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## EDITORIAL



THIS year is the 120th anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera.

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Bt. Col. W. B. Vince, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., vacated the command of the 7th City of London Regiment (Post Office Rifles). He is succeeded by Bt. Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., late 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

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We heartily congratulate Cols. J. L. Blumfeld, T.D., and W. Garner, C.M.G.,

T.D., on being made Deputy-Lieutenants for the County of Middlesex.

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We regret to announce the death of Lieut.-Col. S. R. Johnson, T.D. A photograph and obituary notice appear in this issue.

Another old member of the Regiment who has passed away is Capt. T. J. Smith, M.B.E. A record of his service and obituary also appear in this issue.

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The following is an extract from Eastern Command Orders, dated April 8th, 1931:—

"ACT OF GALLANTRY.—On the 19th March, 1931, No. 4259089, Sergt. A. P. McNally, 7th Middlesex Regiment (T.A.), performed the following act of gallantry.

"At about 9 p.m. on the day in question a fire occurred in the upper storey of No. 25, Nightingale Lane, Hornsey, N.8, opposite the parade ground of the 7th Bn. Middlesex Regiment. Sergt. McNally, on seeing flames through the window of the building, scaled a water-pipe and entered the room, where a six-months-old child was lying in a cot at the far side of the room. He made an effort to reach the cot, and succeeded in dragging it partly across the room, but had to give up the attempt owing to violent flames and heavy smoke. He then made a second attempt and succeeded in pulling the child to the window, but by this time the child was a mass of flames, and it was not possible for Sergt. McNally to pick it up.

"As a result of his efforts Sergt. McNally received several cuts and minor burns.

"Sergt. McNally acted with great courage and at great personal risk.

"The G.O.C.-in-C. desires to record his appreciation of this act of gallantry and directs that it be entered on the N.C.O.s' regimental conduct sheet in accordance with para. 216 (ix), T.A. Regulations."

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The 1st Battalion are to move during the trooping season 1931-32 from Colchester to Palestine.

The 2nd Battalion, now at Khartoum, are to return to England and proceed to Colchester.

The grant of sports gear by the Army Sport Central Board from profits made on Regimental Diaries goes to the 1st Battalion (for 1930). Last year the gear went to the 2nd Battalion (for 1929).



## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES, 1931.

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 at the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles' Drill Hall, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

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



## REGIMENTAL MARCHES.

THE following is brought to the notice of all readers of this Journal, in the hope that information on this subject may be forthcoming. All information, however small, will be useful.

It is desired to compile a complete authentic record of the Regimental Marches.

Information on the following points is particularly desired:—

- The title of the present Regimental Marches, both quick and slow steps.
- The author or authors of the present Marches.
- The date on which the Marches were adopted.
- Any historical or other associations connected with the adoption of the Marches.
- Information under (a) to (d) is requested regarding the Marches used before the linking of regiments in 1881 and the effect of such linking on the continuance

or discontinuance of certain Marches.

(f) As regards the "double step," information under (a) to (d) is requested, and also when the use of the March was discontinued.

(g) Information regarding Regimental Marches which are not now used, other than those referred to in (e) and (d) would also be welcomed.

It will also be appreciated that for a record of this nature to be of value it would require to be supported as far as possible by authentic documents or copies thereof.

It is therefore requested that any information and copies of any correspondence, official or otherwise, on the subject may be forwarded to the O.C. Depot, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.



## THE DIE-HARDS AT ALBUHERA.

LETTER WRITTEN ON THE FIELD BY  
ENSIGN B. HOBHOUSE, 57TH REGIMENT.

FIELD OF BATTLE BEFORE ALBURAH [sic],  
May 17, 1811.

MY DEAR FATHER,

I have to thank God for my preservation during one of the most severe actions that the oldest officers on the field ever experienced. I have not much time to give you an account of the action, nor, indeed, have I it in my power to mention any further than what happened to our own regiment. Our line, consisting of about 6,000 British and as many Portuguese upon our left, was formed in the rear of the small village of Alburah with a rivulet in our front. About 6 in the morning 10,000 Spaniards under Blake and Ballasteros formed upon our right. About 8 the french [sic] made their appearance from an extensive cork-wood some distance from the village, advancing in massy columns upon the right of the line. Some large columns of their Artillery with Cavalry pushed forward to menace an attack on the bridge, which was directly in front of our Centre; but the whole weight of their infantry fell upon the Spaniards on our right. To withstand this the Spaniards were not



sufficient; the British were called upon for their support, which was not long in arriving. General Cole's and Stewart's divisions marched to their relief in open column (the whole of them, I believe, like ourselves) during one of the most tremendous and destructive fires that has ever been witnessed.

What I mention at present is particularly of our own Brigade [Houghton's—viz., 1/29th, 1/57th, 1/48th]. During our advance in column the incessant and well-directed fire of the French artillery mowed down many of our poor fellows. Of course our object was, and should have been sooner, to deploy into line, which we did about 20 yards in the rear of the right of a small body of Spaniards, who were supporting and returning the enemy's fire with the greatest bravery. We immediately passed in front of them, and received a most raking and continued cross-fire of musketry from a large body of the Enemy's infantry whose heads were scarcely exposed above the brow of a hill. At this time our poor fellows dropped around us in every direction. In the activity of the officers to keep the men firm, and to supply them with the Ammunition of the fallen men, you could scarcely avoid treading on the dying and the dead. But all was still firm. In passing the Spaniards, the different regiments of our brigade were separated, and fought alone during the remainder of the action. Tho' alone, our fire never slackened, nor were the men the least disheartened. Tho' by closing to the right we appeared to be no more than a company, we still advanced and fired; and the Spaniards moved upon the left with the greatest bravery.

#### A FOUR HOURS' ENGAGEMENT.

Just before this, our Colonel, Major, every Captain and 11 subalterns fell; our King's Colours were cut in two; our regimental ones had 17 balls through them, many companies were without Officers, and as the light company was next to me, I could not do otherwise than take the command of it which I did, until it was my turn to take up the shattered colours. After an engagement of at least 4 hours (which was the time our Regiment was actually engaged) a general shout passed down the lines, and immediately after a cry of "they run, they run."

Just as we mounted the heights from which they had fought we saw them running over the plain in the greatest disorder. Marshal Beresford passed us at the time, and ordered us to halt; upon which we drew up, and a shell that was thrown from a great distance blew up the horse of our last field officer, and wounded him slightly. The French Artillery, which was covering their retreat, annoyed us most dreadfully on the height; and we went under the brow to count our numbers. This was indeed a lamentable sight; we entered the field with 3 field officers, 7 captains, 19 Subalterns and 572 men; we appeared on the field, 1 field Officer, who was wounded, 6 subalterns, 2 of whom were slightly wounded, the adjutant without his horse, and 118 men. Among all the officers in the regiment, another and myself were the only ones who had not some scratch or shot through their cloathes. We were in vain looking for some hole to show to our brother officers; our anxiety to find one, and our want of success created a laugh against us. We were not fortunate, my dear father, or rather can we be sufficiently thankful to divine providence which preserved us during one of the most dreadful fires of shot, shells and musketry that the heroes of Egypt, Maida, and Talavera, who were with us, ever witnessed? In the commencement our General of brigade, Houghton, was killed; our General of division, Stewart, was wounded; our brigade, which went into action so strong, returned commanded by a junior captain; and our regiment was commanded by a young Lieutenant.

#### SCENES ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

In this situation, as you may suppose, we could do no more; the Portuguese troops, which had not yet been engaged, were brought up in our place, and appeared firm and ready for fresh attack; while the light troops skirmished with retreating parties of the enemy. As for us, we were occupied in looking out for the scattered remains of our brigade. After a short time we found the 48th Regiment equally reduced as ourselves. [1/48th was on the left; 1/57th in the centre; 1/29th on the right.] General Stewart, though wounded, was still on horseback, actively employed in collecting the different regiments. The second

brigade [Abercromby's—2/28th, 2/34th, 2/39th], which was on our left, was found some distance to our left, where they retired after having been relieved by the Portuguese, and behaving, as General Stewart said, most gallantly; their loss, however, was by no means so great as ours. The firing ended late in the afternoon after the French were seen to have reformed their scattered forces and marched back into the wood they left in the morning. The Portuguese and Spaniards remained on the field of battle, and we, like skeletons, marched back to the left of the lines. The place, which had been the scene of action afforded a sight which I cannot attempt to describe, as I cannot think of it but with horror. The mangled bodies of the dead, the groans of the dying, and the complaints of the wounded are too horrible to reflect upon. The hill was actually covered with the French who were opposed to us, and proved that our fire had been successful and that our brave fellows did not die unavenged. During the principal part of the action it rained most violently and the wind blew in our teeth, which prevented us from seeing the enemy during the thickest part of the fire. Their loss was immense, and from some of their wounded officers we learned that they came into action 25,000 strong. A sergeant to whom I spoke told me there was a corps of 6,000 men on the ground where he lay, and it was with this body that we were engaged. Soult commanded. A French General's uniform was found on the field of battle. Ballasteros [Spanish General] seized it and cried out, though I believe he knew to the contrary, "Soult is dead, my lads, look at his coat," as he rode in front of the lines, and he held up the embroidered coat. He said this in my hearing, and it produced an admirable effect; for both Spaniards and British advanced to the attack with redoubled vigour.

Though wet to the skin we slept soundly during the night, expecting another attack this morning. The enemy, however, has not as yet thought proper to attempt it. They are still in the wood just in our front. We have been occupied the whole day in collecting our wounded and burying our dead, who were this morning lying on the field of battle in two distinct lines where we stood the fire. We found

the bodies of our major and a captain, who was my particular friend and messmate. I mentioned to you the number of officers who suffered; some men have since joined, which makes us somewhat stronger than I told you. You will, of course, soon see correct lists of our killed and wounded; and I trust some mention will be made of the conduct of our (the 57th) regiment. Not a single man of ours was taken prisoner, for we never lost our ground. Previous to the action we had been seven days employed in the siege of Badajoz; and on the night before we raised the siege, on account of Soult's approach, we dug a trench in the face of 12 pieces of cannon within 500 yards of the walls. Of course all our work there was night work, and from continual watching at Badajoz, our business since, and the almost incessant rains the few officers that are left are nearly overcome by fatigue. Thank God I am myself as well as ever I was in my life, and, as you may suppose, in great spirits, although deprived of every comfort. I have suffered much from losses of baggage and baggage animals, but am thankful it is no worse.

Your affectionate son,

BENJ. HOBHOUSE.

May 18. I have opened my letter to say that the whole of the French force is retreating, and that they are now withdrawing their last videttes. We are preparing to pursue. It is supposed that they have taken the road to Merida.

The following regiments carry the battle honour of "Albuhera":—

3rd Carabiniers (Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards).

4th Queen's Own Hussars.

13th Hussars (now 13th/18th Hussars).

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) (3).

The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (7).

The Royal Welch Fusiliers (23).

The Gloucestershire Regiment (28).

The Worcestershire Regiment (29).

The East Surrey Regiment (31).

The Border Regiment (34).

The Dorsetshire Regiment (39).

The Northamptonshire Regiment (48).

The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) (49).



The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (57).  
The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

The following extract and sketch are kindly sent by Col. G. W. W. Savile, C.B.E., D.S.O.

THE PENINSULAR JOURNAL OF  
MAJOR-GEN. SIR BENJAMIN  
D'URBAN, K.C.B., ETC., 1808—1817.

By I. J. ROUSSEAU, M.A.—1830.

N.B.—Col. D'Urban was appointed Quartermaster-General of the Portuguese Army under Marshal Sir William Beresford, K.B., in April, 1809.

BATTLE OF ALBUERA, MAY 16TH, 1811.

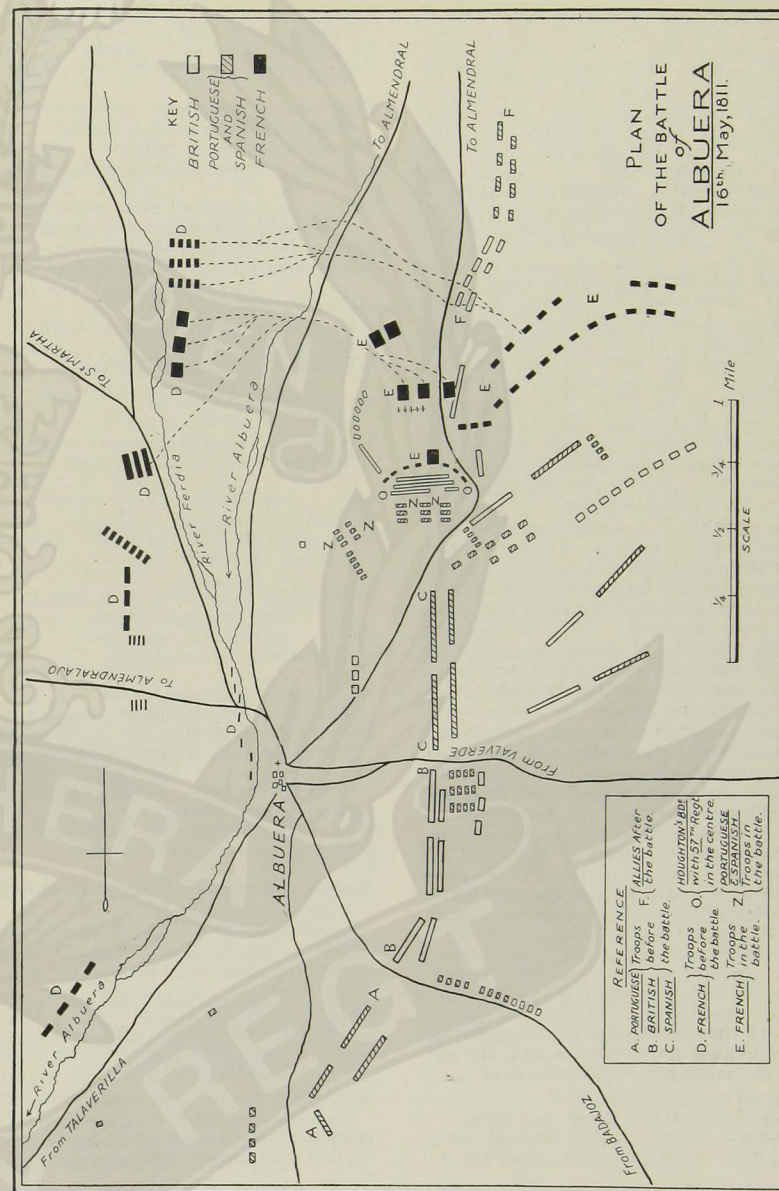
May 15th.—Head Quarters, Albuera. Marched the Divisions of Hamilton and Stewart and the Brigade of Alten to Albuera. Took up with Hamilton and Stewart a line following the contour of the ground parallel to the Albuera, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an English mile from the river, the Right upon the high road from Valverde. Orders sent to Long to fall back upon Albuera from Santa Martha; to Madden to march from Salana upon Talavera, and to Genl. Blake to march his Spanish Division from Almendral to Albuera;—the prolongation of the English line was destined for the Spanish Troops of Blake, his Left upon the Valverde Road, his Front upon the contour of the ground parallel to the Albuera. This is not a good position, but it is the only one—Blake and his Division did not arrive till past mid-night and then in spite of all instructions took up wrong ground in the dark. Alten held the village of Albuera and Campbell's Portuguese Brigade was attached to him—Cole ordered to march at 2 o'clock to-morrow from the Bivouac, and Kemmis Brigade by Jerumenha after the stores should all be sent off to Elvas.

Long was driven rather faster than one could have wished from Santa Martha and retiring precipitately crossed the Albuera and gave up the whole Right Bank to the enemy. This haste is a bad thing because the woods masque all the enemy's movements. Madden ordered to Albuera.

May 16th.—At day-break the Spaniards commenced to get into their general alignment, which their total want of all system

of movement and consequent unwieldiness took up such a length of time that they were not in till 7 a.m. The Cavalry which had covered the ground destined for the Spaniards were now moved to a Bivouac in rear of the right of the British for rest and forage. Cole arrived at 8 a.m. The officer sent to Madden returned from Talavera without finding him—it appears he had retired from thence without orders, where no one knows.

At 8 o'clock the enemy were seen beginning to pass the river. He menaced our Left and Centre pretty strongly and directed his real attack upon our right. (The Spaniards and 2nd Line thrown *en potence* upon the heights of the Right.) For this he had good reason, it was the key of the position and was also the direct road to cut off our communications. The firing began at half-past 8. The enemy advanced upon the right and drove the Spaniards from the Heights. It was necessary to retake them promptly. The Enemy had rapidly established himself upon them and got up a powerful Artillery. The Spaniards to save time being the nearest Troops were to attack, and Gen. Stewart's Division to support, Gen. Hamilton remaining in reserve to move to either point, and sustain, if required, either the Centre or Right. Meanwhile the Division of Cole was placed obliquely, behind the Right of the British Line to cover its Flank or support its Rear. Gen. Lumley with the Cavalry, British and Spanish, was in front of Cole upon the plain, and Colonel Otway with the Portuguese Cavalry covered and watched the left of the whole beyond the town of Albuera. The French occupied the heights they had gained with 18,000 Infantry and some Cavalry—of the latter they had an overwhelming superiority—and with 26 Squadrons to Lumley's 12 manœuvred to our right. The contest was bloody and obstinate, it lasted from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. An unintercepted fire of Artillery, and Musketry, the latter frequently at 20 paces asunder, varied at short intervals by partial charges of the bayonet, continued for the four hours. From 12 to 2 it was the hottest action of the Peninsular War and unequalled in the memory of the oldest soldier. The Enemy brought up reserve upon reserve, but at 2 he could make no further efforts, he was turned by both flanks. The





heights were carried and the battle gained by the invincible valour of the British and Portuguese Troops. The Spaniards behaved gallantly, but were so devoid of discipline that they stood in the way, and did more harm than good. The enemy retired to his camp, a fusillade, and cannonade, lasted till night-fall, and each Army occupied itself in repairing its disasters as far as practicable, in sending off its wounded and in making arrangements for the renewal of the Action to-morrow.

Soult will probably attack again. An officer despatched to hasten Kemmis Brigade. Even that small reinforcement is necessary to us, for the loss has fallen heavily upon our most precious people—our British. Out of about 6,000 of them engaged I am afraid we shall find nearly 3,000 *hors de combat*. They have nobly upheld the honour of their name, and whatever may be the fruits of the Victory of Albuera it has been desperately fought for, and brilliantly achieved.

May 17th.—The Enemy quiet. His losses have been severe. Three Generals of Divisions killed, three dangerously wounded, with a host of Officers Supérieurs, 2,000 dead upon the field, and more than 4,000 wounded. This he has paid for his attempt. I doubt his re-newing it. Kemmis arrived. This makes us better, and if he saw the Brigade arrive he'll give up the task.

May 18th.—At day-break the Enemy had abandoned the bridge and there was reason to suppose he was moving to his right or rear. Early in the morning this became manifest, and by 11 o'clock he was in full march covering his rear by all his Cavalry; he took the road of Salana and Almendralejs. The Cavalry followed, the Infantry remaining—Hamilton ordered to re-invest Badajoz at day-break.

#### ALBUERA.

(Respectfully dedicated to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 57th Regiment.)

Incidents of British warfare  
Have been told in rhyme and prose,  
As 'gainst numbers overwhelming  
We have thrashed our foreign foes.

Every regiment in the Service  
Can look back and tell with pride  
Of some far-off scene of battle  
Where men for their Colours died.

Tho' we may have been outnumbered,  
Tho' our foes were ten to one,  
Yet heroic deeds of daring  
Have by Englishmen been done.

Search the records of your regiment  
And you'll find such names as these:  
Nivelle, Nive and Albuera,  
Inkerman and Pyrenees.

Have you ever heard the story  
How your regiment got its name?  
When the gallant 57th  
Earned itself undying fame.

On the field of Albuera,  
Fighting 'gainst a tyrant's rule;  
Tho' he'd conquered Europe's armies,  
England would not be his tool.

They'd been fighting all the morning,  
Tired and weary of the fray,  
Waiting till the "Cease Fire" sounded,  
Waiting till the close of day.

Attacked by overwhelming numbers,  
Not a hope of rescue there;  
British soldiers ne'er surrender,  
Englishmen do not despair.

Had it been a foreign legion  
Caught in such a hopeless place,  
They'd have broken—cried for quarter—  
To their country's dire disgrace.

Did the 57th waver  
At the enemy's attack?  
No! They fought like British heroes,  
Man to man and back to back.

A score of times the Frenchmen charged them,  
A score of times they turned and fled;  
Couldn't face the British bayonet,  
Couldn't stand the hail of lead.

At each charge the line grew thinner,  
Men were falling thick and fast,  
Colonel Inglis saw too clearly  
That the battle could not last.

Once again they charged upon them,  
Charged upon their weakest part,  
Then the gallant regiment wavered,  
Tired of fighting, sick at heart.

Colonel Inglis saw the danger,  
Rushed amongst them, battle-scarred,  
Raised his sword on high and shouted,  
"Men, for God's own sake, 'Die hard.'"

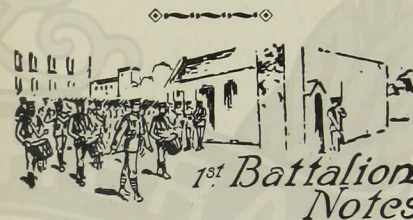
Hard they died, who could die harder?  
Blow for blow and thrust for thrust.  
For every Briton that there perished  
A dozen Frenchmen bit the dust.

When in days, perhaps not distant,  
You stand on a battlefield,  
English soldiers die, remember,  
But their ground they never yield.

Though surrounded by your foemen,  
Wounded, bleeding, cut and scarred,  
Think of your old Colonel's order,  
As your fathers did "Die hard."

EDGAR WALLACE.

[Written by Edgar Wallace when he was a private in the R.A.M.C. The poem is an extract from the North Camp Church Monthly Magazine, published in March, 1896, a copy of which was sent to the O.C. 1st Battalion by Rev. A. V. C. Horden, Forestside Vicarage, Rowlands Castle, Hants, who was Chaplain to that Battalion in 1896.]



SINCE our last notes our station abroad has been definitely decided, and the brewers were wrong. It is not Gibraltar, but Palestine, "Jerusalem and all that." It is not a popular move from what one can gather from the "man in the street," or perhaps one should say the "man in barracks." However, it may not be so bad as we think, and probably when we move to the next station there will be many wishing to be back in the Holy Land.

Our hopes of doing well in the Army Team Championships were rudely dashed

to the ground. We were beaten in the first round by the Northamptonshire Regiment after a very close fight. The result depended on the last fight. Pte. Francis was our man in this contest. He did well in the early stages, but appeared to tire in the last round, which he lost after a good fight. Pte. Wildin put up a good show to win his contest against an experienced opponent. Pte. Simmons fought well to get the decision over his man, although fighting above his weight. In the Novices' Competition we did better, beating the Black Watch in the first round, but losing to the Fusiliers in the second round.

We were very pleased that the 9th Battalion football team were able to come down and play us. The weather was not at its best, a very cold wind being very much in evidence. A large gathering turned up to watch a game that was very even until towards the end of the second half, when the better condition of the 1st Battalion made itself felt. The final score was 4—1 in our favour.

Most of the Battalion took advantage of the Easter leave. The 7th City of London Regiment and elements of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment came down to Colchester for training during the break.

The Inter-Company Rugby Knock-out is now in full swing. A Company, at the time of going to press, have carried all before them. B Company, after a plucky fight, were beaten by a heavier team by 31—0. C Company, who had a walk-over from Q, were next beaten by A Company by 21—0. They also were unable to cope with the A Company pack, but never gave up the struggle until the final whistle. A Company now meet the winner of D and G.

The Regiment entered a team of three (first two to count) in the Garrison Race at the Essex and Suffolk Point-to-Point Meeting near Colchester on April 9th. Lieut. Cubitt and 2/Lieuts. Chattey and Hall were our representatives. 2/Lieut. Chattey finished first out of our three. Lieut. Cubitt fell at the water jump, but remounted and finished the course with Lieut. Hall, who had gone well until the second jump from home, where he, too, fell to Mother Earth. The order of the teams was:—

1. The Royal Signals.



2. 2nd Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment.
3. The Royal Fusiliers.
4. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES.

Since the February notes were published we have played very few Battalion matches, partly owing to snow and partly to other Garrison fixtures.

Colchester Rugby Football Club soundly defeated a team we put out against them at Lexden by 35 points to 0.

This year's Inter-Company Knock-out Competition has just started, and everyone seems to find great amusement in kicking about an oval ball if only for a change.

We have been very unfortunate in never being able to field a full team, and this was particularly noticeable when we played the Signals last month. Owing to the fact that there was a Battalion soccer match on the same day, our forwards were weak and the match ended 9 points to 0 in favour of the Signals.

Great hopes are entertained that we shall remain at home for one more rugger season, and everyone is determined to see the team get through several rounds of the next Army Competition.

#### A (M.G.) COMPANY.

Individual Training has come to a close and we are now seeing the result of the past winter's work. Although one cannot as yet tell the result of the work put in, one can forecast that it will be very good.

The Company has just finished its machine-gun range practices, and the shooting has proved good. We hope that we shall rise from fifth place in the Army this year.

Now to serious Collective Training in preparation for our annual concentration, which is to be held at Netheravon commencing on May 9th. If we do well again, as we did last year, other units will have a job to catch us. We are going to try.

At sport we are still ahead, having won all three matches in the Hockey League, beating B Company by 2-1, C we beat 3-1, and D by 7-1. Now for G and Q. Rugby is now our real serious sport.

Under the able guidance of Capt. Haydon, our Second-in-Command, we have produced a really good side. Although we have a lot to learn yet, the two main items are there—brawn and guts. Our first game arranged by Capt. Haydon was with a team of the Royal Corps of Signals, whom we defeated 6-4 (two tries to a dropped goal). This was a hard match, and great keenness was shown by all the team. Next came the first round of the Inter-Company Knock-out, and here we beat B Company by 31-0. B Company remarks were that our forwards were like a pack of tigers let loose.

Now we are ready for C in the semi-finals—then for the final.

At soccer we have played only two matches, one against B in the Inter-Company Knock-out, and the other against C in the League. B Company brought off a remarkable win by 4-2, and C we beat 7-1.

For athletic training the evenings are lengthening now and one can get moving at training. We hope to win the Athletic Shield again this year.

J. T. I. A.

#### B COMPANY.

Our last notes found us in the middle of Individual Training. This having been finished we are now finding duties and all the world's fatigues.

However, these do not prevent us from holding our own in sport. Indeed, we have been rather excelling ourselves as far as football and hockey are concerned.

We have reached the final of the Inter-Company Football Knock-out, after beating A (M.G.) Company in the first round (4-2), and C Company in the semi-final (6-1).

In the Inter-Company Hockey League, after starting with a defeat by A (M.G.) Company (1-2), we have since beaten G Company (2-1) and C Company (8-0).

We have been less fortunate at Rugby. Having been drawn against A (M.G.) Company in the first round of the Knock-out we got rather soundly beaten by a heavier (oh, those forwards!) and more experienced team. We wish A (M.G.) Company the best of luck in their remaining matches, and trust they will not have so many shirts torn off.

Many changes have taken place in the Company during the past two months. A draft of twenty left for the 2nd Battalion in February. Besides this we have lost C.S.M. Rand to the 9th Battalion and Cpl. Payne and Ptes. Hobson and Maskell to the Depot. We wish them all the best of luck.

In their places we welcome Sergt. Soper and Cpl. Brightman from the Depot, Sergt. Clift from the 9th Battalion, and Ptes. Inman and Ellwood from the 2nd Battalion.

We congratulate C.S.M. Farrow and C.Q.M.S. Russell on their respective promotions. With two such sportsmen as these in office the Company cannot fail to flourish.

We also congratulate Cpl. May on his promotion and L./Cpls. Sampson, Surrey, Jacob, Duddy and Simpson on their appointments.

We must also congratulate Sergt. and Mrs. Pain on the birth of a daughter, Pamela, on March 14th, 1931.

The loss of 2/Lieut. Chattey to A (M.G.) Company is greatly regretted. A good all-rounder, he will be sadly missed.

Finally we extend a hearty welcome to 2/Lieuts. Weston and Bellers who have just joined us from Sandhurst.

#### C COMPANY.

Since our last quarter's notes we have had several arrivals and departures.

Capt. S. Mirams and 2/Lieut. Gwyn have joined us. Sergt. Sadler and L./Cpl. Maloney have proceeded to the Depot, from where Sergt. Tisdale, Cpl. Holt and Pte. Buchan have joined us.

The Company has settled down to Colchester and regrets that the stay is so short. At present we are trying to learn the language of Palestine.

With the exception of a break for Individual Training the Company has been on employments and our games have been held after tea.

The hockey match with Q opened our season with a win for us by 5-1, but B hit us with a score of 8-1.

At football we have not done well, but our team is now getting together and will eventually be a strong one.

At Rugby we received a walk-over in the second round (the Company drew a bye in round one). Rugby is new to us,

but a great interest is being taken in this branch of football and it has every appearance of being a great rival to Association.

In the Company Football Knock-out we were shot out by the "Dons" heavy-weights.

If one can judge by the practice shooting on the open range we stand a good chance of being the shooting company of the Battalion.

At present we have a great number of N.C.Os. on courses. We have gas, water, hygiene and musketry experts studying hard and bursting with knowledge.

This is all to our good as, if ever we are detached, we shall be self-contained.

CORK.

#### D COMPANY.

"Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever," is most certainly applicable to this Company, for even its Company Commanders now change with clockwork regularity every quarter. No sooner had we welcomed Major Newnham in our last notes when he left us, hot on Major Bucknall's trail, for H.Q. Wing. The Company now welcomes Major Tidbury, and only hopes he will stay a long while.

Capt. del Court has also returned to the fold and, in view of the constant demands that will now be made on his energies, we hope he has completely recovered his health.

We welcome C.Q.M.S. Steadman from the Depot, and are glad to report that he has now thoroughly dug himself in. The Company was very pleased to get Sergt. Jones from A (M.G.) Company, who, in the capacity of A./C.S.M., is now positively moving mountains.

A lot of old friends left the Company early in February for the 2nd Battalion, and we wish them all the very best of luck on foreign service. Such as it is, however, our strength has again been made up by a keen young draft from the Depot. Cpl. Cooper has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot. We lose a good sportsman, and wish him all the very best.

We are also sorry to say good-bye to Sergt. Paterson and Cpl. Newstead, who leave us for the Depot, and wish them



good luck. The Company welcomes Sergt. Burt from H.Q. Wing.

For the past two months small but energetic exploration parties from the Company have worked their way all over the local training areas while on Section, Platoon and Company Training. We are now tasting the delights of classifying on the Middlewick Ranges. During this period 2/Lieuts. E. C. A. Wheeler and H. L. V. Russell, both of the 8th Battalion, T.A., have been attached to the Company during the period of their annual training.

We congratulate the following on their appointments: L./Cpls. Roseblade, Britton, Wellington, Thorn, Mallard and Game.

We have played several soccer matches. We lost by 0-3 against Q Company, and by 0-5 against a company of the Black Watch in the Garrison Inter-Company Knock-out Competition. At the moment of going to press we are all hard at work training for the Inter-Company Rugger Knock-out Competition.

#### DRUMS.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall have finished the hot-cross bun festivities and be in the midst of firing our annual course, in which we are fully confident of retaining our guns, etc.

We are still keeping the colours flying in the sport line, for we greatly assisted Q Company by beating our old rivals, B Company, at football by 4-2, and at hockey 2-1.

Congratulations must be given to Dmrs. Bolt and Webber on winning their weights in the Garrison Inter-Unit Novices' Championship.

We hear "Bouncer" has bounced his way in the bricklaying line! We wish him all the best of luck.

The call of the East is certainly calling us, and we are wondering how many of the present Drummers will be there. Undoubtedly the C.O.'s flute player will be serenading a dusky maiden by the Wailing Wall.

The Band still have supper in the evening, and we always wonder where the money comes from, but "Sympathy in B natural" is extraordinarily cheap nowadays. One can often hear a little snake-

charmer in the cold practice room tooting a special scale composed by "Jeff."

We wish the 2nd Battalion the best of luck on their way home. Our Drum-Major hopes that they will leave some Drummers for him on the outward journey. We often wonder if Drum-Major Poulter remembers the last week of his six months' leave at Aldershot, and what became of the train rations.

Before we close we must offer congratulations to L./Cpls. Windows and Escudier on their recent appointments.

We also wonder if there are any more trades a Drummer is expected to do, plus his normal duties, such as Brigade and Battalion Intelligence, Chiropody, Transport, Traffic Cops, and Butt Markers. But Jock still believes in white horses, and perhaps "Intelligent Ted" would sooner have a horse than a bicycle. We don't know why, perhaps he's built that way.

Benny wants to know whether it is advisable to proceed to Palestine to continue his Jew's Course.

Snake Charmer III.

#### BAND.

We are at present in the same predicament as a ship without its rudder, for we are without a Bandmaster. Mr. J. W. Clark, who ably filled the position for fifteen years, has gone into retirement, and the Band and his many friends in the Regiment take this opportunity of wishing him happiness and success in his new sphere of life.

We can pay him no higher tribute than to say that we hope his successor will be just another "Nobby."

Nothing startling has happened of late. Palestine is, of course, settled as our next station. Who was the cynic in the Band who remarked, "Well, anyway, you chaps will be at home in Jerusalem!" There should be a great gathering at the Wailing Wall, and already Yiddish is being spoken by members of the Band. Camels are the topic of our conversation, and our "sheikhs" are west-kenting their tents in preparation for a busy season.

We congratulate Tom Brind upon his appointment, and will finish by reminding our friends the Drummers that, although they are one engagement ahead of us, we are in possession of three portable

gramophones, and are therefore unquestionably more musical than they'll ever be.  
FLAT PITCH.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

During past months we have had bi-monthly whist drives and dances in the Mess. These have been well attended and are being continued during the year.

Our Bandmaster has left us for civilian life and is now quite an expert in the art of running an hotel. He has settled down at Long Melford, where he will receive many visits from members of the Mess before we leave for abroad. We wish him the very best of luck and may he and his business prosper.

C.S.M. Rand has left us for the 9th Battalion (T.A.) and Sergt. Sadler for the Depot. Sergt. Tisdale has joined us from the Depot.

The billiard table is in great use for "Sticks" these days and the number of ways of playing with the dicebox would appear to be unlimited.

It would also appear that the Mess intends running a rugger team.

At present the chief topic is Palestine, our next station. Several members are rather worried over returning.

During Easter we entertained the 7th City of London Regiment (T.A.) and a detachment of the 9th Battalion (T.A.) Sergeants during their stay at Colchester. The visit occasioned us three nights of the "smoker-social" order (not that there was any need to call them so). Voluntary vocalists proved very versatile in vieing with each other for the entertainment of all (including themselves). Some were in rhyme—some weren't! It didn't matter about that, though. "Page" after "Page" followed in rapid succession, and there were pictures in the book, too, even if we did have to guess the titles! Songs—or shall we say refrains?—were produced from all sides. Our social prestige was considerably upholstered by a very able rendering of "We are the People" by one whose "props" included a short cane most of the time and a long 10-foot one for just one short period. Another star turn was one who introduced a new song called "Just a Binder."

It is a great pity that we shall not be in England next year to enable them to

have another attachment, though, were it possible, there is no doubt that they would willingly come to Palestine, even if only for three days. However, we do hope to see many of them on some future occasion.

The following is the concert programme as arranged for the last evening:—

"Be careful where you tread" (by the R.S.M.).

"Just one for the road" (by Sonny Boy).

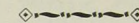
"He sank in the moonlight" (by Page, assisted by Sonny Boy).

"What a — pity!" (by Jack).

"The ejection of the Guy" (by Bogey).

So much for Easter. It was a happy time.

Rumour has it that our Transport Sergeant became rather sunburnt! Perhaps the Drum-Major could enlighten us on this affair—and whether he is now conversant with the method of visiting "D.I." patients.



#### REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE Museum has now become a place of interest and instruction in Regimental history. It is always open to visitors at any time, but particularly on Mondays from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., when a guide is available to show and explain the exhibits.

Every squad of recruits at the Depot is conducted through it at least twice during their period of training.

A visit was received on April 13th from Capt. W. Moore, late Worcestershire Regiment, T.A., who brought with him the Crimean tunic, mentioned below, from Mr. A. C. English.

Capt. Moore is very kindly sending to the Museum a tunic, buttons, badges, etc., of the 2nd (South) Middlesex Volunteer Rifles, which effects belonged to his uncle, who served with that unit. The Museum has for some time been trying to get one of these grey Volunteer tunics.

#### LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

57th and 1st Battalion.—Effects of Col. R. W. Graham; Medals: South Africa,



1879, South Africa, 1901-02 (4 clasps); Tunic, Sword, Regimental Buttons and Badges; Tunic, Cocked Hat, R.A.P.C.; Photographs.;—Miss Graham.

4th Battalion.—Battalion Flag, last one in use on disbandment at Tidworth, 1922.—Capt. H. B. W. Savile.

57th.—Crimean Tunic of No. 2421 Clr.—Sergt. John English.—Mr. A. C. English (son).

57th.—Photographs, late Dmr. Dudley Stagpole, V.C.—Ex-Clr.—Sergt. C. E. Smith.

#### LIBRARY.

57th.—The Adventures of Kimble Bent by James Cowan (a 57th soldier's life and adventures with the Maories).—Ex-Clr.—Sergt. E. Bezar.

Journals (to date) of the Society for Army Historical Research.—The Editor.

### OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

#### REGIMENTAL CRICKET WEEK.

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

At Home: June 24th.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Junior United Service Club, Charles Street, at 7.45 p.m. on June 25th. Price of dinner ticket for Officers' Club members, 6s.; for non-members, 7s. 6d.

Officers dining will be made honorary members of the Junior United Service Club for the day. As admission to the J.U.S.C. will be by card only (except for members of that club) and as the J.U.S.C. will require seven clear days' notice before issuing cards, all officers intending to dine should apply to the Hon. Secretary, The Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7, by June 17th for their dinner cards. J.U.S.C. temporary membership cards will be sent out with the dinner cards.

The Hon. Secretary has two signed engravings of Lady Butler's picture to dispose of at the minimum price of £10 10s. each.

#### REGIMENTAL GOLF MEETING.

The first meeting of the newly formed Golfing Society was held at Hendon on April 15th. Although the absence of several of the noted enthusiasts in the Regiment was regretted, a very successful start was made. It is hoped that in future years more retired officers and officers from the Territorial battalions will be able to find the time to attend, so that the meeting may reach the standing of those held by the Societies of other regiments and corps.

Weather conditions were perfect. The course, playing from the back tees with very little run on the ball, seemed to those who were playing over it for the first time to be on the long side. The greens, severely tested by a hard winter followed by a fine spring, were by no means easy.

Capt. Whinney won the Scratch Cup with the good return of 81. Capt. Worton won the Handicap Cup with the score of 84—11, 73. Great credit is due to him for overcoming a disastrous 9 at the second hole. Major Anderson, by virtue of steadiness and straightness, also partook of the spoils of victory with a share in the Sweepstakes.

In the afternoon foursomes were played against bogey. Col. Maitland and Capt. Arnold proved the winners, returning 3 down. Capts. Whinney and Phillips also tied with this pair, but the result was decided on the first nine holes, where Col. Maitland and his partner stood all square against 1 down from our backmarkers.

The Hendon Golf Club went out of their way to help, and the place proved to be an excellent venue for a successful and enjoyable meeting.

The detailed scores are as follows:—

MORNING ROUND.			
Capt. Worton	...	...	84—11 73
(Winner, Handicap Prize; 1st, Sweep)			
Major Anderson	...	...	91—16 75
(2nd, Sweep)			
Major Jefford	...	...	91—14 77
Capt. Whinney	...	...	81—2 79
(Winner, Scratch Prize)			
Capt. Phillips	...	...	84—4 80
Lieut.-Col. Maitland	...	...	92—10 82
Lieut. Crawford	...	...	93—10 83
Lieut.-Col. Samuel	...	...	96—13 83
Lieut. Chattey	...	...	98—14 84
Major Scott	...	...	99—14 85
Lieut. Batten	...	...	104—18 86
Capt. Arnold	...	...	90—3 87

Lieut. Franklin	...	...	109—16 93
Capt. del Court	...	...	106—12 94
Lieut. Newton	...	...	124—20 104
Lieut. Mackenzie	...	...	140—24 116

#### BOGEY FOURSOMES.

Lieut.-Col. Maitland and Capt. Arnold (receiving 5 strokes)	...	3 down
(Winners, Society Prize; 1st, Sweep)		
Capt. Phillips and Whinney (receiving 2 strokes)	...	3 down
(2nd, Sweep)		
Capt. Worton and Lieut. Crawford (receiving 8 strokes)	...	4 down
Lieut.-Col. Samuel and Major Jefford (receiving 10 strokes)	...	5 down
Major Scott and Lieut. Franklin (receiving 11 strokes)	...	5 down
Lieuts. Chattey and Batten (receiving 12 strokes)	...	12 down
Capt. del Court and Lieut. Newton (receiving 12 strokes)	...	14 down
Major Anderson and Lieut. Mackenzie (receiving 15 strokes)	...	14 down

#### PROCEEDINGS OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

HELD AT THE LIBRARY, CENTRAL LONDON RECRUITING ZONE, WHITEHALL, ON JANUARY 28TH, 1931.

1. ATTENDANCE. Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., S. C. M. Smith, T.D., W. H. Samuel and F. S. Stead, D.C.M., Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., and Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

2. MINUTES.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

3. ACCOUNTS. The accounts for the year were read and passed. A vote of thanks was passed to Lieut.-Col. Cedric Smith for the work he had done on the accounts.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS: ALLOCATIONS. It was proposed and carried that the subscriptions for 1931 be allocated as follows: General Account, 3s.; Journal Account, 3s.; Cricket Account, 7s. 6d.; Dinner Account, 7s. 6d.

5. VOTE OF THANKS. It was proposed and carried that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the officers of the 6th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment for their generous gift of £150 per annum.

6. 6TH BATTALION MEMBERS. It was proposed and carried that all past and present officers (who were gazetted to the 6th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment) should only pay a subscription of 10s. 6d. per

annum and that any officer of the 6th Battalion shall have prior claim to assistance from the Benevolent Fund.

7. CLERK. The Clerk's remuneration was fixed as for 1930—1s. per member.

8. BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS. That the balance debtor of the Dinner Account and General Account and the balance credits of the Journal, Benevolent and Cricket Accounts be submerged into the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance credit in that fund of £95. That the grant from the 6th Battalion, after allotting £42 to the Benevolent Fund, be placed to the credit of the Reserve Fund and at the end of the year be allotted to the sub-accounts where necessary.

9. CATERING: CRICKET WEEK. It was decided that the Finchley Catering Company should run the catering for the Cricket Week and that the Officers' Club should manage the bar.

14. M.C.C.C. TICKETS. It was decided to discontinue the purchase of M.C.C.C. tickets by the Officers' Club, but it was hoped that individuals would take advantage of the offer of the M.C.C.C. by purchasing these through the Hon. Secretary of the Officers' Club.

11. COMMITTEES. The following Committees were approved:—Annual Dinner: Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, President, Major Lamont and O.C. Depot, members. Cricket Week: O.C. Depot, Hon. Secretary, and Adjutants of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions. Derby Sweep: O.C. Depot and Hon. Secretary.

12. NOTICES. Proposed by Major Pargiter, seconded by Col. Smith, that the Hon. Secretary sends out a letter each year informing members of the date of the Annual Dinner.

13. GRANT. Proposed by Col. Stead, seconded by Col. Rooke, that £25 be granted from the Benevolent Fund to assist an urgent case which has been brought to the notice of the Committee. (Carried.)

14. RULES. The revision of the Club Rules to be brought up again at the next meeting. Meanwhile a Committee, composed as follows: Col. Samuel, Major Pargiter, an officer from the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions, and the Hon. Secretary, should be formed in order to discuss the revision.

15. TENNIS. It was decided that in



future the Tennis Tournament should be managed by the Officers' Club.

16. GOLF. It was decided that an Annual Regimental Golf Meeting should be held. The meeting this year to be

held at the Hendon Golf Club on April 15th. A vote of thanks to be passed to the Hendon Golf Club, who have generously allowed the free use of their course for that day.

### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER 31ST, 1930.

CRICKET ACCOUNT.		ASSETS.	
LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
June: Expenses of Cricket Week	156 7 3	Jan. 1: Surplus to date	23 4 7
		Jan. 1: Allocation of Subs.	117 0 0
		June: P.M.C., Depot, Lunches, etc.	24 18 9
Dec.: Surplus	26 10 5	Dec.: Interest on Investments	17 14 4
	<u>£182 17 8</u>		<u>£182 17 8</u>

DINNER ACCOUNT.		ASSETS.	
LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1: Deficit to date	13 8 4	Jan.: Allocation of Subs.	78 0 0
June: Cost of Dinner	229 19 5	Sale of Tickets	47 8 0
	<u>£243 7 9</u>	Dec.: Deficit to date	117 19 9
			<u>£243 7 9</u>

JOURNAL ACCOUNT.		ASSETS.	
LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1: Deficit to date	4 12 6	Jan. 1: Allocation of Subs.	58 10 0
Dec.: Cost of Journal	39 3 0		
Surplus to date	14 14 6		
	<u>£58 10 0</u>		<u>£58 10 0</u>

OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES.		ASSETS.	
LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1: Deficit to date	48 12 7	Jan.: Allocation of Subs.	19 10 0
Dec.: Clerk's wages	13 3 0	Dec.: Interest on Investments	3 19 8
Grant to Museum	10 0 0	Percentage of Derby Sweep	4 16 0
M.C.C.C.	5 5 0	Receipts, Club Room	4 4 0
Printing and Stationery	4 4 2	Profit on ties	0 5 0
Postage and Sundries	5 15 8	Profit on pictures	14 14 0
	<u>£87 0 5</u>	Deficit	39 11 9
			<u>£87 0 5</u>

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31ST, 1930.		ASSETS.	
LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions paid in advance	6 6 0	Cash Current Account	£66 13 7
Officers' Benevolent Fund	41 14 9	Reserve Account	68 1 5
Cricket Reserve Fund	511 5 0		134 15 0
General Reserve Fund	211 17 7	Investments at cost: £500 Conversion Loan	500 0 0
Surplus on Accounts to date—		Deficit on Accounts to date—	
Cricket Account	£26 10 5	Dinner Account	£117 19 9
Journal Account	14 14 6	Office Account	39 11 9
	<u>41 4 11</u>		157 11 6
		Stock in hand—	
		Lady Butler's Picture	8 8 0
		Ties, etc.	11 13 9
	<u>£812 8 3</u>		20 11 9
			<u>£812 8 3</u>

### NOTES.

Cricket Reserve Fund consists of—	£ s. d.
Conversion Loan	500 0 0
Cash in Current Account	11 5 0
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Benevolent Fund consists of—	
Cash in Current Account	41 14 9

The position of the Reserve Fund is—	
As in Balance Sheet	211 17 7
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Less Deficiencies, Dinner and Office

Balance of Fund

Balance of Reserve Fund consists of—	
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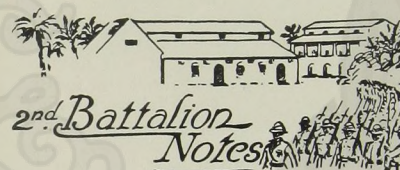
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Members



THESE are the last notes to be written from India, as the Battalion is due to leave Madras on April 10th, and to sail from Bombay for Port Sudan in the *Neuralia* three days later.

The reports which we have heard of our new station are not too unfavourable, and, as we have at the most only one year's service there, there should not be time for the place to pall.

Probably not many people will be sorry to leave Madras, which must be one of the least satisfactory stations in India for British troops. The Battalion here is always divided into two parts, and during the hot weather into three owing to the moves to the Nilgiris. This is, of course, a great handicap as regards both work and games. Outdoor training is almost impossible for the troops at the Fort, and, although there is no actual shortage of grounds, additional difficulty has been ex-

perienced in training Battalion teams and organizing company tournaments.

After two and a half years in Madras opinions seem to differ as to the comparative demerits and merits (if any) of the Fort and the Mount. At the Fort we are entirely shut in by walls and houses, and crows and Indians compete in making day and night hideous with their cries. The Mount is more or less in the country and the great open spaces (such as they are in the South of India) are not far away. The atmosphere is peaceful and quiet—rather too quiet according to our permanent residents there. A visit to the Mount is pleasant after protracted residence at the Fort, but perhaps it does seem a little dull after a time, especially in the long evening hours, whilst the Fort is undoubtedly cooler during the greater part of the year.

At Khartoum, however, we understand that the Battalion is to be concentrated in one barracks, so the detachment will soon be only a memory of the past.

At the time the last notes were written the Battalion, with the exception of B Company and part of H.Q. Wing, was preparing to proceed to camp at Guduvancheri, twenty-five miles south of Madras. This, however, had to be cancelled owing



to the proximity to the camping ground of an outbreak of cholera, and in consequence all Company and Battalion Training had to be done from St. Thomas's Mount, A Company living in tents opposite the barracks and the remaining companies staying where they were already. The change did not prove too disadvantageous; the training passed off most successfully and the absence of new ground was not too great a handicap.

The Battalion Sports were held on the Island in the second week of February. The contest for the Inter-Company Athletics Shield proved very close all through and H.Q. Wing, who had been leading almost throughout, were overtaken by A Company in the last event. The same situation had arisen in each of the two preceding Battalion Sports Meetings. No outstanding performances were accomplished, but the results showed no falling off from last year and the jumping showed a definite improvement.

The Novices' Team Boxing—for which there had been no competition last year owing to lack of time—was won by H.Q. Wing, who defeated D Company in the final after some good fights. The Open Tournament is about to take place at the time of writing.

A cross-country run took place at the Mount on March 5th and was again won easily by C (M.G.) Company. All the companies occupied the same places as in the previous run, and there was little difference in points.

At present the Company Championship is in a very interesting state and any company may yet win it. Perhaps a slight hope may be permitted that it may be held soon, if not this year, by one of the three companies which have not up to now succeeded in this.

The Battalion cricket team recently scored a notable and well-deserved win over the Madras Cricket Club.

The football team has not been as successful as last year. It again reached the final of the Gymkhana Tournament after two fairly easy wins against local sides and two hard games in the semi-final against the Royal Tank Corps from Bangalore, but then went down to the Royal West Kent Regiment, who were the better side all round. It should be remembered that the Battalion team has

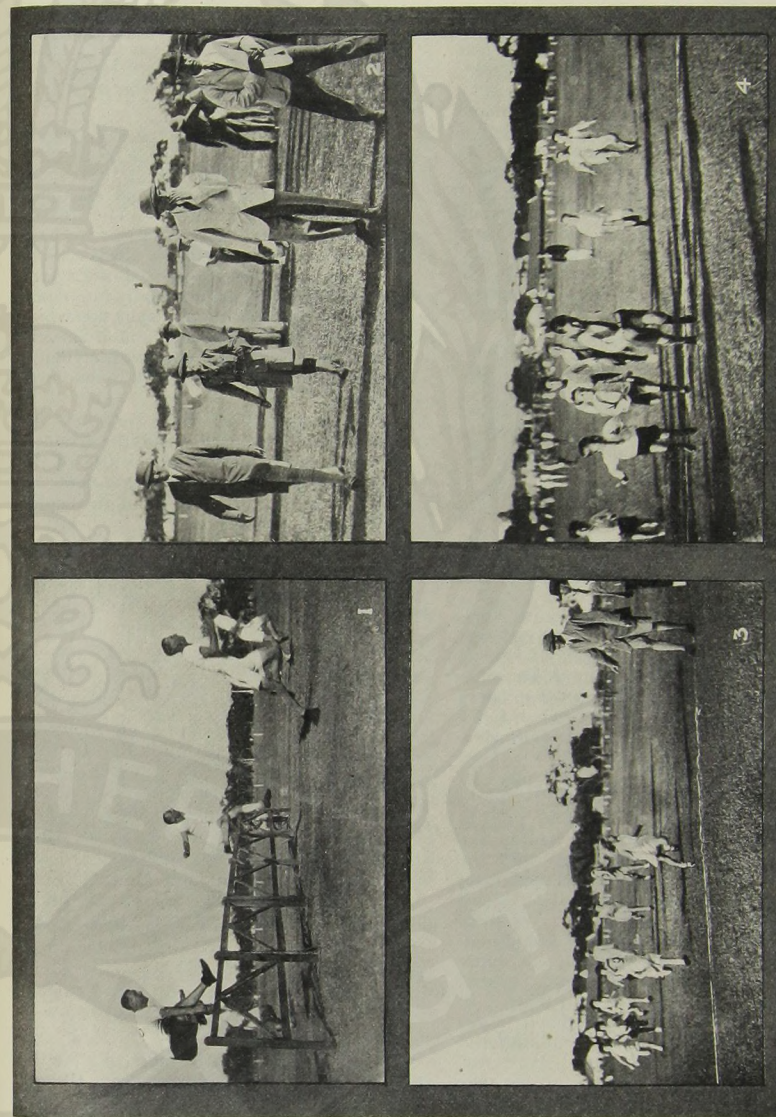
little or no competition to meet in Madras except during this tournament, and rarely gets a chance of a match against a good outside team. We hope for better opportunities at Khartoum.

Not many changes have occurred in the Battalion during the past quarter, but we would like to take this opportunity of expressing our regret at the departure of R.S.M. and Mrs. Cox, who left for home last month. The R.S.M., who is taking up the appointment of Quartermaster of the 8th Battalion, was originally in this Battalion at Malta in 1914 and served with it in France. He came out to Egypt with the 2nd Battalion in 1919, and after being successively C.Q.M.S. of A, C.S.M. of C, and C.S.M.I.M., was appointed Regimental Sergeant-Major in January, 1926. He had thus held this appointment for five years, and he and his wife will be very greatly missed in the Battalion.

#### FOOTBALL.

Owing to the fact that there was no football being played at the time the last Journal notes were written, except of course the usual friendly matches between platoons and companies, it was not possible to write anything about the football in the Battalion. The Platoon Competition had to be postponed a number of times owing to the wet weather, otherwise the results might have been inserted in the last Journal. This competition produces some very well contested matches and it makes one feel surprised that the standard of the Battalion football team has not improved in consequence. Nos. 3 and 8 Platoons were left in the final and two replays were necessary before the result was decided. In the first game the score was 1—1 after extra time. It was easily the best match of the three and the standard of football was well above the average for this competition. The first replay was also productive of good football, but in the second No. 8 Platoon won by the overwhelming score of 7—0. This was hardly a fair indication of the play, but the winners were a better balanced team and very effective in front of goal, whilst No. 3 put up a very stubborn fight.

In the Company Half League D Company ran out winners. The football in this competition was not of a very high



[Photos: Willie Burke]

BATTALION SPORTS, FEBRUARY, 1931.  
1.—Inter-Company Hurdles Relay. 2.—Groups of Judges, Etc. 3 and 4.—Children's Races.



standard. Time did not permit of a full league being played.

The Battalion team was unable to enter for the Madras District Tournament, as this took place during the Battalion Training period.

Before passing on to the Gymkhana Tournament it should be pointed out that football, like all other games, has its season kept for it, during which competitions, both inside and outside the Battalion, are contested, but at the same time it is the one outdoor game which soldiers in the Army abroad play continuously the whole year round. It is essentially the soldiers' favourite pastime and consequently deserves the greatest interest taken in it by all ranks.

In the first match of the Madras Gymkhana Tournament, which we won last year, we defeated the M. & S.M. Railway fairly comfortably by 3-0. Nevertheless there were moments when we quaked in our shoes. The second match, against the Combined Colleges, we also won by the large margin of 5-0. Our opponents in this match played with bare feet and were extremely nippy. However, the sting is usually taken out of the efforts of this type of team when they are a goal or two down.

In the semi-final we met the Royal Tank Corps, who gave us a very good run, the first match resulting in a goalless draw. In the replay we were leading for most of the game by two goals, but ten minutes before the end our opponents scored twice in as many minutes. The Battalion spectators nearly died of heart failure. Fortunately just before time a neat piece of headwork on the part of Dmr. Jones enabled us to score the winning goal in the most exciting match we had in the tournament. This brought us into the final against our old friends and opponents the Royal West Kent Regiment. In this match we were defeated 3-0. We were two goals down before we got going and, although the team played well, our opponents dominated the play and secured another goal just before half-time. In the second half we had as much, if not more, of the play and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. However, there was no more scoring, and we take this opportunity of congratulating our opponents and of saying how much we have enjoyed meeting them many times

during the past seven years. As we could not win the tournament ourselves we are pleased that they should have done so. An interesting fact about this tournament is that it has been in existence since 1894 and has always been won by a military team.

The Battalion team played a very hard game all through and also a very clean one. Nevertheless the fact is regrettable but true that the standard of Battalion football has deteriorated. The reason for this is not far to seek—since we have been in India we have always been stationed at one-battalion stations and competition has been practically nil. Here in Madras the Battalion is split up, which is an additional handicap, and it is very difficult to arrange matches with civilians, as they cannot get away from their offices in time.

Quite apart from these excuses the team seems to lack the speed, the accurate shooting and passing, and the use of the brain as well as the hands and feet, all of which our teams were wont to display in the past.

Before closing these notes I feel that a few words of praise are due to C.Q.M.S. Capel. This N.C.O. has played for the Battalion team ever since we came abroad and has rarely missed a match. He has always been an outstanding player and in the last tournament, although he has been in the "veteran" category for some years, he was easily the best footballer and played the best game on the side. We congratulate him on his fine football record and hope that the younger players in the Battalion will take him as an example on which to model their game.

The following were awarded their Colours for the season 1930-31:—

C.Q.M.Ss. Capel and Hewitt, Cpls. Scott\* and Deane,\* Ptes. Makewell, Daly, Harris,\* Redwood, Knott\* and Dyer,\* and Dmr. Jones.\*

\* New Colours.

P. W.

#### CRICKET.

It is satisfactory to be able to show an unbeaten record again this year, though the weather has been unkind to us and has forced us to cancel several of our matches.

It was unfortunate that one of the matches which had to be cancelled for the above reason was our first fixture against the Madras Cricket Club. We were fully determined to beat them twice this year in order to avenge our defeat last year at their hands by 16 runs, which broke our eight-year run of success. However, we did the next best thing and beat them by 58 runs when the date of our second fixture arrived, and thereby broke their record of two unbeaten years.

The side they fielded against us this year was a far better one than that which beat us last year and—perhaps we may take this as a compliment—it was the strongest team the Club could raise, except for one absentee. We also had one member of our team away—Sergt. Glover, who had a bad knee—and it should be noted that in the Bangalore newspaper, when we played our matches up there, he was described as "the mainstay of the team, etc., etc."

Perhaps Lieut. Stephenson might question this, after a century at Bangalore and making a chanceless 84 and taking 5 wickets for 38 runs in this match *v.* the Madras Cricket Club.

Winning the toss the Regiment batted first. Things went well to begin with and we had 160 on the board for 4 wickets with Lieut. Stephenson 80 not out. After this one or two catastrophies gave the score-board a less happy appearance, for, before we had scored 200, seven wickets had fallen. The tail, however, settled down to it and, thanks to steady batting by Pte. Daly, who held the tail up nobly, and to Dmr. Thompson, who held it up still longer, Pte. Winterburn was able to wag it to great advantage. He finished up with a very gallant 42 not out, which he obtained without giving a chance, and our final score totalled 267.

The Madras Cricket Club were dismissed for 209.

Hard work again fell on Pte. Winterburn, who bowled very well for a long spell and was unlucky to get only two wickets. Lieut. Stephenson was our main wicket-snatcher, getting 5 for 38, and Dmr. Thompson, a recruit in the team this year, also bowled well. The fielding of the team was excellent, and it is only fair to say that everyone on the

side had a good share in a great victory. The score-sheets for this match and another against the Burmah Shell Co. are given below.

The latter match, which was also a win for us, was chiefly notable for an excellent stand for the eighth wicket by Capt. Procter and Pte. Winterburn, who put on just over 50 runs at a time when things were looking black for us. We had 7 wickets down for 61 and most of these were due, to use a military phrase, to accidents of the ground which caused many of the batsmen to learn, or confirm, the fact that the ball is considerably harder than the body. Who says batting is the most enjoyable part of cricket?

Before closing these notes our congratulations are due to Lieut. Stephenson on being chosen to represent the Combined Europeans and Indians of the Madras Presidency versus the Vizianagram's XI, in which match he greatly distinguished himself with a 62 at a very critical stage of the game when 4 wickets had fallen for 8 runs.

We must also congratulate Lieut. Stephenson and Sergt. Kemp on being selected for the Europeans in the Presidency match. The former, besides brilliant fielding, bowled three wickets, caught two, ran out one, and made a splendid century in a record partnership for these matches of 173 runs for the first wicket, 118 of these being made after a long and trying day in the field and off first-rate bowling.

We are now looking forward to our cricket in Khartoum and hope that we may leave there with our colours still flying.

The team chosen for their Colours in 1930-31 was as follows:—

Major Wollocombe, Capt. Procter, Lieuts. Heywood, Gilbert and Else, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, C.Q.M.S. Capel, Sergts. Glover and Kemp, Pte. Winterburn, and Dmr. Thompson.

The result of the Company Cricket League for 1930-31 is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
B Company	...	4	4	0	8
C (M.G.) Company	...	4	3	1	0
H.Q. Wing	...	4	2	2	0
A Company	...	4	0	3	1
D Company	...	4	0	3	1



MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* MADRAS C.C.

Played on January 25th, 1931.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Major Wollocombe lbw b Johnstone	24
Lieut. Heywood b Johnstone	5
Lieut. Stephenson b Johnstone	84
C.Q.M.S. Capel b White	20
Lieut. Gilbert b Johnstone	39
Sergt. Kemp c White b Johnstone	2
Lieut. Else c Mackie b Ward	5
Capt. Procter b Ward	3
Pte. Daly st Patterson b Johnstone	5
Pte. Winterburn not out	42
Dmr. Thompson c Mackie b White	12
Extras	26

Total ... 267

Bowling.—Johnstone, 6 for 58; White, 2 for 44; Ward, 2 for 32.

## MADRAS C.C.

Major Gell c Stephenson b Winterburn	22
P. N. Miller b Daly	23
C. P. Johnstone b Stephenson	74
J. B. Mackie c Capel b Winterburn	3
H. P. Ward c Stephenson b Thompson	18
Capt. White b Stephenson	22
H. B. Moore c and b Thompson	2
R. C. Patterson c Daly b Stephenson	6
R. D. Denniston not out	13
C. B. W. Woodruffe b Stephenson	0
A. Nisbett c Winterburn b Stephenson	4
Extras	22

Total ... 209

Bowling.—Daly, 1 for 40; Winterburn, 2 for 58; Stephenson, 5 for 38; Thompson, 2 for 31.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* BURMAH SHELL C.C.

Played on February 1st, 1931.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Major Wollocombe c Miller b Gopalan	20
Lieut. Heywood b Johnstone	4
Lieut. Stephenson b Gopalan	13
C.Q.M.S. Capel b Johnstone	8
Lieut. Gilbert c Miller b Johnstone	6
Sergt. Kemp b Johnstone	0
Lieut. Else c Johnstone b Gopalan	1
Capt. Procter lbw b Johnstone	25
Sergt. Glover b Johnstone	5
Pte. Winterburn not out	27
Dmr. Thompson b Johnstone	0
Extras	5

Total ... 114

## BURMAH SHELL C.C.

P. N. Miller c Gilbert b Winterburn	12
H. J. Ferguson b Glover	2
C. P. Johnstone c Kemp b Winterburn	1
M. G. Gopalan b Glover	1
H. M. Adya c Kemp b Glover	1
N. R. Ramsay b Stephenson	47
Narayanamsamy c Winterburn b Stephenson	9
J. N. South b Kemp	3
P. B. Scott b Kemp	0
S. L. White not out	0
E. J. Skipp b Stephenson	0
Extras	24

Total ... 100

Bowling.—Winterburn, 2 for 21; Glover, 3 for 11; Stephenson, 3 for 18; Kemp, 2 for 8.

## BOXING.

Since the last publication only one meeting has been held. This was the Inter-Company Novices' Tournament. In the near future the Inter-Company Open Tournament will be held, and the Battalion boxing team is in hard training for the District Tournament.

At the last meeting two belts were won, the light heavy-weight belt won by Bdsn. Gordon, and the welter-weight belt won by L./Cpl. Maunders. There was little opposition to the winners, but we feel all the same that both are worthy belt-holders. May they succeed in defending these successfully.

H.Q. Wing won the Novices' Team Competition by defeating D Company in the finals. The latter defeated C (M.G.) Company by a narrow margin. A Company defeated B, but were knocked out by the ultimate winners in the semi-final.

H.Q. Wing had a well-trained, determined team, and they deserved to win. At the moment they appear to be the keenest company at boxing.

Results of the final of the Novices' Team Boxing:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Wright (H.Q. Wing) beat Pte. Pope (D Company) on points.

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. o8 Smith (D Company) beat L./Cpl. Gatehouse (H.Q. Wing) on points. Dmr. Marsh (H.Q. Wing) beat Pte. Cooper (D Company) on points.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Benham (D Company) beat Dmr. Lewin (H.Q. Wing) on points. Pte. Williams (H.Q. Wing) beat Pte. Ellis (D Company) on points.

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Brewer (D Company) beat Dmr. Doolan (H.Q. Wing) on points. Pte. Bayly (H.Q. Wing) beat Pte. Bull (D Company) on points.

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. Drane (H.Q. Wing) beat Pte. Woodward (D Company), the referee stopping the fight in the first round.

*Light Heavy-weight.*—Cpl. Smith (H.Q. Wing) beat Cpl. Whitcombe (D Company) on points.

Total results: H.Q. Wing, 6 fights; D Company, 3 fights.

## A COMPANY.

We started off the New Year with Company and Battalion Training. This training period was spent in camp at

St. Thomas's Mount, and on its conclusion we marched back to the Fort, there to resume the duties and various employments incidental to our life in Madras. The Company gained the following commendation from the Commanding Officer: "N.C.Os. on the whole showed a marked advance on their standard of training of last year. The keenness and physical fitness of the men and their unfailing good temper are causes for congratulation."

During the camp period we were able to run off all the heats for the Company Athletic Sports which we held on our return to Madras. This meeting was a most successful one. In the team events the platoons finished in the following order: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4. In the individual events Pte. Coker showed us that he can win the 220 Yards as well as the Quarter, Half, Mile and Three Miles.

Other winners were L./Cpl. Hornett (100 Yards), Pte. Cordell (Hurdles), Pte. Palmer (Weight), and Pte. Miller (High and Long Jumps).

In preparation for our move home we introduced, for the first time in the Company Sports, the Pole Vault. Great keenness and interest were shown, and as a result of our training three or four men were able to clear 7 feet at the meeting. Previously, in practice at the mount, Ptes. o9 Brown and 84 Thompson had cleared 10 feet. At our Sports Lieut. Gilbert was the winner with 7 ft. 9 in., and Ptes. Morriss and Palmer tied for second place with 7 ft.

In the Battalion Sports Meeting, which followed shortly after that of the Company, we were successful in winning the Athletic Shield for the third year in succession. In the individual events Pte. Coker won the Mile and Three Miles, and Pte. Woodley the Half. In the team events the Company won the 880 Yards, the Mile, Three Miles, Hurdles, and the Medley Relay. Ptes. Coker, Woodley, Endersby, Sheen, Wallace, Miller, Palmer, Cordell and Makewell, Cpl. Hamblin and L./Cpl. Smith form the backbone of our teams. We look to some of our younger men and our new entry to be ready to step into their places when they leave us.

In our last notes we mentioned that we were in the throes of the Inter-Company Rugger Tournament. We met our old rivals H.Q. Wing in the semi-finals

and were beaten by 14 points to 3 in a most exciting game. We were leading 3—0 at half-time, but in the second half the Wing made rings round our three-quarters. Our scrum, as usual, worked like Trojans and our failure was in no way due to lack of effort on their part.

In the Company Novices' Boxing Team Competition we again encountered H.Q. Wing in the semi-finals, with results equally unfavourable to ourselves. We were represented by Ptes. 33 Carter, 84 Thompson, Tucker, Image, Wallace, Tydeman, Preston and Naulder, and L./Cpl. Darsley. We congratulate the team on the stout work put up by all, and note particularly Ptes. Tydeman and Naulder, whom we expect to see in the Open boxing team in the near future.

In the Battalion second Cross-Country Run we maintained our second place. The Company furnished the winner, Pte. Woodley, and the second, Pte. Coker, with Pte. Endersby seventh. Cpl. Hamblin and Ptes. Sheen and Bannister finished in the first twenty-four and other members of our team, Ptes. Naulder, Orchard, Weaver and Forey, were close up.

In the Battalion Tug-of-War Half-League our team, ably coached by C.S.M. Kent, won all their pulls and head the list. Our first three pulls against H.Q. Wing, B and C (M.G.) Companies were won in convincing fashion. We congratulate D Company on giving us the pull of our lives in the final match; two of the pulls, each of about four minutes' duration, sufficed for our simple needs. Our team consisted of Ptes. Makewell, Potter, Endersby, Le Surf, 92 Carter, Boffee, McDonald and 18 Brown, Cpl. Hows and L./Cpl. Smith.

At the time of writing we tie with H.Q. Wing for the Championship for the sports year 1930-31. Two competitions remain to be decided, the Inter-Company Hockey and the Open Boxing. We hope for success in these events so that we may retain for the second year in succession our title of Champion Company.

## B COMPANY.

Christmas festivities were celebrated at the Fort and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Thanks are due to Shaboodeen who kindly presented a barrel of beer, to the cooks who worked hard and provided an excellent dinner, and also to Sergt. Stacey



and his staff who very ably decorated the dining-hall, which for the second year running was awarded second place in the Battalion competition.

Owing to an outbreak of cholera in January in the vicinity of the Battalion camping ground, the Battalion was forced to carry out its Annual Training at the Mount, while we, less No. 5 Platoon, as previously arranged, remained behind to hold the Fort. The latter marched to the Mount and took over the duties there.

At the end of January the remainder of the Company marched to the Mount for the last time and started training for three weeks, which was unfortunately brought to a sudden close by the calling in of all equipment by the Quartermaster.

This year our cricket team, although without 2/Lieut. Stephenson, were extremely successful and were unbeaten, thus winning the league for the second time in the past four years. The result was chiefly due to the excellent performances of Pte. Winterburn with the ball, and Sergt. Glover and Sergt. Kemp with the bat.

At the beginning of February we held our Company Sports Meeting, but this year it was decided to run it differently from the previous year. There were both individual and team events, prizes being awarded for the individual events only and the Athletic Cup being decided by platoon team events. The individual events were run off on the actual sports day, the results being as follows:—

100 Yards.—1, Sergt. Harper; 2, Sergt. Kemp; 3, Pte. Sayers.

220 Yards.—1, Sergt. Harper; 2, Pte. Sayers; 3, Sergt. Kemp.

440 Yards.—1, Pte. Sayers; 2, Pte. Sims; 3, L./Cpl. Moore.

880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Moore; 2, Pte. Spicer; 3, L./Cpl. Sheffield.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Calcutt; 2, Pte. Spicer; 3, Pte. Laight.

Three Miles.—1, Pte. Calcutt; 2, Pte. 79 Smith; 3, Pte. Laight.

Hurdles.—1, Pte. Cosgrove; 2, Sergt. Kemp; 3, L./Cpl. Treadwell.

Long Jump.—1, Sergt. Kemp; 2, Pte. Cosgrove.

High Jump.—1, Pte. Cosgrove; 2, L./Cpl. Parrish.

Shot.—1, L./Sergt. Harper; 2, Pte. Cosgrove.

C (M.G.) Race.—1, Pte. Warner; 2, Pte. Blow; 3, Pte. Ower.

The team events were run off at a later date and No. 7 Platoon is to be congratulated on winning the cup "in a canter."

A new event was introduced, a Platoon 220 Yards "All In" Relay, which gives an opportunity to every man to help his platoon in winning the cup.

In the Battalion Sports we were placed third for the third successive year. We were certainly not discouraged, as the points obtained were considerably better than last year, and our hopes are raised of obtaining a higher place next year. This will certainly come to pass if we can find even one long-distance runner.

We must congratulate L./Cpl. Parrish on his fine performance in the High Jump. In this event we had the first and second places.

In the Novices' Team Competition we fared none too well, being beaten by A Company. Ptes. Wilder, Stock and Eldridge fought very well. However, we hope to do better in the Open Team Competition. At the eve of writing this L./Sergt. Harper and his team are to be seen every evening training very earnestly and we wish them all success.

As regards hockey, No. 6 Platoon, who have a good side, won the Inter-Platoon Knock-out and so represented the Company in the Battalion Competition. They first met Nos. 1 and 2 Sections of C (M.G.) Company, whom they defeated comparatively easily. In the final they met No. 14 Platoon and defeated them by 3 goals to 1. Congratulations to No. 6 Platoon.

Prior to our move to the Mount we met D Company, the eventual winners, in the Company Rugby Knock-out and were unfortunately beaten by the narrow margin of 7 points to 3. Sergt. Kemp scored our only try. Once again we were not discouraged, and, though the team as a whole lacked combination, there is very promising material available on which to build a fifteen, perhaps for Khar-toum and later when we arrive home.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Kemp on his promotion to Sergeant, to Cpl. Harper on appointment to Lance-Sergeant, and L./Cpl. Livens to Corporal.

Finally we welcome all those old friends who came to us from C (M.G.) Company.



[Photo: Willie Burke.]

B COMPANY CRICKET TEAM.  
Winners Inter-Company League, 1930-31.



and Pte. Byrne, who has just joined us from the Royal Ulster Rifles.

#### C (M.G.) COMPANY.

Christmas Day passed very happily with the usual celebrations, and most of us are glad that it was the last in India. One more in Khartoum and the next at home, we hope.

The C.O. congratulated us on the decorations of the dining-hall and for this we must thank L./Sergt. Trestain and his Committee for their hard work and congratulate them on the talent displayed, especially in the cotton-wool line.

Subalterns of the Company seriously contemplate taking up jobs as bar tenders. Vocational training in this was carried out in no mean way.

Hearty congratulations to the cooks on the excellent meal produced. Few realize the enormous amount of work entailed in getting everything ready, and we hear that no ducks escaped their clutches.

On Boxing Night we had a cheery supper to finish up the season's festivities.

Owing to our annual turn-over, which took place in the last week of January, we had a farewell supper followed by a dance with impromptu turns during the intervals. The new 12/16 fox-trot was much in vogue.

We congratulate our Company football team on their efforts in the Inter-Company League, in which we were second, being unlucky to lose our first game before getting settled down properly.

In the Tug-of-War we were last, but all our pulls were long ones and we have next year in mind.

Ptes. Lawson and Marshall did well to win their weights in the Novices' Boxing and we sympathize with Pte. Blythe for being in hospital at the time.

We welcome Capt. Jones to the Company. It has been rumoured that he is a little heart-broken at the thought of going to Khartoum and thereby parting with his Indian Platoon Accounts.

Capt. Hedgecoe joins us presently and we expect our record time for "Action" to be lowered.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Trestain on his promotion and are sorry to lose Sergt. Nash, who has gone to the Officers' Mess and so to H.Q. Wing.

Lieut. Else returned from the Special Wing, Belgaum, and has put most of us through the gas chamber. Chloro-auteate phenone was the password.

In the Regimental Sports this year we lacked sprinters, but next year, with Cpl. Ramsey and others, we should do very much better.

Owing to the prevalence of cholera, camp was cancelled at the last moment and we carried out our training from barracks. The Company worked very well, and no one thinks twice of making a bound of 2,000 yards, running all the way.

We shall be sorry to part company with our Indian Platoon, who have worked with us happily and well, and we now realize that they are part and parcel of the Company.

Our new Gunners are busy "gun bumping."

There was an epidemic of influenza among horses in Madras this year, but Sergt. Bone bore up manfully under the strain with his well-known cry, "They work better in harness," and we had only a few suffering for a short time with slight coughs.

Snipe shooting has not been up to average, due probably to the cyclone which visited us early in December, but our Company Commander has been holding his gun straight enough this season.

We are now preparing for our move to Khartoum and will not be sorry to miss the coming hot weather here in Madras.

Our Novices' team had been training hard for the Boxing, in which we had expected to do well. We drew D Company, who had a fairly strong team, in the first round.

Pte. Cox (bantam-weight), who had volunteered at the last moment as he was one of the few men who could make the weight, lost to Pte. Pope after a good fight. Ptes. Carter and Parker (feather-weights) had bad luck to lose after hard fights. Barnes (light-weight) then took the ring and was unexpectedly defeated on points, after giving an excellent display of endurance.

Having lost four of the fights we were unable to lose another without losing the match. Marshall, Livens and Cpl. Johnson then won their fights by means of constant attacks and straight lefts. Lawson finished his man with some really hard knocks. This left the final fight

between Pte. Nicholls, of C (M.G.) Company, and Cpl. Whitcombe to be the deciding bout.

Both men went in fast and furious. Pte. Nicholls unfortunately failed to guard a lucky blow to the jaw, which put him out for the count.

The Company were bitterly disappointed at their defeat, but they hope to do better in future.

The Open Boxing Competition is coming off soon and we are entering the same team, with the exception of the bantam-weight.

#### D COMPANY.

Although the writer of these notes has been away from the Battalion for the greater part of the past quarter he has not found their compilation too difficult, owing to a judicious use of alternatives and to a sound knowledge of the system on which the writing of company notes is based.

The Company left the Mount (Fort) late in January and are now happily settled down in the Fort (Mount). We are all appreciating our stay in the great city (open spaces) after our lengthy sojourn in the great open spaces (city). During the past quarter we have done remarkably well at football (hockey, cricket), and are determined to do equally well at cricket (hockey, football), and even better at hockey (football, cricket). In fact, we may say without boasting that we are the best (worst) company in the Battalion. We welcome the return of Capt. Kempster (Hedgecoe) to the Company, while at the same time we deplore the loss of Capt. Hedgecoe (Kempster).

We will now turn to the serious side of things.

Since the last Journal notes we have had our Novices' Boxing Meeting. D Company were runners-up to H.Q. Wing, to whom we lost by 3 fights to 6. The winners on the final night were Ptes. 08 Smith, Brewer and Benham. The remaining members of the team fought extremely well, and in one or two cases were unlucky to lose. They were Ptes. Pope, Cooper, Ellis, Bull and Woodward, and Cpl. Whitcombe.

The Company has changed considerably during the past three months. We have lost many old friends, who have left us

on the expiration of their Colour service, while others have gone to C (M.G.) Company on the annual turn-over. In exchange C Company has presented us with some of their experts who, we hope, will not consider it beneath their dignity to assist us in forming our new "hand-gun" sections when we come upon the Colonial Establishment. Several promotions have also taken place, and we congratulate the recipients of these honours.

We managed to win the Inter-Company Rugger Knock-out after a hard struggle with H.Q. Wing.

The Company Sports were held on the Island in February, when Cpl. Ramsey won the Victor Ludorum Cup presented by the officers of the Company.

S. T. C.

#### H.Q. WING.

The past quarter has been full of interest as regards both work and games. We have been busy preparing for the move and have been engaged in a multitude of various tournaments in order that the Company Championship for the year may be completed before we leave India. We are at present running well in this, and we hope to be a good second again, if not top.

Our last notes were written just before Christmas. H.Q. Wing dining-hall presented a very animated appearance during this period and our thanks are due to Sergt. Ingle, Pte. Such and other willing helpers, as a result of whose invention and resource the Decorations Cup was again won by the Wing.

A few nights afterwards a successful supper was held for those who had represented us in the Novices' Boxing Tournaments.

Owing to the cancellation of camp the Signals and Intelligence Sections did their training from St. Thomas's Mount, and the latter did not after all have the pleasure of "dodging the column" through Guindy Park again. The Signals' collective test was held at the conclusion of training, with highly satisfactory results.

Both our cricket and football teams rather disappointed us and should each have been one place higher in their respective leagues, but we hope for better things next time. The Rugger Tourn-

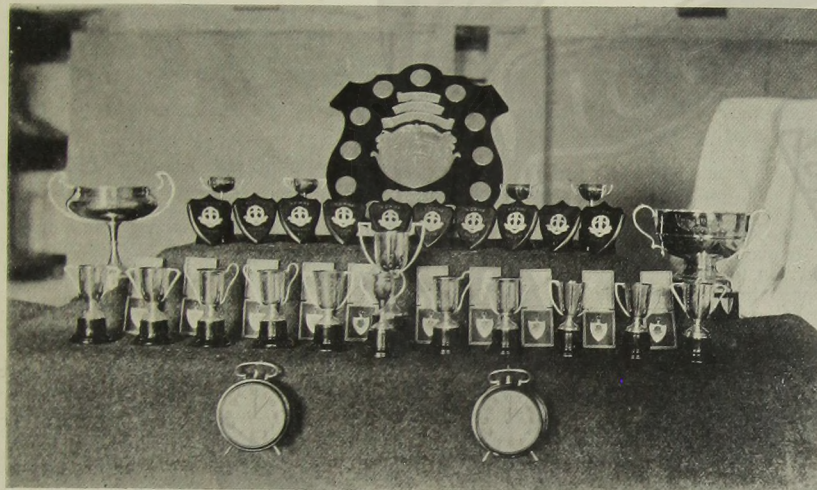


ment was also rather disappointing; we at last managed to beat our old rivals, A Company, by a substantial margin, Bdsn. Knights, Bdsn. Gilbert (an excellent dropped goal) and Lieut. Stephenson scoring. But in the final our team, who were much stronger on paper, never got going properly against D Company and were beaten by a try to nil. The scrum rarely got the ball and the three-quarters had few chances.

The Signal Section moved from the

smith's Long Jump of 20 ft. 6 in. It was very pleasant to see Gower win some more cups before he left us, but he was beaten in the 100 Yards by Bdsn. Knights who is becoming a very strong and determined runner. (It would not be out of place here also to congratulate the latter on his successful first appearance in the Battalion soccer team.)

In the Battalion Sports held soon afterwards we were the leading company most of the way through, but lost our place



H.Q. WING SPORTS PRIZES AND BOXING SHIELD,  
PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN PROCTER.

Mount to Fort St. George on January 28th, and shortly afterwards H.Q. Wing Sports were held on the Island. The contest for the Inter-Group Athletics Cup proved very close between the Signals and the Band, and was in doubt until the last event, in which Bdsn. Gilbert ensured the cup for the Band by a well-judged effort in the Half-Mile. Mention should also be made of Pte. Such's success in Putting the Weight, for which he received a special cup for the best individual performance, presented by the Drum-Major and Band Sergeant, and of Bdsn. Gold-

on the last event. As we had lost two of our best sprinters this result was by no means disappointing as compared to last year. To come to actual performances, Pte. Such won the Individual Weight, and he and L./Cpl. Parker the team event. Bdsn. Goldsmith and Lieut. Stephenson won the Long Jump, and the former made the best individual jump, though he did not repeat his performance in the Wing Sports. Our team—Capt. Procter, Bdsn. Knights, Bdsn. Goldsmith and Dmr. Thompson—won the 400 Yards Relay, and Knights the Individual 220

Yards, while we were second in the Hurdles Relay and High Jump.

High praise is also due to our long-distance teams: Pte. Walker, Bdsn. Gilbert, Dmr. Marsh, Ptes. Drane and Clarke, who, without a hope of winning, plodded manfully round and round the track and in each case improved on last year's results. The word "plod" should not be used perhaps as regards Walker, as he is a greatly improved runner from last year.

as most of our team were found by the Band, who get little chance of outdoor training. Walker and Gilbert were a little off colour, the former with a bad foot and the latter with fever coming on, but two men—Dmrs. Marsh and Drane—particularly improved on past performances.

Before closing we would like to wish the very best of luck to R.S.M. and Mrs. Cox, who are both very much missed. Besides his other manifold activities, the



H.Q. WING TEAM.  
Winners Novices' Team Boxing, 1930-31.

[Photo: Willie Burke.]

The Novices' Team Boxing this year was won by the Wing, the names of the team, who fulfilled the promise of past Novices' Tournaments, being included in the Boxing Notes. Sergt. Walker, as trainer, is to be congratulated. The result was most satisfactory, being due to continued training and keenness on the part of all the team, who well displayed the value of the "team spirit."

In the Cross-Country Run, held recently at St. Thomas's Mount, we again finished third. The result was not disappointing,

advice and assistance of the R.S.M. were invaluable as regards sports. We are sorry to say good-bye to several other valued members of the Wing: Bdsn. Gower, whose running has in the past assisted so materially towards success in the Battalion Sports; Pte. Wiggett, Wing Clerk from 1927 to 1930; Ptes. Blatchford, 21 Smith and Fisk of the Signals, and L./Cpl. Bowers of the Pioneers' Shop. We wish them all the best of luck in civil life, and also Dmr. Faulkner, who has gone to the United Kingdom for Voca-



tional Training. We are also very sorry to lose Sergt. Ingle, the Pioneer Sergeant, who has left us for employment in the Barracks Department in the North of India.

### DRUMS.

By the time these notes appear in print we all hope to be settled down in our new station. We are now busily studying the book of rules on the move. One

has been the Novices' Team Competition. Once again we came up to scratch by having four Drummers in H.Q. Wing's winning team of nine, besides Dmr. Stanford as reserve. We congratulate the team and trainer on the work they must have put in to win this competition.

The Drums and Employed Group have already won the Inter-Group Boxing, Hockey and Football Shields this year, while we tied with the Band for the Games Shield, presented by Major Browne, for



[Photo: Willie Burke.]

THE DRUMS. 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)  
Outside the Wallajah Gate, Fort St. George, Madras.

item of interest states that we must walk about in bare feet whilst on board ship. We are wondering if any of the Drummers will say anything if they tread on lighted cigarette ends during practice. We have heard from the Drum-Major of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, stationed at Khartoum, giving us a brief description of the place, and from what he says we are hoping to have some keen games of sport between the two Corps of Drums.

As regards sport the chief event recently—as far as the Drums are concerned—

last season. The west wall of the Drums Room looks like a minor edition of Mappin & Webb's front window at present.

We are sorry to have lost Dmr. Faulkner, who has gone to the United Kingdom for Vocational Training, and wish him the best of luck.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Gatehouse on his appointment and hope he succeeds in climbing the ladder.

Dmr. Jones was selected for the Battalion football team in the Madras Gym-

khana Tournament and shows promising form for the future. Dmr. Thompson has had to go into hospital for an operation on his hand. We hope this will not affect his cricket, as he has been doing well with the Battalion team lately.

We are glad to have Dmrs. MacEnery and Kelly with us for a few more years, and are sure that they could have done worse than sign on.

We are very glad now to have all our attached Drummers transferred perman-

### BAND GROUP.

Since our last contribution to this page quite a lot has happened in our little world.

First and foremost we must speak of our performance in the Wing Sports, when we showed our form to advantage in everything, even going as far as to win the Ladies' Race, in which the wife of L./Cpl. Hathaway was first.

Bdsn. Knights and Goldsmith gave the Wing a surprise which they had been



[Photo: News Agency, Madras.]

BAND. 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.)

ently to the Wing. Apart from other advantages this enables them to get more regular games.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing our late R.S.M. and his wife the very best of luck in their new sphere.

Before closing we thank the officers of the Wing for the great interest they take in sports, thus enabling the Wing to come up to such a high standard of late. We would also like to thank our late Adjutant, Lieut. Walden, for remembering the Drums at the New Year.

saving up for them, and I believe a lot of people are under the impression that the "Dragon" is Spring-heeled Jack back to life again.

In the longer distances the Great "Brewer" put up a very good performance and proved very valuable, as his running showed what could be done by training and the determination to win. His running in the Mile gave everybody a surprise, and a very welcome one to us.

The "Madras Citizens" were unfortunate in not getting a couple of "pots"



to show the "Eastern beauties." But they will be able to do better next time, as it was a near thing for them, as Micky Read showed good form, and Hookey was only just behind him, although he is still under the impression that someone hid away the bell in the Three Miles.

We ended up by collecting the cup for the Inter-Group Athletics, although it was a tight finish with our old friends the Signals, who had just returned from the Mount. They will be after our blood (and cup) at the next sports meeting (to say nothing of the fact that we are going to take the Cross-Country Clock from them; so they had better look at it).

We also had a half-share with the D.'s and E. Group with the Games Shield. Our wall is gradually getting covered with trophies.

On February 5th we lost one of the old members of the Band, Bdsn. Gower, who left us for civil life. He has been with us for twelve years and we are very sorry to lose him. He will be greatly missed, both in the musical line and on the sports field. His record of sports was mentioned in our last notes.

We are now in the midst of getting packed for the Sudan and casting all our old stuff (about time too). And we are looking forward still more to when we pack up for the move after that, when we return to the land of fog and week-ends. Of course there will be a certain amount of grief at parting with Madras, as all thoughts of the Moffussil will go to the board.

Our next contribution to the Journal will be from the Sudan—and perhaps we shall be able to tell how we are getting on as a mounted band on camels, but we will wait and see.

GRANF'.

#### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Did "Capt. Smith" enjoy his taxi ride home? And where did he find all those soldier's clothes?

Will Edgar Wallace write a new book entitled "Who was the Fifth Person?"

If "Jack Hylton's Specials" are enjoying their new engagements of eleven calls a day?

#### SIGNAL SECTION NOTES.

As a rule one has to wade through diaries, etc., to find the most interesting events of the past quarter. The exception proves the rule, and this quarter has proved the exception.

Christmas is naturally regarded as the jolliest affair, and last year the Section, although suffering from lack of funds (we have all joined the A.S.A.), had a really good show and one that will be long remembered.

Boxing Day, as usual, was the Red Letter Day, and the Section created a record, for we were honoured by the presence of *four* Signalling Officers at our tea-table, namely, Capt. Hedgecoe, Lieut. Clarke, Lieut. Heywood and 2/Lieut. Stephenson (our present Signal Officer), as well as Capt. Jones. Several snaps were taken during the festivities, but for some reason or other the cameras seemed to go wrong. Perhaps it is not quite fair to blame the cameras, but—well, as I said before, everybody had a jolly good time. The route march the following morning was rather warm work, but everybody agrees that it was worth it.

Collective Test was the next important affair. We have not received the report yet, but things seemed to go with a swing, and we feel confident that the Section earned a report equally as good as, if not better than, last year's.

We are now anxiously awaiting the Battalion move to Khartoum. We are told that the climate of the Sudan is even hotter than that of India.

Busty Bullock is "sweating" on losing a lot of weight there. We are not quite sure whether he is being a bit of an optimist, but we have noticed that he has purchased a number of drill shorts much too narrow round the waist to fit him as he stands at present. Sorry, Busty, it was too good to miss.

Several of the Section have recently left us for England. We hope they prosper in "Civvy Street," and that when they are having a pennyworth on the bus to work they will sometimes think of us "shanking" it through the sands.

The Section gained second place in the Wing Sports this year. We especially congratulate Pte. 90 Walker on winning the One Mile and Three Miles and 880 Yards events; a very excellent effort.

In closing, we bid India a fond farewell and hope soon to be able to say the same to the Sudan. Rather a premature thought, admitted, but there is no harm in being an optimist.

TUNINE.

#### INTELLIGENCE SECTION NOTES.

Since our last notes were written the Section has had an enjoyable time doing training for three weeks at the Mount. The original site selected for the camp could not be used and so we occupied one of the Signal Section's barrack rooms, which was very satisfactory.

We made use of cycles during the training and we would like to thank one of our number for the good work done by him in the repair of countless punctures, etc. If it had not been for him some of us would probably still be wandering about the wilds of India.

Night operations were frequently carried out at the Mount. It is believed that one of the Section is very fond of long night marches on compass bearings; so much so that on one occasion he went right out into the blue and then played hide-and-seek with himself round the aeroplane sheds. There were very nearly some cases to be treated at the M.I. Room on his return.

Some members of the Section stayed behind after training was finished and helped the Signals by writing messages for transmission during their Collective Test. One of the youngest of them had rather a shock when he found he was appointed O.C. C (M.G.) Company.

As regards sport, we provided three of the competitors and the reserve for the H.Q. Wing team which won the Novices' Boxing, and all of them did well.

We have not played any games as a Section so far, but a certain Platoon Commander has recently challenged us to a game of cricket, so we will soon be able to record our first win.

Two group photographs were recently taken of the Section. The first looked like a page from the *Police Gazette* and was not an advertisement for the Intelligence Officer (or anybody else), but the second, taken later to disprove this pictorial lie, proved far more successful. Dmr. Doolan even had a smile on his face.

We hope to continue our notes from Khartoum where we expect to do a lot more training, though no doubt the sand will prove rather a handicap. It will, however, be softer for Dmr. Lewin to fall on off his bicycle than the Chingleput Road.

C. G.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS.

It is many months since we have forwarded any notes for inclusion in the Regimental Journal—for what particular reason it is not quite clear. However, no inquests. We must endeavour to redeem our reputation in this and future contributions.

We have had several new members in the Mess since our last notes—too many to enumerate in detail—and we must content ourselves with congratulating them all together.

We have also had a few losses and one notable one in particular, namely, R.S.M. S. A. Cox. He left us on February 5th to take his discharge prior to taking up an appointment as Quartermaster in the Territorial Army. We miss him sadly and there seems to be an influence and atmosphere, which were formerly so familiar, missing in the Mess. He and Mrs. Cox had a splendid send-off. They left by an early morning train, and the whole Mess, as well as many of the officers and a few ladies, turned out to wish them good luck. We gave them a farewell social in the Mess on the Saturday before they left, and took the opportunity of presenting them with a silver salver with the names of all the members of the Mess engraved thereon—just a little memento from us all. We should like to take this chance of wishing them again the best of good luck in their new sphere, and of assuring them how much we really miss them in the Mess and in the Battalion. However, we are bound to meet them both again on many occasions when the Battalion goes home.

Our New Year's Dinner and Dance was a distinct success. The dinner was held in the Mess and the dance in the Gymnasium, as the Mess was too small to permit of comfortable dancing. The well-delivered after-dinner speeches included one from the Bandmaster, who made particular reference to the going of



the R.S.M. and his wife, and wished them God-speed. He also proposed a toast to them both at the conclusion of his speech. The dance was very enjoyable and was attended by the officers and several civilian friends.

The annual shoot for the Kent Cup was held at the Mount Rifle Range in November last. The cup was gained by Sergt. Green, but the Wooden Spoon was not awarded for this year, as there were several potential spoon-winners who either could not or (never let it be said) would not attend the shoot.

We played a tennis match with the Officers at the Fort in December with the following results:—

Officers, 8 sets, 80 games; Sergeants, 8 sets, 75 games.

We feel inclined to congratulate ourselves on this result which is really very good considering the usual standard of tennis maintained by the officers.

The following comprised the team:—

R.S.M. Cox and C.Q.M.S. Capel.  
C.S.M. Kent and Sergt. Sherriff.  
C.S.M. Colbourne and C.Q.M.S. West.  
C.Q.M.S. Hills and Sergt. Copelin.

The Battalion Sports have just been concluded. C.S.M. Kent brought off the Veterans' Race (poor old man!); and Sergts. Mewett and Knighton obtained first and second place in the Sergeants' Race.

The whole Battalion is of course busy preparing for the move to the Sudan, and the Sergeants' Mess will soon have to be packing up. The Packing Committee has already volunteered, although they will not have a great deal to pack. We have been successful in selling most of our property to the Ulster Rifles, who are relieving us in Madras. We have heard from the Warwicks at Khartoum, and, according to the list of articles they have for sale, the Sergeants' Mess portion of Khartoum does not seem to be such a bad little place at all. Such things as a decent tennis court, a miniature golf course, and a lawn with overhead lights (for the hot weather) will all help towards the year we are due to spend in the Sudan passing as quickly as possible. We are told there is also a Battalion golf course which is used a lot by the Sergeants' Mess. C.S.M. Palmer had better get

busy and prepare his list of pupils beforehand.

We shall be glad to leave this place, if only for the reason that the Mess is split up into two, and this does not help towards mutual entertainment. It has been very difficult to get the Mess together while we have been in Madras and to get going on the social side. We shall be all together in Khartoum and are looking forward to some jolly times as one complete Mess.

Before concluding our contribution to this issue we should like to inquire if it is correct that the S.I.M. was found guilty of a dirty barrel on the C.C.M.A.'s inspection, and also who was the C.Q.M.S. who had a rusty bayonet?

W. F.

#### NIGHT OPERATIONS.

Operations done at night  
In a dim and eerie light  
Are a strange, uncanny sight  
(Or would be, if were visible).  
Soldiers creep on tip of toe,  
Ev'ry movement very slow,  
Sergeant-Majors whisper low,  
The whole effect is risible.

The Captain sat in his office chair  
And said to his subalterns gathered there  
"When day doth fade  
We'll all parade,  
From me down to junior Lance-Corporal  
(Unpaid);  
And lower than that, the Privates too  
Will also appear at the rendezvous;  
You, Smith, will go ahead by day  
And to this place will make your way.  
See, here's the map, the spot we'll strive  
To find's the well in X eight five.  
The Company moves off at seven  
And if we don't find you by eleven  
You then will fire a Very light  
And cast aside the veil of night.  
Now, Jones, you will take command and  
please pay  
Particular care that you don't go astray."

'Tis seven p.m.  
So look at them,  
There's Jones in command of the soldiers  
*pro tem*.  
Orders he gives in whispers hoarse,  
And stealthily creeps off the force,

While Jones, on a plan he's been preparing,  
Leads them away on a compass bearing.

We'll skip a little time. It's midnight  
past,  
The Company's still marching, though it's  
limp,  
The Captain's liver throbs, just hear him  
blast  
The universe at large, and Jones, poor  
simp,  
Collects a bunch of raspberries on his  
own  
In recognition of the crassness shown.

The Captain shouts "Now look at the  
clock, it  
Is getting damned late"; so out of his  
pocket  
He pulls out a torch, switches on, gives  
a yell,  
For within twenty yards of them looms  
up the well.  
A little dark object is seen on the brink,  
A man picks it up, "'Tis a pistol, I  
think,"  
Says he, and the soldiers swarm round in  
alarm,  
For if this is Smith's pistol then he's  
come to harm.

A gurgling is heard from the depths of  
the ground,  
"Quick, let down a rope, if you don't  
want me drowned!"  
The soldiers rush up and peer into the  
well,  
They see a dim figure, but whose they  
can't tell.  
With their souls sick with horror they  
break the intelligence  
To the Captain, who fearfully giving the  
well a glance,  
Cries, "Where are you, Smith, are you  
dead or alive?"  
And the answer floats up, "Down the  
well X eight five."

S. J. C.

#### REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on January 28th, 1931.

Present:—

Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair), Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D., Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary), Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C. (representing 2nd Battalion), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley, C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. J. Warren, and the Assistant Secretary.

The following officers were elected for 1931:—

*Chairman*.—Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.

*Vice-Chairman*.—O.C. Depot (Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.).

*Hon. Secretary*.—O.C. Depot (Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.).

*Hon. Treasurer*.—Lieut.-Col. F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

*Standing Sub-Committee*.—Chairman: O.C. Depot (Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O.); Members: R.S.M. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Pilley and Mr. E. J. Warren.

*Entertainment Sub-Committee*.—Chairman: Mr. F. E. Holmes; Members: R.S.M. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Pilley, Mr. W. Blackwood, and Mr. E. J. Warren, with power to co-opt.

The approval of the *ex-officio* members for the election of the undermentioned new members was announced:—

Capt. H. E. Foster, *vice* Col. G. B. Lempriere, retired under Rule V, 1 (b).

Mr. W. Blackwood, *vice* Mr. A. F. C. Purcell, resigned.

C.Q.M.S. L. Clarke, *vice* C.Q.M.S. S. F. Steadman, posted to 1st Battalion.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring members for their valuable services, and this was agreed to unanimously.

The accounts for 1930 were considered and passed, subject to the receipt of the auditors' certificate.

The draft of the Annual Report for 1930 was considered and passed.

A letter from the 20th (Shoreditch) Battalion Old Comrades Association requesting to be affiliated was read. This was agreed to unanimously, and the new branch was cordially welcomed.



A vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary (Major Pargiter), the Hon. Treasurer (Lieut.-Col. Steed), and the Assistant Secretary (Major Amor) for their work during the past year was proposed by the Chairman and carried unanimously.

[The foregoing notes were inadvertently omitted from the February issue.—ED.]

### DEPOT NOTES.

OUR congratulations to Cpl. Sneesby on obtaining "Distinguished" at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

All Ranks' Dances were successfully held on February 4th and 25th, and on March 25th, and whist drives for Depot Staff and Recruits on February 5th and 19th and on March 19th.

Concerts were given by the N.A.A.F.I. Imperial Players on January 23rd and February 28th.

On March 5th practically the whole of the Depot were present at the Royal Albert Hall to witness the Army Boxing Championships.

During the Easter period we were glad to welcome the 8th Battalion, who carried out Easter training at Mill Hill.

The Ladies' Social Club are to be congratulated on a very successful fancy-dress dance held on January 21st. The Club seems to be going very well and the building is becoming more comfortably furnished.

On February 14th Mons Squad proceeded to Colchester to join the 1st Battalion.

### SHOOTING.

The Depot again entered a team for the Army Small Bore Team Competition, and were placed 17th out of a total Army entry of 187 teams. Practically all depots entered for this competition, and it is interesting and satisfactory to note that we headed the list of depots in the Eastern Command. Our placing was 17th and score 1,733.

### BOXING.

A Boxing Tournament was held in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 3rd, and Thursday, February 5th. Altogether sixty-two entries were received, fifty-three of which were from recruits. This

meant that most of the recruits in the Depot took part and some keen and interesting boxing was seen. One very pleasing feature of the tournament was the fighting spirit displayed throughout, and this fully compensated for the lack of knowledge and experience on the part of the losers.

The results were as follows:—

#### RECRUITS.

*Bantam-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Smith (Ladysmith); runner-up, Pte. Wyllie (Ladysmith).

*Feather-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Hodley (Mons); runner-up, Pte. Brittain (Nivelle).

*Light-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Hedges (Mons); runner-up, Pte. Carnaby (Mons).

*Intermediate-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Oxley (Mons); runner-up, Pte. Puddifoot (Nivelle).

*Welter-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Mallard (Mons); runner-up, Pte. East (Ypres).

*Middle-weight.*—Winner, Pte. Heath (Nivelle); runner-up, Pte. Cox (Ypres).

#### DEPOT STAFF.

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Knight.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Mann.

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Jones.

*Middle-weight.*—Pte. Westgarth.

Good losers' prizes were awarded to Ptes. Aylott (Mons), Coulson (Mons) and Shaw (Ypres).

The Area Inter-Depot Team Championship took place at Kingston-on-Thames on Friday, February 20th, and in this we finished runners-up to the Depot The Queen's Royal Regiment. All members of the team fought well and, considering the small numbers available and eligible to select a team from—Mons Squad had just previously left on posting to the 1st Battalion—it was a very creditable performance.

The following were the final placings:

	<i>Pts.</i>
1. Depot Queen's Royal Regt. ...	21
2. Depot Middlesex Regt. ...	20
3. Depot East Surrey Regt. ...	18
4. Depot Royal Fusiliers ...	16
5. Depot Royal Sussex Regt. ...	15

The Command Inter-Depot Team Championship took place at Bury St. Edmunds on Friday, March 13th, and the Queen's Royal Regiment and ourselves represented the Area. On this occasion, in spite of extra training, we did not do

so well as at Kingston. It seemed that most of our boxers suffered from nerves, and the team on the whole lacked that offensive spirit which is so essential to success in boxing, and we paid the penalty. However, valuable experience has been gained, and there is no doubt that those who took part will derive considerable benefit.

The final placings of the teams were:—

	<i>Pts.</i>
1. Depot Queen's Royal Regt. ...	24
2. Depot Royal West Kent Regt. ...	22
3. Depot Norfolk Regt. ...	13
Depot Bedfs. and Herts Regt. ...	13
5. Depot Middlesex Regt. ...	12
6. Training Battalion, R.E. ...	11

Pte. Dowell is to be congratulated on winning his weight in both the Area and Command Tournaments. He was the outstanding boxer at both meetings, and should be a useful member of the Battalion team later on. At present he lacks self-confidence, and needs to be kept going by his seconds, but he should overcome this with more experience. Pte. Foster is also to be complimented on his efforts. He was runner-up of his weight at Kingston, where he boxed really well, but he failed to do himself justice at Bury St. Edmunds. When he learns to attack more and to "keep at" his opponent he should be useful.

The team which represented the Depot was as follows:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Smith (Ladysmith).

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Brittain (Nivelle).

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Dowell (Nivelle); reserve, Pte. Richardson (Ladysmith).

*Intermediate-weight.*—Pte. Osborne (Ladysmith).

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Foster (Ladysmith).

### FOOTBALL.

The football season is now rapidly drawing to a close. Depot matches were finished some time ago. On the whole we have had a disappointing season, and this has largely been due to the fact that our team has never been really settled, and that our talent is limited. The team has, however, improved considerably since the commencement of the season, and those recruits who have played in it have undoubtedly gained a lot of experi-

ence, which should be useful later on. Perhaps our best performance of the season was to defeat Highgate School 2nd XI. Highgate at present is one of the leading soccer-playing schools in the country, and our team quickly adapted themselves to a style of play quite different from that which they usually meet with. After being a goal down, they outplayed the School and won 6-2.

The results of matches played since the last Journal notes were published are as follows:—

#### DEPOT TEAM.

- v. R.A.F., Stanmore (away), lost 0-6.
- v. Depot The Royal Fusiliers (away), lost 0-6.
- v. R.A.F., Northolt (home), won 2-0.
- v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment (home), lost 3-6.
- v. Highgate School 2nd XI (away), won 6-2.
- v. R.A.F., Stanmore (home), lost 2-4.
- v. R.A.F., Northolt (away), lost 3-8.

#### RECRUITS' TEAM.

- v. Depot The Royal Fusiliers (home), won 9-0.
- v. Depot The East Surrey Regiment (away), won 2-1.

Played, 15; won, 6; lost, 9; goals for, 48; goal against, 56.

A great deal of interest is now being shown in the Inter-Ranks' League, and at present it looks as though the Depot Staff will win it, although they are not finding it easy to do so. The Corporals and Ypres Squad are still in the running, but the Depot Staff have a better-balanced team and should end up as winners.

F. W.

### SERGEANTS' MESS.

Our recollections of the first quarter of the New Year are, on the whole, pleasant, due no doubt to the series of functions which we "encountered."

We opened the quarter with a whist drive and dance, which was well patronized. The following were the prize-winners:—

*Ladies.*—1, Mrs. O'Brien; 2, Mrs. Smith; 3, Mrs. Steward.

*Gents.*—1, S./Sergt. White (R.A.S.C.); 2, L./Sergt. O'Brien; 3, S./Instr. Smith.



Congratulations to Sergts. Brockman and Buckle who during the quarter have qualified at Woolwich to perform minor operations on our most faithful of friends, the rifle.

Our congratulations also to Sergt. Soper on the birth of a son on January 29th, 1931.

During the month of February we held a very successful dance in the N.A.A.F.I. Lecture Room. Minor injuries and other casualties caused Mist Alba to be in great demand the following morning.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt sympathies with the widow of the late L./Sergt. G. Goss, who passed away on January 22nd, 1931.

During the past six weeks we have been trying to finish a Billiard Handicap. Up to the time of completing these notes the final has not been played, so the result will have to await the next issue.

On going to press the result of the Handicap is to hand. R.S.M. Mantell beat Mr. Marriott on the draw.

On March 22nd the Corporals entertained the Mess to a Billiard and Snooker Tournament, the match taking place in our Mess. We owe our victory in this tournament to the presence of our old playmate and friend, Cardinal Pouf, who by the time the evening was waning had so bemuddled the mind and sight of our opponents that victory was inevitable for us.

In the realms of the football world we are going great guns. To date we have played three matches in the Depot League, winning two and drawing one, and scoring 14 goals against 1. At present we are second in the league with high hopes of finishing on top, as we have three games in hand. For the purposes of this league the Officers and Sergeants combine and make one team.

During the past quarter the Mess has seen many changes. C.S.M. Cook and Sergt. Hazeldine have gone to prepare the way for the 2nd Battalion in the Sudan, and Sergts. Tisdale and Soper and L./Sergt. Holt have gone to join the 1st Battalion at Colchester. We welcome the following members in their places: C.S.M. Hart, Sergt. Sadler, and L./Sergts. Glover and Paterson.

Congratulations to L./Sergt. Chasney on his appointment.

#### CORPORALS' CLUB.

Since the last issue we have been going strong in the sporting and social line, and the quarter has been really bright with dances, football and billiards.

By the time these notes appear we shall have won the Inter-Mess Football Championship by sheer bounce. The Officers and Sergeants team will resent this, but we are prophets.

Our billiard table being *hors-de-combat*, we gave the Sergeants an "At Home" in their own Mess.

Billiards and snooker was the object of the affair, but Cardinal Pouf butted in and proved an easy favourite, putting a "damper" on the games in more senses than one.

The billiards and snooker victims may be found in the Sergeants' Notes. The Cardinal Pouf victims could be found in the Corporals' Club every night until pay day came again.

We have had some good games of billiards and snooker in the Privates' Mess since our table "conked out," and honours are even between the Depot Staff and ourselves.

A ping-pong contest is being staged. The rumours about a Bouncers' Competition are unfounded, as we know the winner before he starts.

Pink is leaving us for the Pay Corps on April 8th. We extend a glad hand to Cpls. Newstead, Cooper and Payne and L./Cpl. Maloney, all here for a tour of duty.

Alfie has gone on a Vocational Training Course at Aldershot. We wish him the best of luck in "Civvie Street."

The cricket and tennis season is almost on us now and we hope to be well represented this year.

Congratulations to "Chas" on being made Lance-Sergeant.

We intend to start an "Answers to Correspondents" section, which we hope will be found both interesting and instructive.

AUNT NELL.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No, Blanco; "Penelope" does not rhyme with "Envelope."



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1st BATTALION DRUMS AT THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE  
L./SERGT. G. E. H. GOSS.



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THE DEPOT PARTY AT THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE  
L./SERGT. G. E. H. GOSS.



## SOCIAL CLUB.

The Social Club and Welfare Centre has made great strides and has become a very successful institution. The Club room looks like home now with its traditional furniture.

A lending library has been the latest addition and has been used by practically all members.

During the quarter several Club functions have taken place with great success, and among these the most successful was a fancy-dress dance, which was held on January 21st, at which Major and Mrs. Pargiter attended and kindly consented to judge the costumes.

The successful competitors among the ladies were Miss Hayden, who obtained first prize as "A Spanish Lady"; Mrs. Wright as a "Bisto Kid," and Mrs. Lyons, who represented the old time-honoured fatigue "Sano." Among the gentlemen were Sergt.-Instr. Paterson, who secured the laurels as "A Roman Soldier," R.S.M. Mantell, who obtained second prize as "A Cup-tie Result," and Mr. Banfield as "Old Bill."

A pleasant social afternoon was held on January 29th, at which tea was supplied.

The whist drive held on February 18th was very successful as far as entertainment went, but the numbers in attendance were not so good owing to the inclement weather. The prize-winners on this occasion were:—

*Ladies.*—Mrs. Steward and Mrs. Smith.

*Gentlemen.*—Sergt. Shaw and Mr. Kerswill.

## GAZETTE.

## MARRIAGE.

OLIVER—PHILLIPS.—On April 16th, 1930, at Barnet, 6198243 L./Cpl. P. Oliver to Mary Annie Phillips.

## TRANSFERS TO THE ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned were transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, on dates shown:—

6193503 Cpl. J. Chester (2/1/31); 6195686 Cpl. J. Smith (16/3/31); 738197 Cpl. J. Balls (16/3/31); 6195646 L./Cpl. S. Cope-lin (16/3/31); 1031226 L./Cpl. G. Hornett (16/3/31); 730659 L./Cpl. W. Bowers (16/3/31).

## DISCHARGE.

6188655 R.S.M. S. Cox, discharged under K.R. 370 (xxi), on 17/3/31.

## POSTINGS.

6196636 L./Sergt. E. Paterson, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 7/1/31 for a tour of duty.

6189440 L./Sergt. R. Glover, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 10/1/31 for a tour of duty.

2203910 L./Sergt. C. Soper, posted to 1st Battalion on 10/1/31.

6197619 Cpl. A. Lawrence posted to 1st Battalion on 2/2/31.

6191066 C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M., and 6191047 Sergt. E. Hazeldine, embarked at Southampton on board H.T. *Somerset-shire* for passage to the Sudan, 18/2/31; posted to 2nd Battalion accordingly.

6198740 Cpl. V. Cooper, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 3/3/31 for a tour of duty.

6196354 Cpl. A. Coulling, posted to 1st Battalion on 3/3/31.

6188948 Cpl. G. Newstead and 6198025 Cpl. F. Payne, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 14/3/31 for a tour of duty.

6196846 L./Sergt. W. Holt and 6196642 Cpl. F. Brightman, posted to 1st Battalion on 14/3/31.

6188455 Sergt. W. Sadler, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 17/2/31 for a tour of duty.

6192161 Sergt. H. Tisdale, posted to 1st Battalion on 17/2/31.

6193916 L./Cpl. P. Maloney, posted to Depot from 1st Battalion on 23/3/31 for a tour of duty.

6197916 L./Cpl. W. Pinkney, posted to 1st Battalion on 4/4/31.

## SERVICE.

6192072 Sergt. B. Brockman, re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 15/1/31, for such a period as shall complete 21 years' service.

## PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENTS.

3233706 L./Cpl. W. Snell, promoted Corporal, w.e.f. 10/1/31.

6192053 Cpl. F. Chasney, appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, w.e.f. 14/3/31.

6198359 Pte. A. Thorne, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, w.e.f. 4/4/31.

## COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

6188693 Sergt. S. Buckle, attended Course of Instruction from 19/1/31 to 24/1/31 at Military College of Science, Woolwich, in Method of Keeping in Order Rifles, No. 1, Marks III and III\*, and No. 2, Mark IV\*, and Passed.

6192072 Sergt. B. Brockman, attended Course of Instruction from 26/1/31 to 31/1/31 at Military College of Science, Woolwich, in Method of Keeping in Order Rifles, No. 1, Marks III and III\*, and No. 2, Mark IV\*, and Passed.

6192053 L./Sergt. F. Chasney, attended Course of Instruction in Fire Fighting Duties at Aldershot from 7/3/31 to 19/3/31, and "Qualified to Instruct."

6196037 Cpl. C. Sneesby and 6196040 Cpl. J. Chillery, attended No. 25 Long Qualifying Course at Small Arms School, Hythe Wing, from 19/1/31 to 27/3/31, and obtained "Distinguished" and "Q.I." respectively.

## CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Mill Hill on March 24th and 25th, 1931:—

6198714 Pte. D. Garnish, 6197081 Pte. A. Tuckfield, 770970 Pte. J. McQuillen, 6198287 Pte. W. Hymas, 6196907 Pte. J. Jones.

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

6198779 Pte. L. Mann, 6199476 Pte. G. Long, 6199387 Pte. I. Roberts, 6199800 Pte. W. Puddifoot, 6199470 Pte. L. Rothwell, 6199821 Pte. L. Brittain, 6199827 Pte. E. Bateman, 6199489 Pte. C. Lewis, 6199835 Pte. L. Poulton, 6199838 Pte. E. Williams, 6199621 Pte. H. Ball, 6199850 Pte. E. Fromings, 6199837 Pte. F. Newbury, 6197177 Pte. H. Osborne, 6199134 Pte. G. Smith, 6198456 Pte. A. Margrie, 6199444 Pte. C. Millman, 6199479 Pte. F. Brady, 6199808 Pte. A. Noden, 6199814 Pte. H. Woodeson, 6199811 Pte. L. Shaw, 6199801 Pte. F. Burton, 6199042 Pte. F. Dowell, 6199819 Pte. E. Martin, 6199348 Pte. E. Pearce, 2977385 Pte. A. Boag, 6199848 Pte. W. Foster, 6199849 Pte. R. Jackson, 6199841 Pte. J. Nowell, 6197503 Pte. W. Richardson, 6199853 Pte. F. Sadler.

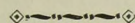
## EXTRACT FROM "THE ARMY &amp; NAVY GAZETTE,"

APRIL 21ST, 1866.

"57TH REGIMENT. The *Wellington Independent* says the last news from the front tells us of another victory gained by the imperial and colonial forces over the rebels, purchased, alas! too dearly by the loss of a gallant and distinguished officer, who was mortally wounded on the occasion—Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Hassard, of the 57th Regiment. On the 3rd of October 1844, the lamented gentleman obtained a commission, and shortly afterwards he was gazetted to an ensigncy in the 57th, the 'West Middlesex' Regiment of Foot. In this fine regiment, known as the Albucera 'Die hards,' the late Colonel Hassard gradually rose. On the 18th of May, 1848, he obtained his lieutenancy, and on the 6th of June, 1854, he was gazetted as a captain. The regiment was then quartered at Corfu, and in 1854 received orders to embark for the Crimea. During the Russian war they were hotly engaged, and Captain Hassard was present at most of the glorious events in that gigantic struggle between the most powerful nations in Europe. With the storming columns at the assaults of the Redan on the 18th of June and the 8th of September he greatly distinguished himself; and again, during the expedition to Kinburn, he was favourably mentioned in despatches, and as a reward of his gallantry received the Sardinian, Turkish, and Crimean medals and clasps, the fifth class of the Medjidie, and Major's brevet. At the termination of hostilities the regiment proceeded to Malta, and thence in 1858 to Bombay. During the first year of the service of his regiment in India Major Hassard was with the depot in Cork; but in the early part of 1860 he arrived in Poonah in charge of recruits forwarded from Cork to the head-quarters of the regiment. At the end of the year the 57th embarked for New Zealand, where they have remained ever since. Major Hassard did not accompany the regiment, but followed it shortly after, and since his arrival in this country he has been actively engaged in quelling the rebellion. The latter years of his service have been no life of ease. He served



with his regiment during the war of 1861; again, in 1863, his name was favourably mentioned, and more lately in General Cameron's campaigns he was heard of. In September last he was gazetted as Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, but he has not lived long to enjoy his promotion, for on Saturday last he fell mortally wounded while gallantly leading his men to the assault of Otapawa. Within the palisades of this formidable pah he was hit in the lungs and chest, and thus ended his life, for 21 years of which he had served his country with distinction. He lived and died a soldier, and his name as a kindly gentleman and a gallant officer will long be remembered by the gallant 'Die hards' with whom he had served so long. Colonel Hassard leaves a widow and a number of friends to mourn their irreparable loss, but it must be satisfaction in their bereavement to know that he died in harness, leading on his men, his death-bed their arms, and his requiem their shouts of victory. By this melancholy event Lieutenant G. R. Waugh and Ensign Charles Picot obtain promotion without purchase."



### 7th BATTALION NOTES.

WE are sorry that a mis-statement was made in the notes published in the last issue, to the effect that the King Cup had been won by B (Enfield) Company. Condolences were extended to A Company on winning all their matches, but failing to win this cup. The conditions for the award of this trophy were revised early in the year, as a result of which the cup was won by A Company, and we take this belated opportunity of offering them hearty congratulations.

The past quarter has been a somewhat hectic one as regards training, sport and social functions. Riding classes for officers and Transport Section commenced on the first Sunday in January, and lasted until the end of March. The attendances at these classes have been excellent, and all those under instruction enjoyed them thoroughly. No doubt some of our "horsey" gentlemen will stage a rodeo at camp for the benefit of the less expert horsemen.

On Saturday, January 10th, the officers of the Battalion entertained the wives and families of the Battalion to a Christmas entertainment in the form of a children's party. The Drill Hall was tastefully decorated and over one hundred wives and children sat down to tea. Afterwards a conjuring entertainment was given, and before the party broke up Father Christmas made his appearance (not down the chimney, as is his custom) and his arrival by motor-car was in keeping with the times. Each child received a gift suitable to its age and sex. Mrs. Smith and the other ladies spared no effort to make the afternoon a bright and unfading memory for all those present, and the undoubted charm of that treat goes far to suggest its becoming an annual event. (It was one of those occasions when there are no absentees.)

On Wednesday, January 14th, the Inter-Battalion Fire Direction Competition took place at Willesden. The Tottenham Company found the team, and Sergt. Bryan was in command. Although they put up a very good fight they were not good enough to beat the 9th Battalion's team, who won somewhat easily.

On Thursday, January 15th, we held our Annual Boxing Meeting at Tottenham. This again proved a very successful meeting, and we were given probably the best exhibition of boxing that has taken place in the Battalion for many years. D (Tottenham) Company again won the Boxing Cup and are to be congratulated. If other companies are to seriously challenge D Company in future years it behoves them to become busy getting their companies up to strength, as entries are unlimited.

Full particulars are:—

*Heavy*.—Pte. Littlefield (C); Pte. Hanley (D).

*Light Heavy*.—Sergt. Parker (B); Pte. Williams (C).

*Middle*.—Pte. Britchard (D); Pte. Watson (C).

*Welter*.—Sergt. Chapman (D); Pte. Nelson (D).

*Light*.—Cpl. Walton (D); Pte. Webb (D).

*Feather*.—Pte. Kemp (B); Pte. Ward (D).

*Bantam*.—Pte. Goss (C); Pte. Reed (B).

*Fly*.—Pte. Nodes (B); Pte. Clewley (D).

Sunday, January 18th, saw the officers and N.C.Os. doing a job of work in the form of a Tactical Exercise in Hertford. These exercises are always popular.

On the following Thursday the competition for the Byrne Cup took place at Headquarters, and resulted in a win for the Recruits' Team from the Battalion. This is the first occasion, since the trophy was awarded by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Byrne, T.D., that it has been won by us. The following recruits who did so well for the Battalion are deserving of special mention:—

Ptes. Bundy, Allinson, Hanley, Wade and Whitchurch of D Company, and Pte. Watson, C Company. Of these Pte. Bundy made the highest individual score.

The team placings were:—

1. 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment Recruits' Team.

2. 1st Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

3. 3rd Cadet Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.

On Thursday, February 5th, the competition for the Lady Ragnart Cup took place at Albany Street Barracks. Our team competed against a team from the 19th Bn. The London Regiment. Last year we won this cup somewhat easily, but lost it this year—again somewhat easily. Our team led by several points on the first practice, but sadly fell away on the second and third practices. We cannot felicitate our team on their exhibition of miniature range shooting, but we really can the 19th London Regiment, who registered the highest score made in this competition for several years. This cup is a most handsome one to hold, and it behoves us to get busy and regain it next year. (Sergt. Porter, L./Cpl. Stokes and Cpl. Wright, please note and ponder!)

The Brigade Boxing Meeting took place at the Headquarters of the 8th Battalion on Saturday, February 14th. We were represented by those who got into the finals at our own meeting at Tottenham, previously referred to, with the exception that Pte. Brichard did not compete in the middle-weights. Sergt. Parker took his place.

Pte. Littlefield fought in the light heavy-weights, his place in the heavy-

weights being taken by Bandmaster Martin.

The winners were:—

*Officers*.

*Welter-weight*.—2/Lieut. P. H. B. Benfield.

*Other Ranks*.

*Middle-weight*.—Sergt. Parker (B).

The runners-up were:—

*Officers*.

*Middle-weight*.—2/Lieut. C. P. Gliksten.

*Light-weight*.—2/Lieut. B. J. Paul.

*Other Ranks*.

*Light Heavy-weight*.—Pte. Littlefield (C).

*Feather-weight*.—Pte. Kemp (B).

*Bantam-weight*.—Pte. Goss (D).

*Fly-weight*.—Pte. Nodes (B).

Ptes. Littlefield and Nodes were also awarded good losers' prizes.

The Brigade Cup was won by the 8th Battalion with a total of 12 points, the 9th Battalion being second with 11 points, and we followed with 10 points. We congratulate the 8th Battalion on their win, but we really do feel that we were unfortunate in not taking part in a treble dead-heat, for, in the third round of the middle-weight competition, when Pte. Tack was winning easily, his thumb gave way and he could not continue. Had he won this fight we should have obtained a further 2 points, depriving the 8th Battalion of 1 point, with the result that each battalion would have been equal on points.

Whilst on the subject of boxing, Sergt. Parker's victory in the middle-weight competition was one of the worthiest achievements of the evening. He is many years beyond boxing age, and for a man of his years his stamina is amazing. Let us hope some younger middle-weight will get busy with a view to taking his place in the near future, for he cannot go on for ever. Sergt. Parker again boxed in the 44th Divisional Championships at Chelsea, and was by no means outclassed, and with a bit of luck would have appeared in the finals.

February 25th saw Capts. W. E. Pringle, M.C., Brown and Pratt defeating the examiners in subject (d) for promotion at Woolwich. It was a cheerless day to undertake a promotion examina-



tion, but considerable liveliness was displayed on their return to Hornsey in the evening to attend an Officers' Meeting.

The great event of the year took place at Headquarters on Saturday, March 7th, when the Annual Prize Distribution was held. The prizes were distributed by Field-Marshal the Viscount Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D.

Full particulars are:—

#### PRIZE-WINNERS, 1930.

##### COMPETITIONS WON BY THE BATTALION IN 1930.

*The Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield.*—Presented by the Justices of the County of Middlesex to the Company Team of the Middlesex Territorial Army Battalions making the highest score in the Brigade Rifle Meeting Lewis Gun Cup Competition. Won by Highgate Company (Capt. S. M. Pratt.) Team: L./Cpls. Faulkner, Fordham and Hicks, and Ptes. White, Edwards and Altria.

*The Byrne Cup.*—Presented by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Byrne, T.D., for Miniature Range Shooting between teams of the 1st and 3rd Cadet Battalions The Middlesex Regiment and Recruits of the 7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. Team: Ptes. Bundy (Tottenham), Allinson (Tottenham), Hanley (Tottenham), Wade (Tottenham), Whitchurch (Tottenham) and Pte. Watson (Hornsey).

*Cheylesmore Cup.*—Highest individual score in Middlesex units, made at Brigade Rifle Meeting. Won by Sergt. Thomas (Enfield Company).

*Highest Individual Score in Young Soldiers' Competition in 122nd Infantry Brigade.*—Pte. Williams (Hornsey Company).

#### BATTALION TROPHIES.

In addition to the cup or shield for the winner of each competition, the following prizes are given.

In team competitions, except miniature range, each member of the team receives a Battalion Silver Spoon (presented by Lieut.-Col. S. W. Cranfield, T.D.).

In individual competitions: 1st, Gold Medal; 2nd, Gold Medal; 3rd, Silver Medal.

*Clay Memorial Shield.*—Presented in 1894 by Richard Clay, Esq., in memory of Lieut.-Col. Clay, and awarded to the most efficient Company for the year, based on Drill, Musketry, Open and Miniature Range, Lewis Gun, Attendance, and Sports. Won by Tottenham Company (Capt. W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

*Lee Memorial Challenge Shield.*—Presented in memory of Capt. John Stirling Lee, 1869-86. Re-allotted in 1929 to the Company with the best combined score—Trained Men, Young Soldiers and Lewis Gunners at the Battalion Rifle Meeting. Won by Enfield Company (Capt. H. G. Arnold).

*Warner Drill Cup.*—Presented in 1884 by Lieut.-Col. Sir Joseph Warner. Awarded for the Inter-Company Drill Competition. Won by Hornsey Company (Capt. S. A. W. Brown).

*Arnold White Cup.*—Presented in 1908 by Arnold White, Esq. Awarded for Inter-Company Team Shoot. Won by Headquarters Company (Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C.). Team: Lieut. E. J. W. Hay, C.S.M. Howard, Drum-Major March, Sergts.

Clarke, Webb and Love, and Ptes. Clarke and M. Rooke.

*Hornsey Vase.*—Presented in 1862 by the inhabitants of Hornsey. Awarded for Inter-Company Lewis Gun Team Shoot. Won by Enfield Company. Team: Sergt. Cutting, Cpl. Povey, and Ptes. Heard, Starr, Ridley and Freeman.

*Volunteer Cup.*—Presented in 1913 by retired officers of the Battalion, Awarded for Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Team Shoot. Won by Tottenham Company. Team: Ptes. Harbutt, Milner, Saban, Wade, Henson, Brown, Clarke and Moss.

*King Cup.*—Presented in 1904 by Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., J.P. Awarded for Inter-Company Miniature Range Competition. Won by Highgate Company (Capt. S. M. Pratt).

*Barnet Cup.*—Presented in 1880 by the inhabitants of Barnet. Awarded for Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition on Miniature Range. Won by Tottenham Company (Capt. W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

*Sports Cup.*—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for Cross-Country Running. Awarded for Inter-Company Cricket, Football and Tug-of-War. Won by Hornsey Company (Capt. S. A. W. Brown).

*Magheramorn Shield.*—Presented in 1887 by Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart. Awarded for Inter-Company Tug-of-War. Won by Hornsey Company (Capt. S. A. W. Brown).

*Boxing Cup.*—Won in 1919 by the Battalion, when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for Cross-Country Running. Awarded for Inter-Company Boxing Competition. Won by Tottenham Company (Capt. W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

Prizes awarded for winners and runners-up in each weight. Prizes have already been presented as under:—

*Heavy.*—Pte. Littlefield (C); Pte. Hanley (D).

*Light Heavy.*—Sergt. Parker (B); Pte. Williams (C).

*Middle.*—Pte. Britchard (D); Pte. Watson (C).

*Welter.*—Sergt. Chapman (D); Pte. Nelson (D).

*Light.*—Cpl. Walton (D); Pte. Webb (D).

*Feather.*—Pte. Kemp (B); Pte. Ward (D).

*Bantam.*—Pte. Goss (C); Pte. Reed (B).

*Fly.*—Pte. Nodes (B); Pte. Clewley (D).

*Battalion Rifle Team.*—Representing the Battalion in the competition for the Middlesex Justices' Shield. Bars are presented to those members of the team who have represented the Battalion in previous years. Medals and bar are presented to members shooting in the team for the first time.

Presented by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. S. Cedric Smith, T.D. 1930 team:—

Lieuts. E. J. W. Hay and Christodoulou (1928-29), 2/Lieut. B. J. Paul, C.S.Ms. Roberts (1922-23-25-26-29) and Howard (1928-29), Drum-Major March (1923-24-27-28-29), Sergts. Webb (1929), Clarke, Endersby (1927-28-29), Thomas (1925-26-27-29), Chapman and Love, L./Cpl. Stokes, and Ptes. Clarke, Blake and Fay.

#### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

*Officers' Cup.*—Presented in 1908 by E. Perronet Sells, Esq., for best shot among the officers. Won by Lieut. E. J. W. Hay.

*Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.*—Presented in 1898 by Messrs. H. & G. Simonds for the best shot among the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Result: 1, Sergt. Love (Headquarters); 2, Drum-Major March (Headquarters); 3, Sergt. Webb (Headquarters).

*Marksmen's Cup.*—Originally the Clarke Challenge Cup of the Hampstead Detachment, re-allotted in 1925 for best shot among all ranks, Corporals and under. Result: 1, Pte. Clarke (Headquarters); 2, Pte. Fay (Tottenham); 3, Pte. Blake (Highgate).

*Lewis Gunners' Cup.*—Won in 1917 by the Battalion, in Platoon Bombing Competition, allotted in 1926 for best shot all ranks with the Lewis Gun. Result: 1, Pte. Starr (Enfield); 2, Sergt. Chapman (Tottenham); 3, Pte. White (Highgate).

*Enfield Cup.*—Presented in 1913 by Viscount Enfield. Awarded for best shot amongst those with under two years' service. Result: 1, Pte. Wood (Enfield); 2, Pte. Williams (Hornsey); 3, Pte. Wade (Tottenham).

We are extremely grateful to *The Hornsey Journal* for publishing a full report of the Prize Distribution in their issue of March 13th. This paper is, and always has been, of great assistance to the Battalion in publishing its local events. By their kind permission the speeches are given in full:—

#### VISCOUNT ALLENBY PRAISES TERRITORIALS.

##### PRIZE-GIVING OF THE 7TH MIDDLESEX.

##### "THE RETREAT THAT WON THE WAR."

##### THE VALUE OF MARKSMANSHIP.

A tribute to the marksmanship of the 7th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (T.A.) was paid by Field-Marshal the Viscount Allenby at the annual prize distribution of the Battalion at the Drill Hall, Hornsey, on Saturday. The hall was gaily decorated with flags, flowers and palms, and the prize-giving was preceded by a band concert and was followed by a dance.

Lord Allenby gave away the prizes. Others present included the Mayor and Mayoress of Hornsey, the Chairman of the Governors of Highgate School (Mr. Hetherington), Major-General H. R. Peck, Colonel H. C. Wortham, Colonel E. J. King, Colonel J. K. Maitland, Captain and Mrs. B. H. Liddell Hart, Colonel A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham (Secretary of the Middlesex Territorial Army and Air Force Association), the Rector of Hornsey (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell), Colonel Parmeter (Commanding 8th Battalion Middlesex Regiment), Colonel and Mrs. Milliken, Wing-Commander and Mrs. Dore, and General Sir John Moore.

##### THE MAYOR'S INTEREST.

A very comprehensive report on the year's activities was given by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel S. Cedric Smith, T.D., who remarked that they were glad to welcome the Field-Marshal in somewhat happier circumstances than on the last occasion on which he visited them, when he inspected them during the dark days of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. He also thanked the Mayor for the great interest he

had always shown in the Battalion. Not only on public occasions, when he was in the limelight, did the Mayor identify himself with them, but recently he had gone with them to the coldest and most unpleasant miniature range he knew in order to encourage a team from the Battalion. There were few mayors who would do things like that. (Applause.) He thanked the senior officers of the Territorial movement for the way in which they had looked after the 7th Middlesex during the past year and referred to the approaching end of the Territorial command of their brigade of Colonel Wortham, who was held in the very highest regard by every officer and man in the Battalion. He had always shown a great appreciation of the limitations and the capabilities of a Territorial soldier, and that, to a large extent, was the reason why under his guidance the Battalion had progressed in the way it had. If that knowledge was any reward for the great interest he had taken in them, they were only too glad they had been able to improve under his command.

##### YOUNG SOLDIERS' SUCCESSES.

The young soldiers of the Battalion had been very successful during the past year. He did not mean that the old soldiers had not done as well as ever, but they all knew that old soldiers sometimes faded away, even though they never died, and it was a cause of great gratification to all of them to know that the youngsters were coming along and would in time replace the older ones. The recruits had this year won the Byrne Cup, which was presented by Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Byrne, T.D., for miniature-range shooting between teams of the 1st and 3rd Cadet Battalions and recruits of the 7th Battalion. For many years the Cadets, with six or seven years' service, had always beaten the young soldiers of less than one year's service in the 7th, but this year the recruits had beaten their rivals and the Battalion had won the cup. Last year at the prize distribution they had with them the commanding officers of the local Cadet battalions as commanding officers of units of the Middlesex Regiment, but this year, alas, they could no longer welcome them as such. On that subject he could say no more, but they were pleased to have those officers among them in their present capacity of commanding the Cadets as they now existed. The possibility of the Cadets still existing was very largely due to the energies of Lord Allenby. (Applause.)

The Battalion won the Middlesex Justices' Lewis Gun Shield, and on that occasion they had two teams at the top of the competition, for the Machine Gun Company, who were supposed to know only about machine guns, entered the competition and won it, but had to be disqualified. The shield was won by the Highgate Company.

##### IMPROVEMENT IN RECRUITING.

At that time last year the strength of the Battalion was 450, but now it was exactly 500, so in spite of the natural wastage that went on during the year they had managed to increase their numbers by 50. Less than 100 men were now required to bring the Battalion to full strength. The Tottenham Company had recruited in a wonderful way. During the year they had increased their membership by 55 and now had a strength of 145. It was a wonderful effort and he congratulated them. Six new officers had



joined the Battalion and of them two were waiting to be gazetted. Both of the latter officers came from Highgate School and, when they were gazetted, one-third of the officers of the Battalion would have come to them from that school. They were gradually getting up to the percentage of 50 per cent. old Highgate schoolboys they had when the Battalion went overseas. There had always been a strong link between that school and the Battalion and he thought the school was still interested in them, for they had with them Mr. Hetherington, chairman of the Governors of the School, and Major Gough, who controlled the Highgate School O.T.C., as well as the senior members of the O.T.C. from the school. If Highgate was as anxious to cement that tie as they were the school would have to look to their laurels, for they had very good officers coming from other schools and the University College School, Hampstead, was running Highgate School very close.

#### BETTER QUALIFICATIONS WANTED.

Quite a number of their officers had now qualified for higher ranks and he hoped that in the coming year more N.C.O.s would go forward for promotion. They never knew when vacancies would occur and he wanted to see every N.C.O. in the Battalion qualified for promotion to the next rank above him. At the end of the month Captain Framingham, the Quartermaster, would attain the age limit and would leave them. They were always sorry to lose old friends of the Battalion, but the age limit operated and they would have to say "Good-bye" to him. Another great loss had been that of their Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, Raddon, who also reached the age limit and retired after 37 years' service. He had been replaced by Company Sergeant-Major Roberts, who was another old soldier and was not new to the Battalion.

The work throughout the year of all the companies was quite up to standard and it was very significant that every company had won one or more of the various trophies. That was a very good sign, for if one company won the lot it meant that there was one good company and four of them were no good at all. The Headquarters Company was made up of various units and were very difficult to knit together. It was all the more creditable to them that they were able to carry off one of the cups open to competition among all the companies. The Signallers had made very considerable strides during the past year and 24 of them had qualified, as against 14 last year. The Band, which had played to them earlier in the evening, did not exist seven or eight months ago and the way they had been trained reflected the very greatest credit on them and on their Bandmaster. During the past winter, owing to the activities of Captain Brown, the Battalion had for the first time been able to field a football team. They had done nothing very great so far, but they had played and won matches and it was to be hoped that they would go far in the Territorial Army football competitions. They were also hoping to enter a team in the Territorial Cross-Country Running Competition.

#### THE COUNTY SPIRIT.

Last year he made an appeal to the public in that part of London to help the movement in recruiting, and this year he appealed to the people

not to look at things from a narrow point of view, but to show rather more interest in their County Territorial battalions. If one spoke to the people of Middlesex about their county they would say they lived in suburbs of London. London was all right, but they should let it look after itself. They were a county and they should get the county spirit going in Middlesex very much stronger than it was. That spirit should arouse a certain amount of enthusiasm and the residents should take an interest in their county institutions. Middlesex had a regiment that was second to none among all the regiments of the country, and in that part of the county they had 500 men who were doing a very important national duty. There was no doubt that at the present time the Territorial Army was a very important national institution, but did anyone except the few they knew take an interest in the Battalion? The men of the Battalion did not want war, but it would do them a lot of good if local interest were taken in the companies at Highgate, Hornsey, Tottenham and Enfield. They did not advertise themselves. They did not have time to march about the streets with their hand playing, for they had harder work than that to do, but if the general public would take an interest in them it would help them enormously and would enable them to feel that what they were doing was appreciated by those living around them.

No commanding officer in the Army, Regular or Territorial, could have a more loyal set of officers, N.C.O.s, and men than he had in that Battalion. He felt the Battalion was one of which any county might be proud. He hoped that Middlesex would at some time in the future wake up to the fact and let them know they were proud of them.

#### THE MAYOR'S "WINGS."

The Mayor, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lord Allenby, referred to the courtesy he had always received from the officers of the Battalion. He could hardly find words to express the appreciation of the whole of the borough at the honour paid them by a visit from Lord Allenby. Colonel Anwyl Passingham represented the only bone of contention he had with the officers of the movement, for, when he was organizing the air branch of the Territorials, he turned down his application for membership. However, the Mayor added amidst laughter, he would get his wings some other way. He mentioned the glorious past of the Battalion and remarked that their history was a book that should be read by everyone interested in Hornsey. He would be doing less than his duty if he did not pay a tribute to the officers and men of that Battalion.

Major-General Peck, Commanding Officer of the 44th (Home Counties) Division, seconding the vote of thanks, congratulated the Battalion on their achievements, especially the Signallers and the Range-takers. With regard to the question of greater interest being taken in the Territorial movement it might be said that the Regular Army was not very fashionable at the present moment. The numbers were short and it was on the Territorial soldiers that the country would have to depend in a crisis. It was the duty of all associated with the movement to get greater interest taken in it. Many people did not know they had a regiment in Middlesex and even fewer could tell one where the headquarters were.

#### LORD ALLENBY'S PRAISE.

Lord Allenby, in reply, also congratulated the Battalion on the very good account they had given of themselves during the past year. They were keeping well above the average for a Territorial battalion and, as General Peck had said, it was on the voluntary army that the nation had to depend in the future. They hoped they had got to the end of war, but they did not know and he was afraid they might not have reached that position. They had the League of Nations and the Pact of Peace and all that sort of thing, and he thought there was a general feeling throughout the world that they had had enough of war, but they could never tell. Human nature was a funny thing and sometimes nations did go to war. If they did go to war again it was in the national forces—not in the Regular Army, but in the great bulk of the nation who came into the last war and won it—that they had to trust, and it was very encouraging to know how well the Territorials in that part of the country were doing. He was very glad to see so many prizes worthily earned for marksmanship.

#### MARKSMANSHIP.

It was marksmanship that had brought England through over and over again. In days gone by the British regiments defeated the French and laid low the mailed knights of the Continent, and during the last war it was the Retreat of Le Cateau that practically won the war. At that encounter were engaged the 4th Division, who had just come out, trained British soldiers in quick firing, the flower of the small British Army, who were points above all Continentals in shooting. The success of that retreat was largely due to the brilliant shooting of the 4th Division. He did not say that the 4th Division were better than any other division, but they were certainly as good as any others. He was on the right flank of that division when they fought that battle and he saw their wonderful stand. The Germans came on, but they went down like ninepins before the rifle fire of the 4th Division. After that the Germans found they could not beat the British Army in position.

#### MEETINGS WITH THE MIDDLESEX.

Then came out the second, third and fourth armies and they, in blood, passed on the same traditions that had prevailed at the Battle of Agincourt. They defeated the vast hordes of the Continent and won a resounding victory in the greatest war of the world—the war that saved civilization. He inspected the 7th Battalion after the Battle of the Somme, and those men had done just as great deeds as those who had preceded them. He remembered that battle very well. They had a task that looked rosy at first, but owing to the unavoidable failure of the troops on one flank to obtain a certain position, that battalion was isolated from the right front, and, although the men fought like heroes, the attack failed. He had presented decorations to the survivors of the Battalion after that battle, and no decorations were ever more deservedly won than those. Later he met the Middlesex Regiment in Palestine and he was sure that whenever they were called upon again they would do equally well.

It was the duty—the bounden and patriotic duty—of every member of that Battalion to equip

himself like a man now and to be able to take his place in the ranks, the non-commissioned or the commissioned ranks, in the future if ever they were called upon again. He was sure they would do their duty to the King, the Country and the Empire, of which Middlesex was the heart. He had no doubt that whenever they might try again they would come through. England never did and never would lie at the proud feet of a conqueror.

On Tuesday, March 10th, we were very pleased to be visited by three new officers who have been gazetted to the Regiment and attached temporarily to the Depot, namely, 2/Lieuts. Gwyn, Bellers and Weston, and we hope the experience will be of some value to them!!

Sunday, March 29th, saw us paying the first of our Sunday visits to that delightful spot, Rainham. A good start to the musketry year was made, about sixty recruits firing their Annual Course.

Easter activities will have taken place by the time these notes are read, and a full report of the events will be published in the next issue of the Journal, which we shall read amidst the scenic grandeur of Myrtle Grove, near Worthing, where we go into camp on July 26th. Each Annual Camp seems to rival the last for the natural beauties of its venue, but this year our Battalion poets shall feel inspired to verse, and our artists will find entrancing scenery for brush and canvas.

#### A COMPANY.

(HIGHGATE.)

At present we are knee-deep in the Winter Weapon Training season which is perhaps the most important period of training in the Drill Hall. As such it offers but little opportunity for literary treatment and as far as these notes are concerned is best left to the imagination.

It is unfortunate that we must continue to present the recruiting spectre on all occasions. We have been endeavouring to increase our numbers and some members of the Company, chiefly the newer ones, have undoubtedly "done their stuff." More might be done, however, by some of the old 'uns. In any case, up to the present our collective endeavours have been—shall we merely say?—disappointing. We might say much more on this subject, but decency and the censor forbid.



We were pleasantly surprised to discover that, after all, the King Cup had come our way at last. We gave it a hearty welcome and now wish it a long sojourn in our midst.

Socially we have been a trifle more active this winter. We had the pleasure of a miniature rifle match against a team from Highgate Police Station. We managed to defeat the visitors by a good margin, and the evening concluded with a slight sing-song. In this last we would like to thank P.C. Pay and Serpts. Badham and Rockall for their operatic renderings, and Pte. Good for, in the circumstances, his masterly accompaniments. We hope to meet the "Law" again and hope that this will be at least an annual fixture.

We have had one or two Company dances during the winter. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to call them simply—dances. As usual, the attendance was—again shall we say?—disappointing. Those who did come, however, had a very good time.

The Social Committee are threatening to hold a combined smoking concert and games tournament early in April. The idea seems very popular all round and we hope that it will be a good show.

Badminton has taken on a new lease of life in the Company and we now have several promising experts among us. It was intended to challenge the other companies during the season, but unfortunately, owing to the number of other events, this has been impossible up to now. We hope, though, to play one or two matches later on.

In conclusion, let us congratulate all those who have gained promotion since our last notes appeared and welcome all those who have recently joined the Company. In particular we wish to welcome C.S.M. Newman who has succeeded C.S.M. Coaster on the Permanent Staff. Everyone much appreciates his keen interest in the Company's welfare and hopes that his stay with the Battalion will be long.

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

Since the last Journal appeared most of our time has been given up to practice for the Brigade Machine Gun Competi-

tion, Part I of which will have taken place before these notes are in print. Whilst our Hornsey Platoon have been turning up in force all through this period, we regret to have to say that the Enfield Platoons have been rather poorly supported. This, however, has now been improved and we hope that the question of attendance at parades need never again be adversely commented on in these notes. Our strength is steadily increasing, but we want more recruits yet. Hornsey Platoon are being transferred to Tottenham Drill Hall and we shall expect good recruiting from them.

The Battalion Prize Distribution has come and gone once again. We carried off the Lee Memorial Shield for the second year in succession, the Lewis Gunners' Cup, the Hornsey Vase and several individual prizes. But we are sorry we were not allowed to collect the King Cup, the competition rules having been altered. We congratulate A Company on winning this cup and we are of the opinion that the new ruling for this shoot is by far the better from everyone's point of view. We shall do our best to win it next year.

On Tuesday, March 17th, we held our Annual Company Meeting. Capt. Arnold paid a glowing tribute to C.S.M. Roberts who has now left us to take up the duties of R.Q.M.S. No man has ever done more for his company than C.S.M. Roberts, and we all wish him the very best of luck in his new appointment. Several improvements were mentioned as about to take place in our Canteen. We look forward to these; they are not before their time.

The results of the Company Shoot were announced and the cups presented, Pte. Ede winning the Trained Men's with a score of 58/60, and Pte. MacCullam the Recruits' with 47/60. Our recruits are steadily improving in their shooting, thanks to the help and instruction given them by our N.C.O.s., and we should have a team quite up to standard by the summer.

The Company will be undergoing extra training at Rainham over the Easter week-end, and we hope to see a large percentage of the Company "under canvas" for the whole period.

We deplore the following, which have happened this quarter:—

(1) Capt. Arnold's illness. We are glad to see that he is regaining that "school-boy complexion" once again.

(2) The increase in the price of "Brown Ale."

(3) A certain subaltern officer's new Regimental tie.

On March 21st we shall finish up our winter social activities with a dance which we hope will be as successful as on previous occasions. "Major Murray's Mirthful," and—dare we say?—"More Melodious Melody Makers" will be in attendance.

#### C COMPANY. (HORNSEY.)

Most people will remember the story of the private soldier who went to heaven and became rather tired of the fact that the only thing he did during the Weapon Training period was harping. We have at the moment very much the same opinion of the rifle and Lewis gun. However, certain events have occurred during the past three months to brighten a life composed mainly of bolts, breeches, body-locking pins and broken finger-nails. First came the Children's Party, at which we noticed several children with at least twelve years' service. Close upon this came the Battalion Boxing, at which we did not do as well as we expected; L./Sergt. Nolan and Pte. Axe being unable to fight. We will not go into detail, as this is reported elsewhere, but we must, in passing, congratulate Pte. Woods on the really good show he put up for his first time in the ring.

Over the following week-end, a T.E.W.T. for N.C.O.s. was held at North Hertford, and we hope that the lessons taught will stick, especially the one about getting five pints for the price of four.

On February 28th we combined with H.Q. Wing in giving an invitation dance for all ranks, when we had the pleasure of entertaining the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Cedric Smith, and a party of over forty officers and friends.

The new Canteen which was promised us about a year ago is still very much "a castle in the air." Meanwhile we live in our old pig-sty and hope that some day somebody will do something about it. Should anyone think of constructing an indoor golf course, we are prepared to

sell them a billiard table complete with three bunkers and a water hazard occasioned by a leaky roof.

In closing we offer our hearty congratulations to L./Sergt. Nolan, who was married on January 17th to Miss Elizabeth Mary Beckwith Magnus. Our congratulations are also due to Ptes. G. Watson and E. Leggett on their recent appointments as Lance-Corporals.

We very much regret losing an old friend in Sergt. Carter, who, after a considerable period with C Company, is going to H.Q. Wing as Pioneer Sergeant.

#### D COMPANY. (TOTTENHAM.)

The first event of importance, after the Christmas and New Year holidays, was the Battalion Boxing Competition. We managed to win this event once again by a very fair margin. We regret that we did not shine very brightly when it came to the Brigade Competition.

Congratulations are due to those recruits who were chosen to represent the Battalion in the Byrne Cup Competition, and who succeeded in winning that much-coveted trophy.

At the Battalion Prize Distribution we carried off a reasonable number of the trophies, but, bearing in mind our numbers and the talent we have to choose from, we should be able to do better. There are one or two of the more keenly contested competitions that we have set our minds on winning next year.

Weapon Training has been the dominant note of our training in the period under review, and we hope to see the fruits of this when we fire our Musketry Courses in the next few weeks.

Parades have been fairly well attended and recruiting has been satisfactory. Having become considerably over establishment in numbers we have been given the task of recruiting and maintaining a Machine Gun Platoon, and we are out to make this a success.

There have been so many events in the Battalion that it has not been possible, or desirable, to have a very full social programme ourselves. We held our invitation dance on February 21st, and from accounts we have heard it seems to have been a very successful evening.



Our Sunday morning spoon shoots have become very popular, but we should like to see more strange faces amongst those attending. Twenty or thirty good, keen shots will never make a good shooting company if the remainder take no opportunities for practice, and it is quite impossible to have sufficient practice during ordinary parade hours.

In conclusion, we offer hearty congratulations to those N.C.Os. who have been recently promoted, and would remind men that the non-commissioned ranks are by no means full.

We offer our sympathies to Mr. Westcott on his unfortunate accident, and hope he will soon be well enough to be with us again. We have not seen Mr. Adams for some while, and can only conclude that business has called him to some even more remote spot than hitherto—a spot so remote, in fact, that they have there no ink, pencils or paper.

#### HEADQUARTER WING NOTES.

A great deal of good, if unspectacular, work has been put in during the winter and spring by all ranks, the results of which will, we hope, be seen during the summer and at Annual Training.

#### DRUMS.

The Drums are now very good and are, we know, determined, under Drum-Major March, to keep up the high standard they have set for themselves. Our only complaint is that we wish more were anxious to learn to play the flute. Why is it that everyone seems to desire to be a side-drummer?

#### SIGNALLERS.

The Signallers, under Lieut. Womersley, are doing well and expect to do even better than last year. Congratulations to Sergt. Neate and Cpl. Staggs on their promotion which has been well earned.

#### TRANSPORT.

The Transport, under 2/Lieut. Gliksten, has made great strides and has several promising recruits. Congratulations to Cpl. Watts on his promotion.

We feel that the very plucky attempt by Sergt. McNally to rescue a child from a blazing room recently should be put on record. On coming out of the Transport shed Sergt. McNally noticed flames

coming out of a room of a house nearby. Without any hesitation he endeavoured to get into the room by means of the staircase. When this proved impossible he climbed up the rainwater-pipe, broke the window and got into the room. He got near to the child's cot, but the child had been burnt to death. We think our readers will agree that Sergt. McNally worthily upheld the "Die-Hard" tradition.

#### BAND.

The Band, under the enthusiastic guidance of Major Murray and Bandmaster Martin, has progressed well. We look forward to the band concerts at the various Drill Halls, which have been promised during the summer.

#### 7TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

This year the Committee of the 7th Battalion Old Comrades Association decided that the time was ripe to hold a Battalion Reunion Dinner at some central place, instead of the various company dinners which have hitherto been held in more or less local hotels.

That this decision was a wise one was proved on Saturday, February 14th, when at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, no less than 25 officers and 250 other ranks assembled to spend a most enjoyable evening together. Old friends met in the lounge of the hotel, where the smoke, the buzz of conversation and the clamour for refreshment were rapidly producing a good imitation of the best wartime estaminets, when the one bugle call which a soldier never mistakes proclaimed the fact that dinner was ready.

The company lost no time in taking their seats. As usual there were a few members who had not notified anybody of their intention to be present, so that seating accommodation was somewhat taxed. However, extra tables were brought into use and very soon the dinner was proceeding merrily. As befits an occasion of this nature the speeches were both few and brief.

After the loyal toast the Chairman (Col. E. J. King, C.M.G.) asked the company to honour, with a silent toast, the 66 officers and 780 other ranks who did not return from the war. Col. King then read a number of telegrams and letters

he had received from Old Comrades unable to be present.

The toast of "The Seventh Battalion" was given by R.Q.M.S. Raddon in his well-known blunt and genial manner.

In his reply Lieut.-Col. S. C. Smith, the present Commanding Officer, recalled that sixteen years previously on that particular night they were all in cattle-trucks on one of those long and mysterious moves in France. He said that the present Battalion, though composed of much younger soldiers, was carrying on the old traditions of the Seventh, and were, in his opinion, fit to do similar work to that which the Old Comrades had been called upon to do.

Col. Smith referred to the great loss the Battalion had sustained by the retirement of R.Q.M.S. Raddon due to the inexorable laws regarding age limits, and said that the loss was only mitigated by the fact that they had as a successor to R.Q.M.S. Raddon another tried and trusty member of the Battalion in C.S.M. Roberts, of Enfield Company.

In a few well-chosen words C.S.M. Shelley gave the toast of "The Old Comrades Association," coupled with the name of Col. King.

In his response Col. King said that it made him very proud to think that, thirteen years after the Armistice, so many men had still sufficient care for their old Battalion to attend this gathering. He was delighted to meet so many old friends and, although possibly some of those present had not seen eye to eye with him in matters of discipline, there was no ill-feeling and that was all part of the war. Old soldiers, he said, always call to mind the good times they have had, rather than the rough times, and that was what they were going to do this evening.

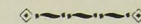
After his reply Col. King was given musical honours.

On behalf of the Committee, Sergt. S. V. Edge, D.C.M., thanked the Old Comrades for their support, and hoped that next year the muster would be even greater.

This concluded the speeches, and the rest of the evening was spent in the exchanging of reminiscences, which is always such a popular feature of reunion dinners.

Partly owing to the poor acoustic qualities of the hall, but principally owing

to the general desire for gossip, the excellent entertainment turns did not get the attention they deserved. Imbued, however, with the spirit of the evening, they did not mind, and instead of continuing the programme joined in the general sing-song which continued until midnight, when the assembly broke up after what was unanimously voted a wonderful evening.



#### OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

BY kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 10th London Regiment, the Quarterly Concert was again held at the Drill Hall, 76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1, on Saturday evening, April 11th.

By arrangement with Mme. Ghita Corri, Mr. Eddie Hepworth's Company, The Happy Family, gave an excellent entertainment. A feature of the concert was the number of original items written by Mr. Eddie Hepworth himself, which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. F. E. Holmes, the Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, was in the chair and about 100 Old Comrades, wives and friends were present.

Two very pleasing features of the evening were, first, the number of Old (pre-war) Comrades present, and, second, the presence of a number of Comrades living some distance outside London.

Thanks are due to the staff of the Drill Hall for their work in preparing the hall and for the way they looked after the needs of both the artists and the audience. A special vote of thanks is due to Mr. Page for his untiring energy and help.

Among those present were:—

Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Major J. English, Madame Corri, R.S.M. Mantell, C.S.M. Hart, Mr. Crooks, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Sergt. and Mrs. Brockman, Mr. A. Green, M.M., Mr. Rosam, Mr. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Leslie Brooks, Miss Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Miss Langdon, Mr. Quiggan, Mr. Beamish, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Barney Young, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Langley, D.C.M., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, Mr.



and Mrs. Sanders, Miss Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. G. Simmonds, Miss A. Reynolds, Mr. Fayres, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. F. Holmes, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch, Mr. J. Holwell, Mrs. De Brule, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Clr.-Sergt. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. A. Blinco, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. Philo, C.S.M. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, jun., Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Hanks, Mr. Ross, Mr. Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, Miss Holmes, Mr. Crack, Mr. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Counter, Mr. Wilkinson, Sergt. Noble, Mr. Clatworthy, Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rose, Miss Young, Mr. Sessions, Miss M. Reynolds, Mr. G. Webber, Miss L. Young and R.S.M. and Mrs. Taylor.

### 8th BATTALION NOTES.

**S**PRING is upon us and plans for summer activities, sown in the winter, are now putting forth the green shoots of promise. In other words, we are getting down to it!

Camp is to be at Worthing and already small bodies of earnest gentlemen are drawing together in conclave to decide if we shall "proceed to Annual Training" (go to camp) by luxury motor-coach, by bicycle (push, pedal), or astride dromedaries. In the end, no doubt, the smiling face of our old friend "Sunny South Sam" will carry the day.

Already we are beginning to notice the pre-camp glint in the eyes of the knowing ones at Headquarters, and shortly the more credulous amongst us will be assured that, beyond the shadow of a doubt (a) the camp site is a sandy beach which is completely submerged at high tide; (b) the camp is at least thirty miles from the sea; (c) owing to the call for economy there will be an issue of only one bell-tent per company.

However, let us cease this peering into the future and review the past.

In January an Officers' Tactical Exercise was held on Hampstead Heath, a new line of country, which made us realize that all future battles will not necessarily be fought over the pine and

heather-clad moors to which we have lately become so much accustomed.

The Officers' Ball, which was a great success, was held in the same month and a subscription dance in March.

The Battalion Individual Boxing Championships were held in the middle of January and several good fights took place, the cup going to C Company.

February was a Red Letter Month, as the Middlesex Group Boxing Finals were held for the first time at Headquarters, and we succeeded in winning the cup after a remarkably close and sporting struggle with the 7th and 9th Battalions. The following officers and other ranks of the Battalion are to be heartily congratulated on winning their weights:—

*Officers:* light-weight, 2/Lieut. Mayer; middle-weight, 2/Lieut. Russell.

*Other Ranks:* fly-weight, Pte. Clarke; bantam-weight, Pte. Furness.

*Runners-up:*—

*Officers:* welter-weight, 2/Lieut. Miskin.

*Other Ranks:* light-weight, Pte. McGuire (retired under doctor's orders); middle-weight, Pte. Hopwood; light heavy-weight, Pte. Rice.

The following were not successful in winning their bouts, but they are to be congratulated on their plucky performances: Ptes. Reed, Henson, Fiddler and Stevenson.

In the 44th Divisional Boxing at Chelsea, which followed shortly afterwards, we tied for second place with two other units, four others tie-ing for first place.

Altogether we have had a most successful and enthusiastic boxing season.

The Battalion Cross-Country Run, which was held in the neighbourhood of Northolt Aerodrome on March 21st, was a great success. There was a field of fifty competitors, of whom forty-seven finished. D Company added still further to their laurels by carrying off the cup, Pte. Sheppard being the first man home.

The final placing of companies was: D, B, H.Q. Wing, C, A.

The following officers of the Battalion attended the Levée at St. James's Palace on March 24th:—

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Parmeter, Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., Capt. E. C. Ellis, O.B.E.,

Lieut. R. E. Warlow, Lieut. D. R. Pattison, Lieut. G. Hartley, 2/Lieut. W. Mayer, 2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell, 2/Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler, 2/Lieut. F. C. Davey, 2/Lieut. E. G. Brooke, 2/Lieut. M. C. D. King and 2/Lieut. T. L. Marks.

At Easter five officers and 130 other ranks were attached to the Depot, and our thanks are due to the Depot Staff for all the help which they gave us during this training. During the holiday one officer and eight other ranks of the Transport personnel were attached to the 14th/20th Hussars at Hounslow.

We congratulate Capts. Hirst and Maddex and Lieut. Hartley on passing their promotion examinations, and 2/Lieuts. Wheeler, Miskin, Brooke and King on being successful in Certificate "A" (Practical).

During the past two or three months 2/Lieuts. H. L. V. Russell and Wheeler have carried out attachments to the 1st Battalion, and the following have attended courses of instruction:—

*London District School of Instruction.*—Rifle and Lewis Gun: Lieut. Hartley and 2/Lieut. Sadler. Machine Gun: 2/Lieut. Northcott.

*Boxing Judging and Refereeing.*—Major Sherbrooke-Walker and 2/Lieut. Brooke.

There have been several inter-company transfers amongst officers since our last notes were published. Lieut. Pattison has taken over the Transport and is now to be seen at Hounslow (usually chewing a straw), 2/Lieut. K. T. V. Russell has joined the rest of the family at Hampton (A Company), and 2/Lieut. Davey has returned to his "spiritual" home at Ealing (B (M.G.) Company), where he combines the office of Chief Accountant to the Club bar with his other duties.

2/Lieut. Miskin is now attached to H.Q. Wing, where he is rapidly becoming initiated into the art of signalling.

Hearty congratulations to 2/Lieut. R. W. Mayer in retaining his title as T.A. Champion (light-weight). This is the second year he has distinguished himself, and we all feel very proud of him.

### A COMPANY. (HAMPTON.)

The Brigade Boxing took place at Hounslow Drill Hall on February 14th,

and it is most unfortunate that we were not represented in the Other Ranks' Class, as Pte. P. Jennings could not make the weight for the feather series. However, we were well represented in the Officers' Class by 2/Lieuts. H. L. V. Russell and E. F. Miskin, both of these putting up a very good show. Mr. Miskin had a bit of bad luck in the second round of his bout and had to retire. Mr. Russell won his bout on points, and all ranks of the Company heartily congratulate him on doing so, as it was more or less the deciding factor in the 8th Battalion winning the competition by the small margin of one point.

Before these notes appear in print we shall have competed with the other companies as to which will represent the Battalion in the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition, and speculation is rife as to which company will get the coveted position.

We are now training at high pressure for this competition, which will take place about March 19th, and our hopes of beating the other companies are very high. At the moment we are at the bottom in this line, but hope in the present training year to turn the tables on our friends at Hounslow, Staines and Uxbridge, and I may mention that, although we are not the shining lights in the competition series, it is most gratifying that the general efficiency of the Company is very much on the up-grade and with the co-operation of all ranks this will be maintained and improved on during the year.

Football in the Company during 1930-31 season was a marked success and it is pleasing to note that, from a series of friendly fixtures arranged during the season, not many Saturdays went by that the Company team had not a game on their own ground or away. This year we have applied for admission to the Richmond and District League, so that there is every reason to believe that football as a Saturday afternoon recreation is firmly established in the Company.

Results of matches played are as follows: won, 7; drawn, 3; lost, 4; in hand, 2; total played, 16.

We have lost Cpl. Holden, who has taken his discharge. We wish him the very best of luck and hope he will drop in to see us occasionally, as we do not want to lose touch with old members of



the Company. In the meantime we welcome to the Company our latest-joined recruits: Ptes. E. W. Jones, H. Saunders and L. Jager, and hope their period with A Company will be a long and happy one.

We offer our congratulations to 2/Lieuts. Wheeler and Miskin on passing their examination for Certificate "A," O.T.C., which was held at the Depot, Mill Hill, on January 31st. Since then 2/Lieut. Wheeler has been attached to the 1st Battalion at Colchester, and at present 2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell is on a six weeks' attachment at the same place. With the assistance in training which they will give us on their return to the Company we have no fear of mixing matters at Annual Training at Worthing in July.

2/Lieut. Miskin has left us to join the wind disturbers (Signallers) at Hounslow. We are all very sorry to lose him, but our loss will be the Headquarters gain, and we wish him every success in his new rôle.

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY. (EALING.)

There has been little of outstanding interest to record during the past three months.

We have continued to work hard and play hard, especially at Badminton which has recently been instituted in the Drill Hall. With darts, shove-ha'penny, billiards and Badminton, to say nothing of draughts and dominoes, we think we can fairly claim to cater for all tastes.

Recruiting, which was very slow in January and February, is now improving considerably, and we are confidently looking forward to reaching 100 very soon.

There has been a further movement among the officers—Lieut. D. R. Pattison goes to H.Q. Wing as Transport Officer, while 2/Lieut. F. C. Davey returns to us after a very short stay at Hounslow.

We must heartily congratulate 2/Lieut. Mayer, who has repeated his success of last year by qualifying to appear in the Territorial Army Boxing Finals.

We have a very full programme of events in the near future, so in the next issue we should have much more to record.

#### C COMPANY. (STAINES.)

After an extremely hard tussle, and not without some loss of blood, we succeeded in winning the Battalion Boxing Competition. This was very largely due to the keenness of the competitors who trained with great zeal under C.S.M. Reed and Pte. J. Stevenson. This is the first cup we have won this year, and we do not intend it to be the last.

We are now training for the Winter Weapon Training Competition, and, although we are somewhat handicapped in this by occasional eclipses caused by our gas fittings, which have seen about twenty-eight years' service in the Territorial Army, desiring to hide their light under a bushel, we are confident that we can put forward a very fair team.

Our Old Comrades Association held first Annual Meeting on February 28th. Major Norwood kindly took the chair. The President, Mr. H. Fear, the Secretary, Mr. G. Mitcham, and the Committee were re-elected.

We wish Lieut. R. E. Warlow every luck in his examination. While we welcome 2/Lieut. E. C. K. Sadler's return from a course at Knightsbridge Barracks, we must, with the same breath, deplore his recent departure on leave with the rapidity so characteristic in subalterns.

#### D COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE.)

This is a busy time of the year for the sportsmen of the Company. It is true the boxing is over, but football and training for the cross-country race claim much time.

Pte. R. Clarke, who won the fly-weight competition in the Brigade Boxing Championships, and who thus represented the Brigade in the Divisional Championships, must be congratulated very heartily. He is a plucky boxer, but has rather an eccentric style.

The following men won their weights in the Battalion Boxing Competition:—

Pte. Birch (middle-weight) and Pte. McGuire (light-weight), who also reached the final of the Brigade Championship, when he was incapacitated by injury. His place was taken by Pte. Hopwood, who unfortunately lost. Pte. L. Yarnold

#### THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. C. R. JOHNSON, T.D.

IT is our sad duty to record the passing of Lieut.-Col. Charles Robert Johnson, who died from heart failure in the early hours of the morning of Thursday, February 26th. Col. Johnson was in his 72nd year, but had enjoyed such excellent health generally, and appeared so well the day before his fatal seizure, that the event was entirely unexpected. He was in active discharge of his duties until the last and was present in his office until about 5.30 p.m. on the evening before the attack, leaving apparently in his usual good spirits and health. He was taken ill in the night, however, and passed away in the early morning.

Col. Johnson joined the 2nd (South) Middlesex Volunteer Rifle Corps as a rifleman on March 5th, 1885, belonging to Messrs. Coutts (No. 2) Company, being promoted to Colour-Sergeant on April 12th, 1892. At a later date, probably in 1896, he was gazetted Second-Lieutenant and posted to No. 1 Company. At the time of the change-over from the Volunteers to the Territorial Force, the 2nd (South) Middlesex changed from a rifle corps to a line battalion of the Middlesex Regiment and Major Johnson (as he then was) was transferred with the officers and men. A year or two later he became Second-in-Command under Lieut.-Col. A. St. Leger Glyn, and when Col. Glyn retired, Major Johnson was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the Battalion. He was holding this rank and position at the outbreak of the war.

On mobilization Col. Johnson took the Battalion to its war station at Sheerness, from where it was subsequently transferred to Sittingbourne. Towards the end of 1914 the Battalion was ordered to India, and on medical grounds Col. Johnson was transferred to the Reserve Battalion of the 10th Middlesex, afterwards called the 2nd/10th Middlesex, which was then in process of being formed. He was largely responsible for the raising of this unit and for providing suitable officers; but, to his great disappointment, when this battalion was definitely selected for foreign service, he was again, for

represented the Company in the Battalion Championships.

The team must be congratulated on the good fights they put up.

Up to the time of writing, the football team have done very well in the local league, having gained five more points than last year, with the same number of games. We were narrowly defeated in the last few minutes of our game against the Electric Light Company, who are top of this league. The score was 3—1.

The team are training hard for the Battalion Cross-Country Run, and it is confidently expected that the bulk of the team selected for the Divisional Cross-Country Run will be from this Company.

N.C.Os. and men are "working overtime" for the Winter Weapon Training Competition which we have every hope of pulling off.

#### HEADQUARTER WING. (HOUNSLOW.)

We commence our contribution with a word of welcome to Lieut. D. R. Pattison who is going into harness as Transport Officer; also to 2/Lieut. Miskin who is undergoing Signal training.

In the Brigade Boxing Competition we were represented by Ptes. Fiddler, Henson and Beecham, who ably assisted the Battalion to secure the cup.

A Miniature Range Handicap Shoot was recently held for honorary and serving Club members, and over forty entries were received. The prize-winners were Bdsn. Greeney, 100; Pte. Arthurs, 98; L./Sergt. Court, 97.

Our Football Club is still progressing and we have now joined the Hounslow and District League.

It is rather early to talk about cricket, but we already have a match arranged for June and hope to have an enjoyable and successful season.

Recruits are making good progress with rifle and Lewis gun, and we hope to enter teams in all forthcoming Weapon Training contests.

A dance was recently held in the Drill Hall in aid of the Sergeants' Mess, as a result of which we shall be able to hand over a sum of nearly £6 to their funds. Our thanks are due to the Committee for their efforts and to the officers and their friends who attended.





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THE LATE LIEUT.-COLONEL C. R. JOHNSON, T.D.

medical reasons, prevented from going abroad, and about Christmas, 1914, was placed on the retired list. The 1st/10th Battalion remained in India for the whole period of the war. The 2nd/10th served in the Gallipoli landing at Suvla Bay and afterwards in Egypt and Palestine.

Col. Johnson was awarded the Territorial Decoration for twenty years' good service in the Territorial Army. After his retirement Col. Johnson's enthusiasm and patriotism would not allow him to rest, and he joined the Special Constabulary.

He was elected a member of the Westminster City Council last October. He had been an Income Tax Commissioner since 1924. He usually found it possible to take some useful part in any organization with which he was concerned and, an old-standing member of the Constitutional Club, he acted on the House Committee over many years. He was a Freemason and Past Master of his Lodge. He had been one of the Honorary Stewards of Westminster Abbey (formerly known as Sunday Evening Stewards) for some thirty-five years or more. He was appointed, as was at the time the practice, by the then senior steward. At that time the duties of the stewards were primarily to seat the congregation and take charge at the special Sunday evening services held in the nave during the months of June and July, but which have been given up since the war. The stewards also acted at special services, such as musical festivals, state funerals, etc. They were requisitioned for the funeral of Queen Victoria at St. George's, Windsor, and there seems no doubt but that Col. Johnson acted on that occasion. The stewards were subsequently appointed by the Earl Marshal to act as Gold Staff officers at the coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII, and again at that of H.M. King George V. They are also requisitioned for all royal weddings and funerals, state services, and the services in connection with the Order of the Bath. At all, or most, of such services falling within his period of office, Col. Johnson was present.



## 9th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE the last year our energies have been directed towards winter weapon training, boxing, and watching the progress of the Battalion football team in the T.A. Cup. In the last-named competition the team has been extremely successful, and has got into the semi-final for the first time in their history. We defeated the A.A. Searchlight Company, R.E., Essex Group, in convincing style at Warley by 8—1, and the Bucks Battalion, Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, by 2—1, after a very close and exciting game, in which we had most of the luck that was going.

We meet the London Scottish in the semi-final at home on April 11th.

On January 6th an Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition was held in preparation for the newly-constituted Brigade Competition. C Company swept the board in this, Sergt. Hattley's section being first and Sergt. Robson's second. On January 14th the Brigade Competition was held at Willesden, and Sergt. Hattley again proved victorious, a fitting reward for the hard work that he and his section had put in.

The Battalion Boxing Competition was held on January 24th, and resulted in a win for D Company after a very good evening's entertainment.

In the Brigade Competition we were distinctly unlucky as two of our best men were unable to box at the last moment owing to injuries, and we lost the cup (won last year) to the 8th Battalion by one point. We also suffered severely from a lack of officer competitors. We managed to retain a grip on the Divisional Cup by tying with three other units, the 4th Buffs, 6th East Surreys, and 58th Brigade, R.A. In this again we were unlucky, as Pte. Broome, an almost certain winner, was unable to box owing to a sprained foot. We had only one representative in the T.A. finals at the Stadium Club, L./Cpl. Kent, who was beaten in his semi-final after a very good display.

The Signallers had covered themselves with glory by getting 99.9 per cent. in the Dartmouth Cup Competition for the Territorial Army, and we secretly hoped that they had pulled it off. When the



result was published, however, it was found that we were second, one battalion having scored a possible.

We look to this year to go one better and capture that elusive decimal point.

On March 31st we lost our Brigade Commander, Col. Wortham, and our R.S.M., Sergt.-Major Denton. Col. Wortham has been with us for the last four years, and we owe a lot to his keenness, enthusiasm and, above all, his help. We say good-bye to him with the greatest regret and wish him the best of luck.

We do not actually say good-bye to R.S.M. Denton as we shall see him for many years to come as Quartermaster of the 7th Battalion, an appointment on which we heartily congratulate him. We are tremendously sorry to lose him from the Battalion, in which he has served on and off for the last ten years. Here again we shall miss a man whose energy, enthusiasm and tact were outstanding. We all wish him the best of luck, and hope that he will keep away from our Quartermaster's Stores during camp!

We welcome C.S.M. Goodall on his appointment as R.S.M. We also welcome two very recent arrivals in Master Antony Hardcastle and Miss Joan Hewson, and offer our congratulations to their parents.

Lieut. S. H. Townell has joined the Battalion after an absence of four years, and 2/Lieut. G. W. M. Exeter has been gazetted on first appointment.

On March 28th our football team paid a visit to Colchester to play the 1st Battalion. We were defeated, after a most enjoyable game, by 4-1, a disappointment which was more than counter-balanced by the most hospitable way in which we were all entertained afterwards.

#### A COMPANY.

During the quarter our star performers in the boxing and football departments have been winning glory for themselves and the Company. Among the boxers Pte. Saunders deserves special mention. He won his weight in the Divisional Championships, and is now due to go to the Stadium club for the Championships of the T.A. What is perhaps even more encouraging is the very good show put up by Pte. Treeves, a novice, who won two fights in the

Battalion Championships and just lost in the final of his weight after an excellent fight.

In the football field Sergt. Bateman and Pte. Macdonald have been towers of strength to the Battalion team, which has been walking through all its opponents, and now has only to win one more game to be in the final of the Territorial Army Cup for the first time in the Battalion history. "Now then the 9th!"

Meanwhile the military side of our activities has not been neglected. The good old winter Weapon Training has been very much with us during the last two months, and many a young soldier has been surprised to find how warm he can get through changing the injector and carburettor and all those other little oddments which the Lewis gun keeps in unexpected parts of its anatomy—all against time, of course. Naturally the old soldier does it twice as quickly as the young one, and without getting hot either, but that is only to be expected. As a matter of fact, compared with the other companies, we are rather short of old soldiers, and when we look at these companies it makes us feel like Julius Cæsar did, that "Gallia in tres partes divisa est," which being translated means "We'll need some gall to devise a means of treeing those parties." We are proposing to ask the Q. Department what is the best recipe for gall, then we hope to "Tree 'em."

There is a long list of people to say good-bye to just now. Capt. Hogg has gone on a business trip to Japan, but we are glad to know that he will be back with us again before camp. Still higher up in the management there is another vacancy occurring as Col. Wortham, to whom we offer a respectful farewell, is giving up the command of the Brigade to Col. Harrison, who has our best wishes on taking over the command.

To return nearer home again, we have suffered two great losses in the departure of both our permanent Staff Instructors.

Sergt. Clift, a very old friend of the Company, has evidently grown so fond of us that he has married Sergt.-Major Sewell's sister, so as to be able to take her away to Colchester as a souvenir of his time with the Territorials. R.S.M. Denton has also acquired a liking for the Territorial life; in fact, he has decided to

stick to it, and is going to our 7th Battalion as Quartermaster. For the past three years he has been our guide, counsellor and friend in every emergency. Our loss would be almost irreparable were it not that we are receiving in his place C.S.M. Goodall, who has done such splendid work with D Company that we are all feeling extremely glad that he is now going to do it with us instead of with our rivals.

A. C. K.

#### B (M.G.) COMPANY.

Having recovered from the joys of Christmas we have this last three months turned our attention to work and practice for the Perrin Cup.

The help given last year by the Instructors from the Regular Battalion has been missed, but Ex-Sergt. Fletcher, of the 1st Battalion, has been giving us great assistance. The sight of a machine gun and the thought of a No. 3 feed-block are meat and drink to him—at least they seem to be judging by the zest with which he teaches us.

We are losing a real friend this month in R.S.M. Denton, who leaves us for higher spheres. We wish first to say how sorry we are that he is leaving us, and, secondly, that we wish him the very best of good luck.

There seems no news this quarter, but we hope to have more next quarter after a visit to the 1st Battalion at Easter and a week-end or two in the country.

"BEER."

#### C COMPANY.

In our last notes mention was made of the Inter-Company Fire Direction Competition which was to take place shortly after those notes were written, and we are glad to feel that our Company have at any rate started the year 1931 with more success than we managed to achieve during the whole of 1930, for during January both our teams managed pretty comfortably to win both first and second places, while ten days later our team, which had the honour of representing the Battalion in the Middlesex group finals, finished an easy first.

Sergt. Hattley's team, consisting of L.-Cpls. Laing, Berry and Kent, and Pte. Ambridge, were first in the inter-company final, with Sergt. Robson's team only three points behind, and our team representing the Battalion in the Middlesex group finals was made up of Sergt. Hattley, L./Cpls. Campkin, Laing and Kent and Pte. Edney, who were 14.2 per cent. above the 8th Battalion.

Sergts. Hattley and Robson both deserve our hearty congratulations on their splendid efforts, and it is gratifying to see that the enormous amount of time they and their teams put in practising for the competitions was not in vain, and here we must not forget to mention the two reserves, Ptes. Jones and Bass, who were always ready to replace a casualty.

No doubt a good deal will be read in our other companies' notes about the W.W.T. Competition, the finals of which are shortly to take place.

Our No. 10 Platoon has been making a splendid effort at Roxeth, but unfortunately the attendance among many members of our other two platoons at Wealdstone has been far from satisfactory, and the less the subject is mentioned here the better.

On January 24th the Battalion Boxing Competitions were held at Pound Lane, and, as usual, our boxers put up very good shows, and for this our thanks are due to our able instructor, Mr. Webb, though we were not skilled enough to come out on top.

In the Welters we had two new representatives, Ptes. Shaw and Hall, and with further practice they should both become useful boxers.

In the Lights, one of our novices, Pte. Pinfold, had to meet Pte. Graham, who has represented D Company in this competition on several occasions, and though the latter won we will watch Pinfold's boxing with interest in the future.

Another novice, Pte. Carter, following in the footsteps of his elder brother, won his bout in the semi-finals of the Feathers, and was beaten in the final after a really plucky performance.

In the Bantams, L./Cpl. Parsons was beaten in the semi-finals. In the Flies, L./Cpl. Berry, whom we were glad to see in the ring again, beat Pte. Baxter, one of



our recruits, who has only recently taken up the noble art, in the final, while in the Middlesex L./Cpl. Ford and Pte. Pinner were beaten, but Pte. Whitmill, who was unfortunately prevented through an accident from representing the Battalion in the Middlesex Group finals, won the finals, and we hope that he will be there to do the same again on the next occasion as he has been trained on the right lines and should "keep it up."

The Welters, which have already been referred to, was won by L./Cpl. Kent, who has shown consistent improvement during the last two seasons. He is full of pluck, and no one has trained harder, and we were very glad he won his weight. In the Middlesex Group finals he was beaten by a more experienced and well-trained boxer, Pte. Saunders, but owing to the latter being unable to be present in the T.A. finals at the Stadium Club at last moment Kent took his place, and put up a splendid show, and, though definitely beaten in the semi-finals by the ultimate winner, his grit and sporting performance deserve our hearty congratulations.

Before we change the subject, mention should be made of the fact that our Company Commander and Q.M.S. Linthwaite attended, in January and February, the first refereeing and judging course for members of the T.A., and passed successfully.

In February we were all very sorry to learn that our Second-in-Command, Lieut. Bedwell, was being transferred to the M.G. Company. During the three years he has been with us he has always entered thoroughly into the spirit of things, and though his attendance at Wealdstone meant very long tiring journeys to and from home he managed to be present regularly. All ranks wish him to know that they much regret his departure, and offer him their best wishes for the future with the "gunners," with whom, in one sense, he is by no means a stranger.

At the same time we welcome Lieut. Townell and 2/Lieut. Exeter, who were posted to us on February 18th, and feel sure that the Company in general will benefit by their assistance. We hope that in the dim and distant future their recollections of the time they spent with C Company will be of the happiest.

H. S.

## D COMPANY.

After having indulged in rather a hectic time at Christmas, we can now begin to settle down to a really good three months' work in connection with the Battalion and Brigade Winter Weapon Competition. But before we go on with this, let us record the Annual Company Dinner. This was held at the Drill Hall on Saturday, January 3rd, when about eighty members of the Company and Old Comrades sat down to a fine repast. The arrangements being in the hands of a capable committee enabled this to turn out a great success.

During the dinner music was supplied by the Wembley Orpheans' Dance Band, and the toasts were "The King," "The Prince of Wales," "The Regiment," and "Absent Members," especially Col. Bartholomew, who again stepped into the breach and provided the refreshments, for which we were truly thankful. Following the dinner a dance was held for the wives and friends of the members, and amid a great gathering the prizes were distributed during the interval by our Honorary Colonel, Col. Blumfeld.

Last year was an outstanding one for us, and the result of the year's work brought us quite a number of trophies, due greatly to the work put in by the N.C.Os. of the Company.

The following were some of the successes:—

Winner of the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition for the third year in succession.

Battalion Boxing Cup for the second year in succession.

Platoon and Section Tactical Cup.

The individual prize-winners were:—

Best platoon of the year, No. 14, Sergt. A. Devereaux.

Best section of the year, No. 11, Sergt. R. Devereaux.

Best recruit of the year, Pte. R. James.

Best section medal winners, Sergt. R. Devereaux, L./Cpl. Kent, Ptes. Dowell, Culverhouse, and Johnson.

Best shot of the Company, Cpl. H. Fenner.

Having now completed the period of Winter Weapon Training we are hoping for good results from the amount of work put in, and to be able to produce the final results in the next issue.

Don.

7th CITY OF LONDON  
REGIMENT (Post Office).

## EASTER TRAINING.

**D**URING Easter Training this year the 7th City of London Regiment (Post Office) were the guests of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment at Colchester.

We were thus given a useful opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the Regular Regiment to whom we are affiliated.

The 1st Middlesex Regiment looked after us excellently, and gave us a great welcome by sending their Band and Drums to meet us at the railway station.

During the whole of the stay we were made to feel that we were in a true sense affiliated, and therefore at home.

Our officers were much impressed by the relics of the 57th Regiment which are in the Officers' Mess. In particular Lady Butler's magnificent painting, "Steady the Drums and Fifes," had a most inspiring effect upon all.

In spite of the weather, which gave us quite a different welcome from that accorded by the 1st Battalion, we were able to put in a certain amount of elementary field training, Saturday and Monday being quite good days.

But on Sunday the weather voted entirely against field training, being perhaps in sympathy with the Lord's Day Observance Society.

This was the first occasion on which we had paraded under the command of Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., and it was gratifying that so many members of the Battalion were able to attend Easter Training, and thus to meet the new Commanding Officer.

In every way we owe great thanks to all ranks of the 1st Battalion for the kind and sincere hospitality which they gave us.

## THE CHANGE OF COMMAND.

On April 2nd Col. W. B. Vince, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., relinquished the command of the 7th City of London Regiment (Post Office), colloquially known as the "Shiny Seventh."

Col. Vince first joined the 8th City of London (Post Office Rifles) in 1914 as Second-Lieutenant.

He served with them until March, 1918, reaching the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding the Battalion. Subsequently he commanded the 20th London.

After the war Col. Vince rejoined the 8th City of London Regiment (P.O.R.) as Captain, and in 1922 retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1923 he came back to the Regiment with the rank of Major.

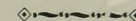
From September 30th, 1924, until March, 1931, he commanded the amalgamated 7th and 8th Battalions.

During Col. Vince's tour of command the Regiment has been consistently successful, and has enjoyed a great spirit of comradeship, which he did much to encourage. All ranks of the Battalion are extremely sorry to lose him.

The command has been taken over by Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., who although a stranger to the 7th and 8th City of London Regiments nevertheless has had close associations with the Middlesex Regiment.

He commanded the 2nd Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment during the war, and has recently relinquished command of the 8th Middlesex.

All ranks welcome him enthusiastically, and look forward to many happy years under his command.

21st (S.) BATTALION  
(ISLINGTON'S OWN)  
OFFICERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

**T**HE officers of the 21st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment held their Eleventh Reunion Dinner on Friday, March 6th, at the Florence Restaurant, Regent Street, W.1. The chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. P. F. Hone, D.S.O., M.C.

Although somewhat smaller than on previous occasions, the gathering lacked nothing of the usual conviviality and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. On proposing the toast to the guests, Lieut.-Col. Samuel said how delighted they were to once again be privileged to



have the presence of the Mayor of Islington. They also welcomed a visit from an old "enemy," Capt. Cowtan, the Brigade-Major of the 121st Infantry Brigade, whom most of the officers present had not seen since 1918. Another notable friend was Mr. C. F. S. Slight, whose son was one of the prominent officers in the Battalion and for several years was responsible for the arrangements for the Reunion Dinner. As a matter of fact, it was to Capt. Slight the credit was due of originally getting together the first of these gatherings.

On thanking those present for their welcome, His Worship the Mayor recalled the early days of the Battalion at Highbury, and mentioned that he had some part in arranging that the officers should be provided with a Mess at the notable Canonbury Tower, now occupied by the Canonbury Tower Club.

In a brief speech Capt. Cowtan referred to his pleasant association with the 21st Battalion and its officers when in France.

Mr. Slight, who had been asked to say a few words, responded by giving the company particulars of another battle which had taken place prior to the formation of Islington's Own. His recitation of "How Bill Adams won the Battle of Waterloo" was heartily cheered.

Lieut. "Sandy" Reynolds revived old memories by giving "Sister Susie," and Lieut. Jaggard, who rarely fails to make the assembly rock with laughter, gave his famous impression of a vicar who entered the ranks.

The memory of Absent Friends was toasted in silence.

Towards the end of the evening Capt. Engelbach proposed the health of "The Battalion." Capt. Englebach mentioned that perhaps his only claim to being asked to speak was that he was an officer of the best company in the Battalion, B Company. This statement was received with a certain amount of incredulity by officers of other companies present!

Many were the good old war-time choruses sung during the evening, and Major Macleod carried our thoughts back still farther by singing us a song in which, as pointed out, the average Scotsman could trace his family back to the time of Noah.

In his closing remarks the Chairman mentioned that it was to Major Macleod

that the credit for the evening's arrangements was due, and he had undertaken this duty at short notice in view of the inability of Capt. Lucas to carry out his usual duties on the present occasion.

The gathering closed with hearty cheers for the Chairman and so "back to our billets."

(Hon. Secretary: Capt. L. A. Lucas, 168, Regent Street, W.I.)



## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTERS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

19, RINTOUL STREET,  
WELLINGTON,  
NEW ZEALAND.

January 1st, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Enclosed please find 5s. for which kindly send me a copy of the Regimental Diary, 1931; also a "Die-Hard" Badge.

My very best wishes to the dear old Regiment. I very much regret not being able to write a letter—my 93rd birthday comes next month, so you can easily catch the reason.

Yours sincerely,

E. BEZAR (late 57th).

P.S.—The last issue of THE DIE-HARDS reached me on the 30th ult.—E. B.

19, RINTOUL STREET,  
WELLINGTON,  
NEW ZEALAND.

January 25th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose a little article I put in the *Dominion* referring to our arrival in this country seventy years ago, with the hope that it will be given a place in your May issue. You will see that I have expressed the opinion that there are but three members still living who were in the Regiment at that time: Michael Gill and myself in this country, and General Sir C. M. Clarke in the Old Land. Gill will be 94 years old in March, and the writer 93 next month.

On the 27th inst. it will be seventy-six years since I joined the 62nd Wiltshire Regiment and transferred to the "Die-Hards" in the Crimea on March 6th, 1856. I have been informed that I am the oldest still living who joined that regiment so far back.

My very best wishes to the "Die-Hards."

Yours truly,

E. BEZAR, late Clr.-Sergt.

January 28th, 1931.

Since writing the other page the thought came to me to send, for the Library, the book "The Adventures of Kemble Bent," by James Cowan, the Official Historian of the Maori War, who told me that had he known me before he wrote the book he would never have written it. Bent led him to believe that he was a martyr, whereas he was one of the very worst characters in the Regiment for some years. He came from the backwoods of Canada; he deserted to the Maoris when we were posted at Manawapon in 1865. I knew him well; he did not belong to my company, but he was at the same post when he deserted. I am sure the book will get well read by the present generation of "Die-Hards." The book proves that the author is very well up in the Maori language.

E. BEZAR.

### "AN OLD CAMPAIGNER.

### "ONE OF THE LAST DIE-HARDS.

### "RECOLLECTIONS OF 70 YEARS AGO.

"You will please me and also interest many of your readers if you will kindly afford space for these remarks," writes Sergeant-Major E. Bezar:—

"Seventy years ago to-day (January 21) the headquarters wing of the 57th Regiment—the Die-Hards—under Major R. A. Logan, sailed into Auckland from Bombay in the good ship *Castilian*, Captain Harrington—the left wing under Major H. Butler had already put in, and were ordered round to New Plymouth. About a month before their arrival Sir Hugh Rose, Commander-in-Chief in

India, sent a letter to Governor Gore Brown, in which that officer used words to the following effect: "H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has asked me to send a thoroughly good regiment from my command for service in the field in New Zealand, as the 14th foot now on their way from England to that colony is a very young second battalion and quite inexperienced in war. I am sending your Excellency the 57th Regiment, a veteran battalion, with a fine record, and in my opinion the finest regiment in India at the present time." Sir Hugh Rose had inspected the regiment at Poona some months before, and took Colonel Warre away with him as his military secretary, but when the regiment left India he resigned, and followed to New Zealand. The Governor, of course, communicated the purport of this letter to Ministers, and it soon became public property, and the consequence was that the arrival of this paragon of regiments was awaited with interest in Auckland. It took three days to decide whether to land or go round to the scene of trouble. We landed on the 24th, and the band of the 14th Regiment played us up to the Albert Barracks. That afternoon Major St. Clair, Lieut. C. M. Clarke, and 150 N.C.Os. and men were dispatched via Orehunga to the Waitara in H.M.S. *Niger*.

"General Sir Charles M. Clarke, Bt., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., was out here in 1925 and again two years later. The writer believes him to be the only one of the regiment outside New Zealand who came with the regiment. Of the hundreds who remained behind when the regiment left for home in 1867 there are only two living—M. Gill, of Napier, will be aged 94 years in March, and the writer will be 93 next month.

"The old regiment has kept up its reputation; they were the first complete regiment sent over to France in August, 1914; they were the first under fire. During the Great War they lost 12,694 killed—what must the wounded mean? One day they had 462 casualties—15 officers killed.

"There is much I would like to write, but I must consider your valuable space; and at my age writing is not such pleasure as in days gone by."



## LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

P.O., MARAISBURG,  
TRANSVAAL,  
SOUTH AFRICA.

February 12th, 1931.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

Last night we held a "Middlesex Regiment" Reunion Dinner in Johannesburg. It must surely have been the first "Die-Hards" Reunion held in South Africa.

It was a most enjoyable evening, thanks very much to the humour of Capt. George Bowden, M.C. ("Uncle"), who presided in the unfortunate absence of Brig.-General W. I. Webb-Bowen, D.S.O., who was down with an attack of malaria.

So far as I have been able to ascertain there are at least seventeen old "Die-Hards" scattered about South Africa, and I managed to rope in ten from Johannesburg and district. The ten included Capt. A. C. Thompson, M.C., Capt. D. M. Brampton, M.C., and Mr. R. S. Ozard, of the 1st Battalion; the 2nd Battalion was represented by Capt. G. Bowden, M.C., Messrs. Phil Saunders, A. J. Stretton and myself; then there were also Mr. E. Willett, of the 1st Volunteer Battalion; Capt. S. O. Saunders, M.M., 13th Battalion; and Capt. C. W. Rooke, 23rd Battalion.

It was unanimously decided to hold a similar function also at Johannesburg Station Buffet on next Albuhera Day. We shall probably have a larger muster.

Our Colonel-in-Chief would have been much amused had he had the opportunity of listening to us following up his toast by an unaccompanied version of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." We were well acquainted with the air, but could not sing more than six words of the anthem.

I am enclosing a P.O. for £1 2s. 6d. Kindly forward a Diary and this year's issues of the Magazine to the five gentlemen enumerated on the list sent herewith.

I am taking a trip to India at the beginning of March and I hope I am able to see the 2nd Battalion before they leave for Egypt.

Yours faithfully,  
WM. FREZONS.

## OBITUARY.

CAPT. THOMAS JOSEPH SMITH,  
M.B.E.

WE much regret to announce the death of this Old Comrade. Capt. Smith had been in indifferent health for some time and passed away at midnight on February 27th, 1931, at Roxeth, Middlesex, at the age of 67 years.

The funeral took place at Heston Churchyard on March 4th. The chief mourners were Mr. C. E. Smith (brother), Mr. and Mrs. McVeigh, Mr. McVeigh and Mr. Percy Collenethe (brothers and sister-in-law).

Others present at the church included Col. Anwyl Passingham, Col. Garner, Major Amor, Capt. and Mrs. Lee, Capts. Dymore, Leatham and Rosam, Messrs. R. E. Evans, A. Blinco and E. J. Warren and L./Sergt. O'Brien (Depot).

There were many floral tributes, including a wreath from the Regimental Association.

Lieut.-Col. Steed, Major L. Taylor and Capts. W. G. Taylor and Stock were unavoidably prevented from being present.

"Joe," as he was affectionately known to all his old friends in the Regiment, joined the 5th Middlesex Militia at Uxbridge in 1878, serving as a drummer on the Permanent Staff, and enlisted for the 50th Brigade (57th and 77th Regiments) on March 7th, 1881. Promotion followed quickly in the 1st Battalion, as he became Sergeant in October, 1882, and Colour-Sergeant in 1884. He was discharged at his own request after twenty-six years' service in March, 1907. During the last nine years of his service he was Orderly Room Quartermaster-Sergeant at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Chelsea.

On discharge he took over the Black Boy Hotel, West Wycombe, and remained there six years. He was afterwards appointed O.R.C., 9th Bn. The Essex Regiment, and retained that position until the outbreak of the Great War, when he was transferred to the Record Office at Warley. He was given a commission in May, 1915, and posted to the 8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. He was made an M.B.E. in June, 1919.

On demobilization Capt. Smith engaged in fruit farming at New Thundersley, Essex, but gave that up in 1923 when he joined the staff of the Middlesex Territorial and Air Force Association.

He was made Superintendent of the Clothing and Mobilization Store at Roxeth, in which capacity he rendered most valuable service and brought the Depot of the Association up to a high state of efficiency. He was popular with everybody and at the same time carried

out his duties in a most thorough manner. Capt. Smith was a very knowledgeable, able and loyal servant to the Association. He was due for retirement on March 25th and after the valuable services he had rendered it was hoped by everybody that he would enjoy many years of well-earned rest.

His sudden death came as a great shock to all the members of the Association, particularly to Col. Passingham. "Joe" was a fine type and a real "Die-Hard."



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of

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(DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions— (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
<b>Lt.-Colonels (2).</b>	<b>Lieutenants.</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>	<b>Caplains.</b>
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Clowes, J. H. (1)	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.8.	×Parneter, W. H. 11/6/30	×Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
28/9/28	Chapman, J. R. S. (2)	Hon. Colonel.	Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/20	Hogg, F. G. 13/7/29
1/1/18	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. (2)	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) i.a.	Major.	Hewson, A. S. 17/8/29
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	28/9/28	13/8/25	×Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D. i.a.	20/2/30
	Clayden, H. W. (1)			
	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)			
	24/10/19			
<b>Majors (8).</b>	Clark, S. J. (2)	<b>Lt.-Colonel.</b>		
Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	21/2/20	×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., i.a.		
28/9/24	Walden, F. (2) d.	18/3/29		
1/1/19	Heywood, E. L. (2)	31/12/24		
Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)	20/2/20			
1/1/19	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)			
28/9/24	Reid, J. G. E., c.o.			
3/6/19	18/7/21			
Jeffery, W. W. (1)	Hudson, E. P. H. (Phys.)	<b>Majors.</b>		
16/12/24	17/12/21	×Murray, H. A. i.a. 19/3/29		
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1)	Musshelwhite, C. C. (1)	×Bower, G. A. H., M.C. 1/4/30		
10/12/28	Cubitt, D. Y. (1)			
3/6/18	16/7/22			
Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1)	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2)			
30/7/26	14/7/23			
Tidbury, O. H., M.C., p.s.c. [1]	Worlton, J. B. (1)			
3/6/18	14/7/23			
Pargiter, L. L., D.S.O. (1) d.	Lambert, H. P. (2)	<b>Caplains.</b>		
28/9/28	14/7/23	×Pringle, W. E., M.C.		
3/6/19	Gordon, I. D. S.			
Wollocome, T. S., M.C. (2)	(d. Adj. 10/7/29)			
10/12/28	Crawford, M., o. (1) d.			
3/6/18	23/12/23			
	Newton, W. C. (1)			
	30/8/26			
	Jacob, M. A. (2)			
	30/8/29			
	Goulden, G. A., c.o.			
	29/1/27			
	Gilbert, N. G. (2)			
	4/2/29			
	Baldwin, C. M. (2)			
	4/2/29			
	Elise, F. H. (2)			
	30/8/29			
	Heraopath, L. H. J. de la M. (1)			
	1/9/30			
	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2)			
	2/2/31			
	Powell, P. D. ff. (1)			
	2/2/31			
<b>Caplains (14).</b>				
Lyons, N. H. B., M.C. (1)				
6/2/15				
Appelbe, E. N. (2)				
17/2/15				
Newnam, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1)				
30/4/15				
30/4/15				
Savile, H. B. W., M.C.				
1/10/15				
Thorpe, J. R. (1)				
23/1/16				
Phillips, H. M. C. (1)				
20/6/16				
Bucknall, G. C., M.C. (p.s.c.) s.				
26/8/16				
Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. (s.c.)				
3/6/19				
26/8/16				
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. (1) s.c.s.				
1/1/17				
Haydon, C. W., M.C. (1)				
25/4/17				
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2)				
7/5/17				
del Court, S. F. W. M. C. (1) (1)				
28/9/20				
Whinney, C. T., M.C. (2) d.				
23/3/21				
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) Adj.				
1/4/21				
Lyons, E. F., M.C. (Small Arms Sch.)				
18/2/22				
Garrow, V. J. (2)				
25/2/22				
Manson, E. P., M.C. (2)				
29/6/26				
Roberts, W. L., M.C. (1) s.c.s.				
1/4/25				
Mirams, S. M.C., (1) s.c.s.				
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. (1)				
28/9/28				
Jones, W. H. V. (2)				
10/12/28				
Hedgecoe, S. F. (2)				
10/12/28				
Parker, F. G., i.				
10/12/28				
Overell, A. N. (1), Adj.				
10/12/28				
(Subalterns 34).				

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os.  
JANUARY 1st, 1931.

## NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

## 1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
*R.S.M.	R. Mantell	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	13/6/28	Sgt.	R. King	Supnny., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	A. Finch	1st	28/4/29	*Sgt.	J. West	7th London	15/1/30
*R.Q.M.S.	E. Crouch	1st	2/7/30	*Sgt.	W. Northcott, M.M.	1st	25/2/30
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.)	M. Baldwin	1st	28/1/25	*Sgt.	W. Tibble	1st	17/10/30
*C.S.M.	H. Rand	1st	26/3/25	Drum-Major	N. Phillipson	1st	20/10/30
*C.S.M.	C. Denton	9th	4/6/25	Sgt.	C. Soper	1st	17/12/30
*C.S.M.	G. Goodall	9th	17/6/25	Cpl.	W. Overton	1st	11/5/30
*C.S.M.	J. Tugate, D.C.M.	Depot	13/8/26	*Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	G. Goss	Depot	1/9/24
*C.S.M.	T. Smith	19th London	28/2/28	*Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	G. Blake	1st	13/12/24
*C.S.M.	F. Peck	8th	18/2/29	*Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	C. Kennett	1st	1/3/25
*C.S.M.	C. Goodall	8th	28/4/29	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	E. Williams	1st	26/3/25
*C.S.M.	A. King	Egyptian Army	4/1/30	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	J. O'Brien	Depot	16/4/25
*C.S.M.	F. Stevenson	1st	4/1/30	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	1st	26/5/25
*C.S.M.	P. Newman	7th	15/1/30	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	H. Hull	1st	18/2/26
*C.S.M.	G. Anderson	1st	20/10/30	*Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	L. Priddy	1st	13/3/26
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S. Steadman	1st	23/7/23	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	R. Glover	1st	9/2/27
Sgt.	E. Pain	1st	26/10/18	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	S. Thompson	1st	13/12/27
Col.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	1st	11/6/27	Cpl. (L.-Sgt.)	R. Bayles	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	1/5/20	*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	1st	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. Randle	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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Cpl.	E. Zetter...	...	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
				L./Cpl.	A. Swan ...	1st	20/5/30
<i>Paid—</i>				L./Cpl.	P. Bermingham ...	1st	1/6/30
L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill ...	1st	28/1/26	L./Cpl.	P. Oliver ...	Depot	5/6/30
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester ...	1st	26/8/27	L./Cpl.	G. Jeffree ...	1st	5/6/30
L./Cpl.	A. Stone ...	1st	15/1/28	L./Cpl.	G. Bayford ...	1st	28/6/30
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond ...	1st	18/5/28	L./Cpl.	W. Belcher ...	1st	30/6/30
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett ...	1st	16/8/28	L./Cpl.	A. Cladd ...	1st	1/7/30
L./Cpl.	A. Allison ...	1st	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	P. Maloney ...	1st	17/7/30
*L./Cpl.	W. Pinkney ...	Depot	29/10/28	L./Cpl.	F. Soden ...	1st	1/8/30
L./Cpl.	R. Simmons ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	R. Blackman ...	1st	20/8/30
L./Cpl.	H. Keen ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	T. Castle ...	1st	21/8/30
L./Cpl.	S. Bullock ...	1st	15/1/29	L./Cpl.	J. Donegar ...	1st	13/9/30
L./Cpl.	R. Jenkins ...	1st	26/6/29	L./Cpl.	P. Ward ...	1st	20/10/30
L./Cpl.	S. Phelan ...	1st	24/7/29	L./Cpl.	G. Barnett ...	1st	6/11/30
L./Cpl.	B. White ...	Depot	27/8/29	L./Cpl.	H. Simmons ...	1st	9/11/30
L./Cpl.	A. Nicholls ...	Depot	9/9/29	L./Cpl.	E. Wadsworth ...	1st	17/11/30
L./Cpl.	F. Connert ...	1st	13/9/29	L./Cpl.	E. Whichello ...	1st	17/11/30
L./Cpl.	W. Snell ...	Depot	2/10/29	L./Cpl.	H. Jolley ...	1st	19/11/30
L./Cpl.	H. Sims ...	Depot	29/10/29				
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

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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.) ...	1/5/30		Sgt. W. Knighton (Signal Sgt.) ...	15/5/29	(7)
Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/30		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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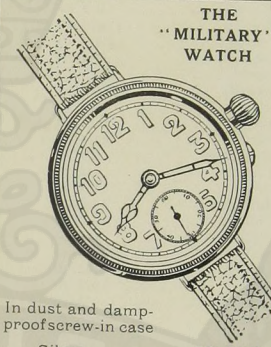
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L./Sgt. H. Ison ...	27/12/29 (6)		L./Cpl. A. Palmer ...	1/11/29	
L./Sgt. H. Cartwright ...	16/2/30 (1) (2)		†L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	11/12/29	
L./Sgt. R. Parsler ...	31/3/30 (3)		L./Cpl. J. Oatway ...	27/12/29	
L./Sgt. H. Marshall (Officers' Mess Sgt.) ...	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. Smallridge ...	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	
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