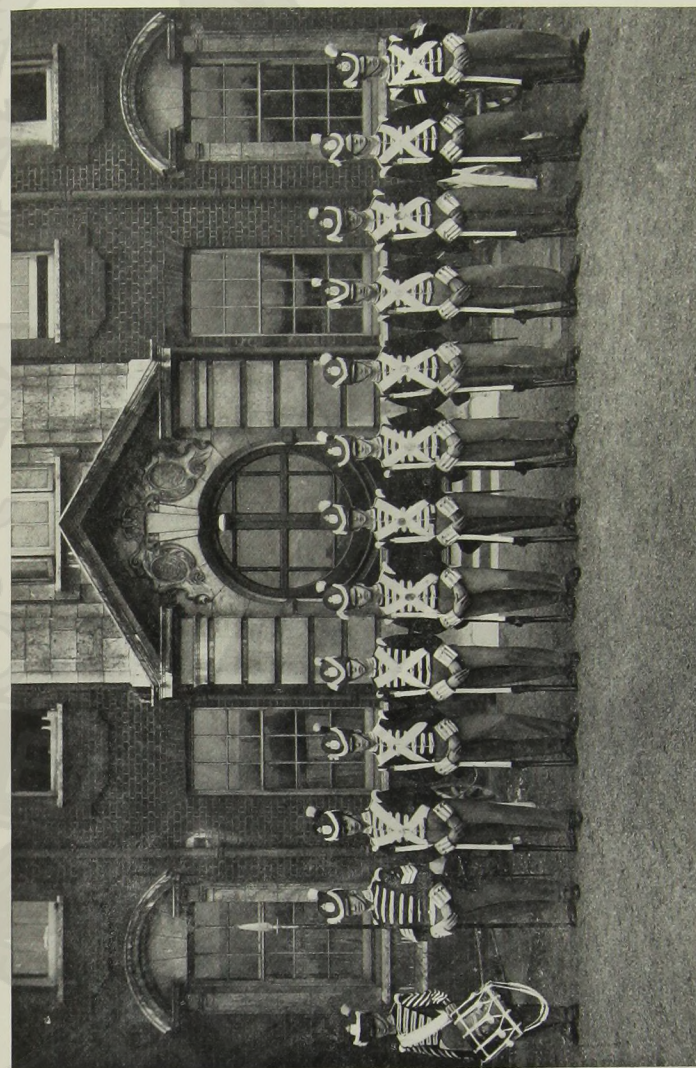
SPECTACULAR DISPLAY AT POUND LANE.

Albuhera Day at Pound Lane Drill Hall on Monday, as celebrated by the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, came far beyond even the most sanguine expectations of the organizers of this spectacular event, which brought home to Willesden the glorious traditions of the great Regiment which is so proudly represented by the local 9th Battalion of Territorials.

The Battle of Albuhera was fought on May 16th, 1811, and on that day the then 57th Regiment, the forefathers of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, earned the immortal name of the "Die-Hards." "Keep up a steady fire and die hard" was the order given by the then wounded Commander, Col. Inglis. How hard they died was seen next day, when 20 officers and 420 other ranks lay dead, fighting to the last with their faces towards the enemy.

A vast crowd assembled at Pound Lane on Monday evening to watch the guard-mounting by the Old Guard, dressed in the uniform of the 57th Regiment, and drilling according to the regulations of the time of Albuhera. They marched into the parade ground to the tune of the "British Grenadiers," inspiringly played by the Drums and Fifes.

The members' equipment was complete, even to side whiskers. Then was sounded the "Retreat," and a *feu de joie* or joyous salute to the Regimental Flag was smartly carried out by the Territorials. A guard wearing the familiar tin hats and full war kit came on to the scene and relieved the "Old Guard," taking from them the responsibility of upholding the undying traditions of the Middlesex Regiment. The smartly carried out manœuvres were warmly acclaimed by the audience, which included some distinguished visitors. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. de Salis, Col. A. M. O. Anywl Passingham, Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., Lieut.-Col. M. F. Kittoe, O.B.E., D.L., Chairman of Harrow Urban District Council; Col. R. C. W. H. Wortham, C.M.G., D.S.O., the new



9th BATTALION ALBUHERA CELEBRATIONS.
THE OLD GUARD.

Commanding Officer of the Middlesex and Sussex Brigade, and Mrs. Wortham, Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. F. J. Cresswell, Chairman of Wealdstone Council; Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., Mr. A. K. Permain, Capt. J. H. Hewlett, T.D., Col. A. H. Bindloss, Col. J. L. Blumfeld, Capt. M. N. Caird, Capt. Foster, Capt. W. J. Sholl, and Capt. Oakes-Jones.

The Battalion officers taking part were Col. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Officer Commanding the Battalion; Major G. Tupper, T.D., Capt. N. Lamont, M.C., Capt. L. Findlay, Capt. H. Sherwood, Capt. G. Fox, Lieuts. H. Hardcastle, F. G. Hogg, I. Furlong, E. C. Wright, H. Heffer and G. J. B. Furness, 2/Lieuts. P. Coubro, B. Sutcliffe and H. Cray, Capt. E. C. Lawson, Capt. B. G. Horrocks, Adjutant; Lieut. E. S. Hewson, and the Chaplain, the Rev. E. H. Barnes, M.C.

Two interesting visitors were the Chelsea pensioners, Hugh McCallum, who served in Ceylon and South Africa with the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and S. Connelly, an old Artilleryman, who joined the Middlesex Regiment in 1905, and was with them till 1920.

116 YEARS AGO.

The lighter side of the Albuhera celebration took place inside the drill hall, which had been artistically decorated for the occasion, and the Regimental Band played selections and led community singing, for which Mr. Morgan was the soloist. Later there was dancing, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the large number present.

During the evening Col. Beach gave a short address on the significance of the event they were commemorating. One hundred and sixteen years ago that day, he said, in an unknown Spanish village, the Battle of Albuhera was fought, but he supposed there were few of the ordinary men in the street who had probably ever heard of it. Yet, in spite of that, the Battle of Albuhera had had a most enormous influence since it took place, and all the battalions of the Middlesex Regiment—the Regiment which had raised more battalions than any other in the British Army—remembered that when they were told to “Die hard” they went on with it. When he had asked the battalion to put up a show on Albuhera

Day they had worked hard, and they had responded for the pride of the Regiment—the *esprit de corps*, that regimental spirit he could not define. That night they had illustrated some of the points which helped to make up the spirit, and though to the outsider the display may have been picturesque, to the Battalion it was something more—it was a link with the traditions of the past. At the famous battle he recalled, the King's Colours were hit no less than seventeen times, and their Regimental Colour was hit twenty-one times. No wonder the Regimental Flag they had saluted that night was regarded as a very different thing from four square yards of silk. It represented to those who had served the soul of the Regiment an example to the living, a memorial to the dead. The Regimental Colours were even more of a memorial than the Memorial in their Drill Hall, for it still lived, it honoured the memory of those who fell in every battle in which the Middlesex Regiment took part. Gen. Kent, who had come to them in the Battalion when he was over eighty, had said: “It is a magnificent thing to be an Englishman. It is a very fine thing to be a soldier, but it is the very best thing in the world to wear the red coat with the yellow facings (the Middlesex Regimental Colours).” (Applause.) They tried to live up to their traditions, which were summed up in the motto of their Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales, “I serve.” Every soldier in the Battalion wore it fourteen times on the buttons of his uniform. “If we are ever called upon to fight as soldiers we shall die hard, but if we are not called upon to die, we shall live hard to maintain those traditions which have been handed down to us from the past,” he concluded amidst bursts of applause.

A VISIT TO THE SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO.

By OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

It has been frequently said, and in many cases rightly so, that when a Territorial soldier begins to take an overwhelming interest in some member of the opposite sex, his interest in the Territorial Army diminishes in a like ratio. This phenomenon is difficult for a Regular soldier to understand, but for those of us who are in close touch with our citizen

army it is not so difficult, and the cause and effect, as they appear to me, are these.

The young Territorial soldier, having attained years of discretion, meets the lady of his dreams, and he, poor fool, gives up his lunch and his evening glass of beer in the Mess in order that he may take his adored to the theatre next Tuesday week, quite oblivious of the fact that lying in his pocket is a most important letter from the Adjutant requiring his presence on parade on that particular evening, and so the great game goes on until the once promising young soldier has completely forgotten which end of the rifle the bullet comes out of, and my lady takes good care that he should not return to his old love lest he should forget the new.

Now during my time as military correspondent of a great newspaper, I have come across battalions, some of whom can hold their own with a Regular battalion, and some of whom are only as good as one would expect them to be, and the good battalions are those whose senior officers counter modern problems by modern methods, and the others are those whose officers deplore the degeneracy of modern youth and leave it at that, and I am glad to know that the 9th Middlesex is a Battalion that has boldly tackled this question of petticoat influence, therefore I had great pleasure in accompanying the Officers' Mess and their ladies to Aldershot in a charabanc to witness the Searchlight Tattoo.

A start was made from Pound Lane at 6.15 p.m., only half an hour late, a highly creditable performance, considering the number of ladies present, and the journey to Aldershot was made in rather rainy weather, which caused a certain amount of argument as to whether the windows should be up or down. However, peace was soon restored when the P.M.C. announced that he had brought twenty bottles of beer to wash down the sandwiches which everyone had brought with them.

Aldershot was reached at 8.30 p.m., and we found that excellent seats had been reserved for us directly in front of the Royal box, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful spectacle, probably the most impressive of which was a company of the Dorset Regiment in their modern

Service dress, and with their Regimental Colour, marching past behind the troops of Marlborough and Tallard, dressed in all the glory and finery of those past days.

The return journey to Willesden was commenced at 12.30 a.m., some of the married officers then being somewhat flighty, and we older people on the back seat of the bus were highly entertained at the spectacle of mighty and much-feared Company Commanders changing hats with their wives, and other still more respected officers demanding that the lights should be extinguished. The revelry, however, was not destined to last long, for sleep soon overcame these light-hearted people. When Willesden was reached many a fair head was pillowed on a manly bosom, but when all were sorted out one and all were agreed that the evening had been an unqualified success in every way, and hopes of another such evening in the near future were expressed.

Thus does the 9th Middlesex endeavour to interest the fair sex in the doings of their men folk when they have an evening off to go to the Drill Hall.



“SOME REMINISCENCES OF THE DIE-HARDS.”

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

(Continued from page 484, May, 1927.)

THIS alarm suggested to our leading musician a tune which was duly entered at Stationers' Hall: “The Aden Alarm Gallop.” Many may, no doubt, have heard of it. W. E. Heywood (Capt.), lately deceased, resided as mine host at the Albion Hotel, Invercargill.

We had a very fast runner in our party, and the Somalis, who are a very active race, and fancying they can run, put forward all their best men, one after the other, but Cosgrove was too much for them; the fact was they were quite a little gold mine to Cosgrove. When they found they had no one in Aden who could lead the way for Cosgrove, they sent away to their country for the best runner procurable. In due course, over came an

individual, an animated flag-staff. In fact, I never saw anything like him in my life. Without at all over-stepping the bounds he could easily hide behind one of our roadside telegraph poles, and would reach nearly as high. The general feeling was that our man was doomed, and that we were no longer to have the champion runner in our crowd, and very few ventured any money on Cosgrove; it looked so much like handing over our rupees to the Somalis, who, by the way, were most eager to make bets on their man.

In due time, the fatal hour came, and as the two men were placed side by side it looked utterly absurd to bet on Cosgrove. It looked as if the "Pole" had only to take his longest strides and he could walk against Cosgrove's running. The distance was to be 200 yards. Off they went, but it was soon discovered that, though the "Pole" could boast of long limbs, he lacked wind—a great requisite in such cases—and dropped out about half-way. Then the regret was that all the bets were not taken. The fellow's friends were very pleased that they were not taken up, and they freely confessed that no man in Somaliland could cope with Cosgrove.

Before we left, a tunnel, cutting off three-fourths of the distance to the Isthmus or Turkish Wall fortifications, was opened. It took seven years to cut it through. It was started at both ends and they met in the centre. It was about 250 yards long.

CHAPTER IV.

Good water was a very scarce commodity for some time, it was very brackish; indeed, it must have been about half and half—a drink I am very partial to out here—but then it meant half sea water and half fresh, mixed. Then there was a contract with the Arabs of the mainland, and they brought in plenty on camels, in skins—about eight of the skins would be on each camel. It was rumoured that this water cost a rupee (2s.) a gallon. When it is stated that each man was allowed three gallons a day for all purposes, it will be seen that our water cost a very tidy sum. Condensing engines were erected eventually, and the water was better.

In March, 1858, the usual supplies were not permitted to come in, and the result was a force of about 600 were despatched out to enforce the terms of the treaty. The Sultan of La-Hadge was in receipt of a few hundred rupees per month for seeing that the supplies were duly sent in, but owing to some tribal disputes, the convoys were intercepted, with the result as shown above. So on March 18th, 1858, a force was formed, consisting of 100 "Die-Hards," with your humble servant among them, 50 blue jackets, 50 sappers (native), some native artillery, and about 400 of the 18th R.I.

We formed up at the gate leading out to the mainland, and two spies on swift camels were sent ahead to ascertain the whereabouts of the Arabs, who it was known were going to contest our advance. We moved off, and the sun was soon seen rising. The march was a heavy one; loose sand, and now and then wading through water, then into loose hot sand again, with the result that the stability of our boots (those locally made) were put to the test. After being in water they were like wet brown paper.

We were singing away, as a matter of course. One grand old warrior, Edward Kelly, who was a capital hand at singing good choruses and marching songs, was with us.

Brigadier, now General Sir Coughlan, K.C.B., in command; Capt. Sam Thacker, Brigade Major in Aden, accompanying him, as did also Mr. Rassam, the interpreter. Our officers were Capt. W. E. Brown, in command; Lieuts. Sir Robt. Douglas, Bt., T. H. Traggett, and Powell.

Lieut. Traggett, E. Kelly, M. Ryan, and B. McCarthy met their doom in this colony on May 4th, 1863, and poor old Stephen Moloney, whose murder in New Plymouth caused so much excitement recently, was among the party with a few others who came to an end out here.

After some miles of march we could see the spies some distance ahead, and they did not appear to be moving. After events showed that they were watching the enemy, some three thousand strong. They were soon seen to be moving towards us. The Brigadier and other mounted officers were out in front of the advance guard, and as soon as the spies

came up to them we were all halted, and the spies began explaining matters and pointing round, indicating where the enemy were.

Before long the Brigadier turned in his saddle and called out, "Throw the advance guard out in skirmishing order."

(To be continued.)



OBITUARY.

THOMAS POTTER LISTER died at New Plymouth, New Zealand, on April 19th, 1927, in his eighty-fifth year. The late Mr. Lister joined the 57th Regiment in 1859, sailed for India in 1860, and left India in the s.s. *Star Queen* for New Zealand with the first detachment of the Regiment, arriving at New Plymouth in January, 1861. He took part with the Regiment in the operations against the Maoris until 1864, when, as a sergeant, he was granted his discharge. Subsequently he joined the Mounted Constabulary, and served in the force for many years. He leaves a widow, six sons and three daughters. A brother and sister, both of whom are over eighty years of age, also survive him. (See page 523.)

Ex-Sergt. R. B. Brotherston died at Bristol on June 6th, 1927, after a long and trying illness, aged forty-nine years.

The late Mr. Brotherston was the son of Capt. Brotherston, Indian Army. He joined the 2nd Battalion in India in 1895, and served continuously for twenty-three years, taking part in the South African Campaign.

The interment took place at Filton Church on June 9th, ex-Sergt.-Major Monaham representing the Regiment, and placing a wreath on the grave on behalf of old comrades of the Regimental Association.

We tender our sympathy to the widow and son in their bereavement.

Michael Malone died at Marylebone on June 27th, 1927, aged forty-one. Mr. Malone joined the Regiment in 1905, served with the 3rd Battalion, and was transferred to the Reserve in 1912.

He was recalled to the Colours in 1914, and, posted to the 1st Battalion, was captured in the retreat from Mons, and remained a prisoner of war until after the Armistice.

The funeral took place on July 4th, and the interment was at Kensal Green Cemetery. Mr. Morris attended and represented the Regiment, placing a wreath on the grave in the name of the Regimental Association.

The deceased leaves a widow, two daughters and one son, to whom we tender our sympathy.

Frederick Herbert Saunders, age thirty-seven, was drowned near Putney while rescuing a boy on June 16th, 1927. Widespread admiration has been expressed at the heroism of the deceased, which unfortunately cost him his life.

Sunny Saunders, as he was called, saved the life of William Magam, aged thirteen, who fell into the whirlpool at Beverley Brook, Fulham. Without a moment's hesitation he jumped into the water, held up the boy until other help came, and then perished before the eyes of his young wife, who had her baby daughter with her.

At the inquest, the Coroner said: "It is quite clear that Saunders, apart from this accident, was a very brave man. Everyone must admire the man for putting aside the risk of his own life. I should never criticize anybody for not jumping into the river at such a place. I shall bring before the Carnegie Hero Trust Fund the conduct of Saunders, and I think they will respond to my application and make provision for Saunders's widow."

The deceased was shot through the lungs at Loos, and never fully recovered. He was married only twenty-one months ago, and leaves a widow and a baby girl, for whom the Mayor of Wandsworth has opened a fund. A donation to this fund is being sent from the Regimental Association.

The sympathy of all ranks of the Regiment is extended to the widow in her tragic loss.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN).

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Home Counties Area.

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| 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.I.F.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. ... 25Feb.21 |
| Officer Commanding Depot | ... | ... | Jefford, Mai. W. W., Midd'x R. ... 11Mar.26 |

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| 1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.) | |
| 1st Battalion. | |
| 1st Lt.-Colonels (2). | |
| 2 Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24 | |
| 1 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24 | |
| Majors (8). | |
| 1 Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July16 | |
| 2 White, P. C., 4July18 | |
| 2 Browne, M., M.C. 28Sept.24 | |
| 2 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. 1Jan.19 | |
| 4 1 Jefford, W. W., 16Dec.24 | |
| 1 Bennett, R. D., M.C. 15Sept.25 | |
| 1 Sloane Stanley, L. F., 31July26 | |
| 1 Tisbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) | |

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| 2nd Battalion. | |
| 1st Lt.-Colonels (35). | |
| Lieutenants. | |
| 1 Roberts, W. L., M.C. 1July17 | |
| 1 Nunn, F. J., M.C. 6Aug.17 | |
| 2 Hill, R. L., 21Aug.17 | |
| 2 Lewis, A., 2Sept.17 | |
| 1 Mirams, S., M.C. 17Sept.17 | |
| 1 Royffe, H. S., 18Sept.17 | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 23Oct.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
| c.s. 31June19 | |
| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 2nd Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
| c.s. 31June19 | |
| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 3rd Battalion. | |
| 1st Lt.-Colonels (35). | |
| Lieutenants. | |
| 1 Roberts, W. L., M.C. 1July17 | |
| 1 Nunn, F. J., M.C. 6Aug.17 | |
| 2 Hill, R. L., 21Aug.17 | |
| 2 Lewis, A., 2Sept.17 | |
| 1 Mirams, S., M.C. 17Sept.17 | |
| 1 Royffe, H. S., 18Sept.17 | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 23Oct.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| 2nd Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 3rd Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 4th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 5th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
| c.s. 31June19 | |
| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 6th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 7th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 8th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
| adj. 23Oct.17 | |
| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
| c.s. 31June19 | |
| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

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| 9th Lt.-Colonels. | |
| 2 Gilbert, N. G., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Baldwin, C. M., 4Feb.26 | |
| 2 Else, F. H. | |
| Adjutants (2). | |
| 1 Rackham, B. B., M.C. 17Sept.26 | |
| 2 Walden, F., 3Aug.26 | |
| Quarter-Masters (3). | |
| d. Stock, V. E., M.C. 25Aug.14 | |
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| c.s. Charlesworth, J. F., 25Aug.17 | |
| c.o. Kempster, G. W., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Weller, A. V., 19Jan.18 | |
| c.o. Pain, E. T., 19Jan.18 | |
| 1 Dobbs, J. E., M.C. 1Feb.18 | |
| 1 Jones, W. H. V., 16Feb.18 | |
| 2 Appelbe, E. N., 17Feb.18 | |
| 2 Moore, R. N., 25Mar.18 | |
| 1 Neunham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. 30Apr.15 | |
| c.s. 31June19 | |
| Savile, H. B. W., M.C., 1Oct.15 | |

Lieutenants.

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| Wells, E. F. W., 1Mar.19 | |
| Maxwell, S. C., 7July22 | |
| Pattison, D. R., 13Nov.24 | |
| Elliott, P. R. H., 22July26 | |
| Cary, R. C., 11Mar.27 | |

Adjutant.

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| Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt. 1Oct.25 | |
| Lieut. Middx. R. | |

Quartermaster.

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| Dymore, H., M.C. 19Apr.20 | |
| Capt. | |

9th Battalion (Territorial).

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| Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10. | |
| Hon. Colonel. | |
| Blumfeld, J. L., rd. l.a. 10 Jan. 22 | |

Lieutenants.

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| Loyens, P. G. T., 5Dec.25 | |
| Mitcheson, P. S., 24Apr.26 | |
| Hall, R. R., 15Oct.26 | |
| Clark, J. P. B., 21Oct.26 | |
| Warlow, R. E., 12Feb.27 | |
| Aldis, I. B., 24Feb.27 | |

2nd Lieutenant.

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| Cole, A. G., 4Apr.25 | |
| Womersley, A. C., 29June25 | |
| Duncan, C., 12Nov.25 | |
| Arnold, H. G., 22July26 | |
| Brown, S. A. W., 6Sept.26 | |
| Pratt, S. M., 30Nov.26 | |
| Amor, E. G. W., 29June27 | |

Adjutant.

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| Savile, H. B. W., M.C. 1Oct.25 | |
| Capt. Middx. Regt. | |

Quartermaster.

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| Framingham, G. E., 10Feb.27 | |
| M. B. E. M.C., Capt. (Res. of Off.) 26Sept.27 | |

[Uniform—Scarlet.]

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| [Facings—Lemon Yellow.] | |
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Cadet Units affiliated

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| 1 Cadet Bn. Midd'x R. | |
| 5 Cadet Bn. Midd'x Schls. | |

8th Battalion (Territorial).

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| Drill Hall, Hounslow Road, Hounslow. | |
| Hon. Colonel. | |
| Garner, W., M.C., rd. l.a. 5Apr.21 | |

Lieutenants.

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| Baker, E. E. F., 20Feb.27 | |
| D.S.O., M.C., l.a. 20Feb.27 | |

Major.

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| Lewey, A. W., 28July23 | |
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Captains.

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| Palmer, H. A., 3Nov.18 | |
| Parmer, W. H., 22Apr.21 | |
| Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D., 17July26 | |
| Boys, R. H. G., 25Oct.26 | |
| Hughes, H. A. M., 5May.27 | |

Lieutenants.

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| Sgt. C. Shaw ... 7th | |
| Sgt. F. Sparkes ... 8th | |
| Sgt. W. Sperry, M.C. ... Depot | |
| Sgt. F. Rose ... 8th | |
| Sgt. A. Baynham ... 1st | |
| Sgt. W. Green, D.C.M. ... 1st | |
| Sgt. H. Manders ... 8th | |
| Sgt. L. Hills ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. W. West ... Depot | |
| Sgt. E. Kelly ... 9th | |
| Sgt. C. Goodall ... 1st | |

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| Sgt. E. Pain ... 1st | |
| Sgt. C. Mabb ... 1st | |
| Sgt. H. Glover ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. A. Walker ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. W. Palmer ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. E. Margrave ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. Dmr. E. Heath ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. J. Wilcockson ... 1st | |
| Sgt. J. Cook ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. W. Saddler ... 1st | |
| Sgt. H. Darby ... 1st | |
| Sgt. E. Walsh ... 7th | |
| Sgt. H. Hart ... Depot | |
| Sgt. F. Stevenson ... 1st | |
| Sgt. W. Thompson ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. G. Capel ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. H. Tisdale ... 8th | |
| Sgt. (O.R.C.) C. Stuart ... 1st | |
| Sgt. F. Hill ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. S. Colbourne ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. V. Osterholme ... 1st | |
| Sgt. R. Mewett ... Depot | |
| Sgt. W. Connors ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. H. Hewett ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. T. Massey ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. F. Peck ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. E. Shaw ... Depot | |
| Sgt. P. Newman ... 1st | |
| Sgt. G. Anderson ... 1st | |
| Sgt. G. Cullen ... 1st | |
| Sgt. H. Farrow ... 1st | |
| Sgt. (I.M.) J. Griffen ... Depot | |
| Sgt. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ... 1st | |
| Sgt. (I.M.) V. Brockman ... 1st | |
| Sgt. L. Simmonds ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. L. Clarke ... 19th Lond. | |
| Sgt. W. Clements ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. J. Beaveridge ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. Dmr. W. Palmer ... 1st | |
| Sgt. A. Russell ... Depot | |
| Sgt. S. Ingle ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. E. Jones ... 1st | |
| Sgt. E. Burt ... 1st | |
| Sgt. E. Flemming ... 1st | |
| Sgt. G. Lambert ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. W. Rogers ... 1st | |
| Sgt. S. Tibbs ... 8th | |
| Sgt. W. Raindle ... Depot | |
| Sgt. L. Fairchild ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. S. Mason ... 2nd | |
| Sgt. C. Banfield ... 2nd | |

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| Sgt. E. Pain ... 1st | |
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| Sgt. E. Walsh ... 7th | |
| Sgt. H. Hart ... Depot | |
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| Sgt. (O.R.S.) | W. Fletcher | ... 2nd | 7/3/26 |
| Sgt. | G. Bone | ... 2nd | *19/3/26 |
| Sgt. | E. Hazledene | ... 2nd | 5/4/26 |
| Sgt. | T. Tiller | ... 2nd | 1/7/26 |
| Sgt. | T. Page | ... 19th Lond. | 20/5/26 |
| Sgt. | W. Bennett | ... 7th | 19/6/26 |
| Sgt. | H. Barker | ... 2nd | 26/9/26 |
| Sgt. | W. Bratby | ... 2nd | 21/2/26 |
| Sgt. | E. Howard | ... 2nd | 1/1/27 |
| Sgt. | V. Hall | ... 2nd | 27/1/27 |
| Sgt. | A. Wright | ... 2nd | 10/2/27 |
| L./Sgt. | G. Clift | ... 1st | 1/9/24 |
| L./Sgt. | J. Trapp | ... Depot | *1/9/24 |
| L./Sgt. | Robbins | ... Depot | *1/9/24 |
| L./Sgt. | H. Warren | ... Depot | 26/3/25 |
| L./Sgt. | H. Thomas | ... 1st | *8/6/25 |
| L./Sgt. | F. Stacey | ... 1st | *28/10/25 |
| L./Sgt. | E. Aird | ... 2nd | *20/1/26 |
| L./Sgt. | C. Misso | ... 1st | *22/1/26 |
| L./Sgt. | A. Jones | ... 1st | 20/5/26 |
| L./Sgt. | A. Stenning | ... 1st | *29/1/26 |
| L./Sgt. | G. Horrex | ... 1st | *1/5/26 |
| L./Sgt. | W. Cobbett | ... Depot | *30/1/23 |
| L./Sgt. | W. Northcott, M.M. | ... 1st | *19/6/26 |
| L./Sgt. | J. Bray | ... 1st | *28/10/26 |
| L./Sgt. | W. Harwood | ... 2nd | *26/9/26 |
| L./Sgt. | W. Grace | ... 2nd | *2/11/26 |
| L./Sgt. | S. Bishop | ... 2nd | *2/11/26 |
| L./Sgt. | J. Brown | ... 2nd | *21/12/26 |
| L./Sgt. | S. Copelin | ... 2nd | *1/1/27 |
| L./Sgt. | R. Challis | ... 1st | *14/1/27 |
| L./Sgt. | L. Johnson | ... 2nd | *27/1/27 |
| L./Sgt. | R. Neighbour | ... 2nd | *10/2/27 |
| Cpl. | W. Overton | ... 1st | 1/5/20 |
| Cpl. | J. Sharman | ... 2nd | 1/5/20 |
| Cpl. | H. Wilson | ... 2nd | 1/5/20 |
| Cpl. | R. Wood | ... 2nd | 13/5/20 |
| Cpl. | J. Steward | ... Depot | 1/4/23 |
| Cpl. | G. Hatfield | ... 2nd | 12/12/23 |
| Cpl. | C. Mardle | ... 1st | 19/12/23 |
| Cpl. | J. West | ... 1st | 11/1/24 |
| Cpl. | C. Olden | ... 2nd | 12/1/24 |
| Cpl. | G. Egan | ... Depot | 16/2/24 |
| Cpl. | W. Tibble | ... 1st | 11/6/24 |
| Cpl. | C. Lewis | ... 1st | 16/7/24 |
| Cpl. | W. Patterson | ... 2nd (Supn.) | 28/7/24 |
| Cpl. | C. Soper | ... Depot | 16/7/24 |
| Cpl. | G. Goss | ... 1st | 1/9/24 |
| Cpl. | S. Burgess | ... 2nd | 11/11/24 |
| Cpl. | W. Swindon | ... 1st | 25/11/24 |
| Cpl. | G. Blake | ... 1st | 13/12/24 |
| Cpl. | F. Denchfield | ... 2nd | 27/12/24 |
| Cpl. | R. King | ... 1st | 30/12/24 |
| Cpl. | R. Ecclestone | ... 1st | 19/2/25 |
| Cpl. | Kennett | ... 1st | 1/3/25 |
| Cpl. | A. Williams | ... 1st | 26/3/25 |
| Cpl. | J. O'Brien | ... 1st | 16/4/25 |
| Cpl. | L. Honeybun | ... 1st | 26/5/25 |
| Cpl. | T. Ballard | ... 2nd | 13/5/25 |
| Cpl. | W. Eldrett | ... 1st | 1/6/25 |
| Cpl. | W. McMurdie | ... 1st | 4/6/25 |
| Cpl. | E. Beattie | ... Depot | 15/6/25 |
| Cpl. | G. Akins | ... 2nd | 3/11/25 |
| Cpl. | C. Kinedom | ... Depot | 28/10/25 |
| Cpl. | A. Webb | ... 2nd | 11/1/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Poulter | ... 2nd | 20/1/26 |
| Cpl. | C. Donaldson | ... 2nd | 2/2/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Reading | ... 2nd | 2/2/26 |
| Cpl. | W. Milberry | ... 2nd | 2/2/26 |
| Cpl. | E. Jenkin | ... 2nd | 2/2/26 |

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| Cpl. | A. Fowler | ... 1st | 6/2/26 |
| Cpl. | E. Denyer | ... 1st | 17/2/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Hull | ... 1st | 18/2/26 |
| Cpl. | L. Priddy | ... 1st | 13/3/26 |
| Cpl. | R. Wingrove | ... 2nd | 13/2/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Power | ... 2nd | 7/3/26 |
| Cpl. | E. Wright | ... 2nd | 26/4/26 |
| Cpl. (O.R.C.) | W. Baker | ... 2nd | 30/4/26 |
| Cpl. | S. Buckle | ... 2nd | 17/8/26 |
| Cpl. | W. Hathaway | ... 2nd | 28/8/26 |
| Cpl. | G. Skeats | ... 1st | 20/5/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Painter | ... Depot | 23/5/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Short | ... Depot | 19/6/26 |
| Cpl. | G. Sewell | ... 1st | 3/7/26 |
| Cpl. | A. Wallace | ... 1st | 9/7/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Frost | ... 1st | 12/6/26 |
| Cpl. | G. Knock | ... 1st | 28/7/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Riley | ... 1st | 20/5/26 |
| Cpl. | G. Theobald | ... 1st | 5/8/26 |
| Cpl. | E. Pinder | ... Depot | 6/8/26 |
| Cpl. | R. Baldwin | ... 2nd | 25/9/26 |
| Cpl. | W. Eldridge | ... 2nd | 26/9/26 |
| Cpl. | F. Towell | ... 2nd | 1/10/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Hames | ... 1st | 1/10/26 |
| Cpl. | H. Wilson | ... 1st | 13/10/26 |
| Cpl. | W. Smith | ... 2nd | 2/11/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Simmonds | ... 2nd | 2/11/26 |
| Cpl. | A. Jones | ... 2nd | 16/12/26 |
| Cpl. | C. Champion | ... 2nd | 16/12/26 |
| Cpl. | L. Westney | ... 1st | 26/10/26 |
| Cpl. | W. Schooledge | ... 2nd | 21/12/26 |
| Cpl. | J. Frost | ... 1st | 4/11/26 |
| Cpl. | S. Jackson | ... 1st | 14/1/27 |
| Cpl. | G. Reed | ... 2nd | 22/1/27 |
| Cpl. | W. Budd | ... 2nd | 27/1/27 |
| Cpl. | G. Matthews | ... 2nd | 4/2/27 |
| Cpl. | C. Stewart | ... 2nd | 10/2/27 |
| Cpl. | J. Davis | ... 2nd | 14/2/27 |
| Cpl. | C. Turner | ... 1st | 22/1/27 |
| Cpl. | E. Addinall | ... 2nd | 1/4/27 |
| Cpl. | T. Sibley | ... 2nd | 1/4/27 |
| Cpl. | D. Williams | ... 2nd | 11/4/27 |
| Cpl. | A. Boen | ... 2nd | 11/4/27 |
| Cpl. | C. Moss | ... 2nd | 19/4/27 |
| Cpl. | L. Stagg | ... 3rd | 21/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Murphy | ... 1st | *20/8/20 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Clarke | ... 1st | *1/4/21 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Carter | ... 1st | *6/4/21 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Channon | ... 2nd | *21/11/21 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Reed | ... 1st | *1/4/23 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Tomkins | ... 1st | *13/7/23 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Staines | ... 1st | *27/7/23 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Green | ... 1st | *27/7/23 |
| L./Cpl. | L. Yesterley | ... 1st | *30/8/23 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Mills | ... 1st | *8/10/23 |
| L./Cpl. | Goodall | ... 1st | *22/1/24 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Edwards | ... 1st | *15/2/24 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Stagpoole | ... 1st | *15/2/24 |
| L./Cpl. | R. Glover | ... 1st | *8/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Henderson | ... 1st | *21/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | R. Aldridge | ... Depot | *18/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Batt | ... 1st | *21/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Case | ... 1st | *28/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Hows | ... 1st | *28/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Anson | ... 1st | *28/5/24 |
| L./Cpl. | C. Pestell | ... 2nd | *3/6/24 |
| L./Cpl. | G. O'Connor | ... 1st | *11/6/24 |
| L./Cpl. | L. West | ... Depot | *14/7/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Bayles | ... 1st | *13/8/24 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Banham | ... 1st | *19/8/24 |

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| L./Cpl. | C. Pettitt | ... 1st | *19/8/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Barley | ... 1st | *8/9/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Marshall | ... 1st | *6/6/25 |
| L./Cpl. | O'Neill | ... 1st | *25/9/24 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Thompson | ... Depot | *11/10/24 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Phillipson | ... 1st | *17/10/24 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Clarke | ... Depot | *1/12/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Fletcher | ... 1st | *1/12/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Hammond | ... 1st | *1/12/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Woodroff | ... Depot | *1/12/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Wheatley | ... 1st | *10/12/24 |
| L./Cpl. | Chasney | ... 1st | *1/1/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Carnoll | ... 1st | *1/1/25 |
| L./Cpl. | C. Painter | ... 1st | *1/1/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Balls | ... 1st | *4/3/25 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Palmer | ... 1st | *13/3/25 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Hunt | ... 2nd | *11/7/21 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Makewell | ... 2nd | *24/8/22 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Rowell | ... 2nd | *22/12/22 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Simpson | ... 2nd | *14/3/23 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Potter | ... 2nd | *15/6/23 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Crawley | ... 2nd | *27/7/23 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Fowler | ... 2nd | *15/8/23 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Chalcraft | ... 2nd | *17/8/23 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Levett | ... 2nd | *29/10/23 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Fisher | ... 2nd | *4/1/24 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Barker | ... 2nd | *4/1/24 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Noakes | ... 2nd | *24/6/24 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Kemp | ... 2nd | *3/1/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Gribble | ... 2nd | *31/1/25 |
| L./Cpl. | B. Carroll | ... 1st | *2/3/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Lee | ... 2nd | *11/3/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Gray | ... 2nd | *11/3/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Johnson | ... 1st | *17/4/25 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Foulger | ... 1st | *18/4/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Goodall | ... 1st | *21/4/25 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Smith | ... 1st | *5/5/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Chalkley | ... 1st | *6/5/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Jaffery | ... 2nd | *27/5/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Sparkes | ... 2nd | *30/5/25 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Fletcher | ... 1st | *4/6/25 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Martin | ... 2nd | *9/6/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Pike | ... 1st | *17/7/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Lazarus | ... 1st | *22/6/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Wright | ... 2nd | *6/7/25 |
| L./Cpl. | D. Grew | ... 2nd | *7/7/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Fowler | ... 2nd | *18/7/25 |
| L./Cpl. | L. Timson | ... 1st | *24/7/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Sargent | ... Depot | *29/7/23 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Wood | ... 1st | *5/8/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Nicholls | ... 1st | *6/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Pratt | ... 1st | *10/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Skull | ... 2nd | *10/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Donovan | ... 1st | *14/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | M. Horton | ... 1st | *14/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Patterson | ... 1st | *15/8/25 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Dallimore | ... 1st | *1/9/25 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Hale | ... 1st | *16/9/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Blackburn | ... 1st | *29/9/25 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Smith | ... 1st | *3/6/24 |
| L./Cpl. | J. May | ... 2nd | *29/9/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Mason | ... Depot | *3/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | Evans | ... 1st | *15/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Little | ... 1st | *17/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Bowden | ... 1st | *28/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Loom | ... 2nd | *20/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Timms | ... 2nd | *20/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Scott | ... 2nd | *20/10/25 |
| L./Cpl. | R. Sage | ... 1st | *2/11/25 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Ball | ... 1st | *10/11/25 |

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| L./Cpl. | R. Wilson | ... 2nd | *10/11/25 |
| L./Cpl. | George | ... 1st | *9/12/25 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Roscoe | ... 1st | *11/12/25 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Harris | ... 2nd | *14/12/25 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Rochester | ... 1st | *12/1/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Webster | ... 1st | *12/1/26 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Statham | ... 1st | *4/3/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Quick | ... 1st | *31/3/26 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Lowe | ... 1st | *2/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Rumens | ... Depot | *24/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Channon | ... 2nd | *6/1/26 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Sherriff | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Adams | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Young | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Nash | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Lee | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Jones | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Green | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. White | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Miller | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Blackman | ... 2nd | *23/4/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Jennings | ... 2nd | *29/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Souch | ... 2nd | *29/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Giles | ... 2nd | *29/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Russell | ... 1st | *5/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Rowbottom | ... 1st | *12/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | C. Freeman | ... 1st | *20/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Hows | ... 1st | *31/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Kent | ... 1st | *31/5/26 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Maunder | ... 1st | *4/6/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Wray | ... 1st | *7/7/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Holt | ... 1st | *13/7/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Thompson | ... 1st | *14/7/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Higgins | ... 1st | *15/7/26 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Meakins | ... 1st | *15/7/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Canning | ... 1st | *6/8/26 |
| L./Cpl. | C. Brown | ... 1st | *14/8/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Freeman | ... 1st | *24/8/26 |
| L./Cpl. | L. Williams | ... 1st | *6/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Bermingham | ... 1st | *26/6/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Gilbert | ... 2nd | *6/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Merry | ... 2nd | *7/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Honnor | ... 2nd | *7/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Dowse | ... 2nd | *13/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | L. Brown | ... 2nd | *28/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Chambers | ... 2nd | *28/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Howlett | ... 2nd | *28/9/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Brewer | ... 2nd | *23/10/26 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Ison | ... 2nd | *23/10/26 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Slate | ... 2nd | *23/10/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Jones | ... 1st | *18/10/26 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Paris | ... 1st | *28/10/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Hill | ... 1st | *4/11/26 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Baulch | ... 1st | *4/11/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Chalkley | ... 2nd | *13/12/26 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Ormes | ... 2nd | *13/12/26 |
| L./Cpl. | W. Pike | ... 2nd | *14/12/26 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Sones, D.C.M. | ... 1st | *17/12/26 |
| L./Cpl. | A. Zebede | ... 2nd | *23/1/27 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Cartwright | ... 1st | *28/1/27 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Lowry | ... 2nd | *18/2/27 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Halverson | ... 2nd | *18/2/27 |
| L./Cpl. | P. Palmer | ... 2nd | *18/2/27 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Cann | ... 2nd | *3/3/27 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Attridge | ... 1st | *16/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | S. Hutson | ... 1st | *16/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | T. Skinner | ... 1st | *16/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Boggan | ... 1st | *28/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Coxall | ... 1st | *25/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Page | ... 2nd | *28/3/27 |

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| L./Cpl. | S. Andrews | ... | 2nd | †1/4/27 | L./Cpl. | J. Jackson | ... | 2nd | †16/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | J. Chester | ... | 2nd | †5/4/27 | L./Cpl. | C. Trestain | ... | 2nd | †16/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | G. Endersby | ... | 2nd | †9/4/27 | L./Cpl. | P. Ower | ... | 2nd | †18/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | E. Wilby | ... | 2nd | †11/4/27 | L./Cpl. | R. Stone | ... | 2nd | †20/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | C. Sale | ... | 2nd | †12/4/27 | L./Cpl. | G. Rolph | ... | 2nd | †20/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | H. Lane | ... | 2nd | †12/4/27 | L./Cpl. | E. Clifton | ... | 2nd | †22/4/27 |
| L./Cpl. | F. Grainger | ... | 2nd | †12/4/27 | L./Cpl. | D. Lyons | ... | 2nd | †25/4/27 |
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