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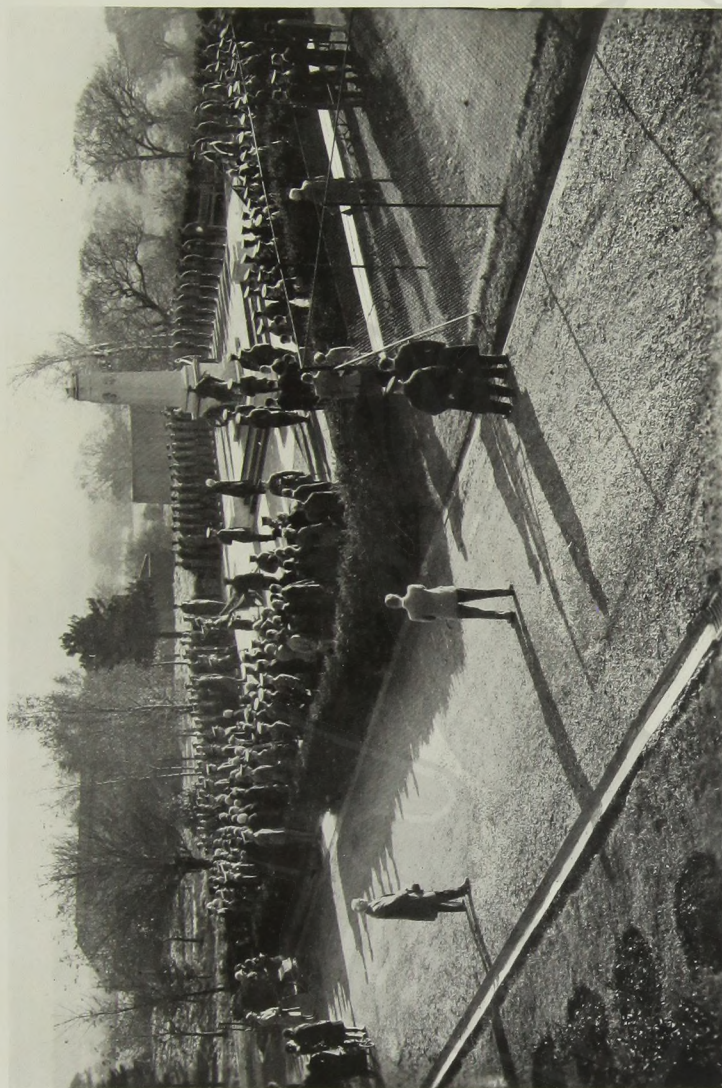
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Home Counties Area.

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"Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02,"
"Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line,"
"Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914, '18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle,"
"Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Delville
Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18,"
"Bapaume, 1917, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914, '17, '18," "Ploeghem,"
"Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin,"
"Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal
du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,
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1917-18," "Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18,"
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EDITORIAL



WREATHS were laid by Capt. H. W. M. Paul on Armistice Day at the Regimental War Memorial in the Royal Military College Chapel and at the Other Ranks' Memorial.

The War Office announces that the following appointment has been approved:—

Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O., to be Commander, 132nd (Middlesex and Kent) Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army, with effect from March next.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Scott-Moncrieff. The following

notice appeared in the *Morning Post* of January 5th:—

"SCOTT-MONCRIEFF.—At 4, West Cromwell Road, S.W.5, on the 3rd January, 1931, peacefully in her sleep, Alice Margaret, widow of Brig.-General W. Scott-Moncrieff of Fossaway, Kinross-Shire. Funeral service at St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, followed by Service at Golders Green Crematorium."

Capt. and Mrs. Hubert Foster were present at the service at St. Peter's.

Sub-Editors are again reminded that the delay in publication is caused by Notes not being submitted punctually.

Attention is drawn to the date of the next Old Comrades' Concert, which has to be postponed until April 11th owing to Easter.

RETIRED OFFICERS AND FAMILIES.

A SUGGESTION has been made that a list containing the names and addresses of retired officers and families be published in this JOURNAL.

The Editor would be grateful to know the views of those concerned as to whether they would like this done.

Such lists are already in possession of Hon. Secretaries of the Officers' Club and the Regimental Association.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

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

April 11th.—Old Comrades' Quarterly Concert; 19th London Regiment's Drill Hall, 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1., 7.30 p.m.

April 18th.—20th (Shoreditch) Battalion: Reunion Dinner at Ye Olde Butlers Head, Masons Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C.

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.

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

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

THE Regimental Derby Sweepstake will be arranged and carried out by the Club as usual. Tickets, £1 1s. each.

Applications, accompanied by remittance, must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Club not later than May 1st, 1931. Applications received after that date cannot be entertained.

If any members are desirous of obtaining Members' Tickets for the Middlesex County cricket matches, will they please forward an application and remittance of £1 1s. to the Hon. Secretary by April 1st, 1931.

The following are the fixtures in the Cricket Week, 1931:—

June 22nd v. Cryptics C.C.; June 23rd v. Royal Fusiliers; June 24th v. Free Foresters; June 25th v. I Zingari; June 27th v. Sandhurst Wanderers, at Sandhurst.

At Home, June 24th.

Annual Dinner, June 25th.

The first meeting of the Middlesex Regiment Golf Society, open to members of the Officers' Club, will take place at the Hendon Golf Club on April 15th, 1931.

The following competitions will take place:—

Morning.—Medal Round. (Competitors must start by noon.)

Afternoon.—Bogey Foursomes.

Prizes.—A cup will be presented for the best Scratch Score and Handicap Score.

These cups originally belonged to the 3rd Battalion, and have been presented to the Officers' Club.

The cup will be held by the winner for one year. A prize will be awarded to the winner of the afternoon round.

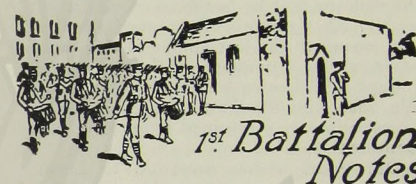
There will be an official sweepstake of 2s. 6d. for morning and afternoon rounds.

Entries, together with entrance fee of 5s. should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Officers' Club, three days before day of competition, to enable the Hon. Secretary to arrange for caddies, luncheons, etc.

Competitors will arrange their own partners. In the event of a competitor being unable to find a partner he should apply to the Hon. Secretary at least a week before the day of the Meeting.

In the event of a tie in either competition, the best nine holes out will decide.

Competitors will play off their lowest club handicap.



SINCE our last notes the much-looked-forward-to move to Colchester has taken place. Incredible as it may seem to some of us, there now appear to be some members of the Battalion who would like to be back in Catterick; in fact, a few have been back already on a visit. *Chacun a son goût.*

The Battalion is now fairly well settled down in the new station. A big programme of sport has been arranged and is being carried through steadily. Lieut. Howell and an energetic Committee have the football well in hand, and everything possible has been done to unearth new talent. Although out of the Army Cup, we have at the moment an unbeaten second team which augurs well for next year.

At Rugby we were knocked out of the Army Cup in the second round by our neighbours the Black Watch, after extra time. At hockey we were defeated in the second round. More detailed reports of the above will be found on another page.

We now pin our faith in our boxers to carry us on in an Army event. The Battalion Novices' and Open Competitions produced some capital bouts and an improvement was noticed in our Battalion boxers. Lieut. Clayden is in charge of this branch of sport, ably assisted by C.Q.M.S. Fleming, whose only sign of advancing years appears to be the letters denoting his rank before his name! It was hoped to arrange a contest versus the 9th Battalion at the end of January, but owing to an alteration in the Army dates this has been postponed.

Our old friend, Capt. Oakes-Jones, remembered us for Christmas by sending us a very fine Christmas card designed and painted by himself.

We offer our best wishes to Capt. Royffe, who is leaving us to go across the "Big Pond." There is no truth in the rumour that he has been offered a job as Mr. Al. Capone's No. 1 machine gunner, owing to the last holder of this office having been "bumped off."

Capt. Hill is also leaving us for Africa. We wish him the best of luck. Lieut. Musselwhite has rejoined from the Dark Continent.

Our good wishes must go to Lieut. Worton, who has left us to become Adjutant of the 9th Battalion. He will be missed in all branches of sport, but most particularly at Rugby, where his personal prowess and leadership were always a great inspiration to the side.

RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES.

At Colchester our Rugby team has played several matches, in which were included civilian fixtures, our first with Sudbury which we won after a hard if rather ragged game.

Our first round of the Army Cup was played on November 7th at Norwich against the 3rd Light Brigade, R.A. In the first five minutes Lieut. Worton got the ball away to 2/Lieut. Batten, who made good use of his speed to score a try. The Gunners replied by scoring two unconverted tries just before half-time, the score being 6-3. The Gunners scored and converted again after the interval, 11-3. Lieut. Hudson swerved through on his own and scored a fine try between the posts. This was converted,

11-8. Just before time, Lieut. Sword took a reverse pass from Lieut. Batten and just got over making the score 11-11.

Extra time was played. The Gunners scored almost at once, 14-11. The ball again travelled out to Batten, who scored by the corner flag, 14-14. Just before time Lieut. Hudson again got over, Lieut. Worton converting. The final score in our favour was 19-14. The team is to be congratulated on a very fine show.

Our second round was played against the Black Watch at Colchester on November 22nd. All our fixtures in between had unfortunately been scratched, so the team was not in such good practice as it might have been. Lieut. Worton was unfortunately not able to play owing to an injured collar-bone sustained in the match at Norwich. Conditions were not good, as a hurricane was blowing down the ground. We lost the toss and played up hill against the wind. The forwards, led by 2/Lieut. Marsh, played a magnificent game in this half and held a much heavier pack extremely well. Just before half-time the Black Watch got over in the corner. Score at half-time 3-0.

On resuming with the wind behind us we heeled and the ball went along the line to 2/Lieut. Batten, who crossed for an unconverted try, 3-3. The forwards appeared to tire a bit after this, and we were unable to get the ball, Lieut. Worton's presence being sadly missed. However, we were awarded a penalty kick fairly wide. Lieut. Hudson took the kick and, judging the wind exactly, landed a very fine goal, 3-6. In the last thirty seconds of the game, after an error of touch-judging, they got over again, the goal kick being charged down. Score 6-6.

EXTRA TIME.

On resuming, from a scrum in our 25 their scrum-half obtained the ball and dropped a very clever goal, 10-6. A little later the same player slipped round the scrum and scored an unconverted try, 13-6. In the last minute of the game, 2/Lieut. Chattey got the ball out to 2/Lieut. Powell, who ran half the length of the field, defeating several would-be tacklers, to score a good try. The final score was 13-9 against us.

Since these two matches we have had several games, but never with a full team. The forwards have improved, giving one of their best performances against H.M.S. *Ganges*, who beat us after a very good game.

HOCKEY NOTES.

At Colchester we have played a lot of hockey. We entered the Garrison Hockey League, and so far have played three matches. However, we have not been fortunate, as, owing to the claims of rugger and soccer, we have not always been able to turn out a full team.

We have also managed to obtain a few second eleven fixtures and are beginning to unearth new talent to replace some of the old "stars" who have left us. Our forward line has been completely upset, as we have lost Lieut. Hudson, Lieut. Worton and L./Sergt. O'Brien.

We played the R.A. (Shoeburyness) in the second round of the Army Hockey Cup, and after a very good game were beaten by 4 goals to 2. In this game we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Lieut. Worton, L./Sergt. O'Brien and Sergt. Hazeltine.

2/Lieut. Man, our right back, is leaving for the 2nd Battalion. We shall miss him, but wish him the best of luck.

Major Newnham is a regular member of the Garrison team, and several others of our team have played.

A (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

The buses mentioned in our last issue duly arrived in London on October 1st when our Company began its annual furlough, and left a few remnants behind to remove their baggage to the haven of expected peace—Colchester. (Note our efficiency.)

The arrival at Colchester was reminiscent of the poem "The Burial of Sir John Moore." Not a sound was heard, etc., and from our point of view things were quiet until our Company rejoined at the end of October. During the month a draft of fifteen recruits joined us from the Depot, and we wish them a pleasant time in the Company, and hope they will all live up to the standard set for them. Now we have started in earnest once again, as the following results will prove.

At boxing we did extremely well in winning the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition by a margin of 23 points over G Company, who did their utmost to beat us.

The following represented the Company at their weights:—

Heavies.—L./Cpl. Jolly (walk-over).

Light Heavies.—Ptes. Smith and McDowall.

Middles.—Ptes. Sargent, Skeen (runner-up) and Urquhart (winner).

Welters.—Ptes. Down, Broughton, Payne, Finkleston, Lockyer and Baldrey (winner).

Lights.—Ptes. Horseman, Johns and Almond (runner-up).

Feathers.—Ptes. Davidge and Kirby.

The boxing was of a good standard and the whole team put up a very good show.

Close upon the heels of this competition came the Open Individuals' Contest, and the Company was called upon to produce a team of thirteen to keep the M.G. flag aloft. This was accomplished without any difficulty, for more than twenty-eight names were submitted out of which the best were chosen.

In this competition we were up against it, as G Company have a very formidable side and possess quite a number of the Battalion team. Still the M.G. spirit prevailed, and with our backs to the wall, and with a devil-may-care feeling, we were successful in winning the competition by a margin of five points.

The following represented the Company in this event:—

Heavies.—Cpl. Brown (walk-over).

Light Heavies.—L./Cpl. Wichello (runner-up).

Middles.—Pte. Urquhart and Cpl. Ayres (runner-up).

Welters.—Ptes. Baldrey and Finkleston and L./Cpl. Clarke (runner-up).

Lights.—Ptes. Almond, Davidge and Johns and L./Cpl. Bolton.

Bantams.—Pte. Coleman (runner-up) (injured in semi-finals).

Feathers.—L./Cpl. Robinson (winner).

We congratulate all the competitors in this competition, for it was full of good hard fighting and needed the finest of team spirit to bring about this win.

This has closed inter-company boxing for a time, but we hope that the winners



A (M.G.) COMPANY WINNERS BATTALION NOVICES' COMPETITION.



and runners-up will provide a good grounding for the Battalion team.

At football we have played only one match up to date, against B Squadron of the 3rd Carabiniers in the Garrison Inter-Company Knock-out Competition. In this match we were successful in winning by 5 goals to 2.

From the training point of view we are now busy training the new entry in the mysteries of the gun, and hope that they will soon be as good as the old 'uns.

We congratulate L./Sergts. Painter and

one or two regrets and we were sorry to leave some very good friends behind. But the sense of security in living in a real building and not a hut, also the fact of having windows that open in a normal manner, makes us feel thankful.

Having settled in we did the only thing possible and that was furlough for a month to get ourselves in fighting trim for the Individual Training that was to follow. We are now in the middle of this, having just survived our Christmas leave.



No. 8 PLATOON, B COMPANY.

Winners 13th Infantry Brigade Inter-Platoon Competition, Catterick Camp, 1930.

Donovan on obtaining a Q.I at the School, and we are now waiting for them to expound on the newly finished product.

J. T. I. A.

B COMPANY NOTES.

The move to the "promised land" of Colchester has at last taken place. We are now comfortably installed in barracks and are rapidly becoming acclimatized to normal English conditions instead of Arctic ones. Our departure from Catterick, although we were glad to go, had

There is just one old friend who is dogging our footsteps since we left Catterick, and that is "Digging." We cannot seem to lose him. But at Colchester he is far more gentle—in fact, quite a gentleman—and lives near the Cherry Tree.

We are glad to see Lieut. Musselwhite back with us once more after his adventures in Darkest Africa, and hope that a successor to "Tons of Money" will not be long in appearing.

B Company has been very well repre-

sented in Regimental games during the present season. Lieut. Herapath, L./Sergt. Chattey and L./Cpl. Hatchett are regular members of the rugger fifteen, while C.Q.M.S. Farrow, Sergt. Thomas and L./Cpl. Hatchett are in the soccer eleven, and L./Sergt. Chattey and C.Q.M.S. Farrow have played in the hockey eleven.

At the present moment we are fourth in position for the Albuhera Shield with 10 points, A (M.G.) Company being in the lead with 14 points. In the Mons Shield we are placed second to D Company, who have 12½ points.

In the Inter-Platoon Passball Competition, which was played off at Catterick before the move, the Company finished fourth with 3 points towards the Albuhera Shield. In the first round No. 7 Platoon beat No. 10 Platoon 4-1, and in the same round No. 8 Platoon met the finalists of last year, namely, No. 18 Platoon or the Signallers. An extremely good game followed, which resulted in No. 8 Platoon winning by the only goal scored. In the second round, No. 5 Platoon were beaten 1-0 by No. 16 Platoon, who eventually got into the final. No. 6 Platoon beat No. 12 Platoon 1-0; No. 8 Platoon were beaten by the Band 3-2; and No. 7 Platoon beat No. 11 Platoon 1-0. In the third round No. 6 Platoon were beaten by No. 16 Platoon 3-1, and No. 7 Platoon beaten by No. 17 Platoon 4-1.

On December 1st, 2nd and 3rd the Novices' Individual Boxing Tournament was held in the Garrison Gymnasium. As we had only returned from leave the day before, there were very few entries for this competition. Our representatives were:—

Lights.—Ptes. Ellis, Underwood and Barrows.

Middles.—Pte. Marsh.

Welters.—Pte. Jarvis, L./Cpl. May and Pte. Hawley.

Pte. Marsh, however, was the only man to reach the second round, where he was beaten by Pte. Skeen (A Company), who was runner-up of this weight.

In the Open Individual Boxing held on December 15th and 16th we were more successful in raising a team. This time our entries were:—

Welters.—Ptes. Ludlow, Hawley and Jarvis.

Lights.—L./Cpl. May, Cpl. Alchorne.

Light Heavies.—L./Cpl. Hatchett.

Feathers.—Pte. Stroud.

Pte. Hawley reached the semi-final of the welters, but was there defeated by Pte. Clark (A Company). Pte. Stroud reached the semi-final of the feathers, where he met Pte. Lichfield. An extremely good and very close fight resulted in a win for Lichfield on points. In the light heavy-weights L./Cpl. Hatchett also reached the semi-final, where he knocked out L./Cpl. Jenkins. He capped this by knocking-out L./Cpl. Whichello in the final, and thus succeeded in winning his weight for the ninth year in succession, a feat unequalled in the Battalion. We hope to see this habit carried on for many years to come.

C COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes appeared we have moved much nearer to the "Glorious South," yet many hearts are yearning for the "wolds" left behind at Catterick.

On arrival at Colchester we commenced Individual Training, which we must say has not been interrupted so much as last year—no fatigue parties for digging and making roads.

After six weeks' training we took over Duty Company, including employments, which has greatly decreased the numbers of men available for guards. So it was a relief to have a draft from the Depot, which arrived on November 7th.

The Company has not been able to figure in the field of sport to any great extent. In the Garrison Knock-out at football we met the M.G. Company of the Black Watch, the score being 4-1 against us. This score greatly flatters our opponents, as we certainly had 75 per cent. of the game. In boxing we have certainly held our own. We managed to get fifteen entries for the Novices', and, although we had not the winners at the finish, the outlook is good.

In the Opens our men who entered the ring were energetic and clever and showed the right spirit. If all company teams show such great talent and spirit, the Regimental team will not have to fear for the future. In the Opens L./Cpl. Simmonds and Pte. Litchfield well main-

tained their previous standard, and in Pte. Hone we have a boxer of stubborn nature who does not know when he is beaten. When he improves in science he will earn his place in the Regimental team.

We must congratulate our C.S.M. on his promotion and also welcome to the Company C.Q.M.S. Fleming, a great asset to our boxing teams.

Unfortunately soon after his promotion our C.S.M. had to report sick, and was operated on for appendicitis. But we are glad to say he has recovered and is back again with us, looking much better in health and showing every likelihood of becoming another "Busty."

We welcome back to the Company L./Sergt. Blake from a course of Cookery and L./Cpl. Belcher from a course at the P.T. School, Aldershot.

We greatly regret to hear we are to lose our Second-in-Command, Capt. Hill, and 2/Lieut. Man, both of whom are proceeding to much better and fairer climes, and we take this opportunity of wishing them God-speed.

In closing we wish all past and present members of the "Die-Hards" a happy and prosperous New Year.

D COMPANY NOTES.

We have had rather a busy time since leaving Catterick, and have had many changes in our ranks since our arrival at Colchester.

We regret the loss of Major G. C. Bucknall, M.C., to H.Q. Wing, but welcome the arrival of Major L. A. Newnham, M.C., in his stead.

We wish C.Q.M.S. Clarke luck during his stay at the Depot, and Sergt. Campbell with the Territorials. Congratulations to L./Cpl. Endersby on his first promotion.

DRUMMERS' NOTES.

Well, here we are again, at Colchester, our long-looked-forward-to station. Most of us appreciate our new surroundings and look upon life more favourably than we did in the wolds of Catterick. Perhaps the third matinee at the Empire has a lot to do with this. Like other groups, no doubt, we have a love-sick swain in our midst who would have preferred to remain in the North with his lady love, but, then,

someone has to bust, and, after all, variety is the spice of life.

To the majority of us the change of stations was welcome. Not only has Colchester its attractions, but London is roughly only two hours' journey, and we can indulge in more frequent trips home.

Sport of every description is in full swing, and we hope to keep the colours flying and put up a good show during the season. We congratulate Dmrs. Bolt and Evans on winning their weights in the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition, and Dmr. Elms on being runner-up.

By the way, we have all had our annual furlough, also the majority of us have had Christmas leave, so we are just about to settle down to the usual run of things and uphold ourselves as the Corps.

We now boast of traffic cops, and, judging by the furious waving of arms at the main gate, one can conclude that we can adapt ourselves to almost anything. If it were not for the fact that most of us were on leave at Christmas, we should have raised a corps of carol singers. Another Drummer finds poultry dealing a profitable pastime, and specializes in live geese. So if anyone is desirous of making sure of their next Christmas dinner, just communicate with him, as he still courts the young lady at the fair.

Another tragedy has come to pass amongst us, and that is that our friend Alby has entered into matrimony. We wish him all the joys of married life—that is, if there are any.

We have recently sustained the loss of L./Sergt. Webster, in whom we lose a good sportsman. But our loss is B Company's gain, and we wish him every success in his new sphere.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have lost Dmr. March, who will be on his trade course, so we wish him all the best of luck on return to "Civvy Street."

As a Corps of Drums we are doing pretty well, considering we have lost some old hands during the past few months. Our new members show great promise and soon we will be fully on our feet again. As it is, we tootle to the crowds on Wednesday afternoons, arrayed in our reds, so we take our place in Colchester's attractions.

Having no more to write about for the present we will conclude by wishing all past and present members of the Regiment a prosperous and happy 1931.

SNAKE CHARMER II.

BAND NOTES.

We have thoroughly accustomed ourselves to Colchester, and now know that oysters are not birds, and that the road home from North Hill Station winds uphill all the way.

Although we were heartily sick of Catterick and anything to do with Yorkshire, Colchester has not come up to expectations. There seems to be "something" lacking, judging by the opinions one hears expressed on every side. Perhaps it is only human nature after all, and—who knows?—we may be crying for Colchester some day.

By the time these notes are in print we shall have returned from leave, so, while we are still in good spirits, and looking forward to a month of laziness, we will wish to all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

"Roll on" has at last "rolled on," and "Bill" is no longer with us. Alas and alack! he has at last joined the select brigade where starched collars are inevitable and the password is "Dole." We wish him every success, so go to it, Bill!

We beat our old "friends" the Drums at hockey 1—0, but they beat us as far as "coal-mining" is concerned, being very adept at the art of "finding" (before being lost).

We congratulate L./Cpl. Chillery on winning his weight in the Battalion Open Boxing, and also Bdsn. Cousins on putting up a good show. Hard luck, John!

We also would like to show a little appreciation to a retired bandsman who put up an excellent show, in the true spirit of the Band, namely, L./Cpl. Clark—known to young and old as "Elky," or "the man who always didn't." (He nearly did that time, though.)

We acknowledge the receipt of Christmas cards from the following bands:—

2nd Bn. The Black Watch, 1st Bn. The Cameronians, 3rd Carabiniers, and the Scots Guards.

Also from Jimmy Green and "Midda."

We congratulate "Bert" on his appointment, and finally wish everybody

even if it is belated, a very hearty, happy New Year.

"FLAT PITCH."

SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

Christmas is over and again all are training hard for our forthcoming classification.

Most of us managed to be home for Christmas and the few who did not had a good time with an extraordinarily good dinner in barracks.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Bayford, who in twelve months classified as an A.1. A very good effort.

Our neighbours the Black Watch did wondrous things on New Year's Eve in a midnight prow, the noise of which out-rivalled in weirdness any five-finger exercises which other groups indulge in.

Of sports we will say little except the following. In boxing we were again second to A (M.G.) Company, both in the Novices' and the Individual Championships, but we collared most of the cups and our same team will walk the Inter-Team Company match. You see, we have a good team spirit. We cannot mention every boxer who competed, but we know they are all triers and will try again.

Winners of championships were Pte. Francis (welter), Pte. Wildin (light), L./Cpl. Chillery (middle), Pte. Gadsden (light heavy novice). Runners-up: Pte. Bennet (bantam) and Pte. Tostevin (feather).

Rugby is the next item and in this game we have advanced with rapid strides, thanks to Lieut. Cubitt. In a Garrison match against Colchester Town we had no less than nine representatives in the Battalion team. Of course, we do not mention *why* we had so many, but I believe nearly all the good Rugby players were on furlough.

Football and hockey have seen us (G Company) victorious in all events. And why not, indeed? The best team invariably wins.

Eight of us are training for the Battalion football team, three for cross-country running, six for the boxing team, with Lieut. Cubitt in all except the football.

By the time these notes are printed we shall have lost L./Cpl. Jeffery to civilian

life. We wish him all the very best of luck and also a £5-a-week job.

In conclusion our heartiest wishes to all signallers of all battalions. Did the 9th Battalion Signallers win that much-coveted cup?

R. C. A. A.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The opening of these notes must be congratulatory to the R.S.M. on his marriage just prior to our departure from Catterick. We all trust that things will be—er—as they should be and that a happy time will ensue.

On the eve of our departure from the North, the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps were good enough to loan us their Mess for the purpose of entertaining the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Tank Corps, our own Mess being closed.

A very pleasant evening was spent, greatly assisted by various turns given by members of both Messes.

The members of our Mess presented the Sergeants of the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps with a piece of plate as a memento of the friendship the two Messes have enjoyed.

On arrival at Colchester the 2nd Bn. The Black Watch Sergeants kindly provided a meal for us and offered the use of their Mess until our own was renovated.

As leave and general tidying-up has been the order of the day, not forgetting training, very few functions have taken place in the Mess.

A whist drive was run in November and was well attended, whilst a social evening proved a great success.

The R.Q.M.S. ran a Christmas draw, and the entries showed that it was welcomed.

Christmas was . . . ! ! ! ? ? ? Yes, you have guessed correctly, it *was* celebrated in the usual manner. Many members were on leave, but those who were behind amply made up for the lack of numbers.

C.S.M. Newman has left us for the T.A. We trust that he will not entirely forget the 1st Battalion, and that we shall see him some time.

As our chief scribe has been away on leave, these notes are not so full as they

could be (this does not refer to celebrations), but, judging from what we hope will occur, there should be quite an abundance of copy in the next issue.

Though late we take this opportunity of wishing all a happy New Year.

G. A. P. S. A.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

At last the hopes of the Club have been realized by the move to Colchester. Catterick has already become but a faded memory, the wild open spaces of moorland being temporarily forgotten until such time as Colchester training begins.

Members make nightly trips into the town, whether in search of ancient history or not is unknown. However, perhaps the less fortunate of us may discover the truth in the near future.

Soon after our arrival the Corporals of the 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment entertained us at a "smoker," which was heartily enjoyed by all who attended. We thank them for the wonderful reception which they gave us, and congratulate them on their powers of organization. We hope to return the compliment as soon as the annual furlough has been completed.

The Club offer their sincerest wishes for the New Year to the Corporals of the 2nd Battalion, the Depot, and to all units of the Garrison.

Christmas was spent very quietly. The majority of members were on leave, leaving only a small number behind to carry on the usual routine. It is believed, however, that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in spite of the awe-inspiring word of routine.

Very little has been done in the way of sport, as the Club as a whole are either busily engaged in Individual Training or else on leave.

By the time these notes are in print the Club will have lost Cpls. Horton and Ginnaw and L./Cpls. Gould and Dibble, who have been transferred to the Army Reserve.

We take this opportunity of welcoming all new members of the Club, and hope they will enjoy themselves as have others before them.

J. W. H.

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

A MOST interesting gift of 57th relics has been made by Mrs. T. A. Coughlan, widow of the late No. 2701 Sergt. Hubert Coughlan, 57th Foot.

Among the articles are the medals of her husband, and also those of her husband's father, No. 2559 Pte. Edward Coughlan, 57th Foot.

Further correspondence from Mrs. Coughlan and her son is published below, giving a complete list of all the articles sent.

LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

57th.—Articles presented by Mrs. T. A. Coughlan.

57th.—From the War Office: New Zealand Medal, No. 707 John Holding, 1861-66. Turkish Crimea Medal, No. 3248 Pte. J. Scott.

From Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed.—2nd Battalion: Regimental Medal, Inter-Company Cricket Tournament, Utrecht, 1901. 1st Battalion: Roll Call, 1895; Photographs: Group Sergeants, 1884; Signallers (Best in Army), 1891; Group Colour-Sergeants, 1893; Albuhera Gathering, Sergeants, 1895. 2nd Battalion: Roll Call, 1898; Photograph, Group Officers, 1906.

From Sergt. E. Shaw.—1st Battalion: Princess Mary's Christmas Box and Card; Card from their Majesties the King and Queen, 1914. Regimental: Old Comrades Dinner Menu, 1930, with signatures of officers and others present.

From Col. C. H. Pank.—12th Middlesex Volunteer Rifles: Certificate for Corporal, 1860.

From Col. L. G. Oliver.—1st Battalion: Roll Call, 1895.

From Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel.—2nd Battalion: Photograph Officers, Guernsey, 1910; Photograph Officers with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Singapore, 1923. 5th Battalion: Photograph Officers, Shorncliffe, 1913.

A REGIMENTAL RECORD.

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

Inkermann Day, 1930.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Your letter of 30th September to hand, also the numbers of the Journal as advised, under separate cover, together with Vols. I and II of "The Die-Hards in the Great War." All the above reached here in good order and condition and Mother and self tender you our hearty thanks for the promptitude of your reply and dispatch.

By this mail I have posted two packets per parcels post (addressed to Major Pargiter) containing the articles promised in my letter of 8th April last as a gift from my mother to the Regimental Museum. A certificate of postage is attached hereto.

These were to have been delivered to you per medium of a young friend of mine, but I have only just received word that he has been transferred to another route, so we are sending them on as a Christmas box instead of a New Year gift.

This letter should reach you by December 13th, and the parcels a few days later, as they go by the "all-sea route," which is longer.

A list of the articles is enclosed herewith and it is devoutly to be hoped that they will reach you in good order.

I sent along a description of each article as near as possible, but find I have omitted that of the little robe, which my mother thinks may be an item of some interest to the Die-Hards of the fair sex. (It was made by her mother at New Plymouth in 1862 for the first baby.)

In your Editorial column of No. 9, mention is made of ex-Sergt. John Adair. He was a comrade of my father and you will find his photograph with the others forwarded to you. We should be pleased if you can furnish us with his address, in order that we may drop a line or so congratulating him on still being "on top."

I would like to mention that the list of names of Sergeants, forwarded as a

key to the numbers against the miniatures in the ebony frame, was dictated to me by my mother without any hesitation. This I consider a rather good feat of memory for one who has never heard of "Pelmanism" and more so as she will enter her 86th year on 31st January next, and also considering the fact that she has only seen one of them (Sergt. Lucas) since 1877.



MRS. T. A. COUGHLAN,

January, 1846—November, 1930, with Jacket and Medals of her husband and her father, 1840—1866 inclusive.

As I shall be writing again shortly I bring this to a close, wishing you all the compliments of the festive season, which will be rapidly approaching by the time this reaches you from the mother and

Yours sincerely,

J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.

Relics in connection with the late No. 2701 Sergt. Hubert Coughlan, of the 57th (West Middlesex) Regiment of Foot

("The Die-Hards"), dating from 1842 to 1875 inclusive.

Presented by Mrs. T. A. Coughlan, widow of above, to the Regimental Museum, in the hope that the collection may be of some interest to the present and future members of the old Corps which she still loves.

1. MEDALS: China War, 1842, Pte. 2559 Edward Coughlan; Crimean with 3 clasps, Pte. 2559 Edward Coughlan; Turkish, 1854-6, Pte. 2559 Edward Coughlan; Crimean with 3 clasps, Sergt. 2701 Hubert Coughlan; Turkish, 1854-56, Sergt. 2701 Hubert Coughlan; New Zealand, 1860-66, Sergt. 2701 Hubert Coughlan. Badge for band music pouch.

All the above are in a specially made frame from wood grown in Ceylon and manufactured by a boy in the Kandy Industrial School.

2. The first and only clothes brush issued to Hubert Coughlan on enlistment, Corfu, 1854.

3. Small Books of Hubert Coughlan, 1854-75.

4. Sergeant's Shell Jacket, Raglan Barracks, Devonport, 1869.

5. Discharge of Sergt. Coughlan, Colombo, Ceylon, 1875.

6. Medallion Portrait (replica), Empress Eugenie of France, picked up by Bugler Hubert Coughlan on battlefield, Crimea, 1854-56, whilst attending wounded with M.O.

7. Pair of Gloves, Sergt. Coughlan, Curragh, Kildare, Ireland, 1873.

8. Group Photograph of Band, Kinsale, Ireland, about 1872.

9. Miniature Photographs (in frame) of Sergeants of 57th and some 77th, taken at Devonport, 1869.

10. 2nd Class Certificate of Education, Cpl. Coughlan, Aldershot, 1868.

11. Photograph of Prof. Mendel, of Kneller Hall, with Certificate of Merit, James Coughlan, 1864.

12. Photographs of some officers, Crimea and New Zealand.

13. Photographs of some Sergeants, Crimea and New Zealand.

14. Family Christening Robe, 1862-69.

15. Group of "Die-Hard" "Chums," Curragh, 1873.

16. An old "Die-Hard."

17. A young "Die-Hard."

18. Cpl. Coughlan and Family, Aldershot, 1868, and Cpl. Tom Brisley (born a "Die-Hard").

19. Sergt. Coughlan and Family, the Curragh, 1873; the last taken in the Regiment.

20. Autograph Letter, Col. R. A. Logan to Sergt. Coughlan.

21. Presentation Set from the Sergeants and their wives to Sergt. and Mrs. Coughlan on discharge, Colombo, Ceylon, September, 1875 (pint measure, butter-dish, and sugar-bowl).

123, DRUMMOND STREET,
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November 25th, 1930.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

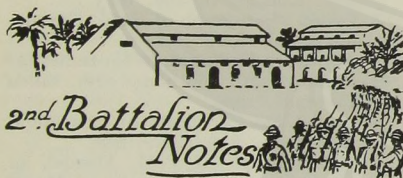
DEAR SIR,

I wrote you on 5th inst. advising the posting of articles (two parcels) for the Museum and this is to confirm same.

I enclose herewith the latest photograph of my mother wearing the father's shell jacket and his medals, also those of my grandfather.

This is the last mail to reach you before the New Year, so we both send our greetings to the old Corps with best wishes for a bright, prosperous and happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,
J. CLEMENT COUGHLAN.



THE last quarter has been a quiet one on the whole, and there is not very much news to record.

There have been no further outbreaks of civil disturbance in Madras, and the time when we were more or less confined to the Fort, and when he expected each bugle-call to be the Alarm, is now only a memory. Our chief trouble lately has been the weather; the monsoon rains

have continued for an unusually long time this year and the football, hockey and cricket grounds on the island have been continually under water.

Just when it looked as though conditions were becoming better, a cyclone occurred and all chance of playing matches was lost for a further period. Now, however, the weather does at last appear more settled and there is a hectic rush to play off company tournaments at nearly all games. We hope now that the weather will be better for Camp than it was at the beginning of the period last January. All the companies with the exception of B—who stay to do duties at the Fort and the Mount—proceed on January 3rd to camp at a place about 25 miles south of Madras, and remain there for three weeks.

The Commanding Officer rejoined the Battalion, from leave in the Nilgiris, at the beginning of October, and we are very glad to see that he has recovered so well from the effects of his serious accident on the Marina.

Capt. Pain has also rejoined, after acting as Adjutant of the Hill Sanatorium for six months.

Numerous officers, looking bronzed and well, have lately come back from leave at home. Major Wollock, Capt. Garrow, Lieuts. Chapman, Wray and Clark are now with us again. None of them seems to have lost any weight. Capt. Lawrence's last visit to Wellington was extended almost indefinitely by the recent break-up of communications. It is believed that he came down in the end on a donkey.

The Adjutant is at present on leave in Bombay; this leave may possibly have been necessitated by the strain caused by writing the last Journal notes, or by a desire to be away when they were read by those concerned.

2/Lieut. Ferguson is in hospital at Wellington with a poisoned foot and was unable to help his Company to victory in the recent Cross-Country Run. Lieut. Else has just returned from a successful time at Belgaum, where he was acting as an Instructor at the Gas School. Great activity has been observed in this subject since his arrival.

Capt. Hedgecoe is on the point of joining the Battalion and must have arrived

in Bombay at the time of writing. We extend a hearty welcome to him. Lieut. Lambert is still in hospital at Poona, but we hear favourable accounts of his progress.

We now have no detachments up in the Nilgiris, C (M.G.) Company and the Band having returned in the middle of October. Not long afterwards all communication with the hills was cut off, the road and railway being breached in several places during a severe storm. Two of our officers who were just about to return to Madras were stranded up there.

In the Madras Gymkhana Rugger Tournament the Battalion was beaten by the 14th Field Brigade, R.A., from Bangalore by one goal (scored during extra time in almost complete darkness) to nil. Our side had been much depleted by injuries, but we played below form.

The cricket team recently paid a visit to Bangalore, where they defeated the Royal West Kent Regiment by an innings. The match against the Gymkhana Club was drawn owing to rain. It is interesting to note that this is the sixth year in succession in which we have played the West Kents at cricket. Though at least one match was very close we have managed to win each time. We would like to thank them for these very enjoyable games, and have fixed up a match for 1935 at home.

A Battalion Cross-Country Run was held in October at St. Thomas's Mount, and was won easily by C (M.G.) Company, whose team put up a very fine performance.

Two Novices' Boxing Tournaments have been held recently, especial features of which have been the displays of open and clean boxing shown by the Boys and the number of entries put in by the Drums.

The Battalion soccer team is commencing operations seriously again, but so far with no very pronounced success. We hope, however, that they will have settled down to each other's play by the time the Gymkhana Tournament looms in sight.

Owing to the length of time during which our grounds were flooded there is now a feverish rush to get tournaments finished and Company Sports Officers are walking about with strained expressions on their faces. On any normal day

now one can watch cricket, hockey, rugger and soccer on the island.

The Battalion was recently visited by Major-General Newman, the new G.O.C. Madras District, who saw the companies at the Fort at their normal work and interviewed the officers.

The 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Regiment has now left St. Thomas's Mount for Delhi. Before their departure we presented them with a clock for their Officers' Mess, in appreciation of their kindness to our Detachment officers. As there was an interval before the arrival of the new regiment at the Mount a small Detachment Mess has been started there.

A very fine new cookhouse has been made at the Fort, and we hope that it will be ready before Christmas. In the meantime a great deal of cooking has to be done out-of-doors and much difficulty was experienced during the recent wet weather.

The before-mentioned cyclone commenced on the night of a Government House Reception. Some cars are believed to have broken down that night, and the vigil of the sentry at St. George's Gate was enlivened by the spectacle of certain officers in full mess-kit pushing their cars home. Beyond the fall of several trees and the consequent cutting of telephone lines the cyclone did not do much damage at the Fort.

During recent months the unusual sight has been witnessed at the Fort, at about 10.45 a.m. each working-day, of men "going joyfully to school." Perhaps the results of previous examinations recently published in Battalion Orders, and the question of pay involved have been partly responsible.

The Officers' and Sergeants' Messes have been engaging each other at golf and tennis. The officers won the golf, played on the Glacis Course (the Bandmaster is very fond of playing near the Moat) with some ease, having had far more practice. The tennis was a much closer affair, the Officers just getting home, with one match unfinished. The Sergeants, who had had little practice, played very well and their first and second pairs—R.S.M. Cox and C.Q.M.S. Capel, C.S.M. Colbourne and C.Q.M.S. West, respectively—put up a particularly good show.

One officer served so many double faults that he intends to serve underhand next time, whilst another developed an unfortunate habit of hitting his partner in the back.

In conclusion, these will be the last notes from us to be published in the JOURNAL during our stay in India, though they will not be the last notes to be actually written in Madras.

The Battalion will have been in India for seven and a half years by the time we leave. Of these, five have been spent at Ahmednagar and two and a half will have been spent in Madras.

We have been unlucky not to have had more varied stations or a chance of seeing Northern India and the Frontier. The slogan "Join the Army and see the world" has not applied with any great force to this Battalion recently, but we hope that we can confidently say that the reputation of the Regiment has not been lowered by the Battalion during its time in India, nor has the Battalion wasted its time in this country.

P. E. C. T.

CRICKET NOTES.

Our cricket season this year has been very much interfered with up to date by the weather. So far, speaking of Battalion matches, out of 15 fixtures on our programme only three have been played, and these have all been won. We have still five fixtures to play off, and hope that, now the weather appears to have settled down, we may not be balked any more. A great disappointment was the cancellation of our first fixture with the Madras Cricket Club on November 9th, as their ground at the time was under water, but we hope to be able to avenge our defeat by them last year when we play them on January 25th.

At Bangalore we managed to defeat the 1st Bn. The Queen's Own West Kent Regiment by an innings and 21 runs, and were going strong in our match with the Bangalore Gymkhana Club, in which we had scored 220 for 6 wickets when play was stopped by rain and the match had to be abandoned. This score was chiefly due to an excellent innings of 103 by Lieut. Stephenson, who gave no chance during his three and a half hours' stay

at the wicket. Lieut. Gilbert, C.Q.M.S. Capel and Sergt. Glover were our next best performers with the bat, and it is hoped that we may have found a useful colt in Drm. Thompson, who captured three of the Royal West Kent wickets for four runs. Sergt. Glover also returned a good analysis of four wickets for 20 runs in the same match.

It is now possible to see again the surface of our Battalion cricket ground at the Fort, after the heavy floods, and the Company Competition is in progress. At the moment the League table is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
B Company	...	2	2	0 4
C Company	...	2	1	1 2
A Company	...	1	0	1 0
D Company	...	2	0	2 0
"H.Q." Wing	...	0	0	0 0

The Platoon Knock-Out was played at the Mount in November, and resulted in a win for Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, C (M.G.) Company, who beat the Drums and Employed in the final.

Below are the scores in Battalion matches:—

2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v. TRIPPLICANE STUDENTS' C.C.

Played on the Island Garrison Ground on October 4th, 1930. Won by 8 wickets. Scores:—

TRIPPLICANE C.C.				
Paranasivan b Addinall	...	...	...	0
Muthin Kinshinan b Glover	...	...	...	11
P. V. Ramanathan c Stephenson b Addinall	...	...	...	37
A. G. Mohanarao b Kemp	...	...	...	5
Tirunavukarasu c and b Kemp	...	...	...	0
P. V. K. Moorthy run out	...	...	...	1
Gazjeapthy c Lewin b Kemp	...	...	...	1
Raghvan c Winterburn b Kemp	...	...	...	7
V. Y. Thilinglin not out	...	...	...	3
Mani c Colbourne b Kemp	...	...	...	2
Swaminathan run out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	24
Total	...	...	...	91

Bowling.—Sergt. Addinall, 2 wickets for 8 runs; Sergt. Kemp, 5 for 20; Sergt. Glover, 1 for 17.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Lieut. Stephenson c Mani b Moorthy	...	...	...	38
Lieut. Green c Raghvan b Moorthy	...	...	...	28
C.Q.M.S. Capel not out	...	...	...	9
Sergt. Glover c Mani b Moorthy	...	...	...	17
Sergt. Addinall not out	...	...	...	12
Extras	...	...	...	10

Total ... 114
Dmr. Lewin, Sergt. Kemp, S.M. Colbourne, Sergt. Painter, Pte. Winterburn and Capt. Procter did not bat.

1ST BN. WEST KENT REGT. (Q.O.) v. 2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.).

Played at Bangalore on November 27th, 1930. Won by an innings and 21 runs. Scores:—

WEST KENT REGT.				
1st Innings.				
Cpl. Johnson b Glover	...	...	...	8
Cpl. Hayward b Glover	...	...	...	2
Cpl. Maloney c Capel b Glover	...	...	...	19
Dmr. Canacott c Winterburn b Glover	...	...	...	3
Capt. Macklin c Addinall b Winterburn	...	...	...	2
L./Cpl. Inward b Kemp	...	...	...	20
L./Cpl. Killick b Glover	...	...	...	1
Sergt. Peacock c Gilbert b Kemp	...	...	...	10
Lieut. Molony b Stephenson	...	...	...	0
Capt. Craven not out	...	...	...	5
Pte. Vouden run out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	80

Bowling.—Sergt. Glover, 5 wickets for 20 runs; Pte. Winterburn, 1 for 15; Lieut. Stephenson, 1 for 3; Sergt. Kemp, 2 for 12; Sergt. Addinall, 0 for 20.

MIDDLESEX REGT.

1st Innings.				
Major Wollocombe b Peacock	...	...	...	10
Lieut. Heywood b Peacock	...	...	...	6
2/Lieut. Stephenson b Hayward	...	...	...	70
Sergt. Capel b Killick	...	...	...	41
Lieut. Gilbert c Inward b Craven	...	...	...	31
Sergt. Glover st Johnson b Killick	...	...	...	21
Sergt. Addinall c Inward b Craven	...	...	...	2
Sergt. Kemp not out	...	...	...	8
Dmr. Thompson run out	...	...	...	4
Bdsn. Riseley b Killick	...	...	...	0
Pte. Winterburn c Johnson b Craven	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	207

WEST KENT REGT.

2nd Innings.				
Capt. Macklin b Stephenson	...	...	...	6
Cpl. Hayward b Addinall	...	...	...	4
Cpl. Johnson b Thompson	...	...	...	30
Dmr. Canacott b Winterburn	...	...	...	0
L./Cpl. Inward b Stephenson	...	...	...	14
Capt. Craven b Kemp	...	...	...	8
L./Cpl. Ricketts b Addinall	...	...	...	6
Sergt. Peacock b Thompson	...	...	...	6
L./Cpl. Killick b Thompson	...	...	...	0
Pte. Vouden not out	...	...	...	0
Lieut. Molony c sub. b Addinall	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	32
Total	...	...	...	106

Bowling.—Sergt. Addinall, 3 wickets for 18 runs; Sergt. Glover, 0 for 10; Sergt. Kemp, 1 for 11; Lieut. Stephenson, 2 for 10; Pte. Winterburn, 1 for 12; Bdsn. Riseley, 0 for 9; Dmr. Thompson, 3 for 4.

2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) v.

PACHAYAPPA'S COLLEGE.

Played at Madras on December 11th, 1930. Won by 112 runs. Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGT.				
Major Wollocombe c Subba Rao b Naidu	...	...	...	5
2/Lieut. Green b Rama Reddy	...	...	...	3

2/Lieut. Stephenson c Krishnappa b Soundareajan	...	...	...	35
C.Q.M.S. Capel c Krishnappa b Rama Reddy	...	...	...	4
Lieut. Gilbert lbw b Soundareajan	...	...	...	34
Sergt. Glover b Rama Reddy	...	...	...	7
Sergt. Addinall b Rama Reddy	...	...	...	16
Sergt. Kemp c Rama Doss b Soundareajan	...	...	...	8
Pte. Broadbridge not out	...	...	...	22
Dmr. Thompson c Naidu b Soundareajan	...	...	...	0
Pte. Winterburn c Naidu b Soundareajan	...	...	...	7
Extras	...	...	...	4

Total ... 145

PACHAYAPPA'S COLLEGE.

Krishnappa c Broadbridge b Gilbert	...	...	...	5
Subba Rao c Kemp b Glover	...	...	...	0
Srinivasan c Capel b Addinall	...	...	...	1
Srinivas Rao b Glover	...	...	...	0
Soundareajan lbw b Winterburn	...	...	...	19
Govinda Rao lbw b Gilbert	...	...	...	3
Rama Reddy b Glover	...	...	...	1
Rama Doss run out	...	...	...	1
Varadachari b Glover	...	...	...	0
Thyagareajan not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	3

Total ... 33

Bowling.—Sergt. Addinall, 1 wicket for 3 runs; Sergt. Glover, 4 for 7; Lieut. Gilbert, 2 for 9; Dmr. Thompson, 0 for 8; Sergt. Kemp, 0 for 3; Pte. Winterburn, 1 for 0.

RUGGER NOTES.

The story of the Madras Rugger Cup is a sad one after the hopes, expressed in the last notes, of our pulling it off. There is a general feeling we ought to have won our match *versus* the Gunners from Bangalore, but we did not, and were beaten 5—0 after extra time. Too much credit cannot be given to the forwards, who played their best game this season, and one feels that, if our out-sides could have emulated their display, the result would have been different. However, one must give credit to the Gunners whose robust and forceful tactics rather upset our calculations and plan of attack.

The following have been awarded the Crest for years 1929 and 1930 combined:—Lieuts. Jacob, Gilbert, Else and Baldwin, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, Sergt. Russell, Ptes. 09 Brown, Endersby, Bell, Tatt, Redwood, Hawker, Bdsmn. Gower and Knights and Dmr. Crawshaw.

The Inter-Company Knock-out is now in progress and we hope to find some more talent with which to build a team for Khartoum, where we hear the Arabian R.F.C. (?) have their head-

quarters. Not to speak of the Army Cup in the following year.

At the moment A Company have beaten C (M.G.) Company, 11—0, that being the only game played so far.

With the conclusion of this, knock-out rugger is at an end for this year. Though the final result (*i.e.*, our effort at the Madras Rugger Cup) was very disappointing to us all, there is still the very happy thought that rugger has definitely taken on in the Regiment, and the keenness displayed by this year's Company XVs is good to see. We are hoping that the Arabian R.F.C. are a force in Khartoum, as the material available on which to build a XV when we arrive home is indeed promising.

J. W. A. S.

BOXING NOTES.

The Boxing Officer apologizes for the recent absence of boxing notes. Fortunately Company Notes have included most of the boxing news worth publishing. A slight disappointment is felt over Capt. Procter's reticence as regards discussing the Battalion boxing in the last Journal Notes. We feel sure that this must be a more interesting topic than book-keeping, for example.

The Battalion team is becoming rapidly depleted owing to our better known boxers coming to the end of their service. Several championships have also changed hands.

L./Cpl. Palmer and Pte. Bond represented the Madras District in the Southern Command Tournament and both are to be congratulated on their achievement.

So far two out of the four boxing meetings have been held this season. The results are given below.

The number of entries can be regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that about seventy men in the Battalion are not eligible to box in Novices Tournaments. The quality of the boxing on the whole has not been quite up to standard. The value of straight hitting and good footwork, the two essentials of boxing, does not appear to be realized by many of our younger boxers. This is a great pity, as the other essential qualities are present—stamina, ability to take punishment and courage. Perhaps we are suffering at the

moment from a lack of good instructors. The last tournament is naturally fresh in our minds and we all realize that many good fights have recently taken place. At the same time I think that the recent fight between Dmr. Lewin, of H.Q. Wing and Pte. Barnes, of C (M.G.) Company provided one of the finest exhibitions of courage and determination to win that most of us have ever seen. We congratulate both and wish them every success in their boxing careers.

Some good boxing is anticipated at the next two meetings.

Boys' Bantam-weight Final.—Winner, Boy Moggeridge, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Boy Leonard, H.Q. Wing.

Boys' Feather-weight Final.—Winner, Boy Boggis, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Boy Murphy, H.Q. Wing.

Boys' Light-weight Final.—Winner, Boy Rolfe, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Boy Dillon, H.Q. Wing.

Bantam-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Lazarus, B Coy.; runner-up, A./Dmr. Lavalette, H.Q. Wing.

Feather-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Benham, D Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Gurr, H.Q. Wing.

Light-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Marshall, C (M.G.) Coy.; runner-up, Dmr. Stanford, H.Q. Wing.

Welter-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Taylor, B Coy.; runner-up, Dmr. Crawshaw, H.Q. Wing.

Middle-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Tydeman, A Coy.; runner-up, A./Bdsn. Drane, H.Q. Wing.

Bantam-weight Belt Championship.—Winner, Pte. Markham, D Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Pugh, B Coy.

Feather-weight Belt Championship.—Winner, L./Cpl. Livens, B Coy.; runner-up, L./Cpl. Green, D Coy.

Light-weight Belt Championship.—Winner, Pte. Goodall, B Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Bond, B Coy.

Light Heavy-weight Belt Championship.—Winner, Pte. Cosgrove, B Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Gordon, H.Q. Wing.

Heavy-weight Belt Championship.—Winner, Pte. Palmer, A Coy.

GOOD LOSERS' PRIZES.

Pte. Pope, D Coy.; Pte. Dobson, C (M.G.) Coy.; Pte. Naulder, A Coy.; Pte. Wheeler, H.Q. Wing.

SECOND NOVICES' BOXING MEETING, DECEMBER, 1930.

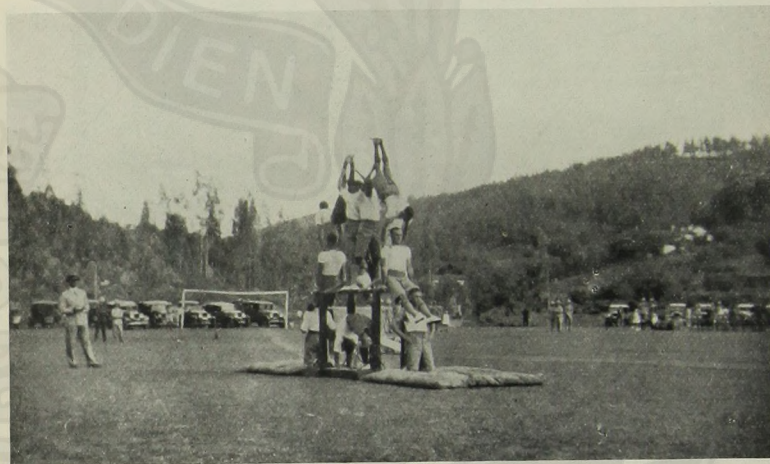
Bantam-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Wright, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Dmr. Lavalette, H.Q. Wing.

Feather-weight Final.—Winner, Dmr. Gatehouse, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Dmr. Marsh, H.Q. Wing.

Light-weight Final.—Winner, Dmr. Lewin, H.Q. Wing; runner-up, Pte. Coward, B Coy.

A COMPANY NOTES.

During the period covered by these notes the Company moved from the Fort to the Mount for a period of six weeks' Platoon Training, and, on its conclusion, back again to the Fort. The training period unfortunately coincided with the breaking of one of the liveliest monsoons experienced in this part of India for a number of years. The country-side was a sheet of water and the Adjar River.



A COMPANY—PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY AT WELLINGTON.

Welter-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Brewer, D Coy.; runner-up, Pte. Darby, C (M.G.) Coy.

Middle-weight Final.—Winner, Pte. Lawson, C (M.G.) Coy.; runner-up Bdsn. Drane, H.Q. Wing.

Boys' Special Contest.—Winner, Boy Bones; runner-up Boy Dillon.

Special Four Rounds Contests.—Winners: Ptes. Benham, Sayers and L./Cpl. Tear. Runners-up: Pte. Blythe, Bdsn. Stretton and Pte. Livens.

GOOD LOSERS' PRIZES.

Pte. Barnes C (M.G.) Coy. and Pte. Barrett, H.Q. Wing.

which in normal times at the Mount can be leapt over with ease, bore a strong resemblance to the Thames at London Bridge. We had hoped to hold the Company Sports during this period. Their enforced postponement till February is unfortunate as, by that date, a number of our time-expired will have left us. In spite of the weather we managed to get in a few games of hockey, and played a series of games against companies of the 9th Jat Regiment. In these we managed either to win or draw on all occasions, a hopeful augury for our chance in the Battalion Inter-Company Tournament. The Battalion Cross-Country Run was held shortly



A COMPANY SHOOTING TEAM—WINNERS OF RUTHVEN CUP.

Standing—L./Cpl. Murott, Ptes. McDonald, Boffee, Portsmouth, L./Cpl. Wilson, Ptes. Heslton, Worton.
Seated—Pte. Smith, C.S.M. Kent, Major Bennett, M.C., Sergt. Jones, Pte. Rose.

before we left the Mount. In this event the Company was able to pull up to second place as compared with our last year's position of third. We congratulate Cpl. Hamblin on his training of our team, and the members of it on their individual efforts. We note Pte. Coker, who again proved himself the best cross-country man in the Battalion, Pte. Endersby, who finished a good third, and Ptes. Woodley, 09 Brown and Cpl. Hamblin who were in

the first round of the Inter-Company Tournament by 1 goal and 2 tries to nil. Our scorers were L./Cpl. Dudardin, Pte. Poulter and Lieut. Gilbert. Our next opponents in the semi-finals are H.Q. Wing, with whom we drew in the finals last year after two replays. We hope this year to reach a definite decision in our favour. Our strength is in our pack which, for a Company, is an extraordinarily good one. 09 Brown and



A COMPANY—BATHING PICNIC AT ENNORE.

the first ten. Ptes. Mintern, Sheen and Weaver were also well up at the finish.

On our return to Fort St. George, in November, the weather improved and a very full sports programme has been carried out. Our efforts to retain the Platoon Football Championship were unsuccessful, No. 3 Platoon, who were our representatives, being knocked out in the final by No. 7 Platoon after three replays. In a good team definitely knocked out by a better one, our best performers were C.Q.M.S. Capel, L./Cpl. Maunders, Ptes. Wells and Hicks. At cricket No. 1 Platoon lost to C (M.G.) Company's best platoon by 12 runs after an exciting game. At rugby we beat C (M.G.) in

Endersby, Battalion players, are our star performers in the pack, and they are ably backed up by the remainder amongst whom we note Sergt. Boen, Ptes. Mead, Pearce and Humphries. Behind the pack we have Lieut. Gilbert and Pte. Poulter, Battalion players, and Ptes. Makewell and Palmer, Battalion reserves.

The advance guard of our home-goers, who left us in December, were entertained by the Company at a farewell dinner. L./Cpl. Frewin was responsible for an excellent menu which was much appreciated. Amongst others who have left us is Capt. Manson who has taken over Command of H.Q. Wing.

We welcome Capt. E. T. Pain who

takes over Second-in-Command, and also Lieut. E. M. G. Wray who takes command of No 4 Platoon. Other arrivals in the Company are Sergeant Short, late Intelligence Section, and Cpls. Hamblin and Drew.

Attached to these notes we forward a photo of the Company rifle team, winners this year of the Southern Command Inter-Company Cup. Our young soldiers' team was third and our L.G. team (No. 8 Section) fifth in their respective matches at the Command Meeting.

B COMPANY NOTES.

During the last quarter things have been comparatively quiet, chiefly owing to the rains, which have interfered considerably with our sports programme. But we were more fortunate than other companies, as we were able to determine our best platoon both for cricket and football before the monsoon really started.

The beginning of October found us once again at the Fort, where we shall remain until the end of January, and thence we go to the Mount for the last time. The Company is not going to camp this year but is remaining behind to hold the Fort and the Mount whilst the remainder of the Battalion is in camp. We shall then do Company Training at the Mount. Which is preferable?

Major Wollocombe and Lieut. Chapman are back with the Company after nine months' leave in the United Kingdom. There is yet another from leave whom we all welcome, and that is Capt. Garrow, who has once more come to be our Second-in-Command.

During our last few weeks at the Mount we were fortunate, owing to a short spell of fine weather, in playing off our Platoon Cricket Knock-Out. This was won easily by No. 6 Platoon, who had a good team, but failed to "come off" in the Battalion Knock-Out, being beaten by Nos. 1 and 2 Sections of C (M.G.) Company, the ultimate winners, by 15 runs. In our football knock-out we were not so fortunate, flooded grounds preventing play for a considerable time. Eventually No. 8 Platoon won, after having drawn with No. 7 Platoon. In the Battalion Knock-Out No. 8 Platoon defeated No. 15 Platoon of D Company and met No. 3 Platoon in the final, with

whom they drew twice and finally overwhelmed them by 7 goals to 1. No. 8 Platoon is to be congratulated.

Rugby has occupied the minds of a few members of the Company lately, and in practice matches with other companies several have shown great promise, especially Cpl. Scott at full back and L./Cpl. Treadwell at half. On the eve of writing this we are playing D Company in the Battalion Competition and hope to keep up to our present form, which should be the foundation of Rugby in the Company. It is hoped that more people will take a keen interest in the game.

As regards boxing we have done reasonably well, the following having won belt competitions:—

Featherweight.—L./Cpl. Livens.

Light-weight.—Pte. Goodall.

Light Heavy-weight.—Pte. Cosgrove.

In the Novices' Competition Pte. Lazarus won the Bantam-weight and Pte. Taylor the Welter-weight.

Ptes. Wilder and Eldridge reached the semi-finals of the Feather-weight and Middle-weight respectively. Pte. Coward was beaten in the final of the Light-weight.

We are now in the throes of the Battalion Cricket and Football Leagues. In the former we are unbeaten up to date, having defeated C (M.G.) Company by seven wickets and D Company by three wickets. In the latter we have not fared quite so well, having been beaten twice out of three matches. Though we have a very good team on paper they have not come up to expectations. Nevertheless, it has been only a matter of the odd goal once and two goals on the other occasion.

Finally we wish all those going home the very best of luck in civilian life.

C (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

The Company has returned from Wellington, where it has enjoyed three months of solid rain. Those who were left in Madras also experienced a record rainfall for many years.

FOOTBALL.—The Company team has shown great improvement, and it is hoped that we will be second in the league or even first. The Company Section League has been delayed owing to the difficulty of finding a spare day.

CRICKET.—In the Regimental Company League we beat A and D Companies and H.Q. Wing. Unfortunately, we lost to B by 4 runs after a very thrilling game. L./Cpl. Holland and Pte. Daly have been our prominent batsmen and bowlers, while Cpl. Wilson has been excellent behind the stumps. Pte. Bonfield saved the situation on more than one occasion, but it is a pity that he comes out so early after hitting a six.

In the Regimental Platoon Knock-Out, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections played exceedingly well to win the competition. The team must be congratulated on their fielding, which was seldom at fault, also on the general keenness shown throughout the tournament.

RUGBY.—We were beaten 11—0 by A Company in the first round. The game was fast and furious but we lacked combination, due to our team not having played together before. Great interest has been shown in the Combined Section Knock-Out, when Nos. 1 and 2 Combined Sections were beaten 3—0 by Nos. 3 and 4 Combined Sections. The final will take place at the earliest opportunity.

CROSS-COUNTRY.—Once again we have won the Cross-Country Run, thanks to the excellent training of Lieut. Ferguson and Cpl. Smith. The result was better this year than any previous run. Pte. Drake ran a good race and came in second. The last of our team to count passed the post eighteenth.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.—These were held on Thursday, December 11th, and Sunday, December 14th. The times were not good, due to the bad track and lack of training. The results were:—

100 Yards.—1, Lieut. Else; 2, Pte. Moss; 3, Pte. Warner.

220 Yards.—1, Lieut. Else; 2, Pte. Warner; 3, Pte. Tatt.

440 Yards.—1, Pte. Parker; 2, Pte. Drake; 3, Pte. Warner.

880 Yards.—1, Pte. Drake; 2, Pte. Dunn; 3, L./Cpl. Burgess.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Drake; 2, Pte. Dunn; 3, Pte. Wilson.

High Jump.—1, Lieut. Else; 2, L./Cpl. Kemp; 3, Lieut. Baldwin.

Pole Jump.—1, L./Cpl. Kemp; 2, Lieut. Else; 3, Pte. Livens.

Long Jump.—1, Lieut. Else; 2, Pte. Livens; 3, L./Cpl. Kemp.

Weight.—1, Cpl. Wilson; 2, Pte. Tatt; 3, Pte. Burgess.

Hurdles.—1, Cpl. Johnson; 2, Pte. Blow; 3, L./Cpl. Kemp.

BOXING.—Pte. Lawson (Middle-weight) and Pte. Marshall (Light-weight) won their weights in the Novices' Meeting. Pte. Barnes was awarded a good loser's prize.

The remaining entries fought well, and in some cases were unfortunate in meeting the future winners in the first round.

Sergt. Donaldson, Pte. Tatt and Pte. Parker have all challenged for Regimental Belts. We wish them good luck and hope they will be successful.

Pte. Bonfield, Cpl. Smith and L./Cpl. Burgess leave us this year for the United Kingdom. Anybody wishing to see them again is advised to look for the former on his village cricket ground, Cpl. Smith running for his local harriers, and the last named before hours outside the swing doors.

We congratulate Ptes. Alford, Moth, Greenley, Rowe and Randall on gaining their 3rd Class Certificates of Education, and Ptes. Bell, Holmes, Jefferson and Pte. 92 Scott on gaining their 2nd Class Certificates of Education.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Cartwright on qualifying at the Machine Gun Course, Ahmednagar.

D COMPANY NOTES.

This issue of notes finds us once again at the Mount in the throes of Platoon Training and in preparation for our annual camp, which, we hear, is to be further away than last year's camp site.

The pressure of sports is very great and we have had to crowd them into a very short time, consequently we are greatly rushed. Football, cricket, rugby, boxing and cross-country running are all following one another in rapid succession. At football we have managed to finish at the top of the league, winning every match with the exception of our last game with H.Q. Wing, which we drew.

Cricket has not proved a success. We have played only two games so far and we have failed on both occasions.

We were not very successful in the last Cross-Country Run, finishing last but one, but there are other runs to come. We congratulate C (M.G.) Company on

winning the run but we hope to beat them in our future meetings. There have been two Novices' Boxing Meetings since our last issue of notes. We had a fair number of entries, but only Pte. Brewer was able to get through to the final and win his weight. In spite of this we have quite a number of promising youngsters. We have another belt in the Company now, Pte. Markham having won the Bantam-weight Trophy, but, sad to relate, L./Cpl. Green lost his after a great show.

We have not yet played any matches in the Rugger Knock-out. We have a promising team and hope to report success in our next instalment. Our first game is to be with B Company, and it is to be fixed for a very near date.

The pressure of sports and the bad weather we have lately experienced have put our athletic sports back until after camp. This is rather a set-back to us as we were expecting to be able to train some of our teams whilst at camp. Another drawback is that the facilities are much more favourable here than at the Fort. In the next issue we shall have quite a lot to relate, as the sports will have reached the closing stage before our expected move to Khartoum.

The trip to Ennore for the best platoon with regard to the least number of sick was a great success. No. 16 Platoon, under Mr. Jacob, their Platoon Commander, spent a very pleasant afternoon in the usual way, which was described in our last issue.

We regret that by the time that these notes appear in print we shall have lost our C.S.M., who is leaving us for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depot. We hope that he will prosper in his surroundings and not experience too much "lid-off" drill. We congratulate Cpl. Whitcombe on his recent promotion, also L./Cpls. Day, Tear and Keeler on their recent appointments. In welcoming Cpl. Ramsey, L./Cpls. Woolford and Parrott, Ptes. Webb, Goodsall, Andrews and Broadbridge from H.Q. Wing, we wish them every success whilst they are with us.

Ptes. Clarke and Thurland, not forgetting our friend Joe, have left us for civilian life. We wish them every success and the very best of luck in their sphere of life. Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe has just

come to the Company from the 1st Battalion. There should be nothing wrong with the Company communications now for he brings up our number of ex-signalling officers to three.

H.Q. WING NOTES.

H.Q. Wing has during the past quarter been divided into two, and at one time three, portions, the Band having spent three enjoyable months at Wellington in the Nilgiris, and the Signal Section having again deserted us for the slopes of St. Thomas's Mount. In February we hope, however, to see the Wing united once again.

We offer a hearty welcome to Capt. Manson, who took over command of the Wing in September from Lieut. Tuckey, who had held the command throughout the leave season. We also wish to welcome 2/Lieut. Stephenson, who has now been posted to H.Q. Wing on completion of his Signal Course. He will be a very great asset in the realms of sport.

The fact that we have been so much divided has not assisted us towards success in Inter-Company and Platoon Games during past months, but we have, on the whole, held our own quite well.

At the time of writing our cricket and rugger teams have not played any tournament matches. The soccer team has won one match and lost one. This team is very nearly as strong on paper as last year when we won the tournament, but the shooting of the forwards has left something to be desired.

In the Cross-Country Run held at the Mount our team definitely improved on past performances and rose from fifth to third—and very nearly second—place. Several of the team ran excellently, notably Pte. Walker, Bdsn. Gilbert and Boy Murphy.

Two Novices' Boxing Tournaments have been held recently, in both of which the Drums put up a most excellent show. They produced more entries than any company and all their boxers fought well. We hope that other groups will follow their example.

Some of the boys' bouts were perhaps the best of all to watch, and if only these boys continue to box in the same style they should be very useful when they are older.

Owing to the unusual duration of the monsoon rains this year and the consequent flooded condition of our grounds on the island there is, now that the fine weather has returned at last, a tremendous rush to get Company Tournaments finished, and there seems to be a match of some sort on almost every day. The great anxiety of the Wing sports officer at present is that he may forget a match altogether.

To turn to our inter-group games, the Signals won the Cross-Country Running Trophy this year, beating the Band by a small margin. They were perhaps a trifle fortunate, as, if the Band had had more experience of conditions at the Mount, the result might have been different. However, no one will grudge the Signals their success. The Drums and Employed won the football, but again only on goal average as last year.

Capt. Procter has promised to present a shield for Inter-Group Boxing, the award of which will be decided on all tournaments held during the year. As the officers of the Wing are presenting a cup for athletics we shall have a trophy for every branch of sport. The H.Q. Wing Sports will be held in February. A number of warrant officers and N.C.Os. have promised to give cups as prizes for the events, and their offers are very much appreciated.

H.Q. Wing has continued to benefit by the bathing trips arranged by the P.R.I. It is rumoured that some of the Signallers would like to establish themselves permanently at Ennore.

During the wet weather there has been great activity round the basket-ball pitch. One particular match drew a tremendous crowd. We will not say why.

A large portion of H.Q. Wing go out to camp on January 3rd. It is believed that the Intelligence Section again contemplate creeping through Guindy Park on bicycle and thus dodging their friends from the Mount. According to the map, camp seems very far away.

The Band seemed to enjoy their time at Wellington and returned looking very fit. They played nearly every kind of sport up there except rugger, for which unfortunately they had no opportunities.

Finally, we wish to congratulate the Signals on the excellent results which they

obtained in their individual classification. At the same time we are sorry to lose several stalwart supporters of H.Q. Wing who now have to go to other companies on completion of their time with the Section.

DRUMS NOTES.

Owing to approaching changes in establishment in H.Q. Wing at Khartoum and at home the Drums now have to form the majority of the Intelligence Section, and those who are not taken for that work are being trained as a Lewis Gun Anti-Aircraft Section. We have, therefore, found plenty to do lately, in addition to our usual Drums practices and the playing of "Retreat" on the Barrack Square each Tuesday.

The Intelligence Section are under the guidance of Lieut. Tuckey, and should we not come up to a very high standard it will not be for lack of instruction. We hope to prove our worth at camp next January. As we are situated at present it is very difficult to get out into open country in order to do our training as the nearest really open ground is about twelve miles from the Fort. Major Browne kindly loaned us the regimental bus to go out twice, and from these excursions we have gained some idea of what will be expected of us in camp.

Incidentally the Band have to provide reserve machine gunners and transport men at Khartoum, and we are anxiously waiting to see the Band Sergeant on a mule and, perhaps, the Bandmaster as No. 1 on the gun.

We have recently had two Novices' Boxing Tournaments, and the Drums showed up very well, having fifteen entries in the first and thirteen in the second. In the first meeting three reached the finals, Dmrs. Crawshaw, Stanford and Lavalette, whilst Wheeler received a good loser's prize. In the second we did even better, Dmrs. Gatehouse and Lewin winning their weights, Marsh and Lavalette being runners-up and Barrett receiving a good loser's prize for an especially plucky show. Capt. Procter has kindly put up a shield for the best group in all boxing meetings throughout the year, and we hope that the Drums will always come up to scratch, as a keener officer as regards

sports would be hard to find. We hope to shine in athletics as we have done in boxing. Meanwhile we still have hockey and cricket to play off for the cup which Capt. Manson presented to us as far back as 1925 (during his time as Adjutant). At that time we did not know that five years later we would have the pleasure of welcoming him as our Wing Commander.

We would like to congratulate Dmr. Lewin on at last fulfilling his ambition of winning his weight after so many attempts and so much perseverance. And we would like to thank Mrs. Champion on presenting him with a cup which we understand was one of Sergt. Champion's trophies, and which he suggested should be handed over to the younger generation.

Before closing we send our best wishes to the Drums of the 1st Battalion and congratulate Sergt. Phillipson on his appointment as Drum-Major.

BAND NOTES.

We have arrived back from our rest in the hills, where we spent three months away from the heat of Madras.

While we were there most of our spare time was taken up with sport. In the majority of cases our opponents were the Band of the Lancashire Fusiliers. At football we held our own, but at hockey we were outclassed, mainly by science.

A day's outing to the Water Falls was arranged by the Bandmaster, and judging by the general remarks all must have had a very enjoyable time.

Since our last notes were written we have lost Cpl. Drew, who has gone to duty on promotion, and we wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

The Band were represented in the recent Boxing Meeting for novices by Bdsn. Stretton, Gordon, Lowe and Drane. The Boys' Competition was entered into with plenty of grit and determination. Their performance was well applauded, and we must thank Sergt. Walker for his training. Well done, Hookey!

Cpl. Smith has just rejoined us again from a course at that holiday resort, Pachmarhi. It is not known for certain, but he is believed to have passed well on the safe side.

In conclusion, we wish the Band of the 1st Battalion the best wishes for the New Year.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Is "Froggy" thinking of challenging Tilden in the Singles next year?

Is there a Vocational Training Course in Camel Hump Pumping at Khartoum?

What is the attraction in the Moat for the Bandmaster at the tenth tee?

SIGNAL NOTES.

The final classification for 1930 was a great success, as fifty out of fifty-three qualified for their flags. We congratulate Cpl. Ramsey, who has since left us for duty, on winning the Silver Flags.

The Section have done well in the realms of sport, having won the Hockey Shield and the Cross-Country Clock. The Wing Sports are to be held directly after camp, and here again we hope to hold our own.

During the final change over we have lost several of the old signallers, who are now enjoying a well-earned rest at duty. We regret their final "C.B." and ours. We welcome the new signallers to the Section.

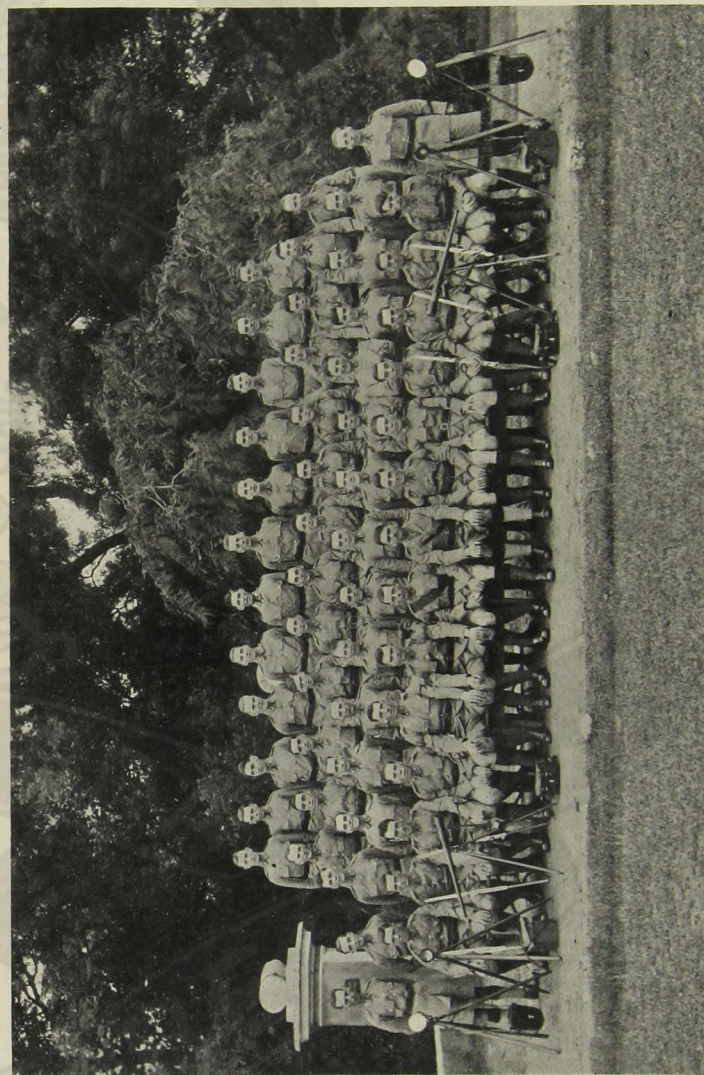
We congratulate L./Cpl. Parker on qualifying as an A.I. at the Signal School, Poona. L./Cpl. Hawkins went on the course in January and we wish him the best of luck.

To all signallers, both at home and abroad, we wish a very Happy New Year.

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION NOTES.

The failure of the late temporary sub-editor to produce notes for the last JOURNAL was not really due to the strain caused by his quest for Intelligence at Poona, but was a result of the confidence he placed in the superior literary style of the Adjutant. That confidence has now been justified. Since the last notes from H.Q. Wing a new Section has been formed, which is made up out of the



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SIGNAL SECTION—ST. THOMAS'S MOUNT.

Drums with two or three of the old members of the Section to help us out.

Owing to the weather being bad lately we have not been able to do much outside training, but the Intelligence Officer has found us plenty to do inside. We had one good day out at last year's camping ground, and now we are looking forward to the next camp to show what we are made of. The previous time we went out we thought we had got in the middle of a tidal wave, and no reliance is now placed in the Drum-Major as clerk of the weather. It is rumoured that L./Cpl. Frewin drank more water on this day than in the whole of the past year, and that Ptes. Benham and Holloway afterwards applied for medals for rendering first-aid to the apparently drowning.

I cannot say anything about sports, because we are not a group on our own, but in the last two Novices Boxing Meetings we had ten entries from the Section. As the Section is only fourteen strong, I think that we did very well, and we hope to do better still next time.

We proceed to camp on January 3rd, and have a slight idea that we may not have to walk the distance—at least, Dmr. Lewin has been seen falling off bicycles in dark corners of the Fort lately in his efforts to learn to ride in time.

EMPLOYED GROUP NOTES.

Hullo! Everybody. Off we are again making another spasmodic essay in journalism. The Band have just arrived back from the Hills looking all fit and well, especially our Bandmaster, who has put on about three stone. We welcome them back so that we can all put our backs together and train our teams for the Inter-Company Competitions and regain the shield which our company have had many times.

The Signals have left us for the Mount, worse luck, as it is rather a handicap when the teams cannot train together.

We have finished the Inter-Group Sports after some exciting struggles, and once again, with the help of the Drums, we won the football shield.

We must all congratulate the Drums on their pugilistic efforts in the last boxing. We did hear a rumour that with all the training the Drum-Major has had he is willing to challenge Carnera or, shall we say, the Band-Sergeant.

A very interesting basket-ball competition was arranged for people who did not play any other sport. There are not many, believe me, so the teams had to be made up. There was one very interesting match which drew crowds of spectators and caused much laughter, especially from the boys, who were intently watching the "Star Turn's" wonderful effort in trying to catch a ball. There is no doubt that in time he will improve. We congratulate L./Cpl. Smallridge on being selected in Employed Group II basket ball team, and also in the N.C.Os' revolver team, in which force had to be used to get him on the range.

We have another wireless fiend in H.Q., but I hear he has never got in touch with War Office, London, yet. But never mind, keep on trying.

I don't think there is any more I can write, so will have to finish and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, although it may be rather late.

M. M.

SPION KOP.

COLLATON,
BOW, DEVON.
January 8th, 1931.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

A short time ago I received a few snapshots from Colonel Cunningham, D.S.O., which he had taken during a visit to South Africa in 1903, and he asked me whether they would be of any interest for the DIE-HARD JOURNAL and, if so, would I add a few notes relating to the battle of Spion Kop.

As it was round about Christmas time when I received them I was too busy to write an article (and also I was not sure, without the negatives, which he had not sent, if it would be possible to reprint the photographs), but

"Now the Christmas rush is over,
Now the New Year's peace has come,"
I will send you the photos and a short extract from General Sir Neville Lyttelton's book, "Eighty Years," in hopes that they may be in time for the February number:—

SPION KOP MORNING.

General Lyttelton, in a chapter on Spion Kop, writes (he was at the time in

OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL DINNER.

THIS popular function was held at the Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, on Saturday, November 1st, 1930, about three hundred of all ranks being present.

Col. the Rt. Hon. Lord Rochdale, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, Clerk to the Middlesex County Council, were guests. Mr. Cecil De Salis, Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Association, and Mr. E. Ridley, Director of Public Assistance, County Council of Middlesex, had also been invited, but were unavoidably prevented from attending.

After the Toasts of "The King" and the "Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Regiment and President of the Regimental Association, who presided, proposed the toast of "The Regiment." In his subsequent speech Sir Ivor referred to the presence of Lord Rochdale, the Vice-President of the Regimental Association, who had travelled down from Lancashire specially to attend the dinner. He was very keenly interested in soldiers and was closely connected with the Military Forces of Middlesex. Lord Rochdale had served in the South African War and in the Great War.

Continuing, the President alluded to the employment side of the Association's work and other activities. He also spoke of the possibility of having the annual dinner somewhere else at a reduced price, and invited Old Comrades to put forward suggestions.

Lord Rochdale, who was received with loud applause, made a very interesting speech in the course of which he spoke of having during the South African War commanded a Mounted Infantry unit composed of companies of the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Middlesex Regiment.

Mr. Hart also spoke. The toast of "The Colonel and Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. E. J. Warren, a Zulu War veteran, and was enthusiastically received, musical honours being accorded.

Command of the 4th Light Brigade):—"While Warren was slowly advancing on the left of Spion Kop ridges, I made a feint with the Durham L.I. who advanced as if to attack, covered by heavy artillery fire, but with strict orders not to commit themselves. This answered its purpose, keeping a considerable number of Boers off Warren."

"On the morning of the 24th January, 1900 there was very heavy fighting on Spion Kop ridge and I could see that little progress was being made, so I was not surprised at receiving an urgent appeal to reinforce. There is some uncertainty as to who originated this message, but I certainly understood it came from Warren. It was to this effect: 'All is lost unless reinforcements are sent.'

"This was so startling that I thought it was imperative, so I ordered the Scottish Rifles and Bethune's M.I. to reinforce General Woodgate's right, the K.R.R. to attack the 'Twin Peaks' more to the right, and to envelope the Boer extreme left—and the troops moved off. I reported what I had done to Buller, and he was furious, and sent a staff officer two or three times to me with orders to bring the troops back, especially the K.R.Rs., which eventually I had to comply with, but it was not till later that I realized how very important the diversion really was, and there is little doubt that it was this pressure which relieved that on Thorneycroft."

"A day or two after Warren paid me a visit and thanked me most warmly for this diversion to help him, which he said had averted 'a second Majuba.' He then surprised me by asking what had moved me to help him, and I told him it was his own message referred to above. He asked to see this, and was much astonished when he read it, and said he had never sent any such appeal. There is some mystery about this, and nobody knows who was the sender. It may have been some panic-stricken signaller, or perhaps some officer who was killed later, but it was fortunate that I got it, and acted on it."

Yours sincerely,
G. W. W. SAVILE.

[We regret that unfortunately the photographs were not clear enough for reproduction.—Ed.]

As usual telegrams had been sent to H.M. the King and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The following replies were received during the evening and read by the President:—

"General Sir Ivor Maxse, Old Comrades, Middlesex Regimental Dinner, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone.

"Please convey to the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regimental Dinner, together to-night, the King's sincere thanks for the terms of their loyal message.

"Private Secretary."

"General Maxse, Middlesex Regiment Dinner Great Central Hotel, Marylebone.

"My sincere thanks Old Comrades Middlesex Regiment for their good wishes, which I heartily reciprocate.

"Edward P., Colonel-in-Chief."

Telegrams conveying good wishes were also received from the Old Comrades of the Royal Fusiliers and the East Surrey Regiment.

The Band of the 9th Battalion, under Mr. H. J. Rouse, provided an excellent programme of music.

The following were among those present:—

Cols. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, G. Beach, J. L. Blumfeld, M. B. Burnard, R. M. Heath and E. J. King.

Lieut.-Cols. H. A. Bethune, M. Cuthbertson, R. H. Hayes, C. R. Johnson, W. Y. Miller, W. H. Parmeter, V. L. N. Pearson, W. H. Samuel, F. S. Stead and G. W. H. Tupper.

Majors P. B. Allott, E. H. Amor, G. B. Anderson, J. English, W. W. Jefferd, H. G. Money, L. L. Pargiter and E. W. Squirrel.

Squadron-Leader J. S. Goggin.

Cpts. C. S. Burdon, E. Denny, E. J. Garstin, B. G. Horrocks, G. Johnson, N. H. B. Lyon, S. Mirams, F. G. Parker, B. B. Rackman, A. Regan, W. Rosam, J. T. Smith, H. Steward and H. S. Strong.

Lieuts. W. J. Brough, A. W. Clark, H. W. Clayden, J. H. Clowes, H. E. Cross, R. Douthet, P. F. Frost, H. W. W. Gray, E. F. James, O. G. Johnson and D. McDonald.

2-Lieuts. J. P. Hall, H. F. Mackenzie, H. Marsh and R. W. W. Sword.

Messrs. E. G. W. Amor, H. Anderson, H. Avriall, J. Ayres, F. Backway, C. Banfield, J. Barnes, A. J. Bass, H. Bass, Bazeley, Bean, Beattie, H. W. Bentley, F. Bevis, W. Blackwood, A. Blinco, Bolton, J. Boothby, J. T. Boothby, W. M. Bower, Bray, W. Brockis-Warren, C. Brown, Buckle, J. Burch, Campbell, T. A. Capel, W. A. Carter, P. Carter, A. E. Case, E. C. Champion, A. C. Chidley, L. L. Clarke, W. Clarke, W. T. Clarke, Clarke, H. A. Clelland, Cook, H. Cooper, W. Cousins, W. Creedon, G. Crow, W. J. Dally, J. H. Dennis, J. W. Denton, Denton (R.S.M.), W. G. Dines, L. Drinkwater, G. Duce, F. Eggleton, C. C. Elliott, W. A. Ellis, R. E. Evans, A. E. Finch, F. Fennimore, W. Foxwell, A. E. Franklin, A. Fraser, J. Fry, E. R. Furniss, A. C. Furse, H. Garrett, C. W. Gibson, D. Giddins, F. Godbold, Goldstraw, G. W. Goodwin, W. Gould, J. Goulding, J. Gray, H. Gregory, E. R. Green, W. Green, G. Groves, W. J. Hall, G. W. Hanks, E. J. Hardy, J. Harrigan, J. Hart, S. Harvey, W. F. Hawkins, W. J. Hazell, E. D. Hearn-White, S. Hemsley, T. A. J. Hicks, B. T. Hiney, A. C. Hoggett, F. E. Holmes, H. C. Holmes, W. Hollingsworth, J. W. Holwell, J. G. P. Hunt, Jackman, A. E. Jackson, F. Janeway, G. A. Jewson, G. W. Kerswill, G. Kew, D. King, W. King, W. H. King, F. A. Kingham, A. W. Knight, B. Knolt, J. H. H. Lambourne, J. Lavender, Liddington, C. Lock, H. Lowen, Maloney, F. G. Marks, J. Marsh, J. J. Martin, W. Martin, A. E. Marwood, T. Masters, C. W. Matthews, W. G. Matthews, W. A. Meachen, H. E. Meadley, A. G. Meayres, A. W. Miller, A. J. Morey, T. Morgan, J. Mulcahy, H. Nethercott, H. J. Ormiston, G. Palmer, A. J. Parker, Patterson, F. C. Pilgrim, W. Pilley, E. J. Ponting, J. H. Purcell, W. Quiggan, G. H. Read, H. Reeves, W. Rouse, C. A. Rush, T. Ryan, R. E. Ryder, V. C., F. Saltmarsh, Saunders, D. B. Saunders, F. L. Schaper, R. Scott, Tom Sewell, G. Shaw, T. Shepherd, E. H. Smith, G. T. Smith, W. A. Smith, S. F. Steaman, A. Stephens, R. J. Stephens, W. Stickland, Storey, W. Stringmore, G. Taylor, A. Todman, J. Toff, A. Tree, E. G. Tulley, S. F. Turner, H. A. Twigg, J. Wise, E. J. Warren, H. A. Watkins, F. Warren, W. Warner, A. Weston, H. Wells, J. Webb, A. West, Wheeler, A. T.

Wilson, A. Winter, W. Wilkins, E. Wilkinson, A. C. Woodard, W. Wordsworth and C. P. Young.

In-Pensioner S. Howell was the only one of the Veterans at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, fit enough to accept an invitation to be present, and even he was prevented from attending owing to an attack of influenza.

DEPOT NOTES.

GEN. SIR ROBERT D. WHIGHAM, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Command, inspected the Depot on January 14th and saw the normal training going on.

We congratulate Lieut. F. and Mrs. Walden on the birth of a son at Gravesend on October 14th last.

Our congratulations also to Lieut. M. Crawford on his engagement to Miss M. Hamilton-Walker.

On October 24th, November 25th and December 1st, concerts were given in the Theatre by the N.A.A.F.I. Imperial Players and the Pip Emma Party.

On November 9th the Depot Church Parade attended the Memorial Service of the Mill Hill branch of the British Legion at the Memorial on the Ridgeway.

On November 11th the Regimental Armistice Day Service was held at the Memorial. The same evening at 10 p.m. the Old Comrades of the 12th (S.) Battalion laid a wreath at the Memorial.

Fifty-two other ranks of the Depot witnessed the screen version of "Journey's End" on November 10th at the Grand Hall, North Finchley.

On November 13th and December 11th the officers of the Depot dined the C.Os. and Adjutants of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions and the 7th City of London Regiment.

Two All Ranks' Dances have taken place so far this winter in the Gymnasium, on November 26th and December 17th.

On November 7th and December 20th, Ladysmith and Albuhera Squads proceeded to Colchester to join the 1st Battalion.

The Sergeants' Mess held a Dinner and New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st.

On January 1st the Depot Christmas and New Year Dinner took place. On January 2nd the Children's Tea, Entertainment and Christmas Tree was held in the Lecture Room.

The same evening the Corporals' Dance took place in the same room.

Our heartiest congratulations to Lieuts. Walden and Crawford on obtaining their D at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

SHOOTING.

On Monday, December 15th, 1930, a Christmas Shoot was held. This proved to be a most popular innovation, and it is hoped to hold similar competitions in future. The prizes given consisted of seasonable fare, and these also were popular. The results of the competitions were as follows:—

1. *Scaled Handicap (30 Yards Range).*—1st, Cpl. Coulling, 27; 2nd, Pte. Bish, 26; 3rd, Pte. Greene (49), 23; 4th, Pte. Luckhurst, 23. (Pte. Greene won 3rd prize on the re-shoot.)

2. *Rapid Fire Competition (30 Yards Range).*—*Series (a) Open to those who scored 80 or over in the Annual Course:* 1st, Sergt. Brockman, 20; 2nd, Sergt. Buckle, 18. *Series (b) Open to those who scored under 80 in the Annual Course:* 1st, Pte. Tarling, 17; 2nd, Pte. Barron, 17. (Pte. Tarling won 1st prize on the re-shoot.)

3. *Lucky Hit Competition (30 Yards Range).*—1st, Pte. Garnish, 14; 2nd, Sergt. Steward, 12; 3rd, Cpl. Coulling, 11; 4th, Sergt. Tisdale, 11. (Cpl. Coulling won 3rd prize on the re-shoot.)

4. *Ladies' Scaled Handicap (Miniature Range).*—1st, Mrs. Wright, 17; 2nd, Mrs. Mantell, 12; booby, Mrs. Clarke, 10.

5. *Ladies' Lucky Hit Competition (Miniature Range).*—1st, Mrs. Mantell, 9; 2nd Mrs. Finch 4; booby, Mrs. Marriott, 0.

FOOTBALL.

Up to the present six matches have been played altogether, of which two have been won and the remainder lost. So far as the recruits are concerned there is some promising material. All played well in the recruits' matches against the Depots of the Royal Fusiliers and the East

Surrey Regiment, but those who specially deserve mention are Ptes. Chapman and Duddy (since posted to the 1st Battalion), Caul (Ypres), Hedges and Rothwell (Mons). With more experience they should develop into useful Battalion players. The last-named three are members of the Depot team and are acquitting themselves well. We still have many more matches to play before the end of the season, and it is to be hoped that the Depot team will settle down quickly and add considerably to the number of matches won. The results, so far this season, are:—

DEPOT TEAM.

- v. Depot, The East Surrey Regt. (away), lost, 2—7.
v. R.A.P.C., Hounslow (away), won, 7—2.
v. Depot, The Royal Fusiliers (home), lost, 4—5.
v. J.U.S.C. Staff (home), lost, 1—3.

RECRUITS' TEAM.

- v. Depot, The East Surrey Regt. (home), won, 7—2.
v. Depot, The Royal Fusiliers (away), lost, 0—4.

During the first half of the season an Inter-Squad League has been held and has aroused considerable interest. The Depot Staff played consistently well throughout and were the ultimate winners. The best squad was Ypres, and had their team settled down more quickly they would have finished much closer to the Depot Staff than they did. Albuhera fell off in the competition after a promising start, and Ladysmith were erratic. Mons were the most disappointing team, and should have finished much higher in the table. The final positions were as follows:—

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
						F.	A.	Pts
Depot Staff	...	8	6	2	0	40	7	14
Ypres	...	8	4	1	3	28	23	9
Ladysmith	...	8	2	2	4	12	23	6
Albuhera	...	8	3	0	5	16	31	6
Mons	...	8	1	3	4	8	20	5

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an Examination held at Mill Hill on 14/11/30: 6198016 Pte. W. Lambert, 6198907 Pte. G. Savory, 6539414 Pte. G. Armstrong.

Awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Mill Hill on 12/12/30: 6197621 L./Cpl. A. Nicholls, 6199406 Pte. E. Gould (1st Battalion).

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

6199439 Pte. S. Barnard, 6734556 Pte. J. Davis, 6199437 Pte. A. Kent, 6199420 Pte. J. Lee, 6780554 Pte. H. Saunders, 6723139 Pte. L. Holliday, 6199292 Pte. P. Leahy, 6723045 Pte. E. Windsor, 6199496 Pte. H. Aylett, 6199467 Pte. R. Baker, 6199477 Pte. E. Bruyneels, 6199482 Pte. J. Oxley, 6199492 Pte. W. Lane, 6199473 Pte. W. Coulson, 6199465 Pte. L. Mallard, 6199425 Pte. G. Whitfield, 6199436 Pte. J. Casey, 6199458 Pte. G. Harber, 6199438 Pte. C. Longman, 6199459 Pte. A. Read, 6199291 Pte. E. Elkins, 6199271 Pte. S. Horsman, 6199289 Pte. L. Sibley, 6199414 Pte. F. Ames, 6199472 Pte. J. Brooker, 6199115 Pte. E. Ellans, 6199468 Pte. H. Gane, 6199484 Pte. C. Carnaby, 6199488 Pte. C. Turner, 6199457 Pte. P. Shiel, 6199466 Pte. R. Shingles.

SERVICE.

Permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years until 22/4/1935. Authority, O. i/c Records R/Mx/4971 dated 6/10/30: 6188693 Sergt. S. Buckle.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Attended 48th Course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 18/7/30 to 26/9/30 and passed "Q.I." Authority, E.C.O. 569/1930: 3233706 L./Cpl. W. Snell.

Obtained Certificate of Proficiency at Course of Instruction from 24/11/30 to 29/11/30 at Military College of Science, Woolwich, in Method of keeping Rifles No. 1, Marks III and IIIx, and No. 2, Mark IVx in order. (M.C. of S. Form 16, dated 3/12/30): 6192434 L./Sergt. J. O'Brien.

Obtained Certificate of Proficiency at Course of Instruction from 1/12/30 to 6/12/30 at Military College of Science, Woolwich, in Method of keeping Rifles No. 1, Marks III and IIIx, and No. 2, Mark IVx, in order. (M.C. of S., Form 16, dated 10/12/30): 6196037 Cpl. C. Sneesby.

POSTINGS.

Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 11/12/30, for a tour of duty: 6198286 L./Cpl. B. White, 6198951 L./Cpl. H. Maidment.

Posted to Depot from 1st Battalion, 12/12/30, for a tour of duty: 6189095 C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke.

Posted to 1st Battalion, 12/12/30: 6191707 C.Q.M.S. S. Steadman.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

And so Christmas is over once again and we start the New Year. So let's tell you how we have fared during the past months. We have had a fairly quiet life with a few ups and downs, but nevertheless we all started the New Year full of beans (but not beer).

The Depot Rifle Meeting was held on October 3rd (for details see Depot Notes), but I feel I must draw your attention to the way the honours fell to the Sergeants' Mess, which, as someone remarked, "And so they should." (Good old Backbone.)

We had a Whist Drive in the Mess on October 27th, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Eleven tables, which was quite a good show. Prizes fell mostly to our visitors (just to encourage 'em). Ladies: 1st, Miss Muggeridge; 2nd, Mrs. Jennings; 3rd, Mrs. Richardson. Gents: 1st, Mr. Wilkinson; 2nd, Sergt. Brockman; 3rd, Sergt. Moore (R.A.S.C.).

On Armistice day the Mess was open to Old Comrades and ladies, and we were packed out during the midday period. In the evening we held a Social. What a glorious night. The 12th Battalion representatives turned up in force and spent a very hilarious time (full marks to the 12th).

On December 31st we held our Annual Dinner, with wives and sweethearts as guests. Thirty-seven of us did justice to a most excellent dinner catered for us by the N.A.A.F.I., and how well they did their job. We cannot speak too highly of their organization, cooking and service. The usual toasts were given and the officers came down after dinner and took wine with us, after which the room was cleared and on with the social.

We had an unexpected turn at midnight; a group of local Boy Scouts

appeared and entertained us with bell ringing, which was very much appreciated.

This social evening was the most successful held for many years. The old year passed away with a sketch which was very well organized by C.S.M. Cook. Artists: Father Time, Sergt.-Instr. Paterson; Mrs. Grundy, C.S.M. Cook; P.C. 1931, Sergt. Buckle; Miss 1931 (Fairy), Sergt. Hazeldine.

The Mess congratulate the committee responsible for the arrangements.

We were sorry to lose our old friend C.Q.M.S. Steadman, and we welcome C.Q.M.S. Clarke.

S. M.

CORPORALS' NOTES.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our friends (and the others) a very happy New Year. We have recovered from the "brown ale" period and have nearly arrived at the "browned off" period. I really don't know which is the worst.

There have been some very nice dances since the autumn, and we have quite a long programme of social gatherings to look forward to before the long evenings come again.

There is considerable doubt as to whom the "Manna" will fall on next. It is supposed to be lucky, but someone will alter their opinion about luck one of these days.

"Chas" has lost the Provost job at last and gladly hands over the worthy dido to "Hit the Deck," who doesn't look as glum about it as one would suppose.

Our billiard table (?) is causing a great deal of heartburning. W. S. Gilbert must have played on it before he wrote, in "The Mikado":—

"The Billiard Sharp whom anyone catches, his doom's extremely hard, He's made to dwell in a dungeon cell, on a "Spot" that's always barr'd. And there he plays extravagant matches in fittest finger stalls. On a cloth untrue, with a twisted cue, and elliptical billiard balls."

We welcome amongst us L./Cpls. White and Maidment from the 1st Battalion.

Just a chestnut to finish with.

Scene: A kit inspection.

SUBALTERN: "A very good kit. And can you assure me that all articles of kit have buttons?"

OLD SOLDIER: "No, sir."

SUBALTERN: "That's unfortunate. Now, what articles are without buttons?"

OLD SOLDIER: "The towels and socks, sir."

MATLOW.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

THE period to which our notes apply this time is always the least interesting in the year, as, up to the end of the year, strenuous training is not indulged in. The period is taken up with instruction of N.C.Os., leaving the others free for physical training, games and shooting competitions on the miniature range. The King Cup has now been concluded and was won by B (Enfield) Company. The conditions this year have undergone a change. In previous years the King Cup was awarded to the company winning the largest number of matches. This year the conditions were amended so as to allow the company making the highest aggregate to be awarded the trophy. One must condole with A Company who won all their matches, but are only awarded fourth place. D Company (Tottenham) was second, and C Company (Hornsey) was third. The shooting of both B (the winners) and D was excellent—only the small margin of 39 points separated them.

Another competition which was keenly contested was the Barnet Cup Competition, which takes the form of a Fire Direction Competition. Teams consisting of one N.C.O. and six men assembled at Hornsey on Thursday, December 11th. The result was as under:—

1. D Company	62 points
2. B Company	46 points
3. A Company	43 points
4. H.Q. Wing	17 points
5. C Company	8 points

Congratulations are extended to Sergt. Bryan's team (D Company). His team will represent the Battalion in the Brigade Competition which is due to take place

on January 14th. The result will not be known in time for publication in this issue of the Journal, but full details will be given in our Battalion Notes in the next issue.

There are several other competitions due in the months of January and February, notably those for the Byrne and Lady Regnart Cups.

The Battalion Annual Prize Distribution takes place at Headquarters on Saturday, March 7th, when the prizes will be distributed by Field-Marshal the Viscount Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D. The prize distribution will be preceded by a concert given by the Battalion Band.

Whilst on the subject of the Band, their performance at the Battalion Annual Armistice Church Service, on November 9th, was excellent, and all those attending were most enthusiastic. Many people felt that it was a memorable occasion because the ancient Borough of Hornsey, for the first time, echoed the strains of its own local Territorial Band.

The attendance of Old Comrades at this parade surpassed that of previous years. It is regretted that one cannot say the same for the present serving personnel of the Battalion. The attendance was most disappointing, only 40 per cent. turning out. Excuses for this are hard to find. The weather was ideal and all those attending were provided with a hot meal at Battalion Headquarters at the conclusion of the parade. It is hoped that all those at present serving in the Battalion will take this matter to heart and put in an appearance next year.

A detachment from the Battalion attended the Armistice service on November 11th at the Regimental War Memorial at the Depot. The Colours were carried by 2/Lieuts. Hamp-Adams and Paul, the Colour Party being Sergts. Carter, Porter and Chapman.

A detachment from the Battalion was present at the Mayor of Hornsey's Church Parade and Service at the Hornsey Parish Church on Sunday, November 16th. The detachment was under the command of Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo.

Perhaps the most popular of all parades took place on December 15th and 16th, when annual bounties were paid. This was the last occasion on which the "old

soldiers" will draw their higher form of bounty. From now on all those serving in the Battalion will be entitled to the same annual amount.

A report on the Children's Christmas Party, which takes place at Hornsey on January 10th, will be published in the next issue, as the present number will be in print before the party takes place.

Several Company Dances have taken place and there are many more to come. All of them have so far been very successful, and the attendance at each successive dance seems to be larger.

Boxing practice has been in full swing in view of the Battalion Competition which takes place at Tottenham on Thursday, January 15th. January and February are so full of events that we shall no doubt be asked by the Editor to restrict our notes in the next issue.

This seems a favourable opportunity to offer congratulations to Capt. Brown on putting in such a tremendous amount of work in forming the Battalion football team. The team has played several matches and has done remarkably well. Our thanks are due to Mr. Stapleton, of Enfield, for kindly placing a ground at our disposal pending negotiations for a permanent playing pitch. Full details of the matches played will be published later.

January 15th brought about a change in the Permanent Staff of the Battalion. C.S.M. H. J. Gray, D.C.M., who for the past eighteen months has been Acting Regimental Sergeant-Major, has decided to rejoin the civil population when his tour of duty here ceases. His place at Hornsey will be taken by C.S.M. Coaster, who will leave his quarters at Highgate for the more commodious, but probably less comfortable, quarters at Hornsey. C.S.M. Newman, from the 1st Battalion, reported on December 15th, and was posted to the Battalion for a tour of duty with effect from January 15th. He becomes P.S.I. of the Highgate Company in place of Sergt.-Major Coaster.

The 7th Battalion B.E.F. Club Dinner took place at the Trocadero Restaurant on Saturday, November 15th. The attendance was even larger than last year, when a record number of officers attended. The function was, as usual, very successful and was enjoyed by all those attending. The guests included Major-General

H. R. Peck, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. De Salis, Chairman of the Middlesex T.A. and A.F.A., Col. H. C. Wortham, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Col. G. Beach, C.B., O.B.E., T.D., J.P.

Official intimation has been received that the Battalion will camp at Worthing during the period July 26th to August 9th. It is understood that the camp site is quite close to Worthing and that there is an excellent bus service into the town. The venue should prove a most popular one. The long distance from the sea and a large town was very badly felt last year, but this year there should be no complaints. The percentage of attendance at last year's camp was a record one for the Battalion, but the popularity of Worthing should create a new record.

We welcome to the Battalion two new officers, namely, 2/Lieut. L. A. W. Barnes, who has joined the Enfield Company, and 2/Lieut. J. G. Westcott, who has been posted to the ever-increasing D Company.

B (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES (ENFIELD)

Since our last notes went to press in October things have been running on very quietly in the Company. Parades have been divided between shooting, gun drill and "jerks," the latter, under Sergt. Parker, proving very popular.

The N.C.Os. have been busy on a sand-table scheme under the watchful eye of our Company Commander. In shooting we have done well, only losing one match (because two of the team thought it too wet to turn up). In spite of this, we have the highest aggregate score in the Battalion for the King Cup, but whether we are the winners seems very doubtful. We hear that one company has won all its matches, although with a lower total score.

Our first dance of the season was a great success, although many people were somewhat disappointed that our old friend, Mr. White, was not in his usual capacity as M.C. "Major Murray's Mirthful Melody Makers" discoursed music creditably and everyone seemed happy.

Our next dance will be on March 21st, so make a note of the date.

Bounty night proved as popular as ever this year, most of the Company turning up to parade. We are thinking of asking for several "false alarm" bounty nights during the year, so as to keep up the numbers on parade.

We extend a very hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. L. A. W. Barnes, who has just been gazetted to the Battalion and posted to our Company, and we hope he likes the look of us. We also welcome 2/Lieut. T. Anstey, of the 4th Bn. The Devonshire Regiment, T.A., who is attached to us for a short time.

C COMPANY NOTES.

(HORNSEY)

Individual Training does not make an ideal subject from which to produce a paragraph of gossip. However, we still exist, although our performance in the Fire Direction Competition may have led people to think otherwise. The King Cup has also passed by; but, as the finish was close and the scores higher than in previous years, we are not hanging our heads in shame. We have now designs on the Boxing Cup. As other companies may also feel the same about things we will say no more.

We have held one dance for all ranks and another is due at the end of this month (January). Whilst these affairs seem to amuse many, we wish that the younger soldiers would look more happy when dancing a "Paul Jones."

We greatly regret to announce that a certain young subaltern has given up "Orange Crush" in favour of bitter beer. So shocked was the R.S.M. on hearing this that he threatens to join the local choir and wear "a mortice board and a white what's-name."

Recruiting is at last on the up-grade, and we hope that by the time the next issue of the magazine is due we shall have more to say, and more people to say it about.

D COMPANY NOTES.

(TOTTENHAM)

It was with somewhat mixed feelings that we received a brief chit from our Sub-Editor to forward him our notes for the past three months. Christmas loomed very near and our thoughts were occupied with whether that rich aunt had totally

forgotten us and if she would like a foot-warmer or one of those fancy what-nots, and again which kind of scent each particular Bright Young Thing favoured. However, all that is past and we are either cut out of the will or turned down for ever, and the various Christmas comestibles have done their worst to our lead-lined innards.

To return to realities and the purpose of these notes, it can safely be said that we have had quite a successful quarter. We have won the coveted Barnet Cup, our nearest competitors being some 20 points behind. As an act of kindness we refrain from mentioning the lowest score. In the King Cup we were "also rans," and we congratulate the winners very heartily. Within the next week or so, by January 15th, we shall have gained several more points or so we hope, as our various boxers will enter the roped square to do their best against all comers.

We wish to extend a welcome to Mr. Westcott, who has recently joined us. Fortune favoured him when the ballot for our vacancy took place. We regret to announce that he does not favour our choicest beverage to any great extent, but we still have hopes of him. We also welcome Sergt. Charters, formerly of C Company. We would like to congratulate our Pte. Godfray, whose wife has recently presented him with his eighteenth (or is it nineteenth?) child. He has certainly done his duty and we hope that all the boys will join the Company.

Recruiting is going apace. Our numbers are 4 officers and 129 other ranks, but with losses from various causes we should like to see more men of the right type during the present year. On bounty night—always well attended—we received a visit from the Adjutant, who, whilst giving us our fair measure of praise, told us a few home truths. We hope his words did not fall entirely upon stony ground. They will be remembered on the occasions to which he especially referred.

The time of recreational training having passed we must settle down in earnest to our particular jobs during the next few months and endeavour to achieve efficiency in most branches of infantry training, so that when those two weeks in August are a reality we may perhaps spend a little less time than heretofore in donkey work.

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ARMISTICE DAY.

THE weather was kinder this Armistice Day than it was in the preceding year, and, although it was intensely cold, the sun shone throughout the service.

The Colours of the 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions were present on parade, as were detachments from the Depot, 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions, and Christ College (Finchley) Cadets.

The hymns were again led by a mixed choir from the Depot and during the laying of wreaths they sang "The Supreme Sacrifice."

The buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" a short distance outside the Memorial enclosure with good effect.

Mr. Sheehan's address closed with the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," followed by the Benediction.

Guests were later entertained in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.

The following wreaths were laid:—

County of Middlesex Territorial and Air Force Association, by Mr. Cecil De Salis.

Regimental Association, by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.

1st Battalion, by Capt. B. G. Horrocks, M.C.

2nd Battalion, by Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

Depot, by Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.

5th Battalion, by Major E. H. Amor.

7th Battalion, by Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D.

8th Battalion, by Major R. B. Hirst.

9th Battalion, by R.S.M. C. Denton.

11th Battalion, by Major G. B. Anderson, M.C.

7th City of London Regiment, by Sergt. H. Griffen.

19th London Regiment, by 2/Lieut. R. C. Franklin.

Christ College (Finchley) Cadets.

The following private wreaths were also placed on the Memorial:—

In memory of C. Lowen and T. Taylor, from Mother and Family.

In memory of Sergt. G. Stimpson and Cpl. Dowling, from Mrs. Pearce.

In memory of Cpl. W. Bewshear, from Mum and Dad.

In memory of Lionel Downing.
In memory of Will and Ted, from The Suttons.

In memory of George Large, from Mother and Daughter.

Among those present were:—

Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., and Mrs. King, Col. J. Walter, Mrs. Pargiter, Major J. English and the Misses English, Capt. H. R. Strong, M.C., Capt. MacIlwaine, Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., and Mrs. Dobbs, Mrs. Downing, Capt. R. I. Paiba, Mr. Amor, Mr. Avins, Mr. Bell, Mr. Banfield, Mr. Ball, Mr. Beal, Mrs. Bewshear, Mr. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Miss Coles, Mrs. Churchman, Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue, Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. Everitt, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Fordham, Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Goward, Mr. Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Honeybun, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mr. Lowen, Miss Law, Mr. May, Mr. Maggs, Mr. Ostler, Mr. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Miss Sewell, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Miss Sparkes, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. Shawcross, Mr. Simpson, the Misses Sutton, Mrs. Tisdale, Mrs. Trewey, Mr. Watts, Mr. Whalley, Mr. Warren and Mrs. Wright.

The following is an extract from the *Hendon Times* and *Guardian* of November 14th, 1930:—

"MIDDLESEX REGIMENT SERVICE.

"Bayonets gleamed in the sunlight at the Middlesex Regimental war memorial service at the Depot of the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill Barracks on Tuesday. Soldiers stood like statues, and only the whispering of the wind and the cry of a baby were to be heard during the Two Minutes' Silence. Even when the 'Réveillé' was sounded the only movement was the raising of the colours.

"The service was conducted by the vicar of St. Paul's, Mill Hill (the Rev. F. R. Sheehan), and the singing of the hymns was led by a choir composed of members of the married quarters of the barracks, under the conductorship of Cpl. F. Chasney.

"Soldiers stood on three sides of the memorial, which overlooks the Great Northern area of Mill Hill, while at each corner of the base colour parties, comprising the colours of the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Battalions, took up their positions.

"The officer commanding the parade was Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C.

"Hymns sung during the service were 'O God, our help in ages past,' 'The King of Love my Shepherd is,' 'How bright these glorious spirits shine,' and 'Abide with me.'

"The 'Last Post' and 'Réveillé' were sounded by Drummer Pullin and Drummer Course, and the choir sang 'O valiant hearts.'"



8th BATTALION NOTES.

AS these notes are written on Christmas Day, under the mellowing influence of a traditional Christmas dinner, it seems opportune to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and New Year, although, as the office boy, who evidently failed to secure the sixpence, somewhat cynically points out, good wishes for Easter would be more appropriate in view of the date of issue! After which sly dig at the Editor, who will doubtless add a pained and dignified footnote signed "Ed.," let us to our task of chronicling.

So much has happened since our last notes were composed that we feel the time has come when the "good old Eighth" might almost achieve a daily newspaper of its own with stop press columns and perhaps an evening contemporary!

Dealing with events in chronological order, the Battalion Officers' Reunion Dinner was held on October 8th at the Trocadero. The only thing lacking was the presence of many whom we had been hoping to see on this occasion. We appeal to all former officers of the Battalion to rally in support of this function next year. A telephone inquiry at Hounslow (0061) will reveal to all doubtful starters who else is going—the all-important question, it seems—and the snowball, once started, will roll onwards until a

properly representative gathering has been collected.

An Officers' and Sergeants' tactical exercise was held at Blackwater in October, and an Officers' exercise, followed by a second edition for N.C.O.s., at Camberley in November. Some useful lessons were learnt, and the fresh country made a pleasant change.

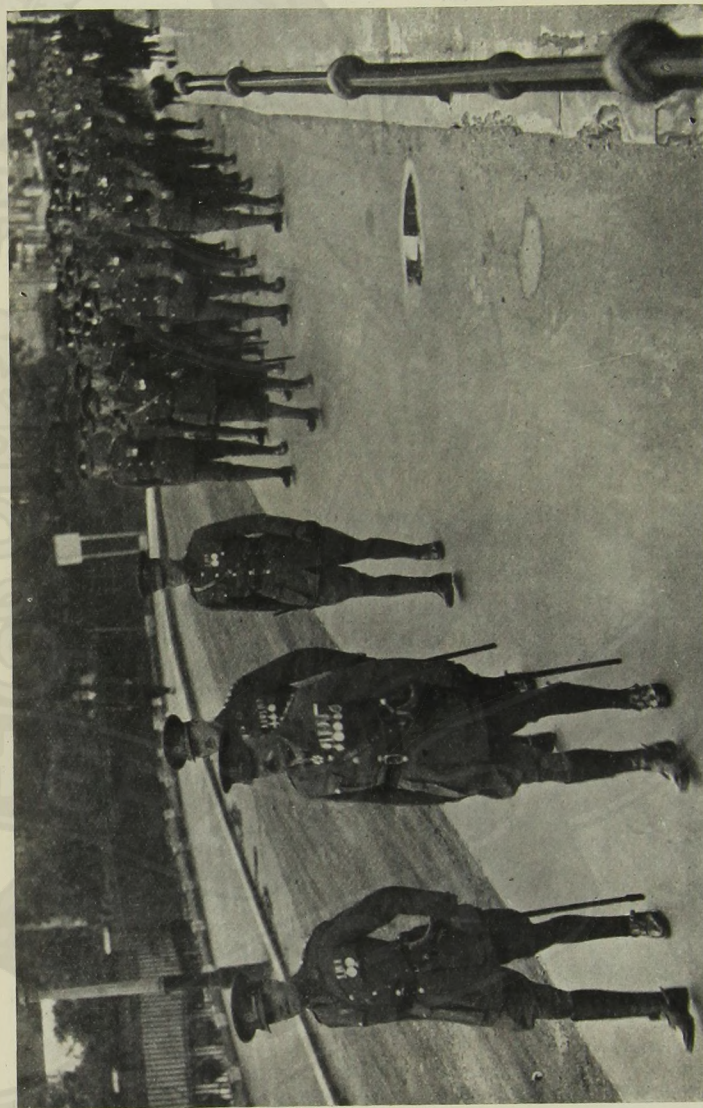
On Armistice Sunday the Battalion turned out in some force for a church parade at St. Matthew's Church, Ealing, and we were very glad to have twenty Old Comrades marching with us. The Colours and escort, together with several officers and other ranks, represented the Battalion at the Armistice Day service at the Depot.

A most enjoyable Officers' Subscription Dance was held at the Drill Hall on November 14th, and it is proposed to hold another of these in February.

Boxing now seems to have established itself as one of the attractions at the Drill Hall, and there were so many entries for the Battalion Novices' Competition—nearly a hundred—that we were obliged to stage the preliminary rounds on December 3rd and the semi-finals and finals on the 16th. Both occasions were most successful and we congratulate not only the winners of the various weights, but also those numerous sportsmen who entered "to make the thing go." Better luck to them next time. There is much talent in the Battalion which, with coaching and practice, ought to stand us in good stead in future Brigade and Divisional championships.

One of our former Commanding Officers, Col. Murray White, refereed on the second night, and we were glad to be able to show him that there has been no decline in the Battalion's interest in boxing.

Major-General H. R. Peck, our Divisional Commander, gave away the cups and prizes at the Annual Prize Distribution on December 12th, which was gratifying to all of us, and a most successful function, at which many friends of the Battalion were present, was concluded by an All Ranks' Dance. A full account of the occasion, and of the Commanding Officer's speech, has already appeared in the local Press, but we must echo the appeals made for more recruits. There



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is no adequate reason why the strength of the Battalion should always remain anything from 100 to 200 below establishment, and we appeal most earnestly to all those who read these notes to help us to attain the distinction of full strength by the end of 1931. This is by no means impossible, but all our friends and every member of the Battalion must join the crusade.

Extract from the local Press:—

"THE TERRITORIALS.

"Those who were privileged to be present at the annual prize distribution of the 8th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment must have been impressed by the spirit of camaraderie which exists throughout the Battalion. The Ealingites fraternized with the gallant men from Staines, the Hamptonites looked with proud but envious eyes at the Uxbridgians, who this year have won eight trophies out of fourteen, whilst the Old Brigade at Hounslow, in a manner dignified but truly worthy of Headquarters, acted as hosts to all.

"In a few well-chosen words, the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, outlined the activities of the Battalion during the year. Recruiting has steadily improved and the Battalion is stronger by some 50 men: the signallers have done good work and there are now 25 trained signallers as compared with 14 last year. An increased number of men attended camp and fired their weapon training course this year.

"The Commanding Officer paid a tribute to the permanent staff instructors for the interest they take in the life of the Battalion; only Territorials, he said, were able to appreciate what a tremendous difference it made when the attached Regular soldiers entered into the domestic side of Territorial soldiering.

"The excellent team spirit which now exists in the Battalion cannot help but bear fruit, and the Commanding Officer looks forward with every confidence to the new Territorial year."

Cups and prizes for the year were awarded as follows:—

1. The Efficiency Cup.—D Company.
2. Ladies' Cup.—C.S.M. Sparkes (D Company).
3. The Herbert Cup.—H.Q. Wing.

4. Cross-Country Cup.—D Company.
 5. Major Lawe's Challenge Cup.—B Company.
 6. Battalion Challenge Cup.—C Company.
 7. Signalling.—L./Sergt. L. Court.
 8. Col. Dam's Weapon Training Cup.—D Company.
 9. Ladies of Whitton Challenge Cup.—D Company.
 10. Battalion Sports Cup.—B Company.
 11. Montgomery Memorial Cup.—D Company.
 12. Col. Bott's Cup.—C Company.
 13. Miniature Range Shield.—D Company.
 14. Fenton Boxing Cup.—H.Q. Wing.
 15. Isleworth Cup.—D Company.
- Bugle Competition.—1, Dmr. Ratcliffe; 2, Dmr. Greengrass; 3, Dmr. Howard.

D Company had a great year and they deserve the heartiest congratulations.

We welcome two new officers who have been posted as follows:—

- 2/Lieut. E. G. Brooke, to D Company.
2/Lieut. M. C. D. King, to C Company.

Lieut. D. R. Pattison, who has returned from abroad, has rejoined the Battalion, and has been posted to B Company. We are very pleased to have him with us again.

Congratulations to Lieut. G. Hartley on his recent promotion.

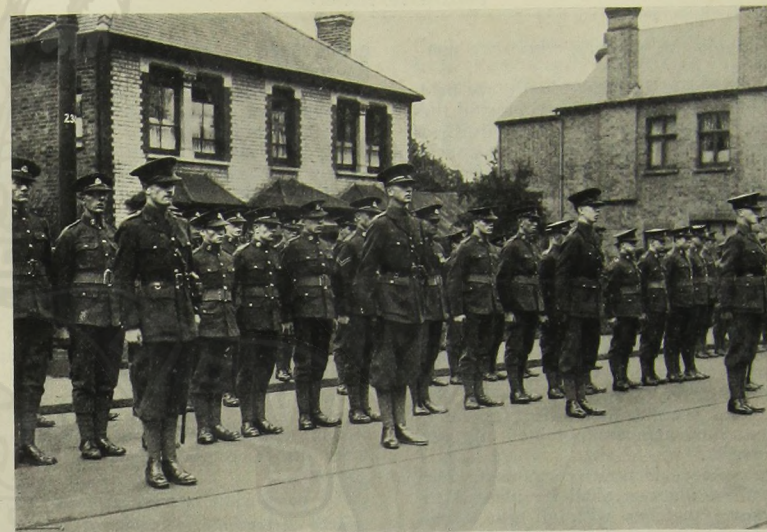
H.Q. WING NOTES.

We have been so busy with training, tactical exercises and social events since we ended our last contribution that we hardly know where to begin in this one.

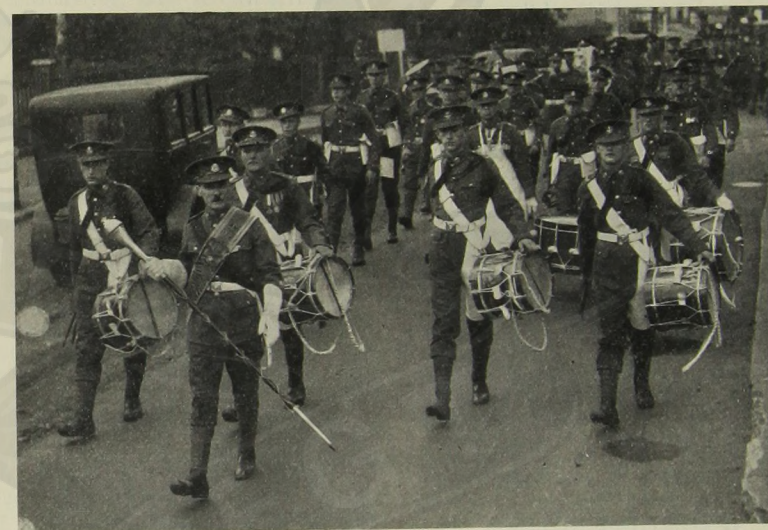
We are glad to say we are maintaining our strength and have attested over thirty recruits this year, and all our time-expired members have re-engaged, which is very gratifying. Twelve of our number have transferred to the Regular Army.

Our Band still continue to add to their record of public engagements, the most notable of which was their recent appearance in the Lord Mayor's Show, due to the enterprise of Bandmaster Groves.

In the Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition we had twelve entries, but could not register quite enough points to beat



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C Company, the winners, whom we congratulate.

On Thursday, December 11th, we held our Annual Company Prize Giving in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. Our Company Commander, Capt. H. C. Ellis, O.B.E., opened the proceedings with a short address upon the activities and achievements of the Company during the year, after which Mrs. Ellis was called upon to present the prizes and, in a few well-chosen words, she replied to the vote of thanks proposed by Lieut. Cloutte and was presented with a handsome box of chocolates. Space will not permit of full details of the cups and prizes presented, but we congratulate the winners.

In the classification of Signallers, eight of our members obtained 100 per cent. marks.

Sergt. Reeve is now reorganizing our Dart Club, and we shall be pleased to have some matches with all who think they stand a chance of beating us! The members of our Rifle Club will also be pleased to shoot anybody—if they deserve it!

At the Battalion Prize Distribution on December 12th, we were presented with the Fenton Cup for Boxing and the Cup for the Best Attendance at Annual Training. We are proud to have won these trophies, but have not as yet satisfied our greed for more—other companies, please note.

On December 17th a really good show was presented by a concert party from Messrs. Lissen, Ltd., who entertained us with a revue called "Form Fours." The Drill Hall was well filled with an appreciative audience who we know Lissen-ed with much interest—in fact, they must have been in a state of "high tension" all the time. Our hearty thanks are due to the producer for bringing his party over, and we shall welcome a "second house" at any time.

In conclusion we wish all readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

A COMPANY NOTES.

(HAMPTON)

The strength of the Company to date is 4 officers and 84 other ranks, an increase of ten other ranks over the corresponding period of last year. With the pro-

gress made in recruiting and the very few discharges which are to take effect this year, the prospect of reaching the century mark before Annual Training is very favourable.

On November 8th a Battalion church parade was held at Ealing, 4 officers and 27 other ranks attending from the Company.

The Company held its Annual Prize Distribution at the Drill Hall on Saturday, December 13th, which was very well attended. Officers present included Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, O.C. 8th Battalion; Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C. (late Commanding Officer), Capt. R. B. Hirst, Company Commander; 2/Lieuts. H. L. V. Russell, K. T. V. Russell, E. F. H. Miskin and E. C. A. Miskin, and a large number of local residents who were the guests of the O.C. Company.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

Drill Attendance.—L./Sergt. G. Seymour.

Smartest Recruit.—Pte. W. Hatcher.

Highest Rifle Score at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.—Pte. H. Watts.

Highest Lewis Gun Score.—Cpl. F. Holden, L./Cpl. W. Abbott and Pte. G. E. Hampton, tie.

Smartest Trained Soldier.—L./Sergt. G. Seymour.

Col. E. E. F. Baker presented the prizes and mentioned that it was the first public function he had taken in connection with the Battalion since leaving over a year ago. We hope to see our late Commanding Officer at our functions during 1931.

We offer our deepest sympathy to 2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell on the occasion of the death of his mother, which took place at Teddington on December 21st, 1930.

The Novices' Inter-Company Boxing Competition took place at Hounslow on December 3rd and 16th. We had nine representatives of the Company in the competition and now take the opportunity of congratulating them on putting up such a good show. We congratulate Ptes. J. Jennings and H. Cherry, the former winning a four-round contest against Pte. Clarke, of D Company, and the latter winning his weight as a novice in the competition.

Christmas and Fat Heads being now but a memory, the training at the Drill Hall is again in full swing. The N.C.Os. finished their N.C.Os.' training on December 19th and did very well. As a result we shall be better off for instruction during Individual Training.

Annual Training will take place at Worthing this year from July 26th to August 9th and is a much-discussed topic, as scraps of conversation from the Club-room convey to one's ears such things as cheap digs., good camps and landladies, distance from nearest town, bus service, etc., etc.

If the bathing costumes are as snappy as the conversation we shall have a much brighter Annual Training.

B COMPANY NOTES.

(EALING)

Since last writing there have been several changes in the Company. We have said good-bye to 2/Lieut. Wheeler, who goes to A Company, and 2/Lieut. Clifford Davey, who is taking over a rifle platoon at Hounslow. We welcome in their place Lieut. D. R. Pattison from the Reserve, and 2/Lieut. Vickers, who, while undergoing an attachment from the 5th Bn. The Manchester Regiment, has been doing some valuable work at Ealing. Twelve members of the Hounslow Platoon, who were transferred to us before camp, have returned to H.Q. Wing to form a rifle platoon, and we hope they enjoyed their stay.

A recent event of importance was the Battalion Miniature Range Competition, in which the Company put up a creditable performance, but did not win, and we congratulate D Company on their success.

On November 8th there was a Battalion church parade at Ealing, for which there was a good attendance not only of serving members, but also of ex-members of the Company, who were inspected by the Commanding Officer, and then entertained afterwards in the usual manner.

2/Lieut. Northcott has just completed the Machine Gun Course at the London District School of Instruction, and Cpl. Pond has been attached for one month to the 1st Battalion at Colchester.

We are now able to give some definite information about that shy and retiring body of men, the Company range-takers.

On a recent tactical exercise they emerged from the obscurity which hangs round all great men, and put in a good day's work. All the ranges in the Aldershot Command are settled now, finally, and the information is at anyone's disposal. Survey Department, please note.

On the social side our chief activity was the Company Prize Distribution on December 5th. We were very pleased to see the Commanding Officer, Col. Anwyl Passingham, Capt. Dobbs, Capt. Ellis, Capt. Summers and many other officers of the Battalion. In his speech, Capt. Maddex referred to the change to a machine gun company that had taken place in the past year, and our efforts to adapt ourselves to more technical work.

The Mayoress of Ealing was kind enough to present the prizes, and the Mayor made a speech. He amusingly referred to an effort of his to join the Volunteers, when apparently his martial ardour was damped by a discouraging Sergeant-Major.

When the prizes had been distributed there was an All Ranks' Dance, which continued until 1 a.m. and thus ended a memorable evening.

In connection with the above we are glad to be able to say that our weekly dances are meeting with continued success.

The Dart Club is darting with its usual energy, while the Football Club, resplendent in some flaring jerseys, is striking terror into the hearts of their opponents.

We have had several changes of a material kind. There is a new stage in the Drill Hall which is a great improvement on the old one. The weary warrior can now rest himself in the Club-rooms on new settees, at the same time warming himself at the new stove. Nor have the æsthetic feelings of the Company been neglected. The walls have been adorned with pictures which bring a softer feminine influence into our lives. In response to the feeling of pity which has filled the Company, a fund is being opened to supplement the obviously inadequate dress allowance of these ladies.

C COMPANY NOTES.

(STAINES)

Some very interesting events have occurred since last writing, of which the

Company Dinner and the winning of the Battalion Boxing are outstanding.

The Company Dinner and Prize Giving took place at the Pack Horse Hotel, Staines, on November 29th, and it was a great success. We were highly honoured with the presence of General Sir Walter Braithwaite, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who kindly distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the dinner. The evening was terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." It is believed that all enjoyed themselves, especially Nutty.

We were a little fortunate in winning the Battalion Boxing, beating D Company by the narrow margin of one point, and incidentally this is the first occasion the Company has been fortunate enough to win it, so we must congratulate ourselves upon this performance.

2/Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler is attending a course of Lewis Gun and Rifle Instruction at Knightsbridge Barracks, and we wish him every success in his exams.

We heartily congratulate 2/Lieut. T. L. Marks on the able and efficient way he mothers our welfare during the enforced absence of our Company Commander, and we also take this opportunity of welcoming 2/Lieut. M. C. D. King, who is posted to the Company.

D COMPANY NOTES. (UXBRIDGE)

Probably the most successful year the Company has ever experienced has now drawn to a close and by the time these notes appear in print we shall be once more in the thick of the winter Weapon Training.

The Miniature Range Shield was won by the Company with a team consisting of the following: Cpl. G. Jones and Ptes. Hare, Herbert, Nash and Hobbs. The team are still in training for the Brigade Competition, which takes place early in January and in which the Company is to represent the Battalion.

Once again the football team are competing in the Uxbridge and District League and matches are played every Saturday afternoon. The team has also entered for the Willis Cup, which is open to all junior teams in the district.

The Cross-Country team is shortly going into training to defend the trophy which they won last year.

D Company was well represented in

the Novices' Boxing Competition, which was won by C Company, to whom we tender our hearty congratulations. After all they must be encouraged. The best performances were put up by Pte. J. Wilkinson, who won the bantam-weight, and Pte. Birch, who won the middle-weight. Pte. Johnson was unlucky to box in the final of the light-weights, as was Matthews, who reached the semi-final. Pte. Warren, who reached the semi-final in the welter-weight, is also deserving of mention. The Company finally lost to C Company by the small margin of one point.

The Company Prize Distribution was held in the Drill Hall on January 24th, when Alderman Howard S. Berton, J.P., kindly distributed the prizes. The prize-giving was followed by an All Ranks' Dance.

D Company, like every other unit of the Territorial Army, is still suffering from the lack of recruits. Southall Drill Hall has been reopened in the hope of doing something in this direction.

We offer a hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. E. G. Brooke on his posting to the Company.

ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

R.Q.M.S.	G. Unsted	...	...	20/1/26
C.S.M.	F. Sparkes	...	...	5/3/29
C.S.M.	F. Hillier	...	...	17/7/29
C.S.M.	A. Findell	...	...	1/5/30
C.S.M.	B. Reed	...	...	1/5/30
C.Q.M.S.	H. Church	...	...	25/6/23
C.Q.M.S.	J. Lovett	...	...	1/3/27
C.Q.M.S.	H. Johnson	...	...	11/3/28
C.Q.M.S.	A. Manester	...	...	12/6/30
*C.Q.M.S.	H. A. Hards	...	...	1/10/30
Sgt.	A. Tyler	...	...	7/7/20
Sgt.	A. Power	...	...	27/9/20
Sgt.	E. Smith	...	...	21/7/22
Sgt.	C. West	...	...	6/2/23
Sgt.	P. R. Frost	...	...	27/4/23
Sgt.	G. Mullaley	...	...	24/6/23
Sgt.	J. Yates	...	...	27/6/24
Sgt.	W. Reeves	...	...	5/8/24
Sgt.	F. Huggins	...	...	16/9/25
Drum-Maj.	A. E. Furse	...	...	2/7/26
Sgt.	R. Williams	...	...	1/12/26
Sgt.	J. Madden	...	...	3/12/26
Sgt.	T. Woodhouse	...	...	11/7/27
Sgt.	L. Merrin	...	...	27/9/27
Sgt.	C. Browning	...	...	1/4/28
Sgt.	A. Rowe	...	...	20/6/28
Sgt.	L. Hawkesworth	...	...	20/6/28
Sgt.	G. Edwards	...	...	24/10/28
Band-Sgt.	A. Groves	...	...	2/7/28
Sgt.	L. Austin	...	...	8/5/29
Sgt.	A. Pryce	...	...	15/6/29
Sgt.	W. Hawkins	...	...	25/6/30
Sgt.	E. Johnson	...	...	20/7/30

* Provisional.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

BY kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 19th London Regiment, the Quarterly Concert was held at the Drill Hall, 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1, on Saturday evening, January 3rd.

By arrangement with Mme. Ghita Corri, Mr. Wally Urquhart's Company appeared. A very excellent entertainment was given and this was supplemented by the appearance both before and after the interval of Baby Rosie Safferty, the daughter of the late Clr.-Sergt. Arthur Safferty. This gifted child artiste again delighted the large audience with her character-songs and dances.

The chair was taken by Mr. F. E. Holmes, the Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, and about 150 Old Comrades, wives and friends were present.

During the evening the following telegram was received from the 20th (Service) Battalion Branch, who were also holding a concert:—

"20th Middlesex Old Comrades Association at their concert to-night send greetings to the Regiment."

It was unfortunate that the 20th were unaware of our fixture until it was too late to avoid clashing, but this will be remedied in future.

Owing to Easter coming in the first week in April this year, the next concert will be held on April 11th instead of on the 4th. The Camden Town Drill Hall will be placed at our disposal again, and it is hoped that now a really central and convenient place has been found we shall have crowded houses in future. All those interested are asked to make a note of the date—APRIL ELEVENTH.

Among those present were Mr., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mme. Corri, Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Major E. H. Amor, Major G. B. Anderson, M.C., Major J. English, Capt. McIvor, Mr. Brockis-Warren, Mr. Rust, Mr. E. G. Amor, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Wendon, Mr. and Mrs. Meachen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. Judd, Mr. Foster, Mr. Helps, Mr. Barry Sullivan, Mr. Coldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Paine,

*Sgt.	H. Purdy	...	...	1/10/30
L./Sgt.	T. Voss	...	...	26/9/20
Cpl.	T. Owen	...	...	24/6/24
L./Sgt.	G. Seymour	...	...	19/1/26
Cpl.	W. Henson	...	...	25/7/26
L./Sgt.	A. Hodges	...	...	29/3/27
Cpl.	C. Juggins	...	...	11/7/27
L./Sgt.	G. Hammerton	...	...	1/10/27
Cpl.	C. Bird	...	...	22/2/28
Cpl.	A. V. Rowe	...	...	20/6/28
L./Sgt.	F. Napier	...	...	25/7/28
Cpl.	F. Hughes	...	...	29/7/28
Cpl.	F. Holden	...	...	29/7/28
Cpl.	S. Day	...	...	29/7/28
L./Sgt.	E. Wright	...	...	1/6/29
Cpl.	G. Jones	...	...	3/7/29
Cpl.	W. Wilkie	...	...	3/7/29
Cpl.	G. Hogan	...	...	9/12/24
Cpl.	H. Wilkinson	...	...	3/7/29
Cpl.	C. Donovan	...	...	9/7/29
Cpl.	R. Archer	...	...	9/7/29
Cpl.	J. Woodman	...	...	27/7/29
Cpl.	E. Warren	...	...	27/7/29
Cpl.	V. Huckstep	...	...	28/7/29
Cpl.	A. Gigg	...	...	25/6/30
Cpl.	T. Tripp	...	...	12/6/30
Cpl.	G. Godfrey	...	...	20/7/30
Cpl.	F. Hart	...	...	20/7/30
Cpl.	A. Seward	...	...	20/7/30
Cpl.	J. Nowell	...	...	26/7/30
L./Sgt.	L. Court	...	...	26/7/30
Cpl.	W. Abbott	...	...	26/7/30
Cpl.	E. Pond	...	...	26/7/30
Cpl.	F. Aitken	...	...	26/7/30
L./Cpl.	H. Alder	...	...	23/7/21
L./Cpl.	H. Martin	...	...	28/7/22
L./Cpl.	F. New	...	...	10/10/22
L./Cpl.	A. Slaughter	...	...	5/8/24
L./Cpl.	W. Manning	...	...	29/7/28
L./Cpl.	M. Lockyer	...	...	29/7/28
L./Cpl.	T. Napper	...	...	29/7/28
L./Cpl.	W. Batten	...	...	27/2/29
L./Cpl.	J. Costello	...	...	27/2/29
L./Cpl.	M. Jones	...	...	1/6/29
L./Cpl.	A. Church	...	...	10/6/29
L./Cpl.	J. H. Lloyd	...	...	10/6/29
L./Cpl.	L. Hayward	...	...	1/7/29
L./Cpl.	L. Taylor	...	...	1/7/29
L./Cpl.	F. C. Woodall	...	...	27/7/29
L./Cpl.	L. Bunn	...	...	22/7/29
L./Cpl.	L. O'Doherty	...	...	5/12/28
L./Cpl.	T. Jones, M.C.	...	...	8/10/29
L./Cpl.	F. Allaway	...	...	5/11/29
L./Cpl.	E. Currie	...	...	5/11/29
L./Cpl.	A. E. Hales	...	...	5/11/29
L./Cpl.	C. Hamilton	...	...	5/11/29
L./Cpl.	J. Reed	...	...	5/11/29
L./Cpl.	H. Bartlett	...	...	17/12/29
L./Cpl.	R. E. Evans	...	...	17/12/29
L./Cpl.	T. Gill	...	...	3/4/30
L./Cpl.	W. Bullen	...	...	3/4/30
L./Cpl.	R. Handman	...	...	3/4/30
L./Cpl.	R. H. Swan	...	...	3/4/30
L./Cpl.	W. Eyles	...	...	26/7/30
L./Cpl.	A. Tyler	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	F. C. Shrieves	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	J. G. Raymond	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	A. Jones	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	A. Bruce-Reed	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	J. Rickson	...	...	26/6/30
L./Cpl.	C. Petry	...	...	15/7/30

* Provisional.

Mr. Aldis, Mr. Cusick, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Furniss and party, Mr. and Mrs. Baldock, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Whitticombe, Mr. Quiggan, Mr. Price, Mr. W. A. Paine, Mr. E. Fox, Mr. White and three sons, Mr. MacBailey, Mr. Willmer, Mr. Ecclestone, Mr. Allen, Mr. Philo and Mr. Young.



9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE so-called quiet Autumn Quarter has not been quite so uneventful as is usually the case. We are glad to be able to record several successes. First of all Lieut. Gunston won the Steers Cup for the officer making the highest score in the Annual Classification Practices. It is a most suitable victory, as no officer could have spent more time on the range this year than he has or could have taken so much trouble to improve the standard of musketry among the recruits. "Gunston's Army" became a familiar sight at Rainham this year, and woe betide the unfortunate Adjutant who unwittingly put one of them on fatigues when he should have been on the range recording bulls with monotonous regularity under the sympathetic eye of "The Old Lady."

The Signal Section has again distinguished itself by winning the Kittoe Cup, and we are all waiting anxiously for the result of the Dartmouth Cup Competition. Our average of 99.91 should at any rate place us somewhere near the top of the list.

The football team has been playing very well this year, and although we have possibly not quite such a fine record as "the Arsenal," we have won the 44th (H.C.) Divisional Cup for the second year in succession, and at the present moment are top of our league. It is very pleasing to note that they improve each year, and the present team, under the successful captaincy of Bob Boston, are undoubtedly the best side that we have produced as yet.

For the divisional final we had to travel to Croydon, where we met our old friends the 4th Queen's. Thanks mainly to the speed and accuracy of the forwards, we were victorious by the large margin of eight goals to nil. We hope that the cup

(which nearly went astray in Croydon after the match) has found a permanent resting place at Pound Lane, Willesden.

In addition to these successes, the last three months have not been entirely barren from a training point of view. N.C.Os.' classes have been held in all drill halls, and a series of tactical exercises have taken place.

On October 25th/26th the officers journeyed to Hindhead, where they spent a very comfortable—and it is hoped profitable—week-end. One young officer, however, was appalled at the thought of an hotel without a "bar," or was it the barmaid he missed?

The machine gunners and signallers went to Frensham on November 23rd. Undismayed by the long bus journey the full numbers turned up, and as the fickle goddess who controls the weather was kind to us, a most valuable exercise resulted. Even some of the most trained of that very learned B (M.G.) Company were heard to murmur that possibly there still were a few things to be learnt, even though they *had* been twelve months on the gun.

A, C and D Companies were not so fortunate in the weather, and a steady drizzle rather spoilt what would otherwise have been a very satisfactory exercise. Two men were distinctly seen to smile, however, so the day was not completely wasted.

Our energetic Entertainment Committee has surpassed itself; dances are run fortnightly and whist drives weekly. The latter have proved most popular, besides bringing some very necessary grist to the P.R.I.'s almost empty mill. As many as seventy-five "tables" have taken part, and it is hoped to reach the 100 mark before the end of the season.

A most successful Armistice Dance was held at Pound Lane on Wednesday, November 12th. Approximately 300 guests, including a large officers' party, were present. Thanks to the strength of the "cup" and the excellent music rendered by the Battalion Dance Band a very happy evening was spent.

The anniversary of Armistice Day was held on Sunday, November 9th. In the morning the Battalion, with Band and Drums, marched to Christ Church, Brondesbury, where a special service was held by the Bishop of Willesden.

After hurried dinners at Pound Lane the Band and Drums were rushed over to Wealdstone, when a short service was held in C Company's Drill Hall. This was followed by a march through Wealdstone with the Old Comrades and a final service at the Wealdstone War Memorial. Over 200 guests sat down to tea in the Drill Hall at Wealdstone on completion of the ceremony, and we are all indebted to Mrs. Sherwood and the ladies of Harrow for the excellent tea they gave us.

NINTH.



9th Battalion Colour Party at the Depot on Armistice Day.

CAPT. B. G. HORROCKS, M.C.

The 9th Battalion has been exceptionally successful during the past four years, and perhaps never before more successful than in the year which has just ended.

The success of a battalion is due to various factors, and not least to the efficiency and quality of its Adjutant.

For the past four years Capt. Horrocks has devoted himself with indefatigable zeal to the interests of the 9th. All ranks have benefited from his expert knowledge. He combined knowledge with the gift of imparting it, and at the same time stimulating the interest of all those whom he instructed. But not only as an instructor will he be remembered. His gifts were distributed unstintingly. He identified himself with all the interests of the Battalion. He entered with enthusiasm into all the activities of Battalion life. He became one of us. No task was outside the scope of his duties, no personal consideration was ever permitted to interfere with those duties. His duties them-

selves were carried out with such zest and enjoyment, that they seemed to be pleasures, and all those whom he met were infected with his own gay and gallant spirit. The memory of his time with us will not fade. The example he has set us will not be forgotten. "Jock" will be a name familiar to those who are not yet in the Battalion. All ranks have lost something more than an Adjutant; they have lost a friend.

We, his friends of the 9th, feel confident that his brilliant qualities will meet with the success they deserve. We wish him to know that he takes with him our deep regret at his departure, and our most sincere good wishes for his future.

Capt. J. R. B. Worton has come to us in place of Capt. Horrocks. He comes with a name familiar to everyone. The reputation he has acquired in other fields will, we feel sure, before long be second only to the reputation he will acquire as Adjutant of the 9th. We welcome him.

G. W. T.

A COMPANY NOTES.

The autumn quarter of the year is in many ways the quietest so far as the life of the Company is concerned. On looking back over the past three months we find that most of us spent September and part of October scraping the last traces of the New Forest mud off our persons, so that it was not until pretty well on in the autumn that things began to get properly going again.

Since then, however, some useful work has been put in. Sergt. Bateman and Pte. Macdonald played their part, as usual, in the winning of the Divisional Championship by the Battalion football team while in the boxing line various members of the Company are doing some quiet training which should lead to good results later on.

Meanwhile the military side of our activities has not been entirely neglected. We ran a Promotion Class and also were lucky enough to get Capt. Horrocks to give us some valuable lessons in the form of lectures in tactics on the sand-table, which were attended by a good number of N.C.Os. and men. We should like to congratulate L./Cpl. Carter, Ptes. H. W. Ellams and Odwell on passing the

examination for Sergeant, and Pte. A. F. Hutt on passing for Corporal.

In November we had a tactical exercise for N.C.Os., near the Hog's Back. This was generally voted quite one of the best and most interesting schemes we have yet had, although through some unaccountable omission there was no "pub." anywhere near by where we could establish Company headquarters. The scheme was almost entirely devoted to platoon and section training, and it gave a great deal of scope to the junior N.C.Os. to show their capabilities as section leaders. On this occasion every one seems to have solved the various problems with marked success, especially Mr. Gunston's syndicate, who solved the great food and drink problem by arriving for lunch half an hour ahead of the rest of the field. We should like to thank them for leaving us some beer.

We have been sorry to say good-bye to that promising young N.C.O., L./Cpl. E. H. Ellams, who, however, is not far away, as he has gone to our regular Battalion at Colchester. We are also sorry to lose Pte. R. H. Davis, brother to our Company Storeman. Davis, it will be remembered, broke an arm while playing football in Camp, and this evidently gave him such a liking for the military career that he has now joined the Royal Sussex Regiment. Well, we wish them both the best of luck.

One of the most outstanding events in everyone's mind at present is the departure of Capt. Horrocks, whose term of appointment as Adjutant with the Battalion ended in December. All the Company is sorry that he is going. However, we wish him the best of luck at the Staff College and hope that when he comes to see us as a Staff Officer he will let us down lightly. We have been fortunate in receiving from the 1st Battalion in his place Capt. J. R. B. Worton, to whom we extend a very warm welcome.

B (M.G.) COMPANY NOTES.

Of events to record during the past three months by far the most interesting was our tactical exercise, held in the neighbourhood of Frensham. The weather was of the best and those of the Company who made the journey down

were well rewarded by the beauty of the country. Surrey in autumn and "The Devil's Jumps" might, had it not been for the ardent desire to learn, have improved our aesthetic, at the expense of our military, technique. "The Pride of the Valley" supplied our material wants.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Petrie, who is taking over No. 10 (Roxeth) Platoon. We wish him every success in his new job.

We feel sure that reference will be made elsewhere in this issue of the Journal to our late Adjutant, Capt. Horrocks. We all wish him every success at the Staff College.

We, as Machine Gunners, most heartily welcome our new Adjutant, Capt. Worton (himself a Machine Gunner), and most sincerely hope that he will enjoy his tour of duty with us.

C COMPANY NOTES.

Our enthusiastic Adjutant took the trouble at least a fortnight before Christmas to write round to each company reminding them that he would be asking for these notes before the end of the year, and that therefore it would be advisable to have them written before the seasonal festivities commenced.

An excellent piece of advice, I agree—but, alas, the festivities have come and gone, leaving their "tales" behind them and, I, one of the "Multum in parvos" (*vide* Vol. III, No. 10 p. 609) or the "little-but-goods," as one wag put it, find myself cursing the very existence of the Journal almost as much as I do the mention of the Sherwood Shield. However, two of my New Year resolutions must obviously be to regard both the latter with the respect due to them and not to mutter under my breath how much I wish that some other poor wretch would wield this pen of mine. I'll stick to the sword any day, even though I may carry it at the "carry" when it should be *vice versa*—and how strongly I feel about presenting the Shield to Hendon "for keeps."

All this must be frightfully boring to read, but all the same I must own it's made me feel better than I have felt ever since the fog of the festivities or, do I mean, the festivities of the fog?

In about a week's time we are taking part in an inter-company fire direction

competition, and the N.C.Os. in charge of our two teams are Sergts. Hartley and Robson. We wish them both the best of good luck and feel that, with our share of the latter, we should do well, as our Company has recently had a fair amount of practice on the short range while both the N.C.Os. are well versed in their fire orders.

While on the subject of short ranges, mention should be made of an interesting Sunday morning's shoot some of us had at Northolt in October through the kindness of the O.C. No. 41 (Fighter) Squadron, R.A.F., and we hope that, with Sergt.-Major Todman's splendid co-operation in the shape of Chevrolet transport, we may again pay further visits some Saturday afternoons when the days begin lengthening.

The lighting of our own 30 yards range has been greatly improved by the darkening of the background, while the new heating device has had the effect of enticing many more members to visit the range on even the chilliest of winter evenings, and we hope that these alterations will help to give our new Miniature Rifle Club, which all serving members and Old Comrades should join at once, a good send-off in 1931.

We decided to give up the attempt to hold dances this season—we have always found it a most unprofitable business—and in its place, through the splendid work of Sergts. Hattley and Robson and Cpl. Spivey, two excellent socials have been held at Wealdstone, while No. 10 Platoon, at Roxeth, held a successful one on December 23rd when the prizes for winners in the Christmas Shoot were awarded.

As is our custom throughout this Battalion on such occasions, no competitor went away empty, and our thanks are due to the generosity of those supporters who provided such varied and attractive prizes. Those who scored 60 or over were Sergt. Robson (80), L./Cpl. Campkin (75), Lieut. Petrie (68) and Pte. Shaw (60).

This year we again took part, at the invitation of the Wealdstone Urban District Council, in their United Remembrance Service on November 9th. The arrangements were the same as previously and, through the stout efforts

of our old friend and O.C.A. Secretary, Frank Fenimore, the Old Comrades turned up in large numbers. Tea was served for 220 in the hall after the parade which, we feel, justified the Commanding Officer's sanction of the attendance of the Regimental Band in addition to the Corps of Drums.

The Chairman of the Council, who was present at tea, afterwards sent us a letter congratulating us on the good muster, and he made special reference to the endurance of the four sentries who stood with reversed arms at each corner of the Memorial.

Our annual dinner took place this year before Christmas, on December 6th, and again the Old Comrades turned up in large numbers as a result of the persuasive appeals of both Fenimore and Bindon, who travelled great distances visiting old members who might have disregarded an invitation by letter.

We were honoured with the presence of our Hon. Colonel, Col. Blumfeld, Col. Beach and Col. Tupper, while the Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Harrow Branch of the British Legion were among our guests.

We numbered 120, which is a goodly gathering considering the present difficult times.

This autumn's Tactical Exercise for N.C.Os. was held at Puttenham last month and the scheme was most interesting. Unfortunately the weather was seasonal, with the result that syndicates were not completely filled, though our company received a good mark for attending at full strength.

Mention must now be made of the loss of our Battalion and Company have sustained in the discharge of Sergt. Doman and the completion of Capt. Horrock's four years' tour of duty as our Adjutant.

Though recently his work in the evening had prevented Sergt. Doman from attending parades, he has always given his support to our activities on other occasions, and we were sorry when he found at the beginning of this month that re-engagement was impossible. He originally joined this Battalion in 1912, was with the 7th Queen's for four years and, while serving with them in France, was taken prisoner. After the war he rejoined this company in 1920 and was

presented with the Long Service Medal at the conclusion of this year's Annual Training.

It is impossible to say much in these notes about our great regret at the departure of our Adjutant, and no doubt special reference will be made elsewhere in this JOURNAL, but Capt. Horrocks took our Monday evening parades this summer for several months, and his charming personality and undaunted enthusiasm, combined with thorough efficiency, made us realize very quickly how much we all owe to his interest, advice and encouragement.

It was the wish of some of us to present him with some small token of our admiration, but this is not permitted, and we can therefore show our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the old 9th by giving his successor, Capt. Worton, all the support we possibly can in his unenviable task of maintaining our Battalion in the splendidly efficient state in which Capt. Horrocks has handed it over.

We hope that Capt. Worton will have a really happy time with us and to Capt. Horrocks we offer our best wishes for success during his two years at Camberley and throughout his Army career afterwards.

H. S.

D COMPANY NOTES.

Since Annual Training, events have been few and things rather quiet. The payment of bounties prior to the Christmas holidays was one welcome occasion, and the Christmas Shoot on December 23rd was another very pleasant event. In the presence of quite a large gathering about half of the Company fired for quite an imposing array of prizes. All who fired received prizes. This was largely due to the generosity of the local tradespeople, to whom we extend our thanks. Cpl. Podger has our heartiest thanks for all the work he did in connection with the shoot, and he is to be congratulated on the results. The Shoot was run on handicap lines, and the first eight places were secured by the following:—

1st, Pte. E. Davey, with a score of 100, bottle of whisky.

2nd, Pte. Graham, with a score of 99, turkey.

3rd, Sergt. R. Devereaux, with a score of 98, leg of pork.

4th, Pte. Kirby, with a score of 98, turkey.

5th, Cpl. R. Podger, with a score of 97, joint of beef.

6th, Pte. McDonald, with a score of 97, bottle of port.

7th, Cpl. Laver, with a score of 95, turkey.

8th, Pte. Beeson, with a score of 94, bottle of sherry.

We hope that next year a greater number will compete.

Our congratulations go to L./Cpl. Kent on passing his promotion examination to Corporal, and to Pte. James on his to Lance-Corporal. Pte. James received the highest number of points in the Battalion.

Our next show will be the Company Dinner, which takes place on Saturday, January 3rd, when prizes for 1930 will be distributed. Details will be included in next quarter's notes.

We very much regret losing our Adjutant, Capt. B. G. Horrocks, who has gone to the Staff College, Camberley, and we wish him all success in his new sphere. He left us with the assurance that he would visit us when on vacation. At the same time we welcome our new Adjutant, Capt. J. R. B. Worton, and wish him all success in the future.

We are sorry to lose L./Cpl. Mudge, on the completion of his engagement, and Pte. Crook, who has joined the Regular Army. We wish him success. By the time these notes are in print we shall be in the midst of enthusiastic training for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, which it is our ambition to win again for the fourth year in succession.

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REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 334, Vol. III, No. 6, November, 1929.)

INSUBORDINATION IN THE REGIMENT.

THE wave of insubordination I mentioned as going through the Army in India that year (1861) at last reached our Regiment. A man was brought before the Colonel for some offence, not very serious. "What do you mean by such conduct?" asked the C.O. "That, you old —," answered the prisoner, spitting full into the Colonel's face. The result was trial by general court martial and a sentence of ten years' penal servitude. Reports said that the man only returned to an old position.

In another case, a young fellow who was as a rule fairly well behaved, although I knew he had a quick, nasty temper, was awarded 168 hours' imprisonment by the C.O. for some offence, and was brought to the Senior Medical Officer for examination, and, on being questioned as to his health, he dealt the Surgeon a smashing blow in the face. He was sentenced by general court martial to a corporal punishment of fifty lashes and three years' imprisonment with hard labour. He was sent to Sealkote to undergo the imprisonment, was visited by the Field Officer of the station—a Colonel (European) in command of a native regiment—and, when asked if he had any complaint to make, he answered, "And who the hell would make any complaint to a sepoy soor (pig) like you?" He was tried by general court martial, and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

INSUBORDINATION OR—?

In 1862, I was promoted Corporal. For some reason, there were no Lance-Sergeants in the Regiment before 1865. Soon after being promoted, I was selected to take turn of command of the regimental guard, a matter of equalizing duty. It was a big command for a Corporal, to have two Lance-Corporals, one Drummer and twenty-one Privates under him. However, I think I used to

carry it out correctly. One night, about 11 p.m., I was on this regimental guard. I was writing by the light of the poor apology for a lamp supplied for the guard—I was filling in the names of prisoners I had received over in my guard report. I heard a man come close to me; thinking it to be a man come to the light to fill his pipe, I did not look up. A moment later I heard the sound of the heel of a rifle butt being placed on the stone floor. While keeping my pen in hand, I glanced downwards to my left. I noticed that the rifle was at half-cock, and that the percussion cap was on its nipple. I felt at once that something was wrong, and, keeping my eyes on my papers, I commenced grumbling to myself about fellows being such fools as to get confined for trying to obtain more than the allowance of rum, at the same time standing up and stepping clear of the form I had been sitting upon. As soon as I had my leg clear of the form, I turned to the left and threw my arms around the holder of the rifle, at the same time calling to the guard. He was at once disarmed. The rifle proved to have been correctly loaded. His reason for so arming himself did not transpire, but, from what I knew of him, I believe his only idea was to be made conspicuous. I may be wrong. A district court-martial sentenced him to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour.

PETITS DIABLES.

We had, in 1862, about as pure a pair of devil-imps as a regiment had on its muster roll. They were in our drummers. The Band and Drummers occupied the same bungalow, but were otherwise quite separate. One morning, the Band commenced to practise scales, as, I believe, is usual before the arrival of the Bandmaster. One after another the bandsmen began to complain of their instruments burning their mouth. An investigation followed, and the cause was traced to the two "pure lads." They had, during the time that breakfast was going on, rubbed the mouthpiece of each instrument with green chillies. On being brought before the Colonel, they got a good reprimand in addition to some slight punishment. Some weeks later, one of the drummers came into the barrack room after "Last Post" sounding, and

complained of a bad smell near his bed. He undressed and laid down, still grumbling and wondering what it could be. In the next bed to him was one of the two "lads." After a few minutes, the boy said, "Maurice, will you give me a little of your cold tea?" "Yes, here you are, lad," said Maurice, reaching down under the bed; but, instead of his hand reaching a mess-tin, it met the inside of a latrine utensil, and he had an unpleasant experience. Inquiries brought out the fact that the two boys had been seen carrying something into the bungalow, and the fact was fully proved against them. They each spent seven days in the cells.

Now, there was good in the two boys, for all their escapades were boyish "devilry," and there was nothing much wrong with their moral character. How far the cells helped to bring out the good in them one can only guess. At any rate, one of them was never again brought up, and he served thirty years, Army and Militia Staff Service, and left with the full pension of his rank, a drummer with a full sleeve of good-conduct badges. The other did not settle down seriously at once, but had two more entries. On the return of the Regiment to England, he was in the ranks, a private, and one of the finest-looking men in the Corps. Parading for guard one morning, he appeared with a piece of sticking-plaster above his eye. "Fighting, I suppose," said the Adjutant. "Put his name on the gate, Sergeant-Major." He was to be kept in barracks until the cut was healed. Some hours later, the Sergeant-Major, going into the Orderly Room, noticed the man on sentry at the gate, but with no plaster or sign of cut or scratch on his face. He was brought before the C.O. next day, and his excuse was, "Well, sir, whenever I parade for guard, no matter what guard I am warned for, I am always ordered by the Adjutant to join the main guard; and the officer of the guard always selects me for the General's house post in the High Street. The post is a long distance from the guard house, and when on sentry one has to be as regimental as a button-stick, it is as hard as doing two other guards." Said the Colonel, "You ought to be proud of being selected for the post; fourteen days' C.B." The same day, the

Captain of the man's company sent for him at pay-time, and said, "Now, I think you ought to have had enough of folly. You are no longer a boy. Remind me this day twelve months that you are a year clear of entry, and I shall recommend you to the C.O. and you will be promoted." The ex-boy was appointed Lance-Corporal at the end of twelve months, and, when he left the Service with twenty-one years completed, he was one of the senior Colour-Sergeants.

SHOOTING AT A CHURCH.

I have wandered far away from Hazareebaugh in following the careers of the "Little Devils." I will now return to it. I spoke of cases of insubordination in the station. There was yet another case that I must mention, and a strange one. One night near midnight shots were heard near the station church, which was very near to the infantry lines. An escort was sent out from a guard, to find out the cause. Before they located the firer another shot had been fired. It was a man of the Regiment, taking cool and deliberate aim at the church. Seeing the armed party approaching he took a shot at them, and they were nearly hit. Of course, they did not give him time to reload before they reached him. He was found to be sober. Evidently a candidate for penal servitude, and he got it. He was sentenced to fourteen years.

THE THIRD DRAM.

Up till 1862 a soldier in India was allowed to draw daily a pint of beer at noon, and two drams of rum in the evening. A dram is one-fifth of a pint, and rum was always issued at 24 per cent. under "London proof." Beer was, in the 77th, drawn from the Canteen by companies in bulk, and issued to the men in the barrack room. In the Canteen in the evening a Sergeant was on duty, to maintain order, and to see that all rum was consumed within the room by the drawer. One dram was issued at a time, but a man could draw and drink the first dram and obtain the second one as soon as he could get round in the queue to the bar again. No doubt two-fifths of a pint of rum, of that strength, was a stiff drink within, say, twenty minutes; too much for many a young fellow. There

11th (S.) BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THERE is not a great deal to record about the Old Comrades Association of the 11th Battalion except that it has been continuing in its proper function of getting into touch with as many as possible of those who served in the unit which it commemorates. It has not drawn up any elaborate programme of meetings for this year, as it is felt that the prevailing depression in trade was not conducive to good support, and therefore it is confining itself to holding two or three meetings only, one of which is to be a Battalion Dinner, and in addition is doing its best to rally its members to the Regimental Old Comrades' fixtures.

A representative party attended the Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner on November 1st, but there was a noticeable preponderance of officers.

On Armistice Day, 1930, the Association was represented at the Memorial Service at the Depot by Major Anderson and Capts. MacIlwaine and Strong, and a wreath was laid on the War Memorial.

On December 6th, the Annual General Meeting took place at the Headquarters of the Association, the Earl Russell, Wells Street, W.1. The numbers attending—probably for the reason stated above together with a particularly noisome fog—were small, but a very enjoyable evening was spent, a number of artists having been provided by our indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jones. In the course of the business part of the evening, the Hon. Treasurer pointed out that there were now 111 live names and addresses on the books, a figure which he thought was very satisfactory, considering the short time for which the Association has been going, but he and the Committee expressed a hope that members would continue their efforts to advise former members of the Battalion of the activities of the Association. The financial statements showed that all the work of the Association during the past year had been covered by its income and that a donation of £3 os. 1d. had been sent to the Regimental Association. It was

were, of course, many cases of drunkenness, yet it was not the allowance only, in many cases, that caused the drunkenness, but the system of keeping check on the issue was not a good one, and many succeeded in obtaining more than the allowance.

At last the C.O. decided to have one N.C.O. per company and the Orderly Sergeant to keep check, and that each man was to call out his company number, not his name. The ten-peggers, of course, knew their own men, so there could be no impersonation. Then the trouble began. Men would attempt to obtain extra by impersonating someone they knew to be not requiring any, and of course would be at once detected. But the more common way was for a man to give his own name-number and come up a third time. I have known as many as fifteen men to be made prisoners in one evening for this offence. Possibly there were cases where the men applied for more than the allowance with the connivance of the Orderly Sergeant, but it is very unlikely.

I was acting Orderly Sergeant one evening when two men of my company in succession applied for a third dram. They were confined. Next morning, when asked by the C.O. what they had to say to the charge, one replied, "Nothing, sir." The other one said, "I think, sir, the Corporal was hard on me. I went up and got a third and also a fourth dram, and when I went up the fifth time he had me confined." The C.O. knew what that story was worth; for the man who said "Nothing, sir," went unpunished, and the other was awarded an extra heavy punishment. There was just a chance that he might have been believed and my reputation suffer.

It took some months to make the men realize that it was of no use for them to apply for extra. After a time an order was issued for the closing of the Canteen for one hour after the issue of the first dram. This had a good effect, and when a year later a pint of beer was issued instead of one of the drams, drunkenness became much less, and the charge of applying for extra rum unknown.

(To be continued.)

pointed out, however, that, although the total amount received in subscriptions was satisfactory, the number of subscribers was small. The Committee felt that this was due to a lack of a guide as to what was expected and suggested that an annual subscription of five shillings for officers and one shilling for other ranks should be taken as a basis, while amounts over and above these would, of course, be welcome.

Mr. McDonald, Major Anderson and Mr. Jones were then re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively, and the Committee was constituted as follows: Messrs. Gales, Haviland, Reed, Welch, Hearne-White, Price and Kew.

Details of future meetings will be sent to all members as soon as arrangements have been made.

(Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. Jones, 36, Percy Street, W.1.)

13th (S.) BATTALION ANNUAL DINNER.

THE 12th Annual Dinner of the 13th Battalion was held at the Holborn Restaurant on November 8th, Col. L. G. Oliver being in the chair.

The following officers were present:—

Col. L. G. Oliver, C.M.G.

Lieut.-Col. A. N. Hingley, D.S.O., M.C.

Majors J. H. R. Cox, R. S. Dove, M.C., and F. J. Swatten, M.C.

Capt. C. H. Perry, J. C. Clark, M.C., E. G. Baker, H. Redford, F. L. Wigington and E. R. Ball, M.C.

Lieuts. C. B. Saunders, S. Webb, A. Wadsworth, R. F. MacMillan, S. Livingstone, M.C., J. F. Nichols, A. G. Redston, H. E. Musk, F. Trollope, R. W. Phillips, N. Offord and W. Cousins, M.C.; and Rev. A. Buxton, C.F.

(Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Cousins, M.M., North Street, Nazeing, Essex.)

20th (SHOREDITCH) BATTALION OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, January 3rd, the 20th Middlesex (Shoreditch) Old Comrades Association held their first smoking concert, at the London Apprentice, Old Street, Shoreditch, when over a hundred of the Old Comrades attended.

The chair was taken at 7.30 p.m. by Mr. H. L. Davies, M.C., and the following artists helped to give us an enjoyable evening: Messrs. Ling, Will Ascot, Pollard and W. Hartley, and Miss Doreen Costello, assisted by well-remembered local talent of the Battalion, and the evening closed at 11 p.m. with the spirit of comradeship well established and everyone inquiring for the next gathering. During the evening the Secretary expressed the feeling of the meeting by sending a telegram of greeting to the Regimental Association at their concert at the Drill Hall, Camden Town.

It was proposed and carried that on June 26th next we should meet and go as a party to the Depot, Mill Hill, when the Regiment held their Old Comrades Gathering, to show them that the spirit of the Regiment amongst us is still strong, and to help keep the traditions that we were taught during our short period of service as one of the battalions of that Regiment.

(Hon. Secretary: Mr. T. T. Cunningham, 51, Summer House, Devons Road, Bromley-by-Bow, E.3.)

THE WENTWORTH REGIMENT.

(Extract from "The Dundas Star and Wentworth News Record," December 18th, 1930.)

PICTURE FROM LONDON OFFICERS.
PRESENTED TO OFFICERS OF WENTWORTH REGIMENT.

AN interesting feature of the annual dinner of the officers of the First Battalion Wentworth Regiment held last Friday evening at the armouries was the

formal presentation by Col. E. H. Greenwood of a handsome steel engraving, taken from Lady Butler's famous painting, "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," to the officers of the Battalion as a gift from the officers of the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), which was visited last summer by Col. Greenwood and Major Ven. Archdeacon Mackintosh when they were in England. The picture is a scene at the Battle of Albuhera in the Peninsular War, May 16th, 1811, and is a very fine piece of work, and one of twelve which were personally signed by Lady Butler. It now hangs in a prominent place in the officers' mess at the armouries. On his visit to the Middlesex Regiment, Col. Greenwood presented the English Battalion with a fine mounted deer's head and a silver salver on which were the signatures of all the officers of the local battalion. In making the presentation Col. Greenwood told of the splendidly genial way in which the English officers had entertained him on his visit, and the honour they had shown him at a dinner given in which he was a guest of honour along with the Prince of Wales, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment. He also gave a short history of the Middlesex Regiment from 1756 to the present. Col. Greenwood also gave an interesting description of his visit to the First Battalion at Catterick Camp, York.

In speaking of the local regiment Col. Greenwood said the first record was of an order dated May 23rd, 1867, when Capt. Wardell of the Dundas Infantry Company, together with Capt. Glasgow of the Waterdown Infantry Company, were attached to the 13th Infantry Battalion for administration purposes. General orders 7 and 8 authorized the organization of the 77th Battalion in 1872. The officers commanding since then have been Cols. Brown, Gwyn, Bertram, Ptolemy, Knowles, Orr, Clifford, Greenwood and Sawell.

In 1812 Dundas furnished three companies who fought under Brock and were attached to the 71st York Rangers. These three companies were commanded by old Dundas residents, Capt. Hatt, Capt. Cook and Capt. Durand.

A rifle company was also formed at this time, and attached to the 13th Infantry Battalion, and was commanded by

Col. Robertson, who resided at Fox Bar on the Governor's Road.

A company of 100 men was formed here in 1866 for the Fenian Raid and was commanded by Capt. Wardell and Lieut. (later Col.) Gwyn. This company with two others formed in Binbrook and the other in Waterdown were the original 77th Regiment.

The Wentworth Regiment sent over 2,600 men overseas in the late war, the first 130 being sent at the outbreak of the war.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Sawell presided at the banquet, and there were also short addresses by Lieut.-Col. A. A. Smith and A. L. Shaver, K.C., M.L.A.

NOTICES.

THE Annual Officers' Reunion Dinner of the 12th (Eastern) Division was held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1, on Friday, November 14th, 1930. Major-General Sir Arthur Scott, K.C.B., D.S.O., presided. The total attendance numbered 95, and included the following officers who served in the Division with the 11th (Service) Bn. The Middlesex Regiment:—

Majors G. B. Anderson, M.C., and J. English, Capt. H. Peploe, D.S.O., A. Regan and H. R. Strong, M.C., and Messrs. J. G. P. Hunt, T. Sewell, and C. G. Spalding.

The Hon. Secretary (G. L. Reckitt, 2, Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2) would be glad to have the address of any officer of the Division who did not receive a notice of the dinner.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT BRIGHTON COLLEGE FOR SONS OF ARMY OFFICERS.

It is officially announced that an examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and one or two Gill Memorial Exhibitions will be held at Brighton College on June 2nd and 3rd, 1931. Admission to compete in the examination is by nomination, and candidates must be:—

(1) Under 14 years of age on June 1st, 1931; and

- (2) The sons of officers who hold or have held His Majesty's Commission in the Regular Army, or, failing such candidates, sons of officers who hold or have held His Majesty's Commission in the Reserve or Auxiliary Military Forces.

The Scholarship and Exhibitions are each tenable at Brighton College for three years, but this period may, on the recommendation of the Headmaster, be extended to four years. The annual value of a Scholarship is £81 and of an Exhibition £60, reducing the amount payable by a parent or guardian to approximately £77 and £98 respectively, inclusive of all necessary extras.

Applications for nomination by the War Office (accompanied by birth certificate and certificates of conduct from the headmaster of the schools at which the boys attended during the previous two years) should reach the Under-Secretary of State (C.I), The War Office, London, S.W.1, not later than April 30th, 1931.

P.O., MARAISBURG,
TRANSVAAL.
December 24th, 1930.

DEAR SIR,—

Herewith please find money order for £2 6s. 6d., which includes a donation of £2 2s. 6d. to the Regimental Association handed to me by Capt. Geo. Bowden, who commanded "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, at the conclusion of the Great War. The balance of 4s. 6d. is his year's subscription to the DIE-HARDS and 1s. 6d. for the Diary.

Kindly forward the Magazine and Diary direct to Capt. G. Bowden. His address is 6, Alyth Road, Forest Town, Johannesburg.

I had the pleasure of meeting Brig.-General Webb-Brown in Johannesburg a few days ago after a lapse of twenty-eight years.

Yours faithfully,
WM. TREZONA.



CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OFFICERS' ADVISORY SOCIETY,
3 AND 4, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS,
LONDON, W.C.2.
June 18th, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

At the request of the Council I am forwarding you a copy of the manual describing the objects of the above Society, and would be very much obliged if you would find space in the next issue of your publication to mention the Society and its objects.

For your information, officers commanding regiments, ships and all air stations have been communicated with individually, and have been asked if a handbook could be placed in their respective messes.

Any further information which you may require I shall be very pleased to let you have on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
D. KNIGHT,
Secretary.

The object of the Society is to enable all commissioned officers of H.M. Forces, both serving and retired, and their families to obtain professional advice and assistance upon certain civilian matters at specially reduced fees.

The Council of the Society consists of Field-Marshal Sir Claud Jacob (Chairman), Admiral Sir Herbert W. Richmond, Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, and others.

THE YPRES LEAGUE.
191, LANSDOWNE ROAD,
TOTTENHAM, N.7.

DEAR SIR,

I am taking this opportunity of writing to you in order to bring to your notice particulars of the Ypres League, which has been in existence for just over ten years. There must be many men, both serving at present and non-serving, who served in the Immortal Salient at Ypres during the years 1914 to 1918, to whom the League will appeal if it is brought to their notice.

I would be glad therefore if you could assist me in this respect by bringing it to the notice of the members of your

Association. I shall be pleased to supply any information respecting the League to any persons who are interested if they care to apply to me at any time.

I have also great pleasure in enclosing a copy of our journal, which contains various interesting articles about Ypres as well as reports of the League's activities.

Trusting that you will pardon my taking this liberty in writing to you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
ERIC GLOVER,
Hon. Treasurer,
London County Committee,
Ypres League.



OBITUARY.

C. A. HARDINGHAM.

This Old Comrade, who served with the 2nd Battalion in France, died at Westminster on November 19th, 1930. A funeral service was held at St. Stephen's Church, Westminster, on November 24th, and the interment took place at Streatham Park Cemetery.

The funeral was attended by about forty members of the City of Westminster Branch of the British Legion and twelve members of the Special Constabulary, A Division. A bugler from the Depot attended and sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé."

L./SERGT. G. E. H. GOSS.

We regret to announce the death of this N.C.O.

The following appeared in the *Edgware Times and Guardian* of January 30th:—

A MILITARY FUNERAL.

DEATH OF L./SERGT. G. E. H. GOSS, OF
MILL HILL BARRACKS.

A fully military funeral was given on Tuesday from 3, Gordon Road, Finchley, to L./Sergt. George Edward Henry Goss, stationed at Mill Hill Barracks, who died after a long illness at Queen

Victoria Military Hospital, on Thursday. He had served in the Middlesex Regiment for fourteen years, and was a popular figure in the district. He was Educational Sergeant to the Depot, and also to the Middlesex 1st Battalion.

The funeral at Hendon Park Cemetery was made impressive by the attendance of many of his colleagues from the barracks, which included the Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Quartermaster, the Drums of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, and also many other friends and acquaintances.

During the procession from the cemetery gates to the church the Drums played Chopin's Funeral March. The coffin, which was on a gun-carriage, was taken into the small church for a service, conducted by the Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill (the Rev. F. R. Sheehan), who also officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambourne (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs. Goss (mother), Mr. Leslie and Mr. Laurie Goss (brothers), Miss Sis Goss (sister), Mrs. Smith (sister-in-law) and Mr. Smith, Mrs. Honeyburn (sister-in-law) and Sergt. Honeyburn, Mrs. R. Pearse (sister-in-law) and Mr. Pearse, Mrs. F. Woodley (aunt), Herbert and George (brothers), Gladys (sister), and Mrs. Stapley.

Amongst the large number of beautiful floral tributes were those from the Widow; Mum and Dad; John, Eva and Les; Ada and Alf; Annie and Harold; Bob and Maude; Mother; Laurie, Sis, Les and Flo; Bert, Gladys and George; Mr. and Mrs. Pearse and family; Mrs. Cecil A. Spencer; Those at Lyndhurst Gardens; Those at Chandlersford; Mrs. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Donoghue, of Hendon; Officers, N.C.Os. and Men of 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment; Old Comrades of Middlesex Regiment; Corporals of Middlesex Regiment; Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment; Sergeants of the Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Officers of the Depot, Middlesex Regiment; Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson; and Mrs. Muggridge.

We tender our sincere sympathy to the widow and other relatives.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular)	1st and 2nd Battalions— cond.	7th Battalion (Territorial). cond.	8th Battalion (Territorial)— cond.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— cond.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants.	Lt.-Colonel.	Lt.-Colonel.	Captains.
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Clowes, J. H. (1) 1/11/18	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	¶Parker, W. H. 11/6/30	¶Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Chapman, J. R. S. (2) 5/1/23	Hon. Colonel.		Hardcastle, H. K. 31/7/20
1/1/18	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)	¶King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) t.a.		Hogg, F. G. 17/3/27
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2) 28/9/28	Clayden, H. W. (1) 27/8/19	13/8/25		Hewson, A. S. 17/8/29
	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)			20/2/30
Majors (8).	24/10/19			
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Clark, S. J. (2) 21/2/20	Lt.-Colonel.		
28/9/24	Walden, F. (2) d. 21/2/20	¶Smith, S. C. M., T.D., t.a.		
1/1/19	Heywood, E. L. (2) 29/2/20	18/3/29		
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)	31/12/24		
28/9/24	Reid, J. G. E., c.o. 18/7/21			
3/6/19	Hudson, E. V. H. (Phys.) Trng. Staff 17/12/21	Majors.		
Jeffery, W. W. (1) 16/12/24	Musselwhite, C. C. (1)	¶Murray, H. A. t.a. 19/3/29		
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) (2)	Cubitt, D. Y. (1) 16/7/22	¶Bower, G. A. H., M.C. 1/4/30		
30/7/26	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2) 14/7/23			
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 5/5/27	Worton, J. B. (1) 14/7/23			
3/6/18	Lambert, H. P. (2) 14/7/23			
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1) d.	Gordon, I. D. S.	Captains.		
28/9/28	(d. Adjt. 10/7/29) 14/7/23	¶Pringle, W. E., M.C. 7/7/28		
3/6/19	Crawford, M., o. (1) d.	Arnold, H. G. 1/3/30		
Wollocome, T. S., M.C. (1)	Newton, W. C. (1) 30/8/26	Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30		
10/12/28	Jacob, M. A. (2) 30/8/26	Pratt, S. M. 28/3/30		
3/6/18	Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27			
	Gilbert, N. G. (2) 4/2/29			
	Baldwin, C. M. (2) 4/2/29			
	Else, P. H. (2) 30/8/29	Lieutenants.		
	Heraopath, L. H. J. de la M. (1) 1/9/30	Womersley, A. G. 29/6/27		
		Christodoulou, N. E. 15/7/30		
Captains (14).	2nd Lieutenants.			
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (1)	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2)			
6/2/15	Powell, P. D. F. (1) 2/2/28			
Appelbe, E. N. (2) 17/2/15	Mackenzie H. F. (1) 30/8/28			
Newham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1) 30/4/15	Chatter, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/28			
3/6/19	Batten, R. H. (1) 31/1/29			
Savile, H. B. W., M.C. (1)	Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/29			
1/10/15	Ferguson, W. M. (2) 31/1/29			
Thorp, J. R. (1) 23/1/16	Lowe, G. C. D. S. 2/1/29			
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 26/8/16	Sword, R. W. D. (1) 29/8/29			
Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (p.s.c.) (1) 26/8/16	Man, A. M. (2) 30/1/30			
	Marsh, H. (1) 30/1/30			
Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.) m.c. 26/8/16	Hall, J. P. (1) 28/8/30			
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (1) 1/1/17				
Haydon, C. W., M.C. (1) 25/4/17				
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/5/17	Adjutants.			
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1) 28/9/20	Procter, N. P., M.C., Capt. (2) 3/8/29			
Whinney, C. T., M.C. (2) d.	Overell, A. N., Capt. (1) 17/9/29			
23/5/21				
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj. (1) 1/4/21	Quarter-Masters (3).			
Lyons, E. F., M.C. (Small Arms Sch.) 18/2/22	English, J., d. 25/8/14			
Garrow, V. J. (2) 25/2/22	Clark, A. W., Lt. (1) 26/4/29			
Manson, E. P., M.C. (2) 9/5/27	Guscott, R. T., Lt. (2) 22/1/30			
Roberts, W. L., M.C. (1) 9/5/27				
Hill, R. L. (1) 9/5/27				
Mrsams, S., M.C. (1) 9/5/27				
Rackham, 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				
Royffe, H. S. (1) 23/10/28				
Jones, W. H. V. [2] 10/12/28				
Helgecoe, S. F. (2) 10/12/28				
Parker, F. G., t. 10/12/28				
Overell, A. N. (1), Adj. 10/12/28				
	Captains.			
	¶Josephs, L. H. O. 22/4/14			
	¶Graham-Toler, L. J., M.C. 20/3/15			
	¶Pechell, H. C. 1/1/17			
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SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.
JANUARY 1st, 1931.

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1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M.	R. Mantell	Depot	26/9/24	Sgt.	T. Tiller	Depot	29/5/28
*R.S.M.	C. Davis	1st	13/4/29	*Sgt.	A. Jones	7th	18/2/29
*Bdmr.	J. Clark	1st	27/6/16	*Sgt. (Band-Sgt.)	A. Stenning	1st	23/2/29
*R.Q.M.S.	— Pilley	Depot		Sgt.	R. King	Supnamy, Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	Depot	13/6/28	Sgt.	J. West	7th London	15/1/30
*R.Q.M.S.	E. Crouch	1st	28/4/29	*Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	25/2/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	1st	2/7/30	*Sgt.	W. Tibble	1st	17/10/30
*C.S.M.	H. Rand	1st	28/1/25	*Sgt.	Drum-Major N. Phillips	1st	20/10/30
*C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	C. Soper	1st	17/12/30
*C.S.M.	G. Goodall	9th	4/6/25	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	11/5/30
*C.S.M.	J. Tuncate, D.C.M.	1st	17/6/25	*Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	G. Goss	Depot	1/9/24
*C.S.M.	C. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	15/8/26	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake	1st	13/12/24
*C.S.M.	T. Smith	19th London	28/2/28	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Kennett	1st	1/3/25
*C.S.M.	F. Peck	8th	18/2/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	1st	26/3/25
*C.S.M.	C. Goodall	8th	28/4/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. O'Brien	Depot	16/4/25
*C.S.M.	A. King	Egyptian Army	4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. Honeybun	1st	26/5/25
*C.S.M.	F. Stevenson	1st	4/1/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. Hull	1st	18/2/26
*C.S.M.	P. Newman	7th	15/1/30	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Priddy	1st	13/3/26
*C.S.M.	G. Anderson	1st	20/10/30	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Glover	1st	9/2/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	1st	23/7/23	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. Thompson	1st	13/12/27
Sgt.	E. Pain	1st	26/10/18	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Bayles	1st	13/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	1st	11/6/27	Cpl.	L. Brown	1st	24/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	1st	28/2/28	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. West	1st	1/1/28
Sgt.	W. Christie	1st	15/2/20	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Painter	1st	15/1/28
Sgt.	W. Sadler	1st	10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Mason	1st	28/2/28
Sgt.	E. Walsh	1st	25/8/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	F. Donovan	1st	5/3/28
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	Depot	22/1/22	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Paterson	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	1st	18/10/23	*Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	O.R.C. P. Hale	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	E. Shaw	1st	19/1/24	Cpl.	J. Little	1st	14/3/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell	9th	16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Webster	1st	12/4/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Farrow	1st	29/9/29	Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	1st	26/4/28
Sgt.	H. Griffin	7th	11/6/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Holt	Depot	1/5/28
Sgt.	B. Brockman	Depot	15/7/24	Cpl.	F. Chasney	Depot	22/6/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	L. Clarke	Depot	15/1/30	Cpl.	L. Williams	1st	8/8/28
Sgt.	A. Russell	1st	18/2/25	Cpl.	A. Coulling	Depot	1/9/28
*Sgt.	E. Jones	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	W. Bean	1st	14/9/28
*Sgt.	E. Burt	1st	26/3/25	Cpl.	A. Lawrence	Depot	26/9/28
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	E. Fleming	1st	20/10/30	Cpl.	J. Ayres	1st	1/11/28
Sgt.	W. Rogers	1st	26/5/25	Cpl.	F. Davis	1st	7/11/28
*Sgt.	W. Raindle	7th	16/8/25	*Cpl.	H. Kruck	1st	18/11/28
Sgt.	S. Mason	Depot	2/2/26	Cpl.	S. Boiling	1st	8/1/29
Sgt.	E. Hazeldene	Depot	5/4/26	Cpl.	P. Andrews	1st	18/1/29
Sgt.	T. Page	19th London	20/5/26	Cpl.	F. Brightman	Depot	1/2/29
Sgt.	W. Bennett	1st	19/6/26	Cpl.	R. Dyson	1st	20/2/29
*Sgt.	J. Trapp	1st	30/1/27	Cpl.	P. Edwards	1st	23/2/29
Sgt.	J. Bray	1st	9/2/27	*Cpl.	R. Chaplin	1st	17/6/29
Sgt.	G. Clift	9th	9/2/27	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Warren	1st	21/9/29
Sgt.	G. Horrex	1st	9/2/27	Cpl.	E. Edmunds	1st	10/10/29
*Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Robbins	1st	15/2/27	Cpl.	E. Paterson	Depot	15/1/30
*Sgt.	R. Challis	1st	21/2/27	Cpl.	J. Hood	1st	25/2/30
*Sgt.	C. Misso	1st	28/2/28	*Cpl.	J. Chillery	Depot	20/3/30
*Sgt.	H. Thomas	1st	5/3/28	Cpl.	C. Sneesby	Depot	6/4/30
Sgt.	E. Steward	Depot	7/3/28	Cpl.	L. Beck	Depot	9/4/30
Sgt.	S. Buckle	Depot	20/3/28	Cpl.	F. Payne	1st	11/4/30
Sgt.	H. Warren	8th	29/3/28	Cpl.	F. Newstead	1st	19/4/30
				*Cpl.	V. Cooper	1st	30/4/30

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Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	E. Zetter...	1st	14/5/30	<i>Paid—</i>			
Cpl.	A. Allchorne ...	1st	15/5/30	*L./Cpl.	C. May ...	1st	16/4/30
*Cpl.	J. Packard ...	1st	5/6/30	L./Cpl.	H. Maidment ...	Depot	18/4/30
Cpl.	S. Green ...	1st	17/10/30	L./Cpl.	G. Kirby ...	1st	20/4/30
Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	20/10/30	L./Cpl.	J. Bennett ...	1st	24/4/30
Cpl.	A. Veares ...	1st	9/11/30	L./Cpl.	J. Brewer ...	1st	26/4/30
*Cpl.	B. Bedward ...	1st	19/11/30	L./Cpl.	J. Johnson ...	1st	15/5/30
Cpl.	W. Clements ...	1st	17/12/30	L./Cpl.	C. Pantling ...	1st	20/5/30
<i>Paid—</i>				L./Cpl.	A. Swan ...	1st	20/5/30
L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	P. Bermingham ...	1st	1/6/30
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl.	P. Oliver ...	Depot	5/6/30
L./Cpl.	A. Stone ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	G. Jeffree ...	1st	5/6/30
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond ...	1st	18/5/28	L./Cpl.	G. Bayford ...	1st	28/6/30
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett ...	1st	16/8/28	L./Cpl.	W. Belcher ...	1st	30/6/30
L./Cpl.	A. Allison ...	1st	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	A. Cladd ...	1st	1/7/30
*L./Cpl.	W. Pinkney ...	Depot	29/10/28	L./Cpl.	P. Maloney ...	1st	17/7/30
L./Cpl.	R. Simmons ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	F. Soden ...	1st	1/8/30
L./Cpl.	H. Keen ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	R. Blackman ...	1st	20/8/30
L./Cpl.	S. Bullock ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	T. Castle ...	1st	21/8/30
L./Cpl.	R. Jenkins ...	1st	26/6/29	L./Cpl.	J. Donegar ...	1st	13/9/30
L./Cpl.	S. Phelan ...	1st	24/7/29	L./Cpl.	P. Ward ...	1st	20/10/30
L./Cpl.	B. White ...	Depot	27/8/29	L./Cpl.	G. Barnett ...	1st	6/11/30
L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls ...	Depot	9/9/29	L./Cpl.	H. Simmons ...	1st	9/11/30
L./Cpl.	F. Connert ...	1st	13/9/29	L./Cpl.	E. Wadsworth ...	1st	17/11/30
L./Cpl.	W. Snell ...	Depot	2/10/29	L./Cpl.	E. Whichello ...	1st	17/11/30
L./Cpl.	H. Sims ...	Depot	29/10/29	L./Cpl.	H. Jolley ...	1st	19/11/30
L./Cpl.	E. Swadling ...	Depot	5/11/29	<i>Unpaid—</i>			
L./Cpl.	J. Robinson ...	1st	6/1/30	L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher ...	1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	C. Theobald ...	1st	15/1/30	L./Cpl.	F. Gardiner ...	1st	6/11/30
L./Cpl.	C. Bolton ...	1st	25/2/30	L./Cpl.	J. Jeffery ...	1st	18/11/30
L./Cpl.	F. Povey ...	1st	12/3/30	L./Cpl.	G. Endersby ...	1st	8/12/30
L./Cpl.	J. Thirkettle ...	1st	12/3/30	L./Cpl.	L. Jerman ...	1st	15/12/30
L./Cpl.	P. Hatchett ...	1st	21/3/30	L./Cpl.	H. Ramsden ...	1st	15/12/30
L./Cpl.	J. Riches ...	1st	3/4/30	L./Cpl.	C. Clark ...	1st	17/12/30
L./Cpl.	A. Morgan ...	1st	11/4/30	L./Cpl.	A. Moore ...	1st	17/12/30
				L./Cpl.	H. Chillery ...	1st	22/12/30

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. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27	(3)
Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	22/2/24		*Sgt. F. Stacey ...	22/2/28	(1) (2)
R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	31/1/30		*Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Baker ...	20/3/28	
C.S.M. W. Beasley ...	30/1/15	(3) (6)	*Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	20/3/28	(7)
C.S.M. J. Hart ...	20/1/26	(2) (6)	Sgt. A. Webb ...	15/5/28	(3)
C.S.M. C. Kent ...	15/5/28	(4)	Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	(6)
C.S.M. E. Palmer ...	13/12/28	(3) (a)	Drm.-Maj. H. Poulter ...	13/10/28	
C.S.M. R. Coulbourne ...	13/4/29	(2) (6)	*Sgt. C. Champion (Sgt. Master Cook) ...	1/1/29	(1) (2)
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. King ...	26/5/25	(3) (6)	*Sgt. H. Short, M.M. (Intelligence) ...	21/2/29	(1) (2)
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) L. Hills ...	2/11/26	(6)	Sgt. A. Jones ...	8/4/29	(6)
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. West ...	22/2/28	(6)	Sgt. E. Addinall ...	10/4/29	(4)
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) G. Capel ...	6/11/29	(4) (b)	Sgt. A. Boen ...	13/4/29	(3)
*Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Hewett ...	27/12/29	(3)	Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	24/5/29	(2)
Sgt. A. Walker (Prob. Sgt.) ...	1/5/20		Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.) ...	15/5/29	(7)
Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/20		Sgt. G. Sheriff ...	9/12/29	
Sgt. R. Newett ...	12/12/23	(1) (6)	Sgt. F. Nash ...	11/12/29	(3)
*Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	(2) (6) (a)	Sgt. W. Green (Sgt. I.M.) ...	27/12/29	(6)
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25		*Sgt. A. Russell ...	16/2/30	(2) (3)
*Sgt. S. Ingle (Pioneer Sgt.) ...	27/2/25	(5)	Sgt. A. Hows ...	26/4/20	(3)
Sgt. G. Bone (Transport Sgt.) ...	19/3/26	(8)	*L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1/1/27	(1) (2)
Sgt. W. Harwood (Band Sgt.) ...	17/8/27				
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	12/11/27	(1) (2)			

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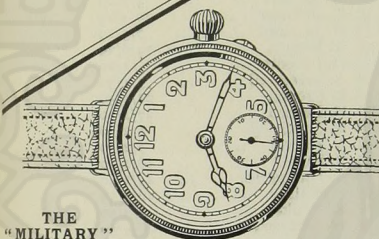
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*L./Sgt. W. Kemp ...	11/12/29	(6)	†L./Cpl. H. Rogers ...	1/11/29	
L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	27/12/29	(6)	L./Cpl. A. Palmer ...	1/11/29	
L./Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	16/2/30	(1) (2)	†L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	11/12/29	
L./Sgt. R. Parsler ...	31/3/30	(3)	L./Cpl. J. Oatway ...	27/12/29	
L./Sgt. H. Marshall (Officers' Mess Sgt.) ...	14/4/30		†L./Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	3/1/30	
*L./Sgt. J. Painter ...	26/4/30	(2)	L./Cpl. G. Tennant ...	15/1/30	
L./Sgt. W. Chalkley ...	27/6/30		L./Cpl. S. Moore ...	28/1/30	
†Cpl. E. Wright ...	26/4/26		L./Cpl. F. Gribble ...	5/2/30	
†Cpl. C. Turner ...	22/1/27	(1) (2)	L./Cpl. H. Frewin ...	16/2/30	
Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	(1) (2) (a)	L./Cpl. W. Kemp ...	31/3/30	
Cpl. J. Harper ...	10/7/28	(4)	L./Cpl. R. Lomax ...	1/4/30	
Cpl. J. Chester ...	13/12/28		L./Cpl. J. Chandler ...	22/4/30	
Cpl. J. Jackson ...	13/12/28		L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	26/4/30	
†Cpl. E. Hillier ...	25/12/28		L./Cpl. E. Warnes ...	28/4/30	
Cpl. W. Ray ...	22/1/29		L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	5/5/30	
Cpl. R. Hannam (Prov. Cpl.) ...	21/2/29		L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	7/5/30	
Cpl. C. Trestain ...	26/3/29		L./Cpl. E. Housden ...	8/5/30	
Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	10/4/29		L./Cpl. A. Parker ...	24/5/30	
Cpl. R. Smith (Band Cpl.) ...	15/4/29		L./Cpl. W. Flude ...	6/6/30	
Cpl. C. Cooper ...	25/4/29		L./Cpl. J. Burton ...	13/6/30	
Cpl. G. Chandler ...	25/4/29		L./Cpl. F. Deane ...	7/7/30	
Cpl. F. Higgins ...	25/4/29	(6)	L./Cpl. S. Doe ...	7/7/30	
Cpl. G. Balls ...	15/5/29		L./Cpl. E. Setters ...	11/7/30	
Cpl. H. Hamlin ...	20/5/29				
Cpl. H. Wilson ...	24/8/29		<i>Unpaid—</i>		
Cpl. J. Scott ...	5/6/29		L./Cpl. J. Rainbow ...	15/12/28	
Cpl. W. Searle ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Mounce ...	6/2/29	
Cpl. F. Hill ...	9/12/29		L./Cpl. W. Bowers ...	4/3/29	
Cpl. C. Watson ...	27/12/29		L./Cpl. L. Grainger ...	20/3/29	
Cpl. A. Brett ...	28/1/30		L./Cpl. H. Leonard ...	7/5/29	
Cpl. J. Smith ...	31/9/30		L./Cpl. A. Parrott ...	14/8/29	
Cpl. S. Smith ...	5/2/30	(7)	L./Cpl. H. Grocott ...	23/12/29	
Cpl. F. Knight ...	16/2/30		L./Cpl. A. Treadwell ...	3/1/30	
Cpl. S. Lilley ...	22/4/30		L./Cpl. L. Gromm ...	21/1/30	
Cpl. W. Fricker ...	26/4/30		L./Cpl. D. Parrish ...	27/1/30	
Cpl. J. Smith ...	28/4/30		L./Cpl. R. Smalbridge ...	1/2/30	
Cpl. H. Taylor ...	8/5/30		L./Cpl. A. Harvey ...	7/2/30	
Cpl. E. Oram ...	6/6/30		L./Cpl. C. Parker ...	18/2/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	30/9/27		L./Cpl. A. Humphries ...	25/2/30	
†L./Cpl. D. Green ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. F. Walker ...	26/2/30	
†L./Cpl. P. Carter ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. H. Walker ...	1/3/30	
†L./Cpl. W. Biggin ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. W. McEnery ...	26/3/30	
†L./Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	29/5/29		L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	11/4/30	
†L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	26/7/29		L./Cpl. L. Long ...	16/4/30	
†L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. F. Hawkins ...	9/5/30	
†L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Sleaf ...	10/5/30	
†L./Cpl. C. Ives ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. G. Maunder ...	19/5/30	
†L./Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. H. French ...	24/5/30	
L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. J. Bond ...	10/6/30	
†L./Cpl. F. Livens ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. P. Doubleday ...	21/6/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Moir ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Murcott ...	24/6/30	
L./Cpl. G. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. J. Miles ...	1/7/30	
L./Cpl. H. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. F. Morgan ...	7/7/30	
†L./Cpl. H. Etheridge ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. C. Yetton ...	7/7/30	
†L./Cpl. T. Holland ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	17/7/30	
L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. G. Frost ...	25/7/30	
L./Cpl. R. Osborne ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. E. Buck ...	6/8/30	
†L./Cpl. A. Woolford ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. S. Day ...	20/8/30	
L./Cpl. L. Waddington ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. W. Day ...	27/8/30	
†L./Cpl. F. Smith ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. L. Lewis ...	1/9/30	
			L./Cpl. F. Parfitt ...	1/9/30	
<i>Paid—</i>			L./Cpl. E. Folley ...	1/9/30	
L./Cpl. H. Webb ...	1/11/29		L./Cpl. A. Bird ...	5/9/30	
†L./Cpl. E. Wilson ...	1/11/29				
L./Cpl. L. Burgess ...	1/11/29				

* In possession of 1st Class Certificates of Education. † Passed Class (B). ‡ Passed Class (A).

(1) Denotes passed Anti-Gas Course.

(3) " " M.G. Course.

(5) " " Pioneer Course.

(7) " " Signal Course.

(a) Distinguished.

(2) Denotes passed Education Course.

(4) " " P.T. Course.

(6) " " Small Arms Course.

(8) " " Transport Course.

(b) Special.

The Adjutant will be glad if W.O.s. and N.C.O.s. will bring to his notice any errors or omissions.