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2ND BATTALION—OFFICERS.
Top Row (Left to Right).—2/Lieut. F. H. Else; 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin; 2/Lieut. A. H. L. Sugden (N.Z.S.C.); Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm; Lieut. E. T. Pahn; Lieut. A. N. Overell; Middle Row (Left to Right).—Lieut. & Major P. Grove White; Lieut. E. C. Tuckey; Lieut. & Major M. Browne, M.C.; Capt. E. N. Appelle; Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.; Sitting (Left to Right).—Capt. N. P. Procter, M.C.; Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence; Capt. & Major M. Browne, M.C.; Capt. E. N. Appelle; Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.; Lieut. Colonel H. P. F. Bisknell, D.S.O.; Lieut. & Adjt. F. Walden; Major M. Browne, M.C.; Capt. E. N. Appelle; Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

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

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EDITORIAL



VOLUME III begins with this issue.

We tender our best thanks to all Sub-Editors and other contributors for their valuable assistance in the past, and hope that all old members of the Regiment will show their appreciation by becoming subscribers to the Journal. We ask our readers to bring the Journal to the notice of Old Comrades, and look forward with confidence to an increased circulation with the pious hope that we shall be able to reduce the selling price in the near future.

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Covers for binding Volumes I and II are in stock, and we will gladly undertake to have subscribers' copies bound for them. For rates please see "Notice to Contributors" above.

We publish on page 13 of this issue a letter from Capt. H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C., together with a plan of the table on the occasion of the Albuhera Dinner at Woolwich on May 16th, 1914. An interesting reference to that memorable gathering will be found on page 402, Volume II. (February, 1927).

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Congratulations to Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, local Captain, Assistant Staff Officers to the Local Forces, Malaya, on receiving the M.B.E., in the recent Birthday Honours.

We also congratulate Lieut. Howell on the birth of a second daughter on April 22nd last.

This officer, who is home on leave, visited the Depot the other day and gave us interesting information about the Malayan Branch of the Regimental Association, which now has a membership of 63. Three of its members are now on leave in England, Messrs. A. J. Pharaoh, T. M. Wayte and W. H. Follenfant. Mr. Pharaoh is the Quartermaster of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force; Mr. Wayte is Registrar of Vehicles at Perak, and Mr. Follenfant holds the position of confidential printer to the Straits Settlements Government. We shall always be glad to hear news of our overseas comrades.

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Lieut.-Col. Charles Pinkham, O.B.E., D.L., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council, received the honour of knighthood in the last Birthday Honours. Our congratulations to Sir Charles! It will be recalled that he was a guest at the last Old Comrades' Dinner.

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REGIMENTAL FIXTURES
FOR 1928.

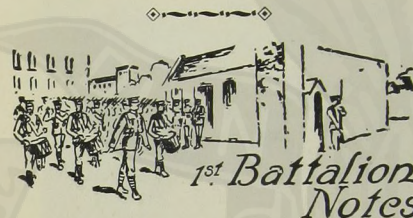
October 6th.—Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

October 19th.—1st/10th Middlesex Sergeants' Mess Association: Annual General Meeting.

November 3rd.—Regimental Association: Annual General Meeting, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, N.W., at 7 p.m.

November 3rd.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, 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.



BEFORE another issue of the Journal has appeared, Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., will have completed his term of command. We all very much regret his departure, and can only find solace in the fact that our Second-in-Command, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., has been selected to take up the reins of office.

We refrain from further comment until the change has taken place.

Catterick weather has kept up its reputation throughout the quarter, that is to say, we are still wearing our mid-winter underclothes. Under semi-Arctic conditions varied by rainstorms, we have now completed the new Annual Musketry and Machine Gun Courses on Barden Moor. As usual, when the weather is most unfortunate, both riflemen, Lewis gunners and our newly incorporated Machine Gunners have shot extremely well. The 3rd class shot and the unqualified gunner is indeed becoming a *rara avis*.

Since the ending of the Musketry course we have been engaged with Company Training, which with our attenuated numbers has been something of a skeleton business. "B" has had a successful, though wet, Company march, and the Machine Gunners have been for a fortnight concentrated in camp at Wathgill with others of the Brigade. As this goes to press "D" Company, under Lieut. Ian Gordon, has been hurried off

to Bellerby, there to dig ranges, and where the rest of us are due to join them in August for the same purpose.

We expected rain on Albuhera Day, and got it. However, we did not allow such a trifle to detract from our enthusiasm. While Mrs. Stewart and a committee of ladies judged the gardens in the barracks and married lines, we fought out inter-platoon Pass-Ball competitions during the morning. In the Officers' Mess the usual Albuhera Lunch, at which Colonel Delano-Osborne, Lieut.-Col. Cunningham, Major M. Browne, Capts. Paul and Charlesworth, and Lieut. Montague (4th R.T.C.) were the guests. Colonel Wade Dalton, whose beautiful old house, "Hauxwell Hall," is within five miles of the camp, was, to our great regret, unable to be present.

In the Dining Hall all the other ranks who spent last Christmas at sea on the "Somersetshire," had the special dinner promised them by the Commanding Officer. The Messing Committee's efforts to produce the extra viands were fully appreciated.

In the afternoon, the Officers trounced the Sergeants at Hockey, and the finals of the Inter-Company Football and Tug-of-War were fought to a finish. At night the Officers had their time-honoured Albuhera Dinner, and then came on to a most successful Other Ranks dance, at which 500 fair ladies and gallant warriors did full justice to the Battalion's Jazz Band.

Altogether a not unmemorable Albuhera Day.

The games contests played at this time have shown that there is much young talent in the Battalion. Given reasonable weather and facilities as regards playing grounds, there is reason to hope that we may regain, if not pass, the standard of sport of 1923 to 1927.

Rain has much interfered with cricket. We have won our matches with the R.A.F. and the 14/20th Hussars at York, but were beaten by the 4th Tank Corps by a narrow margin.

The Headquarter Wing under Capt. Lyon held a most successful three days' novices boxing tournament in the Garrison Gymnasium in June. Entries were numerous, and all fights proved the genuine article. Sergt. Fleming, who was

an interested spectator, has an optimistic view of the future, which will, we hope, be strengthened in July, when the Battalion tournament takes place.

Bandsman Walker journeyed to Aldershot to compete in the Army Individual Hurdle Championship, but was unfortunate enough to trip at the fifth hurdle

Great difficulty was experienced to reconcile the claims of training and of the Cricket Week at the Depot. We, however, managed to supply the necessary players. An account of the matches appears elsewhere in this number. Lieut. Hudson is to be congratulated on performing the hat-trick twice in one match.



[Photo: Swallow, Richmond, Yorkshire.]

"Q" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, HOCKEY TEAM.

Winners of the Inter-Company Knock-out Competition.

Back Row.—Dmr. Hill, Dmr. Stickley, L./Cpl. Gould, Sergt. Brockman, Dmr. Woolley.
Middle Row.—Corpl. Dallimore, Capt. Lyon, Sgt.-Dmr. Bray, Capt. Rackham, L./Cpl. Hutson.
Front Row.—Dmr. Watts, Dmr. Jones.

when abreast of Lord Burghley, the A.A.A. champion.

Capt. Phillips' illness caused the scratching of the Regimental golf team for the Army Championships at Lytham and St. Anne's, an unfortunate necessity, as the team was thought to be a shade better than our representatives who did so well in 1926.

Capt. Lyon was an excellent cricket leader, especially in the match in which his team trounced that of his brother, Capt. Lyon, R.N., the international Rugby player.

Our tireless Adjutant, Lieut. Rackham, and Lieut. Nunn, have both been promoted to the rank of Captain. The latter has unfortunately now been on the sick

list for many months. Promotion in the N.C.Os.' ranks continues to boom in the most astonishing manner.

On July 12th the officers are giving a joint "At Home" with our neighbours of the 1st Cameronians to the Garrison and neighbourhood. This is almost a unique function, and speaks well for the good fellowship existing between the two battalions. The massed bands of the two regiments should alone be worth hearing.

Lieut. Bostock has presented a very handsome blotter to the Officers' Mess, and Lieut. Musselwhite, a 57th Shako Badge picked up in the British Cemetery at Sebastopol in 1919. By purchase from a former medical officer of the 57th, the Officers' Mess has obtained a most interesting collection of records dealing with the Regiment in 1771. A copy of the inspecting General's report for that year will be found elsewhere in the Journal.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL DILKES'S OBSERVATIONS on the Fifty-Seventh Regiment of Foot, Reviewed by him in the Phoenix Park, near Dublin, on the 16th day of May, 1771.

Officers.—Made a good appearance—Well Armed and Appointed—Saluted Indifferently Well—Uniforms according to the King's Regulations.

Non-Commisdd. Offrs.—Made a good Appearance—Well Appointed.

Drummers and Fifers.—Beat and play Well.

Men.—Very low Size—Young and indifferently made—Clean under Arms—Steady and Attentive—Hats Well Cocked—Black Gayters.

Cloathing.—Good—Well fitted and perfectly agreeable to the King's Regulations, and the patterns approved by the Board of General Officers.

Arms.—Clean and in good Order.

Accoutrements.—Good.

Recruits.—148 Inlisted Since last inspection Of Which 110 In the Ranks—3 Dead—14 Discharged—and 21 Deserted.

Complaints.—None.

Accounts.—Settled to the 24th June, 1770.

Orderly Books.—Properly kept.

Manual Exercise.—Well performed and according to His Majesty's last Regulation.

Movements, Evolutions, Firings and Manœuvres.—Exactly the same as have been described for the 24th Regiment.

General Observations.—This Regiment promises from the indefatigable Attention of the Major to make another sort of Figure by the next Review.—Have a Band of Musick.

Barracks.—Vide Report of the Barracks of Dublin, Annexed to the Observations on the 24th Regiment.

(Sgd) O. B. DILKES

"A" (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

During this quarter we have been spending a very busy time viewing the Yorkshire Moors.

At the time of writing we are in camp at a place named Wathgill. This is a Brigade M.G. Concentration Camp, and with us are the Green Howards, Cameronians and Borders.

A riding and driving competition has been held, which was won by the "Middies," L./Cpl. George and Pte. Day being the drivers.

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

What is the action of No. 1 when the order, "Consecrated Fire" is given?

What makes the troops sing when it is pouring with rain? Is it the M.G. Havana Band or the skirl of the "Pipes"?

How the troops distinguished the calls for "Cookhouse" and "Lights Out." And if it is by the speed of the "Piper"?

Whether "Wills" took a fancy to the "Donkeys," or vice versa?

Does a surcingle secure the kit or the donkey?

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Officer Commanding Company:

MAJOR L. F. SLOANE-STANLEY.

Many changes have taken place recently which has necessitated in a complete reorganisation. Owing to this change we have been badly handicapped, especially in the Rifle Meeting, also the Albuhera

games. The draft from the Depot have certainly helped us to fill up the gaps, and we hope also to bring the Company up to the position that they have held in the past for sports. Get going the "Somme Squad"! It's up to you to keep the flag flying. The annual Musketry Course, as ever, was full of "Wind." There were "Flags" to the right of us, and "Flags" to the left of us (evidently the markers took it for a flag day), but for all that, under rather bad conditions, the results were "not too bad." The instructors on the firing point evidently conformed with the place, *i.e.*, grouse moors; the more flags they saw the more they groused; "nuff said." On these specific occasions our C.S.M. and instructors said a few "words," which we all greatly appreciated. We are very pleased it only comes once a year.

The Albuhera Sports were held in real "Catterick weather." It was a great pity that water-polo was not included, although a six-a-side football resembled water-polo at times. We regret to say that space will not allow us to say too much about these sports. Perhaps you will see the results in other Company notes. Our teams were like the weather—need we say more. Although the weather rather upset things in general we were very pleased to see that it never stopped our late Company Commander, Major M. Brown, paying us a visit. We are eagerly waiting for him to pay us another visit before he goes back to India.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held soon after the annual musketry course, and although we don't happen to have any members of the Battalion Rifle Team in our Company, we took third place in the Battalion Championship, which, considering the selection we had to choose from, was rather a good effort. Our "Young Soldiers" did very well indeed, Pte. Forey winning the "Individual." The best part of the whole Meeting was when a team of "marksmen" challenged our young soldiers to a tile shoot. Both teams were winners in their respective classes, and we don't know if the spirit of our young soldiers upset the marksmen, or if our C.S.M. whispered a few words of instruction to our team, but the marksmen got hopelessly beaten. Well done, youngsters! It was a case of where the "crack"

team got severely "cracked," and we sincerely hope and trust they have recovered from the shock.

The Garden Competition should have been divided into two groups — one the "Toilers," and the other the "Spoilers." The "toilers" were those who stayed in barracks, and the "spoilers" those that were on the ranges. Apart from this some very good gardens resulted in this competition.

And now for a few words about Company Training. On June 7th we, ably assisted by two platoons of "C" Company and a sub-section of "M.Gs.," started a three days' march to East Whitton, acting as a rear guard. The whole march was full of interest, and quite a change to the usual routine.

The weather was ideal during our trek out, and the scenery was far different to the Catterick area. We eventually reached our camp, which was in very pleasant surroundings. Our advance party, under the C.Q.M.S., had the camp ready for us; it was nobly done, because we had not been in camp long before the rain started, which carried on until 9.30 a.m. the following day. The rain did not upset the spirit of the troops, who optimistically started singing "It Ain't Gonna Rain no Mo'." The second day saw us as an advance guard marching on to Richmond, our object being to destroy the ammunition supply in Richmond Castle. The spirits of the troops were high, evidently by the song that they started off with: "I Want to See my Best Girl": put them in hopes of seeing someone they knew in Richmond. We soon got in touch with the enemy; our O.C. Company then altered his tactics and sent off two platoons with the sub-section of "Emma Gees" under Lieut. Dobbs, M.C. These had a task to perform which resulted in a forced march. Whilst they went off to Richmond by a different route we hoodwinked the enemy as to our strength, putting every available man into the firing line, these including batmen, cooks and transport drivers. Everything worked according to plan; we bluffed the enemy whilst the raiding party got through to Richmond, did their task and returned. During this time the enemy Intelligence Officer was captured, which no doubt helped in the downfall of the enemy. We

held our ground until reinforced by the remainder of the Brigade. In consequence the enemy suffered defeat, and operations ceased. Owing to the wet weather we got orders to return to barracks, which met with general approval. We returned to barracks and marched in like a victorious army, greatly elated with new "Battle Honours." Since then the Company have been out daily on training, having a day out, working in co-operation with the R.A.F. and the Tank Corps.

We extend our heartiest welcome to Sergt. Raindle and Cpl. Phillipson on their joining the Company, also to "Somme Squad," freshly arrived from the Depot, whom we hope will help to bring the Company to the fore.

We shall greatly miss 2/Lieut. Coleman, who has been attached to the Company during the period of training. We are eagerly looking forward to the return of Lieut. Cubitt, who will be a great asset to the Company during the Regimental Sports meeting.

BEN COY.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last issue several events of note have taken place with various results.

First came the annual musketry course, and considering the weather conditions and the condition of the range, the results were very good. Although the final result is not known, it is generally believed and hoped by us that we have once more come out as best shooting Company.

In the Battalion Rifle Meeting we upheld the shooting tradition of the Company by winning the Company Championship.

In the individual events we also fared very well, Capt. Lyons getting third place and Sergt. Warren getting fifth. The possible score in that event was 105. In the Lewis Gun Pairs Competition (which by the way was won by two ex-"C" Company N.C.Os.) we obtained the second and third places, Sergt. Warren and Pte. Sampford being second with a score of 136, and Sergts. Kennett and O'Brien third with 108.

We also got the third and fifth places in the Young Soldiers' Lewis Gun pairs,

Ptes. Bowden and Wright being third with a score of 74, and Ptes. Lovell and Pakeman fifth with 52.

Another of our efforts at the meeting was gaining second place in the Rapid Fire competition.

We are now "resting" from a strenuous period of "exploring" the hills and dales of Catterick and district. It is only to be a short "rest" though, for we carry on exploring on July 2nd. The "exploring" is done by sections and platoons aided by scouts, etc. The last three days were spent in a Company march, for which we amalgamated with "B" Company. Owing to the very wet weather during those three days the march was completed in one and a half days, and everyone was glad to get back to dry land again. It is hoped that next time there is a march the clerk of the weather will be more kind to us.

Before closing down we take the opportunity of congratulating the following on their promotions and appointments:—L./Sergt. Warren to Sergt.; Cpl. Denyer to L./Sergt.; and the following to L./Cpls.: Ptes. Christmas, Patterson, Edmonds, Brand and Hammond.

We are sorry to lose the services of Cpl. Little, who has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and we wish him the best of luck in his new station.

We welcome to the Company Sergt. Warren, L./Sergt. Soper and Cpl. Painter, who have rejoined us from the Depot, and also wish them the best.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes we have had several N.C.Os. posted to us from the Depot and "H.Q." Wing. We trust they will enjoy their stay with the Company, and use their weight to put us in the front as regards shooting, sports, etc.

The Company did fairly well in their annual musketry classification, especially as 75 per cent. of them had not fired on an open range before. Another drawback was the weather, the Company's average with rifle being 73.21.

We managed to get runners-up in the Young Soldiers' Tile Team in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, we hope to do better in the future, as we have had a good draft from the Depot since, and according to

reports they should put us somewhere near the top. Still, just as we get going, "H.Q." wants a class for Signals, and then a few for pioneers, transport, etc. Never mind as long as we can keep somewhere near the top, we keep smiling.

On Albuhera Day we were runners-up in the six-a-side soccer; we all congratulate the team on their good show. Previous to these games being played, the Garden Competition took place, and No. 13 Platoon tied with Drums for second place; as one officer said, "Are they tombstones?"

Just a few words on cricket. We lost to "C" Company by 1 run after a very exciting game, and the next time we play them we intend to reverse the result with a substantial margin.

We welcome Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., on taking over command, and trust his stay will be a long and successful one.

Unfortunately we have lost the services of Lieut. G. A. Goulden, who has gone to take up an appointment on the West Coast. Our loss, someone else's gain. He was a great asset to the Company as a sportsman. We wish him success in his new venture.

Congratulations to our C.Q.M.S. on braving the trials of married life.

Don.

HEADQUARTER WING NOTES.

The Wing held a Novices' Boxing Tournament on June 11th, 12th and 13th, and some very promising material was discovered from the 54 entries.

The tournament was run as inter-group and individual, prizes awarded to finalists, and the group which obtained the highest average, i.e., number of points gained by individuals in the fights, divided by the number of eligibles.

Great keenness was shown throughout, especially the Transport and Signals, who were 1st and 2nd respectively.

Individual winners were:—

MEN.

Light Heavy-weight. — Winner, Pte. Stapleton; Runner-up, Pte. Webb.

Middle-weight.—Winner, Cpl. Thompson; Runner-up, Pte. Tydeman.

Welter-weight.—Winner, Pte. Zetter; Runner-up, Pte. Hewitt 32.

Light-weight.—Winner, L./Cpl. Davis; Runner-up, Pte. West.

Feather-weight.—Winner, Pte. Reddy; Runner-up, Pte. Burgess.

Boys.

Feather-weight. — Winner, Boy Hawkesworth; Runner-up, Boy Mayhew.

Intermediate.—Winner, Boy Dunn; Runner-up, Boy Boddle.

Fly-weight.—Winner, Boy Hymas; Runner-up, Boy Goulding.

Paper-weight.—Winner, Boy Merritt; Runner-up, Boy Lloyd.

Good losers prizes were awarded to Ptes. Stripe and Green and Boy Hayes.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have had two good billiard matches during the past quarter. One with the Corporals of the Battalion, and one with the Sergeants of the South Wales Borderers.

In each case the games were of half-an-hour's duration. Total scores to count.

Teams were made up from the following members: R.S.M. Beaman, R.Q.M.S. Clark, Col.-Sergts. Baldwin and Wilcockson, Sergt.-Instr. Tomlin, Sergts. Raindle, Warren, O'Brien, Thomas and Kennett.

Against the Corporals the scores were: Sergeants' Mess 798, Corporals' Mess 608. A win for us by 190.

Against the S.W.Bs. the scores were: Sergeants' Mess 730, S.W.Bs. 721. A very narrow victory.

On Whit-Monday the Mess had an outing to Redcar. This is Yorkshire's Southend (at least on holidays).

A pleasant time was spent. The journey was made by bus, and although dull weather was the general outlook, it was warm. After a long day we arrived home at 12.15 a.m. There was apparently one regret. "They" were closed going out and coming in.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Goss on his marriage on Whit-Saturday. May he have a "Bon" time.

"MESSES."

1. Our Daily Fable (with apologies to a Great Daily) and he did not say "as you were."

2. "A Fall in Glass." A Redcar melody in F by Opencase.

3. Tom: "Say, Bill, I do not believe that there is a worse combination of pains than earache and toothache!"

Bill: "What about Rheumatics and St. Vitus Dance?"

G.A.P.S.A.

THE DIEHARD SPIRIT.

That the Military spirit is not yet dead is endorsed by the following letter received by the Officer in charge of Regimental Records. In forwarding the letter to the Officer Commanding 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment for observations in regard to the sale of a "comishon," he suggests that should a chestnut horse of the right stamp not be available the applicant might be referred to the Horse Marines:—

"Dear Sir,—Will you kindly see if you have a vacancy in the Middlesex Cavalry of the line I am out to buy the comishon right out also the horse which I want to be a first class one and a chestnut if possible and sword and revolver I am buying as well as I want them good as my relation was holding Lieutenant's position and was killed right out I want to carry on with it.

I Remain, Yours faithfully,

P.S.—If you get on to Railway Hotel phone and tell them, they will send news to Mrs. and I will receive it."

SOCCER. SIX-A-SIDE.

ALBUHERA DAY, 1928.

The finish of the Company K.O. Competition was contested by "A" (M.G.) and "D" Companies with the former winning by 8 points to 0 after a very clean and hard fought game, in spite of the none too friendly weather. Pte. Keep worked tremendously hard for the losers, but his team was not quite up to the standard of the more experienced gunners.

The draw and results were as follows:

1ST ROUND.

"D" beat "B," 5 pts. to 4.

"G" beat "Q," 4 pts. to 0.

"A" and "C" byes.

2ND ROUND.

"A" beat "C," 5 pts. to 2.

"D" beat "G" 5 pts. to 4.

FINAL.

"A" beat "D," 8 pts. to 0.

BOXING.

Early in the year a team from the Caterick Garrison met a team of champions of the Royal Corps of Signals from Aldershot. Sergt. Fleming was chosen to fight, and he gave a very clever exhibition of the "Noble Art" in his fight with Signalman Richards. This he won on points, fighting at "feathers." A little later he was again chosen to participate in a representative match. This being the Army v. The Rest of the Services. It was an "Open" Tournament. The venue of the match was Portsmouth, and was very well attended by all arms of the service. He fought splendidly in his first two bouts, beating both the Navy and the Air Force Champions. In the final, after boxing very cleverly, and piling up points in the first and second rounds, he lost on points owing to the unorthodox methods of his opponent, Seaman Cockerrall, who decided to finish quickly, and made a wrestling match of it.

SIGNAL NOTES.

Owing to the inefficiency of the range telephones at Barden Moor, our chief work during the month of May was the maintenance of communication between the butts and the firing point with our own telephones and cable. Not one single breakdown occurred, which shows that a well laid line will stand many an imprecation.

A new class assembled on June 1st, from which we hope to find talent to fill our sadly depleted ranks, both on the field of sport and behind the flag.

We took a large part in the "H.Q." Wing Boxing Tournament, supplying 27 entrants, and emerging with three successful finalists and one runner-up: Cpl. Thompson, L./Cpls. Zetter and Davis, and Pte. West, in the middles, welters and light-weights respectively.

We tied for second place in the Garden Competition on Albuhera Day, in spite of the ribald suggestions from our

rivals that our bulbs were more electrical than real.

We congratulate Cpl. Thompson and L./Cpl. Zetter on their promotion, and wish the best of luck to L./Cpl. Coy and Pte. Amey, who have left us for civilian life.

DRUMS.

On June 14th the Drummers celebrated Capt. B. B. Rackham's recent promotion with a dinner in the Battalion Restaurant, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A toast was raised by Sergt./Dmr. Bray, which was cordially drunk by all present. After the dinner one drummer was heard to remark that he hoped that Capt. Rackham will soon be promoted to Major; perhaps this Drummer has visions of another dinner. Our congratulations also go to Cpls. Dallimore and Webster on their recent promotion, and L./Cpl. Gould on his appointment.

The Garden Competition mentioned in last quarter's notes, was held on Albuhera Day, and our garden managed to secure second prize, which proves our labour was not in vain.

In sports we are progressing as only Drummers can. We have at last won the Company Hockey K.O., which after many years of being runners-up we deserved our victory. We beat our old rivals, "G" Company, the score being three goals to one.

Cricket we have not had anything exciting to write about yet. We had a scratch game with the Signal Section to find out what talent we have here. We are glad to say it looks very promising, so other Companies need take warning.

In the Company Boxing Tournament we had only two representatives, those being Dmr. Hewitt (welter-weight) and Boy Bodle in the Boys (heavy-weight). Hewitt had some exciting fights, and lost in the final to Pte. Zetter. We think he had the wind up of Zetter's terrible right. Boy Bodle gave a good account of himself, and lost in the Boys' final to Boy Dunn.

At present we are undergoing the busiest part of the year, the Band being away on engagements; we have to perform the duties of Band and Drums. On closing we congratulate

"G" Company on winning the Company Football K.O.

G. E. W.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

These are changing times. It is hard to realize all the old fellows who have left us and are continually going. A new Mess is gradually forming; not "on the ruins of the old," but just "redecorated." We wish all members who have gone the very best of luck, and congratulations to those who have stepped in the breach.

The last quarter on the whole has been rather quiet, mainly owing to Company Training and to the long evenings when members are seldom seen.

A successful dance wound up the Winter season. Many thanks to the Committee, to whose efforts the success was due.

We gained a victory over the Sergeants' Mess at billiards, but lost to them on the return match. The Tanks also were able to "see our boots off" at the game. It would appear to be bad sportsmanship to blame our ill success on the state of the pitch, but, nevertheless, on a rainy day one absent-minded garden expert was observed to grip the cue in the manner of a spade, and cast longing eyes on the well-watered parts of the "green."

We might enquire among "Things we want to know," what the Outdoor Committee are doing, but it is believed they have something up their sleeve (probably a dart).

Interest is now centred on the forthcoming trip to Redcar. That is at present a matter for speculation, and will be recorded in our next notes.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held on May 18th, the Barden Moor Ranges, Catterick Camp, being the venue.

The weather was not very good, showers being frequent. However, despite the adverse conditions, it must be said that the shooting was very good, particularly at the long ranges.

As a meeting could not be held last year, the battalion being with the Shanghai Defence Force, speculation as to results was rife. The introduction of competitions in which half the teams had to be young soldiers, was the means of discovering the new talent.

The outstanding "Young Soldier" was Pte. Forey, who gained the first place in the "Young Soldiers' Match," and was the best "Young Soldier" in the Rapid Fire Competition.

In the "All Ranks" competitions, R.S.M. Beaman won the Rapid Fire Match (Individual), and the Championship Match (Individual).

It is well worth mention that at the end of the Meeting, "B" Company's Young Soldiers' Tile Team (winners of the "Young Soldiers' Tile K.O. Match) challenged the winners of the "Old Soldiers' Tile K.O. Team ("Q" Company), and to the joy (and surprise) of their supporters, won.

The results of the Young Soldiers' Match, Rapid Fire Match, and the Championship Match, counted towards the Efficiency Shield, points being allotted on the following scale: In each Match: 1st place, 6 pts.; 2nd place, 5 pts.; 3rd place, 4 pts.; 4th place, 3 pts.; 5th place, 2 pts.; 6th place, 1 pt.

The result was as follows:—

	Young Soldiers.	Rapid Fire.	Championship.	Tl.
"A" (M.G.) Coy. ...	2	2	2	6
"B" Coy. ...	5	1	4	10
"C" Coy. ...	3	5	6	14
"D" Coy. ...	1	3	1	5
"G" Coy. ...	6	4	3	13
"Q" Coy. ...	4	6	5	15

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

The prize money when distributed amounted to about £50. It is feared that Company subscriptions will not cover this, and that, as usual, the P.R.I. will have come to the rescue.

A word of thanks is due to the Recording Staff, Sergt. Anderson and L./Sergt. Goss, who carried out their task with alarming speed and kept enthusiastic competitors in suspense for the minimum possible time.

Teams and scores were as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

Three practices—300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards. Slow. Seven rounds at each range to count.

1st, "C" Coy.; 2nd, "Q" Coy.; 3rd, "B" Coy.; 4th, "G" Coy.; 5th, "A" (M.G.) Coy.; 6th, "D" Coy.

1ST—"C" COY. TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. ...	77
Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C. ...	90
C.S.M. G. F. Goodall ...	86
Sergt. H. Warren ...	88
L./Sergt. J. J. O'Brien ...	76
L./Cpl. B. Lyons ...	85
L./Cpl. H. Tyler ...	83
Pte. W. Sampford ...	63
L./Sergt. C. Kennett ...	81
Cpl. A. W. Wallace ...	69
Pte. W. Wright ...	67
Lieut. W. C. Newton ...	85
Total ...	950

2ND—"Q" COMPANY TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Sergt. V. Osterholm ...	88
R.S.M. W. Beaman ...	96
L./Sergt. L. I. Priddy ...	80
Sergt.-Dmr. J. Bray ...	73
Cpl. N. R. Phillipson ...	53
Sergt. B. Brockman ...	69
L./Cpl. C. Warren ...	76
Pte. C. Lockett ...	88
L./Cpl. F. Rochester ...	79
Sergt. E. M. Fleming ...	64
L./Cpl. W. Lack ...	85
R.Q.M.S. A. W. Clark ...	91
Total ...	942

Individuals.—1st, R.S.M. W. Beaman, 96; 2nd, R.Q.M.S. A. W. Clark, 91; equal 3rd, Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., and Sergt. H. G. Thomas, 90.

RAPID FIRE MATCH.

Three hundred yards. Unlimited.

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

WINNERS—"Q" COMPANY TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Pte. H. Ormes ...	23
Pte. A. Staveley ...	30
L./Cpl. J. Harmer ...	24
Pte. T. Stickley ...	6
Pte. T. Castle ...	19
Pte. R. Blackman ...	9
Sergt. B. Brockman ...	35
L./Cpl. C. Warren ...	34
R.S.M. W. Beaman ...	44
L./Sergt. L. I. Priddy ...	39
Pte. C. Lockett ...	39
Sergt. E. Fleming ...	41
Total ...	343

2ND—"C" COMPANY TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Pte. W. Wright	26
Pte. C. Christmas	19
Pte. J. Molloy	14
Pte. F. Hammond	30
L./Cpl. A. Tutte	22
Pte. R. Welsh	18
Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C. ...	34
C.S.M. G. F. Goodall ...	37
L./Sergt. J. J. O'Brien ...	26
Sergt. H. Warren	28
L./Cpl. B. Lyons	31
Pte. W. Sampford	31

Total 311

Individuals.—Class "A": 1st, R.S.M. Beaman, "Q" Coy., 44; 2nd, Sergt. E. M. Fleming, "Q" Coy., 41; equal 3rd, Pte. C. Lockett and L./Sergt. L. Priddy, "Q" Coy., 39. Class "B": 1st, Pte. Forey, "B" Coy., 36; 2nd Pte. Pocklington, "A" Coy., 31; 3rd, Pte. Staveley, "Q" Coy., 30.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' MATCH.

Twelve men per team—scores of 8 to count. Four practices—300 yards (Rapid, Snap and Application); 500 yards (Application). 1st, "G" Coy.; 2nd, "B" Coy.; 3rd, "Q" Coy.; 4th, "C" Coy.; 5th, "A" Coy.; 6th, "D" Coy.

"G" COMPANY TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Pte. E. Green	41
Pte. H. Chillery	41
Pte. E. Naylor	60
Pte. A. Buckingham	33
Pte. E. Zetter	63
Pte. P. Ward	42
Pte. L. Boughton	34
Pte. J. Chillery	64
L./Cpl. A. Vicary	22
Pte. C. Sneesby	45
Pte. A. Gill	48
Pte. C. Clarke	44

Total 537

"B" COMPANY TEAM.

Name.	Score.
Pte. A. Frisby	50
Pte. T. Witney	51
Pte. A. Rumble	49
Pte. E. Forey	68
Pte. T. Collier	31
Pte. E. Holmes	28
Pte. T. Dudley	42
Pte. A. Perkins	35
2/Lieut. L. H. J. Herepath ...	30
Pte. E. Connor	49
Pte. T. Wink	21
Pte. C. Pope	47

Total 501

LEWIS GUN MATCH.

Two practices—300 yards and 500 yards.

CLASS "A" (OLD SOLDIERS).

1st, "Q" Coy., Sergt. Brockman and L./Cpl. Warren; 2nd, "C" Coy., Sergt. Warren and Pte. Sampford; 3rd, "C" Coy., L./Sergt. J. O'Brien and L./Sergt. C. H. Kennett.

CLASS "B" (YOUNG SOLDIERS).

1st, "B" Coy., Pte. Freeman and Pte. Jones; 2nd, "Q" Coy., Pte. Castle and Pte. Stickley; 3rd, "C" Coy., Pte. Wright and Pte. Bowden.

TILE SHOOT.

CLASS "A" (OLD SOLDIERS).

First Round—"A" (M.G.) Coy. beat "B" Coy.; "G" Coy. beat "D" Coy.; "C" and "Q" Coys., byes. Semi-Finals—"G" Coy. beat "A" (M.G.) Coy.; "Q" Coy. beat "G" Coy. Final—"Q" Coy. beat "G" Coy. "Q" Coy. Team.—Sergt.-Dmr. Bray (leader), L./Cpl. Warren, L./Sergt. Priddy, Sergt. Brockman and Cpl. Philipson.

CLASS "B" (YOUNG SOLDIERS).

First Round—"B" Coy. beat "G" Coy.; "Q" Coy. beat "A" (M.G.) Coy.; "C" and "D" Coys., byes. Semi-Finals—"B" Coy. beat "Q" Coy.; "D" Coy. beat "C" Coy. Final—"B" Coy. beat "D" Coy. "B" Coy. Team.—Cpl. Glover (leader), Pte. Frisby, Pte. Witney, Pte. Rumble, and Pte. Wink.

CRICKET.

BATTALION v. 26TH (A.C.) SQUADRON R.A.F.

At Catterick Aerodrome, on June 2nd, 1928.

For once the Weather Clerk was in a good mood, and the match was played in glorious weather. We took the first knock, and thanks mainly to a magnificent innings on the part of Lieut. Hudson, collected the useful score of 134. Our opponents, unfortunately for them, faced L./Sergt. Kennett in one of his best moods, with the result that, despite a very determined and gallant effort on their part, we left the field victors by 61 runs. Scores:—

BATTALION.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C. ...	8
Lieut. J. R. B. Worton	3
Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson	82
Cpl. J. E. Painter	1
Pte. A. Lindsay	0
L./Sergt. C. H. Kennett	5
Sergt. H. Farrow	0
C.S.M. J. Walker	8
L./Sergt. J. O'Brien	14
Bdsn. T. Elliott	1
Dmr. F. Elliott not out ...	0
Extras	12

Total 134

26TH (A.C.) SQUADRON R.A.F.

F.O. Hall	2
F.O. Sharp	3
A.C. Nowell	7
A.C. Constable	3
A.C. Davis	2

A.C. Daniels	0
F.O. Loughman	0
A.C. Mason	5
A.C. Nunn	23
A.C. Wilkinson	5
A. C. Smith, not out	1
Extras	22
Total	73

BATTALION v. 4TH BN. R.T.C.

On June 20th, 1928. This match was played on the Hipswell Ground, and after dismissing the Tanks for 143 runs, we had reasonable hopes of pulling off the game. Alas! Our early batsmen were caught napping, and although Lieut. Hudson strove manfully to stop the "rot," our opponents gained a well-earned victory by 36 runs.

BATTALION.

Capt. Lyon	1
Pte. Lindsay	0

Lieut. Hudson	69
Cpl. Painter	8
L./Sergt. Kennett	8
L./Cpl. Williams	0
L./Cpl. Elliott	2
2/Lieut. Watson	0
L./Sergt. O'Brien	10
Sergt. Thomas, not out ...	3
Lieut. Crawford	2

Total 107

4TH BN. R.T.C.

Lieut.-Col. Festing	42
Capt. Davies	42
L./Cpl. Crotty	10
Pte. Martin	0
R.Q.M.S. Jones	11
Lieut. Pullibank, not out ...	6
Pte. Evans	2
Capt. Constance	5
Lieut. Shaw	7
Sergt. Walters	3
Pte. Nicholson	1

Total 143

ALBUHERA DINNER, WOOLWICH, 1914.

To the Editor, Diehards Journal.

21/5/28.

Dear Sir,—I came across a plan of the dinner table, made by myself as a member of the Mess Committee when the 1st Battalion were at Woolwich in 1914. The occasion of the dinner was Albuhera Day, 1914, the first held at home after the Battalion had returned from foreign service. Many of those who attended, both older and serving members, are now no more, but I thought that it might interest

those who are happily still living, and were there on that memorable night. I have given each officer the rank he held at that time. The attached is an exact copy of the original, which I have in my possession. I was told to make it out at the time by Col. H. N. Blakeney, who was P.M.C. at the time.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. M. PAUL.

2/Lieut. H. W. M. Paul.

*Lieut. N. Y. L. Welman.

*Lieut. G. R. K. Evatt.

Lieut. H. W. B. Warneford.

*Capt. E. S. Gibbons.

*Col. F. D. Lumley.

Capt. H. F. Spence.

*Col. R. D. Longe.

Capt. J. S. Cunningham.

Mr. Assheton-Biddulph, M.F.H.

Major R. J. Ross.

*Deceased.

2/Lieut. L. L. Welman.

Lieut. W. W. Jefferd.

Lieut. M. Browne.

*Col. E. W. M. Norie.

Capt. W. H. Samuel.

Col. J. Grove-White.

Major W. D. Ingle.

2/Lieut. G. C. Bucknall.

*2/Lieut. F. V. A. Dyer.

*Capt. F. H. Gould.

*Capt. H. H. Woolright.

*Capt. A. F. Skaife.

Col. A. A. Garstin.

Capt. H. P. Osborne.

2/Lieut. A. C. Arnold.

Lieut. L. L. Pargiter.

Lieut. P. Grove-White.

*Major T. Daw (Q.M.).

*Major J. E. D. Ward.

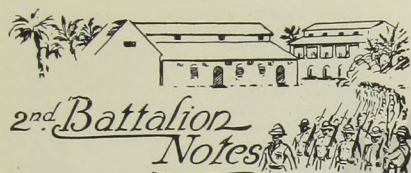
*Capt. G. H. Hastings (Adj.).

*Capt. Sir George Denton.

Major H. N. Blakeney.

Mr. E. Broderip.

Col. J. Bonhote. *Lt.-Col. B. E. Ward (C.O.) *Major S. H. Powell. Major F. G. M. Rowley.



2/LIEUT. J. W. A. STEPHENSON joined the Battalion on March 30th, 1928, from the United Kingdom, on being posted on first commission.

Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm proceeded to Multan on March 30th, 1928, to be attached to the 10th/2nd Punjab Regiment, for instructional purposes, with a view to being transferred to the Indian Army as Quartermaster.

2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert qualified at a short course at the Army School of Physical Training, Ambala, which terminated on March 30th, 1928.

The following officers left the Battalion on the dates stated, to proceed to the United Kingdom for eight months' leave:

March 6th, 1928.—Major M. Browne, M.C., and Capt. E. N. Appelbe.

March 13th, 1928.—Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough.

Lieut. and Adj. F. Walden also left the Battalion to proceed to the United Kingdom, for sixty days' privilege leave, on May 11th, 1928.

"A" COMPANY.

In the final sum-up for the musketry year, we proved ourselves the best shooting company.

In addition to this, No. 2 Platoon won the Tile Shooting Competition.

In the Hockey League, we could not get going thoroughly, but hope for better luck next time.

We won the Tug-of-War Shield for the second year in succession, and great credit is due to the team for the way they trained and pulled.

The team was: L./Sergt. Ballard, Cpl. Champion, L./Cpl. Bennett, L./Cpl. Hornett, L./Cpl. Brown, L./Cpl. Fox, Pte. Swatman, Pte. Carter, Pte. Simpson and Pte. Stanton.

We are very sorry to have lost Lieut. G. A. N. Chisholm, who has gone to the Quartermaster's Branch of the Indian

Army. He was a good sportsman, and worked hard to encourage sport in the Company. We wish him good luck in his new job as "Quarter Bloke."

We welcome Lieut. E. T. Pain from duty with the West African Forces, and also 2/Lieut. N. G. Gilbert from "B" Company.

Our Company Sergeant-Major has left us for the Auxiliary Forces, and we wish him every success.

We are now busy with Individual Training and musketry, and all look forward to firing the new course, when some of us hope to find that elusive "tanner a day."

We regret to announce the death at the British Military Hospital, Ahmednagar, of Pte. Annis. His relatives have the deepest sympathy of the Company.

"B" COMPANY.

The last Company notes were written when we were settling down again after manoeuvres; since then, the Company has been split up for some time, the majority being down at the Fort, under Lieut. Tuckey, where they had a peaceful six weeks, returning to the Ridge on May 5th. This is presumably really our last visit to the Fort, though every time we have been there during the last three years we have thought this, and the O.C. Detachment, who has been there more times than he can remember, has each time thought it was to be the last.

We had one or two minor excitements whilst at the Fort. One early morning, we were summoned to a fire in the cotton market, where we gave considerable help, although Pte. Davis (55), at the end of the hose, caused alarm and despondency amongst the bystanders. The fire engine seemed very light on the way down, but painfully heavy when we had to pull it back.

During our stay at the Fort, the Detachment had a very thorough inspection by the new Brigade Commander, who expressed himself as very pleased with all that he saw.

The chief event in the athletic line during the past quarter has been the Company Sports, which took place at the Fort in the middle of April, and were most successful. No. 5 Platoon again won the Platoon Challenge Cup, though they

were harder pressed than they were last year; Nos. 6 and 7 Platoons were equal second, and No. 8 Platoon, who had their best runner out of action, were fourth. The Individual Championship for the cup presented by Major Wollocombe resulted in a close struggle between Pte. Allen and L./Cpl. Harper, who won all the long and short races respectively: the former just got home by 3 points. No. 6 Platoon won the Platoon Relay Race quite easily, chiefly owing to the lead established by Pte. Allen in the Half-Mile. A special word of praise should also be given to Pte. Sheffield for his plucky running in this race.

The following were the principal winners:—

100 Yards.—L./Cpl. Harper.

220 Yards.—L./Cpl. Harper.

440 Yards.—L./Cpl. Harper.

880 Yards.—Pte. Allen.

One Mile.—Pte. Allen.

Three Miles.—Pte. Allen.

High Jump.—Pte. Cosgrove.

Long Jump.—2/Lieut. Stephenson.

Hurdles.—L./Cpl. Lee.

Weight.—Pte. Wright.

Cpl. Slate and Pte. Barnard occupied the second and third places in all the long races. Some of the performances were quite creditable, and we think, judging from them, that we should not do badly in the Battalion Sports. In the Three Miles, thirteen out of fifteen starters completed the distance, a good show for company sports.

The next sporting event was the Novices' Boxing, in which a number of men from our last draft showed quite promising form, especially Ptes. Tennant, Clark, Barry, Elcome and Fountain. This gives us good hopes of doing well when the team events take place.

In the Platoon Football Tournament, none of our platoons progressed farther than the third round. No. 6 Platoon were just beaten by No. 1 Platoon 3—2. No. 7 Platoon, after an easy victory over "M.G.2," went to pieces unexpectedly in the next round, and were badly beaten. Nos. 8 and 5 Platoons both gained convincing victories, but then came up against opponents in the Drums and Employed, and "M.G.1" who were too strong for them. We have better hopes, however, for the Company Football

League, as our team, without being brilliant, seems to be quite sound.

We received considerable encouragement from the Six-a-Side Tournament: this took place in the early morning of Albuhera Day, and was won by "B" Company, who beat "C" Company in the final, after a hard game. The winning team was composed of: L./Cpl. Lee and Ptes. Robinson (29), Chapman (02), Davis (55), Holness and Lowen. In the first match, we were opposed by the Sergeants, whose goal was most stoutly defended by our Company Quartermaster-Sergeant. This worthy custodian was fully extended on several occasions; once, in trying to emulate the Huddersfield goalkeeper, he was gracefully extended in the wrong direction, while the ball passed quietly into the other side of the goal. It is true that he alleged that the ball had previously gone three and a half yards behind the line, but unfortunately two officers of the Company happened to be standing at the spot, and indignantly denied this.

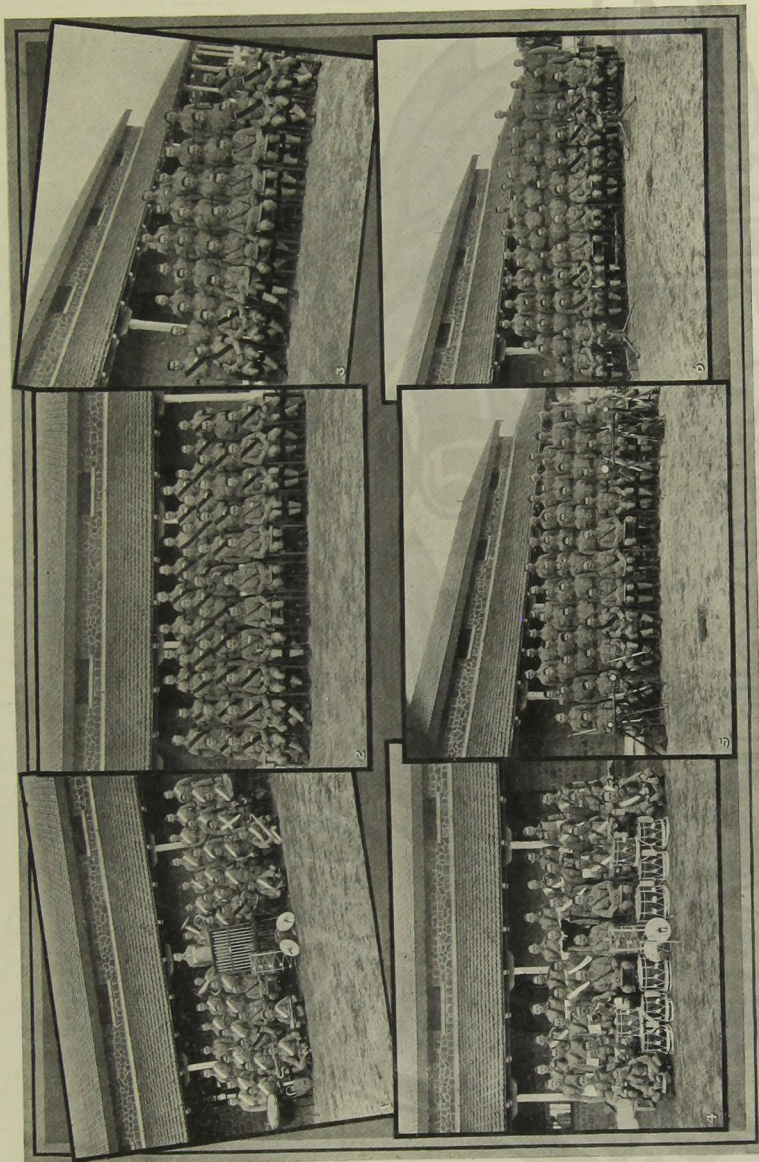
In the Sports in the evening of the same day, our jockeys were unfortunately left at the post in the Donkey Race; their mounts were probably frightened by Pte. Chapman's trousers. The Obstacle Race was won in great style by Pte. Brooks, of No. 8 Platoon.

2/Lieut. Gilbert has recently been transferred to "A" Company, and will be greatly missed by the Company, especially in sports and by the cricket and hockey teams. One of his last achievements before leaving the Company was to lead his platoon to victory in the Sports.

We are very pleased to welcome 2/Lieut. Stephenson, who has joined us straight from Sandhurst, and who has taken over command of No. 7 Platoon. He will be a great asset to us in games, especially in cricket, as he was in last year's Sandhurst eleven, and made the top score in the match against Woolwich.

We also have much pleasure in welcoming Sergt. Palmer to the Company from "H.Q." Wing (Machine Gunners). He has taken over from C.S.M. Burns, who is now on a Vocational Training course, and we hope that he will stay with us permanently.

We congratulate Cpls. Green and Blackman on doing so well on Small Arms and Education Courses at Pachmari and



3.—N.C.O.s. "C" Company.
6.—Machine Gun Section.

2.—Warrant Officers and Sergeants.
5.—Signal Section.

1.—Band.
4.—Drums.

Belgaum respectively; the latter obtained the first "Distinguished" qualification which has been obtained by an N.C.O. in this Battalion in this particular course.

"C" COMPANY.

Since our last notes, the final "troopers" of the season have borne away the remaining homeward drafts, we hope, to a prosperous and happy time in mufti life, and an undisturbed period on the Reserve. Good luck to them.

And next, we welcome the draft from England who, though fortunate in missing the more intense period of training, were unlucky to arrive when the hottest weather was due. However, they don't seem to mind heat, and have already shown considerable promise in boxing and football, about the former of which there is more below.

Altogether, though the Company may be younger in years than a few months ago, we see no reasons to bemoan our prospects, as we appear to have plenty of promising material, and may yet rejoice the heart of our chief supporter and mosquito-raider, by arriving where we are long overdue.

Major Browne has temporarily deserted us for a period of leave, and is, we hope, enjoying the change from the arid wastes of Bhaudi.

We congratulate Lieut. Ayscough on his engagement, and hope that he also is enjoying himself in England.

L./Cpl. Lowry has been promoted Corporal, and has left us for the Regimental Police. We hope that he will deal lightly with our peccadillos, in memory of past associations.

We congratulate Sergt. Mason on his marriage, and also on being selected to attend the Musketry Course at Pachmari as a result of his work on the Cadre.

We welcome Cpl. Halverson, who has replaced (on promotion) Cpl. Lowry, from "B" Company.

The last month we have been engaged on Individual Training, and are now about to put its efforts to the practical test on the range. As we have been giving copious offerings to the God of Musketry, we hope that, wind and everything else being kind, the men behind the guns will be able to find that "damned elusive

Pimpernel—the bull" more often than last year.

A Company Billiards Tournament ended in a win for Pte. Daly, who defeated Pte. Dawson in the final, Pte. Ayling being third, and Pte. Rainbow (86) attaining the prize for the highest break.

In an endeavour to increase the amusements to pass the evening away, two whist drives have been held, and, as fifty attended the first and eighty the second, there seems to be a liking for them. And here we must thank Mrs. Rand and Mrs. Jones, who have very kindly offered their assistance in the refreshment department, nor is there any doubt at the last whist drive, but that their effort was much appreciated.

Football has begun, and at present in the Platoon League there is a tie at the end of the first half between Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Platoons.

The Platoon Knock-out was rather disastrous, but No. 11 Platoon went down to the ultimate winners after a good game.

The results of the Company Hockey League are frankly disappointing, but apparently one must not expect to leap from the dismal depths to the Olympian heights in one swoop, and we must be glad that we improved on last year's position. Nevertheless, it was amazing to see the promise of the start of the season fade away and only return for a real good fight in the last game of the season against "H.Q." Wing, the winners of the league. If the energy and dash shown in this game had been present in the earlier games, especially those in the second half of the league, we might easily have had quite a different story to tell. The defence worked hard, but were defeated by the inertia and lack of support of the forwards.

However, we raised ourselves one place and have a good nucleus to start our attack on the higher places next year.

The Platoon League ended in a win for No. 9 Platoon, a result practically certain at the beginning of the second half, but No. 12 Platoon are to be congratulated on springing some surprises in this half, where they showed that skill can be counter-balanced by determination on more than one occasion.

The second half-yearly cross-country run needs a veil. After the run before, things looked rosier, but the loss of L./Cpl. Harris was a handicap, and he was not the only one who had helped to raise us the time before, and who was not available the second time. On the Company trial, the results were quite promising, but in the Battalion Run all the results of that "went west," and the first were last, and *vice versa*, more or less; hence we once more took the easy descent into Avernus.

The tug-of-war team managed to defeat "B" Company and so put us up a place. We hope that, if some of the last draft can pull as hard as they look capable of doing, we shall ascend once more next year.

And, now, with the Sports still to come, we head "B" Company in the Championship Shield, and, though we cannot expect to catch "A" Company, unless the miraculous happens, we hope to stick to our place, but, with the Football League now starting, we are far more concerned with the present than the past, and, if the Six-a-Side on Albuhera Day can be taken as an omen, we should do well.

During the week commencing April 23rd, the first Novices' Tournament of the year and the Open Eliminating Competition were held.

Here we have one large cloud in an otherwise promising sky. This is the unfortunate accident to L./Cpl. Cook in the final of the Open Feather-weights, when he put his shoulder out in the first round and will thus be unable, the doctors say, to box for the Company in the Open Teams, and is also prevented from obtaining another belt. He is a big loss to our team, and with his accident a large lump of guilt comes off our gingerbread. However, we hope that with complete rest, and no further accidents, we shall again see him in the ring in time.

Now let us see what guilt is left. Pte. Berks, as L./Cpl. Cook's opponent in the feather-weights, won the belt, there being no holder, and Pte. Smith (07) won the eliminating competition in the middle-weights, and is now challenging for the belt. We congratulate both, and hope that, not only will Berks retain his belt, but that Smith will bring in another to join it. Nor is this all: in the bantam-

weights and light-weights, Cpls. Turner and Goodall were both short of training, and, although unsuccessful in the Open Tournament, gave us considerable hope that, on challenging, there is more than a chance of more belts coming to "C" Company.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Ray on winning the Class "A" Novices in promising style, and our sympathy goes to Brown (18) who, owing to a damaged hand, was unable to compete in the finals of the Class "A" middle-weights.

Pte. Bland showed great promise in the Class "B" middle-weights, which he won, and Pte. Livens, another of our last draft, gave a very plucky display up to the final, when he was unfit, and many would have backed out of appearing at all. Another boxer of promise.

We cannot go into all the fights, but we congratulate the Company boxers, firstly on having the largest number of entries, and secondly on the generally stout-hearted display, and in this respect we must specially congratulate Pte. Tandy, who more than deserves his good loser's prize, and Pte. Mold, who entered, knowing that his elbow might go out at any time.

Marks were allotted to each platoon, according to their entries and results, for the Platoon Shield. The results at present are:—

No. 9 Platoon ...	22½
No. 10 Platoon ...	19
No. 12 Platoon ...	11½
No. 11 Platoon ...	6

"D" COMPANY.

Since we have finished with camp life, the platoons have been getting their football teams together, whilst the Company has been training hockey teams, boxers, runners and men for the tug-of-war.

In the tug-of-war, we missed our "anchor," Sergt. Peck, although Pte. Hawker proved a useful substitute. We lost to "H.Q." Wing and "A" Company.

The second half of the Platoon Hockey League proved an easy win for No. 14 Platoon, with Nos. 13 and 15 Platoons tying for second place, and No. 16 Platoon fourth.

Points obtained for the Spence Cup are as follows:—

No. 13 Platoon ...	115
No. 15 Platoon ...	105
No. 14 Platoon ...	100
No. 16 Platoon ...	80

The Athletic Sports, which have been postponed, will decide the ultimate positions of the platoons for the year 1927.

In the Company Hockey League we had difficulty in selecting the forwards, but the men selected played well, resulting in our getting second place.

After the display in the first half of the cross-country run, L./Cpl. Higgins was determined that we should do better in

In the Battalion Knock-out, No. 15 Platoon reached the semi-finals, and beat No. 2 Platoon. In the final, No. 15 Platoon played "M.G.I." With a strong wind blowing diagonally across the field, the game was carried into the opponents' half. There it remained, the forwards failing to score. The game changed in the second half, but, through excellent goalkeeping by Lieut. Sugden, there was no score. The forwards, after fifteen minutes' play, were fed by the halves, making a brilliant dash up the field. Exciting play followed in the goal-mouth, finally relieved by the goalkeeper. No. 15 Platoon carried on with the attack, and after a good display of passing and



"D" COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

the second half. A full team of volunteers was trained, all of whom were keen and hard-working, which resulted in our getting thirty-nine men home. Congratulations to L./Cpl. Higgins and all who ran.

In the boxing, Pte. Sweeting (light heavy-weight) and Pte. Brown (bantam-weight) won Battalion Belts. In Class "A" Novices, Pte. Burton won his weight, and Pte. Warnes won his in Class "B." Pte. Woodward was awarded a good loser's medal.

In the first half of the Platoon Football League, No. 15 Platoon won all their matches, followed by Nos. 13, 16 and 14 Platoons.

dribbling Pte. Tointon scored. The remainder of the game was spent in keeping the Gunners in their own half.

Whist drives have been started, and we hope, when the Company returns from the Fort, to have some further pleasant evenings.

We welcome Capt. V. J. Garrow as our Company Commander; also Sergt. Sperry and the last draft from home.

Sergt. Cook has left us for duty at Deolali, but will be back before the end of the summer.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Wright on his appointment to that rank, and to Officers' Mess Sergeant. Congratulations to Cpls. Merry and Palmer on promotion

to their present rank, and to L./Cpls. Atkins, Orton, Hayes and Hannam on appointment to Paid Lance-Corporal.

The following men have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education:—

Ptes. Butler, Fricker, Ison and Russell.
Decoy.

"H.Q." WING.

It is more difficult to write notes for "H.Q." Wing than for a letter company. The latter is a whole made up of component parts (platoons), while the Wing is a federation of groups, each one a unit more or less on its own.

Boxing has never been one of our strong points: it has always played second fiddle, but, now that the spark of enthusiasm has been kindled, we hope to fan it into a substantial flame. The number of entries was encouraging, and they were individual, as opposed to group representatives. During the contests, the Wing feeling, of which we have already spoken, was refreshingly apparent.

While we are on the subject of the last Novices' Boxing Meeting, we should like to say that one cannot help having a sneaking regard for the way in which Pte. Trayhorne appears time after time. This year he only just missed winning his weight in the semi-final. Pte. Walker can also be classed in this category, and our young aspirants should be encouraged by their efforts.

Of the younger competitors, Pte. Marshall and Bdsn. Gordon fought well, and showed great promise. Marshall, like Trayhorne, just missed being top of his weight. His fights were good to watch. Perhaps one sees too little these days of the typically upright English style of boxing, with the straight left playing a leading part.

Burrows and Wiggett were other good losers, and we leave it to them to go farther next time. Burrows showed that he could take a lot of punishment, and nothing seemed to perturb him. Ramsay had bad luck in damaging his thumb, but, at the next meeting, he may prove a "dark horse." Armitage and Young are not adepts at ringcraft, but their only fault was that they would not lead. Before concluding, we must congratulate Pte. Baker on winning all his fights.

Our thanks are due to Lieut. Walden, Sergt. Walker and Ptes. Cole and Presland, whose interest and advice, both in training and at the ringside, were invaluable.

A Boxing Supper was held on May 19th. All competitors and those interested attended.

The Hockey League is now over. It proved to be very interesting, and great issues depended on the results, as "D" Company and "H.Q." Wing are running very close for the Company Championship. As a matter of fact, at the time of writing, we are level. We won the hockey: it now remains for us to outrun our rivals in the Sports.

All our other news is included in the Group Notes.

SIGNAL SECTION.

Notes for this quarter will be rather brief, but we will push in as much as possible.

We have quite settled down after our never-to-be-forgotten camp (Bhaudi), and our new class is by this time well acquainted with the intricacies of signalling.

We congratulate Pte. Aldridge and the other members of "H.Q." Wing billiard team on keeping the Company to the fore at indoor sports.

In the Battalion Football Knock-out, the Signals were unlucky to come up against No. 15 Platoon (the ultimate winners) in the final round, and lost 2-0.

In the Hockey, which occurred beforehand, we fared better, reaching the semi-finals before losing to "M.G.I." We hope to do better next year at both hockey and football, although we lose our "Grand Old Man of Sport," Pte. Butterfield, or Mr. Butterfield, as he now calls himself. He is now on Vocational Training as a painter, and, if he can paint with a brush as well as he can at times half-pennies on a shove-ha-penny board, he will be exhibiting at the Royal Academy before long.

Congratulations are extended to our junior N.C.Os. on passing their promotion examination and getting "Paid"; also to Pte. Nicholls on being appointed Lance-Corporal.

The Company Football League is nearly half-way through now, and we are quite

satisfied with our position—at present, top—though it will be hard to remain there to the end.

In the recent Novices' Boxing Tournament, L./Cpl. Ramsay (our only entrant) put his thumb out in the first round of his first fight, and had to retire without having a chance to show his form.

Albuhera Day was a holiday for the Regiment, though two of our "flag-bashers" thought otherwise. They were Ptes. Evans and Gower, who both had side-shows, Gower presiding over the darts, and Evans over the roulette. From their confidence and showman's patter, methinks they must have both served an apprenticeship under Barnum or at the Barnet Fair in the dim past.

The Sports went off very well, the Donkey Race being a sheer delight to watch. At the Corporals' whist drive the same evening L./Cpl. (Miss) Ramsay distinguished himself by winning the second prize for acting ladies. No mean feat, as this was the first time he had attended such affairs.

S. S.

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

The new class having arrived since April 16th, we have now settled down to some real work. They have turned out to be very keen, and not a few should turn out to be very good gunners.

A few of the old members have been retained, while the rest have been sent back to the companies. However, we shall soon lose a few more of the "old hands," who are due for home this "trooper."

Probably they will leave India before these notes are put into print. The Platoon was well represented in the Boxing Competition by Ptes. Cole, May, Armitage, Cross, Vickers, Vidler, Baker and Jacobson.

Some pretty bouts were witnessed; comparatively the fights were good, as the majority were novices. Pte. Baker succeeded in winning a medal, being the winner of the welter-weights. Pte. Cross also received a runner-up medal.

Perhaps the best fight of the evening was between Pte. Cole and Cpl. Goodall

of "C" Company. I understand that it was a challenge for the light-weight belt. However, Pte. Cole succeeded in retaining his title after a hard-fought four-round contest.

The Inter-Platoon Football Tournament has just terminated. "M.G.2" were knocked out quite early, and easily, as they are comprised of the new class, and talent was hard to find in so short a time.

"M.G.1," however, were more fortunate, having the footballers as well as the talent. The team succeeded in getting into the final, by beating the following platoons: No. 13, won 8-0; No. 4, won 4-0; No. 5, won 2-0; Drums, won 3-0. In the final the team lost to No. 15 by 1-0. No. 15 scored a few minutes from the end.

A good game was spoilt by a strong wind blowing across the pitch, and on the whole the teams were equally matched. The team was:—

Pte. Blair; Pte. Endersby, L./Cpl. Jackson; L./Cpl. Trestrain, Cpl. Makewell, L./Sergt. Jenkin; Sergt. Hewett, Pte. May, Pte. Holland, Cpl. Millbery, and Pte. Sleep.

The average was good, being: Played, 5; won, 4; lost, 1; goals for, 17; goals against 1. A tribute must be paid to Cpl. Millbery, who scored eleven out of the seventeen goals.

Perhaps he could be defined as an "angle forward," for some of his goals were scored from very acute angles indeed. Perhaps he had left his "shooting boots" behind when he played against No. 15 Platoon?

We are hoping to move to Madras shortly, as this station "puts whiskers on a rocking-horse."

A few of the Platoon will not go, however, as they are "time-expired," but we wish those few all the joys of civilian life, and every success. It does not seem conceivable that the Battalion has been here for five years. *Eheu fugaces labuntur anni*; but they do, however, and very quickly.

The results of the Inter-Group Sports will not be known until the next issue of the Journal, as they do not take place until August 4th (quite a memorial milestone in English history, no doubt).

Cheerio, brother-madmen.

DRUMS.

Since our last notes, we have somewhat decreased in numbers, owing to the last "trooper." Some have left us for "Civvy Street," and we wish them the very best of good luck.

Others who have left us for six months' leave in the United Kingdom we shall be glad to receive back next "trooper," and so increase our strength.

We welcome our "young hands" in three boys and three of the "young blood" from duty, all of whom only joined the Battalion at the end of the last trooping season.

Once again the Drums and Employed reached the semi-final of the Platoon Football Knock-out, but were unlucky not to attain the top.

We also wish to congratulate our "bun and treacle scoffer" on attaining his success in coming in first, and also in the Slow Cycle Race, on Albuhera Day.

We wish our Adjutant, Mr. Walden, the very best of luck, and hope that he has a very nice time whilst on leave in the United Kingdom.

We are sorry that we are unable to give away any more of our secrets until our next notes are due.

"C SHARP."

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have been the same happy family since our last notes. A minor depression appeared over Ahmednagar when the news of the relegation of Tottenham was received. Certain members extracted a good deal of humour out of the situation at the expense of one of Tottenham's most ardent supporters.

We have had a fair amount of entertainment to keep us contented during the quarter, apart from the major events of which we write later. Such interludes as the occasion when a certain member got up early and dressed in his finery to perform the duties of Battalion Orderly Sergeant, when it was his turn the next day; and the opinion of another member who has just joined us that the draft should be sent to the hills for a change of air, instead of the men who have been out here years; all help to provide the inside amusement to compensate for the

benefits of an attractive station during the hot weather.

We wish to congratulate the following on their promotion and appointment, as the case may be:—

Sergts. Aird, Baker and Buckle on their promotion to full rank.

Sergt. Baker on his appointment to Orderly-Room Clerk.

Sergts. Ballard, Wright and Burgess on their entry to the Mess.

Sergt. Mason on his marriage.

Sergt. Sperry has rejoined us from the Depot, and Sergt. Cobbett posted to us for the first time. They both joined in March.

Sergts. Wright, Baker and Copelin left us in April for *six months'* leave in the United Kingdom. Lucky dogs! We wonder if that "six months" will carry them over to the time that the Battalion is due home.

Sergts. Jenkin and Colbourne have been successful in our monthly tournaments, winning the Billiard Handicap and the Tennis Handicap respectively.

The two chief happenings during the quarter under review were the annual shoot for the Kent Cup, and the Albuhera Ball.

The former event took place on the last Sunday in March, and was attended by all available members of the Mess. Our Adjutant (Lieut. Walden) very kindly officiated, and, as a matter of fact, we don't think he would have missed it for anything. At any rate, he told us that he had spent one of the most amusing mornings of his life, and, according to the snapshots, which are reproduced with these notes, we quite believe him. These snapshots speak for themselves, and make it unnecessary to dilate on the enjoyment which everyone shared.

The cup was won by the Regimental Sergeant-Major (who said "As usual"?) and "Hookey" Walker had to hand over the spoon to Sergt. Poulter. The handing-over ceremony was carried out with all the pomp and dignity due to the great occasion. The Bandmaster won the silver spoon for the highest score at 500 yards, excluding the cup winner. This came as a surprise to the Mess marksmen, and it is rumoured that private tuition

and secret practice went a long way towards the result.

The Albuhera Ball was, to say the least of it, a complete success. It was held on the Mess tennis courts, which for the occasion were very tastefully decorated. Regimental coloured bunting formed the background of the decoration scheme, which was finished off with many palms, ferns, and other plants. The dance floor consisted of a well-waxed canvas dhurrie, and was found to be ideal. The music was furnished by the special dance band of the Armoured Car Company, Royal Tank Corps, Poona (our own being on leave and unable to assist), and added to the success of the evening. A well-filled buffet supplied the necessary refreshments and the whole show went with a swing till the early hours. Everybody in the station accepted the invitation, and their turning up was a source of great pleasure to the organizers. All settled down to a really happy and sociable evening. A reminder, if such a thing were necessary, of the traditions of the day, was given to us during the interval, when two drummers, with drum and fife, dressed in 1811 uniforms, marched in, playing a lively air. Their efforts were accompanied by a display of fireworks. On the first "bang," one member at least dashed for cover. No doubt his mind carried him back to the days of his ancestors on the Ridge, but it was noticed that the drum and fife stood steady as they did in the sterner stuff in the days gone by with the 57th.

The whole arrangements were most ably carried out by R.Q.M.S. Pilley, who, with his band of willing assistants, worked throughout the heat of the day, and the former must be congratulated on the success of the evening. All voted it to be the most enjoyable evening spent in Ahmednagar.

In conclusion, we would ask all past members of the Sergeants' Mess of this Battalion who would care to do so to send to the Regimental Sergeant-Major a photograph of themselves to be placed in the Mess album for memory. This album is carefully looked after, and will no doubt be remembered by all. The photograph sent should have the rank and name on the back, also date of entering and leaving the Mess, if possible.

HOCKEY LEAGUE, 1927. FINAL POSITIONS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pts
"H.Q."*	8	6	1	1	20	5	13
"D"	8	4	2	2	24	11	10
"A"	8	3	2	3	10	15	8
"C"	8	2	3	3	8	14	7
"B"	8	0	2	6	6	20	2

* Winners of Hockey League and Guillemard Cup.

Points awarded for Company Championship.—
"H.Q." Wing, 50; "D" Company, 40; "A" Company, 30; "C" Company, 20; "B" Company, 10.

CONCERT PARTY.

Although the Concert Party lacked the services of Lieut. Chisholm and Cpl. Higgins among others, they managed to put on quite a good pierrot show on the nights of May 10th, 11th and 12th.

The programme was varied and attractive, including short sketches, songs and concerted items.

The following ladies took part: Mrs. Wollocombe, Mrs. Pain and Mrs. Rand. Capt. Procter, Lieut. Clark, 2/Lieuts. Baldwin and Else, Sergt.-Major Rand, and, of course, Sergt.-Major Hart formed the rest of the troupe.

The opening chorus and song by Sergt.-Major Rand (something about the man in the moon) made a very good opening.

A short sketch entitled "Murky Murders," gave Sergt.-Major Hart a good opportunity to be really amusing in the character of a half-hearted anarchist.

Some good items followed, and the first half of the programme concluded with a skit on the dance-song, "I wonder how I look when I'm asleep." This skit was so well sung and acted, that one member of the troupe actually fell asleep on the wrong side of the curtain. The second half of the programme was commenced with a sketch entitled "The Man who Made Good." In the first act, the hero (2/Lieut. Baldwin) decides to leave home, being unable to tolerate the heavy behaviour of his father, Lord Wandsworth (Lieut. Clark) and the unsympathetic nagging of his mother (Mrs. Pain). He returns in the next act, having spent seven years with the 2nd Middlesex Regiment, five of them at Ahmednagar. He brings his friend (Sergt.-Major Hart) with him. Neither is too popular, so our hero decides to become a chauffeur,

having learnt to drive a "Rolls" on a vocational course.

Some good jokes were worked into this sketch, especially during the second half.

Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Rand sang the "Desert Song" together, and Capt. Procter half-sang and half-recited an amusing song about a young man who was not quite certain whether he was suffering from love or indigestion.

2/Lieut. Else filled up a gap with a good song called "The Cornish Chorus," which went with a swing.

2/Lieut. Baldwin and Sergt.-Major Hart were very amusing in a song "Go, wash the elephant." One was

rehearsing, and great credit is due to all who took part.

The Battalion looks forward to seeing the "Pothooks" again at an early date.

P.S.—These notes would not be complete without mentioning the great loss the Concert Party has suffered in the departure of Lieut. Chisholm and Cpl. Moss.

The writer of this postscript has had the pleasure of both working with them and watching from the front. Mr. Chisholm's characters of "Simon de Boko," "Magnus Browne" and "Bingo Booster," will be remembered for a long time, as will Cpl. Moss's characters of "Mrs.



2nd BATTALION CONCERT PARTY.

produced on a backcloth; the work, I imagine, of the Pioneers' Shop.

A good musical sketch entitled "Sick Parade" followed. This sketch was actually a sick parade. The words used were fitted to music filched from grand and comic opera, and from popular songs, both past and present. It was well written and quite well acted. Space prevents me from describing it at any length.

The programme concluded with "Hallelujah" and "God Save the King."

Amateur theatricals as a rule are not a great success, so the writer of this article was more than surprised when he saw for the first time a production by the "Pothooks." It was a really good show, and must have involved hours of planning and

Harris-Montrevor," "Mrs. Partridge-Partridge" and "Susan Shotaway." The "Pothooks" generally wish them the best of luck.

ALBUHERA DAY IN AHMED-NAGAR.

By kind permission of Col.-Cmdt. B. R. Moberly, D.S.O., Commanding Ahmed-nagar Station, the Battalion was granted a holiday, and the following interesting programme of events was arranged.

The day opened by the Drums marching all round barracks and waking everyone with a long "Réveillé," which consisted of popular tunes and lasted about a quarter of an hour.

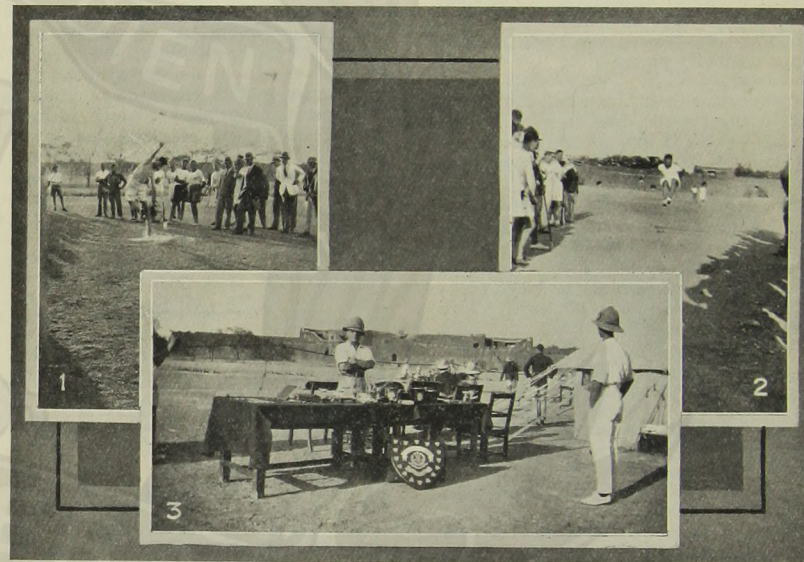
The first item on the programme was a Knock-out Six-a-Side Football Competition, in which each company, the Officers, the Sergeants, and the Corporals entered a team. This competition commenced at 6.15 a.m., and each game lasted twenty minutes—ten minutes each way. The final was played between "B" and "C" Companies at about 8.15 a.m., and "B" Company were the winners.

During the morning, a cablegram was

described below, assisted by numerous side-shows. The ground resembled Hampstead Heath on a Bank Holiday.

The chief sporting events were as follows:—

To open the programme, each company held a separate competition, the most amusing of which were a six-legged race by "B" Company, in which the centre man had to run backwards, and a slow bicycle race by "H.Q." Wing, in which the last man home won.



1.—Putting the Weight. 2.—The Long Jump. 3.—The Prizes.

dispatched to the 1st Battalion in Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, conveying the congratulations of all ranks of the 2nd Battalion. A reply to this, sending the greetings of all ranks of the 1st Battalion, was received later on in the day.

In honour of the occasion, a special menu was drawn up for the men's mid-day meal. The festivities were recommenced at 4.30 p.m. on the Battalion cricket ground, and consisted of several sporting events, the chief of which are

This was followed by a novel bun and treacle race. The competitors had first to make a dash for a bottle of lemonade, several of which were laid out on the ground, drink the contents as fast as they could, and then rush away to a table on which was a supply of buns liberally smothered in treacle. They had to put their hands behind their backs and eat a treacle bun as best they could. Most of them made an extraordinarily thorough job of it, too. Oliver Twist would have

been nowhere. Anyhow, the winners certainly earned their prizes.

Two events were arranged for the kiddies—one an endurance skipping test for the elder girls, and the other a race for the tiny mites. The expressions on the faces of the winners when they bore away an enormous tin of toffee or sweets almost as big as themselves were enough to make the bachelors envious. Even the "also rans" were rewarded with a bag of sweets.

This was followed by a blindfold race between teams of either sex. The man acted as the horse and was blindfolded, while the lady steered the man between several obstacles placed along the course, with a pair of reins. The spectators saw the humorous side of this when something went wrong with one team and the "horse" crashed into an obstacle which happened to be a particularly unresponsive table trestle.

The outstanding event was the donkey race. A number of donkeys were hired, and several willing candidates were forthcoming as jockeys. They were all dressed in some weird fantasy of a jockey's uniform. The donkeys, which were on the small side, did not enter into the spirit of the thing at all. On the contrary, they evidently resented their forced participation in the proceedings, and, despite many frantic attempts on the part of their jockeys and several other eager helpers, in most cases flatly refused to budge. However, the required number of prize-winners were eventually enticed to complete the course, and one in particular suddenly realized that he was being very unsporting, and made what atonement he could by galloping as hard as he could go on the last lap, and finishing the course like the thoroughbred he was.

The programme was concluded with an obstacle race, in which a wall, the top of which was unsparingly covered with target paste, had to be climbed; a cricket net covered with a tarpaulin (and, incidentally, miscellaneous loads of dirt) had to be negotiated, a barrel passed through, and other obstacles overcome.

The side-shows, which consisted of the usual coconut shies, "Hoop-la," etc., and one or two novelties, were well patronized. One especially was very

popular—Arnold, the goalkeeper of the Regimental football team, was the custodian of a small goal-net, the idea being to score goals at about 20 yards' range, at an anna a shot, each goal scored carrying a prize. The keepers of the side-shows had each dressed according to his fancy, and cried attention to his show in a manner worthy of Hampstead Heath at its best.

A couple of "funny men," who made excellent amateur clowns, added to the amusement of the evening, and filled the intervening periods between the sporting events with their buffoonery.

A very enjoyable day was concluded by a whist drive for the men, and a cinema show for those who did not wish to attend the former. The expenses of showing the cinema programme, which included Harold Lloyd in "Hot Water," were defrayed by the Regimental Contractor.

A ball was also held in the Sergeants' Mess, to which all the officers in the garrison were invited, together with the military and civilian friends of the Mess; the invitations, with few exceptions, being accepted.

MAJOR-GENERAL AND HONORARY LIEUTENANT- GENERAL ROBERT ABRAHAM LOGAN, C.B.

ROBERT ABRAHAM LOGAN was born on July 26th, 1824, on Nun's Island, Sligo Bay, his mother belonging to an Irish family from that part of the country. He was educated at St. Andrew's School, Duns, Berwickshire. His father was Patrick Logan, of the ancient Scottish family of that name, of which two representatives were selected, in 1329, by Sir James Douglas, to accompany him when he started on his momentous expedition to convey the Bruce's heart to the Holy Land.

Patrick Logan was appointed Ensign in the 57th Foot in 1810, being promoted Lieutenant in 1813, and Captain in 1823. He served with the Regiment in the Peninsular, joining it there just too late for the Battle of Albuhera. He was present afterwards in all the fighting in which it

was engaged throughout 1811-12, and later at the Battles of Vittoria, the Pyrenees, Nivelle and Nive. He accompanied the Regiment to Canada in 1815, and was with it during the occupation of Paris by the allied troops after Waterloo until 1818. The Regiment was then stationed in Ireland until 1825, when it embarked for service in Australia in fifteen different vessels, the various companies acting as guards to convicts being shipped to that colony. On arrival the headquarters, remained at Sydney, New South Wales with numerous detachments, the officers in command of these often being employed in exploring the then little known country in the neighbourhood of their posts.

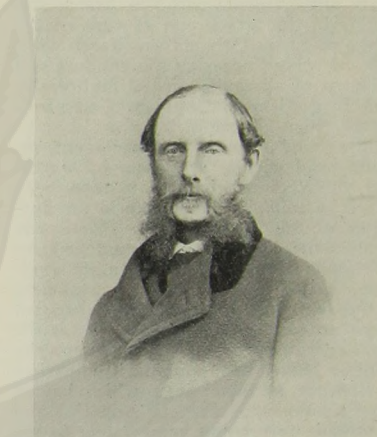
Capt. Logan, who commanded a detachment of two companies at Moreton Bay, Queensland, was most energetic and successful as an explorer. In 1826 he discovered a magnificent river, which he named the Darling, in compliment to Sir R. Darling, the Governor. As, however, there was already a river so named, the Governor directed that it should be known as the Logan, after its discoverer. Capt. Logan, being most keen and zealous, continued his explorations on every possible occasion.

In 1830, the Regiment being then under orders for India, he left the station on October 18th, attended only by a boat's crew and a private servant, to make a final survey. About seventy miles inland his party encamped, and he started off alone to complete his work. As he did not return the escort became alarmed and proceeded to search for him, but without success. They then returned to Moreton Bay and reported the matter. Search parties were sent out and, on the fifth day, the body of the missing commandant was found terribly mangled; and it was evident that he had been barbarously murdered by the natives. His Excellency the Governor published a Government Order deploring this melancholy occurrence and extolling the zeal and chivalrous, undaunted spirit of this fine soldier and gallant explorer.

Robert Abraham, his son, was appointed to a commission in the 41st Foot on October 26th, 1841, but was a month later transferred to his father's old regiment, the 57th, then stationed at

Madras. He was promoted Lieutenant in 1843, continuing to serve in India until 1846 when the Regiment returned home, where it was quartered at Canterbury and other English stations, moving to Ireland in 1848 and occupying quarters at Enniskillen, Dublin, Kilkenny and Cork. During this period it took part in extinguishing no less than four very serious fires, winning, in so doing, encomiums for its behaviour and untiring exertions from important personages, inclusive of the Duke of Wellington.

Lieut. Logan was promoted Captain in 1851, and was posted to the Depot Com-



(Photo: T. North, Dublin.)

panies then first formed at Tralee. These companies moved later to Limerick and Birr; and the officers, including Capt. Logan, did not, in consequence, accompany the headquarters and Service Companies when they embarked for Corfu in February, 1853. In 1854 the Regiment moved to the Crimea, but Capt. Logan was, during the earlier part of the war, retained with the Depot Companies in Ireland. In June, 1855, he was promoted Major and, in November, joined the headquarters of the Regiment in the Crimea, subsequent to the fall of Sebastopol, serving with it to the end of

the campaign, and then proceeding with it to Malta.

On September 19th, 1857, orders were received to at once detach two companies to Aden, and the following day Major Logan, with a detachment of eight officers and two hundred men, embarked for Alexandria and proceeded thence overland on donkeys to Suez, where they re-embarked and sailed for their destination. H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief was pleased to compliment Major Logan on the novel manner in which he had thus brought his detachment across the Isthmus of Suez. For the next three years the Detachment formed part of the Aden field force, taking part in several severe engagements with the Arabs, and notably in the attack and capture of the village of Shaik Othman on March 18th, 1858, on which occasion the conduct and gallantry of all ranks elicited high praise from Brig.-General Coghlan, Commanding the Aden Garrison.

Major Logan, with his detachment, rejoined headquarters at Poona in March, 1860, the Regiment having, in 1858, been moved to India to participate in the final stages of the Mutiny. Col. Warre, the Lieutenant-Colonel, being employed on the staff as Military Secretary to Sir Hugh Rose, Major Logan assumed command of the regiment, and on November 3rd it was ordered to be held in readiness for active service in New Zealand against the Maoris. Later in the month it embarked at Bombay in two wings which landed respectively at New Plymouth and Auckland, proceeding immediately to the seat of war in Taranaki, which was reached towards the end of January, 1861. It was at once engaged in active operations, and especially in the attack on the enemy position on the Waitara River. Hostilities terminated on March 20th, and all troops, except the 57th, were withdrawn from the province of Taranaki which remained under martial law. Col. Warre, who had now rejoined from the staff in India, as senior officer present, acted as Deputy Governor, being stationed with the headquarters of the Regiment at New Plymouth, whilst Major Logan was dispatched in command of a detachment to Wanganui. For his services in command of the regiment during the two arduous months of the 1861 hostilities, Major Logan was

thanked in General Orders and named in despatches. During 1862 the Regiment remained in the above quarters, but early in 1863 the Governor, being dissatisfied with the conditions of affairs in Taranaki moved fresh troops into the province. Although there had, up to this, been no overt act of hostility on the part of the natives, their attitude was ominous, and they threatened to interrupt the communication with New Plymouth. Major Logan, who had been promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on February 22nd was, in April, relieved of his command at Wanganui, and sent to occupy an important redoubt in the danger zone with one hundred and fifty men. Following on the massacre by the natives of a small party of officers and men of the 57th on May 4th, war again broke out, and several encounters took place between small parties of the Regiment and the rebels. Later in the month, as it became evident that the Maoris were busy constructing rifle pits and entrenchments on the southern bank of the Katikara River, it was decided to attack them at once. Lieut.-Col. Logan accordingly marched from Oakura at midnight on June 3rd with a force escorting a convoy, while Sir Duncan Cameron followed immediately after with a strong body of troops from New Plymouth, including the headquarters of the 57th. At daybreak on the 4th the attack was opened by artillery fire on the Maori position, and the main attacking column, under Col. Warre, advancing, crossed the deep and rapid river, whilst four companies of the Regiment, under Lieut.-Col. Logan, rushed and took the enemy's redoubt. For the next three months he commanded the Regiment and outposts until the return of Col. Warre from staff duty on August 24th, when he was sent to command a detachment of the Regiment and the mixed garrison occupying the settlement at Wanganui, retaining this command for the next three years. During this period he was, in addition to his military duties, appointed Agent to the Colonial Government in that part of the province of Taranaki, and on three occasions received its thanks for his defence of the settlement, and for having armed the friendly natives who, by themselves, succeeded in defeating an attacking party of rebels, and formed the

nucleus of the Native Contingent. On October 12th, 1866, Col. Warre, being again employed on the staff, Lieut.-Col. Logan once more assumed command of the Regiment, soon after which, however, military operations having practically ceased, orders were received for it to be held in readiness to embark for England.

For his services in this campaign Lieut.-Col. Logan was, on several occasions, mentioned in despatches, and was created a Companion of the Bath.

The Regiment sailed for England in two wings in March and April, 1867, concentrating, after arrival, at Manchester in August. After occupying several stations in England it moved to Ireland in 1871, proceeding to Limerick with detachments in the west.

On February 17th, 1871, Lieut.-Col. Logan was promoted Brevet-Colonel, and at Kinsale, in 1872, succeeded Col. Bowen in command of the Regiment. Early in the following year it was moved to the Curragh where, in September, orders were received for it to proceed on a fresh tour of foreign service, this time in Ceylon. For some time previous to departure Col. Logan had been in correspondence with the Dean of St. Paul's on the subject of placing the old Colours which had been carried in the Crimea, India and New Zealand in the cathedral. This permission was readily granted, and they were deposited there on January 22nd, 1874, by which time, unfortunately, the Regiment was no longer in the country, having embarked for Ceylon on December 23rd, 1873.

Colonel Logan commanded the 57th in Ceylon until placed on half pay on July 26th, 1876, after thirty-five years continuous service with the Corps.

Shortly after arrival at home he obtained command of the 57th/77th Brigade Depot, at Woolwich, and in 1877 was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the 7th/57th Regimental District, at Hounslow. He was promoted Major-General on July 1st, 1881, and on May 6th, 1882, retired on retired pay with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-General.

He married, in 1852, the daughter of the Rev. G. N. Tredennick, of Kildoney Clebe, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal and

Ardara in the same county. Of this marriage there were five sons and seven daughters, of whom there now survive but two sons and two daughters. At the end of the Crimean War Mrs. Logan rejoined her husband at Malta, accompanying him thence to Aden, and later to India and New Zealand. When the Maori War was drawing to a close Mrs. Logan shared in a rather picturesque incident. A monument had been erected at Wanganui in memory of the friendly natives and British killed in the war. The unveiling, which was attended with some ceremony, was, in September, 1865, done by Mrs. Logan as the wife of the Officer Commanding Troops, whilst she at the same time presented a silk flag, worked by herself, to the brave chiefs and others who fell at the Battle of Montoa, giving their lives to save those of European women and children.

At the end of the war she, with her family, accompanied her husband to England, continuing with him during the periods of his commands at Woolwich and Hounslow. On his retirement they settled down in South Kensington where she died on August 12th, 1887, being buried in West Norwood Cemetery.

A brother of Mrs. Logan, James R. K. Tredennick, also served in the 57th, being present with it in the New Zealand and Zulu campaigns. He succeeded General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke in command of the Regiment in May, 1880, being the last Lieutenant-Colonel of the 57th, its existence as a separate regiment terminating in June, 1881. He retired on completion of his period of command with the rank of Major-General. Having, fortunately got rid, in good time, of his Donegal property, he now resides in Dublin.

Lieut.-General Logan, after his wife's death, moved with his family to 28, Gleneldon Road, Streatham, where he continued to reside until his death on January 27th, 1890. He was buried in West Norwood Cemetery in the same grave with his wife. The inscription on his tombstone is:—

"At Rest."

Lieutenant-General Robert Abraham Logan, C.B., late 57th Regiment.

27th January, 1890.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE system of recruiting in the Eastern Command has been re-organized.

Retiring Recruiting Officers at Depots have been abolished, and their administrative recruiting work within the Depot is transferred to Depot Commanders.

The Regiment is merged into the London Recruiting Area, and the great majority of recruits are now received from the Central London Recruiting Office in Whitehall.

As a consequence of this reorganization Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., has left the Depot. He has been appointed Chief Recruiting Officer of the Eastern Zone, which comprises the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, with Headquarters at Ipswich.

His presence at the Depot is sadly missed.

Major W. W. Jefferd has recovered from his accident, and resumed command of the Depot.

Capt. Rees, of the 8th Battalion, was attached to the Depot for a course of instruction during the month of July.

SPORTS.

The Depot Sports were held on June 29th on the Sports Ground at Mill Hill.

Many Old Comrades were present, and there was a large entry for the Veterans' Race and much discussion about handicaps.

The sun shone, but a fierce gale marred this blessing, and in the late afternoon it became decidedly cold.

At the conclusion, Mrs. Manson presented the prizes.

The results were as follows:—

One Mile (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Pte. Stone; 2, Cpl. Boen; 3, L./Cpl. Butfield.

880 Yards (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Cpl. Boen; 2, Pte. Hall.

440 Yards (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Pte. George; 2, Pte. Hall; 3, Cpl. West.

220 Yards (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Cpl. West; 2, Cpl. Woodruff; 3, Cpl. Blake.

100 Yards (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Cpl. West; 2, Cpl. Woodruff; 3, Cpl. Blake.

Three Miles (Open to D.S. and Recruits).—1, Pte. Keen; 2, Pte. Le Dain; 3, Cpl. Boen.

100 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. George; 2, Pte. Kearney; 3, Pte. Brewer.

220 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. Wadsworth and Pte. Oliver dead heat; 3, Pte. George.

440 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. George; 2, Pte. Abell; 3, Pte. Luckford.

880 Yards (Recruits).—1, Pte. Le Dain; 2, Pte. Stone; 3, Pte. George.

High Jump (Recruits).—1, Pte. Bullock; 2, Pte. Robinson; 3, Pte. Abell.

Long Jump (Recruits).—1, Pte. Wadsworth; 2, Pte. Smith (08); 3, Pte. Abell.

Inter-Squad Relay.—1, Somme; 2, Ladysmith; 3, Ypres.

Inter-Squad Tug-of-War.—1, Nivelle; 2, Albuhera (ix).

High Jump (Depot Staff).—1, Sergt. Bishop; 2, L./Cpl. Butfield; 3, Cpl. Woodruff.

Long Jump (Depot Staff).—1, Cpl. Woodruff; 2, Sergt. Tiller; 3, Sergt. Bishop.

Inter-Mess Relay.—1, Privates, Depot Staff; 2, Corporals.

Sergeants' Race.—1, Sergt. Mewitt; 2, Sergt. Russell; 3, C.S.M. Cook.

Corporals' Race.—1, Cpl. Hull; 2, Cpl. Woodruff.

Heaving the Shot (Recruits).—1, Pte. Bullock; 2, Pte. Oliver; 3, Pte. Wadsworth.

Putting the Shot (Open).—1, Sergt. Peck; 2, Pte. Bullock; 3, Cpl. Boen.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Russell; 2, Mrs. Stacey; 3, Mrs. Elliott.

Girls' Race.—1, Vera West; 2, Flossie Hull; 3, Yvonne Osborne.

Boys' Race.—1, Peter Cook; 2, Jimmie Clarke; 3, Cecil Hull.

Potato Race.—1, Pte. Girdlestone; 2, Sergt. Russell; 3, Pte. Johnson.

Sack Race.—1, Pte. Robinson; 2, Pte. Wadsworth; 3, Pte. Abell.

Three-legged Race.—1, Cpl. Hull and L./Cpl. Barley; 2, Cpls. Woodruff and West; 3, L./Cpl. Butfield and Cpl. Blake.

Apple and Bucket Race.—1, Pte. Wadsworth; 2, Pte. Barton; 3, Pte. Le Dain.

Band Race.—1, Bdsn. Dibble; 2, Bdsn. Greene; 3, Bdsn. Shreeve.

Veterans' Race.—1, Pte. Clarke; 2, R.S.M. Mantell; 3, Mr. Wayte.

Winner of Individual Championship.—Pte. George.

Winning Squad for Athletic Shield.—Somme Squad.

CRICKET.

Owing to the weather and to the fact that the Depot ground was not fit for play, due to the mole-draining, before the Regimental Cricket Week, very few matches have been played, but it is hoped that the remainder of the fixtures will be adhered to, and that in the near future an Inter-Squad Cricket League will be played off.

The following matches have been played:—

June 2nd.—Depot v. Millhill Village. Millhill, 158 for 7 dec.; Depot, 62 (Cpl. Boen, 21; Sergt. Northcott, 14; Sergt. Bishop, 13; Sergt. Northcott, 3 for 39). Result: lost by 98 runs.

June 9th.—Depot v. Ideal Films. Ideal Films, 83 for 9 dec.; Depot, 90 for 3 (Cpl. Boen, 37; Lieut. Clowes, 34 not out; Cpl. Boen, 3 for 3; Sergt. Osborne, 3 for 17; Sergt. Bishop, 2 for 4). Result: won by 7 wickets.

June 23rd.—Depot v. Finchley C.C. Finchley, 147 for 12 dec.; Depot, 20. Result: lost by 127 runs.

June 30th.—Depot v. Edgware Wanderers. Depot, 59; Edgware Wanderers, 134 (Capt. Stock, 14; Sergt. Mewitt, 7 for 65). Result: lost by 75 runs.

July 4th.—Depot v. R.A.S.C., Feltham. R.A.S.C., 245; Depot, 145 for 9 (Lieut. Clowes, 60; Lieut. Lambert, 36; Pte. Keen, 40; Capt. Parker, 5 for 63). Result: draw.

PASSBALL.

The Recruits' Passball League is still going strong, and at the moment it is difficult to predict the favourite squad team.

The Depot Staff League is nearing completion, and with six more games to be played reads as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Officers ...	6	6	0	0	12
Sergeants ...	6	4	2	0	8
Corporals ...	5	1	4	0	2
D.S. Privates ...	5	0	5	0	0

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Mess has now settled down completely after its many changes through reliefs. We entertained the Corporals at a return billiard match, which we again won fairly easily. The evening was indeed a very pleasant one, table tennis being a very much used side-show.

We have since been challenged by them and this time they had their turn, by winning with quite a substantial margin.

On May 23rd, we invited the officers to a tennis "At Home." Some very good play resulted, although no one, with the exception of Sergt.-Major Cook, really played up to his usual standard, due no doubt to the hard hitting of the officers.

The results were as follows:—

Lieuts. Clowes and Lambert beat C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Mewitt 9—7.

Capt. Haydon and Lieut. Clayden beat R.S.M. Mantell and Sergt. Northcott 6—1.

Capt. Manson and Lieut. Lambert beat Sergts. Russell and Shaw 6—1.

Capt. Haydon and Lieut. Clayden beat Sergts. Bishop and Osborne 6—2.

R.S.M. Mantell and C.S.M. Cook beat Capt. Manson and Capt. Haydon 7—6.

Capt. Clayden and Lieut. Lambert beat C.Q.M.S. West and Sergt. Stevenson 6—2.

Result: Officers, 39; Sergeants, 20.

We are at the moment in the midst of a tennis tournament, both singles and doubles.

The results of the draw for all games were more or less even, and satisfactory in every way. Results will be given in a later issue.

We have here with us Sergts. Bishop and Webb, home on leave from the 2nd Battalion, who, I think, are thoroughly enjoying life, although they do not always put it in that way.

Sergt. Bearne has left us for civilian life, and we all wish him the very best of luck.

We wish to congratulate O.R.Q.M.S. Finch on his promotion.

W. H. E. N.

CORPORALS' MESS.

The outstanding features of the last quarter have been the Depot Cricket Week and the Annual Sports.

We are sorry to say that we lost the Relay Shield to the Depot Staff Privates, but hope to regain it next year.

Other than this, the Corporals were well represented in other events, as shown elsewhere.

We are sorry to lose Cpl. Thompson to the 1st Battalion, and welcome Cpls. Boen, Little and Bayles, the first-named on leave from the 2nd Battalion.

We hope to be able to render a fuller report next time.

JUNIOR.

DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

Cpl. R. Wingrove: Discharged under para. 363 (xvi), K.R., 13/3/28.

L./Cpl. S. Simpson: Discharged under para. 363 (xxi), K.R., 2/4/28.

Cpl. G. Reed: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 2/4/28.

Cpl. A. Aldridge: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 4/4/28.

L./Cpl. H. Chambers: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 5/4/28.

Sergt. R. Neighbor, Cpl. A. Fowler, L./Cpl. S. Harris: Transferred to Army Reserve, 8/4/28.

Cpl. E. Pinder: Transferred to Army Reserve, 11/4/28.

Cpl. F. Gray: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 28/4/28.

L./Sergt. E. Bearn: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 21/6/28.

Cpl. R. Baldwin, Cpl. D. Williams, Cpl. E. Honner, L./Cpl. J. Lane: Transferred to Army Reserve, 15/5/28.

Cpl. G. Matthews, Cpl. A. Miller, Cpl. W. Budd: Transferred to Army Reserve, 17/5/28.

POSTINGS.

Sergt. S. Stevenson: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 28/3/28.

L./Cpl. A. Coulling and L./Cpl. W. Bean: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 5/4/28.

Cpl. J. Little: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 9/6/28.

L./Sergt. L. Honeybun: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 12/6/28.

Cpl. R. Bayles: Posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty, 13/6/28.

L./Sergt. C. Soper: Posted to 1st Battalion, 12/6/28.

Cpl. S. Thompson: Posted to 1st Battalion, 15/6/28.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

Pte. A. Sparkes and Pte. R. Heath: Appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals, 1/6/28.

Clr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) A. Finch: Promoted W.O. Cl. II. and appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant (O.R.S.), 13/6/28.

EXTENSIONS AND CONTINUANCE IN SERVICE.

R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell: Permitted to continued his service beyond 21 years for a period of 12 months.

L./Sergt. L. Honeybun: Permitted to extend service to complete 12 years with the Colours.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

6190175 Clr.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) A. Finch: Awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education, 21/3/28.

6180800 Sergt. W. Raindle: Passed in English, Mathematics and Geography of 1st Class examination, 21/3/28.

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

8073 Pte. H. Burrows, 8278 Pte. H. Brealey, 8049 Pte. E. Brand, 8242 Pte. A. Bolt, 8249 Pte. J. Cook 8280 Pte. H. Darwood, 8207 Pte. F. Edwards, 8262 Pte. R. Friend, 6584505 Pte. W. Gray, 8273 Pte. T. Harvey, 8246 Pte. W. Harwood, 770547 Pte. A. James, 8237 Pte. H. Morley, 8096 Pte. F. McNamara, 8343 Pte. P. Oliver, 8234 Pte. J. North, 770970 Pte. J. McQuillen, 8265 Pte. W. Purland, 7340690 Pte. J. Roberts, 8221 Pte. W. Rose, 8226 Pte. C. Surrey, 8270 Pte. V. Whippis, 8081 Pte. W. Woodings, 8220 Pte. E. Williams, 8216 Pte. S. Ball, 6630878 Pte. C. Barrow, 8294 Pte. F. Brooks, 8279 Pte. A. Coulthrop, 8097 Pte. H. Cullimore, 8222 Pte. E. Dobson, 8214 Pte. J. Hayward, 8077 Pte. J. Jefferson, 8274 Pte. H. Jolley, 8315 Pte. J. Kearney, 8283 Pte. H. Ling, 8227 Pte. G. Manning, 8022 Pte. G. Newton, 8285 Pte. V. Robb, 773437 Pte. W. Ransom, 8037 Pte. J. Saville, 8092 Pte. G. Scott, 8223 Pte. E. Stroud, 8231 Pte. W. Vidler, 8255 Pte. F. White, 8286 Pte. B. White, 8298 Pte. C. Woodward, 8299 Pte. A. West, 8326 Pte. A. Alderman, 8396 Pte. R. Abell, 8300 Pte. R. Brewer, 8372 Pte. G. Brown, 8330 Pte. T. Bannister, 8291 Pte. A. Crooks, 8360 Pte. W. Calvert,

8306 Pte. F. Dilley, 8348 Pte. J. Down, 8350 Pte. B. Elsey, 8351 Pte. A. Fillis, 8282 Pte. J. Fleming, 8309 Pte. J. Hankins, 8287 Pte. W. Hymas, 7850 Pte. L. Hoare, 8377 Pte. H. Hughes, 8268 Pte. F. Keeley, 6539281 Pte. C. Lay, 8387 Pte. G. Sach, 7187 Pte. S. Spooner, 8332 Pte. W. Want, 8275 Pte. E. Mills, 8393 Pte. J. Morgan, 8251 Pte. E. Webber, 8281 Pte. W. Barrow, 8259 Pte. A. Billson, 8397 Pte. D. Boitout, 8390 Pte. W. Clegg, 8264 Pte. A. Connigale, 8354 Pte. P. Coleman, 8263 Pte. H. Cobb, 8277 Pte. J. Hill, 8276 Pte. G. Howe, 6539285 Pte. H. Holloway, 7398 Pte. A. Kent, 8269 Pte. G. Langdale, 8404 Pte. H. Lyall, 8284 Pte. W. Matthews, 8260 Pte. A. Martin, 8403 Pte. A. Moore, 8341 Pte. A. Nicholls, 6630864 Pte. A. Parsons, 8366 Pte. P. Sampson, 8367 Pte. A. Toone, 8359 Pte. A. Thorne, 8266 Pte. L. Wright, 8383 Pte. F. Bailey, 8356 Pte. W. Long, 8307 Pte. R. Vinton.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE quarterly meeting of the Officers' Club took place at the Central London Recruiting Office, Whitehall, on Wednesday, April 25th.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C., and Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C.

It was decided that a piece of plate be presented to Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., on his retirement from the Hon. Secretaryship of the Club, in token of the appreciation felt by all members of his unfailing energy and kindness in performing these duties since the formation of the Club.

It was agreed that arrangements be left in the hands of the O.C. Depot, and that the presentation be made at the Annual Dinner.

The result of this year's Derby Sweep was as follows:—

First, Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.; second, Capt. S. F. W. M. del Court, M.C.; third, Lieut. J. H. Clowes.

The Annual Dinner of the Officers' Club was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday, June 26th, at 7.45 p.m. General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., presided, and there were ninety-four members present, Lord Revelstoke, G.C.V.O., the Lord-Lieutenant of the County, being the guest of the evening. The toasts of "The King," "The Prince of Wales" and "The Regiment" were proposed by General Sir Ivor Maxse. He spoke in glowing terms of the work carried out by all battalions during the past year, but regretted that the strength of the Territorial battalions was not so high as it might be. He regretted the absence of Major Steed, who was prevented from attending at the very last moment by his duties at Ipswich, but referred to the very excellent work he had carried on as Hon. Secretary since the formation of the Officers' Club.

In his speech, General Maxse welcomed Lord Revelstoke, and laid stress on the importance of close liaison between the Regiment and County authorities, and subsequently proposed his health; the toast was drunk with acclamation, and the Lord-Lieutenant briefly returned thanks.

LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL DINNER.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-General J. H. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-General F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Lord Revelstoke, G.C.V.O.

Cols. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., and his guest, Capt. H. K. King, E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., R. F. B. Glover, D.S.O., G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O., L. G. Oliver, C.M.G.

Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Samuel, W. H. C. Davy, F. G. Poole, C.B.E., D.S.O., S. Cedric Smith, T.D., and his guest, Lieut.-Col. P. C. Kay, D.S.O., R. H. Hayes, C.M.G., W. H. H. Johnston, W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., F. J. Bull, O.B.E., T.D., J. S. Cunningham, D.S.O., H. W. E. Finch, C.B.E., D.S.O., G. L. Oliver, V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., W. Y.

Miller, D.S.O., W. C. Newton, C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., C. R. Johnson, C. D. Drew, D.S.O.

Majors M. Browne, M.C., O. H. Tidbury, M.C., H. Money, L. F. Sloane-Stanley, W. W. Jefferd, R. A. Slee, E. H. Amor, R. D. Bennett, M.C., P. B. Allott, E. A. Bennett, G. L. Brown, D.S.O., Sqdn.-Ldr. J. S. Goggin, R.A.F.

Cpts. C. S. Burdon, F. G. Parker, H. K. Hardcastle, E. F. Lyons, M.C., S. F. Hedgcoe, M.C., H. A. M. Hughes, H. W. M. Paul, O.B.E., M.C., E. P. Manson, M.C., S. Mirams, M.C., G. L. Fox, J. P. Jamieson, D.S.O., N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., W. H. Parmeter, R. J. Paiba, H. Phillips, M.C., C. W. Haydon, M.C., H. E. Foster, H. Sherwood, H. T. Pemell, R. B. Rackham, M.C., R. D. Sherwood-Walker, W. E. H. Muir, M.C., V. E. Stock, M.C., B. G. Horrocks, M.C., L. F. Findlay, J. N. Lamont, M.C., J. English.

Lieuts. H. P. Lambert, P. R. H. Elliott, W. C. Newton, D. R. Pattison, L. C. D. Doidge, W. H. P. Chattey, L. J. Bedwell, D. Y. Cubitt, E. S. M. Ayscough, F. G. Hogg, A. S. Hewson, M. Crawford, F. E. Bostock, R. E. Warlow, J. H. Clowes, T. P. Coubro, E. V. H. Hudson, F. E. Molz, W. E. Pringle, M.C., J. R. B. Worton.

2/Lieuts. J. de la M. Herepath, P. Watson.

"AT HOME," JUNE 27TH.

Apart from a sharp shower, which unfortunately fell during tea, the weather was kinder to us this year, and a large number of members and their friends were present. The Band of the 1st Battalion gave an excellent programme of music, and the exciting nature of the cricket, owing chiefly to Hudson's bowling, added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

After tea, Col. Savile, in a happy speech, presented to Major Steed the silver rose-bowl and dishes subscribed for by the members of the Officers' Club on his retirement from the Hon. Secretaryship. He referred to the fact that the secret of the presentation had been so well kept that it had not been possible to make it at the Regimental Dinner on the previous evening, owing to the absence of Major Steed himself.

Unfortunately, General Sir Ivor and Lady Maxse prevented from coming.

Among those present were: Brig.-Generals Hall and Rowley, Col. and Mrs. Savile, Col. and Mrs. and Miss Passingham, Cols. Beach and Baker, Mrs. and Miss Ash, Mrs. Blake, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. and Miss Finch, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Newton, Col. Oliver, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Samuel, Mrs. Neale, Capt. and Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. and Miss Buttery, Major and Mrs. Bichan.

CRICKET WEEK.

THE REGIMENT v. MR. WOODBRIDGE'S XI.

The weather was much kinder to us this year during Cricket Week; one match only being abandoned owing to rain.

On June 25th, a beautiful summer day, Mr. Woodbridge brought over a team of members of the Hertfordshire Hunt and the South Herts Beagles, who defeated the Regiment by 43 runs, chiefly through the bowling of March, who took 8 wickets for 66 runs, and Parsons, who scored 50.

Scores:—

THE REGIMENT.	
R. Latham b Horsler	13
J. H. Clowes b Horsler	7
E. V. H. Hudson not out	74
Capt. Jamieson lbw b Marsh	1
Capt. Lyon c Beechener b Marsh	5
J. R. B. Worton c Horsler b Marsh	3
Cpl. Painter c Woodbridge b Marsh	0
Col. Miller b Marsh	4
Sergt. Kennett b Marsh	1
Sergt. O'Brien lbw b Marsh	15
L./Cpl. Elliott lbw b Marsh	0
Extras	9
Total	132

Bowling.—Marsh, 8 for 66; Horsler, 2 for 34; Woodbridge, 0 for 12; Spurway, 0 for 11.

MR. WOODBRIDGE'S XI.

J. H. Molyneux b Kennett	14
A. Bancha b Kennett	4
Cmdr. R. S. V. Spurway b Hudson	35
D. H. Horsler c Latham b Elliott	3
Parsons st Latham b Painter	50
C. C. Beechener c Lyon b Hudson	6
W. Marsh b O'Brien	17
R. Woodbridge c Clowes b O'Brien	2
W. E. Hunn not out	6
P. R. Woodbridge b Hudson	6
J. Mylne-Barker run out	4
Extras	28
Total	175

Bowling.—Kennett, 2 for 31; Hudson, 3 for 47; O'Brien, 2 for 27; Elliott, 1 for 19; Painter, 1 for 23.

THE REGIMENT v. FREE FORESTERS.

Tuesday, June 26th, was cold and windy and periodical heavy showers fell from mid-day onwards, preventing any play after the lunch interval.

Scores:—

THE REGIMENT.	
J. H. Clowes b Hancock	23
J. R. B. Worton lbw b Hancock	8
E. V. H. Hudson not out	36
Capt. Jamieson not out	19
Extras	13
Total (for 2 wickets)	99

Capt. Lyon, Cpl. Flint, Capt. Paul, Sergt. Kennett, Sergt. O'Brien, Col. Miller and L./Cpl. Elliott did not bat.

THE REGIMENT v. MR. D. O. LYON'S XI.

On June 27th, the Regiment beat Mr. D. O. Lyon's XI by 28 runs, Hudson doing the excellent performance of a double "hat trick." Each team afterwards batted for three-quarters of an hour.

Scores:—

THE REGIMENT.	
J. R. B. Worton b Durr	5
J. H. Clowes b Durr	31
E. V. H. Hudson c MacIntyre b Bignell	13
H. A. Siddons c Bignell b Durr	25
Capt. Lyon b Durr	0
Capt. Phillips c Atkinson b Durr	0
Cpl. Flint b Durr	0
Sergt. Kennett c Robson b MacIntyre	7
Col. Miller c Robson b Durr	0
Sergt. O'Brien c Durr b MacIntyre	2
L./Cpl. Elliott not out	1
Extras	14
Total	105

Bowling.—Durr, 7 for 41; Bignell, 1 for 39; MacIntyre, 2 for 11.

MR. D. O. LYON'S XI.

Capt. Atkinson c Clowes b Kennett	0
C. Robson c and b Hudson	14
Major Bignell b Hudson	40
N. A. Haigh-Smith b Kennett	0
R. L. Shaw b Hudson	0
Major MacIntyre lbw b Hudson	0
Cmdr. Beadle not out	2
Cmdr. Burnett c and b Hudson	1
Admiral C. S. Hickley b Hudson	0
J. Durr b Hudson	0
D. O. Lyon b Hudson	0
Extras	4
Total	67

Bowling.—Hudson, 8 for 32; Kennett, 2 for 31.

THE REGIMENT v. THE CRYPTICS.

Thursday, June 28th, was a fine day for our match with the Cryptics, which resulted in a good game, although we won by the ample margin of 76 runs.

Scores:—

CRYPTICS.

Dr. J. Hale b Kennett	28
Capt. Brinkman b O'Brien	33
D. L. Gwynne-Williams c Clowes b O'Brien	1
Col. Miller not out	1
G. V. Pearse c Flint b Kennett	5
G. S. Churchill b Hudson	3
A. L. P. Weedson b Hudson	0
P. Watson b O'Brien	0
V. G. Mansell b Hudson	0
Major A. H. Jacob b O'Brien	7
Capt. Fagrani b Hudson	1
Extras	9
Total	89

Bowling.—Kennett, 2 for 18; Hudson, 4 for 40; O'Brien, 4 for 22.

THE REGIMENT.

J. H. Clowes b Jacob	26
J. R. B. Worton st Fagrani b Gwynne-Williams	23
E. V. H. Hudson c Jacob b Pearse	40
H. A. Siddons lbw b Jacob	5
Capt. Lyon c Jacob b Pearse	1
Cpl. Flint c Jacob b Pearse	9
Sergt. Kennett c Hall b Churchill	12
Cpl. Painter run out	15
Sergt. O'Brien c Gwynne-Williams b Churchill	0
Sergt. Northcott c Miller b Churchill	1
L./Cpl. Elliott not out	8
Extras	19
Total	165

Bowling.—Jacob, 2 for 31; Pearse, 3 for 43; Gwynne-Williams, 1 for 36; Mansell, 0 for 17; Churchill, 3 for 17.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE Battalion is looking forward to Annual Training, which takes place this year at Falmer, near Brighton, from July 29th to August 12th. Up to the present, very few applications to be absent from camp have been received, and it is anticipated that the Battalion will proceed with a large percentage of its personnel.

It is with regret we have to announce the departure of the following officers:—Capt. (Bt. Major) J. M. Cossar, T.D., Capt. A. F. Thomson, Capt. A. S. Lindsay, and Lieut. A. G. Cole.

Major Cossar joined the Battalion in 1910, and regretted severing his long connection with the Regiment, but unfortunately his health has broken down, and he found he could no longer carry on. His departure is regretted by all. Capt. Thomson and Capt. Lindsay both find

their civilian responsibilities steadily increasing, and cannot devote the necessary time. Lieut. Cole has been appointed to a short service commission in the Royal Air Force, and has already taken up his duties. We wish him luck in his new career.

All ranks will extend their sympathies to C.Q.M.S. Dodgson in his severe illness, which will prevent him doing duty for some time, and all wish him a speedy return to good health.

Hearty congratulations are extended to C.Q.M.S. Vaughan on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

The Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition was won by "D" Company (Tottenham), who are to be congratulated on their success. This company represented the Battalion in the Brigade Competition, and put up a very good show, but their performance was not quite good enough to win it. However, they were a very good second to the 9th Battalion.

C.S.M. Gray, D.C.M., has joined us from the Depot, and is P.S.I. of "A" Company (Highgate). Capt. Murray has recently taken over command of this company, and has handed over "B" Company (Enfield) to Lieut. Cunliffe.

Congratulations are extended to Lieuts. Doidge, Cunliffe and Pringle on passing their promotion examination to Captain, at Woolwich on June 15th last.

The following promotions and appointments have recently taken place:—

L./Cpl. J. L. Badham ("A"), promoted Corporal, 20/6/28.

Pte. H. Clarke ("H.Q."), appointed Lance-Corporal, 18/4/28.

Pte. H. Parker ("B"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 2/4/28.

Pte. H. Danvers ("H.Q."), appointed Lance-Corporal, 19/4/28.

Pte. J. Unwin ("A"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 21/4/28.

Pte. A. Ede ("B"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 20/4/28.

Pte. S. Law ("A"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 19/6/28.

Pte. S. G. Fordham ("A"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 20/6/28.

Pte. S. S. Cox ("A"), appointed Lance-Corporal, 21/6/28.

An instructive and enjoyable time was spent by three men of the Signal Section

during their attachment to the 1st Bn. Manchester Regiment, at Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, at Whitsuntide.

Pte. J. Loxton ("D" Company) proceeded to the Army School of Cookery to attend a course on 18/5/28. He will return from the course in time to attend Annual Training, and we hope to feel the benefit, in a practical way, of the knowledge he has gained during the course.

L./Cpl. Jones, of "A" Company, attended a course at Mill Hill from May 12th to June 8th, and by all accounts he had an instructive time.

Congratulations to Pte. W. F. Carrington ("H.Q." Wing) on his marriage on April 9th.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1928.

Amount of grants and loans made: £114 15s. 2d.

Number of cases dealt with: 166.

Number of cases assisted: 69.

Number of men registered for employment: 114.

Number of men found permanent employment: 19.

Number of men found temporary employment: 1.

Number of men offered employment: 31.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 13.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on Wednesday, April 25th, 1928.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. G. B. Lempriere, Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Capt. C. W. Haydon, Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. W. West, Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. E. Morris, Mr. W. Morgan, and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

The following officers were elected:—
Hon. Secretary.—Major W. W. Jefferd.
Hon. Treasurer.—Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Major Steed for his invaluable services to the Association during his tenure of office as Secretary from 1921 to 1927.

Another Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Depot, on Wednesday, July 18th, 1928.

Present: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the Chair); Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C. and Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel; Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E. and W. W. Jefferd (Hon. Secretary); F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer); Capt. H. E. Foster and C. W. Haydon, M.C.; R.S.M. R. Mantell; R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell; Mr. E. Morris; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M. and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary.)

It was reported that the ex-officio members had approved of the amended rules, and it was decided to have these printed in the next Annual Report.

It was decided to advertise in the *News of the World*, inviting applications for tenancy of one of the Cottage Homes.

The usual grants to military and other charities, made annually on behalf of all Battalions, were approved, the grant to the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen being increased to four guineas. The grant to the Gordon Boys' Home was fixed at one guinea per annum for each boy of the Regiment in the Home.

A scheme for representation of the Association in the Metropolis and adjacent districts was approved, whereby those interested in the Regiment would be asked to co-operate in obtaining employment for ex-members.

The proposed Diary for 1929 was discussed, and its production was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary.

DEPARTURE OF MAJOR F. S. STEED, D.C.M.

The Committee much regret to announce the departure from Mill Hill of Major Steed, who has been Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Regimental Association since it was taken over from the Regimental Agency on July 1st, 1921.

During his tenure of office, the activities of the Association have increased very considerably; the administration of the Regimental Cottage Homes was undertaken, and the management of the Regimental Journal, which was restarted in August, 1922, was taken over four months later.

The important work of finding employment for men of the Middlesex Regiment when they leave the Service was inaugurated by Major Steed, and the annual reports of recent years bear testimony to his successful efforts in this direction.

The quarterly concerts owe their inception to Major Steed, and the annual Old Comrades' Dinners have shown ever-increasing popularity.

Major Steed is leaving us in order to assume the duties of Chief Recruiting Officer at Ipswich. He will be a great loss, but fortunately he is not going entirely to sever his connection with the Association, as he has kindly consented to retain the office of Hon. Treasurer.

OLD COMRADES' GATHERING.

This gathering was held at Mill Hill on June 29th, on the occasion of the Depot Sports, and was attended by a large number of officers and Old Comrades, among whom were the following:—

Col. and Mrs. Glover, Lieut.-Col. Stewart, Lieut.-Col. Rooke, Col. Passingham, Mr. and Mrs. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mr. and Mrs. Dellow, Capt. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Capt. and Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. and Miss Dibble, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, R.S.M. and Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Major and Mrs. Amor, Capt. Richards, Smith, Burdon and Johnson, Major M. Browne, Sqdn.-Ldr. Goggin, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Steed and Mrs. Green, Capt. and Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. J. Morgan, and Messrs. Hunter, White, Gess, Rouse, Gough, E. Warren, Vivian, Deeks, Godley (Royal Fusiliers), E. Morris, Butters, Everitt, Morris, Pasby, Follenfant, Coldicott, Levett, Wakeling.

Harding, Churchill, Vallance (R.E.), Clarke, Muggridge, Munday and Lowen.

2ND/10TH BATTALION BRANCH.
EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 4TH, 1928.

The following were appointed as the Committee for the ensuing year:—

Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. B. K. Cattell.
Hon. Secretary.—Mr. Chas. A. Rush.
Officers.—Capt. N. B. McIvor, M.C.
"A" Coy.—Mr. G. A. W. Reeves.
"B" Coy.—Mr. W. B. Warren.
"C" Coy.—Mr. G. Champion.
"D" Coy.—Mr. H. V. Ireson.
"H.Q." Wing.—Mr. A. D. Scudamore.
The President and Vice-President *ex-officio*.

Next Reunion (subject to arrangements to be made by the Committee) to be held at the "Goat and Compasses" on Saturday, March 23rd, 1929.

Regimental Association Annual General Meeting and Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, November 3rd, 1928.—That this Branch should make more effort to support these functions, and that the Secretary should incorporate in above notice to members regarding the service a notice of this Annual Meeting and Dinner, for acceptance through him, and that he should ask Headquarters to agree and arrange for members of this Branch attending the dinner to be accommodated in a group.

REUNION DINNER.

The Annual Reunion Dinner and Concert at the "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, took place on April 21st last.

The meeting was called for 6 p.m., and dinner was served an hour later. Major C. Jarrett, D.S.O., T.D., occupied the chair as Branch President, and proposed the loyal toast and that of "The Regiment and Regimental Association."

We were also honoured by the company of Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson, T.D., Major Watson, M.C., Capt. Wallis, Capt. McIvor, M.C., and other officers, but the date appeared unfortunate, in that it robbed us of the presence of Lieut.-Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Major Pauli, Major Lewey, and several other officers, whose presence would have been welcomed, and we had to content

ourselves with their letters of regret for inability to attend.

A letter of good wishes was received from our late Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., and surely he must have heard the cheer which greeted it. The hope was freely expressed that on some future occasion his duties will permit his honouring us with his presence.

Before the commencement of the concert, we had a little business to do: First, the election of the Branch President for the ensuing year. To this office Lieut.-Col. C. R. Johnson, T.D., was unanimously elected. Upon this election, Major Jarrett, the retiring President, vacated the chair, and the toast of his health was acknowledged with enthusiasm, for we are all aware of the extent to which we are indebted to him in the formation of the Branch.

The second business item was the raising of a fund to cover Branch expenses, and as a contribution to the Regimental Association's Funds, and, thanks largely to the "magnetic" qualities of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. B. K. Cattell (who, by the way, and in spite of his talents, is not an Income Tax collector), a sum of £15 has been sent to Headquarters.

The "Silent Toast" was honoured at 9 p.m., and with it the Chairman coupled the name of Mr. Pemberton, who died on March 13th last.

The evening passed all too quickly for those present, though every moment was filled with pleasure. It hardly afforded time for all the old tales to be recounted, the battles refought, the escapes from the enemy (or more often, perhaps, from the Orderly Room), to be gloated over—the latter having lost nothing in vivid detail by the lapse of time, though the Sergeant-Major didn't seem to remember that the details were quite as accurate as recalled by those one-timed miscreants.

MALEESH.

BALANCE SHEET, 1927-1928. RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Officers' donations	12	14	0
Other donations	1	10	0
Reunion collection	4	2	6
	£18	12	6

DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Stationery	0	4	11
Printing and Postage	3	7	10½
Balance	14	19	8½
	£18	12	6

A cheque for £15 has been forwarded to the Regimental Association.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR training during the last few months has mainly consisted of the Annual Weapon Training Course at Bisley, and Section Training in preparation for Annual Camp. This year we have tried to get the bulk of the Battalion through the Weapon Training Course during May. It is thought that, if four consecutive Sundays are set aside each year for this purpose, there should be less confusion in everybody's mind over the dates on which firing will take place. It has answered fairly well, but there are still some men who have not been able to fire.

We are still in the middle of Col. Garner's Miniature Range Competition. The results up to the moment are:—

"B" Company beat "A" Company at Hampton; and "C" Company beat "D" Company at Staines.

"B" and "C" Companies will meet soon at Staines in the final. Last year the majority of the fire orders given during the second practice of the competition did almost anything but help the firers to find the target. This year there has been an improvement, but there is no doubt that if any one team were to concentrate on good fire orders they would win hands down.

This year the Battalion Old Comrades' Reunion Dinner was held at Hounslow on Albuhera Day. It was a great success, the number present being over double the previous total. If we increase at the same rate next year, the drill hall will not hold us. Capt. Hay T. Louch was in the chair, supported by a number of past and present officers of the Battalion.

Our congratulations are due to "D" Company on their success in obtaining recruits recently. There is a constant flow of recruits to the Company, and, in

consequence, there is a much larger attendance at parades. Other companies are recommended to send special representatives post haste to Uxbridge to find out how it is done.

All companies took part in a Torchlight Tattoo at Hampton on June 16th. The weather favoured us, but Hampton Drill Hall is really too small to accommodate more than one strong company. The spectators were so eager not to miss the show that at 10.30 p.m., when the performance was due to commence, they had pushed over the barriers and had covered more than half the space upon which the tattoo was to take place. It took the Committee half an hour to clear the ground again. The results was that, when the tattoo was over, the last tram had left the drill hall. The only conveyance obtainable was a 28-seater charabanc from Hounslow. This arrived at 1 a.m., and was duly packed with the sixty-odd performers who remained!

2/Lieut. Hon. J. A. E. Lawrence has joined us from the 64th Field Brigade, R.A., and has been posted to "B" Company. We welcome him to the Battalion, and hope that he will be able to influence some recruits to join us from Greenford.

We have to announce, with very great pleasure, the marriage, on June 12th, of Major A. W. Lewey to Miss K. M. Pope, of Caterham. Major Lewey was not without support from the Battalion. The Commanding Officer and a number of other officers of the Battalion were among the guests at the ceremony and the reception, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Switzerland, where they are spending their honeymoon. Mrs. Lewey is already well known to many of us, and we extend to her a very hearty welcome. We are confident of the cordial support of all ranks of the Battalion in wishing them both all possible happiness and prosperity.

"H.Q." WING.
(HOUNSLOW)

Since the last notes were written, Capt. D. L. Rees (I.A., retired) has come to command "H.Q." Wing. He has just returned from India, where he went after leaving "D" Company five years ago. With Capt. Rees, naturally, basket-ball

has come. We started this game with enthusiasm, and we consider it greatly to our credit that we only smashed two windows in the drill hall before the wire protection cages were made and fixed in place. Especially so, considering that we played as often as three nights a week (after drill, of course). The matter of the broken windows was soon smoothed over, for the Adjutant accepted our apologies (and cheque) for the damage.

We played our first match against "B" Company, at Ealing in May. Our team was: Cpl. Edwards, Pte. Sheppard, Pte. Lane (a recently-joined recruit), Capt. Rees, and Pte. Woodall. It was a splendid game, which we only just managed to win. Next time we played "B" they beat us. We see visions of keen competition in the near future.

One of the oldest members of the Battalion, Bandmaster E. S. Coleman, has just left us after twenty-seven years' service. We shall all miss him. The Band in particular will feel the loss of a friend who was always kindly and sympathetic in all his dealings with them. Mr. Groves, his successor, who has had a great deal of experience as Bandmaster of the Royal Fusiliers Depot, has already assumed the baton, and has conducted the Band at a number of engagements.

"A" COMPANY.

(HAMPTON)

We have several events to record since our last notes were written. The Battalion Cross-Country Run was held near Uxbridge on April 14th, and we were again successful in carrying off the cup. Our team is to be congratulated, particularly L./Cpl. Brooke Webb, who has now been the individual winner of the Cross-Country Run for two years in succession. "B" Company were a close second—only two points behind.

"B" Company visited us for the first round of the Miniature Range Shield Competition on June 12th, and, though we beat them in the landscape target part of the competition, their team obtained much better scores in the application, and their total points were 73 against our 57 for the whole competition. Sergt. Hillier made an excellent captain of our team, and it was no fault of his that we were

unsuccessful. We were glad to welcome "B" Company to our drill hall.

We also had the advantage recently of visits from other companies in connection with practices for the Torchlight Tattoo. The tattoo was held on June 16th in connection with the British Legion Fête in Hampton. Both the fête and the tattoo were a great success. The only trouble was the difficulty experienced by several of us in getting home, owing to the unexpectedly late ending. The fête was held in our recruiting area, and our thanks are due to the Adjutant for his unremitting labours in organizing and directing the tattoo.

We are now starting Section Training before camp, and are preparing ourselves generally for Annual Training at Falmer, near Brighton. We hope that camp will be a great success.

Our Company Club is now in a much more flourishing condition, largely thanks to our new bar steward, Sergt. Williams, and also to the very considerable assistance given by C.S.M. Pelly, our Permanent Staff Instructor, in making the bar a success.

A Company Social and Sports Club has recently been formed, with Cpl. Seymour as Hon. Secretary, and we hope it will be a great success, and that many games fixtures with other companies and teams will be arranged.

2/Lieut. Maddex left us in April, when he was posted to "H.Q." Wing as Machine Gun Officer. We wish him all good luck in his new sphere, but we shall very much miss his keenness and energy at Hampton.

Sergt. Hillier's marriage took place at Easter, and we all give him and Mrs. Hillier our best wishes.

Sergt. Madden has now transferred to us from "B" Company, and we are very glad to welcome him. Unfortunately, he underwent an operation for appendicitis very shortly after his transfer, but he is now better again, and we hope soon to see him back with the Company.

"B" COMPANY.

(EALING)

Once again "B" Company has won the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition. We beat "C" Company

(by a very narrow margin), and duly represented the Battalion in the Brigade Test. In this, however, we were not successful.

We fired off the first round of the Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition on June 12th, being drawn against "A" Company at Hampton. We did very well to win, as we were down on the landscape target practice.

"B" Company won second place in the Battalion Cross-Country Run, losing to "A" Company by two points. We have to congratulate Pte. Budden on his fine performance in running second, and the whole of the Company team on completing the course. With such men, we should do well in the Battalion Sports at camp.

With the return of Capt. Rees to "H.Q." Wing, basket-ball is in full swing, and we had great pleasure in entertaining Capt. Rees and his team on May 17th. A great game of half an hour each way was played, and "H.Q." Wing fought back extremely well to win by 15 goals to 13. We reversed this defeat on June 11th at Hounslow by 7 goals to 5. Cpl. Tripp and Cpl. Hodges formed a very fine defence for "B" Company, and Sergt. Manester and Pte. Cane showed up well in attack.

On Sunday, June 2nd, two officers and thirty-one other ranks journeyed to Amersham for a tactical exercise. Night outposts were posted on arrival, and after a break for lunch a mobile defence position was taken up on the same ground. The exercises were executed very well by all those taking part.

The Company Outing will take place on July 15th, when we have decided to pay a visit to Brighton. Given good weather, it should be very successful, and we hope to make it an annual affair.

In conclusion, we have to report the departure of Lieut. Elliott, who has transferred to the Reserve. We hope that he will not entirely desert the Company, but will sometimes visit us at the drill hall.

We have also to congratulate L./Cpl. Rowe on his promotion to Corporal; Ptes. Pond and Aitken on their appointments as Lance-Corporals; and, finally, Cpl. Tripp, who obtained "Q.1" at the completion of his Machine Gun Course at Netheravon.

"C" COMPANY.

(STAINES)

The great event of the quarter has been the Company Outing, which we had on Sunday, June 10th. Twenty-seven all ranks left Staines in the early hours of the morning for Southsea. Our conveyance stopped at the Sun Inn, Petersfield, for lunch, and afterwards we went on to our destination, where we spent the afternoon. On our return journey, we stopped again at the Sun Inn for tea for about an hour and a half, and then wended our weary way homeward after a very enjoyable day.

In the first round of the Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition, we beat "D" Company, the holders. In the final we met "B" Company, who beat us by 14 points.

On Sunday, July 1st, sixteen N.C.Os. and men attended Ealing for a church parade, and on Sunday, July 8th, we held one at St. Mary's Church, Staines.

By the time these notes are published, we shall be at Falmer, undergoing our Annual Training, so now we are looking forward to a very enjoyable camp, and hoping for fine weather.

"D" COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE)

The Company started its musketry at Bisley with a rush on the first Sunday in May. So great was the crowd of would-be marksmen, that the L.G.O.C. bus was filled to overflowing, and a second party, under 2/Lieut. Hartley, had to travel down later in a hastily-summoned local conveyance.

Sergt.-Major Sadler is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he is obtaining recruits—and useful ones. Our strength is very greatly improved recently, and the consistently good attendances at drills prove sufficiently that our numbers are not to be realized only on paper. We hope to have a record Company in camp this year.

2/Lieut. Hartley has been engaged upon a Course of Instruction at Hyde Park Barracks, and is, in fact, still being monopolized by "the powers that have dominion" there.

We have not been so fortunate this year in the Miniature Range Competition.

Despite great efforts by Sergt. Woodhouse, who again led the team, we went down before "C" Company at Staines.

There has been, since a date oddly coincident with the reappearance from India of O.C. "H.Q." Wing, a wild enthusiasm for that great game, basket-ball, which has now entirely superseded boxing and the other forms of exercise which formerly ruled in our drill hall. We sent a team of basket-ballers over to Hounslow, but our inexperience penalized us in an excellent tussle with Capt. Rees and his men, who prevailed. We must see what we can do at Ealing.

Cricket matches have been arranged with the Northwood Cricket Club, and we hope more fixtures will follow, as the cricket spirit appears to be sufficiently strong in the Company to bring us some success, or at least to ensure good games. We shall do better in this direction at camp, which is the next thing to look forward to.

FRANK HOOK'S TRAGIC END.

A GIFTED VARIETY ARTISTE.

FROM COMEDY TO TRAGEDY.

(Reprinted from the "Middlesex Chronicle," of May 5th, 1928.)

IT was with deep sorrow that the residents of all classes in Hounslow and neighbourhood heard on Thursday morning that their own favourite comedian, Mr. Frank Hook, had been knocked down by a motor-cycle at midnight whilst alighting from a tramcar at The Broadway, and killed instantaneously.

During the evening, he had given several variety turns at the Isleworth Philanthropic Society's annual dinner, and at a Twickenham entertainment. At both he seemed in good health, was in high spirits, and gave several of his songs, sketches and patter with his accustomed freshness, vivacity and wit, to the delight of the audiences, who were insistent upon several repetitions. After leaving the concerts, he boarded a tramcar just

before midnight for the Hounslow Broadway. He had just reached his destination and, after a parting pleasantry with the conductor, alighted. He was about half-way across to the path, when a motor-cycle came along from the eastern side, caught Hook, and hurled him with great force against the electric standard at the edge of the path, with the result that his skull was broken, and he immediately expired.

REMARKABLE PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

Francis Herbert Hook, who was in the 64th year of his age, had a remarkable career as a variety artiste. He first came to the notice of the Hounslow public in 1892, when he was stationed at the barracks with the Depot of the Middlesex Regiment, in which he had enlisted eight years before. Our reports at the time tell of his nightly triumphs at the Garrison Theatre with crowded audiences, both of officers and men, whenever his name was on the bill. The civilians who attended these concerts spread his fame everywhere, and the performance of "Frank Hook, the Hounslow Comedian," "The Popular Variety Favourite," and so on, was found on most of the announcements of entertainments and fêtes for charities of all kinds, and for benefit concerts for those who had fallen by the way, for Frank, who had a kind heart, was ready at all times to assist the latter, even to the giving up of paid engagements.

It may be said that it was at entertainments held at Hounslow that he was brought to the fore on the variety stage by the then Hounslow Football Club. The latter in those days had reached the stage of the limelight, and their annual foregatherings at the Town Hall, at which the grandfather of the present Earl of Jersey usually presided, were among the events of the season, a packed house being the rule. At these and similar functions, Frank Hook, whose popularity was amazing, grew rapidly into public favour, and naturally, as time passed, extended his success farther afield.

On retiring from the Army in 1902, he joined Adler and Sutton's Pierrots, of which he was a member for seven years, touring England, Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and meeting with great success and universal favour.

Among his fellow-artistes at that time were Malcolm Scott, W. H. Berry, Leslie Henson, Whit Cunliffe and Bransby Williams. He was afterwards for eleven years with Peppers' White Coons. During that period, he spent five seasons at Clacton-on-Sea, where he was a special favourite. Other parties with which he appeared included The Passers By, The Scamps, and Alf Hurley's Jesters. In his last season at Clacton a few years ago, he was selected as the Carnival King with Dorrie Deane as Queen. During the European War, he got as far as Malta with a party organized by the Red Cross Society to entertain the troops, and he did similar work with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine.

Of late, the general industrial depression in the country had the effect of limiting his engagements, particularly during the summer months, but his colleagues in other branches, among whom he was a general favourite, came to his rescue, and in 1926, under the direction of Mr. Charles Thomason and a representative local committee, he was given a bumper benefit at the Palace Pavilion. Here he received an ovation which abundantly proved how much he was admired for his talent and esteemed for his high personal qualities. The result seemed to give him fresh heart for his work, and of late he had been fulfilling many engagements in various parts, apparently with as much vigour and virility as he had shown throughout the 36 years of his professional career, and it is understood that only this week he had been engaged for another season at Clacton-on-Sea, where he had so often triumphed.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

IT has been stated that it is impossible for a really keen member of the Territorial Army to be a married man, and certainly our many activities during the last three months would appear to bring out the truth of this statement. The married men of the 9th, however, have cheerfully done their bit to maintain the high standard which we have set ourselves, and it is only hoped that their domestic peace has not suffered in conse-

quence, though there have been dark rumours of divorce proceedings in certain quarters.

We are glad to report, however, that their efforts have not been in vain, and we have continued our list of unbroken successes. The year 1928 opened auspiciously with a victory in the Miniature Range Competition, and since then we have never looked back. The first events of note, since last going to press, were the Brigade Winter Weapon Training and the Machine Gun Competitions, both of which were won by the 9th. In the former great credit is due to all ranks of "D" Company for the really hard work put in. Not only was their average in Part I by far the highest in the Brigade, but their turn-out and efficiency in Part II (the final test) gained us many valuable points more than the other competing units. We always feel that we can rely on our Machine Gunners to do well, and once more they have justified our faith in them, by simply romping home in the Machine Gun Championship by 40 points.

Albuhera Day was celebrated as usual by a fairly extensive programme, though the Battalion Funds, being still rather impoverished as a result of last year's Old Guard, etc., we had to concentrate on economy, and consequently the programme was rather curtailed.

It was decided to present a military show, and in this respect we were eminently successful even down to the rain, without which no military operation of importance has ever taken place. It had been hoped to hold the whole programme on the square, but the weather conditions were so awful that the major portion of it took place inside the Drill Hall, where, owing to the presence of four or five hundred spectators, we were rather cramped for room. The evening opened with Band selections, followed by Retreat and marching displays by the Corps of Drums. Before going any further the Drums must be heartily congratulated on the improvement they have made. Without overstating things, one can certainly say that they are now a first-rate Corps of Drums, and every member of the Battalion feels proud to march behind them. The next item on the programme was a demonstration of a Machine Gun Sub-

Section in action, and this proved to be the *piece de resistance* of the evening. The guns were fitted with blank firing attachments, kindly lent to us by the Irish Guards, and the gun crews looked very warlike in their steel helmets. The whole demonstration went without a hitch to the accompaniment of shrill shrieks from their many female admirers. The Drill and Lewis Gun competitions resulted in a win for "D" and "B" Companies respectively. The prize for the Lewis Gun competition incidentally was a new cup, kindly presented to the Battalion by Mrs. Anwyl-Passingham. The military part of the entertainment ended by Mrs. Wortham presenting the cups to the winning teams, and having got the serious part of the evening over, everybody settled down to thoroughly enjoy themselves and help the P.R.I. by putting up the canteen profits.

On June 2nd we had the honour of supplying the Guard of Honour for the Duke and Duchess of York. We turned out the Band, Drums and a Guard of 80 strong under the command of Capt. J. N. Lamont, M.C. No mean effort when one considers that we had to be in position at Wembley by 3 p.m., and that some men had to come from the other side of Wealdstone.

It was a most successful show, the whole parade being very well turned out, and the arms drill extremely good. Special credit is due to "C" Company, who had the farthest to come, yet paraded with the strongest contingent, and were by far the best turned out Company on parade.

The King's birthday was celebrated at Pound Lane in a particularly happy social evening. The Band and Drums played on the square till dusk, when everyone adjourned to the Drill Hall for a most enjoyable impromptu dance, which was continued until midnight.

In addition to the above activities we have been wiling away our dull moments by a series of tactical exercises, Amersham, Hurstmonceux and Hemel Hempstead all having been visited in turn. N.C.O. classes are in full swing in preparation for the next N.C.O.s' promotion examination, which takes place at Pound Lane on July 4th.

The usual week-end camps were held

at Rainham for Easter and Whitsun, and it is gratifying to note that the Musketry programme is far more advanced than at this time last year, and very few men are now left to complete their Annual Course. By the time these notes appear in print we shall be in the throes of Annual Training, and all ranks are looking forward to a good fortnight's war on the Brighton Front.

"A" COMPANY.

The last few months have been busy ones, for there were the two Inter-Company Competitions in neither of which, however, we did figure as winners. The standard of skill in Weapon Training was, however, appreciably higher in the Company, while the Albuhera Day Drill Competition was undoubtedly reflected in the smartness of the Wembley Guard of Honour, which was undoubtedly as good as any former guard the Battalion has provided since the War.

Then there was the Amersham scheme, and "A" Company N.C.O.s. shared a charabanc with "B" Company. The chief points in the scheme was how to form a picquet on a railway line without being run down by passing trains. This problem having been solved, a respite for lunch and darts was granted at an extremely attractive little inn at Little Missenden.

After lunch more railway line problems and then tea in Amersham. Our other tactical exercise was one for "A" Company N.C.O.s. only, and was held in mid-June, near Hurstmonceux, in Sussex. Our Company Officers, in their two cars, took ten N.C.O.s. between them, while two Lance-Corporals, reported absent at the start, were eventually passed on the road outside a sweet shop, having journeyed thus far by a sidecar that was borrowed for the occasion. Much interest was caused in the village of Hurstmonceux on our arrival at the Woolpack, where the party was housed and fed—none of the villagers could visualise an exercise without troops. After a meal that was awaiting our arrival we soon set to work, and the first problem, an outpost one, lasted till nearly dark. The second problem, for most, was that, having gone to a local dance three miles away, of how to get back at 1 a.m. without walk-

ing—this also was successfully solved. The problem of map-reading tackled by the two Lance-Corporals with the sidecar was, however, unsuccessfully solved, for they started out for Eastbourne, and arrived at Hastings. Rain fell next morning, but obligingly stopped after nine o'clock, when three syndicates of N.C.O.s., each representing a platoon, set off for the respective spots that their platoons were to take up in a defensive position. The chief points to be brought out were the treatment of re-entrants and mutual support between platoons, and for this the country was ideal.

Later on we staged a Company attack towards the Pevensey marshes, and finished up with a near view of the Castle, which is probably the finest example existing of an early English red brick castle, and is situated in a charming spot. After a long morning's work we were glad of a hot dinner about 2 p.m., and a successful and instructive N.C.O.s' tour was concluded at 7.30 p.m., when we arrived back at Pound Lane.

Most people are now looking forward to a good camp at Falmer, and one hopes that not only will everyone enjoy themselves, but that this year the Company will find itself top in one or more competitions held during the fortnight, and also prove top-dog at "Soccer."

ALPHA.

"B" COMPANY.

The result of the 1928 Winter Weapon Training Competition showed "D" Company first, with "B" Company a good second. This competition has always been a stimulus to the friendly rivalry existing between the two Companies, and we offer "D" our hearty congratulations. They will look after the Sherwood Shield for us very well, we know.

The end of the Winter Weapon Training was followed by hard work in preparation for the Inter-Company Drill and Lewis Gun contests on Albuhera Day. Both the Company teams were very smartly turned out, and the Lewis gunners won the championship of the Battalion; the drill team, however, may be expressed as this equation:—

O + DB = 4th place.
Where O = Over-keenness, and
DB = Dropped Bayonet.

'Twas ever thus.

The next objective of the "Beerites" is the N.C.O.s' Promotion examination; this being a preliminary to an "invasion" of the promised land, Falmer, at the end of July—he means Annual, poor fish). We dream of guards and working parties, of route marches and rainstorms, of night operations and provost corporals. The Queen of watering-places enters not our thoughts, she shall not tempt us to stray from the path of duty, she—SHUT UP.

The C.Q.M.S. regrets having to inform enquirers that "Boxes—kipper" are not an issue, nor can they be obtained on payment.

The mechanization of the Army is rendering the problem of the ammunition supply more difficult of solution. "B" Company will be very pleased to know that one of their officers is engaged in perfecting a scheme whereby the Company pack mule is replaced by a Wall's ice cream tricycle, of which a good local supply is available. This scheme would bring out the cyclist capabilities of C.S.M.s—and others—and the distinctive uniform of the attendant, coupled with the supposedly delicious contents of the carrier, would make it very easy to find; the sign "Stop me—and buy one" is very appropriate.

This young officer deserves to be condemned—we mean commended.

"C" COMPANY.

When the last number of the journal appeared, companies had the Winter Weapon Training Competition fresh on their minds and, though it is somewhat late in the day, we take this opportunity of congratulating our comrades in "D" Company, and the M.G.'s on their splendid efforts on behalf of the 9th, and we sincerely hope that their energies have not been unduly sapped, and that they will be able to repeat their fine performance again in the future.

April and May have been busy months for us, with Musketry, a Boxing Display, a Tactical Scheme at Amersham, a soccer match against R.A.F. Records at Ruislip,

and Inter-Company competitions on Albuhera Day.

The arrangement this year of allotting one day during the Easter Holiday to Companies on which to fire their annual musketry course, was a success, and, of the forty-eight men of "C" Company who attended, only one (a recruit) failed to qualify.

The Boxing Display on April 25th was better patronised than our two previous efforts; the fights were clean and the boxers evenly matched, and we are glad to hear on all sides that spectators enjoyed their evening's entertainment.

Ptes. Thompson and Foster represented the Company in the ring, the best fight of the evening being a six round contest between L./A. Garrett, R.A.F. (Halton) and R. Stevens of the Polytechnic and Old Hendon Boxing Club, who, at 48 hours' notice, very sportingly took the place of Pte. Townes, of "D" Company, unfortunately prevented by illness from taking part. Garrett, who was until recently R.A.F. Lightweight Champion, just won on points, after a fine display of good boxing, both by him and Stevens. Flying Officer Addis, R.A.F., gave us a most interesting talk one evening on the R.A.F. and co-operation between them and the infantry, and this was followed a few days later by a soccer match on a somewhat hot afternoon and a decidedly hard ground, against a team raised by him from Records at Ruislip. It was a great game, ending in a draw (much to our surprise), followed by tea kindly provided by our hosts. Pte. Carter had the misfortune to receive a nasty cut during the game, and the writer is glad he was not in the shoes of the medical orderly at the time. The latter could not be found, and we wonder what Mr. Addis had to say to him next morning, especially as Mr. Addis happened to be the "author" of the cut on Carter's face!

Sergt.-Major Todman very kindly motored us over to Ruislip on this occasion in his lorry, and on the return journey it was observed that there were several absentees who were busy "co-operating" till the late hours.

The Inter-Company Rifle and Lewis Gun Competitions on Albuhera Day had to be slightly curtailed owing to the

showery weather, but both our teams came out second. Sergt. Hattley had devoted a lot of time, with good results, preparing his rifle team for the competition, and it was very hard luck for him that he had such a bad attack of influenza that he was compelled to hand over to Sergt. Maloney five minutes before the competition began. Our representatives in the Battalion Guard of Honour to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, on the occasion of the opening of the Wembley Hospital on June 2nd, were complimented on their smart turn-out, and our O.C. also congratulated the 31 N.C.Os. and men on their smart appearance when they took part, led by the drums of the Battalion, in the Harrow Memorial Commemoration Service on June 24th. We say with pride that we turn out at least as smartly as any other Company, and we wonder how much this is due to the example set by our P.S.I., Sergt.-Major Tisdale, not forgetting to mention his wife, who between them keep our Company Headquarters so clean and tidy.

Before closing we wish to offer hearty congratulations to our late Company Commander, Capt. Findlay, and our energetic Adjutant, Capt. Horrocks (how he managed to find time to get married we cannot make out), and we ask them and their wives to accept "C" Company's very best wishes for their future happiness.

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Housekeeper, to member of "C" Company, employed by a local baker: "Have you got a 'cottage,' please"?

Member of "C": "No, madam, I have a Council house."

"D" COMPANY.

The whole period since the last notes appeared seems to have been taken up by competitions. First, the finish-off of the Battalion Winter Weapon Training Competition for the Sherwood Shield, which we just managed to win back from "B" Company, and we would like to congratulate all those who helped us to win, and also "B" Company, who gave us such a keen tussle. In the Brigade Competition we feel sure that everyone who took part were very well satisfied

with the results. We won fairly comfortably, and the Brigade Commandant congratulated the Company on their turn-out. The next thing was the Drill and Lewis Gun Competition on Albuhera Day, at Pound Lane. Here we won the Drill Competition, but were only third in the Lewis Gun. We lost a lot of points on turn-out owing to certain members of the team having unofficial alterations to jacket collars, etc. (offenders please note). The Drill Team were all very pleased with themselves when they took the Cup home to Hendon, and I should think Truman, Hankins' and Burton's were also pleased with the increased sale of brown ale. On Saturday, June 2nd, 12 of the Company formed part of the guard of honour furnished to H.R.H. The Duke of York at the opening of the Wembley Hospital. All are to be congratulated on the excellent turn-out, and we wish we could get a few parades like that in our neighbourhood. We are all now looking forward to camp, and are hoping that we have a successful time with regard to numbers and the various competitions, as last year.

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NOTICES.

REGIMENTAL COTTAGE HOMES.

Pensioners of the Regiment, unable, through age or other causes, to follow employment, who wish to become occupiers of the above Homes, should apply, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary, Regimental Association, The Barracks, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

OFFICERS' LEAVE.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (retired), is Proprietor of the United Service Garages, Palmerston Road, Southsea, and 126, High Street, Old Portsmouth. Officers can hire a Car to drive themselves for any period. Officers can purchase guaranteed used cars at less than current market value. Major Sharp will re-purchase any used car he sells for cash, deducting from the purchase price from 10 guineas per month for wear and tear (three months minimum). Weekly

list of cars sent on application. Major Sharp would be pleased to send any car on sale or return, and would meet officers in London, or any place convenient to them. Cars bought for cash; 12 months' written guarantee given with every used car. London Office, 40, Regent House, Regent Street, W. Mayfair 4504.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Officer Commanding Depot,
The Middlesex Regiment,
Mill Hill Barracks,
London, England.

DEAR MAJOR JEFFERD,

R.S.M. Frank Prior, of the unit under my command, is making a trip to England this summer, and has expressed his desire of visiting the Middlesex Regiment. This is the first time, since the War, that a member of this Regiment has been able to visit you, and I am sure he will carry with him, to you, the best wishes of the Wentworth Regiment. He expects to arrive about the second week in July, and I will, of course, give him a letter of introduction.

We can follow the various activities of the Middlesex Regiment through *The Diehards*, which reaches us regularly, but I am afraid you do not find out very much about us, which is entirely our fault.

Just now we are busy getting ready for a few days in camp, being the first time since the war that a sufficient sum has been voted by Parliament to enable us to do so. Ordinarily we do our training 18 nights each year at the local headquarters.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours sincerely,

E. S. SAWELL, Lt.-Col.

O.C., 1st Bn. The Wentworth Regt.

[Up to time of going to press we have not had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Prior.—Ed.]

92, Richmond Park Road,
Kingston-on-Thames,

14/7/28

DEAR SIR,

On behalf of the family of the late Barrack Warden W. Harris, I wish to thank you and members of the "Old

Comrades' Regimental Association" for the wreath, and sympathy shown to us in our sad bereavement.

Yours most gratefully,
WILLIAM HARRIS.

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAM BATCHELOR.

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred at Glasgow, on April 21st, 1928, of Capt. "Jack" Batchelor, aged 66 years, who had been in bad health for some time, and was found dead in his chair. He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment from the Volunteers in 1881, and, after serving with the 1st Battalion in Ireland and the Channel Islands, became Orderly Room Sergeant of the Depot at Hounslow. He was transferred to the old Corps of Military Staff Clerks in 1890, and was later absorbed in the Army Service Corps, being commissioned in 1907. During the Great War he was attached to G.H.Q. in France.

FRANK HOOK.

Mr. Francis Herbert Hook was killed by a motor cycle at Hounslow on May 3rd, 1928, aged 63 years. This Old Comrade served 18 years in the Regiment, being discharged to pension in 1902, and his untimely end came as a shock to his many friends. An account of the accident, taken from the *Middlesex Chronicle*, appears on page 42. The funeral took place at Hounslow Cemetery on May 8th, when many friends and representatives of various societies, etc., with which the deceased had been associated, were present, in addition to a large assembly of the general public. It is much regretted that information of "Frank's" death was not received in time for his old comrades to be represented.

ALFRED GORRINGE.

The death is announced of ex-Sergt. Alfred Gorringer, who passed away at St. George's Hospital after an operation on April 28th, 1928. The funeral took place at East Sheen on May 3rd.

EDWARD JAMES TEPPER.

This Old Comrade passed away on June 10th, 1928, at the age of 71, in the Middlesex Hospital, after an operation. He joined the 57th Regiment in August, 1876, and was discharged at his own request in July, 1889. The funeral took place at Hampstead Cemetery on June 14th, when a bearer party was supplied by the Depot, in the presence of numerous relations and friends, among whom were Mr. E. Morris and Mr. E. J. Warren. There were many floral tributes, including a wreath from the Regimental Association.

PATRICK O'NEILL.

The *Guernsey Weekly Press*, of June 30th, contains an account of the death, on 25th *idem* of the above-named pensioner of the Middlesex Regiment.

SAMUEL CONNELLY.

We regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade at Chelsea Hospital on July 6th. The funeral took place at Brookwood Cemetery on July 10th, and was attended by Major W. Lloyd-Jones, D.S.O., and three In-Pensioners (Clr.-Sergt. O'Brien, Sergt. Oram and Cpl. Middleton) from Chelsea Hospital, also by three representatives from the Depot. A wreath was sent by the Regimental Association. The deceased served six years in the Royal Field Artillery, five years in the Grenadier Guards, three years with the Royal Garrison Regiment, and ten years in the Middlesex Regiment. He became an In-Pensioner of Chelsea Hospital in February, 1926, and was a guest at the last two Old Comrades' Dinners.

WILLIAM HARRIS.

At the time of going to press we regret to hear of the death, which occurred suddenly on July 11th, of the above-named Old Comrade.

Mr. Harris enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in 1894, and, with his brother, afterwards killed on Spion Kop, was with the draft for the 2nd Battalion on the *Warren Hastings*, when that vessel was wrecked on the Island of Reunion, whilst

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

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Home Counties Area.

Colonel-in-Chief Col. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., M.C., Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L. R. S. Fus., S. W. Bord., D.C.L.I., F.W. Vols., Seaford, 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 Jeffery, Maj. W. W., Midd'x R.		11Mar.26
1st and 2nd Battalions. (Regular.)	5th Battalion (Militia).	Lieutenants.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Captain.	Doidge, L. C. D. 1 June 22
2 Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24	Schooling, J. H. 3Apr.15	Cunliffe, E. N. 30Sept.22
1 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24		Hay, E. J. W. 29Apr.26
		Cole, A. G. 4Apr.27
		Pringle, W. E. M.C. 9July27
Lt.-Colonels (2).	6th Battalion (Militia).	2nd Lieutenants.
2 Bicknell, H. P. F., D.S.O. 28Sept.24	Captain.	Arnold, H. G. 22July26
1 Stewart, W. A., O.B.E. 28Sept.24		Brown, S. A. W. 6Sept.26
		Pratt, S. M. 30Nov.26
		Amor, E. G. W. 29June27
		Christodoulou, N. E. T. 15July27
		Bristow, F. G. 31Dec.27
		Adjutant.
		Ford, H. E. R., M.C., Lieut., Worcs. Regt. (Temp. Capt. T.4.) 1Mar.28
Majors (8).	Supplementary Reserve.	Quartermaster.
1 Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. 24July16	Category B.	Framingham, G. E. M.B.E., M.C., Capt. (Capt. Res. of Off.) 1Apr.25
2 White, P. G., 4July18	Lieutenants.	
2 Browne, M., M.C. (S.C.) 28Sept.24	Kitching, E. 6July25	
1 Jan.19	Fitch, W. R., D.C.M. 30Aug.25	
1 Jan.19	Lockwood, A. F. 22Nov.26	
1 Jan.19	Harrison, A. E. 3Dec.26	
1 Jan.19		
1 Jan.19	2nd Lieutenants.	
1 Jan.19	Coleman, W. B. O'R. 17Nov.26	
1 Jan.19	Chattey, W. H. P. 15Dec.26	
1 Jan.19	Jupp, C. F. 27July27	
1 Jan.19		
1 Jan.19	7th Battalion (Territorial).	
1 Jan.19	"South Africa, 1900-02."	
1 Jan.19	Drill Hall, Priority Road, Hornsey, N.	
1 Jan.19	Hon. Colonel.	
1 Jan.19	King, E. J. C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) 13Aug.25	
1 Jan.19	Lt.-Colonel.	
1 Jan.19	Maitland, J. K., M.C. 18Feb.24	
1 Jan.19	Major.	
1 Jan.19	Smith, S. C. M., T.P. 1June16	
1 Jan.19	Captains.	
1 Jan.19	Muir, W. E. H., M.C. (S.C.) (Capt. (Q) (Res. of Off.) 7July20	
1 Jan.19	Murray, H. A. (Q) 6Aug.24	
1 Jan.19	Lindsay, A. S. 4Nov.25	

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	R. J. King	...	Supny. Fire 30/12/24	L./Cpl.	H. Meakins	...	1st 14/10/27
			Bde. Bordon	L./Cpl.	C. Brown	...	1st 20/10/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	...	1st 26/3/25	L./Cpl.	L. Williams	...	1st 12/11/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. H. Kennett	...	1st 1/3/25	L./Cpl.	C. Drummond	...	1st 10/11/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. J. O'Brien	...	1st 16/4/25	L./Cpl.	T. Skinner	...	1st 13/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	...	1st 26/5/25	L./Cpl.	S. Hutson	...	1st 13/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Denyer	...	1st 17/2/26	L./Cpl.	E. Rous	...	1st 29/12/28
Cpl.	H. C. Hull, M.M.	Depot	18/2/26	L./Cpl.	A. Sargent	...	Depot 1/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I. Priddy	...	1st 13/3/26	L./Cpl.	J. Doddson	...	Depot 1/1/28
Cpl.	H. Riley	...	1st 20/5/26	L./Cpl.	S. Baker	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	J. Painter	...	1st 23/5/26	L./Cpl.	J. Purcell	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	T. Sewell	...	1st 3/7/26	L./Cpl.	P. Barley	...	Depot 15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Wallace	...	1st 9/7/26	L./Cpl.	A. Couling	...	Depot 15/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Knock	...	1st 28/7/26	L./Cpl.	W. Huggins	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	G. Theobald	...	1st 5/8/26	L./Cpl.	A. Stone	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	H. Wilson	...	1st 14/10/26	L./Cpl.	R. R. Chaplin	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	L. Westney	...	1st 26/10/26	L./Cpl.	C. Warren	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	R. Glover	...	1st 9/2/27	L./Cpl.	R. George	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Case	...	1st 12/2/27	L./Cpl.	C. Nicholson	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	D. Stagpoole	...	1st 30/10/27	L./Cpl.	F. Butfield	...	Depot 15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Hows	...	1st 11/12/27	L./Cpl.	W. Bean	...	Depot 20/1/27
Cpl.	H. Anson	...	1st 13/12/27	L./Cpl.	A. Lawrence	...	1st 15/1/28
Cpl.	A. Thompson	Depot	13/12/27	L./Cpl.	R. Simmons	...	Depot 20/1/28
Cpl.	R. Bayles	...	1st 13/12/27	L./Cpl.	J. Ayres	...	1st 20/1/28
Cpl.	L. West	...	Depot 1/1/28	L./Cpl.	S. Green	...	1st 28/1/28
Cpl.	B. Carroll	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	S. Boiling	...	1st 1/2/28
Cpl.	N. R. Phillipson	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	P. Andrews	...	1st 8/2/28
Cpl.	H. Woodruffe	Depot	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	W. Lack	...	1st 21/2/28
Cpl.	G. Fletcher	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	F. Davis	...	1st 21/2/28
Cpl.	G. Wheatley	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	W. Davey	...	1st 22/2/28
Cpl.	C. Painter	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Turner	...	1st 28/2/28
Cpl.	A. R. G. Russell	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	H. Kruck	...	1st 5/3/28
Cpl.	T. Rowbottom	...	1st 15/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Davis	...	1st 8/3/28
Cpl.	E. J. Foulger	Depot	28/1/28	L./Cpl.	A. Vicary	...	1st 8/3/28
Cpl.	J. Fletcher	...	1st 8/2/28	L./Cpl.	A. Boiling	...	1st 8/3/28
Cpl.	H. Pratt	...	1st 22/2/28	L./Cpl.	F. Brightman	...	1st 14/3/28
Cpl.	A. Mason	...	1st 28/2/28	L./Cpl.	F. Millar	...	1st 18/3/28
Cpl.	F. Donovan	Depot	5/3/28	L./Cpl.	J. Harmer	...	1st 29/3/28
Cpl.	M. Horton	...	1st 7/3/28	L./Cpl.	A. Tutte	...	1st 5/4/28
Cpl.	H. Patterson	...	1st 8/3/28	L./Cpl.	R. Dyson	...	1st 5/4/28
Cpl.	H. Dallimore	...	1st 8/2/28	L./Cpl.	H. Tyler	...	1st 12/4/28
Cpl.	P. Hale	...	1st 8/3/28	L./Cpl.	E. Edmunds	...	1st 20/4/28
Cpl.	J. Little	...	1st 14/3/28	L./Cpl.	E. Patterson	...	1st 1/5/28
Cpl.	A. Ball	...	1st 29/3/28	L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	...	1st 18/5/28
Cpl.	F. Rochester	...	1st 5/4/28	L./Cpl.	W. Murcott	...	1st 23/5/28
Cpl.	W. Webster	...	1st 12/4/28	L./Cpl.	A. Veares	...	1st 29/3/27
Cpl.	W. Holt	...	1st 1/5/28	L./Cpl.	C. Christmas	...	1st 4/6/28
Cpl.	J. Thompson	...	1st 4/6/28	L./Cpl.	E. Brand	...	1st 8/6/28
				L./Cpl.	R. Scott	...	1st 21/6/28

NOTICE

1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

<i>Paid—</i>				<i>Unpaid—</i>			
L./Cpl.	C. Staines	... 1st	27/7/23	L./Cpl.	B. Lyons	... Depot	29/3/28
L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	... 1st	15/2/24	L./Cpl.	J. Gould	... 1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	... 1st	12/9/25	L./Cpl.	C. H. Ives	... 1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	J. P. O'Neill	... 1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	C. G. Jones	... 1st	5/6/28
L./Cpl.	A. Chasney	... 1st	18/2/26	L./Cpl.	T. G. Elliott	... 1st	7/6/28
L./Cpl.	L. Timson	... 1st	19/6/26	L./Cpl.	E. Zetter	... 1st	14/6/28
L./Cpl.	H. Rumens	... Depot	6/8/26	L./Cpl.	J. Ringe	... 1st	4/7/28
L./Cpl.	F. Bowden	... 1st	14/1/27				

2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox ...	20/1/26	C.S.M. S. Wilson ...	21/12/26	†Sgt. W. West ...	10/9/17
Bdmr. H. Clibbens	22/2/24	C.Q.M.S. S. Steadman	7/3/23	Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/20
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley	7/3/26	C.Q.M.S. C. Kent ...	4/2/25	Sgt. A. Walker ...	1/5/20
C.S.M.I.M. C. Davis	13/10/24	C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien	27/2/25	Sgt. W. Palmer ...	1/5/20
C.S.M. E. Burns ...	28/1/25	C.Q.M.S. C. King ...	26/5/25	Sgt. -Dmr. E. Heath	20/11/20
C.S.M. H. Rand ...	28/1/25	C.Q.M.S. L. Hills ...	2/11/26	Sgt. J. Cook ...	30/11/20
C.S.M. J. Hart ...	20/1/26	Sgt. W. Sperry ...	23/12/14	Sgt. G. Capel ...	9/1/22

† Tour of duty at Depot.

THE DIE-HARDS

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
Sgt. F. Hill ...	22/8/23	Cpl. A. Loom ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw	24/8/27
Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	6/10/23	Cpl. F. Nash ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. S. Cudmore	28/9/27
Sgt. H. Hewett ...	10/1/24	Cpl. W. Green ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. A. Tear ...	28/9/27
+Sgt. F. Peck ...	12/1/24	Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. G. Willis ...	28/9/27
+Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	Cpl. H. Adams ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. C. Cooper ...	28/9/27
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25	Cpl. W. Goodall ...	10/12/27	L./Cpl. J. Smithers	30/9/27
Sgt. S. Ingle ...	27/2/25	Cpl. L. Brown ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. F. Hayes ...	3/10/27
Sgt. G. Lambert ...	26/5/25	Cpl. F. Howlett ...	24/12/28	*L./Cpl. F. Atkins ...	3/10/27
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2/2/26	Cpl. H. Ison ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. F. Orton ...	8/10/27
Sgt. C. Banfield ...	13/2/26	Cpl. W. Skull ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. C. Simmons	15/10/27
Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher	7/3/26	Cpl. J. Merry ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. G. Freeman	15/10/27
Sgt. G. Bone ...	19/3/26	Cpl. G. Slate ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. R. Smith ...	24/10/27
Sgt. E. Hazeldene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. W. Boothby	25/10/27
Sgt. A. Wright ...	10/2/27	Cpl. E. Ormes ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. F. Williams	26/10/27
Sgt. W. Cobbett ...	15/2/27	Cpl. H. Lowry ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	31/10/27
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	17/8/27	Cpl. E. Halverson ...	26/4/28	*L./Cpl. D. Horsman	2/11/27
Sgt. C. Olden ...	22/10/27	Cpl. P. Palmer ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. F. Higgins ...	7/11/27
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. A. Rowell ...	22/12/22	L./Cpl. J. Dearman	12/11/27
Sgt. J. Brown ...	15/12/27	*L./Cpl. R. Ginnaw...	15/3/27	L./Cpl. H. Holland	12/11/27
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. L. Newstead	15/3/27	*L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	18/11/27
Sgt. E. Aird ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. E. Noakes ...	24/6/24	L./Cpl. H. Perry ...	28/11/27
Sgt. S. Buckle ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	10/11/25	L./Cpl. H. Hastings	30/11/27
*L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1/1/27	*L./Cpl. E. Jennings	29/5/26	L./Cpl. T. Cosgrove	3/12/27
*L./Sgt. F. Denchfield	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. J. Harper ...	21/3/27	L./Cpl. E. Bridger ...	10/12/27
*L./Sgt. A. Webb ...	2/10/27	*L./Cpl. J. Chester ...	5/4/27	L./Cpl. G. Chandler	20/12/27
*L./Sgt. H. Poulter...	15/12/27	*L./Cpl. F. Grainger	12/4/27	L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	23/12/27
*L./Sgt. E. Jenkin ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. H. Sandle ...	13/4/27	L./Cpl. R. Jackson...	31/12/27
*L./Sgt. T. Ballard ...	24/1/28	*L./Cpl. J. Jackson...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. J. Scott ...	4/1/28
L./Sgt. C. Wright ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. H. Cartwright	18/1/27	L./Cpl. G. Herbert...	4/1/28
L./Sgt. S. Burgess ...	19/4/28	*L./Cpl. C. Trestain...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. C. Housden	4/1/28
Cpl. W. Patterson ...	28/7/24	*L./Cpl. W. Knighton	4/5/27	L./Cpl. H. Hamblin	6/1/28
Cpl. C. Donaldson ...	2/2/26	*L./Cpl. E. Hillier ...	4/6/27	L./Cpl. W. Searle ...	7/1/28
Cpl. W. Millbery ...	2/2/26	*L./Cpl. T. Robinson	18/6/27	L./Cpl. E. Ringham	7/2/28
Cpl. W. Hathaway...	28/8/26	*L./Cpl. G. Brown ...	18/6/27	L./Cpl. J. Johnson...	8/2/28
Cpl. J. Simmonds ...	2/11/26	*L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	19/10/27	L./Cpl. P. Godfrey...	8/2/28
Cpl. A. Jones ...	16/12/26	*L./Cpl. A. Stratham	4/3/26	L./Cpl. L. Waddington	8/2/28
Cpl. C. Champion ...	16/12/26	L./Cpl. W. Pike ...	14/12/26	L./Cpl. E. Bennett...	14/2/28
Cpl. W. Scholedge	21/12/26	*L./Cpl. E. Wilby ...	11/4/27	L./Cpl. G. Balls ...	27/2/28
Cpl. C. Turner ...	22/1/27	*L./Cpl. W. Ray ...	13/4/27	L./Cpl. A. Peacock	27/3/28
Cpl. E. Addinall ...	21/2/27	*L./Cpl. E. Clifton ...	22/4/27	L./Cpl. E. Oram ...	30/3/28
Cpl. A. Boen ...	11/4/27	*L./Cpl. R. Hannam	7/5/27	L./Cpl. G. Hornett...	11/4/28
Cpl. W. Makewell ...	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. R. Parsler ...	10/5/27	L./Cpl. H. Dujardin	11/4/28
Cpl. J. May... ..	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. P. Gorman...	20/6/27	L./Cpl. J. Nicholls...	18/4/28
Cpl. G. Sherriiff ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. G. Lee ...	6/7/27	*L./Cpl. G. Maund ...	1/5/28
Cpl. W. Kemp ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. J. Ramsey...	12/7/27	L./Cpl. C. Ellingham	8/5/28
Cpl. F. Gribble ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. J. Bennett...	29/7/27	L./Cpl. G. Cole ...	22/5/28
		L./Cpl. D. Green ...	8/8/27	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	22/5/28

* Denotes paid appointments.

† Tour of duty at Depot.

‡ Supernumerary (Instructor at Small Arms School, Pachmarhi).

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on the voyage from the Cape to Bombay in 1897. He served in the South African War, and when the Great War began was R.Q.M.S. of the 6th Battalion. He was subsequently commissioned, and saw service overseas. At the time of his death he was Barrack-Warden at Kingston-on-Thames. His wife died in 1926, but he leaves three sons, one of whom is a bandsman in the 1st Battalion, and three

daughters, to all of whom we tender our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The funeral took place at Norbiton Cemetery on July 14th, when R.S.M. R. Mantell represented the Regimental Association. The Depot, East Surrey Regt., furnished a bearer party of six Sergeants, also a bugler. Wreaths were sent from the Regimental Association, the Depot, East Surreys; Sergeants' Mess, Depot, East Surreys; and the Barrack Officers at Woolwich and Hounslow.