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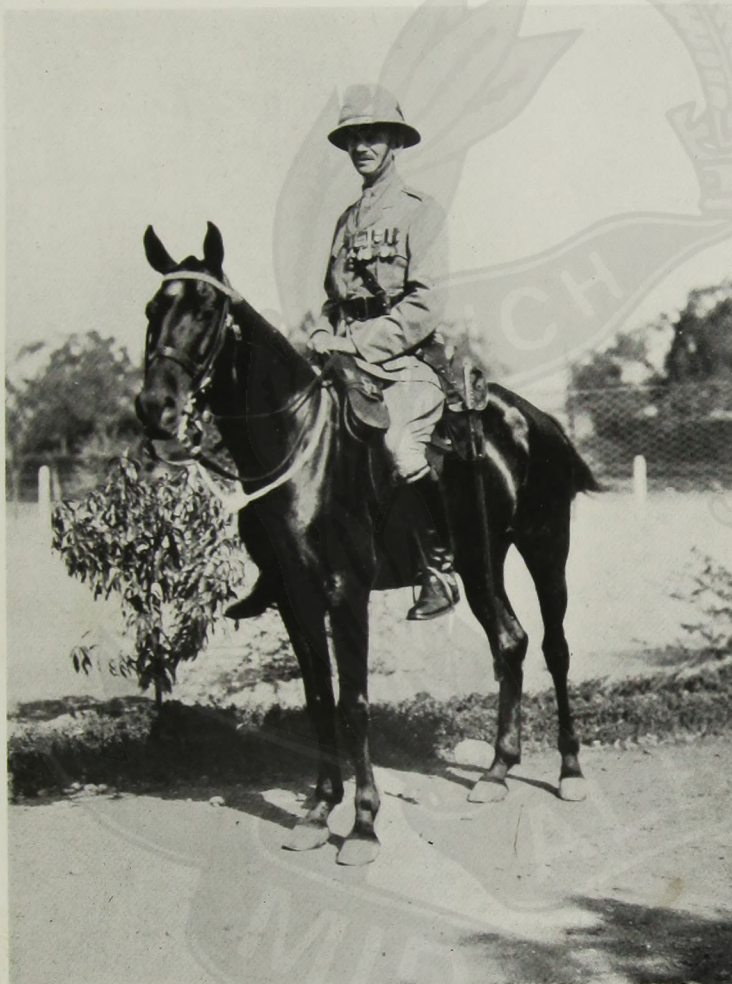
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EDITORIAL



WE congratulate Major F. S. Steed, D.C.M., on being granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel whilst employed as Chief Recruiting Officer.

It is understood that the 1st Battalion is taking part in the Royal Tournament this year.

The photograph of the 1st Battalion on church parade at Woolwich on May 17th, 1914, has been supplied by Miss Dorothy Longe, daughter of the late Col. R. D. Longe.

We are indebted to Mr. R. Maurice Hill for the cuttings relating to the late Pte. Soares and to "Two Minutes' Silence," which are reprinted on page 141.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

- March 2nd.—9th Battalion Old Comrades' Dinner, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.
 March 23rd.—2nd/10th Battalion Reunion Dinner.
 April 6th.—Quarterly Concert at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
 June 24th to 27th.—Cricket Week at the Regimental Depot.
 June 27th.—Officers' Club Dinner, Trocadero, 7.30 p.m.
 June 28th.—Old Comrades' Gathering at the Depot Sports, Mill Hill.
 October 5th.—Quarterly Concert at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.
 November 2nd.—Annual General Meeting and Old Comrades' Dinner at the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, 7 p.m.
 November 11th.—Armistice Day Service, Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, 10.45 a.m.

TWO DIE-HARDS AT MONS.

THE following stories are probably new to a good many members of the Regiment, but should undoubtedly be known to as many as possible, as they typify so well the "Die-Hard" spirit.

The first case I saw for myself. The second was reported to me by a Corporal and a Private, in hospital in Belgium, after Le Cateau in 1914. The two "Die-Hards" were Sergt. English and Pte. Coxhill. Neither of these two brave actions met with official recognition, for this reason: all the witnesses were wounded and prisoners. None of them reached England again between the years 1914 and 1918, and it was then too late

to get anything done, although every effort was made. All this occurred in August, 1914.

On the morning of August 23rd, the 4th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment occupied a line between the villages of Obourg and Nimy on the Condé Canal, covering Mons. Companies, and even platoons, were widely dispersed, and shallow trenches had been hastily dug. The M.G. Section (two guns in 1914!) was covering the approaches from Obourg, and was situated on the right flank, which was the dangerous one.

At 8 a.m., the Battle of Mons commenced—at least, as far as the Regiment was concerned—and the machine guns soon found plenty to do. Among other things, they took on a German heavy battery at a range of 1,600 yards—an unusual target for machine guns. The guns were in small circular pits, with Nos. 1 and 2; remaining numbers in a shallow trench in rear of and between the guns. There had been no time or opportunity to make communication trenches. The left gun had as its No. 1 a fine, upstanding young soldier, Pte. Coxhill by name. His No. 2, barely under cover, was wedged between the gun and the side of the pit, and could not easily move.

At about 1 p.m., the German infantry were advancing all along the line, and we came under rifle fire and machine-gun fire, as well as shrapnel. Coxhill was hit in the shoulder and knocked over. His No. 2 endeavoured to wriggle into position, but Coxhill pulled himself up, and insisted on carrying-on. The German infantry were now swarming in front of us, and had also begun to turn our right flank. The Battalion had, by this time (about 3 p.m.), started to retire, and our covering fire was badly needed. I gave the spare numbers the opportunity of getting back and saving themselves—they were all acting as riflemen now. Not a man moved. They said they would rather stick it out and wait for the counter-attack! I had myself been hit, but Coxhill was now hit a second time. I shouted to him to crawl aside and lie "doggo" while I found a relief for him. His reply was, "She's firing like a darling and I'll carry on." Again he hauled himself up and recommenced

firing. The Germans were preparing to assault, and poured in a tremendous volume of fire. I fancy Coxhill was about done in by now, as he had fallen back and the gun was practically boiling; but once again he dragged himself up, and finished the belt as the enemy charged.

Curiously enough, the first wave never spotted us, and it was a considerable time before some of their supports saw us and hauled us out of the trench. We were bandaged up and assembled near a small cow-house, just in time to be well "peppered" by our own troops, now in full retirement. This was the last time I saw Coxhill and have now unfortunately lost sight of him. His action was reported on my return to England in 1919, but it was then too late and no further decorations were given. His brave conduct had its reward, in that he held up the enemy at a critical moment, and facilitated the retirement of his regiment.

The second incident was that of Sergt. English, brother of Capt. and Qmr. J. English. It was told me in hospital in Belgium by a wounded Corporal and a man called Pte. Inwards, who had been shot in the head. Apparently, Sergt. English must have been slightly wounded or in some way incapacitated. At any rate, he could not keep up with his company, and got lost. Near a bend in the main road from Obourg to Maubeuge, he found a box of S.A. ammunition. This he opened, lay down in the road with his magazine charged, and waited. As soon as the head of the first German column appeared (the road ran between steep banks at this point), English opened fire.

Every single man who tried to get round that corner was hit. English was a very fine shot, and the range was under 300 yards. The enemy's advance along this main road, in pursuit of our troops, was seriously hampered. They undoubtedly thought that there must be more than one man in the "position."

The delay in rear, along this main road, was, of course, greater still. The farther back you are in a column, the longer does it take to resume the march. Finally, after a set attack, the "post" was rushed. Sergt. English, picked up wounded, was probably regarded as the sole survivor. His action must have held

up the enemy pursuit on that road for about two hours.

Subsequently, as a prisoner of war, he was sent to North Russia in a working party, during the bitter winter of 1916-17. Living in tents, lacking proper food, with thick snow on the ground, few survived.

Sergt. English was one of those who died from the effects of this experience.

Though no reward came to these two soldiers, their valour was of the utmost value to their regiment.

Their names should live in its memory.

"1914."



LIEUT.-COL. V. L. N. PEARSON, D.S.O., underwent a severe operation at the Catterick Military Hospital early in December. This came as a great blow to all ranks, particularly as it was found necessary to operate without any warning. However, we are glad to say that he is now making satisfactory progress, and has been definitely taken off the "Seriously ill" list.

Congratulations to Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., and Capt. H. S. Royffe on their recent promotion.

Unfortunately Capt. F. J. Nunn, M.C., is still on the sick list. He was granted a further two months' leave by a medical board on December 10th. This will complete a year since he originally left us.

2/Lieut. H. F. MacKenzie and 2/Lieut. W. H. P. Chattey have joined the Battalion on first appointment.

UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL AT LA FERTE-SOUS-JOUARRE.

On Sunday, November 4th, 1928, R.Q.M.S. A. Clarke represented the Middlesex Regiment in a guard of honour at the unveiling of the War Memorial at La Ferté-sous-Jouarre by Lieut.-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., K.C.V.O. It bears the following inscription:—

"This Memorial is erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission in honour of the British Expeditionary Force and records the names of 3,888 Officers and Men who lost their lives in the operations of August, September and the early part of October, 1914, and who have no known grave."

The names of thirty non-commissioned officers and men of the Middlesex Regiment are recorded as follows:—

Sergt. A. Dibble, L./Sergt. W. H. Whiting, Cpl. A. T. Allen, L./Cpl. H. Gardner, Ptes. Arnett, J. F. Brown, A. Byron, H. C. Camp, R. C. Coatz, J. Cokeley, F. G. Dawe, C. S. Eggleton, C. Elwood, F. H. Frost, W. E. Hoskin, E. J. Hunt, T. W. King, J. Martingale, A. F. Morley, G. Philpott, R. H. Rugg, W. H. Phippen, J. Smith, C. Suff, F. J. Stocks, H. W. Sutton, J. J. Thorogood, C. Waterman, W. S. Wheeler and A. Wilson.

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

Another quarter's notes are due, and still we have the same old cry, "Not much news."

At present we are engaged in training and digging on alternate weeks. Considering this, our recruits to the gun are progressing very favourably.

At sport we can say that we are average. In the Soccer League, we are holding the remainder of the Battalion up; but the other day we gave the "top-liners" ("G" Company) a surprise, by beating them by 4 goals to 2.

A Garrison Inter-Company Soccer Knock-out commences shortly. In this we consider we have a very good chance, as we can play our Regimental players, of whom we have five. There is also a Battalion Inter-Company Soccer and Hockey Knock-out to be fought out, and again we consider that we have a fair chance.

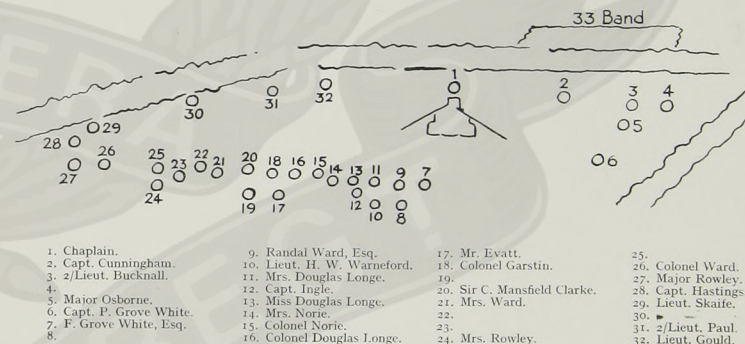
We congratulate Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., on his promotion. We also congratulate Cpls. Hows and Fletcher on appointment to Lance-Sergeant; L./Cpls. Ayres, Brown, Meakins and Davis on their promotion to Corporal; and those who have been appointed Paid Lance-Corporals.

Again we are providing a few of the draft to the 2nd Battalion. We wish



[Photo: E. S. Langton, Eltham.]

CHURCH PARADE AT WOOLWICH, 1914.



them all the luck in their new station. They are fortunate, if what we have heard is true, in that they go to Madras instead of "Nugger."

EMMA GEE.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

By the time these notes appear, we shall have wished ourselves a happy New Year, and, quite possibly, wishing we could get it. Still, with the same old wish to all our friends, we will also pass them our news. The most notable thing has been a stiffening of our ranks by the promotion and transfers of N.C.Os.—Cpls. West and Kruck, and L./Cpls. McNamara, Sneezy and Chillery being welcome additions.

It is good to see Sergt. Raindle among us again as fit as ever, after his unfortunate injury, and we give Sergt.-Major Beasley a hearty welcome from the 9th Battalion, although Catterick must leave him cold after Willesden.

Interest in the sports field, notably in football and hockey, is on the increase, the Company games providing a feast for the enthusiasts, while our representatives in the Battalion games are showing good form for the critics.

The Company has taken boxing to its arms, and our contribution to the Battalion team, namely, Lieut. Chattey and Pte. Hatchett, did all that was asked of them in the Inter-Battalion win against the Cameronians.

Pte. Hatchett, or "Choppers," has been in his element by helping himself to the Garrison Championship in the light heavy-weight class. Well done, "Choppers"!

There is a rumour that our Concert Party is booked for a London season after the successful shows already put on. However, that is in the air until the 250th performance is shown.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

By the time these notes are in print, the Christmas festivities will be over but not forgotten. At the time of writing, one and all are looking forward to a jolly time. Half of the Company have had their annual furlough (but do not appear to be very glad to be back in Catterick); the other half are now either on or will soon be going on their annual furlough.

They will be the lucky ones to spend Christmas at their homes.

However, from what we hear, those remaining will enjoy theirs in barracks—perhaps a few words about this will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

Since the last issue, we have seen the last of Bellerby Moor Ranges for 1928 at least, and we are all glad to be back again.

The Brigadier-Commander's Annual Inspection has been held, and we are told it was considered very satisfactory. We will not write much on this item, as no doubt more remarks on this will appear in this number.

We feel very bucked at the fact that the Company has again emerged on top in musketry. A short notice appeared in Battalion Orders: "Best Shooting Company, 'C' Company." This result was obtained by all ranks doing their utmost. The recruits did remarkably well, and we must not forget that great credit is due to our senior N.C.Os. for their tuition. As best shooting company, "C" Company leads the Battalion on church parade every Sunday.

Another win for us was the Inter-Company Cricket Knock-out Competition referred to in our last notes. Our hopes were justified, and the team are greatly pleased with the medals just issued.

Sergt. Kennett sustained a nasty hit over the eye in the last match played. We are glad that it did not turn out to be so serious as it was first thought.

Since winning the Novices' Boxing, we have not been in the background. Ptes. Litchfield and Bond both won their weights in the first round of the Army Championships, the former also winning his weight in the Garrison Championships.

Turning to more beautiful occupations, we took first prize in the Garden Competitions. Congratulations to all who laboured for this in their spare time and fought their elements so successfully.

To celebrate our successes, a supper was arranged and held in the dining-hall, and was enjoyed very much by all. Our thanks are due to the Sergeant-Master-Cook and his merry men, who cooked us such a tasty menu.

One member of the Company (a Lewis-gun marksman) is believed to have experienced a "double" feed. But

there were no signs anywhere of any "stoppages." We had the pleasure of the company of our Company Commander (who, incidentally, made us an encouraging speech) and our platoon officers, and our guests included the Adjutant, R.S.M. and Armr.-Sergt. Scott.

Many changes have taken place during the past quarter. We were sorry to lose Cpl. Painter and the draft to the 2nd Battalion early in October, and take this opportunity of wishing them a happy time in India. We regret the departure of Capt. E. F. Lyons, M.C., and we miss his cheery smile. We wonder if he will find any use for red paint at Hythe?

We have lost also our C.S.M., who has been posted to the 9th Battalion, but we shall not forget the parts he played in the games for the Company. We wish him the best of luck.

We take the opportunity of welcoming Sergts. Walsh and Anderson, also Cpls. Holt and Chasney on joining the Company, and congratulate L./Cpls. Alger, Wright and Welsh on their appointment to non-commissioned ranks.

Last but not least we congratulate our Company Commander on his promotion.

SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

We have just finished Classification and have managed to obtain a good result, considering the doubtful weather conditions at that time. Congratulations to all who passed, and to the three who failed; better luck next time.

The sports of the Group have livened up again, and we now consider ourselves as "top notchers," but we must not crow too soon. Cricket ended with Signallers representing "G" Company. It was an amusing game, especially from a certain batsman of "C" Company's point of view, and one wonders if his nose is straight yet.

Drafts to the 2nd Battalion have left us sadly depleted, but our loss is a gain in the long run, as we hope to see these faces once again when the Battalion starts on its tour abroad.

Another loss is Cpl. Holt, who is now a resident of "C" Company. We wish him every success, and hope that the bus fares to Darlington are reduced before long.

Congratulations to Cpl. Thompson on his good show as a Battalion boxer, and one wonders if his quickness is due to dodging blows from another quarter. L./Cpl. Zetter is another representative of the Battalion team, and, as this is the first time the Signallers have been so honoured, we expect great things of these N.C.Os.

Dots.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The last quarter was a productive one from a billiards point of cue—sorry, view—for all three friendlies and several Garrison matches being played.

A game with the Comrades Club, Richmond, was enjoyed, and we were unlucky in losing. The scores were exceptionally close. That with the Cameronians, our neighbours, was a decisive victory—for them. We were off form this time. Rumour has it that the Scotsmen had a real live haggis in the Mess which put our members off their stroke.

Against the R.E. Services Club we were able to gain the day.

The half-yearly Mess Championship was won by the R.S.M. after some very good matches.

On November 9th, an Armistice Dance was held. This will go down as a really enjoyable evening. A great number of our friends were present, and all agreed it was some night.

At present, there is a deep-rooted conspiracy going on to put a gramophone or wireless in the Mess. It will be either a grinding or howling success. Probably a "commissioned" success.

In Richmond and Darlington, streets are named after gates, such as Frenchgate. This has crept into the Catterick names, for instance, Tungate.

As these notes are being written, already our members are packing up prior to going on furlough for Christmas. We shall have but a few here during the festive season.

To those members who have joined our Mess recently, we extend a hearty welcome.

G. A. P. D. S.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

We commence these notes with the usual congratulations. The best of luck

to L./Sergts. Glover, Hows, Fletcher, Thompson and Painter, who have gone to a better billiard table (?), a passable piano, and a certain amount of peace. Our loss is the gain of the Sergeants' Mess. (Did we hear a murmur of "Pokey-die"?)

Congratulations could be extended to almost every member of the Club; to those faces that are seen regularly in "the home for heroes," and to those that are seen on rare occasions; to "Phil," whose prowess on the green largely depends on his performance at the counter.

There has been much rejoicing and removal of boots this quarter. Our successes include, among others, victory over the Military Police at football. Natural modesty bids us refrain from tabulating our various successes or dwelling further on the subject. We lost to the Cameronians at billiards, and also to the Sergeants' Mess. With regard to the latter match, boots were seen off on both sides, as the dart-board formed a centre of attraction during the evening, where we made up for the reverse on the "green."

A successful dance was held in November in the N.A.A.F.I. Restaurant, and thanks are due to the Committee whose efforts made the affair a success. Our next takes place in February, by which time the leave period will have concluded.

Much to our regret, we have had to part with the gramophone by auction, and trust it will be treated with the respect due to its many infirmities in its new home. What the member who purchased the machine intends to do with it is doubtful. At least, it will look nice as an ornament, and many profitable hours may be spent turning the handle, on the principle that one good turn deserves another.

We wish every member the compliments of the season, and conclude,

JUNIOR N.C.Os.

BATTALION SPORTS NOTES.

Up to the time of writing these notes (December 11th), the Battalion has been throwing itself whole-heartedly into every branch of sporting activities. The furlough period for Battalion sports repre-

sentatives is now at hand, and for one month the individuals concerned in these activities will have a very welcome rest.

The Battalion entered for the Army Cup in four branches of sport—football, Rugby, hockey, and boxing. Of these, the second rounds of hockey and boxing have been survived. Activities recommence at the end of January. Football and Rugby have been flourishing, and will continue to do so, in spite of early disappointments in the Army Cup. The Regiment's activities in each of these branches are dealt with separately.

As regards the Company games, the extremely ambitious programme laid down in the Battalion Blue Book is being carried out, and every hope is entertained of completing it.

FOOTBALL.

Besides the Army Cup Competition, the Battalion has been playing in the local Garrison Inter-Unit League and a civilian league known as the Darlington and District League.

In the Army Cup Competition, the Battalion was very unlucky to lose in the first round to their neighbours, the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps, by 2 goals to 1, and even their opponents admitted their luck unhesitatingly. As for a description of the game, space does not permit more than to state that one of the opponents' goals was from a penalty kick, whilst two apparently splendid goals of the Regiment's were adjudged offside. The next meeting of these teams, which occurred in the Garrison League a month later, resulted in a win for the Regiment by 5 goals to 0.

In the Garrison League, which consists of one match against each of the other seven units, the Battalion has played six and won them all. Their position is almost assured.

In the Civilian League, the Regiment stood third out of nine teams on November 17th, and it seems probable that this will be about their final position. This league, which is played on Saturdays, is to a certain extent a change from usual military football, but the grounds which some of the clubs offer for these matches have not altogether made for enjoyable football. The frozen ploughed field on which the Battalion team allowed them-

selves to be beaten by the league leaders in preference to spraining their ankles and knees, was a sight which would make any football enthusiast shudder! However, the team will go through with it now. The league table up to November 17th is shown elsewhere.

The team has consisted usually of the following members:—

Sergt. Thomas; Pte. Keep, Sergt. Fletcher; Cpl. Horton, Sergt. Jones, Sergt. Farrow; Cpl. Williams, Sergt. Cullen, L./Cpl. Hutson, L./Cpl. Elliott and Lieut. Hudson (captain). L./Cpl. Green has figured prominently on all occasions when Sergt. Farrow, on account of injuries, has been unfortunately absent.

It can be stated definitely that the team, without changing its personnel, has made a vast improvement since the beginning of the season. Results, for which space does not allow any further mention than has already been made, testify conclusively to this fact; and, if the improvement is maintained, a really good team should be turned out by the end of the season.

The Company League has been completed, and a tie for first place will be played off between the two "H.Q." Wing Companies, "Q" and "G."

HOCKEY.

As already mentioned, hockey has been one of the Battalion's successful games. The Training Battalion, Signals, were beaten 5-1 in the first round of the Army Cup, after a previously drawn game, and the R.E. by 3-2 in the second round. The Regiment meets the 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps in the third round.

The first match was won by magnificent play, in which the team went "full out" all the time. The second match was won by luck. These descriptions may appear short and candid, but they are accurate. The team has promise of being decidedly good, but lack of practice in the last match showed it up at a standard which was not its highest. The necessary practice will most certainly be indulged in before the next round, so hopes need not waver.

Several friendly matches have been played, and some fixtures with civilian teams are on the programme for the New Year.

The Company League is well under way and "Q" Company are well in the running for top place.

RUGBY.

As so few of the men of the Battalion had a knowledge of this game at the beginning of the season, it was decided to try a novel method of instruction. Instead of having trial games, instructional practices, etc., it was decided to hold the annual Inter-Company Knock-out Competition straight away. The result was surprising, and far more men were turned out and taught the game than would have been obtained by the ordinary methods.

The first matches were humorous, but the rapidity with which the players picked up the game was amazing. The two companies which are left in the final, to be played later, are "A" and "Q," and both have now a very good knowledge of the game.

The talent was soon spotted in these games, and collected together for trials. Our neighbours, the Tank Corps, were equally keen to pick up the game, and a regular weekly match was arranged with them. Lieut. Worton has captained the team and altogether nine subaltern officers have taken part, including our M.O. Capt. Lyon has given valuable assistance with coaching, in practice and games played in all sorts of weather.

So far, our only successes have been a win by 6-5 against an Officers' team from the Signals, and a draw of 5-5 against the Royal Air Force at Catterick, but the remaining matches have all been very good games, in which we lost by small margins. Our defeat in the second round of the Army Cup by the Training Battalion, Royal Signals, by 16 points to 3 was a disappointment, but we were out-classed. It can be safely said that the talent and enthusiasm are there, and the second half of the season should produce further improvements.

BOXING.

The Battalion won its match in the second round of the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships, defeating the 1st Bn. the Cameronians by the narrow margin of one point. The scores were 21 points to 20.

The following is a list of the Battalion's representatives:—

Sergt. Fleming ("H.Q." Wing).—Bantam-weight (winner).
Pte. Litchfield ("C" Company).—Feather-weight (winner).
Pte. Bond ("C" Company).—Third Light-weight (winner).
Dmr. Woodward ("H.Q." Wing).—Second Light-weight (winner).
L./Cpl. O'Connor ("A" Company).—First Welter-weight (winner).
Pte. Hatchett ("B" Company).—Heavy-weight (winner).
Pte. Tydeman ("H.Q." Wing).—Third Welter-weight (loser).
Cpl. Hinsby ("H.Q." Wing).—Second Welter-weight (loser).
Cpl. Thompson ("H.Q." Wing).—Second Middle-weight (loser).
Pte. Chillery '41 ("H.Q." Wing).—First Middle-weight (loser).
Pte. Mead ("H.Q." Wing).—Light Heavy-weight (loser).
Pte. Hinds ("H.Q." Wing).—First Light-weight (loser).

Officers.

2/Lieut. Chattey. — Welter - weight (loser).
2/Lieut. Herepath. — Middle-weight (loser).
2/Lieut. Powell. — Middle - weight (winner).

The boxing was very sporting, and the teams very evenly matched.

The Inter-Company Novices' Boxing Competition took place on September 17th to 19th, and resulted in the following final placings of companies:—

"C"; "A" (M.G.); "B" and "G" (tied); "Q"; "D."

The individual winners were:—

Heavy-weights.—L./Cpl. Brown ("A" Company).

Light Heavy-weights.—L./Cpl. Millar ("D" Company).

Middle - weights. — Cpl. Thompson ("H.Q." Wing—Signals).

Welter-weights. — Pte. Bond ("C" Company).

Light-weights.—Pte. Litchfield ("C" Company).

Feather-weights.—Pte. Stroud ("B" Company).

Bantam-weights.—Pte. Coleman ("A" Company).

In the Catterick Garrison Individual Boxing Championships, the Battalion was well represented, and provided winners in Pte. Litchfield ("C" Company), Sergt. Fleming ("H.Q." Wing) and L./Cpl. Hatchett ("B" Company).

CRICKET NOTES.

These notes unfortunately were not available for our last issue. Although Catterick is far from being a good station as far as cricket is concerned, we can look back on 1928 as a very satisfactory season. As will be seen from the averages, Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson was undoubtedly the mainstay of the team, both with the bat and with the ball. He is to be congratulated upon the many situations he saved and the brilliant performances he put up in nearly every match.

Special praise is due to our captain, Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, for his extremely skilful handling of the very limited trained ability at his disposal.

The following other ranks were awarded their Cricket Caps for 1928:—

Sergts. Kennett, Thomas and O'Brien, Cpl. Painter, L./Cpls. Elliott and Williams, and Dmr. Elliott.

BATTALION BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings	Runs	Highest	Not out.	Average.
Mr. Hudson	11	570	90	0	51'8
Capt. Lyon	9	170	62*	1	21'3
Capt. Phillips	4	63	49	0	15'7
Sergt. O'Brien	3	43	19	0	14'3
Sergt. Thomas	13	137	54	3	13'7
Dmr. Stickley	5	38	19*	2	12'6
Dmr. Elliott	14	120	26*	4	12'0
Mr. Worton	6	48	27	0	8'0
Pte. Lindsey	14	104	46	1	8'0
Cpl. Painter	6	38	14	0	6'3
Pte. West	8	37	12	2	6'1
L./Cpl. Elliott	9	43	14	0	4'6
Mr. Watson	6	25	9	0	4'1
L./Cpl. Williams	9	32	15	1	4'0
Sergt. Kennett	14	32	8	0	2'2

BATTALION BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Aver.	
Mr. Hudson ...	126'4	19	392	53	7'3
Cpl. Painter ...	18'0	6	57	8	7'1
L./Cpl. Elliott	29'4	7	86	11	7'8
Sergt. Kennett	157'0	34	407	51	7'9
Sergt. O'Brien	10'0	—	23	2	11'5
L./Cpl. Williams	22'0	1	80	5	16

THE "DIE-HARDS" CONCERT PARTY.

Two very successful entertainments were provided by the Concert Party during the last quarter.

The first was a variety performance, with a sketch given by the officers entitled "The Customer is Always Right." The cast are to be congratulated on providing an amusing diversion. They were all word-perfect, and the prompter's services were not called upon. Mrs. Greenwood made a winsome and attractive heroine, and Capt. del Court was realistic as a shop-walker. Mr. Crawford gave a successful rendering of the proprietor of the emporium. Mrs. Rackham and Miss English were convincing as the fashionable woman and the irate elderly lady respectively.

The other items on the programme were well received, and Mr. Walton perplexed the audience. The songs and band programme helped to make a thoroughly enjoyable evening, in which all members shared in the success.

PROGRAMME:

1. Die-Hards' Syncopated Orchestra.
2. Song: Pte. Molloy.
3. Song, "Sally in our Alley": Sergt. Ritchie.
4. Sketch, "Off the Line": 2/Lieuts. Watson and MacKenzie.
5. Song, "Sincerity": Miss Cod.
6. Song, "Where, Oh Where do I Live?": L./Cpl. Pakeman.

Interval.

7. Sketch, "The Customer is Always Right": Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Rackham, Mrs. Hudson, Miss English, Capt. del Court, Lieuts. Musselwhite, Cubitt and Crawford.
8. Illusionist: Mr. Walton.
9. Sketch, "The Disorderly Room": Cpl. Russell, L./Cpl. Pakeman, Pte. Molloy.
10. Song, "Love's Garden of Roses": Miss Cod.
11. Sketch, "Boy Wanted": Sergt. Ritchie.

On December 12th and 13th, the Amateur Dramatic Society gave their first play, a three-act farce from the Adelphi Theatre, London, entitled "Tons of Money." This had a very successful run in town, and had an all-star cast, including Ralph Lynn. It may seem rather ambitious for an amateur company to tackle such a play, but it is most ably written and the words and situations so screamingly funny that the success was perhaps not so surprising.

The entire cast are to be congratulated. It entailed a great deal of hard work, and, before the production, rehearsals for eight hours a day were the rule rather than the exception.

The scenery and effects were admirable and Sergt. Painter and Pte. Simmonds made the very most of the scenery available, so that the stage was extremely well set.

The burden of the play rested in the capable hands of Mrs. Greenwood and Capt. del Court. They were word-perfect and scored a great success. Mrs. Hudson, as the maid, and Mr. Crawford, as the butler, were extremely good. Mrs. Rackham made an entrancing widow, and Capt. Rackham was equally good as Mr. Maitland. Mrs. del Court scored a distinct success as a crotchety old maid, and her make-up was very good. The gardener was in the hands of L./Cpl. Tyler, and he made the most of his opportunities. Mr. MacKenzie was a realistic lawyer and Mr. Chatty was a very efficient prompter, though his services were rarely required. The warmth of the reception showed how much the audience appreciated the entertainment, and it is to be hoped that this will encourage the artistes to give us some more plays which are doubly welcome in Catterick, owing to the lack of theatres.

The characters were:—

Sprules (the butler)—Lieut. M. Crawford.
Simpson (Maid)—Mrs. E. Hudson.
Miss Mullet—Mrs. del Court.
Louise Allington—Mrs. Greenwood.
Aubrey Allington—Capt. S. F. del Court.
Giles (a Gardener)—L./Cpl. Tyler.
Mr. Chesterman (Solicitor)—

2/Lieut. MacKenzie.
Jean Everard—Mrs. R. Rackham.
Henery—Lieut. C. Musselwhite.
George Maitland—Capt. B. B. Rackham.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES MOONEY.

There are many readers of the Journal who will remember this veteran and his wife, whose photograph is opposite, and will be glad to know that they are enjoying good health and living in comfortable circumstances in Moy, Co. Tyrone.

James Mooney, who was born in Co. Armagh in 1850, enlisted in the 57th Regiment on January 28th, 1868, and was in



Photo: H. Atkinson & Son, Armagh.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES MOONEY.

the one corps for just over twenty-one years, having been discharged to pension on April 30th, 1889. He served in Ceylon and also in the Zulu War of 1879, receiving the medal and clasp. His service included many years in his native country. Some of those years were happy and peaceful, but there must be many who can recall the strenuous times in the South of Ireland in the early eighties.

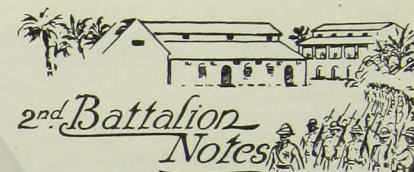
For many years C.O.'s and Adjutant's Orderly, Mooney was a well-known figure in the 57th.

Judge: "You say that you are afraid the prisoner, if acquitted, will attempt your life."

Pat: "I do, sir."

Judge: "But if he does so I shall hang him."

Pat: "Then, please, your Honour, hang him the day before he kills me."



THE most memorable event of the last quarter has been the change in command of the Battalion. A slight appreciation of Lieut.-Col. H. P. F. Bicknell, D.S.O., was given in the last issue of this Journal, so we refrain from any further remarks, except to say that he was given a very rousing send-off by all ranks of the Battalion. We have already welcomed in advance his successor, Lieut.-Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., and now, after having known him for two months, we heartily endorse our previous welcome.

We think everyone was sorry to lose Major and Mrs. Grove-White. They had been with the Battalion from very nearly the time that it was re-formed after the war, and they both took a great interest in the welfare of the men, and in their games. There were very few Regimental cricket or football matches which they did not turn up to watch, and it was only three or four years ago that Major Grove-White, then well over 40 years of age, put many younger men to shame by his splendid effort in a Battalion cross-country run. We wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Major Browne and Cpts. Appelbe and Whinney have just returned to us after eight months' leave in England, and we have an addition to the Battalion in 2/Lieut. A. C. Foreman, who has just arrived here on being posted from the Territorial Army. From this it will appear that we are fairly full up with officers, and, as a result, there is much doubling up of quarters, but, as we have only a few more weeks to do in Ahmednagar, nobody seems to mind.

2/Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson is to be congratulated on his success in a trial match at Bombay, as a result of which he has been selected to play for the Europeans in the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament which starts in Bombay next month.

Lieut. and Qrmr. R. T. Douthet has recently been observed taking a little equestrian exercise. Rumour has it that he is getting into practice for the forthcoming Madras racing season. No doubt he will soon be seen "hurrying" up the road to his office in three sweaters, in an attempt to get his weight down.

2/Lieut. F. H. Else was unfortunate enough to develop a bad attack of fever, but he has now returned after a month's sick leave, happily quite cured.

"H.Q." WING NOTES.

The beginning of the trooping season always means many changes. This year we are to have them in full measure. We mean, of course, the move to Madras. Everyone is looking forward to it, and it is pleasant to contemplate.

The drawback is that the Wing will be permanently split up for the next two years; the Machine Gunners and Signallers being at the Mount, while the Band, Drums and Employed will be stationed at Fort St. George. It is unfortunate, but we must look to it that we do not forget our "*esprit de Wing*."

As to how it will work out in practice from a games point of view, we are not yet in a position to say. Possibly Inter-Group games will not be so frequent and we will have to play on the knock-out system.

It is suggested that we can make up for this by investing them with more importance. Thus, when the Signallers come up to town (?) from the depths of the country to play the Band, it might be made the occasion for a pleasant weekend, and the reverse would also apply when the Drums visit their country cousins, the Machine Gunners.

But—we shall see!

Looking back on the last three months, probably the event which gave us greatest pleasure was winning the Novices' Boxing Championships in September. In the past, boxing has not been one of our strong events, and the result is all the more gratifying. Much hard work was put in by the team, both in the ring, which was fitted up in the Machine Gunners' dining-hall (but don't let the Quartermaster know this!), and also in the training runs and road work. (Ask Pte. Vickers about the latter.)

The story of the fights is too long for details.

It was bad luck Pte. Maunder injuring his knee in the semi-final of the welter-weights. It did not stop him winning his fight, and in the final his place was ably taken by Sergt. Beaveridge at the last moment.

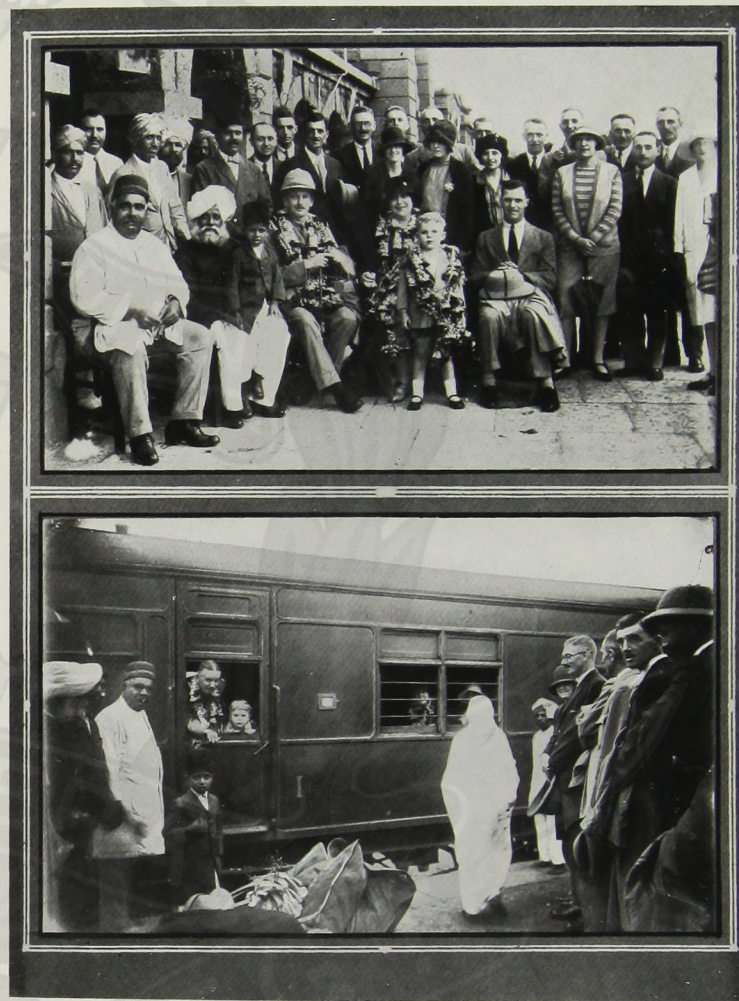
Another eleventh-hour competitor was Bdsn. Knights, who, although untrained, volunteered to take the place of Bdsn. Kingham, who became a casualty. Next time we must see to it that Knights is trained; for, in spite of all, he won the feather-weights. Dmr. Thompson won the bantam-weights, because, in the second round against Sergt. Mason, he pushed out his left and kept it there.

L./Cpl. Marshall's fight with Pte. Whitewell in the light-weights was a hard tussle. Both men received heavy punishment, and Marshall won after an extra round. Vickers won his fight by his straight left. What a pity one does not see more of it! His opponent, Pte. Young, put up a very plucky struggle.

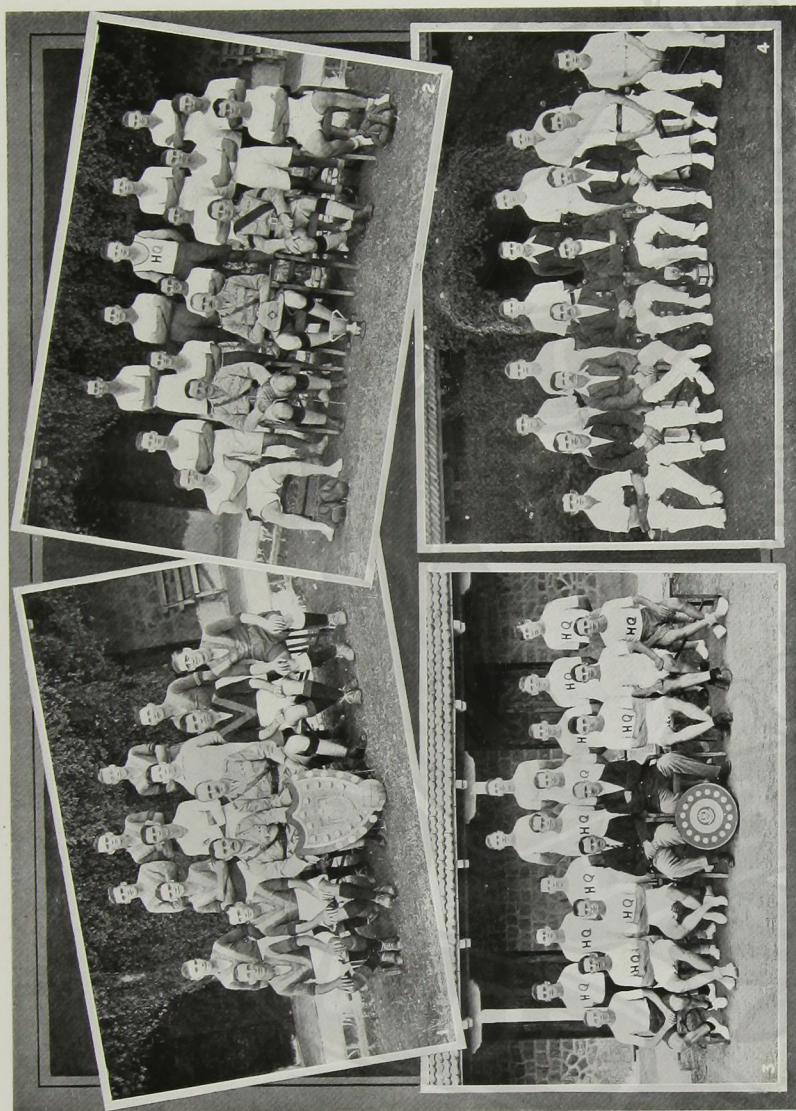
Baker, too, fought well in the final of the welter-weights. In the second round he was nearly out, but he made a great recovery in the third round, and won. He is a determined fighter, but lacks experience at present. His stance is too cramped; he should open up his shoulders and give his arms more freedom. Dmr. Burrows, as usual, remained unmoved by his opponent's attentions, and won the middle-weights by a knock-out in the first round.

Bdsn. Gordon shows great keenness and is a determined fighter, but he must train harder if he wants to last through a stiff fight. He must also get out of his bad habit of rushing in and using his shoulder. He won the light heavy-weights. L./Cpl. Smith won the heavy-weights; he can beat other things besides the drum; but he must not disdain ring practice and road work.

A pleasant little function followed when the team and trainers met for a supper in the Dry Canteen. Incidentally, we must appreciate the silent support of sportsmen like Sergts. Bone and Ingle, who always appear on such occasions and volunteer their services, either as waiters or in any other capacity in which they may be wanted.



2nd BATTALION—LIEUT.-COLONEL H. P. F. BICKNELL, D.S.O.
DEPARTURE FROM AHMEDNAGAR.



1.—"H.Q." Wing: Winners of the Company Football League.
 2.—"H.Q." Wing: Winners of the Novices' Boxing.
 3.—"H.Q." Wing: Joint Winners (with "A" Company) Athletic Sports.
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The final word for our boxing must end with an acknowledgment that a large measure of our success is due to the time given, and trouble taken, by Sergt. Walker in the training of the team. In this he was greatly assisted by L./Cpl. Cole.

In the Cross-Country Run held at Shingwe Camp, we were fourth. It was disappointing, but, out of our forty starters, thirty-eight finished within the time limit. Much appreciation was felt at L./Cpl. Knighton's performance. He marched from barracks to Shingwe Camp (eighteen miles) on the morning of the run; took part in the run; and finished well up—a very stout effort.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

The Company can look back on the last quarter as having been perhaps the most successful for two or three years. We gained second place in the Cricket League, and won the Cross-Country Run. Our cricket side was particularly strong, but we could not cope with Mr. Stephenson's batting. "B" Company beat us after having had six of their wickets down for 27 runs. We now share with "B" Company the top place in the championship table. Congratulations to all who have been responsible for this; especially the cross-country runners.

Capt. Appelbe has returned to us after eight months' leave, looking particularly well. A hearty welcome is also extended to 2/Lieut. A. C. Foreman, who has joined us from the Supplementary Reserve.

Our novices' boxing team failed to come up to expectations, but they all fought gamely and put up an exceedingly plucky show. Pte. Wells should be especially mentioned for his fine fight. Pte. Evans ("The Duke") fought a very clever fight to retain his belt, holding off his opponent until the last two rounds, and then going in to win the contest.

The Company spent a strenuous fourteen days in camp, and, except for the two wet days at the beginning, had a very enjoyable time. When we get to Madras, we, in conjunction with The Buffs, hope to hold some show or other, probably a horticultural show, in aid of the Regimental Drummer who so kindly took up the "No parade" call from

"B" Company, consequently sending us all home before our show had started. That night, he did not go to bed thirsty!

The Company has lost a large batch of home-goers during the last two months, but have been made up to strength by a draft of twenty-one from England, including our old friend "Tiddler" (Sergt. Mewitt). If they compensate us for the loss of our home-goers, they will be the best draft ever.

Congratulations to our new C.Q.M.S. on being given a trial for the Quadrangular team. C.Q.M.S. Glover bowled very well, but sprained his shoulder in doing so, and, on top of it all, contracted malaria and consequently had to remain in hospital in Bombay. He is back amongst us now, and perhaps after a few months' rest from cricket his shoulder will completely recover. Nevertheless, in the short time that he did bowl, he managed to scatter the stumps of one of the best batsmen in India. Better luck next year!

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last quarter's notes were written, "B" Company have for one month—September—again supplied the Fort Detachment, and have spent two weeks on Company Training at Shingwe Camp; the rest of our time we have spent in barracks.

These are, at long last, the final notes which we shall be sending in from this station, and we are glad to be able to chronicle several successes in the sporting line. The Company were successful in both the Platoon Cricket Tournament and the Company Cricket League this year. In the former, No. 7 Platoon represented the Company and defeated the Band in the final. In the latter, we won all our matches, though in at least two we had cause for considerable anxiety, and especially in our first match—against "D" Company—when we still had several runs to make at the time our last man went in. Against "C" Company we again were in trouble, although we had originally got them out for a small score, but two useful innings by Major Wollocombe saved the situation. The success of both the Platoon and Company teams was largely due to the play of 2/Lieut. Stephenson, who

failed to make big scores in only one match, and who scored 130 not out in the decisive match against "A" Company. The Company team generally consisted of:—

Major Wollocombe, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, C.S.M. Burns, C.Q.M.S. Steadman, Sergt. Donaldson, Cpl. Blackman, L./Cpl. Wilson, and Ptes. Robinson, Winterburn, Lowen and Elcome.

Pte. Winterburn obtained considerable success as a bowler, and should be very useful in future.

No. 7 Platoon also won the Inter-Platoon Cricket within the Company, which was played at the Fort, but they were given closer matches than had been anticipated by Nos. 6 and 8 Platoons, who were second and third respectively.

In the Battalion Cross-Country Run, held at Shingwe Camp in October, our team finished second, which was most satisfactory, and better than had been expected. Thirty-seven out of forty runners completed the course; Pte. Allen being the first man in the Company to finish, followed by Cpl. Slate and Ptes. Davis 55, Laight, Brooks and Savage. We have advanced our position in each of the last four Battalion runs. The course was somewhat longer than had been intended, owing to the leaders going in the wrong direction, and, so manfully was our C.Q.M.S. seen to sprint after them with a large red flag in order to prevent the awful possibility of the event having to be re-run, that some surprise was expressed that he had not actually taken part in the run itself.

The only other sporting event of the quarter has been the Novices' Boxing, in which we did not progress farther than the first round, wherein we succumbed to "A" Company after an extra fight. Our lighter boxers promised well, particularly Ptes. Tennant and Barry, and made short work of their opponents, but unfortunately in the heavier weights our team was not up to the standard.

In conclusion, we extend a hearty welcome to seventeen men of the draft who joined us on November 3rd, and again wish the best of luck to those members of the Company who are due for home in the near future.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

News is lacking for this issue of notes, although we have had a rather busy time.

We were unfortunate in the Inter-Platoon and Company Cricket, but must look to our laurels (if any) next year. Cpl. Painter has joined us from the 1st Battalion, and, judging by his displays for No. 12 Platoon in the Company Inter-Platoon League, he will be an acquisition to our team in the future.

We were hoping to win the Novices' Boxing Tournament, but were beaten by "H.Q." in the final. L./Cpl. Ray was the only one to win his weight, but Pte. Whitewell must be commended for the very good fight he put up against L./Cpl. Marshall, the latter winning the fight on points after an extra round.

Pte. Berks (the challenger) was beaten by Pte. Evans ("A" Company) in the special contest for the feather-weight belt, but we hope he will keep on trying. L./Cpl. Cook made a welcome reappearance after his stay in hospital, and out-pointed Cpl. Slate (bantam-weight belt-holder) in another special contest. In this fight we witnessed a very good display of the noble art.

We went to Shingwe again for our Company Training period, and had a rather strenuous but pleasant time. Of course, feet had to be inspected, as photograph No. 1 will show. We had two very heavy downpours of rain whilst in camp, and, after numerous trenches had been dug, the camp represented a miniature battlefield, but the troops found the "Better 'ole," as photograph No. 3 plainly shows. I should suggest that the photograph be used as an advertisement for a study in "Black and White." What say you?

It is rumoured that the Company was underfed at camp, but I don't believe it, do you? Look at photograph attached (No. 2). The men eating belonged to the "Crop Brigade."

Our pet mule is at his best in photograph No. 4, and perhaps there is someone at the Depot who recognizes him. I wonder? He belongs to a very soft-hearted Platoon Sergeant, and is fed on sugar now.

We missed the services of two valuable Platoon Commanders during camp, one being Lieut. Chapman, who was away



SOME 2nd BATTALION ("C" COMPANY) "SNAPS."

with the Regimental hockey team during the first week, and the other 2/Lieut. Else, who was in hospital and afterwards convalescent.

At the time of writing, we are losing some of our Company by the s.s. *California*, and we wish them *bon voyage* and a prosperous time in civilian life. Also we regret losing Sergt. Buckle and our "Napper," who go to the home establishment. "Napper" has some particularly good tales to tell about "flying elephants," etc., and perhaps he will assist "Towney," an old friend, in his displays of Indianism. We can assure you he has talent.

A draft has reached us from the 1st Battalion, and "C" had ten posted to them. We wish them all the best in their new Battalion, and hope they will prove to be good sportsmen and perhaps assist us to regain some of our lost laurels.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Who was the man who was out in the wilds (on parade) and wanted to "leave the room"? And what did the C.S.M. say?

[Some photos had to be omitted.—ED.]

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes we have once again been out into the country to "study the ground," and, except for the night we were swamped, a very pleasant fortnight was spent. We were left as rear party, so held a sing-song the last evening, in which C.S.M. Hart and L./Cpl. Higgins supplied the music, while Ptes. Moore, Bumpus and others gave forth vocal strains.

In the Cricket we were third in the Company League, being beaten by "A" Company and "B" Company after a hard fight. The batting of the Company was weak, so a lot was left to our bowlers, Lieut. Sugden and Cpl. Addinall, who did most of the work, although the latter never attained last year's form throughout the season.

In the Platoon Knock-out, we were represented by No. 14 Platoon, captained by Cpl. Addinall, who had the best all-round team in the Company, but were unfortunate to meet the ultimate winners in the first round. Better luck next time.

The Platoon Cross-Country Run was held before camp on a very hard-going course of about three and a half miles. No. 16 Platoon proved an easy first, followed by Nos. 15, 14 and 13 Platoons. The Company team was chosen from the first thirty runners, and ten others who were not present. The Company forty ran well in the Battalion Run of five miles, winning it by a small margin from "A" Company. Congratulations to those who ran, and to L./Cpl. Hamblin and Ptes. Driscoll and Walker on being selected to go away for the District Cross-Country Competition.

In the Novices' "A" Boxing, our team was not strong, but showed good signs for the future. We hope to do better in the open competition in Madras.

To-day we bade farewell to the first boat home. We were sorry to lose them all, and still more sorry that we would not be sharing Christmas at home with them. We wish them all the best of luck, and hope they will find a bright New Year awaiting them.

MACHINE GUN NOTES.

Since our notes, we have been very busy. The Novices' Team Championship, which was won by "H.Q." Wing, has been held. We had two representatives in the team from "M.G.2," Ptes. Vickers and Baker. We congratulate them on the fine show they put up.

L./Cpl. Cole fought an exhibition six-round contest with Cpl. McKnight, of the Ulster Rifles, from Poona. It was thrilling while it lasted. Cole took the knock-out in the first round. McKnight has been amateur feather-weight champion of India for two years. Experience tells. Still, we admire Cole's pluck in the way he got into the fight.

Camp in the wilds of Shingwe ("where men are men, and rissoles are rissoles") has been and gone; and the Machine Gunners' Opera Company gave "Tosh's" "Good-bye" on leaving (not the original).

While in camp, the Battalion Cross-Country Run was held, over a course of rough and hilly country of five miles. The leader of the run getting lost, we covered a distance of six miles. We congratulate Lieut. Jacob, L./Sergt. Jenkin and Pte. Copelin on being picked for the

Battalion team to run in the District Championship at Jubbulpore.

The Company Cross-Country Run was won by "M.G.I." so we still retain the clock. (Force of habit.)

Hearty greetings to Lieut. Jacob, Sergt. Webb, and Cpls. Boen and Nash on rejoining the fold from furlough in the United Kingdom. The Concentration is now in full swing, and will finish just before the move to Madras.

Inter-Section transfers have taken place, instead of doing some "road levelling."

Inter-Section transfers have taken place, and one or two budding sportsmen will soon change hands.

We congratulate L./Sergt. Webb on being promoted Sergeant. We hear that he has been getting some P.I. in umpiring in the United Kingdom. Probably he learnt it at Lord's? Cricket teams, beware!

We wish our "T.X. wallahs" the best of luck in their new sphere of life. We lose L./Sergt. Jenkin, and Cpls. Simmonds and Adams to "civvie."

In L./Sergt. Jenkin we lose a good runner, and a good all-round sportsman.

We will take this chance of wishing all ranks of the Regiment a prosperous New Year.

FEED BLOCK.

SIGNAL NOTES.

"California," here I come;
Are you ready? Come on, John.
Leave your rissoles and your "char,"
We'll hie us hence to the land afar.

Poor old "Knobby's" left behind,
Room for him I cannot find;
Bit of "rough" on the poor old lad,
Though in his heart no doubt he's glad.

Dash it, I've been interrupted again!
How the dickens can they expect me to prove myself a worthy poet if they won't let me be? Still, after all is said and done, we are all sorry to know that "Knobby" Horsman "busted," though very soon, no doubt, the O.P.Rs. will be "Spurred" to victory by his tuneful growls.

Annual Classification has just come to an end, and we are feeling very proud of ourselves about the result. Fifty were put up for the test, out of whom forty-

seven passed. The figure of merit was 96.88 per cent., this being the highest the Battalion has obtained since it came to India. Pte. Parry 92 obtained the Silver Flags with a percentage of 99.92. We are now awaiting the Higher Command's comments upon our efforts.

What a glorious time we had at camp last year! Even "Lofty," our section camel, was heard to remark that he thoroughly enjoyed himself "reeling in." I believe he broke the record for the distance over six drums.

We are all more or less suffering from big heads. We proved ourselves worthy sons of the flags, and we did not expire through sore feet, chiefly owing, no doubt, to the sustenance we derived from the proverbial "alf mug."

I must "G.B." before I am discovered (there is a price upon my head), but I take this opportunity to say to those who are about to leave us, farewell, jolly good luck to you all in "Civvy Street," and—
"Roll on!"

E. T.

BAND NOTES.

Interesting events do not happen very often in a place like Ahmednagar, and, since our last notes, there is not a great deal to report.

Last month we marched to camp with the Battalion, to a place called Shingwe, a distance of eighteen miles, where, except for almost being washed away one night, we spent a pleasant three weeks.

Three evening programmes each week were greatly appreciated by both our officers and troops. An interesting new venture in the shape of community singing was introduced, and, judging from the attendance, and volume of sound, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Special mention must be made of the splendid marching to and from camp, especially by our Band Boys—not one of them falling out. I hope that this is not cutting ourselves a slice of cake, but marching in India along never-ending dusty roads, and through barren country, with the sun blazing down, is no joke. However, with the help of a number of song-marches, the troops were kept in good spirits, and we arrived back in

barracks safe and sound, if somewhat weary. We were greatly bucked by a few cheery words from our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray, M.C., who, by the way, is very musical and takes a keen interest in the Band.

Apart from camp, we have been putting in a good deal of practice, and, although unfortunately we cannot report our "coffers" full from "seaside" engagements, we are all living in hopes of better things to come. Someone has just suggested that we erect a bandstand on the beach at Kapawadi Tank, to get used to the sea breezes, so that when we do eventually visit a seaside resort, the sea air will not overcome us.

We have recently played a few programmes at the Small Arms School, and have had some very complimentary remarks passed by officers of various other units on the playing and keenness of the Band. This is very encouraging, but we realize that we have a long way to go yet before we shall be satisfied. Prospects for the future are bright, and we hear a few more Band Boys will shortly be joining us from England.

Just now we are busy route marching in preparation for the trek to Madras, due to take place early in December. We shall all be pleased to get away from Nagar, after being practically buried alive for the past five years.

Regarding sport, the last quarter has been rather quiet for us, the only thing of importance being the Battalion Cross-Country Run, in which we came fourth. We have some good talent coming along, and should be able to hold our own in the various competitions.

In closing, I would like to say how sorry we all are to lose our late Band Sergeant, Sergt. H. E. Glover, who has been promoted to the rank of C.Q.M.S. He is an old stalwart of the Band, and has put in several years of most helpful work with us. He will be a great loss. We wish him the very best of luck in his new appointment, and trust he will not forget his old friends. At the same time we congratulate Sergt. W. Harwood on his appointment to Band Sergeant, and wish him every success.

MINIM.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If "Mudhooks" finds his new job more remunerative than Band engagements?

DRUMMERS' NOTES.

"Bang, bang," the double tap has gone, and all is quiet, so will break the news that we are moving very shortly a little farther south to a sunny seaside resort, called Madras, and I must say we are all eager to get there, for better or worse.

We welcomed our Drummers back from their vacation in the United Kingdom with the news that they were just in time for the Annual Camp at Shingwe. Whether their hearts came up in their mouths or not, we cannot say, but they did the whole camp with a good heart, and gave us more life than we have had for some considerable time, especially when they brought the fair maidens into the conversation.

Our moving to a town requires us to be well up in all sports, and we were not up to the mark at hockey. We started a hockey team, which is progressing fairly well, and we hope to be able to give a good report of hockey and all sports next time.

Since our last notes, we have had a change in the Drums by receiving a new Drum-Major in our midst, and we all wish him the best of luck. No doubt some of the old boys will be pleased to know that it is our late Drum-Cpl. Poulter who has taken us over.

The Drums wish all readers and members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions a prosperous New Year.

Owing to the extra work we have in packing up for our new station, we shall have to ring off and write more next time.

Most of the old boys will be pleased to hear that the Drum-Major's wife has presented him with a son, who in years to come will probably follow his father's footsteps.

B.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Once again the Battalion entered for the Rovers Cup, which is the real outstanding event in Southern Indian football. The Regiment has won this cup

on four former occasions, and we hoped to set up a new record by again bringing it back to Ahmednagar.

We cannot plead bad luck, merely an inability to score goals. We have an excellent defence, which can prevent most teams from scoring, but an attacking force which simply cannot put the ball into the net.

There certainly was only one ex-forward left, and the others had not played for the Battalion before; nevertheless, there are many very promising forwards among the young members of the Battalion, and we hope to see a few of last year's boys in the team before long.

We are due to play in the Madras District Tournament in February, and we hope to test these new players then.

In the Rovers Tournament this season, we drew a bye in the first round, and then met an Indian team, Colaba United, in the next round. After a very scrappy game, we passed into the next round, and a week later we took the field against the 1st Field Brigade, R.A. This team we had beaten by 4 goals to 1 about six weeks previously, and accordingly we felt particularly confident. The uncertainty of cricket might also be applied to football, since we were beaten by the only goal scored. Our forwards were unable to find the net, owing partly to the magnificent play of their goalkeeper and partly to our poor finishing. Extra time was played, and they were awarded a penalty, from which they scored, only after Arnold—who, incidentally, played the game of his life—had stopped the ball twice.

We were signally unfortunate to lose, for long since the match I have heard various members of the 1st Field Brigade ask why we allowed them to win; in fact, the populace of Bombay who know our team very well and with whom they are very popular were eagerly looking forward to us meeting the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in the final. But, it was not to be. Perhaps we will make up for it in February!

Note.—Owing to being given insufficient notice, we were unable to enter our Battalion team in the Secunderabad District Tournament in October.

HOCKEY NOTES.

THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.

Having drawn a bye in the first round, we played the Royal Artillery in the second round and lost by 3 goals to 1 at Secunderabad.

The match was put off for one day on account of rain, and when we played we found the ground slow and to our advantage. The game was fairly even in the first half, but the centre-forward of the R.A. scored with a good shot, after beating the defence on his own. In the second half, Cpl. Addinall managed to get the ball in the circle from a mis-hit by one of the R.A. backs, and scored. Towards the end of the game, the Regimental team began to break up, and two more goals were scored by the R.A. centre-forward, who was their outstanding player.

CRICKET NOTES.

The results of the matches last year are given below, and speak for themselves. From these it will be seen that we have been able to maintain the long unbeaten record of the Battalion in this particular game, as once more someone has "come off" on each occasion when it was required. We have never been at full strength for any match, but have been fortunate in having a considerable number of players who, if not in the team, would always have to be considered, and have on several occasions strengthened their claims when included instead of a regular member of the team who was unable to turn out—and there are more coming on.

The outstanding player of the year has been 2/Lieut. J. W. A. Stephenson, who could always be relied upon for runs. He caught the eyes of the selectors of the European side, and we are pleased to hear that he has been selected for the Quadrangular Tournament. We also congratulate C.Q.M.S. Glover on having played in the trial. Unfortunately, he strained his shoulder in the match and is at present in hospital.

Rain spoilt the trip to Poona, as it confined our game with the Cheshire Regiment to a one-day match. This game was chiefly notable for a century by 2/Lieut. Stephenson, and a particu-

larly spectacular last over off which he scored four 6's, a 4, and a 2.

The poor first innings against the Ulster Rifles next day caused some uneasiness, but their reply was still weaker, and the result after the Battalion's second innings was not in doubt.

The return game, at Ahmednagar, against the Ulster Rifles was cancelled owing to rain, but the Cheshire Regiment came over. Again the result was not in doubt, and it was only a question of whether we could get the last man out in the last over of the day before he could score one run and so save them from an innings defeat. A useful ball, however, settled that question. A brilliant one-handed catch by Bish running along the boundary in the deep must be recorded as a "star" effort.

The last game, against the Club, had an interesting period. Time was short owing to a late start having to be made on both days, and a finish was almost impossible, unless the unexpected happened. The Club score was not imposing, but when the Battalion, batting in failing light, had lost 4 wickets for 53 runs overnight, and started next afternoon with a rapid loss of two more wickets, things looked gloomy. However, a partnership of over a hundred settled all doubt, and, incidentally, earned Bish the only bat of the year, which we hope he will wield to some purpose at the Depot this year.

The results of the Platoon Knock-out and Company League are:—

COMPANY LEAGUE.				Points.
1. "B" Company	Won 4	...	...	8
2. "A" Company	Won 3, lost 1	...	...	6
3. "D" Company	Won 2, lost 2	...	...	4
4. "H.Q." Wing	Won 1, lost 3	...	...	2
5. "C" Company	Won 0, lost 4	...	...	0

PLATOON KNOCK-OUT.

1st Round.	2nd Round.	Semi-Final	Final.
No. 1	No. 7	No. 7	No. 7
No. 7			
No. 14	Band	Band	
Band			
	No. 9		

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

The first cross-country run took place out in camp at Shingwe, and, in view of the impending District Run, the course was laid over a fairly testing five miles.

It was therefore encouraging to find the time of the first in quite good, and also that the main body was well up and less straggled than has been the case.

The first in were L./Cpl. Woodley and Pte. Coker, of "A" Company, and the remainder of the team selected to go to Jubbulpore were Lieut. Jacob, L./Sergt. Jenkin, Ptes. Driscoll, Allen, Such, Drake, Copelin, Gardener, Brown 26, Stevens and Francis, 2/Lieut. Baldwin, and Cpl. Slate. Of these, however, Ptes. Drake and Stevens were both taken ill with fever, and were replaced by Ptes. Davis and Walker.

The District Run took place on November 11th, when we lost once more to the Loyals, the Gunners being second, and ourselves third.

Unfortunately, Pte. Coker was unable to run, and several more men were not very fit after their journey, which may have accounted for some of them not running up to form, but it is doubtful if the team could ever defeat the Loyals without a far longer period of hard training.

REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

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MARRIED COUPLE LIVING IN BARRACK ROOM WITH SINGLE MEN.

I, as a recruit, had an experience common enough to soldiers of an earlier date, but unusual in my day. Married men were quartered apart from the single men, but no attempt was made to give married Privates a separate room; that was for Staff-Sergeants and Colour-Sergeants. An officer's servant, married, came to the detachment at Bonne Nuit, and, there being no other accommodation, four men were moved out from a corner of the room, and the couple moved in. They were each well over 30 years of age. The presence of a woman in the room caused a little care to be taken as to the language used. Their corner

was screened off with chintz, sewn together for the purpose, their scenery, they called it; and their dining table was the top of their travelling chest. There was nothing otherwise different in the barrack-room arrangements, except that, at night, a barrack utensil usually kept just inside the room was kept outside, in the passage. One part of the "scenery" would be drawn back during the day to give them light. We would find that done, and the bed-making over when we returned from our early morning parade. The woman would occasionally scrub her part of the floor and a yard or so beyond it. "Now, you boys," she would say, "just you make your part of the room as clean as that." We did not try, for it would have meant going on hands and knees and spoiling a pair of trousers, maybe. They were decent and respectable people, and worthy of better provision for their comfort.

I saw, in Chatham, in the same year, eight married couples occupying a room used at other times by twenty-four single men. Later, in 1870, I saw in Clarence Barracks, Portsmouth, a Sergeant, his wife, his step-daughter aged 15, a son aged 12, and a child of 4, sharing a fourteen-men room with a couple without children; a room that under the regulations of to-day would be allotted to no more than ten men. That sort of thing is now happily past, and married soldiers' quarters are all that could be wished or expected; usually of two or three rooms.

REMOVAL OF THE DEPOT TO PARKHURST.

In April, when I had joined just under three months, orders were received for the whole of the 13th Depot Battalion to be moved; and, I believe, for the Battalion to be broken up; Jersey to be occupied by the 15th Regiment. The Depot 77th Regiment to move to Parkhurst. We were now over 600 strong, and we embarked in Her Majesty's Ship *Urgent* for conveyance to Cowes, Isle of Wight. Jersey Harbour (St. Heliers) was too small, in those days, to admit such a vessel, so we were taken out in small steamers to the *Urgent*, which lay near Elizabeth Castle.

After a very pleasant passage, in lovely weather, we rounded the Isle of Wight via Spithead to Cowes, where we were taken ashore in lighters, and at once laid

down our knapsacks, opened, for the inspection of the Customs officials. These officials made a perfunctory inspection, just looking into less than fifty of the knapsacks. There was a lot of smuggling done, in small quantities, one pound or less of tobacco, but no spirits that I could observe. What puzzled me was where had the fellows, out of, in many cases, a penny a day, got hold of the price of a pound or more of tobacco, for 1s. 6d. or 2s. was a big sum for even a full-pay man to be in possession of, and the smugglers were older hands, not those who had recently been paid bounties.

A march of about four miles brought us to Parkhurst, a one-storey barracks, quite near to the convict prison, and about a mile from the town of Newport. We now became part of the 5th Depot Battalion, which was composed of the Depots of the 22nd, 30th, 45th, 50th, 77th and 96th Regiments, and there was also stationed there a part of the Waterford Artillery Militia, which had not yet been disembodied from the embodiment of 1857, the Indian Mutiny time.

We found Parkhurst a great change for the better from Jersey, with its detachments; and recruit drill went on without interruption. So a large number of us were soon finished off. I fired my recruit musketry course on a range in the forest which is behind the barracks and the convict prison. We found Parkhurst very pleasant, all things working smoothly and with great regularity. During our stay there we saw no case of corporal punishment. The absence of cheap spirits had had, no doubt, a lot to do with absence of offences, or "crime," as it was called. Parkhurst was not a station for depots of regiments in India, so, after a nine-weeks' stay, we were moved to Chatham.

At the appointed time, we moved to Chatham, and, on arriving at Strood—then the only "Chatham" Station—we were formed up. Having a lot of recruits in all stages of drill, and very few N.C.Os. to the number of men, and some of those not of high quality, the forming-up showed a want of alacrity, and something of the "armed mob" about us.

CHATHAM.

The 1st Depot Battalion, which we were about to join, was commanded by

Col. H. Jervis, an officer who was looked upon by some as being somewhat eccentric. Of eccentricity I cannot speak. He was at Strood Station, unaccompanied, to meet us on our arrival. When he saw our somewhat loose forming-up, and our half-formed appearance, he exclaimed, "What have we here—Irish Militia?" No wonder he was surprised, for, of the 660 (about) of us, fully half were without shakos, and nearly as many without tunics, dressed in marching order with shell jackets and forage caps, and wearing blue trousers. Those in tunics were wearing black, and a few were unarmed. The whole, no matter how dressed, were formed indiscriminately. Still, the Colonel need not have libelled the Irish Militia; I am sure Ireland had no battalion to compare with us in general looseness of appearance.

Things were soon altered, and everyone properly clothed. The hours of drill we had been used to at Parkhurst we found more than doubled at Chatham. We had drill from 6 to 7.45 a.m., 9 to 11.45 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.—on each of the three parades falling in fifteen minutes earlier and marching on to the general parade from our private parades on the "Advance" being sounded at the above hours. Thus we were actually on parade daily just seven and three-quarter hours.

There was quantity, but quality (I think, looking back at it as an experienced drill instructor) we did not have a deal of. I know I saw recruits of over six months' service who were not yet dismissed recruits' drill. However, with few exceptions, all recruits of three months' service, no matter what stage of their drill they were at, had to commence doing guard duty.

The guards of the garrison were many and large, most of them. There were the following:—

Main Dock, Tower Dock, Outer Dock, Anchor Wharf, Gun Wharf, Brompton Barrier, Fort Pitt, Fort Amherst, Garrison Picquet (a guard) and all the guards at the gates of the different barracks. Truly the total on guard was large: 4 Officers, 12 Sergeants, 18 Corporals, 6 Drummers, and 156 Privates.

Very often men went on guard with only three nights in bed, and, when com-

panies were struck off duty for musketry, two and even one night in bed was not at all uncommon. Trooping the Colour was practised on guard-mounting parade every day except Sunday.

A youngster, falling in for guard at 9 a.m. and reaching his guard at 11 o'clock, then selected for first relief, would have four hours continuously in full marching order, and it would take a lot out of him.

Saturday was a busy day in the 1st Depot Battalion—coal fatigue at 6 a.m. till 7.45; after breakfast, scrubbing out the room; and at 11 a.m., medical inspection at the Garrison Hospital. The then Garrison Hospital is now called Upper Chatham Barracks. At 1.45 p.m., parade in heavy marching order; lay out kits on the inner lines, and by this time 3 p.m. had passed; then pack up kits and put packs on and practise marching past in slow and quick time; then a few movements of battalion drill. I more than once heard the Colonel say on the Saturday afternoon, "Don't look so tired, men." Poor youngsters, many of them had come off guard at 11.30, and would not be feeling very lively, whatever they may have appeared to him, but all hands had been kept at work pretty well since 6 a.m. I am speaking of Chatham in the summer-time; I don't know how things went in the winter, but I suppose the work was as hard then as the hours of daylight would allow.

SELLING OF KIT.

The charge of "Losing by neglect" or "Designedly making away with" articles of clothing was very common in Chatham at the time; mostly the article was boots. Whether there was a great facility of disposing of them I cannot say. Forty-two days' imprisonment with hard labour was the usual sentence for this offence. An article lost or sold, punishment and replacement on payment were swift and certain with such rigid kit inspections as took place. But if a man lost an article and reported it, there was, of course, no more about it than being supplied with another and paying for it.

Losing articles was common, for there was much pilfering going on. Pilfering of articles of kit went on even as recently as 1895 in the Depot of the Northampton

Regiment, although the times were so much altered and soldiers well off, instead of being very poor, and in spite of the fact that N.C.Os. did their best to put a stop to it; but, in 1859, in the Depot 77th, if a man reported the loss of an article to an N.C.O. he would as likely as not be questioned, "Was it marked?" and, on answering in the affirmative, be told, "Ah, well, you have lost number and all!" This pilfering caused men to keep their articles of kit put away. I know I had many a daily penny pay instead of full pay through not being able to leave an article out of my hand unless put away altogether.

There were frequent cases of corporal punishment in Chatham. They did not make a big parade job of it, but carried it out before breakfast, or in the afternoon, when but few of the officers would be present. It took place in "Spur Battery," now known as the Garrison Gardens. I, one morning, saw the 2nd Depot Battalion formed up there for the same purpose, at the same time as we were. The two "triangles" were not forty yards apart, and two prisoners were tied up, facing each other, and flogging going on at the same time. I was in the part of our square nearest to the square of the other Depot Battalion, and could see the face of their man under punishment. He was a callous fellow, for at each stroke he spat out, or made a motion of doing so, right up to the last lash. Simply his way of showing bravado. Almost always there would be, at the end, an attempt at facetiousness or some insubordinate expression used by the prisoner, just by way of showing what contempt the punishment was held in.

I heard the following from different fellows:—

(1) "Domino," as the last stroke fell, then, "I often had a bigger bating from me old mother."

(2) "Domino. That's only a caution for the rear rank to lock up."

I could give many others. I once heard a prisoner abuse the Colonel, making a lot of scurrilous statements while the punishment was going on, but as a rule nothing was said until the end.

It was a sort of "point of honour" not to make any sign during the infliction of it, but I once saw a case where the

man, a strong, hearty fellow of about 22 years of age, after being loosened from the tripod, and after looking round, seemed to realize his position, and burst out crying loudly as a boy of 10 years might have done; he seemed overcome with the shame of it more than the pain.

I have written more than I intended to on this unpleasant subject, but these are my reminiscences and I write on what has the greatest hold on my memory. I may briefly revert to the subject as I go on.

ORDERED ON FOREIGN SERVICE.

Shortly after our arrival at Chatham, orders were received to prepare a draft of 450 men to join the Service Companies in India. I was duly warned that I was to be one of the party, but no date could be given. The various visits to the Quartermaster's stores, to arrange about "sea kits," followed, and some time later the date was given—September 10th—for our departure, and, later, that the draft was to proceed in two parties, 315 on the ship *Hanover*, of London, on September 10th, and the remaining 135 on September 12th on the ship *Aliquis*. Both these vessels were known as "Green's ships." I was for the larger or first part of the draft, and on the afternoon of September 9th, the day previous to our departure, we were warned to parade on the barrack square for kit inspection. After the inspection, the kits were repacked, and each man had a written paper, showing his name and number and the name of the ship pasted on his knapsack, and a similar paper on the large pouch of his accoutrements. All the kits were then put into store to be reissued next day on our parading for embarkation. An order was then given for the whole of the Depot 77th Regiment to be confined to barracks until after the departure of the party on the following morning. A good idea, although not relished by those concerned, for there was no chance of any article of kit being lost or stolen, and no man could be absent from parading.

Fourteen years later, when I, as a Sergeant-Major, was stationed at Chatham, I was having a chat with the Garrison Sergeant-Major, and I found that he, at the time of my departure for India, had been, although I did not recognize him, the Sergeant-Major of the 1st

Depot Battalion. He told me a few tales of little happenings he had known. No wonder they took steps against absence and kit-selling.

Next morning, we paraded, received our kits, and proceeded by rail to Gravesend, where we found our ship at anchor in the middle of the river, ready to sail. We were soon taken on board, and our sea kit issued to us. We had left Chatham accoutred, but unarmed; the arms were in arm-chests, which were with the sea kits taken on board with us.

Shortly after us came a draft of 2 officers and 85 men, of the 2nd Dragoon Guards (The Bays), from Canterbury, including some acting non-commissioned officers. With our 315 men, we had one officer and one Sergeant only. We had a lot of "embarkation non-coms"; these would get the pay of their rank, provided that they joined their regiment holding it, that is, if they had not forfeited it by misconduct. Very few of them were allowed to keep a stripe on joining, but were reverted to Private simply by word of mouth, and ordered to "take down those stripes."

The voyage from Gravesend to Calcutta was estimated to last 120 days; very often it took only 90 days, but our voyage lasted 142 days, although we had no bad weather. I think we must have been taken very far south of the Cape of Good Hope, for in mid-December, which is the time of hot weather at the Cape, we were experiencing quite cold weather, and greatcoats were being worn.

We had seven funerals during the voyage; one man died raving mad, one by drowning, and five by fever. The fever was, I understood, of an epidemic kind. I suppose the usual "ship fever," as it is called, also called "gaol fever" and "famine fever," the true name being typhus. A very free use of disinfectants, and "isolation," a difficult matter on a ship, put an end to it. For isolation, one man was slung in his hammock very close to the "mizzen top," where he died.

MAN OVERBOARD.

I have mentioned a death by drowning. It was a case of a man falling overboard. He was a mess orderly, and, going to draw water for washing up, through a port-hole, he was drawn through. The

boatswain happened to see what took place and turned out the crew by calling "Hands abaft, man overboard." In a short time, a boat was lowered, during which time the "fore and main yards" were braced crosswise, thus causing the vessel to stop. The boat reached the drowning man as he was ceasing to struggle. There was by this time a distance of more than half a mile between boat and ship. The boat's crew, getting the man into the boat, saw that he showed some sign of life. The boat was pulled back as quickly as possible to the ship, and the surgeon used every means for restoring the man, but without success. After trying for nearly four hours, he gave it up. The body of poor Crabtree was, on the following day, committed to the deep. Lord Byron, in one of his poems, wrote: "Like some strong swimmer in his agony." The agony of this drowning man, who was a fair swimmer, must have been great.

BECALMED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

For more than a fortnight, seventeen days, we lay becalmed: not a ripple on the water, and very little ground swell; and for the greater portion of the time we were placed on half rations of food, a very unpleasant experience. But otherwise the food during the voyage was more than sufficient, and of excellent quality. The water was plentiful and, as a rule, sweet and good up to the end of the voyage, although we called in nowhere. Every day for the 142 days each of us had a pint of good porter after dinner. Landsman as I was, it was a puzzle to me where all the stores of food, etc., we were using could be stowed.

We had two officers' wives, one white female servant, and one ayah, but no other women on board. As is usual, in the case of hired transports, troopships, our crew was not quite a full one; at least, so I was informed; and the men (troops) were divided into three watches, and in turns of twelve hours each watch had to take part on deck in the working of the ship, and many of us became quite useful assistant sailormen. Even those days, the foreigner had begun to take the place of the Briton in British ships; for we had among the crew a Norwegian, a Hollander, a German, an East Indian from Benares, and a mulatto.

MAD TUCKER.

I must now mention a remarkable character we had among the troops—Pte. Robert Tucker, of the 77th draft. He was embarked as a prisoner, with a portion of the sentence of imprisonment awarded by a court-martial unexpired. As often happens in like cases, after we were clear of the Thames he was released, and he soon began to let it be seen that it was his intention to do just as he thought fit only.

After a time, it was decided to place him under restraint as a lunatic. He was ordered on deck between meals with the rest of the troops; but not he: "I'm going on deck just when I think proper." He occupied himself by walking up and down between decks. As he was known to be possessed of a knife, some care had to be taken in depriving him of his liberty. Someone occupied his attention in front while an ex-policeman went behind him, and he suddenly found himself gripped and handcuffed. A few days' confinement in an empty sail store cured some of his lunacy, but he was not given complete liberty again during the voyage. The speeches he made, the noises he kicked up at night were most amusing and at the same time annoying, for he deprived those near him of their rest. At the end of the voyage he was sent to a lunatic asylum in Calcutta.

I shall refer to Bob Tucker again, so please remember the name.

(To be continued.)

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE.

THE Regimental Derby Sweepstake will be arranged and carried out by the Club, as usual.

Entrance fee, £1 1s. per share.

Application, accompanied by remittance, must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Club not later than May 1st, 1929.

If I were punished for every pun I shed, there would not be left a puny shred of my punnish head.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DEC. 31ST, 1928.

Amount of grants and loans made: £133 1s. 8d.

Number of cases dealt with: 187.

Number of cases assisted: 81.

Number of men registered for employment: 94.

Number of men found permanent employment: 14.

Number of men found temporary employment: 1.

Number of men offered employment: 20.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 27.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on October 31st, 1928.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mr. J. Morgan.

It was decided that the Old Comrades' Summer Gathering in 1929 should be held on the Friday in the Cricket Week.

The subject of area representation in connection with employment was discussed and suggestions received for co-operation of Territorial Battalions and certain ex-members of the Regiment.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Mr. E. Morris for his work as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

A supply of "letters" for in-patients has been received for the above Hospital. Applications for these, also for out-patients' letters, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Regimental Association.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual Old Comrades' Dinner followed the Annual General Meeting, and, on Saturday, November 3rd, 1928, when the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., took the chair, and presented the Annual Report for 1927, which was adopted.

As in recent years, only a very few members attended the meeting, the great majority remaining outside the room to greet old comrades who were assembling for the annual dinner.

The Chairman referred to the number of men for whom employment had been found by the Association, and to the new scheme of area representation.

THE ANNUAL OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

The Annual Old Comrades' Dinner followed the Annual General Meeting, and, unlike the latter, was well attended. Covers had been provided for three hundred persons, and two hundred and ninety-seven sat down. It was a very cheery gathering. The Band of the 9th Battalion performed excellently under the able leadership of Mr. H. J. Rouse, and it was a pleasure to the "old hands" to see the scarlet tunic again. The evening passed all too quickly, leaving one with regrets that one had not been able to speak to many old comrades.

The reading, by the President, of the following telegrams was greeted with loud applause:—

"General Sir Ivor Maxse, Middlesex Regiment, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone. I am commanded to express the King's thanks for the loyal message from

the Old Comrades of the Middlesex Regiment. His Majesty hopes they are spending an enjoyable evening at their annual dinner.

"STAMFORDHAM."

"Comrades Middlesex Regiment, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone. Comrades Royal Fusiliers send hearty greetings and good wishes to Comrades Middlesex Regiment.

"ROYAL FUSILIERS ASSOCIATION."

After the loyal toasts, General Maxse proposed the toast of the Regiment, speaking at length on the subject of employment and the work of the Regimental Association in that connection. He said that in 1927 fifty-six men had been placed in permanent employment, and that since January 1st last fifty-five more men had been so placed. Alluding to the scheme of area representation, he said that fifteen Old Comrades had agreed to act, and urged everyone to come forward and make a point of obtaining employment for one man each year.

The guests of the evening, Mr. De Salis and Mr. E. S. W. Hart, were referred to by General Maxse, who said that the former was the splendid Chairman of the Middlesex Territorial Association, and the latter the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council. Both these gentlemen had helped the Regiment considerably, and Mr. De Salis never failed to place a wreath on the War Memorial on Armistice Day.

A reference to the officers of the Association, and to Mr. Morris, the Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee, concluded Sir Ivor's remarks, after which the toast was duly honoured.

The toast of "The Colonel and the Officers of the Regiment" was proposed by Mr. E. J. Warren, a Zulu War veteran, in an able little speech, and met with an enthusiastic response.

The following were among those present: Colonels Lempriere, Passingham, Blumfeld, Baker, Beach and Maitland; Lieut.-Colonels Miller and Pearson; Majors Jefferd, G. L. Brown, Tupper, Money, Steed and Amor; Capt. Burdon, Dobner, Richards, Johnson, Mirams, Rosam, Paul, Phillips, Denny, T. J. Smith, Measor, Howell, Haydon, Stock, Shepherd, Hedgecoe, Dymore,

Lawson, Sherwood, Norman McIvor, Howe, and F. C. W. Steed; Lieuts. O'Donoghue, Clayden, E. F. James, Clowes, Heffer, Williams, O. G. Johnson and McDonald; 2/Lieuts. Amor and Christodoulo; Bandmaster Clark; and Messrs. Knight, Gales, Woodbane, Sparkes and Mullaley, 8th Battalion; Gibbon, Barkway, Fitzgerald, Patrick, Avriall, Maloney, Todman, Carroll, Linthwaite, Mole, Jackman, Burrows, Barnes, Fry, Drinkwater, Durham, Martin, Lidington, Mills, Breed, Denton, Lavender, Baldwin, Fenemore, Bindon, Podger, Bentley, Holloway, Turner, Holloes, Hogg and Furniss, 9th Battalion; R.S.M. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Finch, C.S.M. Cook, C.Q.M.S. West, Serpts. Burt, Northcott, Russell, Shaw, Osborne and Honeybun, Cpls. Mason, Hull, Egar, L./Cpl. Sparkes and Ptes. Francis, Pope, Muddigan, Packhard, Lyons, Butt, Coulson, Downing and Clapton, Depot; Arthur, Avant, Allen, Bevis, Bray, Bailey, Butler, W. Buxton, B. J. Buxton, Brazear, Bennett, Bower, Brooks, Blinco, Bunk, S. M. Bennett, Boothby, Bane, Blackwood, T. Bailey, W. Bush, F. Bush, Cattell, Coldicott, Cox, Collins, Chidley, Champion, L. Clarke, Sergt. Carter, 7th Battalion; Cluett, Coulson, Capel, Creedon, Coe, W. Clarke, Dally, Duffield, Daly, S. F. Davis, Dowling, Disbury, Dines, Dennis, Dilley, Evans, H. A. Edwards, Ferris, Francis, Flint, Furse, Fenn, Foley, E. R. Furniss, Field, Garrett, Greene, Gibson, Guscott, Golding, Gregory, Hills, Harragan, Howes, Hall, Hone, Harvey, Havard, Hanks, Hutchins, Hewitt, Holwell, H. Holmes, Hiney, F. E. Holmes, Hunt, A. E. Jackman, Janeway, S. A. Johnston, Jewson, L. Jones, E. Jones, Kennedy, W. F. King, Ketch, A. W. Knight, Kerswill, W. H. King, T. King, W. King, Keith, Kelly, Lowen, Lowe, Leggett, Lambourne, Lyons, Lodge, T. K. Mackenzie, Mayhew, Meayers, Miller, E. Morris, Monk, Muchy, J. Morgan, Morrison, Meadley, Meachen, T. Morgan, W. T. Martin, Morey, Northon, Nethercott, Ormiston, Pilgrim, Pasby, W. T. Palmer, Pereira, Percy, Pratt, Phipps, Pope, Purdell, Pirre, Powell, Parsons, Quiggan, Read, Riddell, Rice, W. Rouse, Rush, Rose, C. Read, Stevens, W. A. Smith, Stafford, A. Stephens, A. J. Stephens,

Schaper, Sugden, A. Smith, Sharman, Safferty, W. A. Stephens, Scott, Shepherd, Shaw, Stannard, H. W. Smith, Sando, Silvester, Stokes, Sanders, J. Ryan, G. Robinson, Q.M.S.I. Tyler, Taylor, Tide, Tildesley, E. A. Turner, H. F. Turner, W. Taylor, W. C. Thompson, Twigg, Trapp, Tulley, S. E. Turner, E. H. Townley, E. O. Townley, D. Williams, Whitfield, Wellden, Watts, Whittaker, Wilkins, W. B. Warren, Wiggins, Watkins, Whiting, Wood, E. J. Warren, Weston, Wells, Wallace and White.

OLD COMRADES' QUARTERLY CONCERT.

About eighty Old Comrades and ladies were present at the Masonic Rooms, 341 Euston Road, on Saturday evening, January 5th, when, by arrangement with Madame Ghita Corri, the famous concert party "The Monocles" provided what proved to be a most enjoyable entertainment.

The chair was taken by Mr. E. Morris, who was supported by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., and Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Samuel and F. S. Steed, D.C.M.

At the conclusion of the concert Col. Passingham thanked Madame Corri and the artists for the excellent programme, and also thanked Mr. Morris for all the work he has put in in connection with these functions, expressing the hope that he would long continue his connection with them. Col. Passingham announced that the 1st Battalion is taking part in the Royal Tournament this year.

The following were amongst those present: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fayers, Mr. and Mrs. Courtin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Bossard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lansdell, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Harragan, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, Messrs. H. E. Cox, J. Bradford, J. Cattell, W. Keys, E. J. Warren, P. L. E. Norgard, L. Holland, E. Jones, J. L. Hunt, A. B. Coldicott, W. Quiggan,

H. G. Quaife, G. C. Richardson, A. F. Richardson, E. Quaife, A. F. King, W. J. Clarke, D. McDonald, J. Love, W. Jobson, S. Turner, D. B. Gibbon, W. Polley, H. Cranwell, Barry Sullivan, H. Stanley, Mackenzie, T. Bailey, W. Quick, F. W. Kenchen, Major Amor, Mrs. Adkins, Miss Shorter, 2/Lieut. W. B. Coleman.

ARMISTICE DAY AT MILL HILL.

THE Regimental War Memorial at Mill Hill Barracks was the scene of a most impressive service on Armistice Day, when between three and four hundred people assembled to do honour to the glorious dead of the Middlesex Regiment. The singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" marked the opening of the service, followed by the Silence, after which the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" were sounded by the Depot buglers.

The Rev. F. R. Sheehan, Vicar of St. Paul's, Mill Hill, then said a few prayers and delivered an inspiring address.

On the conclusion of the address wreaths, a list of which is given below, were reverently placed round the Memorial.

The Benediction was then pronounced by the Vicar, and "God Save the King" was heartily sung by all.

Representatives attended from the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions Middlesex Regiment, 7th City of London Regiment, Christ's College Cadets, past Middlesex Regiment members of the Paddington National Reserve Club, and the North-Western Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association sent about fifty of its members. Among those present were Col. and Mrs. and Miss Anwyl Passingham, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil De Salis, Major and Mrs. Amor, Capt. and Mrs. Pringle, Capt. and Mrs. and Miss Howell, Capt. G. Johnson, Mr. E. J. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mrs. Stapley, and Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

List of wreaths:—Officers, Depot Middlesex Regiment; All Ranks, 1st

Battalion; All Ranks, 2nd Battalion; Sergeants, Depot; Corporals, Depot; Staff and Recruits, Depot; 5th Battalion; 6th Battalion; 7th Battalion; 8th Battalion; 9th Battalion; "D" Company, 9th Battalion; 7th Battalion City of London Regiment; The Regimental Association; The Territorial Association of the County of Middlesex; Christ's College Cadets; N.W. District Branch Old Contemptibles' Association; Past Middlesex Regiment Members of Paddington National Reserve Club; Pte. Hanks, ex-2nd and 4th Battalions; Mrs. Downing; Mr. and Mrs. Sutton; Elsie Creach; Mrs. Bewshear; Wife and Family of late E. A. Cribben; Mrs. Lucken; Mrs. Brownsell; "In memory" of C. Lowen; "In memory" of E. R. Huggett; "In memory" of A. Fordham; and three others, whose origin is unknown.

A detachment of the 12th (Service) Battalion, under Capt. E. J. Garstin, attended at 10 p.m. and placed a wreath on the Memorial, and "Last Post" was sounded.

DEPOT NOTES.

MAJOR L. L. PARGITER, D.S.O., Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and Lieut. E. S. M. Ayscough have been selected for a tour of duty at the Depot in relief of Major W. W. Jefferd, Capt. E. P. Manson, M.C., and Lieut. H. P. Lambert, whose tours shortly expire.

Capt. J. English is to be posted to the Depot in relief of Capt. V. E. Stock, M.C., who will shortly retire from the Service.

The Regiment has been closed for recruiting since November 15th, although 150 recruits are still required to bring the Regiment up to establishment.

There are now only two recruit squads undergoing training at the Depot.

CHRISTMAS DOINGS.

Actually at Christmas, as far as the Depot was concerned, there was very little doing, all being on leave until December 30th.

The arrangements on return from leave were as follows:—

December 31st, 1928: Sergeants' Mess Dinner and Dance.

January 1st, 1929: Children's Party and Christmas tree.

January 2nd, 1929: Depot Christmas Dinner and Corporals' Dance.

The Sergeants' Dinner, as usual, was a good show, and this undoubtedly will be given in full in the next Journal, under Sergeants' Mess Notes. The Dance was a very gay affair, in accordance with the season, and the Depot wireless set provided the striking of midnight by "Big Ben," after which all joined in "Auld Lang Syne."

The Children's Party was held in the Lecture Room, and was an enormous success. At about 3.45 p.m. families began to collect in the Library. At 4 p.m. all sat down to a most excellent tea, for which the N.A.A.F.I. obtained full marks. The officers were present and served tea. At about 5 p.m. the room was cleared ready for a Punch and Judy show. This show was voted to be one of the best of its kind ever witnessed by those present, and kept old and young alike highly amused for almost an hour.

The Christmas tree was then exposed, and looked very pretty. With the arrival of Santa Claus from the chimney, the distribution of presents began. Great credit is due to the person responsible for their selection.

The party concluded about 7 p.m. with the distribution of the usual bag of sweets, etc. There were forty-five children and forty "grown ups" present at the party.

On the 2nd the Depot Christmas dinner was served at the usual time, all members of the Sergeants' Mess officiating as servers and orderlies.

There was an excellent menu of Christmas fare, which was enjoyed by all. It did not seem possible that, in some cases, a second helping would be necessary, but it is thought the keen air of the barrack square was responsible for great appetites. About 112 sat down to dinner.

In the evening the Corporals held their dance in the Lecture Room, which also proved a great success. Some of the carnival hats were elaborate.

FOOTBALL.

Our football team has now got together, and is giving a very good account

of itself. They have won all their matches for the last two months.

The following compose the usual team:—Cpl. Barley, Sergt. Tiller, Pte. May, Pte. Gillett, L.-Sergt. Northcott, Pte. Evans, Cpl. Pratt, Cpl. Foulger, Pte. Sickenger, Pte. Packard and Pte. Mann.

The following have also played:—Pte. Marshall, Cpl. Coulling and Pte. Sims.

The results of matches are:—

v. 9th Middlesex Regiment (away), lost 3—6.

v. 9th Middlesex Regiment (home), lost 0—3.

v. "A" Coy., 8th Middlesex Regiment (home), won 3—2.

v. Vitrolite Coy. (away), won 8—2.

v. Vitrolite Coy. (home), won 5—1.

v. 19th London Regiment (away), won 7—0.

Inside the Depot, Sergt. Northcott's squad (Nivelle) have produced a good team, and have carried all before them.

HOCKEY.

Our hockey team has not been so successful, though we have had some good matches. We have only won one match.

The following have formed the usual team:—Dmr. March, Lieut. Clayden, Sergt. Peck, Pte. Packard, Sergt. Tiller, Pte. Cooper, Lieut. Lambert, Cpl. Foulger, C.Q.M.S. West, Lieut. Clowes and Sergt. Blake.

The following have also played:—Cpl. Hull, S. I. Patterson, Pte. Hally, Pte. Britton, Cpl. Little and Cpl. Barley.

Match results:—

v. Depot, Royal Fusiliers (home), lost 1—2.

v. Bushey (away), won 5—3.

v. R.A.F., Northolt (home), drawn 4—4.

v. Depot, Royal Fusiliers (away), lost 3—7.

BOXING.

A very successful Inter-Squad Boxing Competition was held in December, in which the creditable number of 62 entries was received from the three squads.

A lot of very good and plucky fighting was seen. There was not a single fight without plenty of "go" in it.

Sergt. Russell's squad (Ladysmith) won the shield with 81 points; Nivelle Squad,

second with 56 points; Ypres Squad, third with 38 points. Ladysmith Squad had the advantage of being the biggest squad by a large margin, but credit is due to all its members for competing. Results:—

Bantam-Weight.—Pte. Watson (Ladysmith) beat Pte. Smith (Ladysmith) on points after a close fight.

Feather-Weight.—Pte. Wildin (Ypres) beat Pte. Hardaway (Nivelle), the referee stopping the fight in the third round. Wildin is a promising boxer.

A very plucky fight in the first round of this weight was fought between Pte. Palmer and Pte. Ramsey, which was just won by the latter.

Light-Weight.—Pte. Mann (Ypres) beat Pte. Gardner (Ladysmith) on points. Mann was far the better boxer.

Good losers' medals were presented to Ptes. Mears and Millross, who both fought two very plucky fights.

Welter-Weight.—Pte. Packard (Nivelle) beat Pte. Connett (Nivelle), on points after a very close and very hard fight.

Pte. Finkleston was awarded a good loser's medal in this weight. He met Pte. Packard in the semi-final, and both fought until they could hardly stand—a very plucky exhibition.

Middle-Weight.—Pte. Smith (Nivelle) beat Pte. Jenkins (Ladysmith) on points.

Smith was the best man in this weight by a large margin.

Light-Heavy-Weight.—L./Cpl. Swan (Ypres) beat Pte. Gadsden (Ypres) on points.

There were only two entries in this weight.

After Gadsden had led on points in the first two rounds, Swan suddenly assumed the offensive and soon settled the issue.

Heavy-Weight.—As there was only one entry in this weight, Cpl. Foulger fought an exhibition bout with Pte. Evans, which resulted in a good fight. Evans making good use of his reach and height.

BOXING COMPETITION v. 9TH BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 1928.

Pte. 22 Smith (Depot) beat Boy Jackman (9th Bn.) on points after a very even fight.

Pte. Graham (9th Bn.) beat Pte. Finklestone (Depot) on points after a very hard-fought contest.

Cpl. Jones (9th Bn.) beat Pte. Simmons (Depot), the referee stopping the fight in the second round after Simmons had been on the floor several times.

Pte. Mann (Depot) beat Pte. Taylor (9th Bn.) on points, but was lucky not to be disqualified for hitting with the inside of his right hand. When he remedies this fault he should make a good boxer.

Pte. Wildin (Depot) beat Pte. Turland (9th Bn.), who gave in in the third round after receiving a good deal of punishment.

Pte. Vincent (9th Bn.) knocked out Pte. Walker (Depot) with a lucky blow in the first thirty seconds of the fight.

Cpl. Briton (9th Bn.) beat Pte. Packard (Depot) on points after a hard-fought fight in which Packard put up a very game fight against a heavier man.

Pte. Watson (Depot) beat Pte. Smith (9th Bn.) on points after a very tame fight.

Pte. Evans (Depot) beat Pte. Bates (9th Bn.) on points with much difficulty.

Pte. Carter (9th Bn.) knocked out Pte. Gardener (Depot) in the second round, the latter having tired himself by setting too hot a pace in the first round.

Result:—A draw, each unit winning five fights—a very satisfactory result to a good evening's clean fighting.

WEAPON TRAINING.

ALBUHERA SQUAD X (Sergt. Burst).

Number fired Table "A": 18.

Number Qualified: 18.

Squad Average: 83.2.

Best Score: No. 4960552 Pte. J. Howie, 94.

MONS SQUAD X (Sergt. Tiller).

Number fired Table "A": 18.

Number Qualified: 18.

Squad Average: 79.0.

Best Score: No. 6198461 Pte. T. May, 88.

YPRES SQUAD X (Sergt. Stacey).

Number fired Table "A": 22.

Number Qualified: 22.

Squad Average: 77.41.

Best Score: No. 6198488 Pte. R. Burkitt, 86.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

At the beginning of the quarter we said our official good-bye to ex-Q.M.S.I. Elliott. On handing him a present of a

clock set, presented by members of the Mess, the R.S.M. remarked on how sorry we were to lose such a good and capable member, and wished him every success in civilian life. In replying, Mr. Elliott said that whenever he looked at the time it would always remind him of the good times he had spent with the members during his stay at the Depot.

The members turned out in force to attend the Annual Old Comrades' Dinner. During the evening many old friends were met and many old experiences gone over. Everybody enjoyed themselves, and are now looking forward to next year's dinner.

Dancing is now in full swing, and up to the present we have held two monthly dances which have been very successful. We are also holding our fortnightly practice dances. The attendance at these is rather small; nevertheless, some very enjoyable evenings have been passed, and some of our novices will soon make Pavlova jealous.

On Tuesday, December 17th, we held our annual Christmas draw. Altogether there were eighteen prizes, and we congratulate C.Q.M.S. West and Sergt. Burt on the able way in which it was carried out. The prizes were very evenly distributed and every one seemed satisfied.

We welcome to our midst C.Q.M.S. Steadman and Sergts. Buckle and Hazeldene from the 2nd Battalion, in relief of C.Q.M.S. West and Sergts. Russell and Mewitt. We have not had the opportunity of making an official welcome, but this we hope to do on the occasion of our annual dinner on December 31st. C.Q.M.S. West has received his movement orders for January 7th for India. Sergt. Russell is still awaiting "shipping orders."

We take this opportunity of wishing all messes a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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CORPORALS' ROOM.

Since the last issue of the Journal there has been nothing very exciting in the Corporals' Room unless the billiard tournament with the Finchley Police can be described as such, for owing to the fact that our "billiard stiffs" have left,

either for the Battalion or civilian life, we received what is termed "our eggs."

All members of the Mess desire to congratulate Cpls. Barley, Coulling, Bean and Butfield on their promotion and L./Cpl. Sparkes on his appointment to paid Lance-Corporal. Congratulations also to Cpl. (Tommy) Little on his marriage to Miss L. Donovan. May all their troubles be just (Little) ones.

There is very little else of interest to record, so we will fetch our small chapter to a close by wishing all our brother messes health, wealth and prosperity throughout the coming year.

B.B.B. CLUB.

TRADE TEST.

6194353 Pte. C. Grainger: Passed trade test on 26/11/28 as carpenter and joiner, Class III, Group B.

TRANSFER TO ARMY RESERVE AND DISCHARGES.

The undermentioned were transferred to Army Reserve on 26/12/28: 6190745 Cpl. J. May, 6191235 L./Sergt. T. Ballard, 6194028 L./Cpl. F. Hayes, 6190999 L./Cpl. H. Hastings, 6194356 Cpl. A. Loom, 6194291 L./Cpl. F. Williams.

6194191 Cpl. W. Milberry: Transferred to Army Reserve, 29/10/28.

6191917 C.S.M. E. Burns: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxi), 26/12/28.

POSTINGS TO DEPOT.

The undermentioned were posted to Depot from 2nd Battalion, for a tour of duty, 12/12/28: 6191707 C.Q.M.S. S. Steadman, 6191047 Sergt. E. Hazeldine, 6188693 Sergt. S. Buckle.

SERVICE.

6188527 R.S.M. R. Mantell: Permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years, for a period of 12 months, until 16/7/30.

6194353 Pte. C. Grainger: Permitted to extend his period of Colour service to complete 12 years with the Colours, 16/10/28.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6191748 Sergt. A. Russell: Relinquishes appointment of S.I.M., 17/11/28.

6191710 Sergt. E. Burt: Appointed S.I.M., 17/11/28.

6191974 L./Cpl. A. Sparkes: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 16/10/28.

6197916 L./Cpl. W. Pinkney: Appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, 29/10/28.

6195761 L./Cpl. P. Barley: Promoted Corporal, 16/8/28.

6196354 L./Cpl. A. Coulling: Promoted Corporal, 1/9/28.

6584440 L./Cpl. F. Butfield: Promoted Corporal, 8/9/28.

6196986 L./Cpl. W. Bean: Promoted Corporal, 14/9/28.

MARRIAGES.

TILLER—PARSONS.—On November 1st, 1928, at Edmonton, 6190826 Sergt. T. Tiller to Dorothy Lillian Parsons.

LITTLE—DONOVAN.—On October 20th, 1928, at Edmonton, 6195113 Cpl. J. Little to Lillian Beatrice Donovan.



CHINA.

(From "The Naval and Military Record," Wednesday, November 27th, 1928.)

A monument to the memory of Pte. Frank M. Soares, Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in the Great War on April 5th, 1915, is to be erected in the grounds of the Portuguese Club, the Club de Recrew, at King's Park, Kowloon. Pte. Soares was the only member of the Hong-Kong Portuguese community who was killed in the war, although many served from the local Portuguese community, and the memorial will be a striking tribute to his gallant services.



TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

THE MAN WHO SUGGESTED IT DIED IN POVERTY.

(From "The Yorkshire Weekly Post," Saturday, November 17th, 1928.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Melbourne Herald publishes a pathetic story relating to the origin of the Two Minutes' Silence. The man who conceived the Great Silence was Edward George Honey, an Australian journalist,

who died in poverty in England in August, 1922.

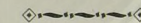
His widow a few months ago was working in South Wales trying to earn a living by insurance business.

"To-day the British Empire stands still for two poignant minutes," says the Herald. "Its people will spread a wreath of memory over the battlefields; but only his widow and a few friends will remember Honey, who in a flash of genius gave us this supreme moment."

"He suggested the silence in an article in the Evening News of May 8th, 1919, writing under the nom de plume of Jarren Forrester."

"A couple of years after his masterpiece was adopted, Honey fell ill of consumption and was unable to bear the strain of journalism, and his end was hastened by the effects of his war service in the Middlesex Regiment."

"A close friend, writing just before his death, said: 'Consumption reduced him to a mere husk of a man. He was coughing dreadfully as he sat before the fire, bent and frail, although he was only 36 years of age, with an overcoat buttoned up to his chin. I asked him to let me see him home, but he refused. Perhaps he wished to hide his poverty. He never while he lived showed any desire to be connected officially with the Great Silence. The fact that he lived to see it adopted gave him infinite satisfaction. The world has forgotten him. The world, indeed, cannot be blamed for it, for it never knew him while he lived.'"—Exchange.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE the last issue of the Journal the Battalion has completed its first portion of the Individual Training period, which has consisted of sand-table exercises, section leader training, and a series of lectures for Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. Two of the most interesting of these were by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Smith, T.D., on "The Battle of Mons," with especial reference to the 4th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, and the second by the Adjutant, on "The Battle of Le Cateau," bringing out specially the action of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment. These

officers recently did a tour of the battlefields, and actually went over the ground where these actions were fought.

The recruiting of the Battalion is making steady progress, and it is hoped we shall be 400 strong by next camp. It is gratifying once again to have the Battalion up to strength in officers, and we welcome the following Second-Lieutenants:—F. H. Trewby, S. Sylvester Smith, R. Bartram, F. H. Adams, and A. K. Johnson.

On Sunday, November 4th, the Annual Armistice Service was held at the Hornsey Parish Church. There were over 300 on parade, over 100 of these being ex-officers and other ranks of the unit. After the service the Battalion marched from the church via Tottenham Lane, Crouch End, Park Road, and thence back to headquarters. The ex-officers were entertained to lunch in the Officers' Mess, and the other ranks were served with an excellent meal in the Drill Hall.

The unit had the distinction of providing a Guard of Honour at Alexandra Palace on Sunday afternoon, November 11th, to Field-Marshal the Viscount Allenby, G.C.B., etc., in connection with the Annual Church Parade of the local branch of the British Legion. Capt. H. A. Murray was in command of the Guard, the Regimental Colour being carried by 2/Lieut. E. G. W. Amor. The Guard was congratulated by the Field-Marshal on its turn-out. Thanks are extended to all those who took part, and it is gratifying to know that it is possible to get volunteers to do these guards.

Congratulations are extended to 2/Lieuts. Arnold and Christodoulo on passing the recent examination to Captain; also to the former officer on doing so well in the Machine-gun Course at the London District School. It is hoped he will qualify successfully when he goes to Netheravon this month.

An invitation from the management of the Wood Green Cinema was received and accepted for a detachment to witness the film "Verdun." Nearly fifty officers, N.C.Os. and men attended, and all agreed that the film witnessed was the best of the war films. This cinema has for years past given free seats once or twice during each year to men of the Battalion, and their kindness is much appreciated.

We all regret the departure of Sergt.

Walsh, who has left us to join the 1st Battalion at Catterick. He has been replaced by Sergt. Clements, who, we hope, will enjoy his tour of duty with the Battalion.

On December 7th the Annual Shooting Match, Officers *v.* Sergeants, took place at Headquarters. This resulted in a very close contest, the Sergeants ultimately winning by 20 points. The full scores are as follows:—

SERGEANTS.		Points
Sergt. Webb	...	41
Sergt. Howard	...	47
Sergt. Cutting	...	45
C.Q.M.S. Eeles	...	38
C.Q.M.S. Vaughan	...	27
Sergt. Parker	...	41
C.S.M. Clements	...	51
Sergt. Carter	...	21
Total	...	311
OFFICERS.		Points
Capt. Doidge	...	40
Lieut. Arnold	...	28
Lieut. Christodoulo	...	53
Lieut. Hay	...	47
Capt. Pringle	...	33
Col. Maitland	...	30
Lieut. Bartram	...	34
Lieut. Johnson	...	26
Total	...	291

The Sergeants were afterwards the guests of the officers in the Officers' Mess.

The Sergeants' Mess, in return, are entertaining the officers of the Battalion at dinner on Friday, January 25th.

Intimation has been received that the Battalion will this year camp at Dover. This should be very popular, and we hope to go to camp in greater numbers than we did last year.

The Battalion (Officers' Expeditionary Force Club) held their tenth Annual Dinner at the Trocadero on Saturday, November 10th. There were fifty-six officers present who served with the Battalion during the late war, several of whom made a special journey from the Continent to attend. This is a record number, and it is rather remarkable that it should be so ten years after the close of

the Great War. This dinner is a most popular function, and it is hoped that a greater number of the present serving officers of the Battalion will attend in future years.

The weapon training period is now fast approaching, and the Battalion will hold week-end camps at Easter and Whitsun at Rainham, when it is hoped the majority of the Battalion will attend to fire their Annual Musketry Course. Easter this year falls a little earlier, and we hope the weather will be kind to us. During the Whitsun camp we hope to have our Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting. During these periods the signallers, machine gunners and transport personnel will undergo their usual attachments for training with a Regular unit.

We hold our Annual Boxing Meeting at "D" Company's Headquarters, Tottenham, on Thursday, January 31st. This meeting has proved very popular in the past, and we hope to have a large number of entries again this year. The Brigade Boxing Meeting takes place at the Headquarters of the 9th Battalion on Saturday, February 9th, and the 44th Divisional finals at Chelsea Barracks on February 23rd.

The Annual Competition for the Lady Regnart Cup takes place at Albany Street Barracks on Tuesday, January 15th. This cup was won from this Battalion by the 19th Battalion The London Regiment last year, and we hope to regain possession of this trophy.

"H.Q." WING.

Since the last issue our attention has been largely devoted to the special training of N.C.Os. in their various branches of work and to carrying out a programme of winter recreational training. This has consisted of a number of inter-group and company basket ball matches, which are decidedly popular, and miniature range shooting. In case of the latter, we are glad to say we have taken a step in the right direction by having entered a team for the "King Cup" Competition, which is always very keenly contested. Taking into account that we have never in the past entered a team, and the limited amount of time at our disposal for practice, we feel our team is putting up a very creditable show.

On Saturday, December 1st, we held a joint dance with "C" Company, and we feel sure everyone who attended spent a very cheery evening, and voted it to be a great success. We cannot pass this over without tendering our thanks to all those whose efforts in various directions undoubtedly largely accounted for the success of the evening. We only hope that we may look forward to an even larger attendance in the future.

Before concluding, we should like to offer our congratulations to Cpl. Danvers on his promotion, and his recent success at the London District School.

"A" COMPANY.

Since our last issue we have been busy with our usual winter Weapon Training programme.

On Saturday, October 27th, 1928, we held a very enjoyable evening. The Clay Pipe Shooting Competition on the miniature range was won by L./Cpl. Fordham, darts by Pte. Vaughan, and the pillow fight by L./Cpl. Ellis. Best all-round prize was won by L./Cpl. Ellis. After the games we adjourned to the Canteen, and there we passed the remainder of the evening in a sing-song. Songs were rendered by C.S.M. Jenkins, C.S.M. Gray, Cpl. Rickall, and a piano solo by Pte. Good.

On Saturday, December 22nd, a Shooting Tournament was arranged, in which several prizes were contributed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by all concerned.

Since October there has been several new recruits to the company, and we hope they will enjoy themselves during their stay with us.

"B" COMPANY.

On November 4th we sent a strong party to Headquarters to take part in the Annual Armistice Church Parade at Hornsey Church. We were glad to see so many of our Old Comrades of "B" Company present with us. After the service we had a short march, and returned to Headquarters for dinner.

On Armistice Day we sent a small party, under Mr. Arnold, to represent "B" Company at the service at the local Cenotaph. In the morning Cpl. A. J. Ede, M.M., was one of those who repre-

sented the Battalion at the service at the Regimental Depot.

LADY REGNART CUP COMPETITION.

For this competition, Sergt. H. Parker and Cpl. A. J. Ede, M.M., were selected as members of the Battalion team, and Cpl. E. R. Thomas and C.S.M. W. J. Roberts were selected as reserves. The competition takes place on January 15th at Albany Street Barracks.

TRAINING.

The winter Weapon Training programme has recently been carried out. Among other things, rifle and Lewis gun cadres have been formed for the training of N.C.O.s and senior privates, and various lectures, under Battalion arrangements, have been attended by officers and N.C.O.s. Those who were present were most interested by those given at Headquarters by Col. Smith, T.D., and the Adjutant on the Battles of Mons and Le Cateau respectively.

We have of late been rather heavily handicapped by the temporary loss of Mr. Arnold and C.S.M. Roberts and P.S.I. Bennett on various machine-gun courses, but we feel that we will be compensated by the fact that we shall now be able to train our small but enthusiastic machine-gun section with our own instructors.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

On October 27th we gave one of our three annual dances, which, as usual, was a great success. An account of it, taken by the *Enfield Gazette and Observer*, is as follows:—

"TERRITORIAL DANCE."

"Territorials have their playtime as well as worktime, and whatever the recreation it is carried through with an equal precision and ease as the more technical duties of a 'Terrier's' life. It was not surprising, therefore, to find that the invitation dance arranged by the 'B' Company, 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, and held at the Drill Hall, Enfield, on Saturday evening, was in every way a success.

"The social sub-committee, which consists of Capt. E. N. Cunliffe, 2/Lieut. H. G. Arnold, C.S.M. Bennett, C.S.M. W. J. Roberts, L./Sergts. H. T. Cutting, H. Parker, Cpl. W. H. Povey, L./Cpl.

H. Beadell, Ptes. A. F. Chesson, and W. Shipley, with C.Q.M.S. S. T. Eeles as hon. sec., spared no pains in doing their utmost to promote a successful dance, and their labours were fully rewarded. Dancing to the strains of Stanley White's 'Arcadian' Orchestra was highly enjoyable, and the many encores were thoroughly deserved.

"Although they have not yet the requisite number, Capt. E. N. Cunliffe hopes that 'B' Company will soon be at full strength. Intending recruits can be seen at the Drill Hall by C.S.M. Bennett. The splendid life, the opportunities of advancement, should appeal to our young men to join the ranks, and bring the Company to a place comparable with others which are at full strength."

On December 18th, on the enthusiastically attended Bounty Parade, the Adjutant presented the prizes for our Miniature Range Competition. The following were the prize-winners:—

"B" Company Championship Cup.—Trained men: Cpl. Thomas, 54. Recruits: Pte. Middleton, 49.

Individual Practice—Grouping.—L./Cpl. Gibson and Pte. Starr, 20.

Application.—Pte. Heard, 17; Cpl. Povey, 15.

Snaphooting.—Cpl. Ede and Sergt. Tack, 15.

Finally, we welcome Mr. Johnson, who has recently been gazetted as a new officer to "B" Company.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Phew! This Company Correspondent business gets me in the neck, and makes me stir up what little "grey matter" I have left after a hectic time at Christmas—but here goes, as I know the Editor and the Sub-Editor are eager to read what my fruitful brain has produced—who said "Bosh"?

I will endeavour to be original, and not mention items under headlines such as "Things we want to know," "Who was the, etc.," or ask "Why is the bacon so tough?"—oh! sorry, but I find I am running off the "deep end."

This dear old Company has found its social legs. We had a most successful

dance on December 1st, and it was a refreshing sight to see the lads enjoying themselves, and, like Oliver Twist, they ask for more.

Our Company Commander, 2/Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo, has passed his promotion examination to Captain—hearty congratulations, sir.

C.Q.M.S. Vaughan has stepped into the limelight recently, having been awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal. Jolly good luck from us all, George, that's what we like to see.

Pay attention, please, all those who are seeking fresh fields of sport to conquer; this famous Company wishes to meet the remainder of the Battalion (one company at a time, you know) at basket-ball, Badminton, billiards, darts, etc.—now, keep back, please! One at a time. Address your challenge to our Company Officer, and he, with our trainer, will do the rest.

"Chili" has finished! and they say he was found with a Lewis gun under his bed, with a spare barrel (of a Lewis gun, let me hasten to say), one Mallet, L.G., and S.A.T., Vol. I—however, let me make it clear, he has finished a Lewis gun course at the London District School of Instruction, and has thoroughly enjoyed it. Some of the youngsters will hear all about it, during the Weapon Training period, January to March.

Recruiting in the Company has improved slightly, and it is not good enough; think of it! "five bob a nob" for each one you bring along—and we go to Dover for Annual Training, too—that ought to tempt your chum who is not one of us. Tell him they are nice girls who live in Dover, and for the love of Mike trot him along so that he can see for himself next August.

A very happy New Year to everyone, and a prosperous one, especially to the Battalion, in the way of "pot lifting."

Before "drying up," would some of you young fellows send in a few contributions to the Company Notes? "Too many cooks spoil the broth" they say, but not so in this case. The Company Officer will be pleased to receive any items of Company interest, or photographs, not of your dear self, but taken whilst on training, or on any Battalion event.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since the last appearance of these notes, the period, usually regarded as the quietest one of the Territorial year, has been one of very considerable activity. In addition to our normal twice-a-week parades, there have been a number of events which have kept us quite busy.

The Battalion church parade on November 4th, with the now customary dinner afterwards at Headquarters, was attended by a fair proportion of the Company, and thoroughly enjoyed. We hope one day to get a hundred per cent. attendance for this event, but with a number of the Company the shock to the system entailed by early rising at Camp has not sufficiently worn off by November.

On the following Sunday, Armistice Day, a number of the Company took part in the Guard of Honour furnished by the Battalion to Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby at Alexandra Palace. This meant a certain amount of strenuous practice at the Drill Hall, but the results were, from all accounts, very creditable—the only snag being the heavy rain which came on towards the close of the ceremony.

During this period we have also carried out the inter-company shooting matches on the miniature range, for the King Cup, and have once again achieved the only result worth having.

This reminds us that our new miniature range is now in full blast, and considering what we have done in the past, with a makeshift range, we ought now to become a complete company of marksmen.

There is not space to deal with all our other activities, but we must mention the social side of life. We have had two dances so far this season, and both were highly successful. Our only regret is that whilst we get, and are pleased to welcome, many visitors from other companies, and friends not in the Battalion, yet the number of the Company who turn up is lamentably small; and of those who turn up there are too many "wall-flowers." "D" Company is not usually backward at trying anything, so why funk a dance?

We extend a very hearty welcome to 2/Lieut. F. H. Adams, who has been posted to us on joining the Battalion.

When he gets going, we anticipate challenging the world at Rugger.

We hope that 2/Lieut. N. E. T. Christodoulo will soon be restored to us, after his tour of duty with "C" Company. If he doesn't soon come back to the Company, we shall have to give away the canteen's stock of biscuits.

During the period under review we have lost our P.S.I., Sergt. Walsh, who has rejoined the First Battalion. We all wish him the best of luck during the remainder of his Army career.

In his place we extend a hearty welcome to Sergt. Clements, who has already been showing us some of the latest "stunts," so that some of us have discovered muscles, of whose existence we were hitherto unaware.

We are busy now, boxing, and when the Battalion boxing competition comes along we hope to add fresh laurels to our crown.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE our last notes, the one event which has dwarfed all others in importance is the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial. This notable event took place, very appropriately, on Armistice Day, November 11th.

It had been a long and difficult task to raise the funds necessary for the erection of a dignified and worthy memorial. It had not been easy to get into touch with many of those who would obviously have wished to subscribe. Some were abroad; many had changed their address. The work was finally accomplished thanks to the unremitting efforts of Col. Garner and his Committee.

The Memorial, which is at Battalion Headquarters, Hounslow, is in the form of a handsome carved screen in the entrance hall. It is of light oak, and forms an arch under which one must pass to enter the Drill Hall. It bears the Regimental Crest and the names, distinctly carved, of every one of the 799 officers and men of the 8th Battalion who laid down their lives in the Great War for the honour of their country and the glorious traditions of the Regiment. It is acknowledged by all who have seen it

to be a memorial worthy of the heroes whose sacrifice it commemorates.

The Memorial was unveiled by the Lord-Lieutenant of Middlesex, the Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke, P.C., G.C.V.O., and the service was conducted by the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Brentford. Lord Revelstoke, in his address, made reference to the history of the Regiment, and in particular to the achievements of the 8th Battalion in the Great War. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Ivor Maxse, in a stirring speech, recalled the dark days of 1914 and the manner in which the local men in the Battalion area flocked to the Colours in the country's hour of need.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a great gathering of past officers and men, and of relatives of the fallen, and friends of the Battalion. The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of the County and a number of other distinguished men were present. The Battalion was drawn up in Hanworth Road during the ceremony, and the Band played throughout the service. The Lord-Lieutenant was received by a guard of honour under the command of Capt. D. L. Rees, the Regimental Colour being carried by 2/Lieut. R. E. Warlow.

In the morning, prior to the unveiling ceremony, the whole Battalion, under the Commanding Officer, attended the Armistice Day service at St. George's Church, Brentford, and were there for the Two Minutes' Silence. After the service, the Battalion marched from Brentford to Hounslow, many Old Comrades taking their place once more with the Battalion and marching behind the Band.

This account of the unveiling cannot be closed without an expression of deep gratitude to all who subscribed so generously to the Memorial.

On November 16th, a dance was held at Hounslow to aid the Battalion funds. The officers and their guests and many friends of the Battalion were present; the Romany Dance Band played, and the evening appeared to be very successful in every way.

The Annual Battalion Prize Distribution was held at Hounslow on December 12th. The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bart., M.P., gave away

the prizes and spoke very kindly of the Battalion, its history, and its place in the Territorial Army to-day. He was also able to give cheering news of His Majesty the King. A hopeful message was received by him during the evening from Buckingham Palace, and was read by him in the course of his speech. The Mayor of Ealing and his predecessor, an old friend of the Battalion, were also present, as was Col. Passingham, the Secretary of the County Territorial Association. Unhappily, the Commanding Officer was prevented by illness from attending, although it was hoped until the last that he would be able to be present.

As it is too late for Christmas greetings it only remains to wish the Battalion and all its members and friends a really happy and prosperous New Year. May 1929 see us up to full strength.

"A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON)

Since we returned from camp, the Company has made very good progress towards the 100 per cent. efficiency we all aim at. Recruiting has been very good, and there is every prospect of our being the strongest company at the next Annual Training, if the progress is maintained.

The Company's Annual Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday, November 28th, and Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., kindly presented the cups and prizes to the following N.C.Os. and men:—

C.S.M. Bawn, Sergt. Hillier, Cpls. Holden, Seymour, Hughes and Hamerton, L./Cpls. Archer and Newton, and Ptes. Light, Cooper, Vallis and Walker.

To all these we offer our congratulations on their successes.

After the prize-giving, an excellent musical programme was enjoyed by all, including a large number of visitors.

Our late Company Commander, Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker, left us to take command of the Headquarter Wing at Hounslow, and, although all ranks regretted that he had to leave them, they wish him every success in his new duties. His successor is Capt. R. B. Hirst, to whom we extend a very hearty welcome.

The Weapon Training Competition has now the first place in our thoughts, and we hope that we shall be able to announce

that we have scored the highest number of points when the result is made known.

The sports side is going very strongly and we have some promising talent among some of the "Rookies," especially boxers. During the long winter evenings, the Club has been made a home from home, and games have been organized and taken full advantage of.

At the kind invitation of the Depot Staff, a large party from Hampton visited Mill Hill, and we played them at football, and, although we lost by 3 goals to 2, we had nothing to be ashamed of. After the game, an excellent tea was served, and altogether a most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent with our friends at Mill Hill.

We entertained the children of the married men of the Company on Wednesday, January 2nd, the little ones being served with tea, and, of course, Father Christmas was there, with toys and sweets for everyone.

The only big event foreshadowed at the time of going to press is the boxing tournament we are to hold at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, January 23rd.

"B" COMPANY. (EALING)

Training until the end of December was restricted to classes for N.C.Os. and recruits, consequently there was less activity than usual. The progress made by those attending the N.C.Os.' Class was very satisfactory, and at a recent visit the Commanding Officer congratulated the N.C.Os. and men on their excellent turn-out.

We congratulate Ptes. O'Doherty and Huckstep on their appointment to Lance-Corporal, and we hope that they will work hard for further promotion.

The attendance of the recently-joined recruits has been excellent, and we feel sure that they will shortly be ready to join their respective platoons.

On Armistice Sunday, the Company Commander and thirty-one other ranks attended the Battalion church parade at Brentford, and afterwards were present at the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial. Sergt. Findell and ten other ranks represented the Company in the guard of honour to Lord Revelstoke, under the command of Capt. Rees.

The Company Prize Distribution was held on Friday, December 14th. This event was arranged on different lines from those of previous years, a dance being substituted for the usual concert, which was a great success. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe (Adjutant), Capt. Hirst ("A" Company), Capt. H. A. M. Hughes ("C" Company), Mrs. Ruston, Councillor and Mrs. Stowell, Councillor and Mrs. Willoughby Garner, Sergt. Merrin, and fourteen other ranks of "C" Company, and two guests from each member of the Company. The Commanding Officer was unable to attend on account of illness. In his message of regret, he expressed how very satisfied he was with the Company's smart turn-out, and requested the Company Commander to make an urgent appeal for recruits.

The Company Commander, in his report on the year's work, specially mentioned the progress made by the N.C.Os. during the year.

He cordially thanked the Mayoress for presenting the prizes. The Mayor, responding on behalf of the Mayoress, offered a Recruiting Cup for annual competition, which was accepted by the Company Commander amid great enthusiasm.

Dancing was carried out until midnight, terminating with "Auld Lang Syne," the Mayor and Mayoress, officers, N.C.Os., men and guests joining in one large ring.

The following were the winners of the Company trophies:—

Willoughby Garner Platoon Efficiency Shield.—No. 6 Platoon (Sergt. Findell).
Capt. Williams's Rifle Section Efficiency Cup.—No. 9 Section (L./Cpl. Pond).

George Clark Lewis Gun Shield.—No. 12 Section (Cpl. Rowe).

Town Prize.—Sergt. Rowe.

Ladies of Ealing (1868-1924) Cup.—L./Cpl. Woodman.

Capt. Williams's Musketry Cup.—Sergt. Smith.

Capt. Summers's Lewis Gun Cup.—Ptes. Meads and Tyler, tie.

Stowell Sports Cup.—L./Cpl. Pond.

The Captain's Sports Cup.—Pte. Tyler.

Johnson Cup.—L./Cpl. Pond.

"C" COMPANY.

(STAINES)

Since our last notes, much has been happening in the Company. We have been very busy since October with the N.C.Os.' Classes, which have been attended regularly, and we must congratulate Cpl. Johnson on winning the prize for the highest number of attendances.

The senior N.C.Os. went to Coulsdon for a tactical exercise in the early part of December, and, after having lost our way in the fog, we then proceeded to feel our way about as an advanced guard. However, later in the month all N.C.Os. went on the same exercise, and on this occasion we were favoured with a clear day. Therefore, some of us saw the difficulties of an advanced guard under two different aspects.

We have had considerable difficulty in obtaining recruits, so, on January 5th, we combined our Prize Distribution with a Dinner for past and present members, and we are hoping that our past members will do their best to send us along recruits.

C.S.M. Rogers (our Permanent Staff Instructor) and Mrs. Rogers decorated the hall and cooked dinner themselves for 120, and they are to be congratulated on the way it was cooked and served.

After dinner, the Commanding Officer presented the prizes to the following:—

Ladies' Challenge Cup.—Cpl. Johnson.

Low Cup.—Sergt. Merrin.

Lewis Gun Cup.—Sergt. Merrin.

Company Challenge Cup.—Sergt. Reed.

The Best Score with Lewis Gun at Annual Musketry.—Cpl. Bond and Pte. Shaw.

Highest Score made by a Recruit at Annual Musketry.—Pte. Grimmett.

Highest Score made by Trained Men at Annual Musketry.—Pte. Bavin.

Best Turned-out N.C.O. or Man on all occasions.—L./Cpl. Wright.

Best Section in Camp.—1, Sergt. Reed; 2, Cpl. Bond.

Winners of Spoon Shoots.—L./Cpl. Wright, L./Cpl. Gigg, L./Cpl. Allen, C.Q.M.S. Johnson, and Pte. Duckworth.

We are all glad to see our C.Q.M.S. back again after two months in hospital, and we are looking forward to seeing him regularly at the Drill Hall once more.

"D" COMPANY.

(UXBRIDGE)

Since our last notes, we have had to say farewell to Capt. R. H. G. Boys, who left us at the beginning of November. A forthcoming examination demands so much of his time that he has felt it necessary to retire (temporarily, let us hope) on to the Territorial Army Reserve. We wish him the best of luck with his examination.

Capt. Boys handed over the command of our Company to Capt. D. L. P. Rees, who has returned to us after an absence of five years. He has been with "H.Q." Wing since his return from India last April.

Our miniature range is now completed. It is a thing of great beauty, and we hope that it will be our joy for ever. It has lovely green fields, broad roads (but, curiously enough, no motors of any kind), hedges and most realistic buildings—but the thing that endears itself to us most is the beautiful blue sky—true there are a few clouds—but with blue sky like it possesses one is almost tempted to lay aside one's winter suiting. We are seriously contemplating holding a week-end camp in the range.

We are still continuing to add to our members by the energetic recruiting campaign which C.S.M. Sadler has organized.

We can scarcely close our notes without mentioning that, as might readily have been suspected by the advent of our new Company Commander, our basket-ball season is now in full swing. We have started playing under the revised rules, and are looking forward to meeting some of the other companies on the field of battle.

9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE activities of the last three months, as far as the 9th Middlesex are concerned, only go to show what a many sided affair the Territorial Army can really be when it likes to try.

At one moment we were soldiers (or hope we were), fighting a gory battle at Farley Green, much to the excitement of the local inhabitants and the pecuniary benefit of the local "pub-keeper." Later on we found ourselves in the throes of

promotion examinations, both officers and N.C.Os., with a little boxing promoting thrown in to lend variety; while, in addition, football, badminton and dances have all helped to pass the foggy autumnal evenings. Tactical exercises started with a week-end scheme at Farningham in Kent for the officers, and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves very much with the exception of certain of the younger officers, who were too newly married to appreciate the old adage that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." However, it does them great credit that they answered the "stern call of duty," and we hope that the knowledge they gained helped to make up for the loss of their domestic week-end.

The scene of military activities then shifted to Farley Green, a small village in Surrey, which was visited on two successive Sundays by the officers and N.C.Os. This exercise was a particularly happy one, and was voted one of the most successful that we have had for a long time. Whether this enthusiasm, however, was due to the comfortable charabanc, the home-made jam at the "Red Lion" (approved of by even the absolute expert), or the interest of the military situation is hard to say. Anyhow, the N.C.O. who insisted in always advancing by "leaps and bounds" covered himself with glory, as the picture of a section advancing by this curious method cannot be lightly dismissed from the mind.

We should like to congratulate the seven officers who passed for promotion in November. They put in a lot of hard work beforehand, and thoroughly deserved to get through. The N.C.Os.' Examination held at Pound Lane resulted in thirteen N.C.Os. presenting themselves for examination, of whom two got a Distinguished, L./Cpl. Podger and Pte. Brooks. This makes the second member of the Brooks' family to pass with distinction, and it certainly speaks well for their application to studies during their youth.

Mr. Melhuish, an old member of the 9th Battalion, has been staging a series of excellent professional boxing shows at Pound Lane, and deserves great credit for the success of these evenings. The hall has been crowded on each occasion, and some very good fights produced. An interesting little family boxing show was

held on December 13th, when the Depot brought a team of recruits to fight against our novices. The fighting, although possibly not very skilful, was of a fast and furious order, no mercy being given on either side. The excitement reached concert pitch when the Depot led with one point before the last fight of the evening, in which Carter, of the 9th, had to meet Gardner, of the Depot. In the first round Gardner started to rush his more slightly built opponent round the ring, and things

teams have been greatly strengthened by the arrival of two recruits from the L.G.O.C., Ptes. Major and Lake. There is no question that the team is gradually developing into a first-class side, and are showing better combination each time they play.

Our cooks have had their annual outing in the Territorial Army Cookery Championships at Olympia, and are to be congratulated on coming out third in the whole of the Territorial Army. Although



9th BATTALION—CAMP COOKING.

looked black for us, but Carter kept extraordinarily cool, and taking his chance knocked out Gardner in the second round with a beautiful right to the point of the jaw. The evening thus ended with a draw, which was a most satisfactory result for everyone concerned.

It is impossible to close these notes without a few words of congratulation to our Battalion football team. Their record to date in the Hammersmith League of six games played and five won speaks for itself, and we are expecting great things from them in the Territorial Army Cup. Both our football and boxing

they were third in cooking, there is no doubt that they won the beauty prize. Most of the female members of the large crowd are reported to have quite lost their hearts to Boy Cassidy as he dexterously spiked the recalcitrant cabbage. Boston made no mistake this year, and the lightness of his pastry made even the judges' mouths water.

Last, but not least, the machine gunners again come up for congratulation, as they have just won a new cup presented by our Divisional General for the most efficient machine-gun platoon in the 44th (H.C.) Division. They thus add this last

and greatest triumph to their unbroken list of successes in 1928.

The next three months will be devoted to the winter Weapon Training Competition, which we won last year, and are going "all out" to keep in 1929. On February 2nd the Battalion Prize Distribution will take place at Pound Lane, when Lieut. - General Sir Reginald Stephens, K.C.B., C.M.G., the Director-General of the Territorial Army, has kindly consented to give away the prizes.

We are trying to get our Old Comrades' Concert Party, and we hope that the whole Battalion will turn up *en masse*, and have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

"B" COMPANY.

These notes will appear after the New Year has arrived, but we feel that we must take the opportunity of expressing to all our readers our good wishes for the New Year.

Since the last issue the Company has done nothing very noteworthy. Our shooting at the Battalion and Brigade Rifle Meetings was not brilliant. We can, however, boast that in L./Cpl. Douglas we have the Battalion Rifle Shot, and we heartily congratulate him. Further, we have more first class shots (rifle) than any other company. Some small consolation.

We all enjoyed a very pleasant day in November in the neighbourhood of Guildford, where with "A" Company we had an N.C.Os.' Tactical Exercises, with defences. We offer our congratulations to the powers-that-be on the continual excellence of the ground they chose for these "outings" and the arrangements they make to ensure an enjoyable (and, incidentally, instructive) day. Really what more could one expect or want than a game of football after an interval for refreshments. We congratulate Pte. Brooks on getting a "Distinguished" in the N.C.Os.' Promotion Examination in December; it is the result of hard work and constant attendance at the N.C.Os.' classes, and therefore a well-deserved honour.

No "B" Company Notes appeared in the last issue, with the result that we have not recorded in this journal an event of which the Company as a whole is proud, namely, the birth of twin sons to

our C.S.M. We hear excellent news of them and Mrs. Prowse, and we look forward to the day when both the lads will become members of "B" Company. If they both serve for as long as their father has served the Battalion we'll indeed be proud of them.

Lastly, we most heartily congratulate R.S.M. Denton on his promotion, and welcome him to Headquarters.

BEER.

"C" COMPANY.

What a greeting to be reminded, during the festive season, that notes for the Regimental Journal are required at once, when you are still wondering whether you have yet started on the road to recovery as a result of partaking in, and mixing, too many—vitamins, shall we call it! I call it a bit thick! However, though I am still capable of remembering that, according to Battalion Orders No. 32, para. 6, all drill halls are to be closed at the present time, I suppose this does not excuse me from having to put pen to paper to at least place on record our Company's best wishes for 1929, not only to other members of the 9th Battalion, but to all brother "Die-Hards" both at home and abroad.

There has recently been a change in the Permanent Staff—both Regtl. Sergt.-Major Beasley and our own instructor, Sergt.-Major Tisdale, have had to rejoin the 1st Battalion on the conclusion of their four years tour of duty with our Battalion, and a most successful gathering of members of the Company was held one evening at the end of October, at which both Col. Beach and the Adjutant were present, to mark our appreciation of the way in which Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Tisdale had devoted their time and energy to our welfare. The Permanent Staff have no easy task: their time can rarely be called their own, and the efficiency of the members with whom they come in contact depends to a very great extent on their tactfulness and encouragement.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that we welcome, as Sergt.-Major Tisdale's successor, Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Ross, who, though at first strangers to the Middlesex Regiment, have already proved by the way they have "pulled their

weight," that our members will be well cared for, and our hope is that they will always feel thoroughly at home, and will, in years to come, never have cause to regret the time spent at Wealdstone.

An effort has been made to again hold our Annual Company Dinner. The latter had been dropped for several years, but as a result of a most successful evening on Wednesday, December 19th, it is hoped it will be found possible to hold one towards the end of each year in the future, though we have come to the conclusion that quite a large number of members could not attend this time owing to the close proximity of Christmas, thus preventing them from getting away from their work in time for the dinner.

However, it really was a cheery evening, due to the splendid co-operation of the Old Comrades' Association, other past members of the Battalion living locally, and Moreton Scales and his "Original Terriers" Concert Party, which included Girdlestone Lewis, Harold Nickolds, Sydney Creasy, and James Vincent, the popularity of whose songs and sketches was as obvious as ever; in fact, I feel sure I am correct in saying that those of us who had the pleasure of attending their splendid concerts out East enjoy them more and more each time we hear them.

The number who attended the dinner was just short of one hundred, but it was increased afterwards, as those attending were allowed to invite friends to the concert which followed.

Col. Beach, Capts. Lamont, Fox, Lloyd-Williams and Horrocks were among the serving officers present, while, in addition to officers from other units, the guests included Mr. Cresswell, the Chairman of the Wealdstone Urban District Council; Col. Passingham, Capt. L. M. Hewlett, one of this Company's former Commanders; and Mr. Boulter, the Chairman of the Harrow Branch of the British Legion.

Our thanks for such a fine gathering and successful evening are especially due to three splendid supporters of their old Company, Sergt. Fenmore, that energetic secretary of our local Old Comrades' Association, Sergt.-Major Tidder and Sergt. Jordan. It is undoubtedly through the untiring efforts of these

staunch members that the local Old Comrades' Association is such a real live show, existing not only "on paper" but coming up to scratch in such good numbers on occasions such as these Company dinners.

It afforded enormous pleasure to those of us still serving to see yet again so many faces of whom we have such happy recollections when we all worked together for the good of Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Platoons for the greater part of the war.

Congratulations to Lieut. Hogg on passing his examination for promotion to Captain, and to Pte. Thompson for his success on December 12th. We cannot help remarking that we would like to see more members of the Company entering for these promotion examinations. We must not forget that we are all expected to show ourselves capable of being able to handle a section efficiently, and we feel sure that there are quite a number of members of the Company who would pass their promotion examination comfortably if they could be persuaded to enter for it.

H. S.

THE STANDARD TEST.

Take a bottle of Bootlegger's "whisky" and an iron bar.

Place the latter in the liquid and, if it rusts, the whisky is safe to drink.

On the other hand, should the bar bend, it is advisable to dilute the liquid with a little water.

"D" COMPANY.

As this is rather a quiet period, with the exception of N.C.O.s. classes and recruits' training, we have very little with regard to our training activities to relate.

Since the last issue of the Magazine we have had a change over in instructors, C.S.M. Denton having taken over R.S.M. to the Battalion, and to whom we extend our congratulations. In his place we now have C.S.M. Goodall, from the 1st Battalion, and we now look forward to the near future to form a strong Company capable of taking on anything and anybody. Also we take this opportunity of extending a welcome to C.S.M. and Mrs. Goodall, and hope they will settle down with us for some time.

The social side of the Company is at present going very well, and the fort-

nightly dances, under the able guidance of our M.C. (C.S.M. Mills and the hard-working committee), are proving a great success.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Drill Hall on Saturday, December 22nd, the Annual Christmas Handicap School being held. As the number of prizes exceeded thirty and the firs about the same number all those who entered received a prize.

Sergt. Devereaux, 1st prize, score 100.

Cpl. Fenner, 2nd prize, score 99.

Pte. Goodge, 3rd prize, score 96.

Pte. McCarthy, 4th prize, score 94.

Pte. Jupp, 5th prize, score 94.

L./Sergt. Patterson, 6th prize, score 91.

Our thanks are extended to L./Cpl. Podger in collecting a number of prizes and making the show a bumper.

The novelty of the evening was a shoot for the members' wives and friends, and was voted a great success, and it is hoped that this will be a regular feature at the annual shoots.

The annual prize distribution, which is a little later than usual, will take place on Saturday, January 5th, a carnival dance being arranged to complete the evening entertainment, and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening. Further details will be narrated in the next issue of the Journal.

In the Novices' Boxing Competition against the recruits of the Depot, held at Pound Lane Drill Hall on Thursday, December 13th, our only entries being Pte. Graham and Pte. McCarthy. J. Graham, though not up to his usual standard owing to lack of training, managed to beat his opponent on points after a very hard fight, and we hope to hear more of him in the near future. McCarthy was less fortunate, having to look on, as an opponent could not be found at his weight, but he will get his chance very soon.

Our congratulations are extended to L./Cpls. Podger and Edwards in passing the promotion examination to Sergeant, held at Willesden on Wednesday, December 12th, and especially to L./Cpl. Podger in gaining a "D."

SIGNALLING NOTES.

Our notes this quarter must begin by tendering our congratulations to Pte.

Garner and L./Cpls. G. Norris and G. Weeks upon their recent success in the N.C.O.s' Examination.

We think it a very fine achievement, and hope vacancies will be found to enable them to reap their reward. It would be interesting to know if any other section entered three men and all passed.

On the whole, the attendance lately has been quite good, but there are still one or two men who cannot do their share. Now the light evenings will be drawing nigh it is hoped we will see them, and so enable great things to be done.

As usual, the Christmas shoot was well patronized by the section, and many good things were taken home that night.

The result of the classification at Stamford Brook was very disappointing, but under the circumstances those who failed need not be discouraged, but with the experience gained at Stamford Brook they should come out top next camp.

We would like to thank the P.R.I. for his kind recognition of our efforts for the past year, and assure him it will be an incentive to try to do even better next camp.

At the time of writing these notes much discussion is in the air as to who is the best signaller, and so win the London General Omnibus Company's Cup for the year. It rests between four men, and as there is another examination may the best man win.

A small signalling exercise was held at the Depot recently, which could not be called a great success, but those who did attend did very well, and also, it is hoped, learnt many things.

Here again the same men attend, and it would, indeed, be a pleasant sight to see the others (perhaps not signalling) as well.

In closing, we wish all signallers of the Regiment the very best of good luck.

WIND TICKLER.

"THE DOGSBODY'S LAMENT,"

OR GRAY'S ELEGY WRITTEN IN THE QUARTERMASTER'S STORES.

'Twas over fifty years ago,

In eighteen seventy-eight,

The first time Jimmy Cassidy

Walked through the barrack gate.

Before young Jim walked out again
A soldier-boy was he,
And with his busby on his head
As proud as he could be.

"By far the nicest drummer-boy
The Army ever had,"
Said our good Queen Victoria
As she kissed the little lad.

But when he'd finished blushing
His heart began to sink,
For the R.S.M. was jealous
And he put him in the clink.

At Orders in the morning
They had him on the mat,
And forty-eight hours' spud-ole
Was what he did for that.

It took him two whole days to do,
But what do you think he did?
Played Crown and Anchor with the guard
And won a couple of quid!

When they let him out again,
Revenge had made him blind,
His honour—and the R.S.M.
Were foremost in his mind.

To get his own back with the man
The slightest chance he took,
And later in the Sergeants' Mess
He got a job as cook.

The Subalterns all marvelled
At the energy displayed
By the W.Os. and Sergeants
On the Adjutant's parade.

But the men all had hysterics,
For they knew that it was due
To the number nines that Cassidy
Put in the Irish stew.

He served for years, and years, and
years,
In many a different corps,
Till in the end he joined the ninth—
But that was since the war.

"Who is this fellow Cassidy?"
The O.C. Records raged,
"He's four or five years younger
Each time he's re-engaged."

And now in Part Two Orders
The dreadful news is there,
He's been discharged as over age,
It's more than we can bear.

But still old soldiers never die,
They only fade away,
And while the wallop's up to strength
He'll never fade, they say.

He'll issue out the trousers,
The boots, and four by two,
For ages after quarter blokes
Have done with me and you.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

At last the Mess has managed to occupy a small column in the Journal. But as this is the "quiet period" they are necessarily very brief. A social and whist drive was held in the Mess on Saturday, November 17th, and a very pleasant evening was spent, although the attendance was not up to expectations.

December 15th brought forth another "Do." This also was not supported as we would like, but those who made an appearance spent a very enjoyable evening.

As usual, many of the Mess entered the Christmas Shoot ('tis rumoured that this is the only competition in which Sergeants can get prizes) and carried away legs of pork, mutton, bottles of whisky, etc.—altogether a very fine effort on the members' part. 'Tis said that at the next rifle meeting at Bisley, prizes will be given (bottles of milk, etc.), and then perhaps our Sergeants will excel themselves.

The Mess has suffered a loss; R.S.M. Beasley and C.S.M. Tisdale have left us, to join the 1st Battalion. While they were with us they made themselves decidedly popular, and will be greatly missed. We take this opportunity of wishing them good luck in their new sphere, and hope we will not have seen the last of them. We also take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Tisdale the best of good health and prosperity.

Congratulations are due to C.S.M. Denton, and we wish him all the best in his new capacity as R.S.M.

Drum-Major Inkster has left us for Australia (to see the Test Matches, presumably), and we wish him the best of success. We would like to welcome Drum-Major Goodwin to the Mess also C.S.M. Goodall from the 1st Battalion and C.S.M. Ross from the 2nd Bn. The

Bufs, and hope their stay will be long and enjoyable.

M. S. N.

T.A. COOKERY CHALLENGE SHIELD.

For the third year in succession the Battalion *chefs* competed for the above trophy, and, without wishing to rub it in, it is fitting to state the following results:—

1926.—Champions (first year of shield).

1927.—Fourth place.

1928.—Third place.

This year's effort took place at Olympia, where the preliminary arrangements and staging of the competition were ideal. A most interesting stall, displaying seven days' rations for 100 soldiers (or airmen) caused a great deal of wonderment and doubt to the civilian visitors, many of whom appear to be under the impression that soldiers are fed like "gaol-birds." They could not believe that this quantity of food-stuff could be consumed in the time stated, but the 9th Battalion has been known to exceed that on one "Night ops."

Our team consisted of: Sergt. Brooks, L./Cpl. Boston, Pte. Davie, Pte. Roots, and Boy Cassidy (*vide* A.F.E. 611).

To take them in their order, Sergt. Brooks was only allowed to advise by talking to his team. He did this most loyally from 5.30 to 8 p.m., without any apparent sign of exhaustion, probably realizing that the following day was "the day of rest."

L./Cpl. Boston was responsible for a steak and kidney pie. Now, while there is very little romance about this dish, it has been known to be an absolute drama, but Boston, no doubt remembering his 1927 stage-fright, refused to be perturbed by steak, kidney, dripping, flour or any other lethal ingredients. Visitors' remarks left him cold; to Boston, it was the 16th May, 1811. At 8 p.m. the coroner gave his verdict. Result: Silver Medal.

Pte. Davie was given the thankless task of cooking vegetables. I call it thankless because parsnips, potatoes and cabbage, etc., are so void of character. They submit to all kinds of ill-treatment without demur; even neglect leaves them cold. Their chief line of defence is an intelligent use of their vitamin B, but with

Tactical Schemes, Promotion Boards, etc., this subject has of necessity been neglected. Anyhow, Davie did extraordinarily well, and was a great asset to the team.

Pte. Roots was entrusted with the bringing-up of a rice pudding.

By the rules of the competition, eggs were not allowed, milk was scarce and rice was to be used sparingly, so Roots, to give the basin an opportunity of justifying its existence, added a bay-leaf, but unwittingly selected the female species, which any cook knows is only suitable for tapioca. However, as Roots had brought the popular theme of sex appeal into his pudding, he was highly commended.

Boy Cassidy (A.F.E. 611) again stewed steak with an air of youthful indifference; his steady manipulation of the ladle to the waltz of "Romano" was a revelation. The latest ditty, "Why is the bacon so tough?" is doomed. Go to Queen's Hall and hear "The steak with a soul" (not sole), dedicated to Boy Cassidy.

Congratulations to the 6th Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment on their win, also to the 13th Bn. The London Regiment on beating us for second place by one point. If, by 1929, Boy Cassidy is not too young to enter, the shield should find a home at Pound Lane.

ARMISTICE DAY.

ADDRESS BY COL. LYNDEN-BELL.

"IS IT PEACE?"

(Reprinted from the "Hants and Berks Gazette," November 17th, 1928.)

Our island history for two thousand years has been in one particular one of repetition. Two thousand years ago Julius Caesar came to England with a Roman Army, and a hundred years later the Romans came in force and held the British in subjection for three hundred and fifty years. Then when Rome weakened and her grasp on England relaxed the Anglo-Saxons invaded us and settled here. Then came the Danes, to whom we paid a regular tax. Then a thousand years after the Romans the Normans conquered England. For a

thousand years we were unable to keep out an invader. We were not strong enough at sea or on land. After the Norman conquest we held a part of France down to the Pyrenees. In time, and after fierce conflicts, the English gave up their hold on France, and then, in due course, our colonial expansion began. Sea power grew, and for hundreds of years our Navy was considered to be the mistress of the seas. We did the carrying trade of the world, like Venice in her day, and our homes were untroubled by the outside world. Spain and France were disposed of; Germany and Japan had not appeared. When, in the darkest hour of the Boer War, Germany, an Empire only born in 1871, began with feverish haste to construct a great navy, though she has a small coast-line and had the most powerful army in the world and no sufficient reason for such a navy, well-wishers of England were troubled, particularly so as feeling in Germany ran high against England, and untravelled English people knew nothing about it. Even the ex-Kaiser said that large sections of the German people were hostile to England. Many anti-English books and pamphlets appeared, and a popular song ran "Won't we make England squeak when we get our brand new fleet." The German officers who visited us with the German Fleet before the war said openly that their navy could not possibly be for anything else than a trial of strength with us. Lord Roberts and those associated with him were regarded, as has been well said, almost as criminals, and the Mayor of one of our great northern cities is reported by the Press to have said that he considered Lord Roberts ought to be put in prison. They spoke the truth, which was unwelcome to our most prominent and influential men. In June, 1914, Lord Grey was crossing the Atlantic, and asked a German on board what he thought of Anglo-German relations. The German replied, "The deep desire at the bottom of all our hearts is to take away your Empire from you—the Empire which you are not strong enough or worthy enough to hold. We are warriors, we are better organized, better educated, and we intend to take from you on the very first opportunity your Empire." Lord Grey added the truly astonishing comment that this was

the first he had heard of such a thing. The report is in *The Times* of the 11th February, 1915. It was these same primitive reasons that brought the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons, the Danes, and the Normans. They thought we were "not strong enough or worthy enough" to defend our country, so they came, saw, and conquered as the Germans intended to. Now if the warnings given to us had been attended to we might have had no war at all. We might have appeared to be strong enough and worthy enough to defend our country. Even if there had been a war it would have been over far sooner and exhausted us less. To place German feeling beyond doubt it may be remembered that a statesman in the German Parliament after the outbreak of the war, when Germany was confident of victory, said that "Germany wanted the war, and that the 4th August, 1914, would be the brightest day in all Germany's history." We are a kind-hearted nation and we bear no ill-will, but it is due to those who fell and to those who came through the war to make it clear that we went into the war to fulfil an honourable engagement to Belgium, which Germany broke as she broke the laws of war in using gas against us in April, 1915.

We have had ten years' breathing space. How have we used it? There was much to be done, and hard work and self-sacrifice needed to make good as far as possible the effects of four years of destruction. Is the work better to-day than before the war? You yourselves can answer this. Is there more self-sacrifice, more unity amongst us for the common good, or are the churches and chapels less well attended, the places of amusement thronged, the work less thorough? It is on our work and its superiority that we depend for our food supply from over the sea. Our Empire is widely scattered. We have cut down our Navy. The submarine and the aircraft of to-day are a new and a very serious menace to our already much reduced naval strength. It is on the sea that we depend for a very large and essential part of our food, and peace is more than ever to be desired. How are we to get it? Certainly not by concealing or ignoring the truth. Let us do our best to promote by every means friendly

relations with our neighbours at home and abroad. It would be a great mistake to lay aside our armour or lay down our arms before there is in the world evidence of peace and good-will.

The future will infallibly be based on the past and the present. The history of two thousand years to which we can at any time refer is a more reliable guide than the genial speeches of the banquet or the pious aspirations of the theorist and moralist. As we sow so do we reap. It is for us to do our utmost to protect the inheritance won for us by our forefathers and so gallantly defended by our manhood in the late war, of which those present here are the representatives. We can thank God for His protection in spite of all our errors, and place our trust in Him while doing our best to be strong enough and worthy enough to defend our Empire.

"GOD HELP US!"

THE SOUTH AND TENTH MIDDLESEX OFFICERS' CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of this Club was held on December 14th, 1928, at the Constitutional Club, with Lieut.-Col. C. C. Fayer-Hosken, T.D., in the chair. Some thirty-two members and guests were present, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

As usual, there was held a "lodge" of the Pernugative Order of Sedoodleizers, and "Baron" Starley, as grand master, conferred insignia on some of the brethren. We noticed that the ribbons of these orders were of the Regimental Colours.

If this should come to the notice of any officer who has served in the South Middlesex Volunteer Rifles or in any battalion of the 10th Middlesex Regiment, and who has not yet joined the Club, he is urged to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Major Jarrett, at 440, Strand, W.C.2, who will put him wise.

CORRIGENDA.

In reference to the article "Albuhera Dinner, Woolwich, 1914," published in our August, 1928, issue, an asterisk should have been placed against the name of Mr. Assheton-Biddulph in the plan of the table.

NOTICES.

WAR OFFICE,
December 19th, 1928.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

During the past two months 239 soldiers completed courses of training at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisleton Vocational Training Centres, and were formally discharged from the Army. Of this number 176 obtained employment on leaving the Colours, and the majority of those who had no immediate employment open to them on leaving the Colours have since found situations. The returns show that some 59 men went to brick-laying, builders' mates, plastering, painting and plumbing, 17 to oversea settlement, 9 to market gardening, and the remainder to a variety of other trades, including electrical wiring, motor mechanism, private service and farming.

MOTOR CARS FOR OFFICERS.

Major D. C. G. Sharp, R.A. (retired), is proprietor of the United Service Garages, Palmerston Road, Southsea ('phone 7115). Any make of new car or used car (100 in stock) can be purchased on advantageous, confidential extended payments. A definite re-purchase voucher can be given guaranteeing to re-purchase the new or used car for a definite price for any given period (minimum three months). A generous allowance will be given on any car in part exchange, without seeing or trying the car. An ingenious free service scheme for 12 months has been arranged to operate in any part of the United Kingdom. There is a specially organized hire-and-drive-yourself service from £18 per month.

London Office (Capt. Anderson), 40, Regent House, Regent Street, W. Mayfair 4505.

OBITUARY.

ARTHUR LOVELL.

The *Daily Mirror*, of November 12th, said that Armistice Day, crowded with ten years of poignant memories, can be linked with few finer examples of heroism and self-sacrifice than one which occurred in a small drab street in Limehouse, E.

There, after standing rigidly to attention during the Silence, an ex-Service man and father of seven children gave his life for a child.

Immediately following the observance of the Two Minutes' Silence, a little girl, not noticing that a lorry had just started up, began to cross the road. Without a thought of his own peril, Arthur Lovell, who had served with the 11th Battalion Middlesex Regiment during the war, dashed out and pushed the child to safety, but was caught by the lorry and killed.

The following account of the funeral is taken from *The Times* of November 20th:—

"MAN WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR A CHILD.
"FUNERAL SCENES AT BOW.

"The Bishop of Stepney, at the funeral service yesterday for Arthur Lovell, of Bow, who lost his life in saving a three-year-old girl from being knocked down by a traction engine immediately after the Armistice Day Silence at Limehouse, said that this was not the first occasion on which Lovell had put others' interests before his own. 'Last night there came to his house,' the Bishop said, 'a man who had been attracted by the name and asked if he might see the body. On doing so he said quietly, "I thought so. This man saved my life out in France during the War. I had not seen him since then until to-night."'

"The Rev. G. H. Lancaster, chaplain of the 17th London Regiment, who was present at Mrs. Lovell's house when the man called, stated yesterday that the man was a member of the 11th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. Lovell lent him his gas mask during an attack.

"Lovell, whose home was at Halgood-street, Devons Road, Bow, was buried with military honours. From All Hallows Church, Bow, where the funeral service was held, the coffin, on a gun-

carriage, was escorted by a detachment of the 17th London Regiment, and by many representatives of the British Legion and other ex-Service men. Thousands of men and women lined the streets, while many others watched from windows and from roofs. When the procession, after marching for an hour and a half through the district, reached the gates of the cemetery there was a waiting crowd of nearly 10,000 people."

WILLIAM GEORGE FAULKNER.

We regret to announce the death of Sergt.-Instr. W. G. Faulkner, Army Education Corps, at Tidworth, on November 18th, 1928, aged thirty years. He enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment in August, 1912, and was transferred to the A.E.C. in January, 1921, being attached to the Depot Wiltshire Regiment at the time of his death. He served in France during the war, and was wounded in March, 1918, receiving the General Service and Victory Medals. He leaves a widow and three children, to whom we tender our sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES R. K. TREDENNICK.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred in Dublin on November 8th last, of General Tredennick, aged 86 years. He served with the 57th Regiment in the New Zealand and Zulu Wars, and succeeded General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke in command in 1880. He had the distinction of being the last Lieutenant-Colonel of the 57th, as its existence as a separate regiment came to an end in June, 1881. He was a brother-in-law of the late General Logan. General Tredennick had a stroke about the latter end of October, and was removed to a nursing home, where he passed away very peacefully three weeks later, although the end was unexpected.

MRS. BATTY.

We regret to record the death of the widow of the late Capt. James Dudley Batty, 57th Regiment. Her death occurred recently at her residence at Hove, Sussex.

CAPT. WALTER HANCOCK.

We regret to announce the death of Capt. Hancock, who passed away on January 18th at his residence at Frome, after a comparatively short illness.

This Old Comrade joined the 1st Battalion from the Wiltshire Regiment on appointment as Pioneer-Sergeant, and later became Colour-Sergeant. He saw service in Gibraltar, South Africa and India, and was promoted Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion in Guernsey. He was discharged on completion of twenty-three years' Colour service, and rejoined the Middlesex Regiment on the outbreak of the Great War, during which he attained the rank of Captain. He was invalided from France in 1915, and was stationed at Richborough until the end of the war, being attached to the R.E. (Inland Waterways and Docks).

The funeral took place at Christ Church, Frome, on January 22nd, and was attended by members of the local Territorials, who formed a guard of honour and acted as bearers, and representatives of numerous bodies with which the deceased was connected.

Many beautiful wreaths were sent from relatives and friends, including one from the Regimental Association.

Our sincere sympathy is tendered to Mrs. Hancock and her sons and daughters.

PENSIONER SERGT. ALFRED ARNOLD.

This old soldier died at the Connaught Hospital, Poona, on October 28th, 1928, after an illness which lasted about eight months. He joined the Regiment about 1880, and served in the 2nd Battalion until posted to the 1st Battalion on its arrival from South Africa in 1898. His widow, who will be remembered as Matron of the Family Hospital at various

stations, is living in Poona. The Cheshire Regiment furnished the funeral party, and the funeral was attended by many representatives of battalions and departments.

PENSIONER SERGT. WILLIAM HAYES.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly at Hounslow, on December 20th, of this veteran. He joined the 57th Regiment in 1873, and served during the Zulu Campaign of 1879, receiving the medal and clasp. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion in India in 1881, and remained with that Battalion until he came home for discharge to pension in 1894. The funeral took place at Heston Churchyard on Christmas Eve, and was attended by the widow and her two daughters, C.S.M. Cook (representing the Regimental Association), Mr. E. J. Warren, Mrs. Syd Vivian, and many old comrades, friends and relatives. A wreath was sent from the Regimental Association. We tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hayes and her family.

IN-PENSIONER JOHN FREDERICK SUTHERLAND.

Another old comrade passed away on December 26th. This was In-Pensioner Sutherland, who died at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, aged 74. L./Cpl. Sutherland served in the 57th Regiment for six years and four months, and was in the Zulu Campaign, receiving the medal and clasp. He served six months on the Army Reserve, when he purchased his discharge. He was admitted to out-pension on May 19th, 1923, when he received the special campaign pension, and he became an in-pensioner in February, 1924. The funeral, which was private, took place at Brompton Cemetery on January 2nd, when a representative of the Regimental Association attended with wreath.

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	W. Egan, M.M. ...	Depot	16/2/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. H. E. Northcott, M.M. ...	Depot	18/3/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble ...	1st	11/6/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. W. Soper ...	1st	16/7/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss ...	1st	1/9/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Stenning ...	1st	10/11/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake ...	Depot	13/12/24
Cpl.	R. J. King ...	Supny. Fire Bde. Bordon	30/12/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams ...	1st	26/3/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. H. Kennett ...	1st	1/3/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. J. O'Brien ...	1st	16/4/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun ...	Depot	26/5/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Denyer ...	1st	17/2/26
Cpl.	H. C. Hull, M.M. ...	Depot	18/2/26
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I. Priddy ...	1st	13/3/26
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Glover ...	1st	9/2/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Hows ...	1st	11/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	A. Thompson ...	1st	13/12/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. E. Painter ...	1st	15/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. Fletcher ...	1st	8/2/28
Cpl.	A. Wallace ...	1st	9/7/26
Cpl.	G. Theobald ...	1st	5/8/26
Cpl.	R. Bayles ...	Depot	13/12/27
Cpl.	L. West ...	1st	1/1/28
Cpl.	N. K. Phillipson ...	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	W. Woodroff ...	Depot	15/1/28
Cpl.	A. R. G. Russell ...	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	E. J. Foulger ...	1st	28/1/28
Cpl.	H. Pratt ...	1st	22/2/28
Cpl.	A. Mason ...	Depot	28/2/28
Cpl.	F. Donovan ...	1st	5/3/28
Cpl.	M. Horton ...	1st	7/3/28
Cpl.	H. Patterson ...	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	H. Dallimore ...	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	P. Hale ...	1st	8/3/28
Cpl.	J. Little ...	Depot	14/3/28
Cpl.	A. Ball ...	1st	29/3/28
Cpl.	W. Webster ...	1st	12/4/28
Cpl.	J. Grinnaw ...	1st	14/4/28
Cpl.	W. Holt ...	1st	1/5/28
Cpl.	J. Thompson ...	1st	4/6/28
Cpl.	F. Chasney ...	1st	22/6/28
Cpl.	H. Meakins ...	1st	24/6/28
Cpl.	C. Brown ...	1st	21/7/28
Cpl.	L. Williams ...	1st	8/8/22
Cpl.	P. Barley ...	Depot	16/8/28
Cpl.	A. Couling ...	Depot	1/9/28
Cpl.	F. Butfield ...	Depot	8/9/28
Cpl.	W. Bean ...	Depot	14/9/28
Cpl.	A. Lawrence ...	1st	26/9/28
Cpl.	J. Ayres ...	1st	1/11/28
Cpl.	F. Davis ...	1st	7/11/28
Cpl.	H. Kruck ...	1st	18/11/28

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L./Cpl.	P. Edwards ...	1st	15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor ...	1st	12/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. O. O'Neill ...	1st	28/1/26
L./Cpl.	F. Rumens ...	1st	6/8/26
L./Cpl.	S. Hutson ...	1st	13/12/27
L./Cpl.	S. Baker ...	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. Stone ...	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. R. Chaplin ...	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	C. Warren ...	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. George ...	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. Simmons ...	1st	20/1/28
L./Cpl.	S. Green ...	1st	28/1/28

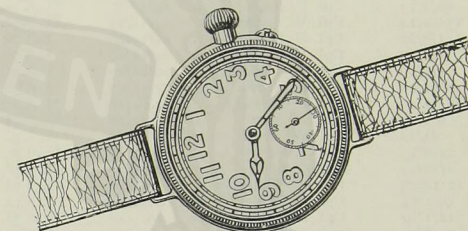
Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl.	S. Boiling ...	1st	1/2/28
L./Cpl.	P. Andrews ...	1st	8/2/28
L./Cpl.	A. Turner ...	1st	28/2/28
L./Cpl.	A. Davis ...	1st	8/3/28
L./Cpl.	A. Vicary ...	1st	8/3/28
L./Cpl.	F. Brightman ...	1st	14/3/28
L./Cpl.	W. Millar ...	1st	18/3/28
L./Cpl.	J. Harmer ...	1st	29/3/28
L./Cpl.	A. Tutte ...	Depot	5/4/28
L./Cpl.	R. Dyson ...	1st	5/4/28
L./Cpl.	H. Tyler ...	1st	12/4/28
L./Cpl.	E. Edmunds ...	1st	20/4/28
L./Cpl.	E. Patterson ...	1st	1/5/28
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond ...	1st	18/5/28
L./Cpl.	W. Murcott ...	Depot	23/5/28
L./Cpl.	A. Veares ...	Depot	29/5/28
L./Cpl.	C. Christmas ...	1st	4/6/28
L./Cpl.	E. Brand ...	1st	8/6/28
L./Cpl.	J. Gould ...	1st	22/6/28
L./Cpl.	T. Elliot ...	1st	24/6/28
L./Cpl.	E. Zetter ...	1st	20/7/28
L./Cpl.	J. Ringe ...	1st	21/7/28
L./Cpl.	J. Hood ...	1st	21/7/28
L./Cpl.	A. Horne ...	Depot	8/8/28
L./Cpl.	J. Barnett ...	1st	16/8/28
L./Cpl.	J. Donegar ...	1st	17/8/28
L./Cpl.	F. Rochester ...	1st	1/9/28
L./Cpl.	P. Oliver ...	1st	8/9/28
L./Cpl.	W. Wright ...	1st	12/9/28
L./Cpl.	A. Allison ...	1st	14/9/28
L./Cpl.	J. Chillery ...	1st	20/9/28
L./Cpl.	T. Murphy ...	1st	9/10/28
L./Cpl.	C. Sneesby ...	Depot	9/10/28
L./Cpl.	R. Welch ...	1st	12/10/28
L./Cpl.	A. Sparkes ...	Depot	16/10/28
L./Cpl.	H. Alger ...	1st	17/10/28
L./Cpl.	H. Pinkney ...	Depot	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	T. McNamara ...	1st	1/11/28
L./Cpl.	A. Hull ...	1st	18/11/28
L./Cpl.	W. Hancock ...	1st	18/11/28
L./Cpl.	E. Whichello ...	1st	24/11/28

Unpaid—

L./Cpl.	W. Brown ...	1st	12/7/28
L./Cpl.	W. Whitney ...	1st	12/7/28
L./Cpl.	C. Holmes ...	1st	12/7/28
L./Cpl.	A. Rumble ...	1st	12/7/28
L./Cpl.	P. Birmingham ...	1st	14/8/28
L./Cpl.	H. Padgett ...	1st	25/8/28
L./Cpl.	C. Parsons ...	1st	25/8/28
L./Cpl.	H. Hinsby ...	1st	5/9/28
L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher ...	1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	R. Pakeman ...	1st	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	G. Mead ...	1st	24/11/28
L./Cpl.	G. Sach ...	1st	12/12/26
L./Cpl.	J. Thirkettle ...	1st	12/12/28
L./Cpl.	H. Keen ...	1st	12/12/28
L./Cpl.	W. Allen ...	1st	12/12/28
L./Cpl.	S. Bullock ...	1st	12/12/28



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Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	22/2/24	Cpl. A. Jones ...	16/12/26	*L./Cpl. C. Cooper ...	28/9/27
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	7/3/26	Cpl. C. Champion ...	16/12/26	*L./Cpl. F. Hayes ...	3/10/27
C.S.M.I.M. C. Davis ...	13/10/24	Cpl. W. Schooledge ...	21/12/26	*L./Cpl. F. Atkins ...	3/10/27
C.S.M. E. Burns ...	28/1/25	Cpl. C. Turner ...	22/1/27	*L./Cpl. F. Orton ...	8/10/27
C.S.M. H. Rand ...	28/1/25	Cpl. E. Addinall ...	21/2/27	*L./Cpl. C. Simmons ...	15/10/27
C.S.M. J. Hart ...	20/1/26	Cpl. A. Boen ...	11/4/27	*L./Cpl. H. Freeman ...	15/10/27
C.S.M. S. Wilson ...	21/12/26	Cpl. W. Makewell ...	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. F. Cook ...	19/10/27
†C.Q.M.S. S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. J. May ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. R. Smith ...	24/10/27
C.Q.M.S. C. Kent ...	4/2/25	Cpl. G. Sherriff ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. W. Boothby ...	25/10/27
C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien ...	27/2/25	Cpl. W. Kemp ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Williams ...	26/10/27
C.Q.M.S. C. King ...	26/5/25	Cpl. F. Gribble ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	31/10/27
C.Q.M.S. L. Hills ...	3/11/26	Cpl. A. Loom ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. D. Horsman ...	2/11/27
C.Q.M.S. W. West ...	10/9/17	Cpl. F. Nash ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. F. Higgins ...	7/11/27
Sgt. W. Sperry, M.C. ...	23/12/14	Cpl. W. Green ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. H. Holland ...	12/11/27
Sgt. H. Glover ...	1/5/20	Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. J. Deamar ...	12/11/27
Sgt. A. Walker ...	1/5/20	Cpl. H. Adams ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	18/11/27
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Sgt. Dmr. E. Heath ...	20/11/20	Cpl. L. Brown ...	24/12/27	L./Cpl. E. Bridger ...	3/12/27
Sgt. J. Cook ...	30/11/20	Cpl. F. Howlett ...	24/12/28	*L./Cpl. G. Chandler ...	10/12/27
Sgt. G. Capel ...	9/1/22	Cpl. H. Ison ...	9/2/28	*L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	20/12/27
Sgt. H. Hart ...	9/1/22	Cpl. W. Skull ...	20/3/28	L./Cpl. R. Jackson ...	23/12/27
Sgt. F. Hill ...	22/8/23	Cpl. J. Merry ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. J. Scott ...	31/12/27
Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	6/10/23	Cpl. G. Slate ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	4/1/28
Sgt. G. Mewett ...	12/12/23	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Hamblin ...	4/1/28
Sgt. H. Hewett ...	10/1/24	Cpl. E. Ormes ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. W. Searle ...	6/1/28
†Sgt. F. Peck ...	12/1/24	Cpl. H. Lowry ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. E. Ringham ...	7/1/28
†Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	Cpl. E. Halverson ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. J. Johnson ...	7/2/28
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25	Cpl. P. Palmer ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. P. Godfrey ...	8/2/28
Sgt. S. Ingle ...	27/2/25	Cpl. R. Ginnaw ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. L. Waddington ...	8/2/28
Sgt. G. Lambert ...	26/5/25	Cpl. L. Newstead ...	20/4/28	L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	14/2/28
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2/2/26	Cpl. E. Noakes ...	10/7/28	L./Cpl. G. Balls ...	27/2/28
Sgt. C. Banfield ...	13/2/26	*L./Cpl. A. Rowell ...	22/12/22	L./Cpl. E. Oram ...	30/3/28
Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher ...	7/3/26	*L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	10/11/25	L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	11/4/28
Sgt. G. Bone ...	19/3/26	L.-Cpl. A. Statham ...	4/3/26	L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	11/4/28
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Sgt. A. Wright ...	10/2/27	*L./Cpl. W. Pike ...	14/12/26	*L./Cpl. G. Maund ...	1/5/28
Sgt. W. Cobbett ...	15/2/27	*L./Cpl. H. Cartwright ...	28/1/27	L./Cpl. G. Cole ...	22/5/28
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. J. Harper ...	21/3/27	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	22/5/28
Sgt. C. Olden ...	2/10/27	*L./Cpl. J. Chester ...	5/4/27	L./Cpl. C. May ...	26/5/28
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. E. Wilby ...	11/4/27	L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	11/6/28
Sgt. J. Brown ...	15/12/27	*L./Cpl. F. Grainger ...	12/4/27	L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	23/6/28
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. H. Sandle ...	13/4/27	L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	23/6/28
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*L./Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	3/7/28	*L./Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	12/7/27	L./Cpl. H. Tompkins ...	27/8/28
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Cpl. W. Millbery ...	2/2/26	L./Cpl. D. Green ...	8/8/27	L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	28/8/28
Cpl. H. Short ...	19/6/26	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	24/8/27	L./Cpl. H. Taylor ...	28/8/28

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