



THE DIE-HARDS

The Journal of

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

(Duke of Cambridge's Own)

November 1930

© Copyright PWRR & Queen's Regimental Association

THE DIE-HARDS

THE JOURNAL OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT

(Duke of Cambridge's Own)

VOL. III. No. 10.

NOVEMBER, 1930.

PRICE 9D.

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

[57]

Home Counties Area.

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

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Alubhera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenes," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1899," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstapel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooze, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fliers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "Plickem," "Bapaume, 1917," "Arras, 1917," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914," "Plickem," "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Baileul," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Maghar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18."

"Murman, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

Agents—Lloyds Bank, Limited, Cox's & King's Branch.

Regular and Militia Battalions.

Uniform—Scarlet.	Facings—Lemon Yellow.
1st Bn. (57th Foot)	Colchester.
2nd Bn. (77th Foot)	Madras (for Sudan).
5th Bn. (R. Elthorne Mil.)	Mill Hill.
6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.)	Mill Hill.
Depot—Mill Hill.	Record Office—Hounslow.

Territorial Army Battalions.

7th Bn.	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.
8th Bn.	Drill Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
9th Bn.	Drill Hall, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.

Affiliated Territorial Army Battalions.

7th City of London Regiment	24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
19th London Regiment (St. Pancras)	76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.

Allied Regiments of Canadian Militia.

The Peterborough Rangers	Peterborough, Ontario.
The Wentworth Regiment	Dundas, Ontario.

Allied Regiment of Dominion of New Zealand.

The Taranaki Regiment.

Allied Battalion of Australian Infantry.

57th Battalion	Preston, Victoria.
-----------------------	--------------------

Colonel-in-Chief:

Lieut.-General H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, R.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., Colonel W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 13th L., R. S. Fus., S. Wales Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts. Yeo., Personal A.D.C. to The King.

Colonel:

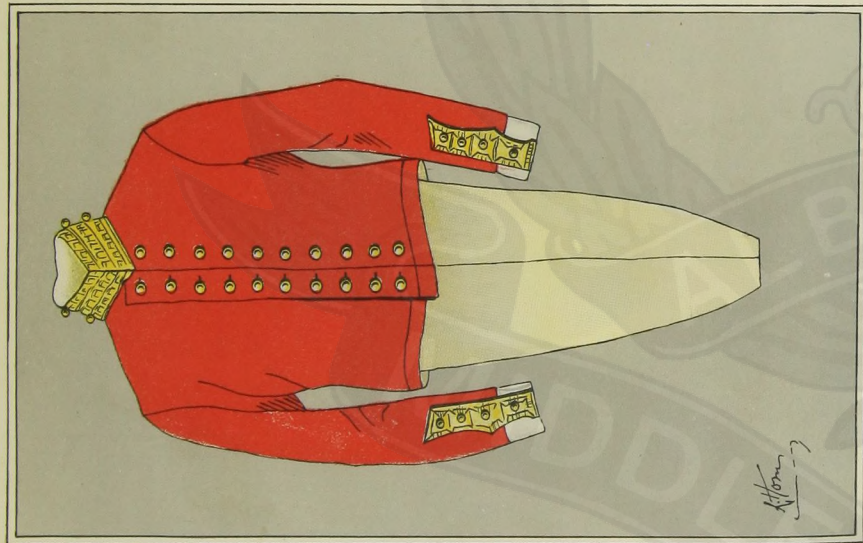
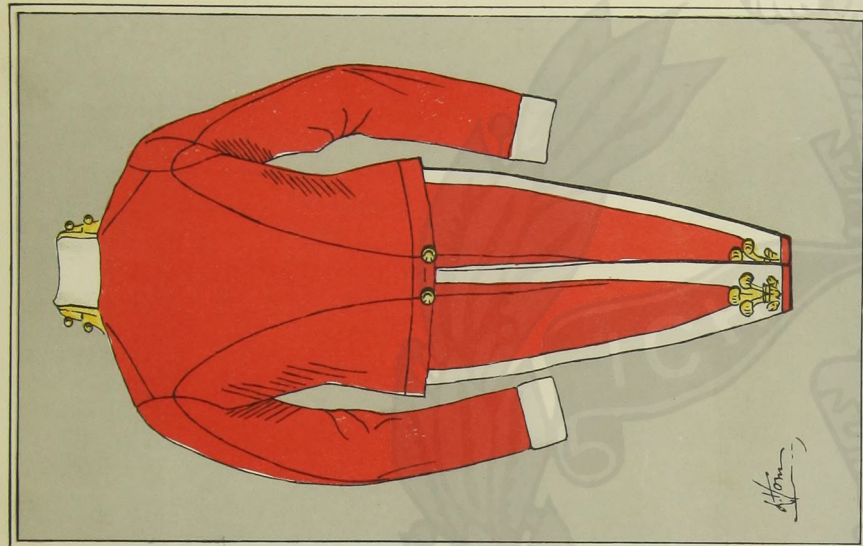
General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Officer Commanding Depot:

Major L. L. Fargiter, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment.

CONTENTS

	PAGE		PAGE
COATEE WORN BY COLONEL HENRY KENT, 77TH REGIMENT	Frontispiece	REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES	584
EDITORIAL	550	7TH BATTALION NOTES	586
REGIMENTAL FIXTURES,	551	LETTERS FROM MR. J. C. COUGHLAN (illustr.)	593
REGTL. HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM	551	ALLIED REGIMENTS OF CANADA	597
BADGE AND BUTTONS ON COATEE WORN BY COLONEL HENRY KENT, 77TH REGIMENT (Drawing)	552	8TH BATTALION NOTES	598
1ST BATTALION NOTES	553	SOUTH AFRICA, 1900 (illustrated)	601
LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM INGLIS, K.C.B. (Photo)	561	9TH BATTALION NOTES (illustrated)	603
OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES	562	NOTES ON EMPLOYMENT	611
2ND BATTALION NOTES (illustrated)	562	VOCATIONAL TRAINING: THE PLASTERER	612
LETTER FROM MR. J. MUNROE	574	RECENT PUBLICATIONS	612
INKERMAN, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1854	575	DECEASED SOLDIER'S BALANCE	613
DEPOT NOTES (illustrated)	575	OBITUARY	613
TENNIS AT THE DEPOT	582	NOTICE	614
		LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENT	615
		SENIORITY ROLL OF W.O.S. AND N.C.O.S.—	
		1ST BATTALION (HOME ESTABLISHMENT)	616
		2ND BATTALION	617



COATEE WORN BY COLONEL HENRY KENT, 77TH REGIMENT.
(Now in Regimental Museum)

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS, &c.

"The Die-Hards" is published early in February, May, August, and November, and copies may be obtained through all Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son's Bookshops and Bookstalls.

All Contributions intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than the 1st of the month previous to that of issue. Contributions should be typed, if possible, and be one side of paper only and signed, stating whether it is desired to publish contributor's name or not. Rejected manuscripts, etc., will only be returned if accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. The Editor will thankfully receive Contributions from past or present Members of the Regiment or others interested, but necessarily reserves to himself the right of publication. All communications concerning the paper, including Advertisements, should be addressed to the Editor, "The Die-Hards" Journal, Mill Hill Barracks, N.W. Telegrams: "Albulera," London. Telephone: "Finchley," 1553.

Subscriptions should be forwarded to the Editor, to whom all Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable, and crossed "— & Co."

Bound Volumes can be supplied as follows:—Volume I: Whole maroon and yellow cloth cover, 10s.; maroon leather back and corners, yellow cloth sides, 12s. 6d. Volume II: Whole cloth covers, maroon back, yellow sides, 12s.; in maroon paste grain leather back and corners, yellow cloth sides, 14s. Or the covers can be supplied at 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d., 2s. 6d., and 4s. respectively. Back numbers are available, 9d. each. All the above are post free.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 3/- (Post Free).

EDITORIAL



AN alliance between the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.) and the 57th Australian Infantry has been approved by His Majesty the King. We offer our heartiest congratulations to both Regiments on their alliance. The 57th Australian Infantry have their Headquarters at Preston, Victoria, and are known as the Merri Regiment or the Strike-Hards.

* * *

General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., and Lady Clarke paid a visit to the Depot on October 2nd.

General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., visited the Territorial battalions in camp in August. On August 5th he saw the 10th London Regiment at Bordon and had lunch with the officers. The same day he dined with the 9th Battalion at East Boldre. On August 6th he saw the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions on the training areas, lunched with the officers of the 7th Battalion, and dined with the officers of the 8th Battalion. Time did not allow of his seeing the 7th City of London Regiment, who were at Shorncliffe, in the opposite direction.

* * *

Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., paid a visit to the Depot on October 8th.

* * *

On July 16th, the Depot had a visit from Col. E. H. Greenwood, T.D., of the Wentworth Regiment, accompanied by Archdeacon Macintosh, Chaplain of the Regiment.

* * *

Lieut. F. C. Easton, 57th Australian Infantry, sailed for Australia on September 6th. He lunched at the Depot on September 4th, when he came to bid good-bye.

* * *

The extract from the New Zealand newspaper reproduced in the May number referred on pages 421 and 423 to Sir George Mansfield Clarke. This should, of course, have read Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke.

* * *

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., represented the Territorial Army and Middlesex County Association at the memorial service to the victims of the R101 disaster at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 3rd.

* * *

By a printer's error on page 520 of the August number, the announcement regarding Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., was headed "Area Presentation." This should have been "Area Representation."

* * *

On July 8th there passed away a great friend of the Regiment in the person of Archdeacon Ronald Irwin, D.S.O., M.C. Those who knew him at Allahabad from 1908 to 1910 will read with interest the

extract from the Press which appears in this issue.

* * *

We regret to announce the death in Canada in a flying accident of Major J. O. Leach, M.C., late of the 11th (Service) Battalion. 2/Lieut. Leach was Bombing Officer during the winter of 1915-16 at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, where he performed some most daring feats. He was the type of officer whom his men would follow anywhere.

* * *

We publish further correspondence from Mr. J. C. Coughlan from Victoria, Australia, together with some very interesting photographs, which will be placed in the Regimental Historical Library.

* * *

We publish a photograph in this number of the Memorial to Lieut.-General Sir William Inglis, K.C.B., in Canterbury Cathedral. We are indebted to Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., for the photograph.

* * *

Attention is drawn to the Notice to Contributors on page 550 of this issue, especially where Sub-Editors of battalions are concerned. It would facilitate editing if a margin were always left and a double space given between lines.

◆◆◆◆◆

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

Nov. 11th.—Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, 10.45 a.m.

Nov. 29th.—1st/10th Middlesex Association: Second Annual Reunion at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C., 6.30 p.m.

Jan. 3rd.—Old Comrades' Concert, Drill Hall, 19th London Regiment, 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1, 7.30 p.m.

March 28th.—1st/10th Middlesex Sergeants' Mess Association: Ninth Annual Reunion Dinner at Anderson's Hotel.

June 22nd to 27th.—Cricket Week.

June 24th.—Officers' Club 'At Home'.

June 25th.—Officers' Club Dinner.

June 26th.—Old Comrades' Gathering at the Depot.

Nov. 7th.—Annual General Meeting of Regimental Association, and Old Comrades Annual Dinner.

◆◆◆◆◆

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

SIR CHARLES MANSFIELD CLARKE visited the Museum on October 2nd and showed a keen interest in the exhibits. He has promised the following articles for the Museum:—

Gorget, 57th Regiment.

Breastplate, worn with the old buff belt by the late Lord Sinclair when Adjutant of the 57th. (Mounted as a letter-weight.)

Maori Chief's spear (Taiaha), taken by Major Russell, 57th, in 1864.

Set of Zulu assegais, delivered to Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke personally, in 1879, by Umagwenda, brother of Cetwayo, paramount chief of the Zulus.

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

3rd Battalion.—Photographs: Battalion and Officers at Singapore, 1908; Battalion, Band and Drums at Lebong, 1911.

1st and 3rd Battalions.—Photographs: Combined 1st Battalion Wing and 3rd Battalion, and Combined Officers at Dum Dum, 1912.

1st Battalion.—Drummer's lace.

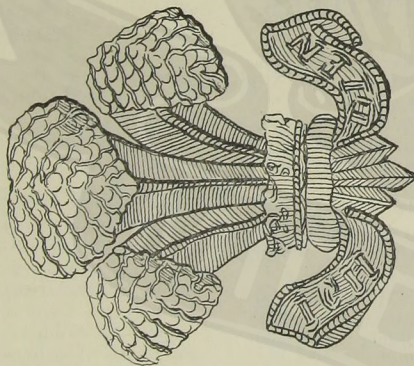
All above by Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller.

2nd Battalion.—Photograph: Sergeants—survivors of Spion Kop (by Clr.-Sergt. E. Morris).—Mr. A. Varney.

3rd Battalion.—Printed Roll of Battalion, South Africa, 1905.—Mr. W. A. A. Bishop.

57th.—A Soldiers' Conflict, by One of the 57th Regiment.—Lieut.-Col. G. Savile.

77th.—Pass No. 968, Clr.-Sergt. J. Gordon, signed by Col. Kent.—Lieut.-Col. G. Savile.



Badge (left) on tails of Coatee and Burton (right) on Coatee worn by Colonel Henry Kent, 77th Regiment, now in Regimental Museum.

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

57th.—M.G.S. Medal, Peninsular, with bars Toulouse, Vittoria, Albuhera. (M. Farraker.)—Purchased.

77th.—M.G.S. Medal, Peninsular, with bar Badajoz. (Sergt. J. Walsh.)—General Sir Ivor Maxse.

57th.—Three Medals, New Zealand: Sergt. Saml. Hawey; 74 Joseph Fisher; 706 Edward Elderton.—Purchased.

The above are from Lord Cheylesmore's collection.

57th.—Medal, New Zealand: No. 2308 Sergt. Martin Daly.—Major Pargiter.

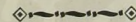
1st Royal East Middlesex Militia.—Officer's cap-badge; Officer's union locket to waist-belt; Private's cap-badge.—Major J. E. Elin.

57th.—Pewter mug, belonging to Assistant Surgeon John Alfred Illingworth, attached 57th, New Zealand, 1860-1864. Engraved with stations served at.—General A. A. Garstin.

27th Battalion.—Field Service Pocket-Book, M.G. range card and sketch, L./Cpl. H. Ellyer, B Company. Picked up in front-line trench, Telegraph Hill, Dardanelles, October, 1918, and presented by Capt. M. J. Wilson, 77th Wentworth Regiment.

Middlesex Regiment.—Sergeant's red tunic, 1914, and

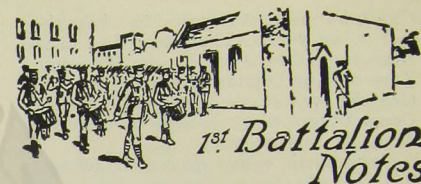
1st Battalion.—Mauser rifle, captured at La Boutillerie, October, 1914.—Squadron-Leader J. S. Goggin.



A recruit, who had fired nineteen times at the target without hitting it, was ordered by his Sergeant not to waste his twentieth and last bullet. "The best thing you can do with that," said the Sergeant, "is to go behind a bush and use it for blowing out your brains." A minute or two later came the sound of a shot, and to his horror the Sergeant noticed that the recruit was missing.

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed, "the young fool's taken me seriously."

At that moment, however, the recruit reappeared. "Sorry, Sergeant," he explained, "another miss."



WITH the move only a few weeks ahead, all our thoughts are turned towards Colchester. On the whole, there will not be many regrets at leaving Catterick. We were rather unfortunate that we were one of the first units to be stationed here, because we suffered at first from the lack of playing grounds and later by having to construct them. Added to which the building of the ranges at Bellerby, the weather at all times, the accommodation, and the absence of week-end leave, have not combined to give us many happy memories. In other words, we are glad we are going.

Collective Training this summer has been rather interrupted owing to the bad weather. Northland and Southland buried the hatchet this year, and we became Romans and Brigantes instead. Both sides, we are glad to say, are now "in hibernis." We shall be sorry to say good-bye to the cockpit of Catterick—Barden Fell. No doubt it will be vital to the defence for many years to come.

At the beginning of August a large number of officers and N.C.Os. went down to the New Forest to assist our Territorial battalions during their Annual Training Camp. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody in spite of the weather, which was definitely of the Catterick variety. Many old friendships were renewed, and many new ones made; in fact, judging by the singing, the camp was packed with "jolly good fellows."

In the Brigade Platoon Competition No. 8 Platoon, of B Company, commanded by 2/Lieut. Chattey, was successful after a close struggle with the East Surreys, who were leading until the final event—the Open Range Shoot. No. 8 Platoon shot extremely well, however, and eventually gained first place.

At the Machine Gun Concentration Camp, Wathgill, A (M.G.) Company covered themselves with glory by recapturing the Northern Command Control

Cup from the East Surreys, to whom they lost it last year. They were first in the Brigade and second in the Divisional Turn-out and Driving Competition. They also did well in the Sheeps Life-Saving Competition, which was held very suddenly on August 28th.

Our athletic team, after their defeat in the Brigade Sports by the Lancashire Fusiliers, exceeded all expectations by winning the Northern Command Meeting, and thereby qualifying to go to Aldershot to compete in the Army Inter-Unit Championship. We were, however, rather outclassed there and could finish only ninth. We congratulate 2/Lieut. Powell on winning the 220 Yards at the Army Individual Championships, and on representing the Army in the Inter-Service Relays.

We congratulate Lieut. and Mrs. Newton and Lieut. and Mrs. Worton on the birth of a son and daughter respectively.

We are losing Capt. Hedgecoe to the 2nd Battalion, and wish him the best of luck.

GAZETTE.

Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe: Posted to 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Madras, for Sudan), 16/8/30, and attached to this Battalion, w.e.f. that date.

Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson: Appointed Supervising Officer for P.T., Eastern Command. To take up this duty on 26/10/30.

2/Lieut. J. P. Hall, Gentlemen Cadet, R.M.C.: To be Second-Lieutenant, 28/8/30.

Weapon Training Averages (Musketry Year ending September, 1930).—75.22.

Education.—Number of certificates gained for the year ending 30/9/30:—

Special, 1; 1st Class, 15; 2nd Class, 54; 3rd Class, 13.

August, 1930.

16th-31st.—A (M.G.) Company moved to Wathgill Camp to take part in a Machine Gun Concentration.

22nd.—Band and Drums took part in the Catterick Garrison Military Display.

23rd.—Capt. Hedgecoe posted to 2nd Battalion.

27th.—Battalion Training commenced.

28th.—Battalion gained second place in the Unit Lines Competition. The Divi-

sional Commander congratulated the Commanding Officer on the excellent condition of the Battalion lines.

September, 1930.

29th.—Brigadier, 13th Infantry Brigade, inspected the Battalion. Each company was seen at some form of training. The Inter-Platoon Cup and Shield were presented, after which the Brigadier gave a farewell speech.

October, 1930.

6th.—Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, inspected the Battalion.

ATHLETICS.

NORTHERN COMMAND SPORTS.

This year the above meeting was held at Catterick on the Stadium on July 10th and 11th. We entered the competition with high hopes of doing well. Our chief opponents were the Lancashire Fusiliers, who had previously beaten us in the Brigade Sports.

Lieut. Batten was able to run in this meeting, and he made a big difference in the 100 Yards. The Lancashire Fusiliers were unlucky in having one of their best sprinters injured. One of the most encouraging events of the day was the victory of our mile team. It is some years since we did any good at this distance, and, as the team are all young, we hope for great things in the future. Pte. Langdon particularly shows great promise. Lieut. Powell put in his usual useful work, and Sergt. Painter seems to be going as strong as ever.

After a most exciting struggle, we eventually arrived at the last event (four at 440) in an unbeatable position, and were the winners by a fairly comfortable margin. Fourteen units competed.

We were greatly indebted to Sergt.-Major Hughes, of the Army P.T. Staff from York, who gave us some invaluable assistance in the field events.

ARMY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

This meeting was held at Aldershot on July 18th and 19th.

Having won the Northern Command, we qualified for the Army Sports, and thus made our first appearance at Aldershot since leaving there in 1926. The

team travelled down by road, and, including officers, was thirty strong. Our old friends the Coldstream Guards put the whole team up at almost a moment's notice, and did everything possible to make us comfortable.

The competition at Aldershot, however, was a bit too much for us, and we only succeeded in getting ninth place out of ten teams. We had a certain amount of bad luck, but on the whole we were beaten by better teams. We did very well in the two sprints with our full side out. In the four at 110 we were third in our heat, but our team was faster than the winners of the second heat. We had hopes of winning this, as it was only a matter of inches between the three teams. Unfortunately, Lieut. Batten opened his old injury and it was impossible for him to run in the final and do himself justice in the High Jump.

Our weight-putting team did very well in getting third. In this event we were represented by Capt. Haydon and Pte. Barnett. The latter has made tremendous strides since Sergt.-Major Hughes took him in hand, and should do well in the Army Individual next year.

Our javelin-throwing team are to be congratulated on scoring our solitary win and thereby ensuring that our flag was hoisted once on the ground, and also that the Master Tailor's time was not wasted. We were represented by Bdsn. Chillery and Pte. Jolley in this event. The latter also had the biggest individual effort of the day.

CRICKET.

The following matches have been played since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS. We have been quite successful, winning four out of six matches.

June 23rd.—v. 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 61; Royal Tank Corps, 138 for 6. Royal Tank Corps won by 7 wickets.

July 5th.—v. 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment. Scores: East Surrey Regiment, 66; Middlesex Regiment, 85. Middlesex Regiment won by 2 wickets.

July 9th.—v. 26th Squadron, R.A.F. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 54; R.A.F., 99. R.A.F. won by 4 wickets.

July 19th.—v. 2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regiment. Scores: Middlesex Regiment,

58; Hampshire Regiment, 45. Middlesex Regiment won by 13 runs.

July 26th.—v. Royal Corps of Signals. Scores: Royal Corps of Signals, 105; Middlesex Regiment, 114 for 7. Middlesex Regiment won by 3 wickets.

v. 26th Squadron, R.A.F. Scores: Middlesex Regiment, 106; R.A.F., 37. Middlesex Regiment won by 69 runs.

COMPANY CRICKET.

The Company Knock-out Competition was won this year by B Company, who had a very strong side indeed for a company. In the final they severely defeated D Company by an innings.

Results:—

First Round.

Q Company, 179; C Company, 40. Q Company won by 139 runs.

B Company, 111; A Company, 56. B Company won by 55 runs.

Semi-final.

D Company, 88; G Company, 67. D Company won by 21 runs.

B Company, 132; Q Company, 75. B Company won by 57 runs.

Final.

B Company, 173 for 3 wickets; D Company, 23 and 55. B Company won by an innings and 95 runs.

A (M.G.) COMPANY.

The pen is mightier than the sword. It certainly wants a lot of believing, but when it comes to DIE-HARDS notes day it simply will not spin the yarn as all good pens should do.

To get on with news of last quarter's doings, great things have happened and great things have been achieved. We have seen our last Concentration Camp at Wathgill and also the last of Battalion and Brigade scrapping for Barden Fell, Half-penny House, etc., etc., on the glorious moors of Yorkshire. Even the rugged old sheep which, according to artists and poets, make the moors so picturesque and beautiful, seemed to know that they were seeing the last of old friends, for the Company and these most rugged-looking animals have had much in common during our days in Catterick.

At Wathgill we experienced the worst thunderstorms known in that district for the past seventy years, and we were under canvas. Our camp, like all good camps, was pitched on the side of a fairly steep hill, so our readers may well imagine our sorry plight when the clouds above burst amid terrific thunder and lightning. The scene was really most spectacular: hailstones as large as walnuts were falling with such force that everyone was waiting for the canvas to be rent in pieces. It was phenomenal to see hailstones falling and lying around whilst the heat was of a tropical nature. We were thankful for the warmth, as nothing is more miserable than to be soaked to the skin and shivering with cold at the same time. I have seen a few peculiar happenings in the past accompanied by gloom, but never before have I seen such good spirits among troops as on this occasion. A party of the Company was detailed to proceed to the camp stores to draw tools in order to make drains, etc., around the tents. The dress ordered was steel helmets and bathing kit, for the storm was still raging. As soon as one man was seen in this rig the whole Company turned out likewise. This started the whole Brigade off, and the camp was transformed from deep gloom to a replica of the Lido. Readers may have jested many a time about parading in tin hats and bathing drawers, but it was rather a sight to see it in real life. At the bottom of our camp ran a small stream which at normal times one could easily stride, but within two hours the stream and meadow became a raging torrent, in places from five to six feet deep. Here gallant deeds were performed in rescuing our old friends the sheep, who were caught in the swirling torrents until saved by some of the Company. Many exciting incidents occurred and a small story could be written about the storm alone. However, night fell, and, after doing all that was possible to fix up the worst cases—men, not sheep—with dry bedding, etc., a welcome tot of rum and hot cocoa was issued, and so to bed.

At work and at sport during the Concentration we showed our supremacy over the whole Brigade. This was brought about entirely by the fine team spirit displayed by our officers and the Company throughout the time of training. From

the moment we marched in until we marched out no regiment could lower our colours or spirits. Under the able guidance of Lieut. W. C. Newton, Sergt. Trapp and Sergt. Williams, we won the Northern Command Fire Control Cup, and were placed fifth in order of merit in the Army. On the first two shoots we were leading the Command and required only about 150 points in order to win the Army, so it can be imagined that excitement ran high when the Night Shoot was over and results were awaited. Rumour has it that it was the only time that our C.S.M. ever ran away from a whisky when he got the final results, although one hears that a threat lay upon him if he stayed. The result of the Night Shoot had left us just 45 points behind the Army winners.

For the Football Competition, a trophy was put up to be presented to the winning unit and now it belongs to us. The results were as follows:—

v. M.G. Company, 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, drew 2—2.

v. 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, won 4—1.

v. A Company, East Surrey Regiment, won 4—2.

v. 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment, won 5—2.

In the Brigade Ride and Drive Competition we were satisfied in winning first and second places. This was due to Sergt. Christie, our Transport Sergeant, who spent many hours in training and coaching his two teams. (What er pity!)

The Concentration ended, we are now back again with the Battalion, where we have been busy assisting our friends the riflemen in capturing objectives galore, but still they do not like us, for B Company put it across us at cricket, which has caused us to make an early retirement from that competition. Then came our great chance, for in the Inter-Platoon Basketball we saw the whole Battalion off one after the other, the final causing great excitement after an extra game, which we won. This was brought off by No. 1 Platoon, the old veteran C.Q.M.S. Darby coming to the rescue and baffling his opponents.

Now to furlough, for, as I sit and write these notes three buses are conveying the Company to London for annual furlough,

after which they will rejoin the Battalion at Colchester. I will not try to put on paper their thoughts on leaving Catterick. Enough said!

J. T. I. A.

B COMPANY NOTES.

At the time of writing we are celebrating peace. Our battle-scarred veterans have fought in two campaigns. The first, *Brigantes v. Romans*, for the possession of a tungsten mine on Barden Fell apparently ended in a draw. We have it on the authority of the Adjutant that the said tungsten mine has been sold by auction by Mr. Tindill, our local auctioneer—so all's well that ends well.

But, what is tungsten? Popular opinion in B Company holds that it is the stuff they put into cookhouse brown stew, or rissoles. However, we get the war medal with the Barden Fell and Bellerby clasps.

A shorter campaign, *Northumbria v. Yorkshire*, ended in a decisive defeat of Northumbria. What a quarrelsome part of the world we live in—and how seldom do the petty states constantly at war pay us for our services!

Still, we all look pretty fit on it.

The move to Colchester will soon be upon us, and we shall not be sorry to leave these desolate regions. In fact, one enthusiast for moving said that he was quite ready to crawl to Richmond Station on all fours, provided that he could definitely leave "the Aldershot of the North."

In sport and training we have more than held our own.

We are the best shooting company. We have won the Young Soldiers' Competition in the Battalion Rifle Meeting. No. 8 Platoon, under 2/Lieut. Chattey and Sergt. Fleming, won the Brigade Inter-Platoon Cup (Tactics, Turn-out, Drill, and Musketry). Section Commanders, to whom great credit is due as well as to the men, were L./Cpl. Bedward, Cpl. Horton, Cpl. Alchorne, and Sergt. Phillipson.

At cricket in the first round we beat A Company by 55 runs. Sergt. Thomas scored 38; Lieut. Hudson took 7 wickets for 23.

In the semi-final we beat Q Company by 57 runs. Lieut. Hudson scored 66, and took 6 wickets for 30.

In the final we beat D Company by an innings and 95 runs. Full scores are appended:—

D COMPANY.

1st Innings.

Lieut. Worton b West	...	...	3
Lieut. Sword b West	...	...	4
Sergt. Northcott b West	...	...	2
Pte. Endersby c Rand b West	...	...	0
Pte. Willis b Hudson	...	...	5
L./Cpl. Riches b West	...	...	1
C.S.M. Stevenson b West	...	...	0
Cpl. Dyson lbw b West	...	...	3
L./Cpl. Kirby b Hudson	...	...	0
Pte. Mangen not out	...	...	2
Pte. Wilson st Thomas b West	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	3
Total	...	...	23

2nd Innings.

Lieut. Worton c Rand b Hudson	...	...	1
Lieut. Sword b West	...	...	4
Sergt. Northcott b Hudson	...	...	0
Pte. Endersby run out	...	...	3
Pte. Willis run out	...	...	1
L./Cpl. Riches c Hatchett b West	...	...	4
C.S.M. Stevenson b West	...	...	0
Cpl. Dyson not out	...	...	21
L./Cpl. Kirby b Hudson	...	...	5
Pte. Mangen c Marshall b Hudson	...	...	4
Pte. Wilson c Hudson b West	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	6
Total	...	...	55

B COMPANY.

1st Innings.

Lieut. Hudson retired	...	...	100
Sergt. Thomas b Northcott	...	...	4
Lieut. Chattey not out	...	...	50
C.Q.M.S. Farrow run out	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	8

Total (for 3 wickets dec.) ... 173

FOOTBALL.

We played A Company in the Battalion League and lost 1—3. L./Cpl. Hood was unfortunate to fracture his collarbone just after half-time. Team:—

Sergt. Thomas; Hatchett, Marshall; Sergt. Russell, Brewer, C.Q.M.S. Farrow; McNamara, Barrows, Hood, King and L./Sergt. West.

Sergt. Phillipson has now left us to become Drum-Major. He will be greatly missed in the Company, and we wish him all luck in his new job.

We have also lost Cpl. Horton to Vocational Training, and Sergt. Russell as Acting C.Q.M.S. to C Company. We

wish them the best of luck, and are sorry to lose them.

Drafts to India and to the M.G. Company will kill B Company in the immediate future more effectually than any local wars.

Good luck to them all, wherever they go.

BEER.

C COMPANY NOTES.

Training having finished with a flourish, we have been able to turn our attention to sport, which has been somewhat neglected during the summer months.

Cricket, like summer, has died and the league laurels rest upon the brows of B Company. In the Knock-out we were drawn against G and were beaten by many runs.

In football and hockey our outlook is much brighter, keenness and enthusiasm being very high; and, in spite of reverses, we are confident of being near the top when the leagues are decided.

We have the men, the spirit, and the desire to do well. What more can we ask?

All four platoons had great fights in the Passball Competition and were eventually knocked out by the narrowest of margins.

Team building has been the ideal aimed at, but unfortunately for us we are losing some of our prospective players on transfer to A (M.G.) Company and the Signal Section; but this loss has only caused our flame of intention to burn more brightly.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., has taken over the command of the Company from Bt. Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., who is at present attached to the Territorial Army.

During the training season the following officers have been attached to the Company:—

2/Lieut. Jarvis (Oxford University O.T.C.) 2/Lieut. Wilcox (S.R.O.O.) and 2/Lieut. Jupp (S.R.O.O.).

It is hoped they enjoyed their sojourn with us and that we shall see them again next year.

Writing of training reminds us that C Company have been well to the fore this training season. We have attacked, defended and advanced in turn and have

yet to be defeated. Even tanks have a dread of meeting C.

Pte. 14 Baker has recently been discharged the Service, having had the misfortune to injure his right hand, which necessitated an amputation. It is very pleasing to note that, in spite of what a minority of people think, the Regimental Association immediately responded to requests for assistance in his case.

He is now working locally, and is able to supply his friends with tips about motors.

By the time these notes are published we shall have moved South, once again to civilization, shops and theatres, and Town within easy reach. It takes all the N.C.Os.' time keeping the men from stacking kit-bags now, a month before we move.

This issue will be the last before Christmas, so may we here wish all Corkites the compliments of the season?

CORK THE FIRST.

D COMPANY NOTES.

The war between the Romans and Brigantes now being over, our efforts are directed towards the Brigadier's inspection, after which crisis the Battalion will filter to Colchester, to which event we are all looking forward very much.

Unfortunately in a few days we shall be losing many of our Company to A (M.G.) Company and the Signals. We shall be very sorry to lose Sergt. Jones to the Territorial Army, and wish him luck in his new position. L./Sergt. Hull is going to A (M.G.) Company, where we hope he will have a pleasant time. And last, but not least, our Sergeant-Major is going to try his luck as a sailor. We hope he will have some pleasant voyages to India, and wish him all success.

We congratulate Pte. Seymour on obtaining a Cook's Certificate from the School of Cookery.

We had a very successful three days' Company March, camping the first night at Scorton, where an excellent game of football was organized. The battle next day was exciting, and on the following night we returned to camp near Halfpenny House, tired but successful.

The Company has done very well in sport so far. We congratulate all those who ran for the Battalion in the Northern Command and Army Championships. We reached the final of the Knock-out Cricket Competition, and then met with a very severe defeat at the hands of B Company. In the Passball Competition two of our meagre platoons reached the semi-finals, but there unfortunately they drew each other, No. 16 Platoon defeating No. 13 Platoon. We wish No. 16 Platoon luck in the final.

We have played one Hockey League match, in which we beat C Company 4—2 after a game full of incident and excitement.

We have great hopes for the soccer, in which we have sustained one defeat so far, and should also do well at rugby.

As we close down in Catterick on October 17th, and reopen in Colchester on October 18th, our next notes will be written with the tang of the sea-air in our nostrils.

DRUMMERS' NOTES.

Now that Annual Training is finished we are gradually settling down to our usual daily routine. Most of us are glad to get back to the old footing again, but no doubt there are some bronco busters who would have preferred to remain in Christie's Cavalry. Undoubtedly we are all looking forward to our move to Colchester and even more so to our annual furlough.

By the time these notes appear in print most of us will be living a life of ease, but only for a month—short but sweet.

The annual Bugle Competition took place on September 24th and we congratulate Dmr. March on being the winner. We deeply sympathize with a certain Drummer who failed to secure the first place. Since the last issue of the Journal "Bouncer" has bounced his way back into the Drums, but we are sorry to say we lose him permanently, as he goes to the A.V.T.C. in the near future. Despite his bounce we shall miss him very much both in sport and in our daily life, so we all wish him the very best of luck and a successful future in civil life.

We welcome Drum-Major Phillipson as leader of the Corps and expect great things of him with the mace. We hope

he will not disappoint us, as we rely a great deal on our figurehead.

L./Cpl. (Nat) Gould and Dmr. Elliot are away on their trade course and will soon be wending their way into civil life, so we take the opportunity of wishing them the best of luck.

Finally we should like to wish all Drummers of the Regiment a happy Christmas for 1930.

There is nothing more to say except that we shall have news in plenty when we have explored Colchester, so we will ring off until later on.

SNAKE CHARMER II.

BAND NOTES.

As I sit down to write these notes I still have the words "three weeks" ringing in my ears. They are suggestive of Elinor Glynn's famous book, but to us they mean that we have three more weeks in the land of the shovel and the pick.

Yes, we are really moving at long last, and Colchester is our next stop.

Every bandsman is looking forward to our new station, but there will be some regrets at leaving Catterick—or shall we say Spennymoor?

We have finished a successful engagement season and are hoping that next year it will be even more successful.

Our knights of the road, the famous Intelligence Section, have also just finished a busy season, and did I hear it mentioned that Tom Brinal is buying a horse for next year? It certainly would not puncture, anyway!

We are still to the fore in the sports line. We were successful in beating both C and D Companies on the football field.

We managed to reach the semi-final of the Inter-Platoon Basketball Competition, and after a hard game with No. 1 Platoon were beaten 2—0, Clr.-Sergt. Darby proving a bit too much for us.

Bdsn. Chillery represented the Battalion in the last Battalion football match, and, as he has represented the Battalion in nearly every branch of sport, he is justified in issuing a challenge to anybody to meet him on the Band midget golf course. "Holes" appears to be his middle name.

We will conclude by saying that we were inspected by the Brigadier, and that we did not know that he could say such flattering things about us.

We nearly forgot our old friends (?) the Drums. Are they sorry to leave Catterick? And, if they are, will the N.A.A.F.I. recompense them at Colchester?

Oh, by the way: is L./Cpl. Dibble (who in his spare time regulates traffic) still "on the chocolate"? Sandow does not get a look in. Roll on!

We will also bid God-speed to Sergt. Knock, our fishcake king, who leaves for civil life. Alas and alack, no more experiments, and we used to derive such pleasure from deciding what his many wonders were.

SIGNAL NOTES.

Manœuvres are over and many cans have been taken back since.

Before going any farther, we must congratulate L./Cpl. Jeffery on obtaining his A.I. Certificate; L./Cpl. Bayford on his promotion—and we wish him luck on his course at the School—and last, but not least, Zebo on his promotion to full corporal.

Now we come to the exciting part of our careers—leave. We have the gratifying knowledge that we shall never see Catterick again, and the prospect of a new station, Colchester, before us.

The Brigadier's inspection is over, and as usual we were the shining stars of the Brigade.

A new class comes to us at Colchester, and we hope to make them all Signallers to keep up our tradition as "The Section."

A certain member was heard to say, "Roll on, 1935!" for his job in civil life. He is now taking classes with the habit of putting one hand on the hip and in a fairy-like way dancing around, singing "I'm a queen, tra-la-la-la."

To come back to the serious things of life, we hope our comrades in Bag Flashing across the pond are strutting their stuff, and hope before many moons are past to meet them all.

I. C. W.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

For the benefit of those married or about to be married we have had some silver spoon competitions.

Three tourneys were run during the past quarter: one at pokey-die, one at crib, and one at billiards (21 up).

Sergt. Burt must have matrimonial aspirations, for he won the pokey-die and the crib. C.S.M. Rand won the spoon for billiards.

We now await the competition for the next spoon—probably a shoot on the 30 yards' range. Handicappers, get busy!

In view of our departure for Colchester a farewell dance was held on September 26th. This was very successful and well attended. It was "three o'clock in the morning" when the dance finished, but some of our members had dimmed their lights long before that hour. At the conclusion of the dance "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and all agreed it was a pleasant farewell.

The President is at present calculating how many nails he requires to fasten boxes, and the Mess reminds one of a house with brokers established.

We are pleased to see Sergt. Knock about again after being in hospital, and trust he will now keep well.

Wedding bells have rung, and will ring again soon, for some of our members. Congratulations to Sergts. Williams and Patterson on their marriages.

No change has occurred in the Mess during the past quarter, members being now settled a little more than usual.

As this will be the Christmas issue of the Journal, we would wish all Messes a happy season and a really good 1931.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The Club has been very quiet owing to the Annual Training, and therefore nothing of interest has taken place.

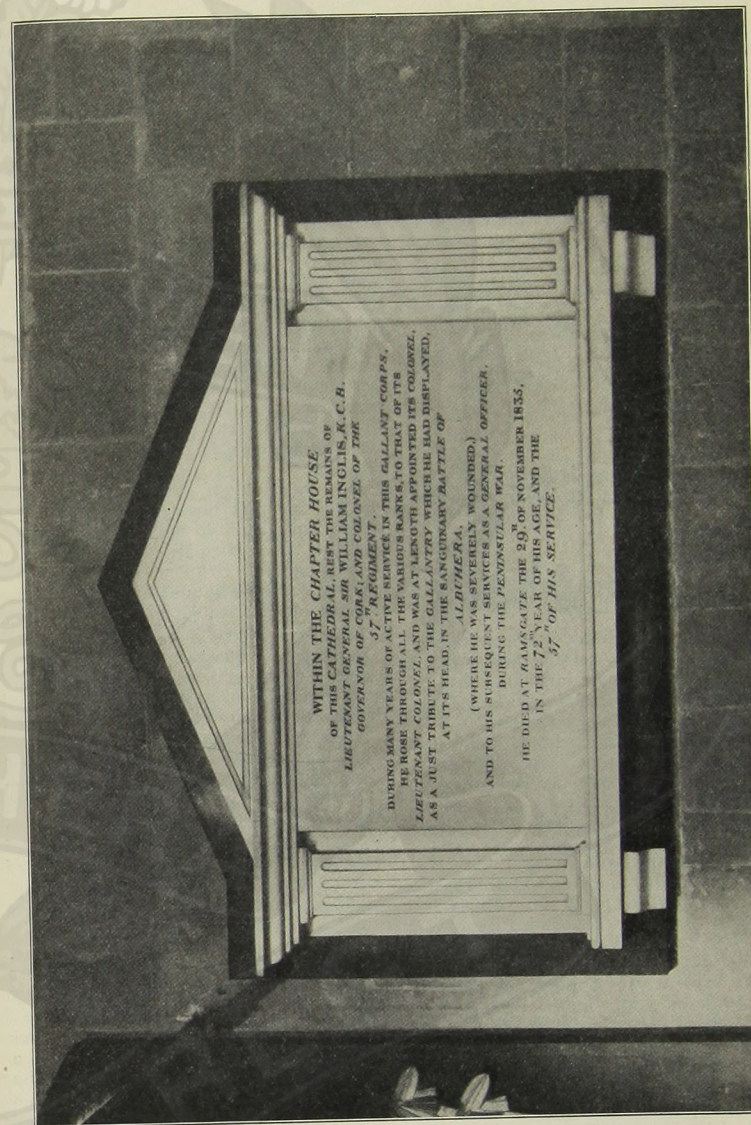
Cpls. Horton and Ginnan and L./Cpl. Gould are now taking an A.V.T. course. We wish them the best of luck.

We welcome "Ghosty" and "Topper" after their glorious reign in another station. We have with us L./Cpls. Ward, Simmons, Palmer, Barnett and Bayford, and congratulate them on their appointments.

Preparations are in progress for the move to Colchester, and members are looking forward to the farewell dance, which takes place shortly.

Having nothing further of interest, we will ring off.

CORPS.' CLUB.



LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM INGLIS, K.C.B.
Tablet on north wall of Nave, Canterbury Cathedral.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

The following are the fixtures for 1931:

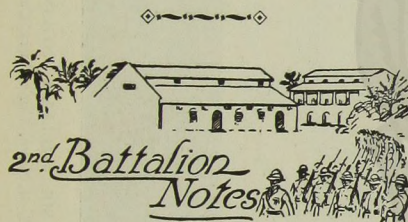
CRICKET WEEK.

- June 22.—v. Cryptics (home).
 „ 23.—v. Royal Fusiliers (home).
 „ 24.—v. Free Foresters (home).
 „ 25.—v. I Zingari (home).
 „ 27.—v. Sandhurst Wanderers
 (at Sandhurst).

* * *

- June 24.—At Home.
 „ 25.—Club Dinner.

There remains now only one signed engraving of Lady Butler's picture "Steady the Drums and Fifes." Minimum price, £10 10s. This can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary.



THE Battalion Sub-Editor has deserted us in search of Intelligence and apparently the programme laid down for this quest unnerved him; anyhow, he left us no notes to help us in the task of producing news for this quarter. Fortunately we find that, in spite of the dearth of excitement, company representatives have risen to the occasion and produced a quantity of social gossip.

The last notes left us divided, like all Gaul, into three parts, and in three parts we remain until the middle of October, when the Wellington party are driven from the hills and we become once more two parts. This will be welcome, as it will ease the duties for the people in the Fort. At present when they are not guarding something or somebody they are coming off or preparing to go on.

At the end of June Lieut.-Col. Stanley-Murray met with an alarming accident, being thrown from his horse whilst returning from a ride on the Marina. Happily the accident occurred just at the end of the tan ride, otherwise the results

might have been far more serious. As it was he was in bed for some time and was still far from well when he went on leave to the hills. We are glad to hear that he is no longer compelled to keep his eyes strictly to the front and is progressing satisfactorily.

It was fortunate that Major Browne completed his course at the Senior Officers' School very soon after the accident, and he returned full of wisdom and theories of that seat of learning to take over command and set the P.R.I.'s house in order. It is rumoured that he was quite surprised to find that the accounts were still solvent after his long absence. Actually, we think, they must have been very well husbanded, as we see the P.R.I. advertising free picnics, free Savings Certificates, whilst a constant flow of struggling account holders seeking relief appear to depart, with few exceptions, well satisfied with the results of their begging.

The mention of Savings Certificates reminds me that business in the savings department seems to be brightening, presumably in anticipation of leave on arrival home.

Will Major — please note that the number of certificates issued on the last day of the old system was 77?

During the quarter H.M.S. *Emerald* visited Madras and we fear that most of the company, who were new and expected Madras to be an earthly Paradise, had a big disappointment.

The usual games were arranged, and at football the ship's team gave a scratch team from the Battalion a shock. At hockey and boxing the Navy were not so successful. Thanks to the kindness of Commander Currie, a large number of the Battalion were able to visit the ship, which has several points of difference from the remainder of the squadron.

Lieut. Lambert has, we regret to say, been seriously ill, but, although progress is slow, we are glad to hear satisfactory reports.

Another serious casualty to the rugby team is the loss of Lieut. Gilbert with a broken collar-bone. Lieut. Jacob, who is now S.S.O., has not recovered from his broken wrist sufficiently to play games. Lieut. Else has been filched from us as a temporary instructor at the

Gas School, so officer casualties have been very high.

We congratulate the rugger team on their recent victory over the Gymkhana Club, in spite of their difficulties. This should augur well for the Madras Tournament.

Lieut. Heywood has gone to the S.A.S., Pachmarhi, from which home of musketeers Lieut. Gilbert returned just before he met with his accident.

2/Lieut. Green has, during the month of August, quite mastered the difference between the near fore and off hind at the Veterinary School, Poona.

2/Lieut. Ferguson returns in a few days from Ahmednagar, adding another to our list of machine-gun experts.

Capt. Roberts has been appointed Adjutant to the 7th City of London Regiment, and to our great regret leaves us shortly to take up the appointment.

We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Capel and Bdsn. Dark on their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

We expect to see something like Prussian precision when the next draft arrives, judging by the latest Depot notes.

We tender our heartiest congratulations to the 1st Battalion on the victories of Lieut. Powell and the javelin team in the recent Army Championships. We wish one of the two experts could be included in the parcel of javelins we hope will soon be on their way accompanying the returning leave officers. At first our efforts to master this event will be a case of the blind leading the blind.

September 16th is the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the 77th Foot in Fort St. George, where it was stationed for three months in 1880. Incidentally, shortly after this, the title of the Regiment was changed.

A brass plate, similar to the one placed there by the Suffolk Regiment, is to be placed in the guard room to mark the occasion.

Just as these notes are being dispatched news has come that A Company have won the Ruthven Cup in the Southern Command Decentralized matches, and we congratulate them upon this most satisfactory result.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

All's well that ends well, but it is with bad luck hard on our heels that these notes are written.

After last year's great effort in the All-India, and with promise of improvement as rapid as last year, we opened the season full of enthusiasm and hopes for the Madras Tournament, due to start next month.

We still live in hopes of being able to pull it off, but luck is being unkind. First, Lieut. Else gets dragged away to Belgaum on a temporary instructorship at the Education School, an appointment on which we have had to congratulate him, but we wish, selfishly we must admit, that he never got that D. The loss of his leadership and personality among the forwards will be very much felt.

Hard on the heels of that misfortune—if it may so be called from our point of view—comes number two. Lieut. Gilbert, for whom we had been waiting—and waiting—to return from Pachmarhi to strengthen the three-quarter line, returns and in his first try-out in a Gymkhana sides game, breaks his collar-bone. Words fail to describe what we all feel, as he has just that extra bit of go and knowledge of rugger to add distinction to our three-quarters.

Not satisfied with this, Lieut. Lambert and Lieut. Jacob are both *hors de combat*. All our sympathies to them. We feel their loss very acutely.

Having got off our chest an excellent grouse against the great god of luck, now to say that, in spite of it all, the XV have not only fully maintained their promise of last year, but have also played really good rugger at times, holding out high hopes for the future.

We lost our first game versus Gymkhana A (very nearly their full side) 0—23, the result of poor tackling. Our second venture was against a weaker Gymkhana side, whom we beat 14—3. The forwards definitely showed they know something about combination, and all worked hard under the leadership of Pte. Tatt. It is an unenviable job to name those who stood out, as all did what was required, though a word of praise is due to Cpl. Ramsey on a brilliant try in his first game, and to Ptes. Endersby and

Redwood especially among the forwards. Lieut. Baldwin was in his usual good form behind the scrum.

Our last game so far came after an eleventh-hour decision not to send our XV down to Bombay owing to the heavy expense which could not be met, and to the regrettable absence of Lieut. Else and Lieut. Gilbert. There was a possibility of their going, but owing to the above reasons it was decided not to send them.

That gives us an excellent opportunity to get together for the Madras Tournament.

However, for the game. Madras turned out their No. 1 XV (less one three-quarter), and so did we. We were strengthened by Bdsn. Knights, who has come down from the hills especially for the rugger. Result, 4-3 for the Regiment. As all agree, a really creditable win and excellent form shown all round. To mention names would be to mention the whole XV.

The following have played this year, though the final XV has not yet, of course, been decided on:—

Back.—L./Cpl. Warnes, Pte. Makewell. *Three-quarters.*—Cpl. Ramsey, Bdsn. Gower, Bdsn. Knights, Lieut. Green (who we hope will constitute our one piece of luck), Cpl. Jackson.

Halves.—Lieut. Baldwin, 2/Lieut. Stephenson.

Forwards.—Ptes. Tatt, Bell, Chapman, Redwood and Hawker, Dmr. Crawshaw, Sergt. Russell, Ptes. Endersby, Hines, Frisby and Mead.

Now for October 6th and that Madras Rugger Cup. Here's hoping!

J. W. A. S.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Our last notes were written before the M.C.C. Tournament. That event will not need much ink spilt. Once more we drew the probable winners in the first round, on this occasion the M.U.C. At our first meeting the deluge which set in before half-time drew a merciful veil over the proceedings. We played again and were given a good lesson in first-class hockey, but without any overwhelming score being piled up. That is our handicap, that we can rarely get first-class practice except in the few competitions.

After the M.C.C. Tournament hockey

in Madras ends, and this is unfortunate, as the Madras District Competition does not come on until two months later.

Before this tournament took place a few trial games were played, chiefly with a view to getting a forward line. The combination had not been too satisfactory and the absence of Lieut. Heywood, who was *en route* for Pachmarhi, increased the necessity for trials and practice. A fairly likely arrangement seemed to have been found in the last trial, but even then a last-minute change had to be made, L./Cpl. Deane coming in in place of Capt. Procter.

At Bangalore we met the Tank Corps and a type of game which requires to be known to be dealt with. The nearest approach I can think of is polo on foot. The game was very fast and the opposition furious, penalties in our favour were unlimited, but the chances of a shot few, due to the above-mentioned furiousness. In Madras we are not accustomed to this type of play and the team did well not to get rattled. A rather bad bit of marking allowed the Tank Corps to score in the first half, but, apart from this, we were on top during the whole game and quite a deal of the play was hockey at its best. All that was lacking was experience in dealing with a do-or-die defence. Mileham in goal had no chance with the shot he let through. He seemed to lack confidence earlier in the year, but has regained it and, with further experience, should be good. Robinson and Stickley cleared cleanly and their positioning was better, whilst both broke up threatening moves well. Brooker and Higgins gave their wing men little chance and some of their passing was excellent. Gorman at centre-half worked very hard and will, I think, be more effective on the slower grass grounds of England than on the concrete of India. Such was usually competing against about 14 stone of very solid humanity; Buckland, somewhat similarly handicapped, was so surprised when he did at last get a shot that he lifted it just over the bar. The former has played all the year with considerable success and is a really good shot. Buckland came in as a result of the final trials, and should stay if he goes on on his present lines. Deane worked hard all the time and harder still as the

game went on, but he is better individually than as part of a combination. Another season may rectify this when, with his pace, he should become a good hockey forward. Redwood and Day put in useful work, but were not as good as they can be. The former was possibly handicapped by a change in leadership.

77th Badges for 1930 were awarded to Pte. Brooker (Old Colour), Pte. Robinson, Cpl. Higgins, Dmr. Stickley, Pte. Such, Lieut. Heywood, Pte. Gorman, Pte. Mileham, Pte. Day, L./Cpl. Deane (Old Colour), and Capt. Procter (captain).

We badly need more qualified referees. This is essential if the standard is to improve, as there is all the difference between hockey with an indifferent pair of referees and hockey with good ones. For the benefit of those who have not tried, a referee requires as much skill and as quick an eye as the best player.

A COMPANY NOTES.

We will continue the story of our doings at Wellington, where we took full advantage of the three months' respite from the heat of the plains. In sport we concentrated mainly on the creation of good rugger playing material. In this we got great assistance from the Detachment of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, a well-known rugger-playing unit. We played several games both in conjunction with and against this detachment, and on evenings when there were no games the Dukes and ourselves turned out for practice. In two matches we played against the Dukes we were beaten 14-3 and 8-3, results which were satisfactory in view of the fact that 50 per cent. of our players were complete novices to the game, and the Dukes team consisted entirely of representatives of either their battalion first or second teams. The satisfactory results achieved by our Company team were due to the hard play of the whole fifteen and to fearless tackling. In this latter connection we especially note the names of Ptes. Makewell, Hines and Mead, and L./Cpls. Humphries, Chandler and Morriss.

During our last month in Wellington a large number of the Company went into training for the Sanatorium Boxing Tournament. Competition was open to detachments from six regiments, and the

Company produced the winner or runner-up in every contest. The list of prize-winners is as follows:—

Winners:—

Open Middle-weight.—L./Cpl. Smith.

Novices Bantam.—Pte. 33 Carter.

Special Heavy-weight Contest.—Pte. Palmer.

Runners-up:—

Open Middle-weight.—Pte. Tydeman.

Open Light-weight.—Pte. Coker.

Novices Light-weight.—Pte. Dujardin.

Novices Middle-weight.—Pte. Simpson.

In addition Pte. Preston (Pansy) was awarded the best loser's prize for one of the best contests we have seen in a very long time.

At an entertainment given by the Hill Sanatorium to the station, a squad, picked chiefly from men of the Company, gave a gymnastic display. Although very little notice had been given a very clever show was put up by the performers. Among the latter were our C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S.—a fact which supports our contention that there is lots of life in the old dogs yet.

Just before leaving Wellington we put up a final good effort on the range. Firing in the Southern Command Competitions we beat last year's winning scores in both the Inter-Company and Young Soldiers' shoots, and were third and fourth respectively in the Inter-Platoon and Lewis Gun matches. We therefore await the publication of this year's results with some interest.

On July 15th we returned to Madras to find the Fort in its accustomed position overlooking the sad sea waves. In this connection, and in relation to our move to Khartoum, we understand that the song, "What are the wild waves saying does not refer to me" is a popular one amongst the bachelor members of the Battalion.

We are now hard at work picking our best platoon in various games in preparation for Battalion competitions in October. We are determined to keep the Platoon Shields we have won and of which we are justly proud, and we hope to annex some more. In October also we hope to run off our athletic sports. There are few gaps in the various teams

and we hope to repeat last year's successes. In preparation for the United Kingdom we are introducing three new events: Pole Vault, Javelin, and Discus. Various enthusiasts have already indulged in a little vaulting while we were in the hills, but we want to get down to serious practice in Madras during the coming cool season. These three new events offer opportunities to men who do not usually shine in the athletic world, and we hope they will not be backward in coming forward in these events.

Finally, by the time these notes appear, seventeen of the Company will be making the return journey to England and to civil life. We wish them all the very best of good luck and good fortune. Amongst them we note L./Cpl. Cook, boxer and our general all-round man, also L./Cpl. Hornett and Ptes. Hines, Ormes, og Brown, Swatman, Newstead, Langston and Pearce. We shall miss them all, not forgetting our Company clown, Wiggy, and the departure of the men whose names have been noted will leave our athletic ranks sadly depleted.

B COMPANY NOTES.

The beginning of July found us changing places with D Company at the Mount, where we expect to stay until relieved by A Company on October 1st.

Musketry was the programme from the commencement in preparation for the Annual Musketry Course. This has now been almost completed, with the exception of a few casuals, and, on the whole, I think we did satisfactorily. In some cases there has been weeping and wailing and in others rejoicing, referring, of course, to those fortunate ones who retained their pay and the unfortunate ones who did not.

Capt. Kempster tried the experiment of amalgamating the four Lewis Gun Sections and placing them under L./Sergt. Kemp for four weeks' instruction, prior to firing their course. The results more than justified his decision, as all the gunners qualified. Whilst on this subject we must congratulate L./Sergt. Kemp on passing his Small Arms Course at Pachmarhi, and also on the results he obtained from the Lewis Gunners.

The Company is now in the throes of Section Training. N.C.Os. are having

T.E.W.Ts. two or three times weekly under Capt. Jones or Lieut. Ayscough, which have proved very instructive.

Capt. Jones, by the way, has taken over command of the Company whilst Capt. Kempster is on leave. We hear that Capt. Kempster is returning to D Company on his rejoining from leave.

The Company Platoon Hockey League has just been completed, resulting in a win for No. 6 Platoon. No. 8 Platoon were runners-up, and it should be mentioned that they won the Inter-Platoon Basketball League. Some keen games were witnessed and the standard of hockey has improved, which augurs well for the Company in the next Company League game. We hope so, anyway.

One or two games of football have been played with the M. & S.M. Railway at Perambur, but it is a question whether football or females was the attraction.

In preparation for the Battalion's move home, many have started saving, the investments being National Savings Certificates. Many persons have been seen creeping stealthily round to borrow one anna two pie, or sums of a like amount, with which to make up the price of a Certificate. The P.R.I. presents a Certificate to the company with the most subscribers. This goes to the Company representative, Cpl. Harper.

In concluding our notes we should like to wish 2/Lieut. Stephenson the best of luck in H.Q. Wing. He is a great sportsman and will be greatly missed by the Company, especially at cricket and rugby.

2/Lieut. Green has been for a pleasant stay in Poona on a veterinary course. He has just returned looking all the better for his holiday.

BEER COY.

C (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Pte. Parker, who gallantly endeavoured to stop a pair of runaway mules. The currie-bar of the cart which the mules were pulling hit Parker in the chest, causing a severe wound from which he died within a short space of time. Parker's act in attempting to stop the mules showed considerable bravery. He had only recently joined this Company, and was very popular with his



C (M.G.) COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, WELLINGTON.

1.—Pte. Miller looking out of the Cook house. 2.—Three Toda men.
3.—Toda Huts,

comrades. He was a most promising soldier. Our deepest sympathy is offered to his relatives.

Mr. Ferguson has temporarily left us while attending the Machine Gun Course at Ahmednagar. We wish him every success.

We have also lost Mr. Else for a while. He has been appointed temporarily to the position of Instructor at the Special Wing, Army School of Education, Belgaum. This appointment was the sequel to obtaining a D on a course at the School which he attended this year.

We have now completed the Annual Machine Gun Course, and are rather proud of the result. Our average is 209.8. This is an improvement of 22 points over last year's result, and is only a fraction short of marksman's average, *i.e.*, 210.

Special mention must be made of Pte. Plunket's achievement. He scored the amazing figure of 395 points.

We have been frequently congratulated on the excellent turn-out of our mules. The Remount Officer, on his recent inspection, was particularly pleased. These results are due to the hard work performed by the men and sepoy employed on the transport, and to the exceptionally capable and energetic direction of Sergt. Bone.

This summer C (M.G.) Company has spent a period of three months in Wellington. We went there in two detachments. The first detachment consisted of the most newly joined gunners and the second detachment were old hands. A considerable number of the Company asked for permission to remain in Madras throughout the summer, and they did not accompany us up to the hills. These men offered no reason for wanting to remain in the heat of Madras, but it is believed that many of them feared that they could not find Oriental attractions in the hill district—and one hears that they were shrewdly correct in their surmise.

During June a picnic was organized to Ootacamund Downs. The route there passed a brewery. The route may have passed, but not so the picnic party. They were invited inside by Mr. Jenkins who is the No. 1 of the brewery, and he kindly explained why beer was beer and how it was made. The popular moment arrived

when the bottling department was reached. Here a sample of the beer was freely offered to everyone, and everyone showed their appreciation by heartily qualifying not only for the sample, but the other half, and "one for the road" as well.

After passing hearty votes of thanks for what they had just received, the party moved off to a spot known as the Umbrella Tree, to the accompaniment of hearty vocal refrains. On arrival at this spot Tiffin was cooked in a Toda's hut. The Todas are an old race who inhabit the Nilgiri Hills. They are a tall, strong and well-built people, but are gradually becoming extinct. They walk fifty or sixty miles a day, if necessary, and, whatever the nature of the ground, they cross the country in a straight line—which is more than could be said of our picnic party that afternoon.

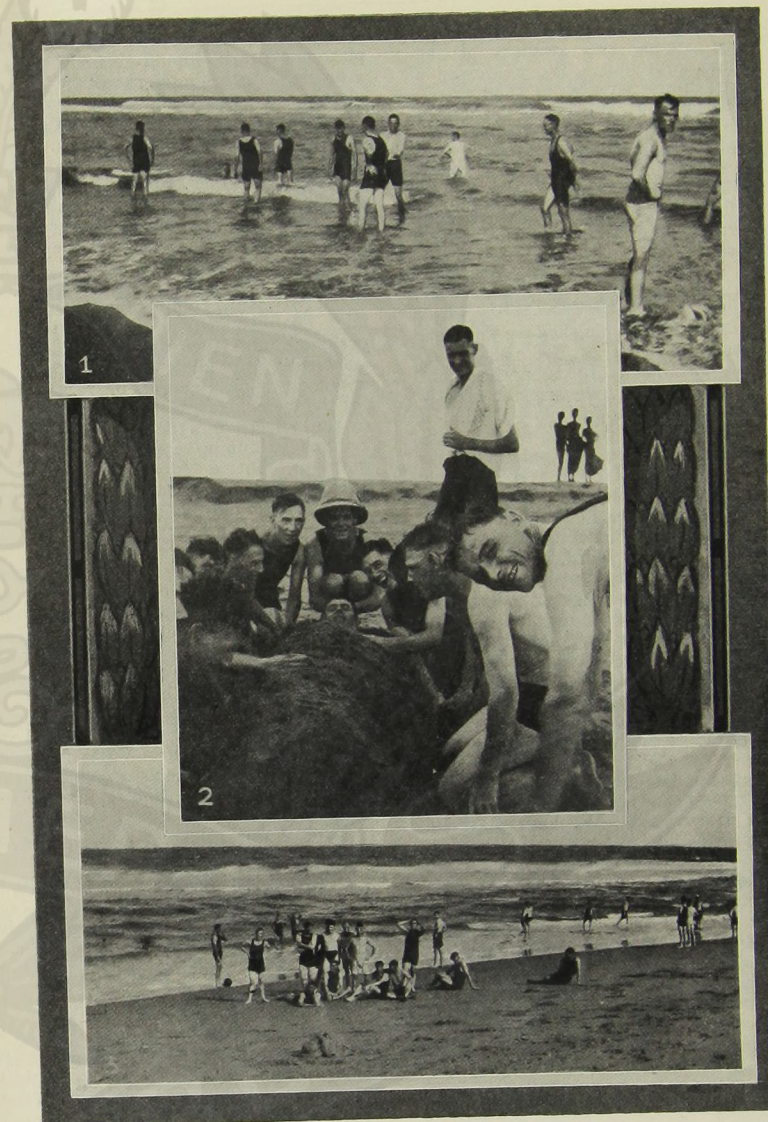
The plains, 8,000 feet below, make a very impressive sight from this position. The return journey home led through roads which were lined with hedges, fir trees and green fields which are more reminiscent of England than almost any place in India.

We have had an appreciable number of successes in our Company Sports during the last three months.

At St. Thomas's Mount, in June, the Inter-Company Cross-Country Run was easily won by No. 5 Section.

At Wellington an Inter-Platoon and an Inter-Company Tournament (soccer and hockey) was organized for all units belonging to the Hill Sanatorium. Detachments from The Royal Dragoons, The Suffolk Regiment, The Manchester Regiment and our own Regiment took part.

We were very successful, winning all events. In the Inter-Platoon Games, the Draught Platoon (No. 10 Platoon) won both the hockey and the soccer. In the Inter-Company Tournament the Middlesex Detachment, comprising Machine Gunners, the Band and Details, won both the hockey and the soccer. These achievements were very creditable performances against other units, who were by no means easy opponents. No. 10 Platoon in particular is to be congratulated on possessing a very high team spirit.



2nd BATTALION.
D Company at Ennore.

New talent in the athletic line has been discovered among the gunners at the noble game of tennis. We possessed a good court in our barracks at Wellington, and a tournament which was organized soon proved that we had some enthusiastic and vigorous performers. Pte. Durkin invariably commanded a good gallery. His terrific drives would frequently find the boundary, many of them being perfect sixes, much to the joy of spectators.

D COMPANY NOTES.

With our musketry finished we find ourselves back at Fort St. George again, with only two Dicky Birds in the Company. Consequently, we are not greatly bothered with afternoon Pokey Drill. In spite of this record, we take off our hats to A Company, who not only have no thirds, but have by far the best shooting average in the Battalion. So we shall see our crown and guns decorating other arms at the end of the musketry year. Apparently, our little bird from Wellington was not very far from being correct.

It is no longer necessary to walk out in a complete bundle of fours, as the inhabitants of Madras have seen the error of their ways and become law-abiding citizens. The Malabar Police still decorate the Ramparts and are staying here in case of an emergency, but we no longer stand to with battle order at the ready.

During the last quarter sports of the inter-company and platoon variety have been at a standstill. We have played a few games of hockey and football with a number of outside clubs. At hockey we managed to beat the Youths' Sports Association twice, 6-0 and 5-0, and the Vepery Recreational Club 5-1. Only one game of football was played, and in this we were again the winners. Our opponents were the Perambur Football Club, and the score 5-1. It is interesting to note that the Battalion played a very similar team from the same club and lost 3-2. With this in mind we hope to do great things when football gets into its full stride. May we not hope in vain.

August found the Company Recreation Account a few chips in credit, and platoons were called upon to suggest a way of spending it. Many ideas came

forth, the best of them being that each platoon, in turn, should go to Ennore for a picnic. Accordingly we set off, No. 16 platoon, in turn, should go to Ennore for Nos. 15, 14 and 13, in that order. All parties, with the exception of No. 14, had good weather, but unfortunately No. 14 was caught in one of those light showers peculiar to this part of the country, which wet them all through in a very short space of time. Starting from the Fort at about 2.30 p.m., we arrived at the bungalow, hired for the occasion, at about 3.15 p.m., complete with our goods and chattels. Beach games kept us occupied until the sun had gone down sufficiently to allow for bathing. At about 4.15 p.m. a general move was made for the water, leaving the cooks in charge of our effects and the grub department. Serious swimming was right out of the question, but a football used as an offensive weapon, and the waves which are many around this choppy and dangerous coast, made a very happy hour pass quickly. After bathing came the tea interval, and judging from the amount of tuck that disappeared very soon, the bracing sea air of Ennore can be voted as a wonderful appetiser. Has anyone ever heard of the sandwich that came back from Ennore? A certain individual of No. 16, after he had eaten far more than one would think it was possible to hold, was heard to ask if he would get back in time for supper. What a wonderful advertisement for an enterprising citizen of Ennore—Before and After coming to Ennore. But we are inclined to think it was a case of after a little enforced residence during His Majesty's pleasure, under the able supervision of Sergt. Walker.

At about 6.30 p.m. the mosquitoes began to arrive in swarms, so we decided to depart, and arrived back at the Fort rather tired and sandy after a very pleasant afternoon.

A new competition has been started in the Battalion, the rules being run on the Race Card. The company with the least number of sick during the month can send one platoon to Ennore free of charge, the money being provided by the P.R.I. D Company holds the honour for August. We have been anxiously waiting to see which platoon would go, and we have

just had news that it is to be No. 16 Platoon, as they have had the least number of sick during the last month.

The Company Band has been playing at a number of dances of late, as the Regimental Band is away at Wellington on their holidays. Our Band is still improving. May they continue to improve, cut out Jack Hylton, and roll the conkers in to make more trips to the briny possible before we leave this part of the world for the permanent residence on the banks of the Nile, where, we hope, bathing will be an everyday occurrence.

By the time these notes appear in print we expect to be back on the slopes of St. Thomas's Mount, dashing around performing vanguard and such war-like manoeuvres to complete our Company Training. It is hoped that there will be more to relate in our next issue of notes, as we expect by then to be in the throes of our moving preparations for that long trek to the Sudan. Every step towards Khartoum is one step nearer home.

DEE.

DRUMS NOTES.

Here we are again, and quite proud of ourselves as we are now full blown musicians. The Band is at Wellington for a change of air, and since they left Fort St. George we have been playing weekly programmes in the Officers' Mess in their place.

As a matter of fact quite a number of us are thinking of taking up jobs as blacksmiths in civilian life. Ask Kelly!

Honker says he has worn three pairs of hands out putting the effects in "Hobomoko." We believe he got this job owing to his Honker Moko.

Our numbers have been augmented by Carpo and Busty Mac rejoining us from the hills. We had given up all hopes of seeing Carpo again, as we heard he was converted to a Hill Parrot.

At last we have broken our spell of daily practice, and are now doing work as Intelligence Section. We cannot hide our light under a bushel for ever! The Drum-Major is our Instructor, and under his tuition we are progressing quite well for youngsters.

As regards sport we are still holding our own at football and hockey and hope

to muster a cricket team before long, as the cricket season starts next month.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Gribble on winning the Billiard Tournament held among the Corporals.

We leave Madras for Khartoum on April 12th, 1931, and are lucky to be losing only one drummer from our number.

We leave Madras for Khartoum on Battalion Drummers, and we shall be quite pleased when we hand over our spikes and chains to them on their commencing their tour of the Mystic East, the Land of Oriental Charm.

Who was the local man mountain of muscles who tears up paper in his wrath? Ask our bass drummer!

CROWN A. Z.

BAND NOTES.

Since the last notes appeared much has happened, and at present we are away from the heat of Madras and enjoying life in the Nilgiri Hills.

We arrived in Wellington on July 17th for a three months' change of air. The climate is almost English, so sport is freely indulged in.

Shortly after our arrival we played the Band of The Lancashire Fusiliers at football and defeated them by three goals to one. In the Inter-Platoon Football Competition we were unlucky to lose to the M.G. Platoon.

Rugby is well in favour, and Bdsmn. Hills and Knights return to Madras very shortly to play for the Battalion.

So far we have played only one game of hockey which we lost to the Hill Sanatorium. We have yet to show our real form and hope to do better in the near future.

Bdsmn. Broadbridge and Gilbert have had opportunities of showing their form at cricket while playing for the Gymkhana.

The boys have played several games of football. After being defeated three times by St. Joseph's College, they at last turned the tables and won by the odd goal in the last match.

Once again the Trooping Season is drawing near. Bdsmn. Gower, Salisbury and Pinner go on the first boat. They will be greatly missed. Gower and

Salisbury have been with us over twelve years. Gower has been the Battalion sprinter all through his service, and has represented the Battalion in all sports except cricket. Even then he has been the scorer.

Band-Cpl. Smith leaves us for the Small Arms School very shortly. We wish him the best of luck and hope he gets a D.

Before closing we must congratulate Bdsn. Dark on his being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

* * *

Is Smithy taking corks for his top shelf away with him?

Does U.K. mean United Kingdom or Upper Khartoum?

B. FLAT.

SIGNAL NOTES.

The Signal Section wish to take this opportunity of congratulating 2/Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, our new Signal Officer, on gaining a Special Certificate at the Army Signal School, Poona.

Procedure lectures have always been considered very dry affairs, but now the fear (or hope) of dozing is absolutely nil.

L./Cpl. Parker is on an A.Is. Course at Poona. We wish him the very best of good fortune and sincerely hope he, too, gains a certificate of high merit.

The Section also wish to thank Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey for the many excellent outings he organized. We know what it is like to feel like Oliver Twist. The trips were enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Mention of the Ennore outings reminds me that 29 Thompson would very much like to know who taught our Company Sergeant-Major the art of knotting and lashing.

We congratulate Cpl. Ramsey on being chosen for the Battalion rugby team and we hope he will never find himself in the awful condition of the poor fellow we heard of at the concert—all cut up and bleeding.

When the Band went to Wellington the Section took over their bungalow, and also the use of the clock in their possession (temporarily). So useful have we found the clock in getting us early on parades (meals) that we have decided the Band have held it rather too long. Look

out for yourself at the next cross-country run, the Band!

Hockey is still in abeyance, but in our next quarter's notes we hope to have something very interesting to say on this subject.

The party of Signals who went to Wellington have now returned looking well, and have joined the remainder of the Section in preparing for the Annual Classification which takes place in October.

Ptes. 21 Smith and Fisk will shortly be leaving us for civilian life. We hope they prosper and that they will sometimes think of us ploughing our way through the sand at Khartoum.

TWONINE.

EMPLOYED GROUP NOTES.

One would think that owing to the great number of clerks in our Group notes would figure prominently every quarter. But, owing to the fact that there are very few authors, the last news from us was over eighteen months ago.

We have had a lot of changes, what with people going to the United Kingdom and Home Establishment, etc., and in all probability we shall lose a lot more this year.

Everybody is looking forward, with mixed feelings, to the move to Khartoum, and it is rumoured that sand pails and spades will be in great demand. Tubby Rowell would be in his element if he were proceeding with us. Personally I think that he would make a typical "Beau Geste."

Capt. N. P. Procter, our Adjutant, took a party to Ennore for a day's outing just recently. They had a very good time, thanks to the catering of Drum-Major Poulter, L./Cpl. Biggin and Busty Williams, our cook. There is a strong rumour going round that Shaboodin is giving sherbet dabs and toffee apples away on the next outing. Ennore is a little seaside resort just outside Madras on the coast of the Bay of Bengal. (Sounds nice, doesn't it?)

Capt. N. P. Procter, L./Cpl. Deane, Ptes. Such, 29 Robinson and Brooker were selected to represent the Battalion in the District Hockey Tournament, and



1 & 4.—Signal Section.
2 & 3.—Drums.

2nd BATTALION.

after a very exciting game we lost by one goal to nil.

According to the latest amendment to S.A.T. a few of our heads do not have to fire their Annual Weapon Training Course. I wonder if it will mean less thirds in H.Q. Wing or a lower company average?

We welcome 2/Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson to the Wing. He will be a great asset in all our sports. We congratulate him on obtaining a Special Certificate at the Army Signal School, Poona.

Our Company Commander, Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey, is at present on an Intelligence Course at Poona. We are confident that he will pass with flying colours.

Our C.Q.M.S. has returned from Wellington, and it is a pity that he did not fire his Course where marksmen are made.

H. M.

LETTER FROM MR. J. MUNROE.

U.M.T., SANATORIUM,
AROGYAVARAM P.O.
NEAR MADANAPALLI ROAD,
SOUTH INDIA,
September 22nd, 1930.

TO THE ADJUTANT, 2ND MIDDLESEX
REGIMENT, MADRAS.

DEAR SIR,

Could you kindly forward the enclosed two poems to "Die Hards Doings." If the editor is at all dubious on the score of literary merit, he might look up the *London Times Literary Supplement*, dated September 30th, 1926, wherein my last book was mentioned—"Calcutta Rhymes."

I should be glad if you would remember me to the Quartermaster, Mr. Douthet. We were young N.C.Os. together for many years (I put in 25 years with the Die Hards).

Yours faithfully,

J. MUNROE.

P.S.—Have you an old copy of "Die Hards Doings." I haven't seen one for some years.

ANY COMPLAINTS?

Any complaints, any complaints?
Any from sinners or any from saints?
Any from oddities, curios, quaints?
Any, oh any, oh any complaints?

The Cook-Sergeant's lookin' quite blue
round the mouth,
'E's tremblin' an' shakin', the blinkin' old
scout,
'E's listenin' 'ard to the orderly's
shout—
Any complaints?

The Orderly Officer's lookin' quite bored,
'E fingers 'is chin, an' 'e taps at 'is sword;
Four times 'as 'e 'eard 'ow the orderly
roared—
Any complaints?

There ain't no complaint, there ain't no
complaint,
Nothin' from sinner, or nothin' from
saint;

If there was the old Quarter Bloke's
storeman would faint,
'Taint no blinkin' use in the Army it
ain't—
Gorblimey it ain't.

DIOGENES.

THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

The British Soldier's tall and thin, the
British Soldier's fat,
And "registers" impassive calm right
underneath his hat.
But don't you take him for a fool—you'll
make a great mistake,
For d-n the man he dearly loves a fight
for fighting's sake.

The Native Merchant loves the man, he
loves his simple mind,
The Native Merchant "does" the man
whenever he's inclined.
But when the fighting happens and the
atmosphere's just noise,
The Native Merchant quivers and he loses
all his poise.

The Politician taxes him, they take his
money in;
Disloyalty they cannot tax, so loyalty
they skin.
But when the fighting happens—just look
around and stare.
To find the Politician—well, the blighter
isn't there.

It doesn't seem to be a bet—it's not a
squarish rule
To treat a man indifferent like, or treat
him as a fool.
And when the fighting happens, to say to
him "Form Fours!"
I'll skip along and catch a train—besides,
this job is yours."

DIOGENES.

INKERMAN.

November 5th, 1854.

BEING AN EXTRACT FROM VOL. XIII OF
FORTESCUE'S "HISTORY OF THE BRITISH
ARMY."

COLLATONS,
BOW, DEVON,

October 2nd, 1930.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have just come across enclosed interesting account of the battle of Inkerman in Fortescue's "History of the British Army," Vol. XIII just published. I hope it may not be too late for the next issue of the DIE HARDs which would be coming out just about the anniversary of this battle.

Yours truly,

G. W. SAVILE,

The Russian General, Soimonoff, set 12 battalions, some good men, in motion to advance up the comb of the ridge upon the left of Pennefather's main position, while simultaneously Pavloff's six thousand moved upon its centre and right. Edging down from the comb into lower ground, which was encumbered by oak-scrub and by boulders, the Russians could not preserve any regular formation, and meanwhile English reinforcements were advancing to meet them—Townsend's Battery, four Companies of the 88th, and as many of the 77th, the eight companies numbering some 550 in all. The 88th came into action first; advancing in line they were met by a wedge of Russians which cut them in two. The two right-hand companies were driven back at once, but the two left-hand companies fired a volley, charged, and pursued until encountering overwhelming force, they fell

back in turn, closely followed by the enemy. Retreating towards the western end of the Horne Ridge they came upon three guns of Townsend's Battery, which had just been unlimbered. Passing these by they left the pieces to their fate. The gunners, after a short, but gallant resistance, were overpowered; and the Russians pressed on, triumphant, against Pennefather's left flank.

There was nothing to stop them but the four companies of the 77th which had just arrived, and which now came forward in line to meet the attack. Their Commander, Colonel Egerton, can have had no conception of the numbers opposed to him, but he was conscious of a deep column in his front, and of a straggling irregular column turning his left flank. His left hand company turned to its left, and charged straight through the turning column, while the three other companies halted, fired a volley to their front, and charged. The Russians gave way, and with the English often in their midst rather than at their backs, ran back to Shell Hill, at the foot of which Egerton rallied his men and made them lie down. Thus Egerton, with two hundred and sixty men, had disposed of two Russian battalions; and two more battalions on the immediate left of these conformed to their movement and fell back, abandoning their three captured guns of Townsend's battery. These were presently secured by the advance of rallied men of the 47th and 88th Regiment.

DEPOT NOTES.

*AEQUAM memento rebus in arduis
servare mentem.* A good motto to live up to, unfortunately not observed by many. It is noticeable how the young recruit who does not lose his head under circumstances out of the ordinary develops into the best soldier. He is the man who will be the leader and the mainstay in the future.

The annual inspection by the Area Commander took place on September 26th.

On October 2nd General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., and Lady Clarke paid a visit

to the Depot. Sir Charles took the keenest interest in the Regimental Museum, and has promised some most interesting and unique articles.

On October 8th Brig.-General R. M. Heath, C.M.G., D.S.O., paid us a visit. China seems to have agreed with him, and he was looking very well.

We had a visit on July 16th from Col. E. H. Greenwood and Archdeacon Macintosh of the Wentworth Regiment of Canada. They brought with them a very handsome silver salver and a mounted deer head from the Officers of the Wentworth Regiment to present to the Officers of the Depot. (Photograph reproduced.) The salver has the Wentworth Regiment crest engraved in the middle, with the signatures of all their officers surrounding it. The deer head was from a deer shot by one of their officers.

The Depot Officers have presented, through Col. Greenwood, to the Officers of the Wentworth Regiment a framed copy of the engraving of Lady Butler's picture. Col. Greenwood made a tour of the Depot and showed the greatest interest in everything. He has sent us a most amusing account in verse of this visit and of his visit to the 1st Battalion. A letter from him is published with these notes.

Lieut. F. C. Easton, 57th Australian Infantry, paid us a farewell visit on September 4th before sailing for Melbourne.

Capt. Rackham, Lieut. Walden, Sergts. Brockman and Buckle and Cpl. Sneesby were attached to the 132nd Infantry Brigade from July 22nd to August 6th during the Annual Camp of the Territorial Battalions.

2/Lieut. J. P. Hall has been attached to the Depot from September 29th to October 18th on posting to the Regiment.

2/Lieut. P. L. O'Dowd is carrying out his preliminary training at the Depot on being appointed to the Supplementary Reserve of Officers.

Each pair of rooms in A and B Blocks have now got their V.C. names painted up as follows: MacReady Diarmid, Toye, Wright, Edwards, Gardiner, Stagpoole, Hallows, Ryder, Park, McCorrie, Wallace Wright, Booth and Down.

All the roads in barracks now have their name-plates up. The following are

the names: Cambridge, Kent, Picton, Jackson, Veitch, Lawrence, Arabin, Inglis, Marsh and Hardinge.

Squads proceeded to join the 1st Battalion as follows:—

Mons.—June 6th.

Ypres.—June 13th.

Nivelle.—October 6th.

The Regimental Tennis Tournament, which was due to take place on September 13th, was unavoidably cancelled owing to bad weather.

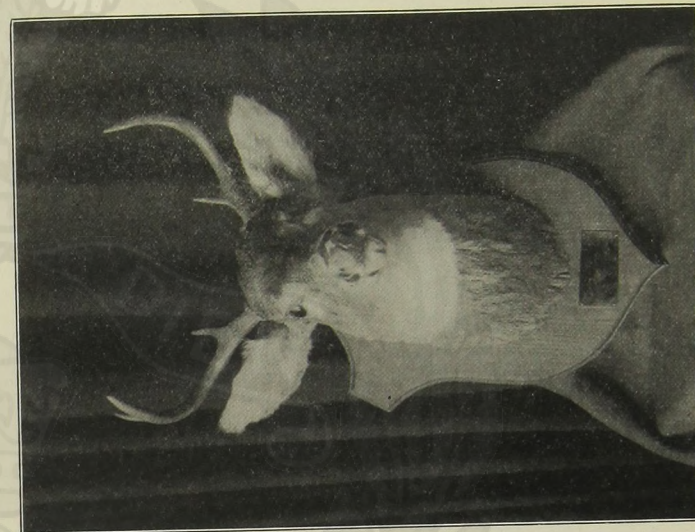


"CADRE."

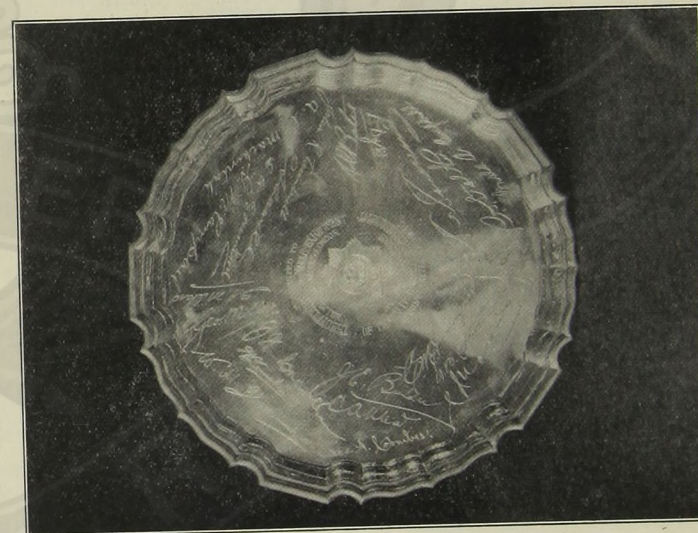
An Inter-Squad Athletic Contest took place on July 15th, when Nivelle Squad came out champions, followed by Lady-smith and Albuhera.

A full winter programme of concerts, whist drives and dances has been arranged. The N.A.A.F.I. Concert Party and that arranged by the Rev. Sheehan are giving us several entertainments.

On October 10th and 11th the flags at the Depot were flown at half-mast on the occasion of the funeral proceedings of the victims of the R101 disaster.



Photographia, Golder's Green.



Photographia, Golder's Green.

Silver Salver and Deer Head presented to the Officers of the Depot by the Officers of the 1st Battalion The Wentworth Regiment.

Box 270,
DUNDAS, ONT.

September 2nd, 1930.

DEAR MAJOR PARGITER,

I am almost ashamed for not having written you before, but since I returned I have had so many little things to attend to, but never once have I forgotten my visits to Mill Hill and Catterick and the way you all received me. I am living in hopes that should the 1st Battalion visit Bermuda for a while, that myself and a couple more officers will also be able to visit the Battalion there. Anyway, I expect to come again to England in a couple of years and again renew friendships.

I have made all the officers of this Battalion envious of my uniforms, and they agree with me that you were a brick to go to so much trouble to see that I got everything correct.

I have written a few verses, but regret I could not make a better job of it. Had I known the ones mentioned more intimately and their peculiarities, I may have done better. Anyway, it might create a little humour.

I went with the officers on a week-end camp the last week-end. We had a grand time and I am pleased to say did not have to work very hard. I find work very tiresome since coming home; in fact, I doubt whether I shall ever settle down again. I am thinking seriously of taking treatments and having monkey-glands introduced and reducing my age and joining up again with you. I think Sergt. Shaw or L./Cpl. Nicholls would find me a job in the cookhouse, where at least I could get enough good snacks and be excused from P.T. and parades once in a while, or perhaps Nobby Clarke would need an assistant.

I received your letter and book describing the Tattoo. It was very nice of you to send it, and also to give me the privilege of presenting the picture, "Steady, the Drums," to the Wentworth Regiment. I have not mentioned it yet at the Mess and do not intend to until I have had it framed and can present it suitably. I will have it photographed when framed and send you a copy of it. I had hoped that I could purchase it and present it myself, and now that I cannot perhaps you could suggest some

other picture or historical article that I could present myself in connection with the Middlesex Regiment.

I personally thank you all for your generosity, but you will no doubt be officially thanked when I present it on your behalf to the Mess.

I think you will no doubt by this time be quite tired of trying to read my writing, so will conclude, and please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Pargiter and all the friends I met while at the Depot. Please drop me a line when you have the time.

Trusting you are all well,

Yours very sincerely,

E. H. GREENWOOD.

P.S.—The padre came back on the boat with me, and some brilliant lady on board gave him the nickname of "Major Knock-em Back." I believe that was due to the amount of water he could consume.

GAZETTE.

POSTINGS.

6198776 L./Cpl. H. Ramsden: Posted to 1st Battalion, 5/7/30.

4256283 Cpl. L. Brown and 6197353 Cpl. E. Edmonds: Posted to the 1st Battalion, 10/7/30.

6198243 L./Cpl. P. Oliver: Posted from 1st Battalion, 17/7/30, for a tour of duty.

6722741 L./Cpl. H. Sims: Posted from 1st Battalion, 27/7/30, for a tour of duty.

APPOINTMENT.

6196846 Cpl. W. Holt: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, w.e.f. 21/7/30, to complete establishment.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6199005 Pte. F. Broughton, 6199430 Pte. J. Bennett, 6199426 Pte. C. Betteridge, 785890 Pte. T. Brownlee, 6199417 Pte. F. Chapman, 6199447 Pte. W. Duddy, 6199455 Pte. F. Dean, 6199408 Pte. D. Fegan, 6199404 Pte. R. Hunt, 6199428 Pte. S. Hone, 6007086 Pte. J. Jessop, 6199165 Pte. C. Jacob, 799217 Pte. T. Ling, 6199443 Pte. J. Palmer,

6199421 Pte. H. Rogers, 6199454 Pte. J. Roskilly, 6199422 Pte. F. Smith, 6199442 Pte. K. Simpson.

SERVICE.

6188527 R.S.M. R. Mantell: Permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years for a further period of 12 months, i.e., until 16/7/32.

6192161 Sergt. H. Tisdale: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 8/9/30 for such a period as shall complete 21 years' service.

N.C.Os.' PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

2203910 L./Sergt. C. Soper: Passed for Sergeant at a Promotion Examination held at Mill Hill in November, 1927.

CRICKET NOTES.

The season of 1930 has been a very enjoyable one. Our fortunes have fluctuated, but we can congratulate ourselves on the fact that our wins outnumber our defeats.

Our captain, mediator and philosopher, Capt. Whinney, has received noble support from Major Pargiter, R.Q.M.S. Pilley, Sergt. O'Brien and Cpl. Coulling throughout the whole season, not forgetting Mr. Crawford's valuable opening assistance, whereby the bowlers' hearts were broken, even if few runs were scored by him; whilst our embryo Duckworth, Pte. James, has improved out of all knowledge, and we hope he will develop into a first-class wicket-keeper.

Perhaps our most notable success was the defeat of Lieut.-Col. McGregor Greer's XI, which included the celebrated Surrey and England player, J. N. Crawford. Capt. Rackham is not likely to forget for many years the catch with which he dismissed this Trojan when he appeared set for a big score.

Our one drawn match is also worthy of comment. The last-wicket partnership between C.Q.M.S. Steadman and Pte. James defied every artifice of a skilful and varied attack for twenty minutes in the failing light, when defeat seemed imminent.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES PLAYED.

24/5/30.—v. Finchley Municipal C.C., lost by 5 wickets.

28/5/30.—v. The Life Guards, lost by 33 runs.

14/6/30.—v. Tottenham Gas Company, won by 38 runs.

2/7/30.—v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment, lost by 83 runs.

5/7/30.—v. Finchley C.C., lost by 14 runs.

9/7/30.—v. R.A.F., Stanmore, won by 8 wickets.

17/7/30.—v. Finchley Police, won by 4 runs.

25/7/30.—v. Old Finchleians C.C., won by 2 wickets.

18/8/30.—v. Finchley Municipal C.C., won by 9 wickets.

20/8/30.—v. R.A.S.C., Feltham, lost by 103 runs.

27/8/30.—v. R.A.F., Northolt, won by 9 wickets.

28/8/30.—v. Finchley C.C., lost by 6 wickets.

30/8/30.—v. Lt.-Col. McGregor Greer's XI, won by 6 wickets.

4/9/30.—v. Metropolitan Tramways C.C., won by 2 wickets.

11/9/30.—v. Stroud Green, drawn.

Total: Played, 15; won, 8; lost, 6; drawn, 1.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Runs.	Inns.	Not out.	Aver.
Capt. C. T. Whinney	12	274	76	—	22.83
Major L. L. Pargiter	12	245	79	—	20.42
Cpl. Coulling	12	134	28	—	11.62*
R.Q.M.S. Pilley	17	177	21*	1	11.06
Sergt. O'Brien	16	177	62	—	11.06
Pte. Bish	14	139	50*	1	10.69
Sergt. Buckle	6	44	10*	1	8.80
Lieut. M. Crawford	11	86	17	—	7.82
Capt. B. B. Rackham	13	88	39	1	7.33
Capt. F. G. Parker	4	27	12	—	6.75
Pte. James	12	43	12	5	6.14
Pte. Savoury	16	75	17*	3	5.79
Pte. Mann	7	12	5	1	2.00
C.Q.M.S. E. Steadman	7	7	5*	3	1.75

The following also batted:—Pte. Garnish, 4*, 2, 0*; Lieut. Wray, 17*, 0; Sergt. Smith, A.E.C., 2, 0; Sergt. Wright, 0*, 2; Lieut. Franklin, 6; L./Cpl. Sims, 5; Major Money, 3; Pte. Gould, 1. * Not out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Sergt. O'Brien	195	41	483	60	8.03
Capt. C. T. Whinney	134	30	325	38	8.55
Capt. F. G. Parker	25	7	115	8	14.37
Cpl. Coulling	69	14	204	12	17.00
Pte. Savory	44	18	169	8	21.13

INTER-SQUAD CRICKET.

Although, owing to the weather, it was not possible to complete this competition, enough matches were played to place Ladysmith Squad (Sergt. Tisdale) in

an impregnable position. They may therefore consider themselves the champion squad at cricket, 1930.

The matches produced some exciting finishes, and, at times, amusing cricket. There was no Bradman, but super-Grimmets were plentiful, and Chapmans conspicuous.

The outstanding players were:—

Nivelle.—Ptes. James and Broughton.
Ladysmith.—Cpl. Brightman, and Ptes. Betteridge, Chapman, Ling and Faith.

Albuhera.—Ptes. Lee and Franklin.

Mons.—Ptes. Rothwell and Game.

Results:—

Ladysmith beat Nivelle by 4 wickets.

Ladysmith beat Albuhera by 41 runs.

Albuhera beat Nivelle by 21 runs.

Nivelle beat Mons by 68 runs.

Ladysmith beat Nivelle by an innings and 19 runs.

Albuhera beat Nivelle by 15 runs.

Nivelle beat Mons by 11 runs.

Ladysmith beat Mons by an innings and 53 runs.

Ladysmith beat Albuhera by an innings and 44 runs.

Table:—

Squad.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
1. Ladysmith	5	5	0	0	10
2. Albuhera	4	2	2	0	4
3. Nivelle	6	2	4	0	4
4. Mons	3	0	3	0	0

RIFLE MEETING.

The Annual Rifle Meeting was held on Thursday and Friday, October 2nd and 3rd, and proved a great success. The following were the results of the various competitions:—

Individual Championship.

Series A, Depot Staff Personnel.—1, Sergt. S. Buckle, 56; 2, Sergt. B. Brockman, 50; 3, Dmr. Course, 49. Wooden spoon, Pte. Hunt, 10.

Series B, Recruits.—1, Pte. Chapman (Ladysmith), 39; 2, Pte. Broughton (Nivelle), 37; 3, Pte. Betteridge (Ladysmith), 34.

Inter-Mess Challenge Cup.—1, Sergeants' Mess, 260 (Sergts. Brockman, Buckle and Steward, and L./Sergt. O'Brien); 2, Corporals' Club, 214 (Cpls. Sneesby, Chillery and Coulling, and L./Cpl. Swadling); 3, Officers' Mess, 197 (Major English, Capt. Rackham, Lieut.

Walden and 2/Lieut. Hall); 4, Privates, Depot Staff, 163 (Ptes. Armstrong, 49 Greene, Margrie and McQuillan).

Inter-Squad Team Competition.

Series A, 30 Yards' Range.—1, Nivelle No. 1 Team, 139 (Ptes. Dehnel, Holiday, Lockyer and Nayler); 2, Ladysmith No. 1 Team, 128 (Ptes. Betteridge, Chapman, Jessop and Rogers).

Series B, Miniature Range.—1, Albuhera No. 3 Team, 107 (Ptes. Casey, Franklin, Harbour and Read); 2, Mons No. 1 Team, 83 (Ptes. Brooker, Hodley, Scribbens and Shingles).

Rapid Fire Competition.—1, Sergt. Brockman, 37; 2, Cpl. Coulling, 36.

Knock-out Pairs Competition.

Series A, 30 Yards' Range.—1, Major English and L./Sergt. O'Brien; 2, L./Cpl. Swadling and Pte. Elkins.

Series B, Miniature Range.—1, Ptes. Palmer and Songman; 2, Ptes. Duddy and Harbour.

Lewis Gun Pairs Competition.—This match ended in a tie between the two following pairs with a score of 26 points each. On the reshoot, the result was as follows:—

1. Cpl. Coulling and Pte. Savory, 23.
2. Sergt. Steward and Cpl. Patterson, 15.

Pool Bull Competition.

Series A, 30 Yards' Range.—R.Q.M.S. Pilley.

Series B, Miniature Range.—Pte. Palmer (Albuhera).

Ladies' Competition, Amazon Stakes.—1, Mrs. Chasney, 39; 2, Mrs. Mantell, 35; 3, Mrs. Brockman, 29.

Throughout the meeting some very successful side-shows were run in the Gymnasium, and great credit is due to all those who so ably assisted to make this part of the meeting such a success.

SOCIAL CLUB.

A Social Club and Infant Welfare Centre for the use of the married families has been started in barracks. The former R.A.S.C. store-room has been set aside for this purpose and is gradually being furnished. Mrs. Pargiter and the Medical Officer are present once a fortnight, and so far there have been very

healthy reports about our youngest members. It is rumoured that Mrs. Pargiter is shortly going to hold a baby show, but volunteers for the dangerous post of judge have not been forthcoming.

In order to confute the theory of Dr. Johnson that "words are women's daughters, but deeds are men's sons," a very able Committee, consisting of Mrs. Mantel, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Soper, has organized two highly successful whist drives during the recent quarter. The winners were as follows:—

Whist drive held on July 16th:

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Easton; 2, Mrs. Paterson.

Gents.—1, L./Sergt. Soper; 2, Sergt. Shaw.

Whist drive held on August 13th:

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Wright; 2, Mrs. Moore.

Gents.—1, Sergt. Moore; 2, Cpl. Regan.

A full programme of whist drives and dances has been arranged for the winter months.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Through the medium of the Journal we wish to thank Col. E. H. Greenwood, T.D., The Wentworth Regiment, for his visit to the Mess during July. As the visit was unexpected, it is regretted that more members were not present at the time, but at a later date the whole of the Mess drank to his good health and to the well-being of the Wentworth Regiment.

Our annual Tennis At Home to the Officers was held on July 10th. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, the weather being kind to us.

The result of the tennis match was: Officers, 111 games; Sergeants, 71 games. Although this result appears overwhelming some very hard games took place.

On July 23rd the whole of the Mess and families went to Brighton for the day. Although the weather was none too brilliant, all enjoyed themselves.

A Mess Tennis Tournament held during July and August resulted in:

- 1, R.Q.M.S. Pilley; 2, C.Q.M.S. Steadman; 3, C.S.M. Cook.

R.Q.M.S. Pilley beat C.Q.M.S. Steadman 6—3, 6—3; and C.S.M. Cook beat O.R.Q.M.S. Finch 6—2, 1—6, 6—4. (Steadman blames the cornfields for his defeat.)

On September 5th the Officers were At Home to the Mess. We had a very enjoyable afternoon, some very good games of tennis, clock golf and bowls taking place.

As the Officers were in the minority we could not make the tennis match games, so we still have to live to fight another day.

On September 26th we held our first whist drive and dance of the season. Although the weather was unkind the Mess was fairly crowded, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, terminating at 1 a.m.

The whist drive prize-winners were:—*Gents*.—1, Mr. Jennings; 2, Sergt. Brockman; 3, R.S.M. Mantell.

Ladies.—1, Mrs. Richardson; 2, Miss Bradshaw; 3, Mrs. Jennings.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

All quiet on the Western Front is the only report which really fits our activities this quarter.

Early in July we held a billiards and darts tournament, which, besides providing us with an excellent evening's entertainment, proved that most of our members learnt to play under the influence of Mr. Tickler. We here take the opportunity to thank Col. Greenwood, of the Wentworth Regiment, for providing the refreshment on that evening. We wish him the best of luck.

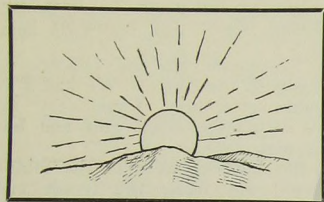
We congratulate L./Sergt. Holt on his appointment, and hope he proves as valuable an asset to the Sergeants' Mess as he was to the Corporals' Club.

We welcome L./Cpls. Sims and Oliver and wish them both a successful tour at the Depot.

L./Cpl. Sims has proved invaluable when compiling our football forecasts, for his knowledge of football, based on twelve years' experience as a supporter of the 'Spurs, is only equalled by that of his contemporary, Cpl. Patterson. A tennis ball will bounce ten feet. If everything bounced according to its size,

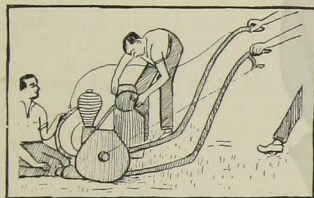
(Continued on page 584.)

TENNIS AT THE DEPOT.

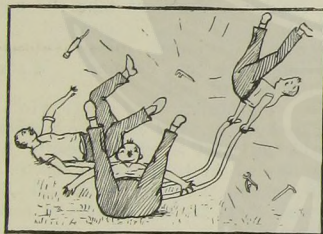


THIS is the Sun that rises at dawn
And gives high hopes of a golden morn
For us to prepare the tennis lawn.

Here are the boys who breakfast in haste,
For really there is no time to waste
And the whitening has got to be mixed into
paste.



An hour's hard labour of winding and jerks
Brings no result, so we look at the works
To try and find out where the mischief
lurks.



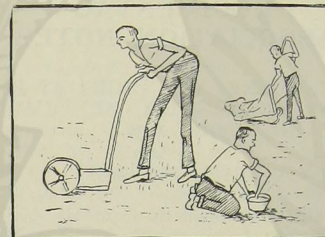
Here is a picture of our new "Shanks,"
We all hold her down for the one who
cranks,
As he's got the wind up for back-fires and
pranks.



The trouble being found that caused all our
woes,
One turn of the handle and off the brute
goes
With a bang that hurtles us head over toes.



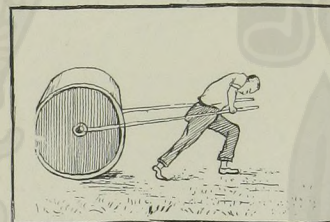
Having now got her started, we each take a
turn,
Some know how to do it and some have to
learn,
The machine's running smoothly, so with
ardour we burn.



We separate now, our tasks to perform,
One mixes the paste, one marks out the
lawn,
And another gets on with the net which is
torn.

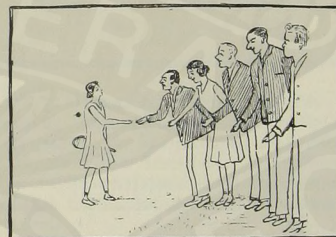


The work goes apace, with a pause here and
there
To put right some mishap, or else to repair
For refreshment and rest somewhere out of
the glare.

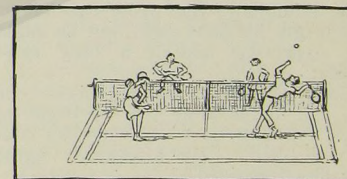


The willingest horse with the roller is found,
He strains every muscle to level the ground,
His efforts applauded by all those around.

Our task now is ended, the lawn's looking
dandy,
Exhausted we stagger to chairs which are
handy,
And bury our faces in glasses of shandy.



The result, bathed and flannelled, we looking
our best,
And, feeling refreshed by lunch and a rest,
Await the arrival of each welcome guest.



No sign do we give of the work that we've
done,
Or the hours that we've spent in the swelter-
ing sun
In order that all may enjoy some good fun.

(Continued from page 581.)

we venture to suggest that these two would have reached the moon long ago.

The B.B.Bs. are now but a fading memory of the Club, but wherever they are they can rest assured that the bounce of the Club is still going strong in the able hands of—well, that would be telling, but watch where our eyes rest. Yes—that's the blighter; bounced so hard that he went right out of the gym.

We bid our friends adieu until next

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1930.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of grants and loans made	119 14 3
Specially sanctioned by Committee:			

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on July 23rd, 1930. Present:

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel; F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer) and G. W. H. Tupper T.D.; Major L. L. Pargiter,

Hospital for Sick Children	...	2	2	0
Netley Charitable Fund	...	2	2	0
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home	...	2	2	0
Gordon Boys' Home	...	2	2	0
Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association	...	2	2	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society	...	2	2	0
Special Fund for Blind Ex-Service Men (National Institute)	...	1	1	0
St. Dunstan's	...	1	1	0



Depot, The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), September 1930.

[Photo: Panoramic Photo Coy., Manchester.]

quarter's budget, and hope that as many friends as possible will show themselves at our forthcoming dances.

ACE AND DEUCE.



The schoolboy who wrote the following had got his facts right, but he might have expressed himself a little more happily:

"In 1658 Milton married his second wife, and in the same year he began to write 'Paradise Lost.' Two years later his wife died. He afterwards wrote 'Paradise Regained.'"

Weekly allowance in a case	3	5	0
Tobacco for In-pensioners	2	12	0
Donations to charities	24	3	0
Number of cases dealt with:	162.		
Number of cases assisted:	77.		
Number of men registered for employment:	87.		
Number of men found permanent employment:	13.		
Number of men found temporary employment:	1.		
Number of men offered employment:	17.		
Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild:	5.		

D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary); Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C. (representing 2nd Battalion); Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. J. Warren and the Assistant Secretary.

The undermentioned donations to military and other charities were sanctioned on behalf of all battalions:—

	£	s.	d.
Alexandra Orphanage	2	2	0
British Legion (affiliation fee)	1	1	0
Charity Organization Society ...	4	4	0
Charity Organization Society (Registration Branch) ...	1	1	0
Imperial Ex-Service Association of Australia	1	1	0

It was decided that two sums of £25, allocated to the Regimental Journal Account from funds of disbanded Regular battalions, should be refunded and credited to the Memorial Fund.

It was decided that the next quarterly concert should be held at the Drill Hall of the 19th London Regiment, 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.

Co-operation with the Officers' Benevolent Department of the British Legion, in connection with employment for ex-officers, was agreed to, provided that no financial liability was involved.

Affiliation of the newly formed Staines

Territorial Old Comrades Association (C Company, 8th Battalion) was agreed to, and the Branch heartily welcomed.

Many letters are received by the Association expressing thanks for assistance rendered. The following are typical:—

THE SOLDIERS', SAILORS' AND AIRMEN'S FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION, STAFFORDSHIRE,
MAER HALL, nr. NEWCASTLE,
STAFFS.

September 23rd, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

I have duly received your letter of September 22nd, with its enclosures of a cheque for £2 15s., Mr. ———'s discharge certificate, and two dental estimates, and really find it impossible to express my gratitude to you for all your kindness in this case.

I am very sure that Mr. ——— will be delighted to know that it has been possible for this help to be granted, more especially as it comes from the Association of his old Regiment.

I do appreciate your kind thought of completing a form of application from the information contained in my letter, and am to-day advising my investigator at Biddulph of the position.

Once more thanking you,

Yours truly,
(Sd.) JENNETT HARRISON,
Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary,
Middlesex Regimental Association.

* * *
JANOWAY HILL,
ST. JOHN'S,
WOKING.

September 24th, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my appeal for a grant for R—W—.

I enclose the receipt form signed, and will send your letter to the boy, and hope he will write you a letter of acknowledgment. He should be most grateful for your Committee's very kind grant.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) CLARA BRUNNER,
Hon. Secretary, S.S.H.S.

The Secretary,
Regimental Association of the
Middlesex Regiment.

N.B.—The father of the boy referred to above was killed in action. A grant was made to purchase a second-hand bicycle to enable the boy to ride to and from work which he had obtained some distance from his home. He also wrote most gratefully.

* * *

THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA.

476, COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

September 1st, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith receipt for £1 is. donation you have so kindly sent us to help in our work of relieving distress amongst our comrades in Australia, for which my Executive thank you.

There are a number of our members who served in the Middlesex Regiment, I myself included leaving the Regiment in 1925. I had a severe accident to my spine in 1927 and am unable to work at all since the accident, so I devote my time trying to help our distressed members, of whom we have no less than 600 out of employment. We have managed to give them at least one meal per day, also find some of them beds. It has taken all our funds to do this, but we hope when the times get brighter and our members find jobs that we shall be in a financial position again.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. SPRIGGS,
Hon. General Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary,
Regimental Association, The
Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

7th BATTALION NOTES.

DURING camp the weather was mostly of the sandwich type, periods of sunshine with heavy showers between. Each massive bank of cloud came on and lashed our canvas with a vengeance, and then moved off to let the sun smile down again, as if to ask in irony, "How did you like that last downpour?" Sunday is always the day of days in camp, but this time it dawned with a scowl, and everyone felt cheerless until Sergt.

Chillie Carter scanned the dismal sky and broke forth into loud and happy song. Now Sergt. Carter is a model of military deportment, but the occasion called for a brief suspension of this bearing, and his prophetic melody was justified because the day was fair throughout.

In spite of the extravagant conduct of the weather, the troops enjoyed training on those vast old stretches of gorse and heather on the borders of the New Forest, and milk-and-roses complexions soon gave way to a shade of bronze. They always returned to camp with capital thirsts with which many of them temporarily joined the company of Simonds.

This year all the C.Q.M.Ss. were centred in one marquee. This was a welcome change because their collective presence is often in demand. In addition, these hard-worked men had an easy means of mutual help and inspiration. The C.Q.M.S. is a pathetic figure when at noon, full of the worries of his office, he bends his steps thoughtfully towards the Sergeants' Mess, to relieve his mind in the columns of the morning news while the camp is silent and the troops far away on the training areas.

The following is not an example of our ablutionary ideas: C.S.M. (*questioning second-week man*): "And have you brought your towel and soap?" "No, sir, I only came down for a week," replied the youthful new arrival.

Apparitions do not always bear investigation. An officer saw a well-crammed kit-bag approaching from the lines, obviously quite unassisted, but its near approach revealed a drummer just behind. Certainly some of our drummers cannot boast of mighty stature, but they are big enough to fill many parts, from the correct manipulation of flutes and drum-sticks to that of broken bones and dislocated joints in first-aid work.

R.Q.M.S. Raddon and Sergt. Smith attended camp for the last time as serving members of the Battalion, and at the convivial gatherings in the Mess the shadow of regret was sometimes felt by those who had served with them for so long and knew their worth. Years have brought them to the furthest limit of their service, and the curtain now rings down at the close of the part they have

so honourably played on the stage of the old Battalion.

The Sergeants entertained the Officers in their Mess on Wednesday evening, August 6th, and an enjoyable time was spent in the form of a convivial and concert all in one. The rigour of convention was relaxed and the programme was complete because time-honoured songs were sung by the same old artists in the good old way.

We were optimistic in our last Battalion notes in stating that structural alterations would be taking place at Hornsey almost at once. It is with disappointment we have to say that owing to rigid economy these alterations will not take place until later on. We can with pleasure state, however, that by the time these notes are published the electric light will be installed throughout the whole of the buildings.

The annual Officers versus Sergeants cricket match was revived this year and was played on a private ground at Lymington, kindly placed at our disposal by Lady St. Cyr. The result was a win for the Officers by 61 runs. Each side was limited to one and a half hours' batting. The Officers batted first and made 165 for 6 wickets; the Sergeants were dismissed for 104 runs with a quarter of an hour to spare. The cricket, although not up to Test Match standard, was very keen. We were very much indebted to Major G. L. Brown and Capt. N. H. B. Lyon of the 1st Battalion for umpiring.

Full details of the scores are as follows:—

OFFICERS.		
Capt. Arnold c and b Coaster	...	0
2/Lieut. S. Lowe b Badham	...	35
Lieut. Johnson b Coaster	...	0
Lieut. Bartram b Chapman	...	8
Capt. Ford c Silvey b Danvers	...	40
2/Lieut. Benfield not out	...	30
Lieut. Hamp-Adams st Raindle b Danvers	...	20
Capt. Pratt not out	...	9
Extras	...	23
Total (for 6 wickets.)	...	165
2/Lieuts. Womersley, Gliksten and Paul did not bat.		
SERGEANTS.		
Sergt. Webb run out	...	0
Drum-Major March b Arnold	...	1
Sergt. Chapman c Womersley b Arnold	...	2
C.S.M. Raindle c Arnold b Bartram	...	1
C.S.M. Bennett b Bartram	...	5
C.S.M. Coaster lbw b Bartram	...	33

Sergt. Silvey not out	...	...	...	13
Sergt. Danvers c and b Ford	...	...	...	1
C.Q.M.S. Vaughan c and b Ford	...	...	...	4
C.S.M. Howard c Adams b Ford	...	...	...	2
Sergt. Badham c Adams b Arnold	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	104

A Battalion Athletic Meeting took place on Tuesday, August 5th, and in the Inter-Company Football Competition D Company beat C Company in the final by 2 goals to 1.

General Sir Ivor Maxse was present on August 6th and saw the Battalion at work on the training area and the officers had the pleasure of his company at lunch that day in camp.

One of the outstanding features of camp was the special visit to the Atlantic Squadron in Portsmouth Harbour. Six officers and sixty other ranks proceeded by bus to Hythe Ferry and then by special steamer to Portsmouth, where visits were paid to H.M.Ss. *Emperor of India*, *Barham* and *Victory*.

Rumours as to the venue of next year's camp are already about. The most popular rumour seems to be that we will go to Myrtle Grove, Worthing. It is felt that this would be a most popular camp, and rumour hath it that the camp site and training areas are excellent. Further, that there is a regular bus service to Worthing, about four miles away. One sincerely hopes that the weather next year will be kinder than it was this year and the previous year at Dover. The last week in July and the first in August seem fated for bad weather.

The Brigade Rifle Meeting took place at Rainham on Sunday, July 13th. The general all-round shooting of the Battalion showed considerable improvement on that of former years. The Battalion team was third in the Lord-Lieutenant's Shield, and Sergt. Thomas of B Company is to be congratulated on winning the Individual Brigade Championship with a score of 69. A Company (team: L./Cpls. Faulkner, Fordham and Hicks, and Ptes. White, Edwards and Altria) won the Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield with a score of 248.

Pte. Williams of C Company obtained the highest individual score in the Young Soldiers' Competition with a score of 50. B Company was second in the Vickers Gun Cup Competition, being

beaten by the 9th Battalion by the small margin of 15 points. The Battalion team was also second in the Middlesex Justices' Shield.

At last we are able to report that progress has been made in the formation of the Battalion Band. The first practice took place immediately after camp at Enfield, and practices have continued on each Monday night, when a considerable amount of hard work has been put in. The Band will make its first appearance when the Battalion holds its Annual Armistice Church Parade and Memorial Service at Hornsey Parish Church on Sunday, November 9th, when all those attending this parade will be able to judge its capabilities. The Band should do a tremendous lot to help recruiting and, further, will be available for playing at company dances and other Regimental functions which are to take place.

We regret the loss of Lieut. E. J. W. Hay, who was for many years Transport Officer. Owing to business duties he found it was impracticable for him to remain with the Battalion and has, with considerable regret, transferred to the Reserve. His duties have been taken over by 2/Lieut. C. P. Gliksten, who did such valuable work with the Transport during Annual Training.

We welcome 2/Lieut. L. A. W. Barnes to the Battalion. Congratulations to Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo upon his promotion, and to R.Q.M.S. Raddon on being awarded a bar to his Territorial Efficiency Medal.

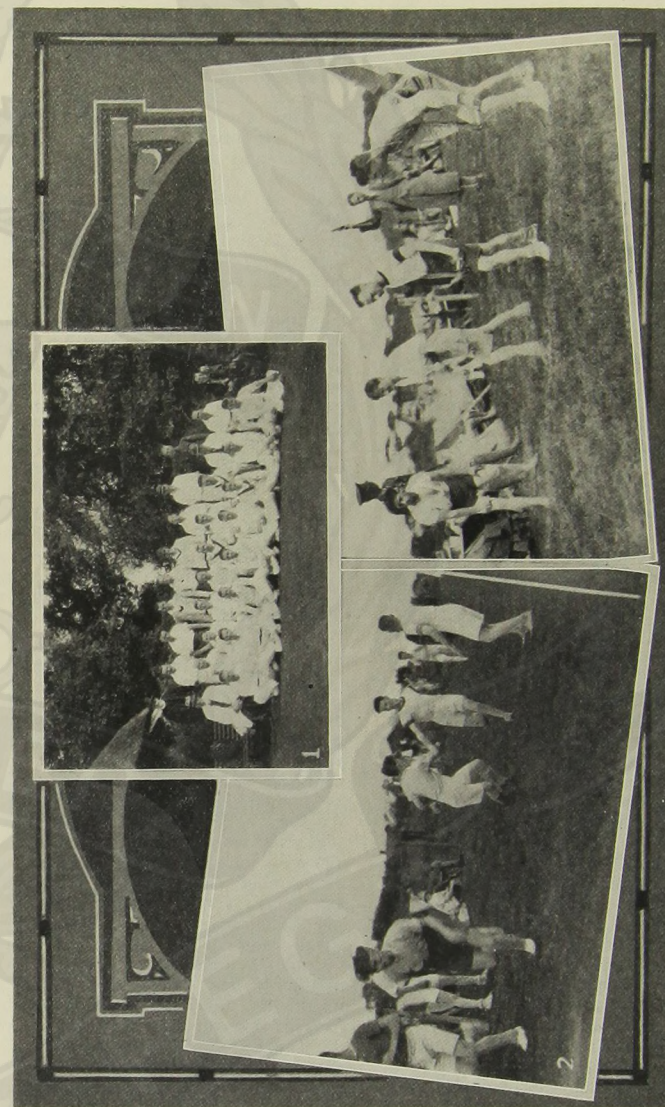
H.Q. WING NOTES.

The only thing which spoils a very good camp was the weather during the second week. When are we going to have a really fine fortnight for Annual Training? The last was at least four years ago.

Transport, Signals and Drums all worked well at their special jobs.

The Transport hope for better luck next year in the Officers' Chargers and Limbered Wagon Section of the Competition. They scored a well-deserved win in the G.S. Wagon Competition.

We extend a very hearty welcome to the Band and also to Mr. Gliksten, who



7th BATTALION.
1.—Annual Camp, Beaulieu : Officers v. Sergeants—Cricket.
2 & 3.—Annual Sports, Beaulieu.

has joined us (from D Company) as Transport Officer.

The following were actually heard in camp:—

Q.: Why is the rifle called the Short Lee Enfield?

A.: Because it is made by Shortly of Enfield.

C.Q.M.S. (*checking a man's kit*): "Where is your washing kit?"

MAN: "Oh, I am only down for a week."

N.C.O.: "Form fours!"
(*No move on the part of an even number.*)

N.C.O.: "What is your number?"

PRIVATE SOLDIER: "6198576."

VOICE (*from ranks*): "Hullo! 'Ere's the big drum. We must be near camp."

REWOB.

A COMPANY NOTES.

The notes of any company at this period of the year are, in the main, invariably a chronicle of its activities at camp. We must therefore endeavour to put on record, as impartially as possible, the doings of Highgate at Beaulieu.

We soon settled down, after a somewhat gloomy nocturnal arrival, to the usual routine of camp which everyone finds good. Conditions were perhaps a little trying as regards weather, which was undeservedly fickle, but very properly this made not a lot of difference.

As a full platoon the Company was able to carry out its training successfully and satisfactorily, which opinion we hope is shared with our superiors.

As regards sport, we lost a football match to C Company by 2-4 after a good fight. The Battalion Sports Meeting was, without doubt, a very popular innovation, and we should like to congratulate all those who represented the Company on the excellent display they gave.

Unfortunately, we failed to secure the coveted Warner Drill Cup. We lost by only half a point to C after all, and this on the drill. The turn-out was well ahead of any other company and, considering the weather, this reflects great credit on everyone, particularly the C.S.M. and those N.C.Os. in charge of tents.

There can be no question that everyone enjoyed camp immensely, although it would have been better if we had been nearer some seaside town, where a little light amusement and relaxation might have been found.

We are back at the Drill Hall now and it is up to everyone in the Company to get stuck into it once more. We want recruits and want them badly—we want to have a crack at the King Cup, Efficiency Shield and all the other shields, pots, jugs and what-nots. If we are going to progress farther, all must pull their weight well and truly—which without doubt we will.

We are very sorry to lose C.Q.M.S. Rymill to H.Q. Company, where he has gone as C.S.M. The scale is somewhat balanced, however, by C.Q.M.S. Howard, who has come to us from H.Q. as C.S.M. We are very glad to have him and congratulate him on his promotion, which will no doubt be confirmed by the time these notes appear in print. We also congratulate Sergt. Matthews on his promotion to C.Q.M.S., and have every faith that he will carry on the job as efficiently as his predecessor.

Let us conclude on a note of optimism and wish ourselves—as nobody else will—the very best.

B (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

Collective Training has come and gone once more: a few are glad, but most of us are sorry. A fortnight seems all-too-short to spend under canvas. From what we can gather, Beaulieu seems to have been quite popular as a camp site, but the weather was on the whole rotten, some say worse than last year at Dover. There is one thing we all learnt whilst in Beaulieu, how easy it is to pick 80 per cent. of the training areas at least five miles from camp. We seemed to spend most of the day either marching out to the area or risking our lives in motor-coaches driven at speeds which would turn the Transport Minister's hair grey in two minutes. Of course, we had the usual crop of fatuous remarks: one member of this Company, on being asked the reason why he was continually changing step on the march, replied that it eased his feet.

After our six weeks' leave we are once more to be seen throwing guns about the Drill Hall and generally getting down to it. The usual social activities have commenced, and all members should make a note of our first dance on November 22nd.

When we first heard that the newly formed Battalion Brass Band was to practise in our Drill Hall many were heard to ask what crime we had committed to deserve such a sentence, but now that we have heard the Band perform we consider it is doing us an honour by visiting us on Monday nights. Our Bandmaster, Mr. Martin, is working like a slave and by next year we should have the best Band in the Brigade. We hear that our old Company Commander, Major Murray, has been seen creeping round the Drill Hall a great deal of late in his capacity as Band President. The more we see of him the better. Visitors, both officers and men, are all too rare in our Drill Hall, and we should like to see more of them.

These notes seem to be running to seed, so we will close with one or two notices from the Agony Column:—

(1) We were all very sorry to lose Mr. Womersley during Annual Training; he seems to be under an unlucky star. Three motor accidents in a year are surely more than anyone deserves. We are very pleased to hear that he has now completely recovered and we trust that, "third time lucky," he will now be free from such things for many years to come.

(2) One man we shall miss very much after this month is our popular P.S.I., Billie Bennett. What will Battalion concerts be like without "Your old-fashioned father"? We wish him all the best on his return to the 1st Battalion, and thank him for all he has done during his stay with us. We extend a very hearty welcome to C.S.M. Jones of the 1st Battalion, our new P.S.I., and hope that his first experience of a T.A. battalion will be a pleasant one. We shall do our best to make it so.

(3) Another very trusted friend and counsellor, C.S.M. Roberts, leaves us this year to take up the duties of R.Q.M.S. We shall miss his cheery smile and kindly help. We know he will

drop in to see us whenever he gets a spare moment.

And now a special paragraph all to itself.

We offer our most sincere congratulations to our Company Commander, Capt. H. G. Arnold, on his engagement to Miss Grace Sendafl. We wish them health, happiness and everything they can wish for themselves. We also hope that somebody will give them a car for a wedding present. "Boanerges" qualified for the retiring pension some decades ago.

C COMPANY NOTES.

Somebody once remarked that the T.A. training year was divided up into the period before camp, camp, and the period of recovery from camp. This is perhaps a very unmilitary way of regarding things, but is to a very great extent true. The period before camp was dealt with in our last notes. Now well on the way to recovery, we can reconstruct Collective Training without the attendant dangers of turning out in a rain-storm to fight imaginary heath fires, or being called upon to repitch one of the Sergeants' tents.

The Post Office Guide describes Beaulieu as "T. Ex. M.T." We might add "B.A. for P.B.I." From the training point of view we are given to believe things went well. Admittedly, relations with the R.S.M. became rather strained one morning; but this can, we think, be put down to what miners term "after-damp." However, training is dealt with elsewhere. We were deprived of Sergts. Carter and Porter most of the time, Sergt. Carter being lent to H.Q. Wing, and Sergt. Porter to D Company.

We were lucky to win the Warner Drill Competition, scoring 96.5 per cent. against A Company's 96 per cent. We intend beating A Company by a greater margin next year, unless of course some other company steps in and spoils it for both of us. The Tug-of-War Shield, thanks to Sergt. Carter, has again come our way. The Athletic Meeting, a welcome revival, resulted in a win for C with 18 points. We won the Mile Team Race and the Mile Relay, and were second in the 100 Yards and the Tent-

Pitching Competition. Although we lost the Half-Mile Team Race, owing to one man failing to finish, we must congratulate Cpl. Nolan, who was first home, on a really fine race. Ptes. Axe and Holding also did good work during the afternoon. In the final of the Inter-Company Football Competition we lost to D Company 1—2 after a great fight.

And now we come to the period of recovery from camp, and hope for a good mike. However, this is not likely, as the powers-that-be have different ideas on the subject. A folio of papers recently seen in the Company Orderly Room, and labelled "Individual Training, 1930-31," rather dispels our hopes.

We are sorry to lose L./Sergt. Knight on his transfer to A Company. Two temporary absentees are Sergt. Porter and L./Cpl. Simmonds, who are both on a course at the London District School.

D COMPANY NOTES.

Our pen is taken up some two or so months after to write of the happenings at Annual Training and perhaps we may be excused if memory is somewhat dimmed as to exact details. One thing, however, is certain: camp was a great success, but, alas, Dame Fortune, ever a fickle jade, did not smile too kindly upon us either with regard to weather or in attempts at pot-hunting.

Our football team, captained by Mr. Scott-Lowe, won the cup. Our first opponents were H.Q., whom we defeated 4—1, and in the final we beat C Company by 2 goals to 1. We offer our congratulations to the team and to our opponents on two very sporting and enjoyable games. Unfortunately our success ends there. At the Sports Meeting we entered teams for each event, but did not gain many points. Next year we hope for more, and it is hoped that there will be more entrants, as this year there was a considerable amount of overlapping among the runners and this should not be an impossible task with a company over 100 strong. See to it, D Company. Mr. Scott-Lowe took charge of the Warner Drill Cup team, but, although great keenness was shown by all, we

were not quite good enough. We congratulate the winners and hope for revenge next year.

As to actual training, there can be no doubt that we have all learnt something and hope that every lesson will not be forgotten by August, 1931. The camp site was excellent in many ways, but when both wind and rain combined we were nearly washed from our beds. The one bone of contention appears to be that Beaulieu is too far from any large town and only the lucky possessors of cars were able to go far afield. One hears, however, that the Angel in Lymington was not entirely overlooked by the Officers' Mess, a genus not confined to subalterns.

It was a great disappointment that after the first day in camp we lost Mr. Gliksten, who suddenly developed a strong liking for horses. This seems to be continuing and we fear we have lost him for some time. This was the first camp to which Mr. Adams has been, and we are glad to see he appears to have recovered from the accident which prevented him from going to Dover last year. We hear that we are to have another officer to take Mr. Gliksten's place. Competition for a vacancy at Tottenham is so strong that a ballot will take place. More of our newcomer anon; he is as yet an unknown quantity, but we hope he likes beer.

Our immediate future will be concerned with winter weapon training and boxing. Training for these is, or will be by the time these notes appear, in full swing. Our Sports Officer spends his time looking for likely Jim Corbetts, and we hope he will find a useful team. We wish our shooters and sparrers all success.

Who had the cleanest tent in camp? Who is known as "Tasty," and why? And who burnt our C.S.M.'s bowler; and what did he say about it?

Our first dance was held on October 18th, and was a great success, and we had the pleasure of hearing Major Murray's Mirthful Melody Makers.

And in conclusion we wish all good Die-Hards a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

YNNAF.

LETTERS FROM MR. J. C. COUGHLAN.

123, DRUMMOND STREET,
CARLTON, N.3.
VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA.

July 10th, 1930.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards"
Journal, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

DEAR SIR,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 30th with enclosures as advised, for which please accept the thanks of my mother and myself; also, I may state, the numbers for February and May arrived promptly.

I am writing to Harrison and Sons for the two volumes of "The Die-Hards in the Great War," and I can assure you their arrival will be eagerly awaited.

In connection with list of articles (in duplicate, one of which I return herewith), will you please note an error on the part of your typist, due probably to my habit of fore-shortening the letter "l" when making my signature, and unconsciously doing the same every time I have occasion to write the name hurriedly.

In further reference to these articles which my mother is presenting to the Museum, she is looking up any others which may be in existence, and of interest, in order that the lot may be forwarded at the same time. Whilst on this subject I may as well state here the manner in which I intend to forward them on to you.

I have among the staff on board the Orient line's R.M.S. *Oronsay* a young friend who has expressed his willingness to oblige in the matter. So on his next homeward trip from this port you should receive the parcel. It will not be until November this year, which, however, will give us time to make the collection complete and pack same. The date of arrival will be about New Year, as I notice the mails are to be delivered on December 29th.

We are both much gratified to know that my letter of April 8th has been so well and favourably received, and am

looking forward to see myself in print. However, I must not collar all the encomiums you were so kind as to express, as the compilation is chiefly due to the wonderful memory (without reference to any records) of the little lady who is nursing the pet of the family in the larger of the two photos enclosed herewith.

I may state here that once on the subject of the "Die-Hards," or the Army as a whole, she is hard to stop.

The first of these photos was taken at New Plymouth, New Zealand, in 1865 (when apparently, on the look of things, my mother and myself were "all dolled up and nowhere to go"), and the second is ourselves again taken in our garden this year, sixty-five years after. You will note that Whiskers had to be in the picture, because there was a lap to jump upon.

Our respective ages at the different periods were as follows:—

Mrs. T. A. Coughlan, January 30th, 1865, 19 years; Mrs. T. A. Coughlan, January 30th, 1930, 84 years; myself, January 27th, 1865, 1 year; myself, January 27th, 1930, 66 years.

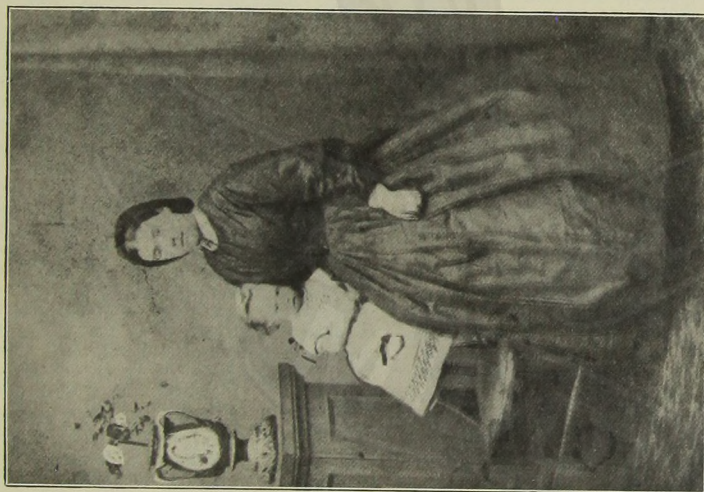
In your Vol. III, No. 6, November, 1929, mention is made of the 57th Australian Infantry Battalion.

As compulsory training has now been discontinued throughout the Commonwealth, these battalions have been disbanded as far as the Citizens' Forces are concerned. However, a new system of a Militia by voluntary enlistment has been inaugurated, and you will notice from the enclosed clippings that the 57th Regiment is still upholding the reputation of the number in the shooting line, as this shield, the gift of the late Colonel Sargood, has been won by the Cadet Corps for the past three years in succession, and they started off this season a close second to the 59th. It is apparent that the "Die-Hards" take a lot of licking in any part of this old world.

I daresay I shall be able to dig up a further batch of reminiscences on a future occasion, or, perhaps, a few records of the junior branch of the family, some of them highly interesting and adventurous I can assure you, as two of us had sea-faring careers.



Mrs. T. A. COUGHLAN (aged 85 years) and Son,
J. C. COUGHLAN (aged 67 years). July 10th, 1930.
"Die-Hards" of the Maori Wars, 1860-1867.



Mrs. T. A. COUGHLAN (aged 19 years) and
Son, J. C. COUGHLAN (aged 1 year).
New Plymouth, 1865.

And now wishing you all the best the
world can give from mother and

Yours faithfully,
J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN,

123, DRUMMOND STREET,
CARLTON, N.3.
MELBOURNE,
VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA.

August 26th, 1930.

To the Editor, "The Die-Hards"
Journal.

DEAR SIR,

Your favour of 3rd ult. to hand with
enclosure as advised.

I have also received Volumes I and II
which were forwarded to me direct from
the publishers at Aldershot.

I find that I still require numbers 1 to
5 inclusive of Volume III in order to com-
plete the series to date, and I shall be glad
if you will have these posted to me, also
an extra copy of number 9, Vol. III
(August, 1930).

Enclosed herein you will find Post
Office money order for £2 12s. (two
pounds twelve shillings) made up as per
memo. attached. You will note in con-
nection with this matter that I altered my
original intention of remitting direct to
Harrison's and have included their guinea
in your Order (to save exchange, which
is very heavy just now between your
country and the Commonwealth), and
will be extremely obliged if you forward
the amount on to them together with the
order form enclosed.

In connection with the two volumes of
the JOURNAL my mother and myself are
both highly delighted with them,
especially so with Vol. II, and I rather
fancy your readers will be inflicted with a
column or so of reminiscences during our
sojourn with the Regiment, as mother
has already spotted a number of names
well known to her of officers and men of
all ranks whilst only casually glancing
through. She is a great raconteur, and
if I could only get it down as quickly as
she calls it off I reckon I could fill a
volume or two straight off the reel with-
out any trouble.

But one would require a speed of about
300 to the minute to do so, and my limit
is only 150.

It is really wonderful what the mention
of a name will sometimes bring forth in
the way of reviving old associations and
what it leads up to.

Here's an instance, for instance:—

An illustration in a New Zealand paper
depicted the funeral procession of the
late Mr. William Massey, Prime Minister
of Maoriland.

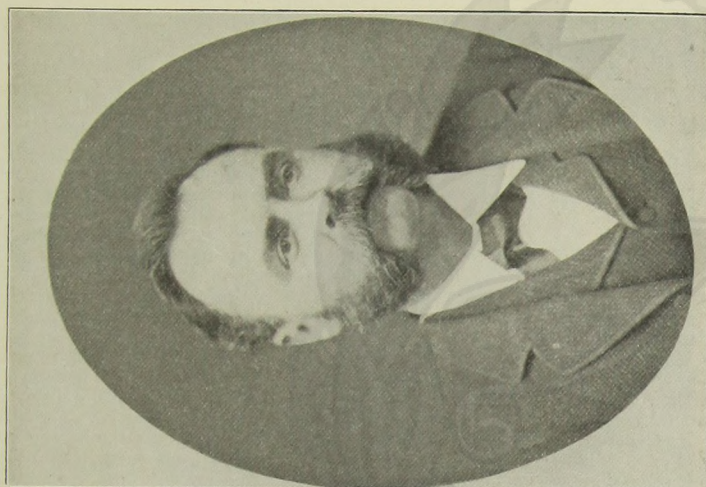
At the head of the cortege marched
four veterans of the Maori Wars, 1860-
1866, one of whom was ex-Sergeant E.
Bezar of the 57th. On drawing the
attention of my mother to this and asking
if she knew him, the answer was, "Yes,
very well; also the girl he married and
other members of the family, and his
wife's family." I immediately placed
ourselves in communication with him and
we have corresponded off and on ever
since, and through him have been able
to once again get in touch with the dear
old Corps, in which our family had spent
so many happy years of our existence,
and this after a lapse of over half a
century; that is to say since the Regiment
left Ceylon, in 1879, for the Zulu War,
to add more laurels to its already great
record in the annals of British fighting
regiments.

In Volume II, page 58, in an article by
"H. A. B.," entitled "Forty Years
Ago," appear two names which have
opened the flood gates of memory of days
gone by. The first of these is "Tommy"
Wood.

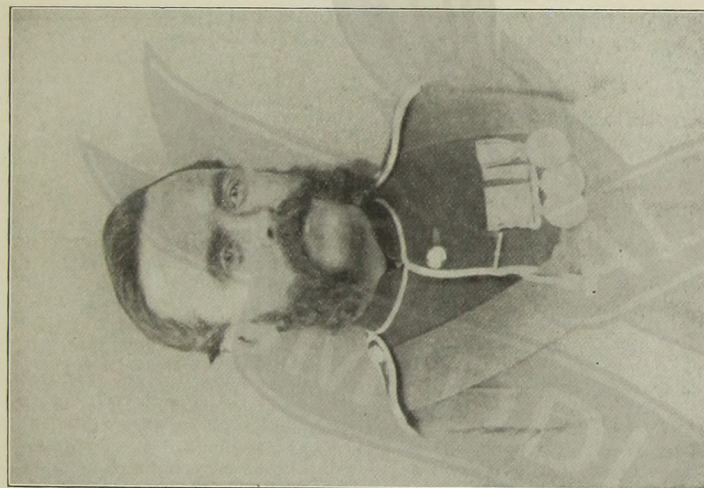
On hearing this name the lady bolted
off in the race of reminiscences and was
half-way around the course before I
could pull her up and get her behind the
barrier for a fresh start. Phew! she did
go some.

It appears that Wood was a soldier's
son, born in the 57th, and at the time
of my parents' marriage was Orderly
Room Sergeant. He was a good friend
of my father, and whilst the men were
away on active service (one period ex-
tending over 18 months before returning
to H.Q. at Wanganui), Mrs. Wood and
my mother lived together; this lady died
and was buried at sea on the voyage home
with the Regiment in the *Electra*.

"Tommy," as I believe he was
familiarily called, became Quartermaster
of the Regiment and held that rank when
we last saw him in Colombo; but he re-



No. 2701 SERGT. HUBERT COUGHLAN.
Christchurch, New Zealand. 1886.



No. 57th Regiment of Foot.
1869.

mained a close friend to us until the close of our military career.

The second name in the article is that of Sergeant-Major Jeffreys, who joined the 57th from the Guards, in Devonport, 1869. He became very popular and was still with us up to the time of leaving Ceylon, and it was quite a treat to hear of him again after such a lapse of time. A photo of his appears in the group of miniatures of the non-coms. which will be sent you in November next.

Whilst on the subject of photos, on pages 135-4, Vol. II, February, 1926, there appears a group of "Sergeants of 1st Battalion 30 years ago." This would take us back to 1896.

Well, number eight from the left in second row is a Sergeant-Major Brisley, A.S.C. (late S.I.M., 1st Battalion), and we are wondering would this by any means refer to my first cousin (father's sister's son) whose father was Drum-Major and Sergeant in the 57th throughout the Crimea, India, and New Zealand Campaigns, and who left the regiment at Aldershot with 21 years' service and full pension to take up a staff appointment with the Militia, at Sligo, Ireland.

We have a photo of "Young Tommy" (as he was called) in uniform as full-corporal, but we cannot recall the regiment in which he enlisted. However, he was born a "Die-Hard" during the period in India, and came on to New Zealand with the rest. If at present in the land of the living he would be about 72 or 73 years of age.

It would be very pleasant to know that he had reverted to the old Corps in which he had first seen the light.

By the way, some of the abbreviations of ranks have got me down a bit. For instance, what does "S.I.M." stand for, and some of the others I can only guess at.

Another well known and old familiar is ex-Hospital Sergeant Norton (eighth in first row in mufti). His wife was "une fille du regiment," being first cousin to the first Mrs. "Tommy" Wood.

You will no doubt gather from the foregoing how deeply interesting your splendid little Journal has become to all that is left of the Coughlan family of "Die-Hards" and how very pleased we

are to have rejoined and become a unit in your list of subscribers.

On some future occasion, if you think the matter might be of any interest, I can let your readers have a few incidents concerning the rather adventurous careers of some members of the family who deserted the military for the Merchant Marine (two of us Master Mariners) starting in the old wind-jammer days.

So with the best of all good wishes from us both to all members of the old Corps,

Yours faithfully,
J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.



ALLIED REGIMENTS OF CANADA.

19, NELLIE VIEW,
RICHMOND HILL,
LEEDS.

October 11th, 1930.

To the Editor, "Die-Hards" Journal.

DEAR SIR,

Through the courtesy of G. J. Desbarats, Esq., C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Defence and Vice-President of the National Defence Council of the Dominion of Canada, I have received a copy of the list of Battle Honours for services in the Great War, awarded to the units of the Canadian Forces. I am sending a copy of this, so far as it relates to the two Canadian units allied with The Middlesex Regiment, and I trust that it may be of interest to you.

Yours faithfully,
R. MAURICE HILL.

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 71,
Dated 15th May, 1930.

G.O. 71, 1930. H.Q. 903/13, M.N.D.

BATTLE HONOURS AWARDED FOR THE GREAT WAR.

With reference to para. 2 of General Order 110 of 1929, His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of Great War Battle Honours for regiments and corps of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada and units of the

Canadian Expeditionary Force as shown in List No. 3 published as an appendix to this General Order.

APPENDIX TO GENERAL ORDER
No. 71, 1930.

BATTLE HONOURS AWARDED
FOR THE GREAT WAR.

LIST No. 3.

Regiments and Corps of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada and Units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Note.—The Battle Honours which have been selected to be borne on the Colours and Appointments are printed in capitals.

THE WENTWORTH REGIMENT.

"The Great War."

"ARRAS, 1917," "Hill 70,"
"Ypres, 1917."

THE PETERBOROUGH RANGERS.

"The Great War."

"YPRES, 1915, '17," "Gravenstafel,"
"ST. JULIEN," "FESTUBERT, 1915,"
"Mount Sorrel," "SOMME, 1916,"
"Pozières," "Flers-Courcelette," "Ancre Heights,"
"ARRAS, 1917, '18," "VIMY, 1917,"
"Arleux," "Scarpe," 1917, '18,"
"HILL 70," "PASSCHENDAELE,"
"Amiens," "Drocourt Quéant," "HINDENBURG LINE,"
"Canal du Nord," "Pursuit to Mons,"
"FRANCE AND FLANDERS," 1915-18."



8th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR notes for this issue are rather brief, as we were able to include stop-press news in our last notes. Since then the only event of any importance has been camp.

We prefer camp to the more official Annual Training. The latter suggests that we train for a period only once a year, instead of presenting a continuous performance of training of one kind or another from January to December.

We all enjoyed camp: everything went

well, and we were glad to have it on high authority that the Battalion was considered to be in a very efficient state by the end of the period.

Some useful training was carried out, although some of the training areas were rather featureless, and discussion sometimes arose as to which of the two anti-hills was the objective.

We were particularly pleased that General Sir F. Ivor Maxse was able to visit us this year. On August 6th in the morning he saw us training on the area and in the evening he dined with the officers.

Mechanical Transport played a great part this year. Our rôle on the Brigade Day, which consisted of a series of rapid retirements by motor transport from one defensive position to another, crowned by an impressive arrival in line of buses at the dinner rendezvous after the operations, made us hope that the days of the foot-slogger are numbered.

We are trying to forget the wind and rain which overtaxed the resistance of many tents, and also the pools of muddy water in which many of us lay at night with resignation and good humour. Next year we shall doubtless have a kindlier turf, and, we hope, no bogs to interfere with training. However, life had its compensations—the food was good and Battalion and Brigade time always agreed as to the day, if not as to the hour.

We congratulate D Company on winning both the Battalion Efficiency Cup and the Section Efficiency Cup. The latter, held this year for the first time, is awarded for a competition in Guard Mounting, Drill and Lewis Gun handling.

Capt. Ellis has rejoined the Battalion and took over command of H.Q. Wing in July. We are very glad to welcome him back again.

In addition to having a full complement of our own officers at camp this year, we had the advantage of the attachment of several Regular officers of the Regiment under Major Jefferd. We are very grateful for their help and advice in many directions, and we were glad to have the opportunity of making their better acquaintance.

We were also pleased to have Col. Anwyl Passingham, Col. Perring and Col. Dams with us at different times.

Since camp the only events to be recorded are the Officers' Monthly Conference held early in September, at which dates for Battalion events for the next year were fixed, and the church parade at Hampton Parish Church on September 21st, the sixteenth anniversary of the raising of the 2nd/8th Battalion by Col. Dams at the beginning of the war. The parade was very well attended and was under the command of Col. Garner, our Honorary Colonel. Other officers present were Col. Dams, Col. Baker and Col. Anwyl Passingham.

We very much regret to have to record the deaths of Lieut.-Col. P. L. Ingpen, C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the Battalion during part of the war period, and of serving members of the Battalion, Ptes. W. Hatcher, A Company, and F. L. Braddock, C Company. We offer our deepest sympathy to their families. Wreaths were sent on behalf of the officers and men of the Battalion.

H.Q. WING NOTES.

After a period of three weeks' silence and gloom our drill hall has now once again assumed its busy aspect and the familiar sounds of buzzers, emma-gees, jingling harness, cornet, clarinet and big trombone are already heralding the approach of another Territorial year. In fact, to quote a certain young subaltern at camp, there will soon be no "square corners" left in the drill hall.

We all enjoyed our camp at East Boldre this year in spite of the sudden downpour of rain. If it was artificial a certain O.C. Company is to be congratulated.

We welcome Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., who was with us at camp as a Reserve officer. He has now returned to the Battalion and taken over command of this company.

We congratulate our Signallers upon the result of their classification tests at camp. Their tails are beginning to wag faster than their flags. A system of wire entanglements is now making its appearance in the drill hall and we shall shortly have a telephone exchange.

The Band and Drums were again before the public on Saturday, September 6th, when they played at the Sunbury

Sports Meeting before a large and appreciative audience.

Our dances have now recommenced and, judging by the first night attendance, will prove more popular than ever. We are reorganizing our Football Club and hope soon to have a good team in the field.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Company Club was held on Monday, September 8th, with our O.C. Company in the chair. It was agreed to instal some additional furnishings for the Club rooms and bar, and also to make some improvements in the cloakroom accommodation for the dances. Our motto at H.Q. is "Everybody happy, everybody gay, everybody working and all Okay."

A COMPANY NOTES.

Camp is a memory now, a memory of a good time with heaps of hard work and a little rain. But the knowledge we all gained is as golden as the sunrise some of us saw for the first time since last camp.

Attendance was not too bad: 3 officers and 57 other ranks out of a total strength of 79, though next year we hope the percentage will be higher.

The Company acquitted itself well in the competition for the Section Efficiency Cup, but a technical error of dress of the drill section cost us 5 points and the cup, which, however, we intend to win next year. With C Company we tied for second place as the Champion Company, 1930, which was won by D Company, whom we congratulate.

We are now getting into our stride with winter training and are keeping space for all the cups we hope to win this year.

Our Saturday night dances have become a regular institution and are always enjoyable. L./Sergt. Seymour, whom, by the way, we congratulate on his appointment, as well as L./Sergt. Hammerton, is always a great help.

The death of Pte. Hatcher is a great grief to us all. A man of fine character, it was with heavy hearts that we turned out to pay him final honours. We extend our deep sympathy to his relatives.

Good luck to L./Cpls. Bullen, Handman, Gill and Swan on receiving their stripes.

The Drill Hall was burgled shortly after our return from East Boldre. Our total loss was 5s. 10d. and half a bottle of lemonade, but the damage done to doors and windows was considerable.

A pleasing feature of camp was the excellence of the rations. The cooks did us proud, frequently under great difficulties caused by rain and wind. The Band and Drums, too, shortened many a weary march by continuous music—no long waits between tunes.

B COMPANY NOTES.

We welcome 2/Lieut. Clifford Davey to the Company and congratulate our Permanent Staff Instructor, Sergt.-Major Peck, on his appointment to Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major. Fortunately we shall not lose his services, as he will remain at Ealing to help us and correct us when we stray from the path of the perfect machine gunners.

Before camp the Company had two extra trainings on Hounslow Heath. We went out on our own on June 15th and with the rest of the Battalion on June 20th. Both Sundays were fine—the habitual grumbler no doubt called them too hot—and our numbers were good.

We had a cheerful send-off from Ealing to our first camp as machine gunners. We were a strong Company, a total of eighty-three all ranks attending, which enabled us to act on a four-platoon basis throughout.

Training in both weeks started off with the different methods of mounting the gun and progressed from that to platoon work. Finally we had a Brigade Day on which we were acting with the rest of the Brigade. During camp we were fortunate enough to have with us M.G. Officers and N.C.Os. from the 1st Battalion, who rendered valuable assistance in field work.

It was unfortunate that the weather was so poor, but, in spite of waking up each morning to find one's blankets in the same pool as yesterday, we cheered up enough to win the Sports Cup.

Considering the nature of the ground we had as good a track as could be found in the neighbourhood. The Company thank those who, by running in so many events, rendered our success possible.

We congratulate D Company on winning the Section Efficiency Cup.

C COMPANY NOTES.

The majority of the Company attended Brigade Weapon Training at Rainham, when the weather conditions were more favourable than those we had at Bisley. Although, as a whole, we did not cover ourselves with glory, we had one individual success for good shooting, Cpl. Hart, to whom we extend our hearty congratulations.

Since last writing camp has come and gone, and, in spite of rather adverse weather conditions, we returned home without any casualties. At least one valuable piece of knowledge was obtained from Annual Training, namely, "that a right angle is a square corner."

Our first official cricket season has drawn to a close and, although we were exhorted to tremendous efforts and had valuable assistance, both mental and physical, from our Sports Officer, we cannot boast of a really successful season so far as results are concerned.

As is usual at this period of the year, football is the cry once more. The Company team has entered the North-West Surrey Minor League and we hope to see it at the top by the end of the season.

On Saturday, November 29th, we are holding our Annual Dinner, when the distribution of prizes will take place. We look forward to an enjoyable evening.

Recruiting far exceeds that of any company in the Battalion and we take this opportunity of congratulating ourselves upon this feat. If the present standard is maintained—and we see no reason why it should not—we shall most certainly reach the century by the end of the year.

We have entered a Lewis Gun team for the Munro Challenge Cup, to be competed for at Bisley. We expect to get very near the top even if we do not win it.

We deeply regret to record the death of Pte. F. L. Braddock, who was accidentally drowned on August 27th. The Company showed their respect by providing pall-bearers and a firing party at the funeral. We extend our heartfelt sym-

pathy to the relatives of the deceased. His presence is greatly missed by his comrades at the Drill Hall.

We sincerely hope our Company Commander enjoyed his fortnight's attachment to the 1st Battalion at Catterick. We wonder if he fell in love (as is his wont) with Range Road while exploiting Newfound England.

D COMPANY NOTES.

Another camp is over and for D Company, at all events, a successful one. Once more, after a lapse of some years, we have won the Battalion Efficiency Cup, and without blowing our own trumpet unduly can now claim to be the best company in the Battalion for this year at all events. This, however, although the more important, was not the only trophy we gained. During the last week of camp, competitions in Guard Mounting, Drill, and Lewis Gun took place, and here again we were successful and carried off yet another Battalion cup.

We have thus won, during this present year, four Battalion cups, and all ranks are to be congratulated on these successes. Let us do our utmost to retain them and, if possible, to do better in the forthcoming year.

Camp, from every point of view except that of the weather, was a success. The weather certainly did its utmost to discourage us, but everyone kept his courage up marvellously. It may be said by the powers-that-be that it was fortunate that the rain came at night and did not interfere with training during the day. Possibly we are not all of the same opinion—the only occasion on which the troops were thankful for rain at night was on the night allotted for night operations during the first week. However, we did not escape on the second occasion.

The camp site had its advantages and disadvantages, among the latter being its remoteness from civilized resorts and its distance from Brockenhurst railway station. But the five-mile march did not seem half so far with the splendid work which the Band and Drums put in on our arrival and return. We shall all

remember the Stein Song for some time to come.

In connection with training, marching was considerably reduced by the buses by which we were transported either to or from the training areas. Rumour has it that next year we are to go down to camp by charabanc and we hope that this rumour will prove true.

In the Battalion Sports we had a number of successes. We won the Battalion Tug-of-War against what looked like overwhelming odds in the shape of H.Q. Wing team, which is always composed of very large "Glaxo babies." On the middle Sunday a visit was paid by a party to Portsmouth to look over the Fleet—and a number of D Company were included.

The whole Company sympathizes with Pte. Bishop, who was knocked down and injured by an R.A.S.C. lorry on the march from Brockenhurst to camp. He is still undergoing treatment and is shortly to enter Millbank Hospital. We sincerely hope that he will recover with treatment.

We were all glad to see Capt. Rees once again and were sorry to have to say good-bye at the completion of camp.

SOUTH AFRICA, 1900.

P.O., MARAISBURG,
TRANSVAAL.
June 20th, 1930.

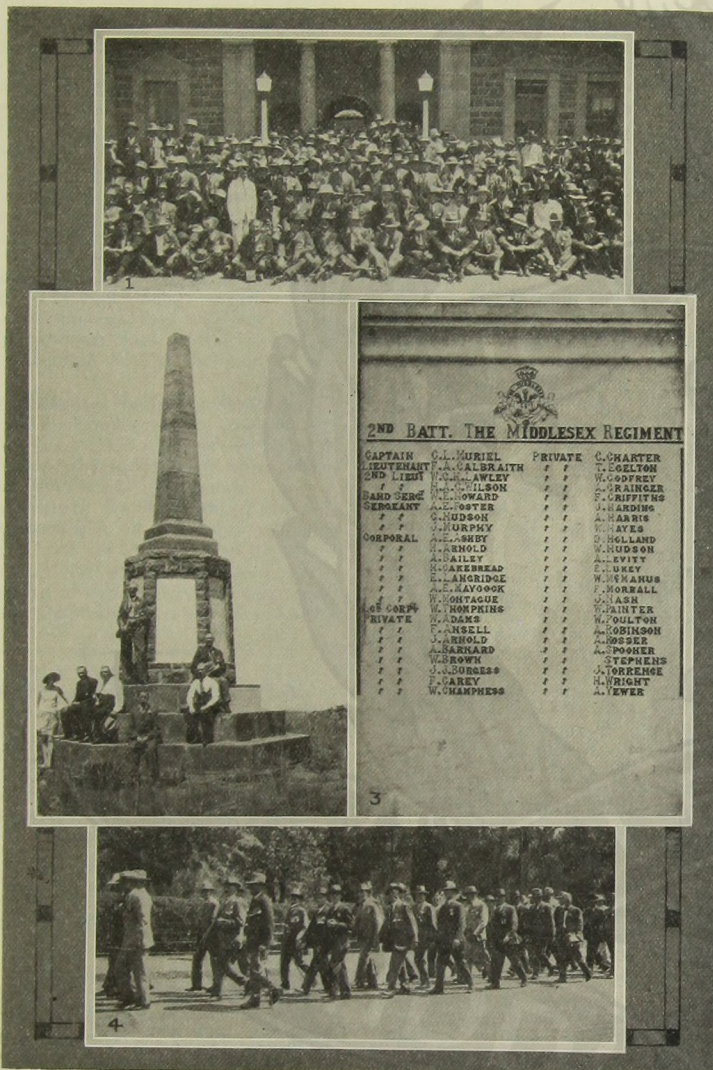
To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I was privileged to be one of about five hundred participants in the recent thirtieth celebration of the Siege of Ladysmith which took place this year in that historic town.

Invitations from the Ladysmith Municipality were accepted by about 400 veterans, including four nurses who were besieged, and who journeyed from all parts of South Africa, some even coming from as far as Rhodesia and Capetown.

Special railway coaches carried us from Johannesburg and also others from Durban, arriving at the station on Saturday morning, March 1st, which had



LADYSMITH COMMEMORATION.

1.—Survivors. 2.—Monument on Spion Kop. 3.—Tablet in All Saints' Church, Ladysmith. 4.—Survivors.

been proclaimed a public holiday. After marching to the Town Hall, headed by the Band of the Natal Carabiniers, we were officially welcomed by the Mayor and Town Councillors. This ceremony over, cars were provided to take us round the old defences of the town. With Major F. H. Bradley, V.C., and Bandmaster T. J. Waddington, ex-Band Sergeant of the Manchester Regiment, I explored the hills to the south of Ladysmith, facing Hlangwane, where the Boers made such a determined attack on Wagon Hill on January 6th, 1900. The sangars used by the members of the Imperial Light Horse and Manchester Regiment from Wagon Hill to Cæsar's Camp are still standing, even the paths used by the different units during the night when reliefs were being effected are still clearly defined, although they are somewhat overgrown by the long grass.

At night over five hundred guests sat down to a banquet in the Town Hall, presided over by the Mayor, the principal guest being General Sir Duncan Mackenzie, K.C.M.G., who commanded the irregular mounted troops which (on the left flank of the British forces during the fighting on Spion Kop) approached to within rifle distance of the Boer right flank at Acton Holmes.

In addition to those who took part in the siege and relief, a number of the guests were members of the Boer forces who took part in the siege, and speeches made by them at the banquet surpassed those made by what I might call "our side."

Next day, Sunday, March 2nd, we were again taken over the battlefields; whilst some preferred Elandslaagte, others, including myself, chose a visit to Spion Kop. The monuments and graves are kept in wonderful condition by the Coventry families, whose farms adjoin. The sheep paths which the 2nd Battalion and other units traversed during the ascent of the mountain are still there, just a little bit more worn. The single tree, half-way up, near the little spring, is also there, but grown up, of course.

On the farm "Fairview," belonging to Mr. Harry Coventry, I was shown the axle of our Regimental ammunition cart which was so badly damaged that it

could not be removed. The axle is still in use, however. Owing to having insufficient time at my disposal, I was unable to visit Capt. C. L. Muriel's grave. I managed, however, to secure a few snaps which may possibly interest Old Comrades. You need not return them to me.

It would have pleased me immensely to have had comrades Stretton, Mike Dempsey, Millar and Saunders with me during my little jaunt, but for various reasons they could not attend.

Yours fraternally,

WM. TREZONA,
Ex-Sergeant-Drummer.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

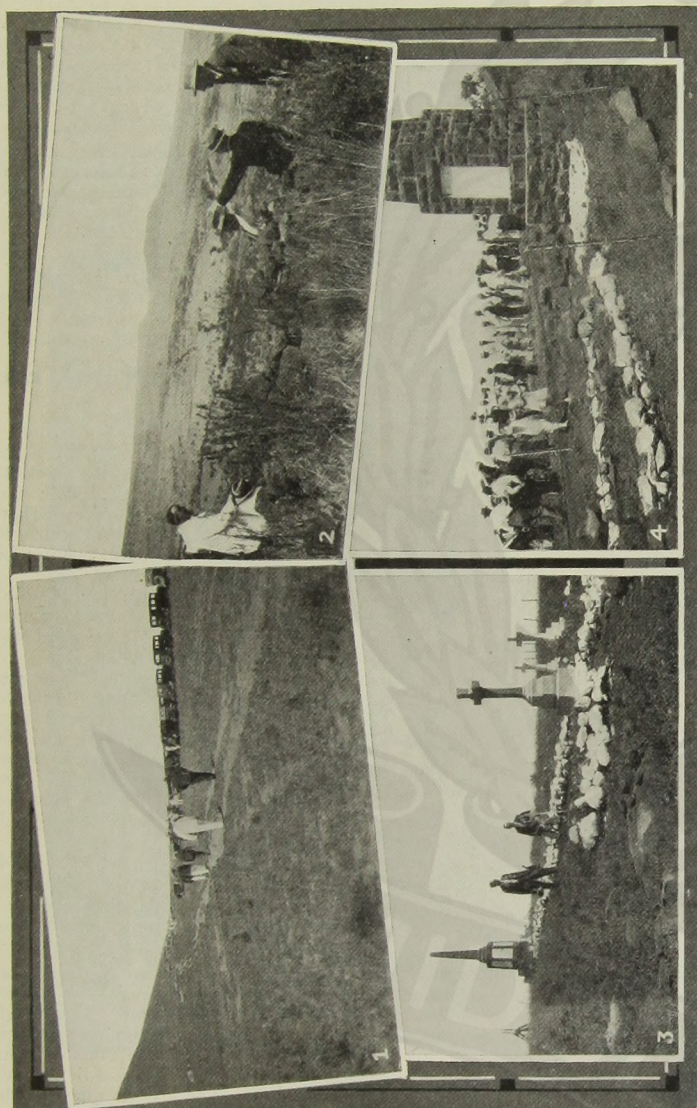
WHEN considering the activities of the past quarter, camp, of course, looms large. In fact, it practically obliterates everything else. We must also mention, however, the Brigade Weapon Training Competition which was held this year at Purfleet on Sunday, July 13th.

An unlucky day the 13th, but as no one was shot and the sun decided to make one of its few appearances we were fairly lucky.

The result, as far as the Ninth were concerned, may be likened to the proverbial curate's egg—very mixed. The 5th Queen's Own ran away with the rifle competitions, which was not really surprising when one considers how hard they have practised. They are, however, lucky to have a range in close proximity to their Drill Hall.

Our great triumph came in the Perrin Machine Gun Shield. We had already won Part I, and the splendid shooting of our No. 1 Team assured us of a comfortable victory in this new competition.

It is difficult to say what would have happened had we lost this competition. The Machine Gun Company Commander would certainly have committed suicide and the remainder of the Company would probably have just faded quietly away into oblivion. There is no question that if anyone ever deserves to win a competition B (M.G.) Company deserved to



LADYSMITH COMMEMORATION.

1.—Visit to Spion Kop.

3.—Monuments and Graves on Spion Kop.

2.—On Spion Kop.

4.—Imperial Light Infantry Monument on Spion Kop.

win this. The amount of work put in by all ranks beforehand was prodigious, and for once that fickle goddess Fortune was kind and their hard work was not in vain.

To turn, however, to the serious business of Annual Training. This year there were many innovations. Firstly we visited a new neighbourhood—the New Forest—and great things were expected from a camp held in the most beautiful county in England. If the weather had been kind to us Beaulieu Camp would probably have been voted one of the best we have ever had, but on looking back the whole picture seems to be one of rain in torrents helped by a gale of wind, plus bogs. Oh, those bogs! Will anyone ever forget them? Limbers up to their axles and horses up to their bellies. Tactics became not so much a study of country as of bogs. It is an ill wind, however—and even bogs have their uses. It was no uncommon sight to see the attacking infantry, safe from those annoying umpires with a real good bog in between them, leaping on to their objectives in the face of masses of machine guns, the whole platoon suddenly gone deaf to the furious bawlings from the other side of the bog.

The second innovation was the move to camp by road. The whole Battalion, including baggage, proceeded to Beaulieu in charabancs and lorries. Several of the ancient stalwarts disliked this form of transport, and stated that the duff tasted all wrong unless they had previously been played into camp by the Band and Drums. One must, however, move with the times and the many advantages were self-evident.

The Battalion had a comfortable drive down with a half-way halt of half an hour at two houses which stood conveniently close together four miles south of Basingstoke.

Everyone arrived in camp fresh. The stores were already there, thus obviating the tedious baggage fatigue which is always so damping to martial ardour on first arrival in camp. By 5 p.m. the Battalion had settled in with the guard mounted and everyone was happy. Compare this with some units who arrived at Brockenhurst Station three hours late and then had a five-mile march in the

rain in order to reach camp at 9 p.m. in the dark. It is not too much to say that in two years' time the whole Brigade will probably follow our lead and move to camp in this way.

The main trouble with Beaulieu was the fact that it was too far from anywhere, and, although a Divisional bus service was organized, Bournemouth and Southampton, the only two places of any size in the neighbourhood, were still rather a costly journey to the younger men who were not drawing the princely salary of a Sergeant-Major.

The 9th, as usual, did their best to make it as easy as possible for members of the Battalion to find their way about, and an Information Bureau under Sergt. Cornish was instituted. It is rumoured that a certain General came in to ask what would win the 2.30. But whether Cornish was as successful a tipster as he was a miniature Messrs. Cook, history does not relate.

In view, however, of the limitations of the outside world, more interest was undoubtedly centred in the training and Battalion competitions. D Company had a most successful camp and must be heartily congratulated on winning

The Section Leading.

Platoon Tactical Competition.

Battalion Football Competition.

B Company, now that they have become specialists and separated from the common fry, were unable to enter for the first two of these competitions, but after a terrific struggle they pulled off the Guard Mounting by seven points from C Company.

The only Inter-Battalion Competition held during this period was the Transport Competition for the Albuhera Cup, and we are glad to be able to record that the 9th won it again for the second year in succession. A special word of praise must go to the Transport, not only for this win, but also for the cheerful way in which they overcame the appalling weather and always kept their harness clean, and, above all, were never once late on parade in spite of many difficulties. It is difficult to know where to stop when handing out bouquets, because, from a training point of view, this camp was a great success. There was very little sickness and all ranks

worked really well. The cooks became the darlings of the A.D.M.S., and a continual stream of sightseers came to see their model cookhouse. The Pioneers, not to be outdone, had a model Orderly Room, and Sergt. Smith's red-topped posts were a joy to behold.

The year 1930, as everyone knows, has been a Territorial Year. In other words, the training of the Regular Army has been subservient to that of the Territorial Army. This has probably not made so much difference to the Middlesex battalions as to some others, because in the Middlesex Regiment liaison between the Regular and Territorial battalions has always been a model of what liaison should be. The 1st Battalion and the Depot have invariably done their utmost to help us and have shown a keen understanding of the many difficulties which beset the training of the Territorial Army.

This year no fewer than fifteen officers and many other ranks from the 1st Battalion attended Annual Training. Quite apart from the invaluable assistance which they gave us in training, it was very pleasant for us to be able to get to know them better, and we are only sorry that they had such a very wet time.

They may rest assured, however, that the discomforts which they underwent were not in vain, and that the Middlesex Territorial units are most grateful to them for their help.

We were visited this year by General Sir Ivor Maxse. The officers had the pleasure of dining him on August 5th, and on the following day he saw the Battalion on the training area.

Camp virtually brings the year's training to a close, and it is a fitting time to glance back and consider what the Ninth have done. Unquestionably it has been a most successful year in every way. Everyone has worked hard and we had our reward at the Annual Prize Distribution by the Middlesex T.A.A. on the last Friday in camp, when the following trophies were presented to the Battalion. They speak for themselves, and no further comment is necessary:—

44th (H.C.) Division Boxing Cup.
132nd Infantry Brigade Boxing Cup.
44th (H.C.) Division Football Cup.
132nd Infantry Brigade Signalling Cup.

132nd Infantry Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition (Rifle and Lewis Gun).

132nd Infantry Brigade M.G. Competition.

132nd Infantry Brigade Miniature Range Shield.

Inter-Unit Transport Competition.

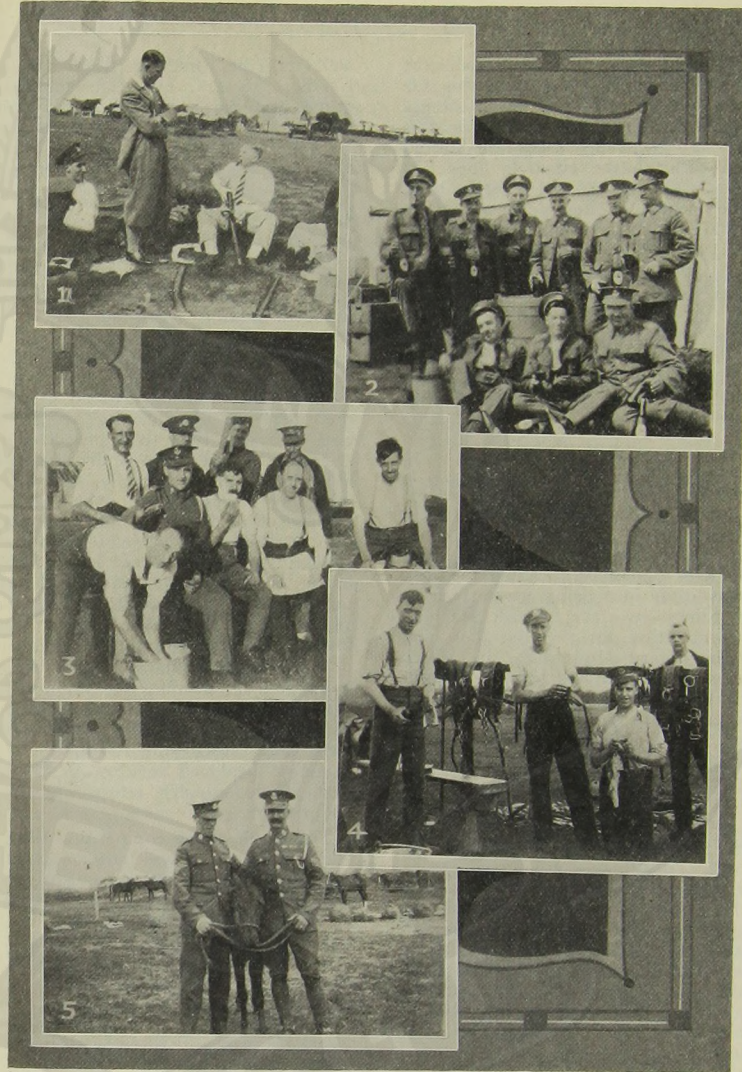
The future also is very promising. Football and boxing have started; dances and whist drives are in full swing, and all companies are now well in the throes of their Autumn Individual Training programmes. There are rumours of a training cinema being installed at Pound Lane to help to while away the dark evenings. We may even possibly take our own films, in which case Maurice Chevalier (not at £1,000 per week) will almost certainly be forthcoming from the talent available in the Ninth, though the problem of finding a Greta Garbo presents much more difficulty.

REG. OFFICERS.

A COMPANY NOTES.

The outstanding event of the past quarter has, of course, been camp, for which A Company turned up in record-breaking numbers. We arrived in the New Forest just in time for the bog-walloping season and are now skilled bog-wallopers. Great things, the New Forest bogs. Every now and then during training a gurgling, squelching sound would be heard, and we would turn round to find the eyeballs of Ptes. X and Y just disappearing beneath the turgid, quaking surface. Anyway, when next we go bog-walloping we are going to take with us our alpenstock and a set of blocks and tackle with which to haul our friends out of any bog, bogue, morass or quagmire into which they may stumble, fall or be otherwise pushed.

Of course, good old A Company distinguished itself as usual in many ways. Four Victoria Crosses were earned, if not obtained, for the heroism shown when we attacked that well-known mountain, our old friend the "p" in "tumulus." Besides this, to judge from the remarks made by the umpires, we more than once got the Military Cross (in fact, we got them very cross) and were often nearly awarded a D.C.M. (District Court-



9th BATTALION.

- 1.—How B Company won the Guard Mounting Competition. Is this a record?
- 2.—Nine of the Ninth Band whose aggregate service amounts to 289 years. It does seem rather rough luck to be Tent Orderly with 19 years' service:—
Bdsn. Birch, 24 years; Bdsn. Howard, 41 years; Bdsn. Moulton, 27 years; Bdsn. Horn, 37 years; Bdsn. Graham, 49 years; Bdsn. Sopp, 19 years; Bdsn. Mayhew, 26 years; Bdsn. Daniels, 40 years; Bdsn. Gold, 26 years.
- 3.—Transport: Cleaning up for Walking Out Parade.
- 4.—Transport Competition: The other side of the picture.
- 5.—Sgt. Bungay and Paddy O'Neil with a small friend.

Martial) and/or the O.B.E. (Order of the Boot Externally). However, the star performance of all was undoubtedly when Coy. Sergt.-Major Sewell—on this occasion a *very* coy Sergeant-Major) motored through the enemy's lines disguised as a Girl Guide and brought back a detailed report of their positions. (We mean the enemy's positions, not the Girl Guides'.)

The main thing is that throughout the fortnight, which the Clerk of the Weather informs us was the wettest on record since the year Anno Dot, we all kept thoroughly happy and with our tails well up. That is the true A Company spirit in which we are starting the coming winter.

B (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

We must be forgiven if these notes are written with a hand guided by a swollen head, but we are really quite pleased with ourselves. When the new Company came into being we set out to do two things—win the Brigade Machine Gun Competition for the Battalion and retain the Guard Mounting Cup, which had been won in 1928 and 1929 by B Company. We have done both, so perhaps can be excused a certain amount of exuberance. The way in which the whole Company (and Bob) helped to turn out our guards was excellent, and the two guard commanders, Sergt. Batty and Cpl. Jones, and their guards proved themselves worthy of the assistance given them.

The 1930 camp will be remembered for two things: (1) the great assistance so willingly given us by Mr. Howell and Sergts. Jones, Williams and Davis, all of the 1st Battalion, and (2) the weather. We hope that we shall on many occasions in the future have such great help in training, but never again such wet weather.

That we did not do better in the Football Competition was a great disappointment to us—our failure was not due to lack of practice, as we had a trial match the day after we arrived in camp and a friendly against D Company the next day. We were not disgraced in being beaten (5—2) by C Company, as we held them

well until it came to the extra time. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed the game and we are looking forward to turning the tables on them next year.

So far as training is concerned, there were two outstanding events: the rescue of a bogged limber and the bridging of a bog on the Brigade Day. The former was an unpleasant experience for all concerned, including the horses. However, nothing was lost and we shall in future be more wary even of the most innocent-looking ground in boggy country. The latter was good fun, but hard work. The 18-ft. planks were no light weight, and as we were working against time, and had had no practice in the operation of widening bridges over bogs nor any time to approach the job scientifically, we were under a considerable handicap. Actually one platoon with its limbers did get over. It was a disappointing day really, not one machine gun opened fire, chiefly because the Directing Staff would not let us fight the battle the way we wanted to, but insisted on keeping to their plan, which was not really quite fair. We were having a lovely little war, why put a stop to it?

Mr. Coubro's Platoon is to be congratulated on winning the Platoon Competition. From the spectators' point of view, Part III, the field work, was the most interesting, but, judging by the keenness displayed by all ranks, the other parts were equally interesting to the competitors.

The result of the competition was:—

	PART I.	PART II.	PART III.	
	Turn out of men and equipment. Maximum 50.	Stoppages. Maximum 40.	Action, from lorry, including selection of section areas and gun positions and fire. Maximum 60.	Total.
1. No. 5 Platoon	21	24	44	89
2. No. 7 Platoon	39	14	27½	80½
3. No. 8 Platoon	31	16	31½	78½
4. No. 6 Platoon	45½	19	11½	76

Once again the Company's thanks are due to Mr. Howell and the attached Sergeants for the trouble they took in running and judging the competition for us.

C COMPANY NOTES.

Mulum in parvo must be our motto. The spirit is willing and full of knowledge, but the flesh as represented by our numbers is very weak. Our lack of numbers made camp rather a strenuous time for all of us, as we had, of course, to take our fair share of guards and fatigues. Headed by our indefatigable Company Commander, we also had a good shot at the competitions, and came out second in all of them. Not a bad record.

We feel certain that every other company has groused about both the weather and the bogs, but it takes more than these little inconveniences to upset us.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good and there is no doubt that we benefited in one way by having so few in camp, namely, as regards the grub. Everyone always had two helpings and sometimes three, which was just as well, as the New Forest air made everyone exceedingly hungry.

We should like to congratulate Sergts. Doman and Hattley on receiving the Territorial Efficiency Medal. The medals were presented by Col. Blumfeld, T.D., Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, on the return of the Battalion to Willesden from Annual Training.

We should like to remind all members of the Company that there are two very important fixtures in the near future at which everyone must be present on pain of death.

On Armistice Sunday, November 9th, a service was held in the Drill Hall at Wealdstone, after which C Company and the old Comrades marched to the Wealdstone War Memorial with Band and Drums.

Last but by no means least the Company Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6th.

CORK.

D COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last issue of these notes we have completed yet another Annual Training, which was held this year at East Boldre near Beaulieu, Hants. This

place will be long remembered, firstly by the picture postcards sent out, we believe, by the publicity agents of the locality—correct me if I am wrong—and secondly by the amount of rain that fell for our special benefit. Some of the scenery was very beautiful—so we were told; certainly the training areas were, bogs being the speciality. The population (both of them) lived at the local hostelry and were enchanted by the presence of the camp. They at least provided us with bottled sunshine, the only kind we got.

Still, from a Company point of view we had quite a few successes. The Football Cup, which we have tried so hard to get, has come our way at last. The final was played before breakfast on a Sunday morning. We imagine this to be a quite unique time for a match, and wonder if the F.A. would sanction the Cup Final being played at such an hour. Our opponents in H.Q. Wing were rather surprised when the score was 7—5 in our favour. It was a fine game. Another success was our winning the Section Leading Competition, in which we took first, second and fourth places. Our congratulations to the N.C.Os. taking part. Placings were as follows: 1st, L./Cpl. Patterson; 2nd, Cpl. Mansbridge; 4th, L./Sergt. Erwood.

Following this we must mention the Platoon Competition, which we won easily, being 50 points ahead of the second company. The platoon was under the able leadership of Lieut. B. Sutcliffe, who with his N.C.Os. and men was able to fathom out in the speediest time the intricacies set before them. The judging of these competitions was carried out by the Regular officers.

The recruits were exceptionally good this year and it was largely through their efforts that we made up our losses of 1929. We were not so successful with the Guard Mounting Competition, taking fourth place.

Several of our senior N.C.Os. were missed from training this year owing to business and medical reasons, but we hope all these difficulties will be overcome for 1931 camp.

Since Annual Training the Drill Halls have been closed to enable the P.S. to get away, and we hope that while promenading by the silvery sea pro-

grammes for the coming winter have been seriously thought out.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sergt. A. Devereaux on his marriage on September 20th.

We are sorry to lose L./Cpl. Paine and Ptes. Shewry, Timbs and Upson, who have been with us a long while and are now time-expired. We wish Ptes. J. Howell and Gregory, who have enlisted in the Air Force, the best of luck.

DON.

SIGNAL SECTION NOTES.

Our day has now arrived. The languishing bud, after being gently and carefully nurtured in an atmosphere of hot air, has grown into a glorious aromatic flower worthy of inclusion with the evergreen laurels of the Battalion.

A few years ago we had two classified Signallers, now we have thirty-three, with several more to go up at Stamford Brook. We are not satisfied even now, but, as we have the men, great strides should be made within the next few months.

Camp this year was just one iddy-umpty after another, but fortunately the end justified the means, as a certain familiarity with dots and dashes enabled twenty-three of our Signallers to obtain 100 per cent. in all tests. We were able to demonstrate our versatility on the day of the Brigade Exercises, when we supplied men for almost every duty imaginable, although our offer of a few amateur crooks was declined with thanks. Our burly policeman rendered startling service at the cross-roads by Hatchett Pond.

It is necessary before closing this narrative for us to offer our greetings and sincere thanks to those instructors of the 1st Battalion who gave us so much help and encouragement this year. We only hope that we may be fortunate enough to obtain their assistance again in the near future.

DOTTY.

TRANSPORT NOTES.

Another successful year for the Transport Section has just been completed. Again at camp we won the Albuhera Cup

for the best Transport in the Brigade, this being the second year in succession that we have won this cup. The results were:—

G.S. Wagon.—2nd, Pte. Belton.
Officers' Chargers.—1st, Lieut.-Col. Tupper's charger (L./Cpl. Lake).
Limber Driving.—4th, Cpl. Keen.
Limber Turn-out.—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Ptes. Kallmeier, Trendell, Brown and May.

In the team events we got a first in each event.

In the G.S. Wagon Turn-out, the judges made us equal first with the 7th Battalion, but we eventually lost this event by one point. We can therefore consider that we have completed another most successful year of hard work.

Camp was voted by the Transport Section to be one of the best that has been held during recent years. We were very pleased to have Sergt. O'Neil from the 1st Battalion living with us, and are very grateful for the help and advice which he gave, and also for the manner in which he tamed the contractor's hairies.

We hope to see some more of Paddy Macdougall in the Orderly Room.

Our men from the L.G.O.C. all distinguished themselves this camp. L./Cpl. Lake won the Officers' Chargers Turn-out very easily. "Corporal" Richardson, besides being the life and soul of the party, was also guide, philosopher and friend to everyone, and an ever-present help to anyone who got stuck in a bog with a limber. Pte. Kallmeier won the Limber Turn-out and a flower-bowl; the latter has since been lost. Sergt. Remmers was responsible for the turn-out of the wagons for the Brigade Transport Competition. However, these busmen cannot get away from their civilian employment, even when they go to Butlers Hard.

The members of the Section have been distinguishing themselves in other directions. Sergt. Bungay is the holder of the cup for the best N.C.O. Pte. Brown plays centre-half for the Battalion football team and has had a trial with Queen's Park Rangers. Sergt. Remmers runs dances and whist drives for the benefit of the Battalion, and Pte.

Hughes can drink a pint of port without turning a hair.

DRABBIE.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Another Annual Camp has been and gone and is nearly forgotten, but not quite, as there were several outstanding features about this camp that will be hard to forget.

First the bogs, secondly the weather, and thirdly the unusual way of going to camp, i.e., by road.

The bogs were responsible for lots of bad language and wet feet, and the weather did its best to make things unpleasant all round. The journey down by road was an experiment and was apparently a success. We certainly arrived in camp much fresher than the units who marched from Brockenhurst, although we were a little cramped after the long journey down.

We were pleased to welcome several members of the 1st Battalion who were attached to us for the period of training, and hope that they had a good time with the Mess.

Our usual concert was held on the first Tuesday in camp, and after a very quiet start turned out to be one of the best we have ever had. Our thanks are due to all those who helped to make it such a success, the Regimental Band being especially good. Sergt. Turner, of the 5th Royal West Kent Regiment, was just as pleased to be amongst us as we were to have him, as his battalion were on night ops., and he got off.

S. M.



Girls when they went out to swim
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard;
Now they have a bolder whim:

They dress more like her cupboard.

—Anon. (American).

* * *

"Well, thank heaven, food's coming down at last!" exclaimed a native housewife, just as an aviator was about to make a forced landing on a cannibal island.

NOTES ON EMPLOYMENT.

BY LIEUT.-COL. F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

OVER two million are registered as unemployed at present, and it seems probable that by Christmas the figure will be well over two and a half million. The situation, appalling everywhere, is not quite so bad in London and the South of England as in the Midlands and the North.

Few soldiers seem to realize how difficult it is to get work, and when they first leave the Colours they are too inclined to make stipulations as to where they will live, whom they will work for, and the wage they should receive. In the present state of things no one can pick and choose and the wise man grasps at any job offered to him.

The building trades still offer good opportunities for employment, and the prospects for the future seem good. The engineering trades are slack at present, but possibly they will revive again in the New Year. There is absolutely no demand for motor drivers. The few good vacancies going are snapped up by men with years of experience, and much of the delivery work is being done by boys on a wage of 30s. a week. There is a constant call for house-parlourmen, valets and club waiters. The A.V.T.C., Hounslow, receives more calls for such men than it can fill. There are also many excellent places waiting for married couples. The scheme for training such couples at the Hounslow Centre should be better known.

Many soldiers on taking up employment fail to realize that by accepting employment they are accepting a contract which is just as binding on them as it is on the employer. Cases frequently occur in which the man leaves his work without giving proper notice to his employer. This act is illegal, as it is breaking the agreement. The employer naturally is furious with the way he has been treated and generally decides that he will have nothing more to do with ex-soldiers. Thus this thoughtless and selfish act on the part of one man may spoil the chances of many other soldiers.

I notice that there is a tendency amongst pensioners to try to commute a

part of their pension for such things as paying the initial instalment on a house or for buying furniture. This is very bad finance on the part of the man, as he is sacrificing an income for life to get over a temporary difficulty. Personally, I would never give my approval or recommendation to such a proposal.

In conclusion, the new savings scheme brought in by Army Order 108 of 1930 should be made full use of by every soldier. The earlier in his service that a man starts saving, the better for him when he leaves the Colours. Work out what you will have saved when you leave the Colours by banking only the price of two cigarettes a day throughout your service. You will be surprised at the amount.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

THE PLASTERER.

ALTHOUGH the Romans under Julius Caesar first introduced plastering into this country, the work of the plasterer at the present time is little known to those not directly in touch with building.

Plastering is considered by many to be a rough dirty job and low in the scale of the building trades, but this is a mistaken idea. Plastering is akin to the fine arts, for a skilled plasterer has something of the artist in his soul, and with the crude-looking mixtures of sands, limes, plasters and cements he will turn a rough brick wall into one with a marble-like surface covered with beautifully moulded panels.

To see one of these craftsmen take from his table the creamy wet material and form a beautiful moulding, run straight and true with perfect mitres, or to see him form on his bench some intricate detail, which when fixed, will give refinement to an otherwise flat uninteresting surface, is to see a craft that is one of the most interesting in the building trades.

Years ago plastering usually ran in families—fathers handing on their knowledge and skill to their sons—but nowadays things have changed, and as highly skilled plasterers are scarce there is usually a demand for good craftsmen that cannot be filled in this way.

The plasterer requires to develop hand-skill in view of the many varieties of material he must handle and the different methods of

their application as a plasterer's work covers such work as floating and setting walls and ceilings, running cornices and mouldings, tiling, cement work, roughcast, ornamental casting and fibrous plasterwork.

You have only to look around the next time you go to a cinema or theatre to see some examples of plasterwork that will make you realize the beauty of the plasterer's art. Practically all the artistic cornices, mouldings and panels that you may see on the walls and ceilings will have been made by plasterers. It is a revelation to many to know that the plasterer does this delightful work in addition to putting the plaster on the bricklayer's walls, which comic writers say is to prevent you from looking through them!

It will be of interest to read that in the fourteenth century the plasterer was earning 7d. per day, and this was considered good pay in those days.

In 1679 Charles II forbade anyone "to carry on simultaneously the trades of mason, bricklayer, plasterer and to exercise or carry on the art of a plasterer without having been apprenticed seven years to the mystery."

Nowadays the plasterer earns from 10s. to £1 per day, and with the intensive training given on a Vocational Course a man can become skilled in six months not only in the plain solid plasterwork but also in the fibrous and ornamental cast work.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO MILITARY MAP READING. (Gal: & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot; price 3s. 6d.)

This book has been rewritten and enlarged with entirely new maps and exercises, and is a thoroughly practical work. It should be of the greatest assistance to N.C.Os. and men in their study of map-reading.

SOME CHAPTERS ON WRITING ENGLISH. By Lieut.-Col. J. H. Gettins, D.S.O.

A book which makes a pleasure of studying this apparently unpopular subject. The author has a most happy way of expressing himself and a delightful sense of humour. Not only every schoolroom but also every library should possess this book.

DECEASED SOLDIER'S BALANCE.

THIRD REPUBLICATION OF LIST 606 of the names of deceased officers and soldiers whose personal estate is held for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled.—Effects, 1926-27:—

Atkinson, W. (alias Thompson), Pte., Middlesex Regiment.—£61 14s. 9d.

OBITUARY.

ARCHDEACON IRWIN.

(From the "Royal Leamington Spa and Warwickshire Standard," July 11th, 1930.)

NEWS of the death, on Tuesday morning, July 8th, 1930, at Brighton, of Archdeacon Irwin quickly reached Leamington, and cast a gloom in many directions. For not only was "Ronnie" Irwin a man with an exceptionally large number of personal friends, but he had won the regard and admiration of Warwickshire folk generally by his whole-hearted championship of the cause of ex-Service men. Moreover, there was the fact that as a Padre he had won exceptional distinction in the Great War, and also that on returning to Warwickshire he had thrown himself with characteristic vigour into the work which devolved on him as Vicar of Lillington. All this adds to the tragedy of his death at the age of 49—a death following a long illness due to war wounds.

The Canon's departure from Lillington in 1927 to become Archdeacon of Dorking in the newly formed see of Guildford (where his friend Dr. Greig had become Bishop) was keenly felt by the people of Lillington.

During his vicariate at Lillington, Canon Irwin devoted himself afresh to the cause of the ex-Service men, into whose difficulties he had a sympathetic insight, and on whose behalf he spent himself freely, notwithstanding the great physical infirmity under which he was known to be suffering, and which, from time to time, necessitated his undergoing very serious operations.

In 1919 he formed nineteen branches of the Comrades of the Great War in Warwickshire, and in 1921 became President of the Southam Branch of the British Legion. From that year his zeal for the Legion grew greater and greater, and he was primarily responsible for the acquisition of the new headquarters of the Warwickshire Council of the British Legion in Leamington. From 1923-24 he was Chairman of the Leamington Branch, and in 1924 was elected Vice-Chairman of the Warwickshire Council, becoming Chairman in the following year. In 1926 his energetic work resulted in the formation of fourteen branches of the British Legion in the county. Just prior to his appointment as Archdeacon of Dorking he was elected Vice-Chairman of the West Midland Area of the British Legion.

As a preacher on the occasion of ex-Service men's parades, Canon Irwin was in great demand. He had an almost uncanny gift of remembering names, and however big a company might be he could go from man to man and address each by his name—a fact which greatly endeared him to all who came in contact with him.

COLONEL FOX.

THIRTY YEARS CHIEF OF SALVAGE CORPS.

"MARRIED TO FIRES."

(From "The Sunday Times," October 19th, 1930.)

Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Fox, who for thirty years was Chief Officer of the London (Fire) Salvage Corps, died yesterday at his home at Cadogan Court, S.W., after an illness of several weeks. He retired from the Salvage Corps about two years ago.

Colonel Fox, who was 72, at one time commanded the 5th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own, Middlesex Regiment. He was vice-president of the Professional Fire Brigades Association, the National Fire Brigades Association, and the London Private Fire Brigades Association, and was founder of the Institute of Fire Engineers.

Fire-fighting was not only Colonel Fox's profession, but his hobby as well. So keen was he not to miss a fire that

when he went to a social function a Salvage Corps man was always detailed specially to inform him by telephone if an outbreak occurred.

Colonel Fox was a bachelor. "He always said he was married to fires," said ex-Superintendent W. J. Blyth, in an appreciation of his old chief, whom he served for sixteen years as secretary.

Colonel Fox had many narrow escapes from death while on duty. Once he was inside a hop warehouse when it collapsed, and he was pitched down a staircase. On another occasion he was thrown off a fire escape and injured. He held numerous decorations, including the Russian Gold Medal of Merit, the Lion and Sun of Persia, the Gold Cross (First Class) of France, and the Croix Civique of Belgium.

Colonel Fox was the owner of the only portrait believed to be in existence of Guy Fawkes. Incidentally, this picture settled once and for all a controversy which raged for years. Many claimed to possess the original lantern used by Guy Fawkes, but Colonel Fox's picture makes it clear that the one to be seen in the Bodleian at Oxford is the original.

The biggest fire Colonel Fox attended was what is spoken of as the great Cripplegate fire of 1897, which burnt whole streets. Colonel Fox remained on duty for forty-eight hours.

A clever rescue idea at a big fire in Queen Victoria Street, in which several people were suffocated, earned Colonel Fox the medal of the Royal Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. At Colonel Fox's suggestion ladders were taken on to the roofs of buildings close to the one on fire, and by means of them bridges were made from roof to roof. Firemen were then able to reach and rescue people who were imprisoned in the top of the burning building.

MAJOR LEACH.

TO PROBE AIR CRASH.

BOARD WILL INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF MAJOR LEACH'S DEATH.

Ottawa, June 30th.—Arrangements were being made to-day by the civil aviation branch of the department of national defence for a board of inquiry to investigate the accident in which Major John O. Leach lost his life at Port Arthur yesterday. No announcement of the personnel of the board was made.

News of the death of Major Leach while testing a hydroplane was received with widespread regret among aviators here. His distinguished career overseas and his leadership in civil aviation since had made him well known among members of the Service in the capital.



NOTICE.

MOTOR CARS FOR OFFICERS.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (Retired), is Proprietor of the United Service Garages, 126, High Street, Portsmouth, and Palmerston Road, Southsea (phone 2235). Any make of new or used car (100 in stock) can be purchased on confidential extended terms. A repurchase voucher will be given guaranteeing to repurchase a new or used car at a definite figure after any given period (minimum, two months). A generous allowance will be given for any car in part exchange, valued on the owner's description. An ingenious free service scheme for twelve months has been arranged to operate in any part of the United Kingdom. Cars sold at over £50 are guaranteed for one year after purchase. There is a specially organized "Hire and Drive Yourself" Service at moderate rates. Daily, weekly or monthly. Send for 32-page brochure "About a Car." London Office (A. L. Houghton, Esq.), 32, Regent House, Regent Street, W.1, phone Mayfair 4504.

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

[57]

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions—contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)—contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants.	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.	Lt.-Colonel.	Captains.
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Clowes, J. H. (1)	Hon. Colonel.	×Parneter, W. H. 11/6/30	×Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Chapman, J. R. S. (2)	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) t.d.		21/7/20
1/1/18	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)	13/8/25		Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	27/8/19			Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29
28/9/28	Clayden, H. W. (1)			Hewson, A. S. 20/2/30
	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)			
	24/10/19			Lieutenants.
Majors (8).	Clark, S. J. (2)	Lt.-Colonel.	×Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D. 1/4/30	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Walden, F. (2) d.	×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.d.		Wright, E. W. 24/12/23
28/9/24	21/2/20	18/3/29		Heffer, H. 17/3/26
1/1/19	Heywood, E. L. (2)			Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	20/2/20			Coubro, T. F. 23/6/27
28/9/24	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)			Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
3/6/19	20/12/20			Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/29
Jefford, W. W. (1)	18/7/21	Majors.		
16/12/24	Reid, J. G. E., c.o.	×Murray, H. A. t.d. 19/3/29		
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) [2]	Hudson, E. V. H. (1)	×Bower, G. A. H., M.C. 1/4/30		
9/5/25	17/12/21			
Shane-Stanley, L. F. (1)	Musselwhite, C. C., c.o.			
30/7/26	16/7/22			
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1)	Cubitt, D. Y. (1)			
5/5/27	24/12/22			
3/6/18	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2)			
	14/7/23			
	Worton, J. B. (1)			
	14/7/23			
	Lambert, H. P. (2)			
	14/7/23			
	Gordon, I. D. S.			
	(d., Adj. 10/7/29)			
	14/7/23			
	Crawford, M., o. (1) d.			
	30/8/26			
	Walcombe, T. S., M.C. (2)			
	3/6/18			
	Captains (14).			
	Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (1)			
	6/2/15			
	Appelbe, E. N. (2)			
	17/12/15			
	Newham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1)			
	30/4/15			
	Seville, H. B. W., M.C. (1)			
	3/6/19			
	Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. (1)			
	7/12/15			
	Thorp, J. R. (1) s.			
	23/1/16			
	Phillips, H., M.C. (1)			
	26/8/16			
	Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (p.s.c.) (1)			
	26/8/16			
	Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (1) s.			
	26/8/16			
	Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (1) s.			
	1/1/17			
	Haydon, C. W., M.C. (1)			
	25/4/17			
	Lawrence, F. A. L. (2)			
	7/5/17			
	del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1) (1)			
	28/9/20			
	Whitney, C. T., M.C. (2) d.			
	23/5/21			
	Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. 1/4/21			
	Loyne, E. F., M.C. (Small Arms Sch.)			
	9/5/27			
	Garrow, V. J. (2)			
	25/2/22			
	Manson, E. P., M.C. (2)			
	29/6/26			
	Roberts, W. L., M.C. (2)			
	9/5/27			
	Hill, R. L. (1)			
	9/5/27			
	Morams, S., M.C., t.			
	9/5/27			
	Blackham, B. B., M.C. (1) d.			
	9/5/27			
	Weller, A. V. (1)			
	9/5/27			
	Pain, E. T. (2)			
	9/5/27			
	Kempster, G. W. (2)			
	20/4/28			
	Dobbs, J. E., M.C., t.			
	28/9/28			
	Boyle, H. S. (1)			
	23/10/28			
	Jones, W. H. V. (2)			
	10/12/28			
	Halgrove, S. F. (2) [1]			
	10/12/28			
	Parker, F. G., t.			
	10/12/28			
	O'Neill, A. N. (1), Adj. 10/12/28			
	(Subalterns 34).			

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. APRIL 30TH, 1930.

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M.	R. Mantell	...	26/9/24	Sgt.	H. Warren	...	8th
*R.S.M.	C. Davis	...	13/4/29	Sgt.	T. Tiller	...	Depot
*Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	...	27/6/16	Sgt. (Cook-Sgt.)	G. E. Knock	...	18/11/28
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	...	13/6/28	*Sgt.	A. T. Jones	...	18/2/29
*R.Q.M.S.	E. J. Crouch	...	28/4/29	*Sgt. (Band-Sgt.)	A. Stenning	...	23/2/29
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	B. E. Baldwin	...	2/7/30	Sgt.	R. King	...	Supnmy, Fire Bde., Bordon
*C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	...	4/9/18	Sgt. J. West	...	...	5/7/29
*C.S.M.	H. Rand...	...	28/1/25	*Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	...	15/1/30
*C.S.M.	C. Denton	...	26/3/25	Cpl.	W. Overton	...	25/2/30
*C.S.M.	C. F. Goodall	...	4/6/25	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	...	11/5/20
*C.S.M.	J. Tungeate, D.C.M.	...	17/6/25	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Soper	...	11/6/24
*C.S.M.	F. Pelly	...	28/10/25	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	...	16/7/24
*C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	...	15/8/26	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Blake	...	1/9/24
*C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	...	28/2/28	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Kennett	...	13/12/24
*C.S.M.	F. Peck	...	8th	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	...	1/3/25
*C.S.M.	C. Goodall	...	28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. J. O'Brien	...	26/3/25
*C.S.M.	A. King	...	4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	...	16/4/25
*C.S.M.	F. Stevenson	...	4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. C. Hull, M.M.	...	26/5/25
*C.S.M.	P. Newman	...	15/1/30	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Priddy	...	18/2/26
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	...	23/7/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. W. Glover	...	9/2/27
Sgt.	E. Pain	...	26/10/18	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. A. Thompson	...	13/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	...	11/6/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Baynes	...	13/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	...	28/2/28	Cpl.	L. Brown	...	24/12/27
Sgt.	W. Christie	...	1/5/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. West	...	1/1/28
Sgt.	W. Sadler	...	10/2/21	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Phillipson	...	15/1/28
Sgt.	E. Walsh	...	25/8/21	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Painter	...	15/1/28
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	...	22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Mason	...	28/2/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	...	18/10/23	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Donovan	...	5/3/28
Sgt.	E. Shaw	...	19/1/24	Cpl.	M. Horton	...	7/3/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell	...	16/2/24	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Paterson	...	8/3/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	G. Anderson	...	28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	O.R.C. P. Hale	...	8/3/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Farrow	...	29/9/29	Cpl.	J. Little	...	14/3/28
Sgt.	H. Griffin	...	11/6/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Webster	...	12/4/28
Sgt.	B. Brockman	...	15/7/24	Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	...	26/4/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Clarke	...	15/1/30	Cpl.	W. Holt	...	1/5/28
Sgt.	W. Clements	...	10/11/24	Cpl.	F. Chasney	...	22/6/28
Sgt.	A. Russell	...	18/2/25	Cpl.	L. Williams	...	8/8/28
Sgt.	E. Jones	...	1/3/25	Cpl.	A. Coulling	...	1/9/28
Sgt.	E. Burt	...	26/3/25	Cpl.	W. Bean	...	14/9/28
*Sgt.	E. Fleming	...	16/4/25	Cpl.	A. Lawrence	...	26/9/28
*Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	26/5/25	Cpl.	J. Ayres	...	1/11/28
*Sgt.	W. Raindle	...	16/8/25	Cpl.	F. Davis	...	7/11/28
Sgt.	S. Mason	...	2/2/26	*Cpl.	H. Kruck	...	18/11/28
Sgt.	E. Hazeldine	...	5/4/26	Cpl.	S. Boiling	...	8/1/29
Sgt.	T. Page	...	20/5/26	Cpl.	P. Andrews	...	18/1/29
Sgt.	W. Bennett	...	19/6/26	Cpl.	F. Brightman	...	1/2/29
Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	30/1/27	Cpl.	R. Dyson	...	20/2/29
Sgt.	J. Bray	...	9/2/27	Cpl.	P. Edwards	...	23/2/29
Sgt.	G. Clift	...	9/2/27	*Cpl.	R. Chaplin	...	17/6/29
Sgt.	G. Horrex	...	15/2/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Warren	...	21/9/29
*Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Robbins	...	21/2/27	Cpl.	H. Tyler	...	21/9/29
*Sgt.	R. Challis	...	28/2/28	Cpl.	E. Edmunds	...	10/10/29
*Sgt.	C. V. Misso	...	5/3/28	Cpl.	F. Rumens	...	15/11/29
Sgt.	H. G. Thomas	...	7/3/28	Cpl.	E. Paterson	...	15/1/30
Sgt.	E. J. Steward	...	20/3/28	Cpl.	J. W. Hood	...	25/2/30
Sgt.	S. Buckle	...	20/3/28	Cpl.	J. Chillery	...	20/3/30
				Cpl.	C. Sneesby	...	6/4/30
				Cpl.	L. Beck	...	9/4/30

* In possession of 1st Class Certificate of Education.

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	F. Payne...	...	11/4/30	<i>Paid—</i>			
Cpl.	F. Newstead	...	19/4/30	L./Cpl.	J. Robinson	...	6/1/30
*Cpl.	V. Cooper	...	30/4/30	L./Cpl.	H. Lyall	...	9/1/30
Cpl.	E. Zetter	...	14/5/30	L./Cpl.	C. Theobald	...	15/1/30
Cpl.	A. Alchorne	...	15/5/30	L./Cpl.	C. Bolton	...	25/2/30
*Cpl.	J. Packard	...	5/6/30	L./Cpl.	F. Povey	...	21/3/30
				L./Cpl.	J. Thirkettle	...	12/3/30
				L./Cpl.	P. Hatchett	...	21/3/30
				L./Cpl.	C. Brown	...	21/3/30
				L./Cpl.	J. Riches	...	3/4/30
				L./Cpl.	W. Smith	...	3/4/30
				L./Cpl.	A. Morgan	...	11/4/30
				*L./Cpl.	C. May	...	16/4/30
				L./Cpl.	C. White	...	16/4/30
				L./Cpl.	H. Maidment	...	18/4/30
				L./Cpl.	G. Kirby	...	24/4/30
				L./Cpl.	J. Bennett	...	24/4/30
				L./Cpl.	J. Brewer	...	26/4/30
				L./Cpl.	A. Stokes	...	1/5/30
				L./Cpl.	P. McGann	...	14/5/30
				L./Cpl.	J. Johnson	...	15/5/30
				L./Cpl.	C. Pantling	...	20/5/30
				L./Cpl.	A. Swan	...	20/5/30
				L./Cpl.	P. Bermingham	...	1/6/30
				L./Cpl.	P. Oliver	...	5/6/30
				L./Cpl.	G. Jeffree	...	5/6/30
				<i>Unpaid—</i>			
				L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	...	13/10/28
				L./Cpl.	E. Plucknett	...	2/6/30
				L./Cpl.	W. Belcher	...	2/6/30
				L./Cpl.	T. Bristow	...	2/6/30
				L./Cpl.	A. Cladd	...	17/6/30
				L./Cpl.	P. Maloney	...	17/6/30

2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT. SEPTEMBER, 1930.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.
R.S.M. S. Cox	20/1/26 (6)		*Sgt. F. Denchfield	20/3/28 (7)	
Bdmr. H. Clibbens	22/2/24		Sgt. A. Webb	15/5/28 (3)	
R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher	31/1/30		Sgt. T. Tiller	29/5/28 (6)	
C.S.M. W. Beasley	30/1/15 (3) (6)		Drum-Maj. H. Poulter	13/10/28	
C.S.M. J. Hart	20/1/26 (2) (6)		*Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Master Cook)	1/1/29 (1) (2)	
C.S.M. C. Kent	15/5/28 (4)		*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. (Intelligence)	21/2/29 (1) (2)	
C.S.M. R. Coulbourne	13/12/28 (3) (a)		Sgt. A. Jones	8/4/29 (6)	
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King	26/5/25 (3) (6)		Sgt. E. Addinall	10/4/29 (4)	
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills	2/11/26 (6)		Sgt. A. Boen	13/4/29 (3)	
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West	22/2/28 (6)		Sgt. C. Donaldson	24/5/29 (2)	
*Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel	6/11/29 (4) (b)		Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.)	15/5/29 (7)	
*Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Hewett	27/12/29 (3)		Sgt. G. Sheriff	9/12/29	
Sgt. A. Walker (Prob. Sgt.)	1/5/20		Sgt. F. Nash	11/12/29 (3)	
Sgt. H. Glover	1/5/20		Sgt. W. Green (Sgt. I.M.)	27/12/29 (6)	
Sgt. R. Newett	24/12/23 (1) (6)		*Sgt. A. Russell	16/2/30 (2) (3)	
*Sgt. L. Simmonds	18/8/24 (2) (6) (a)		Sgt. A. Hows	26/4/20 (3)	
*Sgt. J. Beaveridge	28/1/25		*L./Sgt. S. Copelin	1/1/27 (1) (2)	
*Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.)	27/2/25 (5)		*L./Sgt. W. Kemp	11/12/29 (6)	
Sgt. G. Bone (Transport Sgt.)	10/3/26 (8)		L./Sgt. H. Ison	27/12/29 (6)	
Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.)	17/8/27		L./Sgt. H. Cartwright	16/2/30 (1) (2)	
Sgt. S. Bishop	12/11/27 (1) (2)		L./Sgt. R. Parsler	31/3/30 (3)	
Sgt. L. Johnson	24/12/27 (3)		L./Sgt. H. Marshall (Officers' Mess Sgt.)	14/4/30	
*Sgt. F. Stacey	22/2/28 (1) (2)				
*Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker	20/3/28				

* In possession of 1st Class Certificate of Education.

- (1) Denotes passed Anti-Gas Course. (2) Denotes passed Education Course.
(3) " " M.G. Course. (4) " " P.T. Course.
(5) " " Pioneer Course. (6) " " Small Arms Course.
(7) " " Signal Course. (8) " " Transport Course.
(a) Distinguished. (b) Special.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Courses.
*L./Sgt. J. Painter ...	26/4/30	(2)	<i>Paid—</i>		
L./Sgt. W. Chalkley ...	27/6/30		L./Cpl. J. Oatway ...	27/12/29	
†Cpl. E. Wright ...	26/4/26		†L./Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	3/1/30	
†Cpl. C. Turner ...	22/1/27	(1) (2)	L./Cpl. G. Tennant ...	15/1/30	
Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	(1) (2) (a)	L./Cpl. S. Moore ...	28/1/30	
Cpl. J. Harper ...	10/7/28	(4)	L./Cpl. F. Gribble ...	5/2/30	
Cpl. J. Chester ...	13/12/28		L./Cpl. H. Frewin ...	16/2/30	
Cpl. J. Jackson ...	13/12/28		L./Cpl. W. Kemp ...	31/3/30	
†Cpl. E. Hillier ...	25/12/28		L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	1/4/30	
Cpl. W. Ray ...	22/1/29		L./Cpl. J. Chandler ...	22/4/30	
Cpl. R. Hannam (Prov. Cpl.)	21/2/29		L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	26/4/30	
Cpl. C. Trestain ...	26/3/29		L./Cpl. E. Warnes ...	28/4/30	
Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	10/4/29		L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	5/5/30	
Cpl. R. Smith (Band Cpl.)	15/4/29		L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	7/5/30	
Cpl. C. Cooper ...	25/4/29		L./Cpl. E. Housden ...	8/5/30	
Cpl. G. Chandler ...	25/4/29	(6)	L./Cpl. A. Parker ...	24/5/30	
Cpl. F. Higgins ...	15/5/29		L./Cpl. W. Flude ...	6/6/30	
Cpl. G. Balls ...	20/5/29		L./Cpl. J. Burton ...	13/6/30	
Cpl. H. Hamlin ...	24/8/29		L./Cpl. F. Deane ...	7/7/30	
Cpl. H. Wilson ...	5/6/29		L./Cpl. S. Doe ...	7/7/30	
Cpl. J. Scott ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Setters ...	11/7/30	
Cpl. W. Searle ...	9/12/29		<i>Unpaid—</i>		
Cpl. F. Hill ...	27/12/29		L./Cpl. J. Rainbow ...	15/12/28	
Cpl. C. Watson ...	28/1/30		L./Cpl. W. Mounce ...	6/2/29	
Cpl. A. Brett ...	31/9/30		L./Cpl. W. Bowers ...	4/3/29	
Cpl. J. Smith ...	5/2/30	(7)	L./Cpl. L. Grainger ...	20/3/29	
Cpl. F. Knight ...	16/2/30		L./Cpl. H. Leonard ...	7/5/29	
Cpl. S. Lilley ...	22/4/30		L./Cpl. A. Parrott ...	14/8/29	
Cpl. W. Fricker ...	26/4/30		L./Cpl. H. Grocott ...	23/12/29	
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30		L./Cpl. A. Treadwell ...	3/1/30	
Cpl. H. Taylor ...	8/5/30		L./Cpl. L. Gromm ...	21/1/30	
Cpl. E. Oram ...	6/6/30		L./Cpl. D. Parrish ...	27/1/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	30/9/27		L./Cpl. R. Smallridge ...	1/2/30	
†L./Cpl. D. Green ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. A. Harvey ...	7/2/30	
†L./Cpl. P. Carter ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. C. Parker ...	18/2/29	
†L./Cpl. W. Biggin ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. A. Humphries ...	25/2/30	
†L./Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. F. Walker ...	20/2/30	
†L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	26/7/29		L./Cpl. H. Walker ...	1/3/30	
†L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. McEnery ...	26/3/30	
†L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	11/4/30	
†L./Cpl. C. Ives ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. L. Long ...	16/4/30	
†L./Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	9/5/30	
L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Sleap ...	10/5/30	
†L./Cpl. F. Livens ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. G. Maunder ...	19/5/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Moir ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. H. French ...	24/5/30	
L./Cpl. G. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. J. Bond ...	10/6/30	
L./Cpl. H. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. P. Doubleday ...	21/6/30	
†L./Cpl. H. Etheridge ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Murcott ...	24/6/30	
†L./Cpl. T. Holland ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. J. Miles ...	1/7/30	
L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. F. Morgan ...	7/7/30	
L./Cpl. R. Osborne ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. C. Yetton ...	7/7/30	
†L./Cpl. A. Woolford ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	17/7/30	
L./Cpl. L. Waddington ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	25/7/30	
†L./Cpl. F. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Buck ...	6/8/30	
<i>Paid—</i>			L./Cpl. S. Day ...	20/8/30	
L./Cpl. H. Webb ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Day ...	27/8/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Wilson ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. L. Lewis ...	1/9/30	
L./Cpl. L. Burgess ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. F. Parfitt ...	1/9/30	
†L./Cpl. H. Rogers ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Folley ...	1/9/30	
L./Cpl. A. Palmer ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	5/9/30	
†L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	11/12/29				

The Adjutant will be glad if W.Os. and N.C.Os. will bring to his notice any errors or omissions.

* In possession of 1st Class Certificates of Education.

(1) Denotes passed Anti-Gas Course.

(3) " " M.G. Course.

(5) " " Pioneer Course.

(7) " " Signal Course.

(a) Distinguished.

† Passed Class (B). † Passed Class (A).

(2) Denotes passed Education Course.

(4) " " P.T. Course.

(6) " " Small Arms Course.

(8) " " Transport Course.

(b) Special.