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The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.  
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 "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02,"  
 "Mons," "Marne, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916," "18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917," "18," "Hindenburg Line,"  
 "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914," "18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle,"  
 "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916," "18," "Delville  
 Wood," "Pozières," "Ginchy," "Fiers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916," "18,"  
 "Bapaume, 1917," "18," "Arras, 1917," "18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917," "18," "Arleux," "Messines, 1914," "17," "18," "Ploeghem,"  
 "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin,"  
 "Rosières," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Baillieu," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal  
 du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy,  
 1917-18," "Struma," "Doiran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani,"  
 "Egypt, 1915-16," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18,"  
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 6th Bn. (R. East Middlesex Mil.) ... Mill Hill.  
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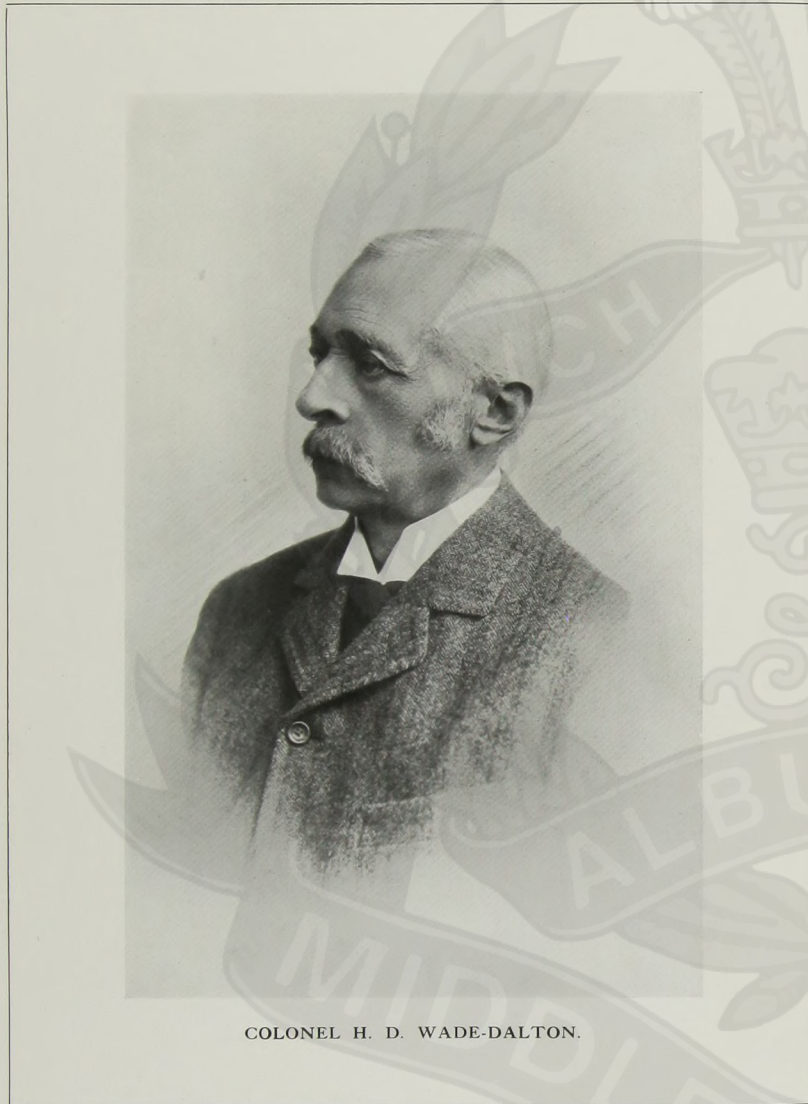
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 M.C., Col. W. Gds., Colonel-in-Chief 12th L., R. S. Fus., S.  
 Wales Bord., D.C.L.I., P.W. Vols., Seaforth, and R. Wilts  
 Yeo., Personal A.D.C. to the King.

#### Colonel:

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

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COLONEL H. D. WADE-DALTON.



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## EDITORIAL



WE tender our hearty congratulations to General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bt., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., on his marriage on April 26th at All Saints', Costebelle, to Miss Constance Marion Warner.

Our congratulations also to Colonel C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., on being appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, and to Col. O. H. Delano-Osborne, C.M.G., late Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, at present commander of the 150th (York and Durham) Infantry Brigade, Territorial Army, who has been promoted to Major-General.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Colonel H. D. Wade-Dalton. An appreciation, written by Major-General J. C. Dalton, Colonel-Commandant, R.A., a kinsman and very old friend, appears on the opposite page, also a memoir by one of Col. Wade-Dalton's brother officers and closest friends.

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We regret to announce the death of the Right Hon. The Lord Revelstoke, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex, and Vice-President of the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment. The Regiment was represented by Captain C. W. Haydon, M.C., at the memorial service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 23rd, and a wreath was sent from the Regiment.

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An announcement regarding the second volume of the Regimental History appears under the heading of Regimental Association Notes.

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The photograph of the 77th Regiment Crimean Memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral has been supplied by ex-C.Q.M.S. W. J. Butters, late 3rd Battalion.



## REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1929.

June 24th to 27th.—Cricket Week, at Regimental Depot.

June 27th.—Officers' Club Dinner, Trocadero, 7.30 p.m.

June 28th.—Old Comrades' Gathering, at 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 Wharncliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, N.W., at 7 p.m.

November 11th.—Armistice Day Service, Regimental War Memorial, Mill Hill Barracks, at 10.45 a.m.

## LIEUT.-COLONEL HAMLET DALTON WADE-DALTON

(LATE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT).

Born March 11th, 1847.

Died March 15th, 1929.

IT was by a strange coincidence and a fortuitous one that the old 57th Regiment should come to be quartered in Catterick, so close by Hauxwell Hall, the home of one who had been brought up in the Regiment which he loved and lived to command for four years as Lieut.-Colonel of the Middlesex.

Those who knew him intimately can truly say that his pleasure in having his old corps so near was only clouded by his inability from reasons of health to see more of them.

Hamlet Wade-Dalton was a worthy descendant and representative of two noteworthy families—viz., the Wades of Northern Ireland and the Daltons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, both of which have furnished ancestors of a fine fighting stock of Royalist proclivities. His father, Colonel Hamlet Coote Wade, C.B., 1809-89, was Brigade Major during the First Afghan War, for which he was created a C.B., and received the Cross of the Durani Order. An interesting Diary in his handwriting is preserved at the Hall.

Col. Wade married, in 1845, Mary Coore of Scruton, who, on the death of her aunt, Anne Gale, succeeded to the Dalton Estate of Hauxwell. Her husband, in August, 1879, by a deed poll took the arms and name of Dalton in addition to that of Wade.

Lieut.-Col. Wade-Dalton's grandfather was Colonel Hamlet Wade, C.B., of the Rifle Brigade, a Peninsula veteran, who died in 1821. The Wades were directly descended from the Johnstons of Fermanagh, notable soldiers of the 18th century, one of whom,

who lost a leg at Dettingen, 1743, became Governor of Charlemont, Co. Armagh. There is a fine picture of him at the Hall.

Again, on the Dalton side Colonel Wade-Dalton, through his mother, was descended from Sir William Dalton of Hauxwell, whose father, Lieut.-Col. John Dalton of Hauxwell, was mortally wounded in 1643 whilst in command of a body of horse, part of an escort which conducted Queen Henrietta Maria from Bridlington on her march to Oxford. The action took place at the bridge of Burton-on-Trent, and the Royalists were successful. An oil portrait of him is in the Hall.

In a very true character-sketch of the deceased Colonel, which appeared in the *Darlington and Stockton Times* of March 16th, 1929, he was truly described as a "philanthropic Wensleydale landowner," deservedly beloved by his tenantry and workpeople, to whom he was more of a father than a landlord, being frequently seen in harvest-time working alongside of them. The affection in which he was held was plainly testified to at the funeral on March 18th by the presence of former tenants who had come long distances to pay the last tribute of respect.

The late Colonel's versatility was remarkable; his profound knowledge of Natural History is exemplified by his splendid collections of ornithological and other specimens obtained and cured by himself, and acquired not only in the British Isles, but also in India, Thibet, Ceylon, Spain, etc. His experiences as a sportsman with gun, rifle and rod would fill a volume.

His chief pleasure of late years was arboriculture, at which he was an adept.

Though not a racing or betting man, he loved horses, and studied their turf performances and form, and those of his friends whom he met on the racecourses of York, Catterick, etc., can testify to his sound judgment and knowledge. His great joy was to meet his old cronies at York, especially the late Sir George Denton, his life-long friend and brother officer, and study the horses in the paddock. He was a personal friend of long standing with old Johnny Osborne, the famous jockey and trainer, and joined a number of his admirers in an entertainment in his honour some years since.



With all these attractive qualities his modesty was such that only to a few intimates outside his family were they really known. Though an "Admirable Crichton," he possessed the rare trait of "hiding his light under a bushel." One is justified in saying of him, "He was a man, take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again." J.C.D.

**HAMLET DALTON WADE**, later Wade-Dalton, was born on March 11th, 1847, at Hauxwell Hall, Yorkshire. His father was Colonel Hamlet Cote Wade, C.B., 13th Foot (Somersetshire), eldest son of Colonel Wade, C.B., Rifle Brigade, and his mother was Mary, elder daughter of Colonel Coore of Scruton Hall and Firby, Yorkshire. Mrs. Wade succeeded to the Dalton estate of Hauxwell through her grandmother, who was a Dalton.

Hamlet Dalton Wade was an early pupil at Wellington College not very long after its foundation under Royal patronage by the Duke of Wellington. He went there in 1861, passing thence into the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in 1865. It was practically inevitable that he should become a soldier, since the atmosphere in which he was brought up was almost wholly military, his ancestors on both sides having for generations been soldiers. His father belonged to the Irish branch of the Wades, which, though not directly descended from him, was of the same family from which the celebrated Field-Marshal Wade of Highland Road fame had also sprung; whilst another member of the family had served as Captain in the King's Own Regiment of Dragoons at the Battle of Fontenoy, where he was wounded. His father, Colonel Wade, himself served throughout and had a most brilliant record in the campaigns in Afghanistan from 1838 to 1842 inclusive; at first as Adjutant of his regiment (wounded at the Koord Kabul Pass) and later as Brigade Major to Sir Robert Sale in his heroic defence of Jellalabad, for which the 13th Foot, the only British Regiment there, was honoured with the title of Prince Albert's Light Infantry. Colonel Wade's services were eminent, and his chief relied greatly on his ability and energy; and at the termination of the campaign he was created a Companion of the Bath. Again, on his mother's side the Dalton family was one of the best known in North Yorkshire,

noted specially for its loyalty to the Crown in the Parliamentary troubles in the reign of Charles I, as evidenced by the fact that one of his ancestors of that family lost his life when escorting Queen Henrietta Maria on return from France, in 1643, on her journey to Oxford. Being brought up in such a military atmosphere and imbued with such traditions, the boy's thoughts naturally turned in this direction, and he determined to serve his Queen and country by joining the Army.

From Wellington, Hamlet Dalton Wade went as a Cadet to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and on passing out early in 1866, was, on September 14th of that year, appointed to a commission as Ensign in the 59th Foot, but never joined that Regiment, as he was almost immediately, on November 2nd, transferred to the 57th Foot. That regiment had for some years been on active service in New Zealand against the rebel Maoris, and was at this time on the termination of active operations, under orders to embark for England; consequently, Ensign Wade was instructed to join the Depot Companies until its expected arrival at home.

In August, 1867, the 57th landed in the United Kingdom on completion of a tour of foreign service which included the Crimea, the closing scenes of the Indian Mutiny and the New Zealand Campaign, and concentrated at Salford Barracks, Manchester, where it was joined by the Depot Companies, with which was Ensign Wade. Here its first duty was to be held in readiness to assist the civil power in quelling the Fenian disturbances which in the autumn had become very serious in Manchester.

On November 28th new Colours were presented to the Regiment by Major-Gen. Sir John Garvock, K.C.B., commanding Northern District, a ball being afterwards given by the officers to celebrate the event. Wade was of course present at both functions.

A few days afterwards, Colonel Warre, who had commanded the Regiment for over twelve years, retired on half pay, being succeeded in command by Lieut.-Col. Bowen, from half pay, 69th Regiment.

After being quartered at Manchester for only eight months the Regiment proceeded to Aldershot, where it formed part of Major-General Renny's Brigade in the South Camp, Lieut.-General Sir James

Yorke Scarlett being the Divisional Commander.

On March 22nd, 1869, the 57th was moved to Devonport, where it came under Major-Gen. Sir Charles Staveley's command (Western District). Ensign Wade was promoted Lieutenant on December 15th of this year. The Regiment remained at Devonport for more than eighteen months, and at the end of November, 1870, was sent to occupy the forts and stations in the vicinity. On September 18th, 1871, the Regiment embarked for Queenstown, and on arrival proceeded to Limerick with detachments at Galway, Glare Castle and Nenagh. Here Lieut. Wade had his first opportunity of enjoying Irish salmon fishing, a sport in which he was excelled by few, and which he loved and indulged in nearly to the end of his life.

Early in February, 1872, the Regiment moved to Kinsale and out-stations, and in April of the following year to the Curragh Camp. On May 14th, 1873, Lieut.-Colonel Bowen retired on half pay, Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Logan, C.B., succeeding him in command. Lieut. Wade was promoted to Captain on September 24th, 1873, the Regiment being then under orders to embark for foreign service in Ceylon. This it did on December 23rd on the Indian transport *Malabar*. Curiously, Capt. Wade's elder sister was with her husband, Capt. J. E. Toller, R.E., also a passenger on board. The headquarters of the 57th disembarked at Colombo on January 31st, 1874, with detachments at Point de Galle, Kandy and Trincomali. By being thus quartered in the Island of Ceylon, Capt. Wade was given the opportunity for which he had ardently longed of big-game shooting. Of this, on every possible occasion on which he could obtain leave, and even now and then from the particular station at which he happened for the time to be, he took fullest advantage and was fortunate in securing specimens of leopard, buffalo, chital and various other kinds of deer and even two or three elephants. He also enjoyed to the full the excellent snipe and duck shooting to be found nearly everywhere in the low country of the Island. An admirable horseman, he always had good horses of his own, and being fond of racing he thoroughly enjoyed the race meetings both at Colombo and up country. He was, too, no mean cricketer, and now and then would play in regimental

matches, but this had to give way to his military duties and real hobbies as above.

In July, 1876, Colonel Logan retired on half pay, being succeeded in command of the Regiment by Brevet Lieut.-Col. Stewart, who was, however, invalidated home early in 1878 and died on May 6th at Guernsey, being succeeded in command of the Regiment by Major C. Mansfield Clarke. During this year, Capt. Wade was sent home for duty at the Regimental Depot, and in consequence of this he missed the Zulu Campaign, which took place early in the following year. In August, 1879, the Wade family name was changed to Wade-Dalton, and Capt. Wade was henceforth so designated.

At the termination of hostilities in South Africa, the 57th was ordered home and landed at Kingstown on December 13th, 1879, being quartered in the Royal and later in the Richmond Barracks, Dublin, its linked battalion, the 77th, being also at Dublin in the Beggar's Bush Barracks.

On May 8th, 1880, Colonel C. Mansfield Clarke, C.B., as he had then become, was placed on half pay to take up the appointment of Commandant General of the troops at the Cape of Good Hope. Major J. R. K. Tredennick succeeded him as Lieut.-Colonel in command of the Regiment.

On December 31st the 57th moved to Limerick and occupied the New Barracks, three companies under command of Capt. Wade-Dalton, who had rejoined headquarters on the completion of his tour of Depot service, being stationed at the Castle.

On June 30th, 1881, the existence of the 57th as a separate regiment terminated, and it and the 77th formed one regiment, the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex.

Capt. Wade-Dalton was promoted Major on July 1st, 1881.

In April, 1882, he was appointed A.D.C. to his father's old friend, Major-General Cadwallader Adams, C.B., commanding the Infantry Brigade at Gibraltar. Here, at such times as he could be spared from his not very arduous official duties, Major Wade-Dalton enjoyed sports in their season, with the Calpe hounds occasionally, and very frequently the excellent shooting, wildfowl, great bustard, etc., obtainable on the mainland within several days' reach of the "Rock." At the termination of his staff



appointment in the latter part of 1885 he rejoined his old Battalion, now the 1st Middlesex, and served with it in the Channel Islands, at Dover and in the North Camp, Aldershot, where it formed part of Major-Gen. The Hon. William Fielding's Brigade, and later again in Ireland. Here he managed as usual to combine a fair amount of sport with his military duties, and with a brother officer rented a good stretch of salmon water on the Shannon at Castle Connell, where they were most successful.

On September 18th, 1889, Major Wade-Dalton was promoted Lieut.-Colonel and selected to succeed Lieut.-Col. Matthews in command of the 2nd Battalion then stationed at Kamptee, but under orders for Mhow, both in the Bombay Presidency. On January 24th, 1890, the Battalion, under his command, commenced its long march of 335 miles from Kamptee to Mhow. The route taken was an unusual and most interesting one *via* Budnor, Itarsi and Hurda, which had not seen a British regiment since the days of the Mutiny. At Budnor the 1st Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, which was *en route* to Kamptee from Mhow, was met and took over the Battalion Kamptee transport. The two regiments spent three days together at Budnor before mutually proceeding on their ways. The 2nd Middlesex reached Mhow on March 6th and took up quarters in the British infantry barracks there, under command of Major-Gen. Robert Rollo Gillespie, C.B. After nearly two years at Mhow, during which period Lieut.-Colonel Wade-Dalton succeeded from time to time in bagging mostly in the Central Provinces a fair number of tigers, leopards, sambar, black buck, etc., the Battalion left that station on February 12th and 13th, 1892, for Bombay, where it embarked for Karachi *en route* for Quetta, at which place it arrived at the end of the month. The sudden change to the frost and snow of Quetta was severely felt after the warm climate of Southern and Central India, and for some time there was a very large number of admissions to hospital. At Quetta the Battalion came under the command of Lieut.-General Sir George White, V.C., K.C.B.

In April, 1893, news having reached Quetta of the murder of Ministers at Kelat, at the instigation of the Khan, a small force of all arms, including the 2nd Bn. Middlesex

Regiment, was dispatched to Kelat, under Lieut.-Col. Wade-Dalton. The force left Quetta on April 11th and arrived and encamped at Kelat, after some arduous marches over steep mountain passes, on the 21st. On May 6th orders were received to remove the Khan's treasure, estimated at forty-four lacs of rupees, packed in boxes containing eight thousand rupees each from the Kelat Fort to the camp occupied by Lieut.-Col. Wade-Dalton's force. Working parties from the Battalion and the 5th Mountain Battery were employed on this duty for a week, and shortly after the removal of the treasure the force returned to Quetta, which was reached after a particularly trying march and the treasure safely delivered, the escort having accomplished their important and somewhat dangerous march with credit.

Lieut.-Col. Wade-Dalton was placed on retired pay on completion of his four years in command on September 18th, 1893.

Being now free to dispose of his time as he wished, and realizing that the opportunity was not likely to recur, he determined to spend the next year or two in travel and sport in little known regions of India—Kashmir, Ladak, and particularly in the higher Himalayas and Thibet—where with gun, rifle and camera he could enjoy himself in such fashion as really appealed to him. In thus doing, he encountered many risks and had some narrow escapes, but coming well through succeeded in getting together a very fine collection of heads and trophies, such, for instance, specially as the Asiatic ibex, markhor, urial, etc., as well as a most remarkable and beautiful series of photographs illustrating his wanderings and the nature of the ground over which he worked, forming a quite unique record of his travels in country some of which had previously been almost unvisited. The above trophies and photographs, together with the skins of numerous rare birds from many parts of the world, preserved by him, are still to be seen at his Yorkshire home where they remain as examples of what can in this respect be done by one so specially gifted and with such tastes which he had been able to gratify.

On final return to England, his father having died some years previously, he settled down at Hauxwell Hall and threw himself heartily into the life of a country squire. He was an admirable landlord,

a true friend to and beloved by his farmers and tenantry generally, taking the deepest interest in their welfare, and ever endeavouring to improve their condition and that of his estate as a whole. He took special interest in his trees, having among them not a few rare specimens, especially among the coniferous species. There are in the North Riding few better timbered estates than Hauxwell, and a great deal of his time was spent in trying to improve it in this respect. He was most popular with his neighbours. An invitation to one of the Hauxwell grouse drives or pheasant shoots was indeed always something to look forward to. None of those who at any time took part in such can ever forget the kind geniality of their host, whose one idea always was to show his guests the best of sport and to give them pleasure. Every spring or summer he would go to Norway, Scotland or Ireland for salmon fishing, and was as a rule most successful. He was a splendid fisherman, and his self-tied flies, both salmon and trout, were indeed hard to beat, and were greatly valued by friends to whom he gave them. Up to a very late period of his life his sight was so good that he was able without glasses to tie the finest trout flies. He was a very good and quick shot both with gun and rifle, and a most generous and unselfish companion in the field.

In his younger days he was very fond of hunting, and was always seen to much advantage on difficult horses. Latterly, on return from India, he more or less gave up hunting and confined himself principally to shooting and fishing and the management of his estate. He also took a most active part in the public life of Wensleydale, and his time was thus most fully occupied. He never lost his taste for racing, and habitually, practically to the end of his life, attended the various race meetings in the neighbourhood, where he was a notable figure.

He was a born naturalist, and had been a collector from his youth, almost indeed from his childhood. Nothing came amiss to him, eggs, butterflies, moths, etc.; the collections of these at Hauxwell are remarkable. He was an extremely good draughtsman, and had he troubled to devote time to this might have excelled. He was also very well read in certain directions, but latterly confined his reading mostly

to books and papers on natural history and sport of all kinds.

He was a Justice of the Peace for the North Riding, and did his work as magistrate most conscientiously and well.

It was a real grief to him when at the end of the war his grouse moor (Bardon) was annexed by the Government as a training ground for the troops at the newly-formed Catterick Camp. Little by little more and more of his land was swallowed up for the same purpose, so that in quite recent years his shooting, save for that of the coverts in the domain itself, had become sadly reduced, and he used to be invited by the officers, to whom the shooting rights had reverted, to take part in shoots over what had at one time been his own property!

In the summer of 1926 he was attacked by "shingles in the head, a most painful disease which tried him sorely. Later this affected his eyes, and he suffered greatly in this way. He never really succeeded in shaking this off, and as time went on the complaint began to tell on his general health, which in consequence became very indifferent.

Throughout 1928 his constitution became terribly weakened, and towards the end of that year he suffered greatly from debility and at the beginning of 1929 rapidly became worse, passing peacefully away on March 15th, tended by the kind ministrations of two of his nieces and a few faithful friends. Thus passed "Kitty" Wade, as he was in early days always and by old friends to the end, affectionately termed.

He was a delightful companion, keenly interested in many things. He hated display and ostentation, and his generousities and many kindnesses were done most unobtrusively. To his intimates he was the most faithful and loyal of friends, and by such will always be held in the most affectionate remembrance.

"SENEX."

The following are extracts from the Yorkshire Press:—

#### THE LATE LIEUT.-COLONEL WADE-DALTON, J.P.

A correspondent writes:—The Wensleydale district has lost a gentleman who will



be sorely missed. It may well be said that he lived for others and not for himself. Of a generous disposition, deeply sympathetic to all deserving cases brought to his notice, he leaves behind him an example of what may be described as all that a "Village Squire" means; giving quietly and making no outcry about it, he may rightly be described as having been a great-hearted gentleman—nay, more as a father to the fatherless and the widow's friend. He lived up to the fine traditions of one of the oldest families in North Yorkshire, and his place will be hard to fill.

We are thankful, however, that his successor is of the old family, and we have no doubt he will worthily uphold all the traditions of his ancestors.

The simple funeral was a fitting passing of the Colonel. Borne to the old churchyard where for over 300 years his forebears have been laid to rest, and carried thence on the gun carriage by men of his late Regiment, the Middlesex Regiment, he was carried to the grave in the family vault by six of his own work-people, followed by a large concourse of mourners from all ranks—the old, old friends (few of whom are now left), estate employees, servants, tenants, and many from the neighbouring towns and villages who have rich memories of his unfailing courtesy and kindness. And as the rector, his younger brother, read those beautiful passages from the Book of Wisdom, one felt it was exactly as he would have wished it. Genuine sorrow was seen on every side; sincere evidence that whatever changes take place in these democratic days, there is a genuine love still in places like this for so fine a personality. That little touch of military respect—the flag covering the casket, the bugler sounding the "Last Post," and the beautiful tributes of flowers from his old Regiment, represented by two of its officers—reminded us of the soldier-like figure now finished his earthly fight. The school children standing at attention reminded us of his interest there, and, above all, was the quiet peace round the old church. And so we leave him to his rest, honoured by all who knew him; mourned by all; fortified by the knowledge that he had filled his days with goodness and had now entered his rest.

#### PHILANTHROPIC WENSLEYDALE LANDOWNER.

##### DEATH OF LIEUT.-COLONEL WADE-DALTON.

We regret to announce the death of one of the best known and most philanthropic of landowners, Lieut.-Colonel H. D. Wade-Dalton, which occurred at his residence, Hauxwell Hall, Constable Burton, near Leyburn, in the early hours of yesterday morning. The gallant officer, who was over 80 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some time, and the end was not altogether unexpected.

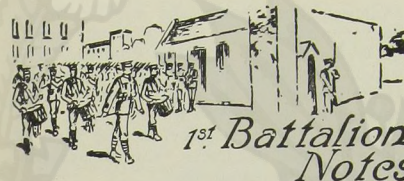
By the passing of Lieut.-Colonel Wade-Dalton, Wensleydale has lost a popular personality. To his tenants on the estate he was more of a friend than a landlord, and they held him in the highest esteem and affection. It was always an axiom in upper Wensleydale that once a tenant on the Hauxwell Hall estate always a tenant, and in many cases generation followed generation. To those in less fortunate circumstances than himself he was always a real friend. Philanthropically inclined, he gave generous help to a great many people, but these acts of generosity were carried out in a quiet and unostentatious manner, and the general public never became aware of them. It is safe to say that he will be missed by many to whom he was in every respect of the word a true friend.

Until health failed him Colonel Wade-Dalton took an active part in public life in Wensleydale. A devout churchman, he was the patron of the living of Hauxwell, the vicar of which Parish is his brother, the Rev. F. Wade-Dalton, who was presented to the living as far back as 1892. He was a magistrate for the North Riding, and regularly sat on the bench at Leyburn Police Court until recently.

Colonel Wade-Dalton was a member of the Wensleydale Agricultural Show Society and the Hunton Show, and generously subscribed to both societies as well as to many other local institutions.

The heir to the estate is the late Colonel Wade-Dalton's nephew, Mr. William Dalton, the son of Colonel Foster Dalton, who resides in London.

Colonel Wade-Dalton was a member of the Commission of the Peace for the North Riding in 1894.



WE all welcome the return of our Commanding Officer, and hope that he had made a complete recovery from his recent severe illness.

To the dismay of everyone, we do not figure in this year's moves. We shall have to make the best of another year in this foreign and arctic clime.

To counterbalance this hideous tragedy, the Battalion is to be congratulated on being selected to present the main item in this year's Naval and Military Tournament at Olympia. The general scheme includes the Battle of Albuhera and a parade of historical squads portraying the Regiment in its various uniforms from the middle of the eighteenth century to the present day. Work in preparation started last month, and the square now resounds with the old-fashioned commands of "About Face," "Shoulder Arms" and "Give Fire," and other sounds strange to our modern ears.

Major W. W. Jefford has rejoined the Battalion after completing his tour of command at the Depot. Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., has left us to take up this appointment.

Capt. J. English also leaves us for the Depot. He carries with him the best wishes for the future from all ranks. He has completed thirty-four years with the Regiment, and has been Quartermaster to this Battalion since 1924, which includes the difficult period of our move to China and back, when our many worries fell chiefly upon his able shoulders.

Lieut. C. C. Musselwhite is seconded for a tour of duty with the West African Frontier Force. The Battalion Theatrical Party will miss his energetic leadership.

2/Lieuts. R. H. Batten and E. Green have joined us on first appointment, and Capt. F. J. Nunn, M.C., has returned after a year on the sick list.

R.S.M. Beaman has retired to civil life on reaching the age limit. His loss will be deeply felt not only on the parade ground

but also in most branches of sport, where his assistance either as a trainer or organizer has been greatly appreciated. His unique boxing experience has been invaluable in the training of our teams.

We congratulate Lieut. J. R. B. Worton on being selected to play for the Army Rugby XV against the Royal Air Force and the French Army. Unfortunately, promotion exams. prevented his taking part in the former match.

An engagement has been announced between Lieut. W. C. Newton and Miss E. A. Carruthers of Portrath, Dumfriesshire. We tender our heartiest congratulations.

We hear with regret that our late Adjutant, Capt. G. H. C. Pennycook, M.B.E., now with the Cheshire Regiment in India, has been seriously ill. His many friends in the Battalion wish him a speedy recovery.

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

The edict has gone forth that we shall spend another year at Catterick Camp, and we are naturally inclined to bemoan our fate.

From the "Emma Gee" training point of view, Catterick is a paradise. But from a personal one it is the other place.

Having finished with the pick and shovel, we have been busy during the last few weeks with Individual Training. This has consisted chiefly of I.A. and drills. We are now undergoing Platoon Training, and have already had our first taste of moors, bogs, etc.

In sport we are fair, and just manage to hold our own. In the Catterick Garrison Inter-Company Knock-out Football Competition we were beaten by "B" Company, 1st Bn. The Cameronians in a replay. The first game was hard fought, and resulted in a draw of one goal each. In the replay we were minus a few of our best players, and the result of 6 goals to 3 marked our exit.

In the second Battalion Cross-Country Run we finished second. We entertain great hope that in the third of this series we shall take first place.

We regret the loss of Sergt. Farrow, who has left us for "B" Company. Several of our old "Gunners" now with the 2nd Battalion no doubt remember him well, and we wish him the best of luck in his new company.



We ask our brother Gunners what they know about the following:—

1. What is a linear target?
2. What is a reference point?

Our best definition of 1 is, "A space between two lines which has no length," and of 2, that it is a "resting place."

EMMA GEE.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

We extend a welcome to Major L. F. Sloane-Stanley, who has returned to the Company; to Capt. H. S. Royffe, our new second-in-command; to 2/Lieut. L. H. J. Herepath, after his absence at a Signal Course; to Sergt. Farrow, who has come from the "M.G." Company to help us to get rich quick; to Sergts. Mabb and West, who are old friends; and finally to Sergt. Clements and a few new men who have joined us for the first time. We wish the best of luck to Col-Sergt. Goldstraw, at Hounslow, where he is training himself to be a prosperous civilian, and to Sergt. Randle, who with the 7th Battalion, is, we hope, training prosperous civilians to use their initiative and become super-civilians.

Sport has been considerably curtailed. The Great Cold started just when we returned from furlough, and lasted till nearly the end of February. Since then, however, the Company has made up for lost time. 2/Lieut. Chattey, aided by L./Sergt. Tibble, formed a new sports committee, and this little band of hope has shown such energy and keenness that the Company enthusiasm for sport has developed to the extent that hardly a man exists now who is not either an athlete or a budding one. Anyhow, we sprung two successive surprises on those champions in the art of hockey—the Drums—and also a defeat on the potential champions of Rugby football—"A" (M.G.) Company—to mention but a few friendly matches. Our other successes are too numerous to be mentioned here, but they are duly recorded in the sports notes of the Battalion. The Battalion, incidentally, has received continuous assistance from Lieut. Hudson, Sergt. Farrow, Pte. Hatchett and Pte. Francis in the soccer team; from Lieut. Hudson and Sergt. Farrow in hockey; from Pte. Hatchett in the boxing (with Stroud and Francis as reserves); and Cpl.

Donovan has shown the way in cross-country runs. No. 8 Platoon, under 2/Lieut. Chattey, won the Company Run which was held just before the second Battalion one of the year. Our sweeping success in the Battalion run was a good example of what energy, in the form of practice and keenness, can accomplish. Well done, the committee!

In connection with our domestic and military affairs we have to report that the Company clock is now going strong again, and is competed for monthly by platoons. No. 5 Platoon won it in February with the highest marks for "room inspections." Competition was keen and results were close. In this connection, No. 8 Platoon had, on a certain occasion, a very serious accusation levelled at them—namely, that their barrack-room was a model to the Battalion. Delegates from other companies were invited to inspect it, and it was unanimously agreed that it ought to be transferred to the Ideal Homes Exhibition, at Olympia. It was decided, however, that some of the inmates of the room should go there instead, somewhere about the end of May.

It is popularly supposed that as we cannot get away from Catterick, it is being shifted away from us. Hundreds of our men have been at this work with picks and shovels for months now, and the higher authorities have acknowledged the importance of the work by allowing us to do it during our training hours. Another case of Mahomet and his mountain!

#### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

Another quarter's notes are due and words fail us. Again it has been a quarter of changes, our old Company Commander having left us to command the Depot, and we welcome in his place our new commander, Capt. J. E. Dobbs, M.C., from "A" (M.G.) Company. We hope that they will both find their respective commands pleasant ones.

We also welcome 2/Lieut. A. E. Green on his posting from Sandhurst.

Another draft left us in January to join the 2nd Battalion. We were sorry to lose them, and hope they will have a happy time in India.

We have received a draft from the Depot, to whom we extend a cordial welcome.

From their showing in trial games, we think we have some new sporting talent, which bodes well for the future of "C" Company.

All of us enjoyed our Xmas. Those who were not able to get home for it spent a nice time at Catterick. After the festivities we settled down to a period of Individual Training. At the same time we experienced a period of real wintry weather. Section training has now commenced, and we hope that we may enjoy better weather.

A large number of us journeyed by 'bus to Lichfield to support our team in the third round of the Army Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships, and witnessed some very good bouts. The trip was enjoyed by all.

We are now busily engaged in rehearsals for the Royal Tournament at Olympia. We find the old time drill very amusing, but we really think it will be an excellent show when performed at Olympia.

L./Sergt. Denyer, Cpls. Theobald and Wallace have left us on transfer to the Army Reserve. We are sorry to see the old faces gradually disappearing. We wish them success and prosperity in civil life.

"C" Coy.

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

The Company returned from annual furlough on January 7th, having been fortunate enough to have had the Xmas and New Year away from Catterick.

We have been employed, with brief intervals for training, in digging and making new sports grounds, which we can only hope will improve the amenities of our successors. It has just been learnt that the Battalion is to remain at Catterick for another year, which news is not of the most welcome. After a spell of intensely cold weather, we have been plunged in the midst of summer.

The Company is supplying a large number of men for the Battalion's display at the Royal Tournament at Olympia this year, and rumour says that the men find it easier to do the old time drill than that of the present day.

Having experienced a shortage of officers during the past few years, we have now no less than five, and we welcome Capt. F. J. Nunn, M.C., who has now completely recovered from his illness, and 2/Lieut. R. H. Batten, who has joined us on first appointment. We hope they will stay with us for a long time. We welcome Sergt.

Clarke, who has joined us from a tour of duty with the Territorial Army, and miss Sergt. Tisdale, but wish him success at the Depot.

Owing to rehearsals for the Royal Tournament taking place in the afternoons, and to the shortage of grounds, we have not been able to play as many games as we should have liked. We were beaten by No. 4 H.T. Coy., R.A.S.C., in the Garrison Football Knock-out Competition, but beat "B" Coy., 4th Royal Tank Corps, in the first round of the Garrison Subsidiary Cup Competition. In the second round we drew "B" Company, and as we had also drawn them in the Regimental Knock-out Competition, we decided to stake our chances and played both games in one. After a very clean and hard-fought game, we were victorious after extra time by 4 goals to 2. Goals were scored by Cpl. Paterson, L./Cpl. Dyson and Pte. Jolley (2). It would be unfair not to mention Pte. Keep who was the backbone of a clever and energetic team.

#### SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

Our former pen-wielder having left us for a short spell at the School of Signals, the responsibility of writing this quarter's notes have fallen on the shoulders of a novice in that art, who hopes that any scarcity, deficiency, or other faults will be kindly overlooked until next quarter, when he hopes that he may have obtained better results from experience.

At this time we are busily engaged in training our new class, the men of which have recently joined us from the Depot. Unfortunately, owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever, half the class are isolated, making further training rather awkward. We have every hope of procuring good material from them. We have already found a number of new additions to our representatives in the sports field. We are also busily engaged in practising the "Shoulder Arms," "About Face," etc., in preparation for our appearance as "old-timers" at the Royal Tournament this year. Everyone concerned is eagerly looking forward to the little stay in "Smoke."

By the time these notes have been printed, Ptes. Foley and West will have left us on transfer to the Army Reserve, and we wish them the best of luck in civil life.

FLAG BASHER.



## DRUMS' NOTES.

Once again the scribe gets busy after a long rest.

Elsewhere in the Journal will be found news of the prospective journey of most of the Battalion to the Royal Tournament at Olympia in May. Naturally everyone concerned is looking forward eagerly to this. We have found some very good actors amongst ourselves, and some, we think, consider retiring from the service for the call of the footlights.

Gardening is again in full swing. Our head gardener has left us for civil life, and we wonder whether he will prosper as a gardener there. We hope so, anyway. The garden is already showing results which proves to us that summer is coming.

Sport is our biggest item this quarter, and we have done very well. In football "Q" Company obtained the position of League Champion. Hockey need not be mentioned, because we know our "stick drill" to perfection, and we are well in the lead. "Q" Company's Rugger XV have become finalists in the Company Knock-out. The final will take place in the very near future, and mention of it will be made in the next issue, when we hope the result for us will be well worth talking about.

After leaving Bellerby Moor last year we had hoped that no more digging would come our way. However, we have again forsaken our instruments of music for those of toil, or shall we say, torture. We have been making a sports ground in "H.H." (Happy-Happy) Lines. As we have heard that the Battalion will remain at Catterick for another year, we hope that we may be able to play on this ground next year.

At present we are rather unfortunate, owing to the fact that our Leslie is in hospital with scarlet fever, and we are, of course, isolated. This prevents us from going out, and we wonder if Brother Kirtley is thinking that his liquor has deteriorated and is not what it should be. However, as soon as isolation is over we will hasten to set his mind at rest.

We offer congratulations to L./Sergt. Poulter on his promotion to Sergeant and appointment to Drum-Major, and wish him every success.

C. E. W.

## BAND NOTES.

Since our last notes we have been very unfortunate in losing Sergt. Cullen and Bdsman. Harris, who have gone to try their luck in civil life. Sergt. Cullen now patrols the streets of Bradford, being a member of that city's Police Force. "A policeman's life is not a happy one," but from accounts to hand he finds the life much better than that of Catterick Camp. We all wish him and Bdsman. Harris the best of luck in their new spheres.

Bdsman. Kefford has now joined Bdsman. Brind at Kneller Hall, and we hope to hear good accounts of them both during the next twelve months.

For the past five or six weeks our time has been occupied in digging and in rehearsals for the Royal Tournament at Olympia. Digging has now ceased, so we should be able to make up for lost time at practice.

Since the thaw we have been able to play several soccer games, and have been very successful to date, the results being:—

- v. Drums—won.
- v. Details—won.
- v. Signals—won.

We are glad to say that discoveries have been made in Bdsman. Footer, Boys Mew and Maddin. These two boys should be playing in the Battalion team in a couple of seasons.

Recently we entertained the Band of the 1st Bn. Cameronians at soccer, and after a very sporting game we were unfortunate in losing by 2 goals to 1. After the match both Bands sat down to a splendid supper, and thanks are due to the efforts of Bdsman. R. Walker who successfully arranged the catering.

In conclusion, we congratulate Bdsman. Newstead on his appointment to Lance-Corporal and Sergt. Stenning to Band-Sergeant.

TREBLE CLEF.

## SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

A cold and cheerless quarter, from the outside view, has produced some very "warm" evenings in the Mess, the chief of the "warmings" being those allotted to matches in the Garrison Senior Billiards League. In this we have been doing well, and in eight games we have lost but two. The team has been made up from six of the following members:—

R.S.M. W. Beaman.  
Col.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin.  
Col.-Sergt. J. Wilcockson.  
L./Sergt. J. West.  
L./Sergt. J. J. O'Brien.  
Sergt.-Instr. H. C. Tomlin, A.P.T.S.  
C.S.M. J. Tungate, D.C.M.  
Sergt. E. A. G. Jones.

We still have several games to play and our hopes of finally heading the league are high.

Whist Drives and Dances were held monthly and have been very successful, a good attendance being made at each.

With the rest of the Battalion our members are busy rehearsing for the part the Regiment is to take in the Royal Tournament at Olympia this year. The training is looked forward to daily, and everyone is very interested. L./Sergt. Williams is a very courtly gentleman these days.

We wish success to the following members who attended an examination for the 1st Class Certificate of Education which was held at Catterick Camp on March 19th and 20th:—Sergt.-Instr. Tomlin, A.P.T.S., Sergt. E. Walsh, Sergt. E. Robbins and L./Sergt. C. Kennett.

It is regretted that R.S.M. Beaman will be leaving us in the near future, and in our next issue a leader on his departure will be included. He is at present on leave, and we wish all good fortune to attend him in the future.

In addition R.Q.M.S. Clark will shortly leave us, at least as far as his present occupation is concerned. Him also we wish the best of fortune and, as in the case of the R.S.M., further notes on the subject will be contained in the next issue.

G.A.P.S.A.

## 1st BATTALION SPORTS NOTES.

Since the last issue Battalion sporting activities have been seriously hampered by the month's annual furlough, which the Battalion players all enjoyed, and also by the period of intense cold which came over the country in February. We were left in the Army Cup for the boxing and hockey when the last notes were written. We much regret that we have since lost our places in both. The Garrison Football however, we have won, and in hockey we represented the Garrison as being the best

team in it. These games will now be reported separately.

## FOOTBALL.

In the Garrison Inter-Unit League the Regiment defeated all the other units of battalion strength, and thereby carried off the championship of Catterick with a "possible" number of points. In the Garrison Inter-Company Knock-out Competitions our "H.Q." Wing reached the semi-finals. Our rifle companies have failed to survive the Small Companies' Knock-out Competition, but all have done well in the Subsidiary Competition (for knocked-out companies). "B," "C" and "D" Companies all being in the semi-final, while "D" Company are finalists left in the competition.

It is worth noting that "B" Company in the Subsidiary Competition decisively defeated the holders of the Small Companies' Cup ("A" Coy., Royal Tank Corps) by 4 goals to 1, and played a magnificent game. In the Civilian League, that of Darlington and District, the Regiment has done very well, and are at present fourth out of nine teams. There is every prospect of ending up third at the end of the season. All the other teams are civilian teams and represent the best football of the surrounding districts. The Inter-Company Football League for the Albuhera and Mons Shields resulted in a win, after a play-off for first place, for "Q" Company. The final order was:—"Q," "G," "D," "A," "C" and "B." The Inter-Company Knock-out has been started, and results to date have been:—"D" beat "B" by 4 goals to 2 (after extra time); "D" drew with "G" by 2—2, and in the replay "G" won by 1—0 (a penalty goal); "Q" beat "A" by 1—0; "Q" and "G" are therefore finalists.

## HOCKEY.

We promised that, after our narrow victory over the Royal Engineers in the second round of the Army Cup, we would practise really hard before playing the Depot Battalion, Royal Signals, in the third round. This promise was carried out, with the result that we defeated them by 4—2 in the third round and became winners of the Catterick Group. This match was a really fine effort against a team who had previously defeated us and who were thought to be too good for us. Intensive practice then took place and we went to Lichfield



to play the 2nd Bn. The King's Regiment in the fourth round. Here we were defeated by 3—0 after a game in which our players did not disgrace themselves. Congratulations to the team, who worked hard and with great keenness and unselfishness under weather and ground conditions which would have dampened the ardour of many teams. The Company Hockey League is nearly over, while the Knock-out Competition and the Platoon Six-a-Sides are due to be played during April.

#### BOXING.

After our narrow defeat of the Cameronians in the first round of the Army Cup we fell at the second fence against the King's Regiment at Lichfield. After intensive training, and a vast expenditure of money travelling 160 miles, we were unfortunately defeated by 10 fights to 5. Our winners were 2/Lieut. P. D. ff. Powell, Cpl. Pratt, Sergt. Fleming, Pte. Bond, Pte. Lichfield; while the losers were Lieut. H. A. A. Howell, 2/Lieut. L. H. J. Herapath, Pte. Hatchett, Pte. Chillery, Cpl. Foulger, Dmr. Woodward, L./Cpl. O'Connor, L./Cpl. Hinsby, Cpl. Brown, L./Cpl. Whichello. The Battalion Open Competition and the Inter-Unit Team Competition are due to be held in April.

Congratulations to Sergt. Fleming and Pte. Lichfield on winning their fights when chosen to represent the Catterick Garrison versus the Royal Air Force on April 5th.

#### RUGBY.

Owing to the frozen state of the grounds after the annual leave of the Battalion players, Rugby has been at a complete standstill up to the end of March. The final of the Company Knock-out between "Q" and "A" is to take place on April 8th. Rugby in the companies and in the Battalion generally has been a distinct success, and would have been far more of a popular pastime had the weather and the grounds been more favourable. We are confident that talent exists of a quality which speaks hopefully for the progress of the game in the Regiment next season.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

This sport has been flourishing during the season. Two Inter-Company runs have been held, whilst the third and final run

will be held just after these notes have gone to press. "B" Company appear to be the best performers at the sport, with Cpl. Donovan regularly first man home. A match arranged against No. 26 (A.C.) Squadron, R.A.F., at Catterick, just before the Easter holiday was unfortunately postponed by them. The order of the companies for the two runs so far held have been as follows:—

First run: "G," "D," "B," "A," "Q" and "C."

Second run: "B," "A," "C," "G," "D" and "Q."

The first three home in each run have been Cpl. Donovan, Dmr. Woodward and Pte. Clark of the Band.

We are properly "up against it" at Catterick in the matter of conditions for games, and now we hear that we must do another year here! However, we should not be downhearted. We are bound to be up against the same bad conditions again during the next year, but perhaps our previous experience of fighting the difficulties will help us to overcome them with less effort. Anyway, we will "take it" rather than "leave it," and with the usual Die-Hard spirit we will have a crack at them all again next season.



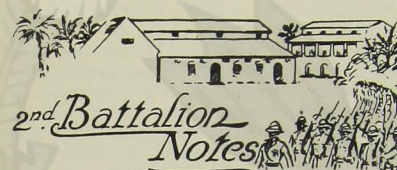
A celebrated man of letters was invited to stay at the house of a lady who ardently admired his learning.

Throughout breakfast she plied him with questions, and waited eagerly and reverently for his answers to her questions. But the writer had a good appetite for breakfast, and did not feel inclined to embark on learned discussions at such an hour, responding in monosyllables.

As the meal proceeded the lady was greatly astonished at such a hearty appetite in a man who she had supposed to subsist chiefly on books, and at last complimented him upon it.

"Why, madam," he replied, "I am a man of good literary tastes, and I like nothing better than copious extracts from Bacon."

Whereupon he passed his plate for a fourth helping of ham.



WE do not think that any member of the Battalion had the slightest feeling of regret when we marched out of Ahmednagar on December 3rd, 1928. Everyone was too pleased to think that their five years sojourn in that particularly uninteresting part of the Deccan had come to an end, and that henceforth Vilad and Shingwe were to be things of the past and not annual events in their lives.

The Battalion reached Madras on the morning of December 6th in two special trains. The first contained "B" and "D" Companies, Signal Section and the Machine Gun Platoon, all destined to find the detachment at St. Thomas Mount, where they proceeded the same morning; while the second, containing "A" and "C" Companies and the remainder of "H.Q." Wing, arrived a few hours later. The troops on this second train detained on arrival and marched to Fort St. George, where they were to be quartered.

Detailed accounts of events since our arrival will no doubt be found in the Company Notes.

Congratulations are due to Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., and to Capt. A. N. Overell on their promotion.

Capt. E. N. Appelbe and 2/Lieut. F. H. Else have returned to Ahmednagar to undergo a Machine Gun Course. We wish them the best of luck.

We have been wondering for some time when Volume II of the Regimental History of the War is to be published. At the present rate of progress most of those who took part in the war will be in their graves by the time it appears.

[See Editorial and Regimental Association Notes.—Ed.]

#### "A" COMPANY NOTES.

We have at last moved from Ahmednagar to Fort St. George, Madras, after five years. We left Ahmednagar at 1.20 p.m. on December 4th, 1928, arriving in Madras 10.20 a.m. on the 6th.

After being in the wilds so long we have to move about a bit quicker. In fact, one of the Company was so afraid of crossing the main road that he was seen to wait for a policeman to escort him over.

Duties are more numerous, as there are plenty of employments and dutymen are depleted, but on the whole the Company have taken it like the old saying, "What they have lost on the swings, they have gained on the roundabouts."

Christmas passed off very quietly as there was not much time to prepare any decorations, etc., but on the whole the Company kept up the festive season in the old English style.

Since our arrival we have had a visit from H.M.S. *Effingham*. There is no need to say what kind of reception they received. The Company played them at football, but owing to a full programme, were unable to fix up any other games.

The Company Football League has just concluded after having been postponed several times. The following is the final order of platoons:—No. 3, No. 1, No. 4, No. 2. Hockey has been started and some good games have been witnessed to date.

The Battalion Open Novices' Boxing Tournament was held in the Gymnasium in January. The Company was fairly represented by the following:—Ptes. Wilson, Beasley, Huggett, Image, Gibbons and Drake. Pte. Gibbons, after fighting his way to the finals, lost on points; whilst Pte. Image, who arrived from home last year, was awarded the Good Loser's Prize after putting up a very creditable show. We hope to do much better next time, as the draft all seem eager to get Tom Berry's right hook in.

Physical training is all the go at present and has greatly improved. The Gymnasium is open every night and the Company is well represented. Everyone seems eager to keep fit in what seems to be a hard climate.

C.S.M. Kent intends to keep fit, as he is seen both morning and night teaching the Company the various evolutions on both the parallel and wall bars. In fact, he is seriously thinking of giving a military gymnasium display.

By the time these notes appear we shall have again moved, this time to St. Thomas Mount, where at present "B" and "D" Companies are. We have heard rumours



that they want to stay up there, it being like our old station but within easy distance of the town.

Last, but not least, we all wish past N.C.Os. and men who have left us this trooper for home the best of luck in their new sphere of life.

#### "B" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes were written the Regiment has moved to Madras, and "B" Company with "D" Company, Machine Gunners and Signallers are on detachment about nine miles out.

There are many new faces in the Company to whom we extend a hearty welcome, but also many we now miss.

Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., has assumed command of the Detachment and, though he is still Company Commander, we fear that our departure to the Fort in the first week of March will still see him up here as O.C. Detachment.

Lieut. P. E. C. Tuckey, now due for eight months' leave, we never see at the Mount, owing to his being O.C. Attached Section at the Fort, combining with it the duties of Quartermaster. This is another great loss to the Company, as his value as Sports Officer was well known. Another, too, is Sergt. Aird, now N.C.O. to the Attached Section. Lieut. A. Dix-Lewis, too, is just off to Pachmari for a Small Arms Course, where we wish him the best of luck. Our congratulations are due to C.S.M. Palmer on getting his promotion shortly after we arrived here.

C.Q.M.S. Steadman, Sergt. Hazeldene and many others departed just before we left for Madras, and we now take a further opportunity of wishing them the very best of luck. Our new-comers are C.Q.M.S. West and two new drafts to whom we extend a hearty welcome. C.Q.M.S. West is an old "B" Company campaigner, so renews many acquaintanceships.

The Company still occupies first place in the Company Championship, level with "A" Company, and we are now concentrating on our hockey team, for if we win the Hockey League we should see the shield where we feel it belongs after many years of absence. The Platoon League is just completed, with No. 7 the champion platoon, and so we take the Platoon Championship Shield. For this much is owed to Pte.

Robinson (29), whose sterling work in football and hockey has at last been recognized, as with Pte. Harriss (94), now regimental goalkeeper, he has departed for the Madras District Football Tournament at Bangalore. Our hearty congratulations to both. We have just heard that Pte. Harriss has been awarded the Regimental Badge for season 1928-29, and we extend further congratulations to him on that account.

Further honours have come our way in Cpl. Slate and Pte. Rayment being selected for the Regimental boxing team which fought H.M.S. *Effingham*, the former winning an excellent fight. Since this, Cpl. Slate lost in the final in the Madras Port Trust Tournament after a good fight, in which he unfortunately damaged his hand.

In conclusion, we wish the best of luck to those joining and to those who have left or are about to leave and whom the Company will miss.

#### "C" COMPANY NOTES.

In all probability all notes this quarter will commence with some such words as the following: "The outstanding event of the past three months has been the move from Ahmednagar." We make no apologies, however, for saying the same, as such an event does not occur every day. In fact, in this case, only once in five long years, and for those five years Salabhat Khan's tomb, like the "Green Eye of the Little Yellow God," was for ever gazing down upon us until any move which removed us from its gaze was a godsend.

Next in importance to the change of station was our mode of progress, and in common with everyone else we rejoiced that a kindly providence compelled us to go by train instead of foot-slogging it from Gooty. Especially did we rejoice when we saw the road we should have marched along. As it was, the journey was uneventful, and broken only for short halts during which we performed "Entrained Soldiers' platform tables of physical training," and on one occasion took a short march which included a test of breath-holding as we doubled past the village dump.

On the morning of December 6th we arrived in Madras, and "A" and "C" Companies with the Band and Drums marched to the Fort. Here No. 9 Platoon

snobbishly have a room to themselves, the remainder of the Company occupying a barrack-room about a hundred yards long.

The barracks, like most buildings in the Fort, are very old, and although we have not yet found a ghost we soon discovered that "C" Company were by no means the only inhabitants of the barrack-room. With great heartiness the old inhabitants welcomed the new, but, strange to say, were met with an intensive "blow-lamp barrage" and have been forced to retire somewhat.

Christmas seemed to follow soon on our arrival, and in some ways was quite English, for rain came down in torrents for about thirty-six hours which made the landscape and ground almost like home. The cooks as usual excelled themselves and put in hours of work, and the committee in charge of the decorations again deserve congratulations. The rest we will leave to the imagination.

Before these notes are printed Lieut. Ayscough will have left us to join the Depot. And so we lose our "oldest inhabitant," as with two short periods of temporary attachment to other companies, he has spent the whole of his service in "C" Company—an almost unique record in these days. We are all very sorry the long connection is now to be broken, although perhaps a change of the daily round and common task will not be unacceptable to him, especially as it involves service at home. We wish him *bon voyage* and the best of success at the Depot, both professionally and mechanically, and we shall expect all drafts in the future to be expert in wireless and motor mechanics.

The calls of "H.Q." establishment have again been busy, and amongst others claimed is our most familiar landmark—Bloomberg. For years he has been on view traversing the landscape with spade, bucket and watering can, hunting that elusive little creature the mosquito. At Ahmednagar men might come and men might go, but he remained in No. 5 Bungalow for ever, and daily the collection of trophies round his bed got larger and larger—not mosquitoes of rare size and colours as one might have expected, but heads and bones of buck and chink. There being no great open spaces in Madras, he has been less noticeable out on his daily round, but in one sphere he was as active as ever—on the playing fields. Whether as referee, lines-

man or spectator there can be few of "C" Company games at which he was not present, and if there were no other reasons we should miss him for this alone. We wish him good hunting in "H.Q." Wing, and may his shadow never grow less.

Whilst talking of departures, Ptes. Rapley, Clifton, Mold and Death have left us for the United Kingdom and civil life. We wish them all the best of luck and good jobs, and hope that the last named will have a speedy recovery when he gets back to English weather.

Congratulations to the following on their promotions:—Cpls. Jones and Turner to Lance-Sergeant; L./Cpls. Cartwright, Sandle and Hillier to Corporal. The latter, we are sorry to hear, is being removed from us on promotion and joining "A." Congratulations to Sergt. and Mrs. Mason on the arrival of a son, and to Pte. Daly on being awarded his football colours.

On January 24th, 25th and 26th a Battalion Novices' Boxing Competition was held, in which we figured far more prominently and successfully than last time.

L./Cpl. Livens and Pte. Earls are to be congratulated on winning their weights (Lights and Middles respectively), Cpl. Goodall for winning his special contest with Pte. Burton and showing us how he can box, and all the others for a very good show. Of these L./Cpl. Ray increased his reputation by the fight he put up against Pte. Evans in challenging for the Feather-weight Belt. For the first three rounds he held his own, if he was not up on points actually; but experience and training told in the last three rounds, and he lost on points. Pte. Hammond, defending his Heavy-weight Belt was unlucky, for having had his man down twice for a fraction under the limit, he lost on points. Bent had not recovered sufficiently from fever to do himself justice, but Pte. Frost (53), though he lost to L./Cpl. Livens, demonstrated that he might do very well in the near future if he gets interested. Tucker (18) again had no luck, and Cook (44) was also unfortunate in meeting L./Cpl. Livens so early. Baxter and Love also put up good fights, the former being awarded a good loser's prize.

The following were selected to represent the Battalion in an eighteen-a-side match with H.M.S. *Effingham*:—Pte. Cook (93) (Freddie), Cpl. Goodall (Old Timer), Pte.



Smith (07) (Smudger), L./Cpl. Livens (Frank) and L./Cpl. Ray (Monty). Nicknames are kindly given by our special correspondent for the benefit of the fans. All put up good shows and, with the exception of Cook, won their fights. Cook's shoulder unfortunately went again, and he was compelled to retire. Better luck next time (if any), but we are afraid it will be a long time, if ever, before the next will be possible.

Pte. Smith (07) won his weight at the Port Staff Club as also did Cpl. Goodall; and L./Cpl. Ray, though not winning, did very well.

With the addition of some promising material in the last draft we have increased hopes for the Open Team. Of these, Ptes. Benham and Manning are already training with the Battalion boxers.

Whilst mentioning the last draft, we take this opportunity of giving them a very warm welcome, and wish them the best of luck whilst with "C" Company. We fear that, looking at their records, that the rapacious Machine Gun and Signalling Officers will soon be knocking at our doors and that they will carry on their specialist lives of Catterick.

The Platoon Hockey Competition is going strong, and if not distinguished by any particular skill at present, is getting less dangerous and more like hockey each game.

There are rumours of Rugger starting in the rains, and from the neat way "C" Company heeled the Brigade Major's mon-goose back in church, when it attended the combined Naval and Military Church Parade, we should have a good pack.

We end our notes with the following query:—

*Scene:* The shadows outside a cinema. In the shadows two military figures. Distinguished civilian approaches . . .

*D.C.:* "You want to keep your eyes open, me lad."

*1st M.F.:* "Yes, mate, I do, or I won't be able to see."

*D.C.:* "\*\*\*\*\*!"

We offer no prize, but can anyone tell us the names of the actors in this scene and supply the missing words?

#### "D" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes we have moved to St. Thomas Mount, Madras, where we are

serving with "B" Company and half of "H.Q." Wing under the command of Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., whom we congratulate on his recent promotion to Major.

The men of the Company are enjoying the attractions of the town of Madras, which affords a great contrast in this respect to our late station Ahmednagar.

As keen an interest in games as ever is still shown, especially in our matches against companies of the 1st Royal Battalion, 9th Jat Regiment, against whom we usually hold our own. In passing, I might mention that an attempt to form a Company Rugger side is being made. Great keenness is shown by a number who have not played before.

Christmas Day was celebrated here in the usual fashion. There was a well-prepared Christmas dinner in the morning and a social in the evening. The social was a great success, and some hitherto unknown steps were demonstrated for the first time in India.

A draft of two corporals and twenty-five men joined us on February 4th. We hope they will enjoy their service with us, and we wish them the best of luck.

In the boxing against personnel from H.M.S. *Effingham* the Company was well represented by six members.

Congratulations to Pte. Warnes for winning his contest against Pte. Hammond and winning the Heavy-weight Belt. His display of courage will be remembered by all who witnessed the fight.

Congratulations to L./Cpl. Fricker for deservedly winning his weight in the Open Novices.

In the Battalion football team we were well represented by Sergt. Addinall, L./Cpl. Hamer and Ptes. Dyer and Redwood.

"D" Company was well represented in the Shooting Competition against H.M.S. *Effingham* by Capt. G. W. Kempster, 2/Lieut. C. M. Baldwin, C.S.M. Hart, and Pte. Lloyd. C.S.M. Hart shot brilliantly and won two of the three prizes. Pte. Lloyd shot well, but the remainder of the team did not distinguish themselves.

Congratulations to Sergt. Burgess on his promotion to Sergeant from Lance-Sergeant and to Sergt. Addenall on appointment to Lance-Sergeant. Also to L./Cpl. Hamblin on being appointed Paid Lance-Corporal.

Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., who took over "D" Company on rejoining from leave, is

not now going to the Depot and will remain with us we hope.

We are shortly losing the services of C.Q.M.S. Hills, who will answer for the R.Q.M.S. whilst he is on leave. We hope that he will come back to us.

A Company Band, under the leadership of Lieut. A. H. L. Sugden has been formed. Congratulations to all members of it.

#### SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

This quarter our notes are very brief, but we shall have to make the most of them.

Now that another trooping season is nearing an end we very much regret to say good-bye to more of our lucky home-goers, who are leaving us shortly. We wish them every success in their new life, and hope that they will think sometimes of those who are left behind.

This hockey season has found us with quite a passable team, but we were not capable of beating the M.G.I., who are much stronger than we are. Even our enthusiastic supporters on the line could not have done more to help us.

Our move from Ahmednagar to Madras prevented us from preparing for Christmas in the usual way, but with the short time we did have at our disposal, the catering committee worked so hard that the Christmas festivities were very bright for everyone.

January and part of February was our training period for Collective Tests, and now that tests are over we are indulging in a "rest cure" by doing duties, bringing out that old axiom—"A change is as good as a rest."

There are at present only half the Signallers at the Mount, the others are at Fort St. George as a safety precaution whilst the Simon Commission is here.

Before we end we must add that certain of our colleagues who have been in the habit of going out on Wednesdays and Saturdays only have discovered that a "racing certainty" is, at times, apt to be another name for "also ran."

Congratulations are due to Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C., and to Capt. A. N. Overell on their promotion.

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#### MACHINE GUN NOTES.

At last we have got the long-looked-for change for which all have been waiting. We moved from Ahmednagar to Madras on December 4th. We said good-bye to "Mush" and Sergt. Jenkin before we left, wishing them the best of luck in civilian life. The train journey to Madras proved very interesting, the scenery in places being glorious compared with the drab familiar surroundings of Ahmednagar. We arrived at Madras on the morning of December 7th and proceeded to the Mount, which is about ten miles from Madras, and has certainly proved to be a lot better place than the Fort, where two companies and "H.Q." are stationed.

It did not take us long to get settled down and all were looking forward to Christmas. The festivities were up to our usual high standard. Great credit must be given to Sergts. Hewett and Bone and the Committee for the way they arranged everything, taking into account the limited time at their disposal.

We have had the Company Hockey Knock-out, and M.G.I. have got through beating the Ds. and Es. after a replay. We also met the Signals and beat them 4-1 after a very good game. We are now waiting for the draw for the Battalion Knock-out.

We congratulate Pte. Holland on obtaining his place in the Battalion football team, now away at Bangalore.

We also congratulate L./Sergts. Makewell and Boen and Cpl. Jackson on their promotions.

We shall be losing Sergts. Hewett and Johnson next month. Both are proceeding to the United Kingdom on six months' furlough. We hope they have a good time during their stay at home.

We have just finished firing our Annual Musketry Course. The Platoon did very well.

We shall try to write more notes next time, when we shall be more acquainted with our new station.

#### MUZZLE BLAST.

#### DRUMS' NOTES.

Many suns have grown whiskers and other facial furniture since the last time the Drums put marks on paper to show that they are still in existence, and one of the reasons



we have not done so of late is that we would rather let our sons have whiskers, etc., than run the risk of putting them on the suffering readers of these notes. Another reason I can give is, that we are such an ordinary set that anything out of the ordinary sends us all of a dither, so no unusual occurrence comes to us.

Our ordinary work would not interest anyone, so how can we expect our readers to be thrilled by the fact that "Nuttie" is on guard to-morrow, and "Claude" relieves him. If I were Edgar Wallace, no doubt I could make a thrilling hair-raiser of these two facts, or of the fact that our A.W.T.C. is now in full swing. If I were, no doubt I should cover this page with something like this:—

The first party, consisting of posted Drummers and such men as were available from the Employed, passed quietly out of the back gate, each man carrying his share of targets, etc. From now on their movements became sinister, and closer inspection would reveal that their eyes had a furtive look in them. After placing their burdens on the ground carefully, with a shifty glance round, they disappear, to re-appear at the 300 yards firing point. . .

Now, as I am *not* Edgar Wallace, and I suppose you are nearly as "fed-up" with it as I am, I will leave you to finish it to your own satisfaction. (No prizes offered.)

The news we have to offer is, we have three Drummers (Loo, Charlie and Ginger) who, having served a considerable period under tropical suns, are going to the United Kingdom for six months' summer furlough. We presume they require a breather before going on with the next spasm (some of us suspect other reasons). Still, we wish them the best, and hope they enjoy it.

Now that I have worked up to the news and have got it over, perhaps I can dry up, and I hope I have not bored you as much as I have myself.

D. R. UMS.

#### FOOTBALL NOTES.

Since the Battalion has been in Madras we have had ample opportunity of providing practice for our Battalion football teams, as for the past two months we have been bombarded with letters asking for fixtures, chiefly from Indian and Anglo-Indian teams. The Oriental Football Club, an

Indian team, has provided us with excellent sport and also good opportunities to learn something about ball control. They play in bare feet, and consequently are able to trap the ball much more accurately and also to pass with greater precision than if they wore boots. On the two occasions when the Battalion has played them we drew in the first match and lost in the second, 2—3.

The culminating point of the last two months' football has been the Madras Gymkhana Cup. The Queen's Own Royal West Kents were the only other military team entered, and we came up against them in the semi-final. We were well beaten, and there is no doubt that the better team won. Except for our half-line there was no life in our team and our opponents invariably took possession of the ball in the open. We would never go back to fetch the ball and we shall never win a match until we learn to do so. Another rather deplorable situation which always occurs is, that whenever the team is losing all combination is lost and individual efforts only are seen. This, perhaps, shows keenness, but nevertheless is fatal.

An account of the match, as reported in the *Madras Mail*, follows:—

#### MADRAS GYMKHANA TOURNAMENT.

The Royal West Kent Regt (2) *beat* The Middlesex Regt. (1).

The cup-holders played their second match to-day against The Middlesex Regiment and won by the odd goal in three. From the kick-off both teams for the early stage of the game shared the exchanges. The Royal West Kents kept up a slight pressure. Bruce sending a perfect pass to Tite at outside left. The ball was sent back to the centre with a well-directed kick, and Cannacott, getting possession, sent in a hot shot that quite beat the Middlesex custodian. Immediately after, the Middlesex attack broke away, and from a miss-kick by Bruce their centre forward dribbled right down, eventually passing to his inner who neatly scored the equaliser. Once more the Kents maintained almost continuous pressure, and for the rest of the game dominated the play. Tite again ran the ball down the line in smart style and centred the ball with great effect. Edmonds received it, and tricking the Middlesex back placed the ball neatly into the net, incidentally scoring the winning goal of the match. Five minutes later the whistle blew half-time.

Soon after resumption the Kents asserted themselves again, so much so that practically the whole of their eleven were in the Middlesex half. Colly, their right back, was standing on the centre line, and repeatedly attempting long-range shots at the goal, but the Middlesex custodian proved prepared for all further emergencies. The Middlesex forward line was decidedly ragged and hardly contributed a single combined movement. The Kent forwards, on the other hand, were as good as their opponents were faulty, and it was great witnessing the perfect method and understanding of their play. For their defence Bruce at centre-half was a pillar of strength, and Colly's clearing at back was a feature of the game. Tite and Edmonds of the forwards were most in the limelight. The Middlesex had two real hard workers in their right-half and right back, and their custodian saved them time and again from a bigger defeat. The Kents, although they had by far the better part of the exchanges towards the second half erred in finish, and hence lost many a chance of enhancing their lead. The match thus ended with the West Kents winning by 2 goals to 1.

This match had a keen significance, as the winners would in all probability come off top in the tournament. Judging from the matches played so far, I think it is safe gambling that the cup will leave Madras again this year.

The team is now going up to Bangalore to take part in the Madras District Tournament. We are determined to revenge ourselves by beating the West Kents in this tournament.

#### CRICKET NOTES.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) *v.* MADRAS CRICKET CLUB.

#### MADRAS CRICKET CLUB.

##### 1st Innings.

R. D. Denniston, c Stephenson, b Whinney	14
E. W. Paton, c Winterburn, b Kemp	2
R. K. Green, run out	4
C. P. Johnston, not out	52
E. K. Shattock, c Kemp, b Addinall	3
A. G. Penfold, b Addinall	0
C. Mainprice, b Stephenson	1
W. T. Forsdike, b Stephenson	0
W. B. Ireland, b Kemp	3
R. G. Keystone, c and b Whinney	7

A. G. Vere, b Whinney	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	91

*Bowling.*—Capt. Whinney, 3 wks. for 16 runs; Cpl. Kemp, 2 for 36; Cpl. Addinall, 2 for 4; Lieut. Stephenson, 2 for 13.

##### 2nd Innings.

R. G. Keystone, b Kemp	...	...	...	0
R. K. Green, c Procter, b Whinney	...	...	...	0
E. K. Shattock, b Whinney	...	...	...	14
E. H. Paton, c Stephenson, b Kemp	...	...	...	6
C. Mainprice, b Whinney	...	...	...	2
R. D. Denniston, b Kemp	...	...	...	0
C. P. Johnston, not out	...	...	...	21
W. B. Ireland, not out	...	...	...	3
A. G. Penfold	} did not bat.			
W. T. Forsdike				
A. G. Vere				
Extras	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	52

*Bowling.*—Capt. Whinney, 3 wks. for 28 runs; Cpl. Kemp, 3 for 15.

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

##### 1st Innings.

Major Wollocombe, st Shattock, b Johnston	12
Sergt. Capel, run out	1
Lieut. Stephenson, c Johnston, b Penfold	9
Lieut. Sugden, b Penfold	7
Lieut. Gilbert, b Penfold	6
Capt. Whinney, b Johnston	5
Capt. Procter, c and b Penfold	1
Cpl. Addinall, c Mainprice, b Penfold	0
Lieut. Else, c Keystone, b Penfold	19
Cpl. Kemp, b Johnston	15
Pte. Winterburn, not out	4
Extras	10
Total	89

*Bowling.*—A. Penfold, 6 wks. for 36 runs; C. Johnston, 3 for 43.

##### 2nd Innings.

Lieut. Else, b Penfold	...	...	...	0
Cpl. Kemp, run out	...	...	...	8
Cpl. Addinall, b Johnston	...	...	...	24
Lieut. Stephenson, c Shattock, b Penfold	...	...	...	3
Lieut. Sugden, c Keystone, b Penfold	...	...	...	6
Lieut. Gilbert, c and b Johnston	...	...	...	14
Sergt. Capel, not out	...	...	...	1
Capt. Procter	} did not bat			
Capt. Whinney				
Major Wollocombe				
Pte. Winterburn	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	60

*Bowling.*—A. Penfold, 3 wks. for 21 runs; C. Johnston, 2 for 35 runs.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGT. (D.C.O.) *v.* H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM."

#### H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM."

##### 1st Innings.

Lieut. Howie, c Capel, b Addinall	...	...	...	25
Major Tuke, b Glover	...	...	...	2
Pay-Comdr. Gilhepsy, b Addinall	...	...	...	10



Comdr. Hamilton, c Stephenson, b Addinall	0
Mr. Little, c Wollocombe, b Whinney	0
Cpl. Woods, b Kemp	0
E. R. A. Fuller, c and b Kemp	5
A. B. Hawkins, c Sugden, b Addinall	1
O. S. Holloway, st Capel, b Addinall	0
Lieut.-Comdr. Howell, c Kemp, b Whinney	0
Tel. Waid, not out	0
Extras	11

Total ... 54

Bowling.—C.Q.M.S. Glover, 1 wkt. for 11 runs;  
Cpl. Kemp, 2 for 11; Capt. Whinney, 2 for 10;  
L./Sergt. Addinall, 5 for 11.

#### 2nd Innings.

Cpl. Woods, c Capel, b Addinall	4
Mr. Little, b Addinall	7
Major Tuke, c Capel, b Sugden	20
Comdr. Hamilton, c Gilbert, b Kemp	0
E. R. A. Fuller, c Capel, b Kemp	0
O. S. Holloway, not out	0
Pay-Comdr. Gilhepsy, not out	8
A. B. Hawkins	} did not bat.
Lieut.-Comdr. Howell	
Tel. Waid	
Lieut. Howie	
Extras	0

Total ... 39

Bowling.—L./Sergt. Addinall, 2 wks. for 18 runs;  
Cpl. Kemp, 2 for 4; Capt. Whinney, 0 for 11;  
Lieut. Sugden, 1 for 4.

#### 2ND MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

##### 1st Innings.

Major Wollocombe, c Gilhepsy, b Hawkins	3
Sergt. Capel, b Gilhepsy	6
Lieut. Stephenson, not out	101
Lieut. Sugden, b Howie	6
L./Sergt. Addinall, c Howell, b Gilhepsy	42
Lieut. Gilbert, c and b Gilhepsy	12
Capt. Procter, not out	9
Capt. Whinney	} did not bat
Cpl. Kemp	
C.Q.M.S. Glover	
Bdsman. Broadbridge	
Extras	15

Total ... 194

Bowling.—Gilhepsy, 3 wks. for 39 runs;  
Hawkins, 1 for 42; Howie, 1 for 37.

#### BOXING NOTES.

##### NOVICES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Novices' Team Championship of 1928 was held on September 24th, 1928, and following days and, as usual, some keen and interesting boxing was seen. This year the cup changed hands, "H.Q." Wing defeating the holders ("A" Company) in the semi-finals quite comfortably. The latter had already disposed of "B" Company in the preliminary round after somewhat of a tussle. In the final round "H.Q." Wing met "C" Company, and won with a

fair margin of points to spare. The Wing team was undoubtedly better balanced than any of the others, and it was gratifying to see them win the championship as boxing has not been one of their strong points hitherto. During the final of the Novices' Team Championship a belt contest and some special contests with men of other regiments were decided. The belt contest was for the Feather-weight Belt between Pte. Evans, the holder, and Pte. Berks. The former gained a fairly easy victory on points and showed improved form. L./Cpl. Cole met Cpl. McKnight, 2nd Royal Ulster Rifles, in a special six-round contest. McKnight has a great reputation, being the Amateur Feather-weight Champion of India, and disposed of Cole in the first round. Cole, however, put up a plucky fight and took a good deal of punishment before admitting defeat. In the other six-round contest Pte. Durling, 1st Cheshire Regiment, knocked out Pte. Sweeting in the first round. Sweeting started off quite confidently and looked a winner but foolishly commenced to take liberties and drop his guard. His opponent was quick to realize this, and sent Sweeting to the floor with a terrific right to the jaw.

The remaining two contests were both of four rounds duration, Cpl. Howlett beating Cpl. Marshall, The Buffs, on points after a clean hard-hitting fight; and L./Cpl. Cook, "C" Company, winning against Cpl. Slate, "B" Company, also on points.

At the conclusion of the boxing the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer.

##### BOMBAY PRESIDENCY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

This year the Battalion sent two representatives to Bombay to compete in the Presidency Amateur Championships which concluded on November 21st, the representatives being Cpl. Howlett (Light-weight) and L./Cpl. Brown (Fly-weight). Brown was beaten in the early stages of the competition, but Howlett reached the final, where he met Cpl. McKnight, 2nd Royal Ulster Rifles, who won on points. From the following description of the fight, taken from the *Times of India*, dated November 22nd, 1928, it will be seen that Howlett put up a very plucky show and is to be congratulated:—

McKnight started off with two rights to the face and Howlett returned the com-

pliment, and it was evident that McKnight was going to have a fight on his hands. In the second round the Irishman started moving, and Howlett was shaken with three rights. Keeping it up to the next round, McKnight had Howlett going, but the Die-Hard lived up to the nickname of his Regiment and fought back very pluckily. He lasted the fourth and took a lot of punishment, McKnight being an easy winner.

##### OPEN NOVICES' TOURNAMENT.

An Open Novices' Tournament was held in January and, although the entries were not so numerous as on some former occasions yet the standard was appreciably higher, and some really good boxing was seen. It is hoped to hold another tournament in the near future and to "try out" some of the last draft. The prize-winners of the last tournament were as follows:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Ball, "B" Coy.

*Feather-weight.*—Winner: L./Cpl. Mills, "D" Coy. Runner-up: Pte. Gibbons, "A" Coy.

*Light-weight.*—Winner: L./Cpl. Livens, "C" Coy. Runner-up: L./Cpl. Smith, "D" Coy.

*Welter-weight.*—L./Cpl. Fricker, "D" Coy.

*Middle-weight.*—Winner: Pte. Earls, "C" Coy. Runner-up: Bdsman. Stretton, "H.Q." Wing.

*Light-heavyweight.*—Pte. Cosgrave, "B" Coy.

In addition to the Novices' Competitions two belt contests, each of six rounds, and a special four-round contest, were decided. Pte. Evans, "A" Company, the holder of the Feather-weight Belt, successfully defended his title against L./Cpl. Ray, "C" Company, winning easily on points. In the Heavy-weight Belt contest, however, Pte. Hammond, "C" Company, the holder, had to admit defeat at the hands of Pte. Warnes, "D" Company, the latter winning on points after a very interesting fight.

Cpl. Goodall, "C" Company, outpaced Pte. Burton, "D" Company, in the four-round contest and won easily on points.

At the conclusion of the boxing, the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer.

## REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from page 134, Vol. III, No. 3, February, 1929.)

### MUTINOUS CONDUCT.

I HAVE not mentioned the officer in command of the troops, who made the fourth of the officers on board. It was Capt. Bouchier, 52nd (Light Infantry) Regiment, "an officer and a gentleman" in every sense of the word. He exercised his authority in such a way that all well-disposed men held him in great respect and esteem. He had a parade each Sunday, weather permitting, for all except Roman Catholics, when the master of the ship, whom he spoke of as the Captain, read prayers, and on Wednesday mornings he had a parade in marching order; otherwise he let those who were not "on watch" amuse themselves as they thought fit the day through, so long as everything was orderly. It was just one long holiday; perhaps too much so; and a little employment would have been well.

One Sunday afternoon, the weather was just rough enough to make the ship lively. There was a little more noise than usual, through men shouting to one another, etc. Capt. Bouchier came out of the "Cuddy" door and called out, "Come here, you men." Some thirty or more men got up from where they were sitting on the deck, and a large number of others standing about gathered around him, standing, quite respectfully, at "attention."

"Now," said the Captain, "I have observed that there is a lot of noise—more than usual, and quite unnecessary. Please remember that this is Sunday, and let your behaviour be more fitted for a Sunday afternoon. Tell those who are too far off to hear what I say. That is all," and he went back into the "Cuddy."

Someone, who was too far off to hear, called out, "What did he say?" One of those nearer answered, "Oh, only that we are to have no more marching order parades on Wednesdays." I, who had



been close to the Captain, knew that it was not what had been said, and could not understand such senseless misrepresentation. However, after telling a few what the Captain had said, I thought no more of the matter, except to remark on it at supper-time to the men of my mess.

On the following Wednesday morning, before breakfast, I took my tunic from where it was kept, and was going on deck to clean it. As I was going up the main hatchway ladder, I was accosted by a Lance-Corporal, "Hi! Where are you going?" I answered, "Well, if it concerns you, I am going on deck to clean my tunic." "But," said he, "there is no parade; Capt. Bouchier gave the order last Sunday."

I said "I know better than that, I was close to him; I am going up to clean my coat." Then the Lance-Corporal called out "Look here, chaps, here's a fellow going up to get ready for parade." I was soon pulled from the ladder by some of the most disreputable of the draft, and was informed that if I attempted to go for parade I should be thrown overboard. As they began to hustle me and strike at me, I began to strike at those nearest to me with my tunic. I was beaten back and, someone tripping me by putting out his foot, I fell backwards on to the deck. Picking myself up in a half-dazed state, I found that my assailant had gone and that my tunic was not to be found. I found it an hour later at the far (stern) end of the ship. On enquiring from someone the meaning of it all, I was told that it had been "passed round" that no more parades in Marching Order were to be attended, and that any lance-corporal or private who attempted to go to one would be dealt with by some one, and would never reach Calcutta. As I knew there were some insubordinate fellows among our draft, two of whom I had seen flogged, and one whom I had heard sentenced to forty-two days imprisonment with hard labour for "habitual drunkenness" (*i.e.*, being drunk four times within 365 days), and who I judged to be ready for any mischief or even any crime so long as there was little chance of detection, and having no one to appeal to for advice I thought it best to "lie low." I knew that if I moved in the matter I should either be taken no notice of or told to produce proof of anything I might say, and if I failed to do so I might be very

heavily punished. I knew that it was the duty of any man, "coming to the knowledge of any mutiny, or intended mutiny," to report it to his superiors; but what did I know?—rumour only. Our officer, a Lieutenant named Alderson, was not of the bullying sort, but was very haughty in his manner, treating all under him as if they were not serving with him, but a sort of prisoner in his charge. Our one sergeant, Charles Lane, I had become acquainted with in the Depot at home and I thought him a man to keep clear of, if I was not "looking for trouble." Not a good way of looking at things, no doubt, but where an N.C.O. makes no attempt to gain the confidence of those under them, and instead of trying to be a leader always strives to appear to be someone to be feared, it is bound to be the same.

No one but full sergeants and full corporals attempted to get ready for parade; they were inexperienced—all recruits—although one or more were nearly or quite thirty years of age, or they would, in addition to getting ready themselves, have encouraged those around them to do the same. They, in fact, seemed either to enter into the spirit of mutinous conduct or they looked upon it as no concern of theirs.

Parade time, 11 a.m., came; the "Fall in" was sounded, but no one appeared on deck but the Dragoons, who paraded as usual, and the Sergeant and acting N.C.Os. of the 77th. The Officer Commanding asked the Sergeant where all the men were, and was told something. "Oh, evidently some mistake," said the Officer. "Let all who are not on parade now appear on parade at two o'clock." A few minutes later I saw, for the first and only time during the voyage between decks, Lieutenant Alderson, and he was carrying a loaded rifle at the "slope." So there was evidently some thought among the officers that it was not "evidently a mistake."

Two o'clock came, the "Fall in" was sounded, but no one appeared on deck in anything but ordinary "sea kit" dress. It was pretty evident now that a serious state of affairs existed. Captain Bouchier had all the infantry called "aft," and spoke quietly to them from near the entrance to the "cuddy," saying: "When at eleven o'clock the men were not on parade, I thought some mistake had been made, now I am perfectly sure that amongst some of

the draft a spirit of insubordination exists. The parade will now be at three o'clock and I call on all good men to show their sense of duty to Queen and Country by being present. Make no mistake," said he, "I pretty well know who are the ring-leaders; in fact, I could, from where I stand, I think, touch one or two of them (he was right) and I shall know just how to deal with them if they absent themselves or interfere with others." A man called out: "I shall be on parade at three o'clock at any risk of going overboard." Others shouted "So shall I." "All right, file away," said the officer, and the men dispersed.

The parade took place at three o'clock; all were present, and so ended our little mutiny which might have been very serious. It was, I think, a mistake to send 315 men, ninety-five per cent. of whom had less than nine months' service, and the greater number of those very much less, on a four months' voyage in very close quarters with next to nothing to occupy their time, with only one officer and one (real) N.C.O., for the acting N.C.Os. required as much supervision as the other recruits. Nowadays, via the Suez Canal, the drafts are smaller and "Embarkation" N.C.Os. unknown.

#### INDIA.

We knew when we were approaching the Sunderabunds, for the Master sent up rockets as a signal that he required a pilot, and on the following day we had one come on board; and we tacked time after time until land could be seen from either starboard or port bow, and in the evening dropped anchor.

On the following morning we were taken in hand by a tug-boat and taken up the Hooghly. When nearing Calcutta we saw a steamer and "Flat" coming down the river with troops on board. It proved to be the 135 men we had left in Chatham to embark two days after us, the rest of the draft; the "Aliquis" party. They had finished their voyage fourteen days earlier and were now going up the Ganges to Benares.

We were, before dark, anchored and made fast some fifty yards from the river bank, and we fully expected that our draft would disembark next day, but no, we had two more days and nights to spend afloat.

On the third morning after arrival we disembarked. It was a Sunday morning.

We proceeded, in cabs, five to a cab, through part of the city and then on to Dum Dum, some six or seven miles away; quite a procession of cabs. On arrival at Dum Dum we were supplied with bedding and with wicker helmets and turbans. "Take off those stocks" was almost the first order we received, and so ended my acquaintance with that much abused but useful article of neckwear. The use of stocks was discontinued everywhere some two or three years later. In the evening we attended Divine Service, a strange experience, after the old closed-in pews of English churches which we had been used to.

Although we left Chatham wearing accoutrements, and our arms on board in arm chests, we left the ship entirely unarmed and without accoutrements and were supplied in Dum Dum with entirely new belts and pouches; rifles we did not have until we reached our Regiment.

Such accoutrements! The buff very thin and poor in quality and the pouches in the rough, native make, and a job we found it to try and get them fit for parade. We did not fully succeed until weeks after we had joined our Headquarters.

After a stay in Dum Dum of about ten days, during which time we used to do a little marching drill only, we were marched to Calcutta, crossed the river by steamer to Howrah, and then entrained for Ranee-gunge, a run of 120 miles, and the terminus at that time of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, which now runs to Peshawar, 1,760 miles, and in addition has many branch lines. This journey to Ranee-gunge puts the soldier, or rather, used to put him on a slightly higher rate of pay, about equal to a penny a day of English money.

In two or three days time we set off by bullock train towards Benares, which we reached after twelve nights' journey, the distance being three hundred miles. This mode of travelling is rather wearisome; about twenty-five miles nightly, occupying about fourteen hours, from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. For half the distance two-wheeled carts, each four men, and for the remainder four-wheeled, but carrying the same number of men, fresh bullocks are provided after every six miles. As a rule men go to sleep as darkness comes on if so inclined and have fitful sleeps the night through. The rest bungalows are mostly built of unbaked bricks. At each halting



place there is a Commissariat Store (Go-down) as well as the rest bungalows, the whole being in charge of a Baboo, who has under him a party of natives who cook the rations. Two drams of rum (two-fifths of a pint) is issued to each man who desires to draw it, on payment, price 2 annas, then equal to threepence.

Some officers can be utterly careless as well as N.C.Os. We proceeded by the bullock train under the command of an officer of the 42nd Highlanders—I don't know his name or rank—he was going as far as Allahabad. I was one of a dozen who was sent with a party of two other regiments to equalize parties, I suppose. On our arrival at Benares the officer took our receipt for some pay he had issued, and without giving us any instructions moved off at 4 p.m. and left the twelve of us in tents in rest camps in which we had stayed during the day. We were four miles from where our Regiment was quartered and should join in the evening. We were fairly stranded, for a time. Darkness was coming on and we knew neither the direction of our Headquarters, nor how to get our bedding and kits carried. A white man, civilian, happening to pass, we asked him a question as to where Raj Ghaut was, and if he could give us any advice as to our best means of getting there. Luckily he was a man who knew a little of military life, and he went to the bullock train people and we were soon on our way and joined our Regiment just at "Tattoo." An utterly careless officer.

#### JOINING HEADQUARTERS.

At last, over five months from leaving Chatham, we had arrived at our journey's end, Raj Ghaut, Benares. This barracks is close to the City of Benares, and close to the Ganges, just where the Grand Trunk Road runs, where the river at that time was crossed by a bridge of boats. The Ganges at Benares is about the width of the Thames at London Bridge. The *Aliquis* portion of the draft had arrived some time previously and had got quite settled down. Where was the Regiment? Well, not in Raj Ghaut. We found that the Headquarters, two companies only, and the band were there, three companies at Pandypore, five miles away, and on the other side of the station, and five companies, the right wing, were at Ghazipore, a station about seventy miles down the river. I was

posted to No. 10 Company, at Headquarters. We soon knew that we were to be put into shape in the least possible time, we had to begin recruits' drill off again, just, I imagine, to find out how much we did not know. After about a month of constant work we were a very different lot of fellows in style and smartness. The men posted to the companies away from Headquarters were sent off to join their companies. I had heard that Raj Ghaut was not a healthy place, and we soon found it to be very unhealthy. The sergeant who had come out with the *Hanover* part of the draft, the 315 men, was in his grave within six weeks of our arrival, and fully a dozen others of the 450 had died, fever principally. I had an attack of fever, but escaped with a fortnight's illness. Then cholera began to appear, just odd cases, not apparently an epidemic.

"MAD" BOB TUCKER.

At the Orderly Room one morning a man in plain clothes (European) asked to see the Colonel. The Sergeant-Major asked what name and was told "Tucker," and informed the Commanding Officer that a Mr. Tucker wished to see him. He was ushered into the Orderly Room and at once commenced: "Ah, good morning Colonel; I have been listening to your band while you were on parade. I have heard a lot about it, but, allow me to tell you, I think but little of it. It is small, and quite a tinpot affair." "Indeed," said the Colonel, "and pray who might you be?" "My name, sir, is Tucker," answered the man, "and I hold the rank of private in your Regiment."

It was the notorious "Bob" who had reappeared. He had been discharged from the asylum as sane, had come up country with a small party, and had been dropped *en route* and told to report himself—a case of a slipshod sort of officer or N.C.O. being in command of a party evidently. At a signal from the Commanding Officer he was removed and taken to hospital. Of course, that was what Tucker was working up to; he had not come out from England to serve. I shall mention him again.

#### SENTON DETACHMENT.

By the middle of April the three companies at Pandypore, Benares, had been removed to Dehree, a small station on the left bank of the Sone, about eighty-five miles down the Grand Trunk Road from

Benares, to occupy a newly built barracks. There was a part of a native cavalry Regiment, Benares Horse, already stationed there, also the whole of the 63rd Native Infantry. These were some of the portion of the Native Army that had not mutinied in the Mutiny of the year 1857, when we were very nearly losing our Indian Empire. One day at the end of April a party of forty men was sent to reinforce this detachment. I was one of the reinforcements, and we got very sudden orders—not two hours' notice. Sudden orders seemed the rule then.

We had a three days' bullock train journey, and on arrival on the Sunday morning found the barracks to be situated on an open piece of ground about a mile from the road and half a mile from the river, and the buildings had not yet been finished; temporary verandahs of the most primitive sort and the floors unlaid. They were never finished. We found the barrack rooms to be very light and airy, and congratulated ourselves on the nice change. We had got away from the city of Benares and from the river bank boat population so near to us, and also away from the burning Ghauts, which, although not very close to Raj Ghaut, could be at times decidedly unpleasant, and everyone on the detachment calculated on a pleasant few months at least in a nice healthy spot.

We were disappointed, for with the monsoon rain cholera appeared, and the three companies lost thirty-eight by it, also a good many others from various diseases during the seven months we were stationed there. The hospital, officers' quarters, and the parade ground were on slightly sloping ground, but the men's bungalows were on the flat at the bottom of the slope, and beyond the piece of flat was a slight rise in the ground. So that during the rains, in spite of a deep dyke, cut to carry it across the river, water remained around three of the bungalows at a depth of six to eight inches for days together, and bricks with planks had to be used as gangways to reach the verandahs.

On our leaving the station in November, no troops were sent to replace us. Two years later, when passing through Dehree, we saw the barracks still unfinished and unoccupied. It may have been that barracks for Europeans were no longer considered necessary, but we all thought that

the authorities had found that a big blunder had been made in selecting the site, and that no system of draining would make it a healthy one. Those buildings had cost three lacs of rupees (300,000) or £30,000, as it was then when the rupee was equal to two shillings and a halfpenny.

#### IRREGULAR PUNISHMENTS.

There were things going on in the Regiment at Headquarters when I reached it (1860) in which I could see no justice. One was in No. 9 Company, and was by the order of the Commanding Officer. Some of the men had been out to a grove of coconut palms and had misbehaved, causing a disturbance with the owners (natives) and helping themselves, without payment, to the "toddy" as the juice obtained by tapping the trees used to be called by soldiers, and had been punished for it. The Commanding Officer gave an order that the whole company would be confined to barracks, and all the men would fall in, properly dressed, within the company's bungalows whenever the bugle might sound at uncertain times, on four occasions daily, when the roll call of the company would be called, and then the men dismissed. This order was carried out for a fortnight, causing perfectly innocent men to be punished by being subjected to the annoyance. That was not the only instance of a company being punished because some of the men of it had misbehaved during the time Col. The Hon. A. G. C. Chichester commanded the Regiment.

Another system was in my own Company (No. 10), but not, I think, in any other. The Lieutenant in temporary command, Lieutenant M. A. Waters, would, after issue of pay daily, walk through the Company's rooms, and some little time afterwards the Orderly-Sergeant would return and call out the name of some man—"Smith, you have three days' drill and confined to barracks, for your place not being tidy." What was wrong the man would not know; he would not be spoken to by the officer. This would frequently happen.

An order was issued during that year, forbidding the award of any punishment unless the offence was entered in the Crime Book (Crime Sheets bound together), and the award made personally by an officer, the book to be initialed by the Commanding Officer as confirming the award not later





Memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the loss of 15 Officers and 542 N.C.O.s., Drummers, and Privates sustained by the 77th Regiment during the Crimean Campaign, 1854—1856, showing the names of the 15 Officers on the Memorial.

than the following morning. But some mischief had first been done. A man of No. 1 Company was attached, doing duty, and a young officer named Andrews of the Bengal Native Infantry was attached to the company. This young officer attended the issue of pay one morning and afterwards went round the rooms. He ordered three days' drill and C.B. for a man (the attached man of No. 1 Company) in the style I have mentioned, having known it to be done in that manner he evidently thought it to be the correct thing. Next morning while receiving the daily pay the private (James Thomas) struck Ensign Andrews in the face with his clenched fist. Tried by court-martial, he was sentenced to fifty lashes and two years' imprisonment with hard labour. At the trial the irregular award of punishment and also an irregularity regarding defaulter's drill was brought to notice, and so ordered to cease. Before 1862 an award of confinement to barracks did not carry defaulter's drill with it, and an award to carry drill with it would be made as — days' D.D. and C.B.

Now, in 1860 there was a system in the Regiment by which if a man was awarded defaulter drill he would be made to complete four hours' of drill for each day of defaulter's drill awarded, and nothing but the fact of his being a patient in hospital would excuse him from an hour of it. Consequently, if a man were awarded the drill and on the following day mounted guard, he would miss five hours of it between mounting and dismissal of his guard. This he would have to pull up after the period of confinement to barracks had expired. One might thus see a man out of barracks for a walk having to hurry back to do an hour of "pack drill." This was an irregularity which ceased after the man had been flogged.

#### BOB TUCKER AGAIN.

It was the custom, if a man was so ill as to require constant attention in the hospital, for a man to be sent to take care of him. In cholera cases two men, two also if a man became deranged. All men detailed for that duty, "attending sick," would parade with the guard, and it counted as a turn of that duty. The man would be on duty until the next day's guard mounting unless the patient should die. I have many times attended the sick in that way,

and have had some cases of the patients dying while under my charge. One poor fellow, named Reynolds, comes to my mind in this connection. He was not considered as likely to die in the turn of my charge, and as I sat at the foot of his cot in the dim light of the ward near midnight I was surprised to hear the patient call me by name and inform me that I was a scoundrel. I enquired in what way, and he told me he had seen me drinking his wine from a bottle under the bed. I soothed him as well as I could, telling him how mistaken he was, that I had not moved from my seat on his cot for the previous quarter of an hour or more, and while I was talking to him he passed away. Luckily no one in the ward was awake but the man speaking, or a charge made by a dying man, almost with his last breath, would have looked bad, and might easily be taken as true.

It came my turn several times to be sent to take charge of the supposed lunatic, Tucker, who had for some reason been sent from Benares to Dehree. I suspect "shunted out of the way" would about express the reason. At any rate there he was, and daily two men would be sent from the guard mounting to be "over" him. Several times he had given the men in charge of him an anxious time. Once he had "bolted," and had got a hundred yards start and had got the two men a "wiggling," nearly got them punished for allowing his escape. They easily overtook him, as he had no intention of going far. The men did not understand his "lunacy." I think I did, and I used to "hold the candle to the devil," and my "lunatic patient" always had some beer at dinner time and a little rum in the evening, when I was on duty over him, and my tour of duty would be a day of novel-reading if I could get a book. Tucker would sit in the morning, just before the M.O.'s visit, and look into a small handglass, pull faces, scowl, etc., and when he had rehearsed to his satisfaction, that was the face he would meet the Medical Officer with. He was most amusing, could sing a good song, and did so if no one near him was very ill. His stock of anecdote was large, and his knowledge of English towns extensive. He had been a hawking wire worker. He could repeat the rules of prisons word for word, and had, he told me, been inside many prisons, but "never for theft." According to him he



had usually been "run in" for resisting being interfered with by the police. If he was in a good humour, he would put some tissue paper over a comb and give us a "musical treat," as he termed it.

One night, after ten o'clock, he asked that the hospital sergeant might be fetched. I had the corporal, who was doing the duty of hospital sergeant, fetched, and on his arrival Tucker complained of being "sun struck." "Nonsense," said the corporal. "Why, you haven't been outside, and poor fellows who get sunstroke are not able to talk about it." Bob explained that he had a most violent pain on top of the head, and begged that the hair might be cut off close from forehead to crown. The corporal did it, but Tucker still complained of a pain, and said "I know it is late to get a barber, would you mind shaving it for me? It would be a kind and Christian act, if you could." The corporal humoured him, and shaved the head where the hair had been cut off. "Thanks, so much, corporal, I feel quite free from pain now," said our "loonie," and he was soon sound asleep. The corporal could see through the case when next morning Tucker met the doctor, quite smiling for once, with "Good morning."

(To be continued).

## OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

ALL members who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions are requested to do so as soon as possible.

All annual subscriptions are due in January each year.

Five tickets have been taken for the Middlesex County Cricket Club matches for 1929, for the use of members of the Club.

Tickets can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary. They will be issued in strict rotation, priority being given to those using the tickets the least number of times. They must be returned the same day as used.

A notice regarding the Officers' Dinner appears under Regimental Fixtures.

## REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1929

Amount of grants and loans made: £119 12s.

Number of cases dealt with: 180.

Number of cases assisted: 82.

Number of men registered for employment: 84.

Number of men found permanent employment: 9.

Number of married couples found employment: 1.

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

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on January 30th, 1929.

Present: Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., J. K. Maitland, M.C., Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer), Major A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., Capt. H. E. Foster (in the chair), Capt. C. W. Haydon, M.C. (Hon. Secretary), R.S.M. R. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. A. Purcell, Mr. R. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. E. Morris, and Major E. H. Amor (Assistant Secretary).

In the unavoidable absence through illness of Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L., the chair was taken by Capt. Foster.

The accounts for 1928 were passed provisionally, subject to audit.

The draft of the Annual Report for 1928 was approved.

The following new members were elected: Lieut.-Col. W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., C.Q.M.S. S. F. Steadman, and Mr. F. E. Holmes.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the following members for their past services on their retirement from the Committee: Col.-Cmdt. F. W. Ramsay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Sergt. W. West, and Mr. E. Morris.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L.; Vice-Chairman:

O. C. Depot; Hon. Secretary: O.C. Depot; Hon. Treasurer: Lieut.-Col. Steed; Chairman of Standing Sub-Committee: O.C. Depot; Members: R.S.M. Mantell, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, and Mr. Holmes; Chairman of Entertainment Committee: Mr. Holmes.

The Chairman of the History Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Wyrall, the author, although reluctant to name a date, had promised to use every means in his power to complete the second volume within the next six months.

### LADIES' GUILD.

The stock of garments is very low, and the Hon. Secretary will be much obliged if members will send along whatever they may have at their disposal.

### QUARTERLY CONCERT.

The Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, N.W., were the scene of a large gathering of Old Comrades and wives on Saturday evening, April 6th. Between ninety and a hundred were present, including representatives from the Depot, 7th, 9th, 1st/10th, 2nd/10th and 11th Battalions.

By arrangement with Mme. Ghita Corri, Mr. Wally Urquhart's company, "The Toniks," were present, and a very talented company they proved. The following were the artistes: Mesdames Dorothy O'Dell and Vera Penna, and Messrs. William Fitzgerald, Fredrick George, Andre Gooden, Courtenay Martyn, and Wally Urquhart. These ladies and gentlemen provided a most delightful evening's entertainment. Mention must be made of the concerted items which were presented with verve and skill and were highly appreciated by the audience. An unexpected treat was given by Mr. Le Roy, an instrumentalist, introduced by Mr. Urquhart, who charmed everyone with his concertina solos. His rendering of "The Barcarolle" from "Tales of Hoffman," was truly magnificent.

The Chairman, Mr. F. E. Holmes, was supported by Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, and Messrs. Furniss, Morris and Mackenzie.

At the conclusion of the concert, Col. Passingham alluded to the retirement of

Mr. Morris from the Chairmanship of the Entertainment Committee, and thanked him cordially for his past services. He welcomed Mr. Holmes, the new Chairman, and thanked Mme. Corri and the artistes for the splendid entertainment. Col. Passingham's remarks were received with loud applause.

The large audience included the following: Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, Major Amor, Lieut. McDonald, Mme. Corri, R.Q.M.S. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. E. Warren, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Ptes. Roads, Smith, Ramsden, Long, Roach, Berwick, Harmond, Lusty and Prace, Mrs. Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Cattell, Mr. Keyes, Mr. Breech, Ptes. Hansbery, Smart, Pennington and Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Costin, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Lieut. Christodoulo, Lieut. Amor, Mr. and Mrs. Bossard, Mr. Coldicott, Mrs. Adkins, Mr. and Miss B. Sullivan, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Warren, Mr. Durling, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. R. Foster, Mr. H. Wendow, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Pte. Westgarth, C.S.M. Farrow, Sergt. and Mrs. Pater-son, Mr. Nethercott, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Miss B. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tipping, Mr. Holwell, Mr. Isaac, Mr. Clare, Mr. A. F. Roberts, Mr. Winter, Mr. Laking, Mr. Quiggan, Pte. Effingham, Mr. and Mrs. Furniss, Mr. C. Gess, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. White, and Mr. McDonald.

## DEPOT NOTES.

### FOOTBALL.

THE wintry weather has been responsible for interfering with fixtures, and very few matches have been played since those reported in the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS.

The results of matches were:—

v. St. Domini's Boys' Club (home), won 6—2.

v. St. Domini's Boys' Club (home), drew 2—2.

v. 9th Middlesex Regiment (away), won 4—1.



## BOXING.

EASTERN COMMAND TEAM BOXING  
COMPETITION.

We had only one squad of twenty-three men from which to select our team for this competition. However, the team which entered proved itself to be as good as the Fusiliers and better than the teams of other units, most of which had several squads from which to make their selection.

The team which represented the Depot in the Group series was as follows:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Armstrong.

*Feather-weight.*—Pte. Leathers.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Evans.

*Intermediate.*—Pte. Finklestone.

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Fay.

Of these, Ptes. Evans and Finklestone won their weights—Pte. Fay reached the finals of his weight and Pte. Armstrong was unlucky to meet the winner of his weight in the second round, to whom he very narrowly lost.

The result was as follows:—

1. Depot Middlesex Regiment ... 23 pts.
2. Depot Royal Fusiliers ... 23 pts.
3. Depot Royal Sussex Regiment 17 pts.
4. 17th/21st Lancers ... 17 pts.
5. Depot The Queen's ... 15 pts.

EASTERN COMMAND TEAM BOXING COMPE-  
TITION—FINALS.

Having come through the Group stage of this competition, we passed on to the finals with the Royal Fusiliers; but, unfortunately, the team which had done so much service in the Group stage was sadly depleted. Pte. Evans, who was without doubt the most experienced boxer in the team, and would most certainly have won his weight, was sick and in hospital, and a substitute could not be found at so short notice amongst the material available. We were therefore forced to enter in only four weights—a large handicap, but one which makes the result extremely satisfactory:—

The team was:—

*Bantam-weight.*—Pte. Armstrong.

*Feather-weight.*—No entry.

*Light-weight.*—Pte. Payne.

*Intermediate.*—Pte. Finklestone.

*Welter-weight.*—Pte. Fay.

Ptes. Armstrong and Finklestone both won their weights, the latter specializing in knocking out each man he fought.

Payne and Fay fought gamely, but were outclassed.

The result was as follows:—

1. Depot The Buffs ... 22 pts.
2. Depot Middlesex Regiment ... 19 pts.
3. Depot Royal Fusiliers ... 17 pts.
4. Depot Northants Regiment ... 17 pts.
5. Depot Essex Regiment ... 11 pts.
6. Depot Royal West Kents ... 8 pts.

All things being equal, and had Pte. Evans been available to fight to get the 5 points which he should have been able to gain with ease, the result might have been different.

The team is to be congratulated on the very game fight they put up, and congratulations and condolences are due to Sergt. Patterson for having produced a team capable of winning out of so few men, only to see the victory wrested from him through force of circumstances.

At the conclusion of the fighting, Lieut.-Col. Lockett, 17th/21st Lancers, Officer Commanding Hounslow Garrison, presented the prizes: all members of the team receiving runners-up bronze medals, and Pte. Armstrong and Finklestone receiving silver medals in addition, for winning their respective weights.

## SERGEANTS' MESS.

On December 31st we held our Annual Dinner in the Mess, followed by a dance in the lecture room. This year we made it a Ladies' Night, the presence of whom made even a greater success than usual of the dinner—I trust I speak for all—which was ably and thoroughly carried out by the Finchley Catering Company.

The officers honoured us with their presence after dinner.

R.S.M. Mantell proposed the toasts of (i) "His Majesty the King"; (ii) "The Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; (iii) "The Officers"; (iv) "The Ladies."

Lieut. H. W. Clayden, responding on behalf of the officers, said: "I thank you for the whole-hearted way in which you drank our health, and we are always delighted to attend your functions," and spoke in high terms of the loyalty of the members during the past year.

Mrs. Mantell, responding for the ladies, said how thoroughly the ladies had enjoyed themselves, and thanked the members for a very pleasant evening.



## INTER-DEPOT TEAM.

Winners of Area Competition and Runners-up of Inter-Depot Command Competition.

Back Row—F. Payne, Sergt.-Inst. Patterson, A. Fay.

Front Row—A. Finklestone, G. Armstrong, Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., Lieut. H. W. Clayden, A. Evans.



Mrs. Mantell then asked the ladies to stand and drink the health of the gentlemen. (Well and truly done.)

The dance was a great success, and the evening ended with heaps of New Year resolutions, which I have not the slightest doubt were as speedily broken.

On Friday, February 22nd, a whist drive and dance was held in the Mess. Prizes were won by the following:—

*Ladies.*—1, Miss K. Dean; 2, Miss Noble; Booby, Miss M. Dean.

*Gents.*—1, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch; 2, L./Sergt. Blake; Booby, Mr. Constable. Refreshments were served, and then "on with the dance."

R.S.M. Mantell as an inventor of new dances is well to the fore. His latest is named "Speed," and speed it certainly is.

*Points to note.*—"A vice-like grip with each hand," otherwise one may find himself projected through the glass silver case. Of course, this is only an afterthought, providing one is in credit.

We had a splendid evening.

We take the opportunity of tendering our welcome to Sergt. Tisdale from the 1st Battalion, and to L./Sergt. Hull ("Busty") on his promotion, and wish them every success.

Sergt. Russell is still with us. Unfortunately, Mrs. Russell was taken seriously ill at the eleventh hour. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

J. C.

#### CORPORALS' ROOM.

Since the last issue of the Journal, there has been little to note.

Early in January we held a dance, which turned out to be a complete success.

We regret to announce that we have lost "Snowy" Foulger, "Ikey" Pratt and L./Cpl. Simmons to the 1st Battalion. "Banjo" Egan has also left our ranks to pave the way for "B. B.," who is deleted from the inventory boards.

Cpl. Coulling has developed a liking for juggling, but unfortunately the piano proved too heavy for him, so he has gone in dock.

We welcome L./Cpls. Tutte, Murcott, Horne, Sneesby, Brightman, and "Twister." The last named is still handy in the cookhouse.

Cpl. Barley is still cherishing the hope that he will visit the 1st Battalion. We

have lost L./Sergt. Hull, but our loss is the Sergeants' Mess gain.

We wish our old C.O. the very best of luck in his new station, and congratulate Major L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., on gaining this command.

Owing to examinations of every type taking place, the Blue and Red Books are well thumb-marked.

#### KINDERGARTEN.

#### EMBARKATION.

6189880 C.Q.M.S. W. West: Embarked with family (wife and two children) at Southampton on board H.T. *Dorsetshire*, 7/1/29, and is posted to 2nd Battalion accordingly.

#### TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

The undermentioned were transferred to Army Reserve on 13/1/29: 6194548 L./Sergt. E. Jenkin and 6279334 Cpl. H. Adams.

The undermentioned were transferred to Army Reserve on 17/3/29: 6194744 L./Cpl. D. Horsman and 6194726 L./Cpl. F. Atkins.

#### POSTINGS TO 1ST BATTALION.

Posted to 1st Battalion, 15/1/29: 6188940 L./Sergt. J. West, 6192841 Cpl. H. Pratt, 6197389 L./Cpl. R. Simmons, and 6195666 Cpl. E. Foulger.

Posted to 1st Battalion, 8/3/29: 6191748 Sergt. A. Russell.

Posted to 1st Battalion, 16/3/29: 6188853 Cpl. C. Egan and 6192826 Cpl. W. Woodroff.

#### POSTINGS TO DEPOT.

Posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 15/1/29: 6196637 L./Cpl. C. Sneesby, 6198032 L./Cpl. A. Horne, 6197763 L./Cpl. A. Tutte and 6197915 L./Cpl. W. Murcott.

Posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 18/2/29: 6192161 Sergt. H. Tisdale.

Posted to Depot for a tour of duty, 15/3/29: 6196642 L./Cpl. F. Brightman, 6195685 L./Cpl. A. Turner and 6196846 Cpl. W. Holt.

#### POSTING—T.A. STAFF, 8TH BATTALION.

Posted to Permanent Staff, 8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment (T.A.), 18/2/29: 6189138 Sergt. F. Peck.

#### BIRTH.

NORTHOTT.—On December 19th, 1928, at Mill Hill, to the wife of 6194542 L./Sergt. W. Northcott—a son (Peter Derek).

#### APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION.

6189209 Cpl. H. Hull: Appointed Paid Lance-Sergeant, 15/1/29.

6189138 Sergt. F. Peck: Promoted W.O. Class II, and appointed Company Sergeant-Major, 18/2/29.

#### EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6190826 Sergt. T. Tiller: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 27/2/29 for such a term as shall complete 21 years' service.

#### CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

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

6539414 Pte. G. Armstrong, 6198475 Pte. H. Coney, 6198476 Pte. W. Coulson, 6198473 Pte. W. Gadsden, 6198478 Pte. L. Jerman, 6198482 Pte. W. Lemming, 6198419 Pte. J. Smallridge, 6722741 Pte. H. Sims, 6198472 Pte. G. Wordley, 6198701 Pte. A. Young, 6198702 Pte. W. Bennett, 6198499 Pte. E. Evans, 6198493 Pte. R. Jenkins, 6198498 Pte. J. Little, 6198705 Pte. W. Newman, 6198458 Pte. E. Nye, 6198711 Pte. A. Pearce, 6198474 Pte. G. Dowsing, 6198467 Pte. A. Green, 6198489 Pte. A. Joyce, 6584571 Pte. L. Pullen, 6769002 Pte. H. Wildin, 6198483 Pte. G. Woodroff, 6006696 Pte. J. Woods, 6198447 Pte. G. Westlake, 6198725 Pte. F. Britton, 6198735 Pte. L. Conti, 6198751 Pte. J. Chatwin, 6198727 Pte. E. Elms, 6198729 Pte. W. Gardner, 6198736 Pte. L. Gower, 6198494 Pte. H. Jones, 6198768 Pte. W. Kirby.

The undermentioned were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the past quarter:—

6198740 Pte. V. Cooper, 6198732 Pte. T. Collier, 6198730 Pte. D. Hally, 6197928 Pte. A. Williamson, 6195683 Pte. E. Briton.

### REUNION DINNER OF THE OFFICERS OF THE 21st BATTALION.

THE Ninth Annual Reunion Dinner of the Officers of the 21st Bn. Middlesex Regiment was held at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, on March 1st. Lieut.-Col. P. F. Hone, D.S.O., was in the chair. There was an unusually good gathering on this occasion. Brig.-General Crozier, C.B., was a welcome guest, who had not previously been present. Members were interested to receive news of several engagements from the standpoint of Brigade Headquarters.

A striking feature of the evening was that the four Colonels who had commanded the Battalion at various periods were all on parade. These comprised Lieut.-Col. Wake, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Metcalfe, D.S.O., and also the Chairman.

Lieut. J. D. Green, just back from the Federated Malay States, was heartily welcomed. He has not met most of the members since 1918.

Dr. Allingham, the M.O., also put in an appearance, and it was a pleasure to see Capt. Parsons once more.

Several members contributed musical items, and Lieut. Jaggard gave several topical monologues.

The table decorations were largely supplemented by foliage picked in Bourlon Wood recently, by the courtesy of the Mayor of Bourlon.

Roll of members present at the dinner: Brig.-General F. P. Crozier, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (guest).

Lieut.-Cols. P. F. Hone, D.S.O., M.C. (Chairman), H. C. Metcalfe, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel, and E. S. A. Wake, C.M.G.

Majors F. H. Agar, L. H. Lockett, and E. D. Macleod.

Capt. S. P. Allingham, J. Andrew-Marshall, A. F. Englebach, S. C. Killingback, L. A. Lucas, M.C., R. C. Sheen, and F. L. Parsons.

Lieuts. E. J. Conyngham, A. J. Jaggard, S. B. Dearing, J. D. Green, C. L. Morgan, J. V. Reynolds, R. L. Sears, and C. W. Tabbush.

Also several guests.

L. A. LUCAS.



## 7th BATTALION NOTES.

IT is very pleasing to note that the strength of the Battalion is steadily increasing. At the present moment, we are 22 officers and 360 other ranks; this strength being greater than for several years. Two new officers have recently been gazetted, namely, 2/Lieuts. G. C. D. Scott-Lowe and C. P. Gliksten. Both are extended a hearty welcome.

By the time this issue of THE DIE-HARDS is received, Col. Maitland, M.C., T.D., will have left us after commanding the Battalion for five years. His departure is a great loss to the Battalion. He was extremely popular, and will be missed by all ranks. Col. Maitland joined the Battalion in October, 1912, and has served continuously ever since. We are very pleased that our present Second-in-Command, Lieut.-Col. S. C. M. Smith, T.D., is to succeed him. Owing to ill health and business duties, Lieut.-Col. Smith was unable to accept command of the Battalion when Col. Pank left.

The annual competition for the Lady Regnart Cup took place at Albany Street Barracks, Regent's Park, on Tuesday, January 15th, resulting in a win for the 19th London Regiment. The contest was more even than the scores suggest, as, when the last detail was firing, the result was still in doubt. Both teams shot better than last year.

The full scores are given below:—

19th London Regt.		7th Middlesex Regt.	
C.Q.M.S. Hughes...	103	Cpl. Eden	83
C.S.M. Newton	74	Sergt. Parker	88
Sergt. Wilson	85	Sergt. Endersby	83
C.S.M. Hogan	96	Sergt. Howard	98
Sergt. Edney	80	Cpl. Rockall	81
Sergt. Counter	85	L./Cpl. Jones	65
Total	532	Total	498

The competition for the Byrne Cup (presented by Lieut.-Col. S. C. Byrne, T.D.), which is fired annually and is open to teams from the 1st and 3rd Cadet Battalions and a recruits' team from this Battalion, took place at Hornsey on January 29th, and resulted in a win for the 3rd Cadet Battalion. The scores were as follows:—

1. 3rd Cadet Battalion	235
2. 1st Cadet Battalion	231
3. Recruits' Team	218

In this competition also the shooting was considerably better than before.

The Battalion held its Annual Boxing Competition at "D" Company's Headquarters at Tottenham on January 31st. The number of entrants was considerably more this year than in any previous one. Some excellent bouts were witnessed.

The results are as given below:—

Boxing Shield:—

1. "C" Company	22 pts.
2. "A" Company	13 pts.
3. "B" Company	12 pts.
4. "D" Company	9 pts.

Individual winners and runners-up:—

Heavy-weight.—Sergt. Cooper.

Light Heavy-weight.—Sergt. Tack; runner-up, Pte. Scutchings.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Brichard; runner-up, Sergt. Parker.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Selway; runner-up, Pte. Young.

Light-weight.—Pte. Payne; runner-up, Pte. Groves.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Altria; runner-up, Pte. Padley.

Bantam-weight.—Pte. Boreham; runner-up, Pte. Mills.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Pausey; runner-up, Pte. Smith.

At the termination of the boxing meeting, the winners were so keen that they went into training for the Inter-Brigade Boxing, which the Battalion won. This is the first occasion on which we have won the Inter-Brigade contest, and naturally we feel very pleased about it.

The winners and runners-up in their respective weights are given below, and we take this opportunity of congratulating them on their excellent fighting.

The Battalion successes were as follows:—

Heavy-weight.—Sergt. Cooper.

Middle-weight.—Pte. Brichard.

Light-weight.—Cpl. Knight; runner-up, Pte. Young.

Feather-weight.—Runner-up, Pte. Payne.

Fly-weight.—Pte. Boreham.

Boxing is making great headway in the Battalion, and we hope with special attention next year to get some of our competitors into the Territorial Army Championships.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants entertained the officers to dinner at the

Princess Alexandra, Crouch End, on Friday, January 25th, thus reviving a pre-war Battalion function. About seventy officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants were present, and all had a most enjoyable evening.

The Sergeants' Mess extended further hospitality on January 21st, when the annual Officers v. Sergeants indoor games tournament took place.

Of course, it is unfair to expect officers to excel at such plebeian games as "shove ha'penny" and poker dice, but the Officers put up a gallant fight in the battle with the Sergeants. Smoking concerts and similar gatherings typify the spirit of co-operation among the men of the 7th Battalion, and at a "Smoker," the Sergeants met the Officers in various games. Regimental marksmen tried their skill on the green cloth, and, with the aid of a "cannon" and a few expert "pots," ran up the low score required in the billiards tournament. The Officers retired beaten by 15 games to 4. In the domino contest, a grim struggle ensued, and after a display of "spots" resembling an epidemic of measles, honours were even. But it was in darts that the Sergeants were bearded in their Mess, and the Officers claimed too many "bulls" and "doubles," winning by 10 games to 4. Then the Sergeants became artful and suggested "shove ha'penny." It is almost unnecessary to say that they claimed every game. The Officers took their revenge at Badminton, but were not sufficiently skilled at draughts, rings, crib and whist. The result of the evening's play was that the Sergeants came out on top by 44 points to 24.

Col. C. H. Pank, C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty the King. Col. Pank joined the Battalion in April, 1893, and was a Major when the Battalion mobilized in August, 1914. After relinquishing command of the Battalion in 1924, he was given command of the 141st Infantry Brigade, from the command of which he has just recently retired.

The undermentioned officers and non-commissioned officers have recently undergone courses of instruction at the London District School:—

Lieut. Hay, 2/Lieuts. Amor, Arnold, S. S. Smith, Bartram, Adams and John-

son, C.S.M. Roberts, Cpl. Danvers, and L./Cpl. Cox.

2/Lieut. Arnold and Sergt. Gill have also undergone an attachment to the 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Shorncliffe.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place on Saturday, March 16th, the prizes being distributed by General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment. By kind permission of the *Hornsey Journal*, the following account is published:—

## "OUR TERRITORIALS' PRIZE-GIVING.

## "SOME FINE TROPHIES.

"There were brilliant scenes at the Drill Hall, Priory-road, Hornsey, on Saturday evening, when General Sir Ivor Maxse, G.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Middlesex Regiment, distributed the prizes to members of the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. The Drill Hall was specially decorated for the occasion, and outside the buildings there was a huge awning, which gave entry to the hall itself and also to the officers' quarters. The drill hall was profusely decorated with flags and bunting, and on a brightly illuminated platform there was a glittering display of trophies won by the men of the 7th Battalion during the past year.

"The hall was crowded, and among those present, in addition to General Sir Ivor Maxse, were Lieut.-Colonel (Bt.-Colonel) J. K. Maitland, Colonel King, Divisional Commander General Peck, Colonel Wortham, Colonel Prescott, Colonel C. H. Pank, the Rector of Hornsey (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A.), and Alderman W. G. Barranger (Deputy Mayor of Hornsey).

## "FULL STRENGTH NECESSARY.

"General Sir Ivor Maxse, who was greeted with prolonged applause, said he always felt inclined to raise his hat to the Territorials and to those interested in the movement, because, at a time when people were trying to forget all about the war, they were not unmindful of their duty to their country. The question of the Battalion being at full strength was most important. If war was declared, the numbers would be made up at once,



but in the time of peace the movement was not supported so strongly as it should be. Lack of strength affected the Battalion in many ways, because there was a smaller choice of men to become N.C.O.s.; consequently the captains of the companies had less material at their command after the best men had been taken away to act as specialists.

"The General then distributed the prizes, and was afterwards thanked on

tation turning out the best transport section during the annual training.

" Brigade Boxing Cup, presented to the Battalion gaining the most points in the Middlesex Brigade Group Boxing Tournament.

" Individual Championship at the Middlesex and Kent Infantry Brigade Rifle Meeting (highest score, Captain L. C. D. Doidge).

" Steers Cup, for the best shot among



[Photo: Walter Guiver, Hornsey, N. 8.]

**WINNERS OF "ARNOLD WHITE CUP"—"B" COMPANY.**  
Presentation by General Sir Ivor Maxse, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of  
The Middlesex Regiment.

the proposition of General Peck, seconded by Colonel King.

" There was a short musical entertainment before the speech-making, and the prize-distribution was followed by an all-ranks dance, which was well supported. Dancing was continued till midnight.

#### "WON BY THE BATTALION.

" The following trophies, distributed by General Sir Ivor Maxse, were won by the Battalion in 1928:—

" Albuhera Cup (Middlesex and Kent Infantry Brigade), presented to the Bat-

the officers of the Middlesex and Kent Infantry Brigade under the rank of field officer. Won by Second Lieutenant N. E. T. Christodoulo.

#### "BATTALION TROPHIES.

" The following is the list of awards in the Battalion:—

" Clay Memorial Shield, for the most efficient Company for the year; based on drill, musketry, open and miniature range, Lewis gun, attendance and sports.—Tottenham Company (Captain W. E. Pringle, M.C.).

" Warner Drill Cup, for the inter-company drill competition.—Hornsey Company (Captain W. E. H. Muir, M.C.).

" Arnold White Cup, for the inter-company team shoot.—Enfield Company.

" Hornsey Vase, for the inter-company Lewis gun team shoot.—Tottenham Company.

" Volunteer Cup, for the inter-company young soldiers' team shoot.—Tottenham Company.

" King Cup, for the inter-company miniature range competition.—Tottenham Company.

" Barnet Cup, for the inter-company fire-direction competition, on the miniature range.—Tottenham Company.

" Sports Cup, won in 1919 by the Battalion when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, for cross-country running, awarded for inter-company cricket, football and tug-of-war.—Hornsey Company.

" Magheramorne Shield, for the inter-company tug-of-war.—Hornsey Company.

" Boxing Cup, won in 1919 by the Battalion when in the Army of Occupation on the Rhine for cross-country running. Awarded for the inter-company Boxing Competition.—Hornsey Company. Medals awarded to the following winners in each section: Heavy-weight, Sergeant Cooper (Highgate); light-heavy, Sergeant Tack (Enfield); middle-weight, Private Britchard (Tottenham) and Sergeant Parker (Enfield); welter-weight, Private Selway (Hornsey) and Private Young (Hornsey); light-weight, Private Payne (Enfield); feather-weight, Private Altria (Highgate); bantam-weight, Private Boreham (Highgate); fly-weight, Private Pausey (Tottenham).

" Battalion Team Medals. Bars to medals to those members of the team who had represented the Battalion in previous years; medals and bar to new members of the team.—Colonel J. K. Maitland, 1923-4-5-6-7-8; Lieut.-Colonel Smith, 1922-3-4-5-6-7-8; Captain Pringle, 1922-8; Lieutenant Hay, 1928; Second Lieutenant Christodoulo, 1928; C.S.M. Monro, 1924-5-6-7-8; Drum-major March, 1923-4-7-8; Sergeant Clarke, 1928; Sergt. Endersby, 1927-8; Sergeant Howard, 1928; Lance-Sergeant Chapman, 1924-8; Corporal Fitzpatrick, 1925-6-7-8; Corporal Rockall, 1927-8; Corporal Wrangles, 1928; Lance-Corporal Beadel, 1928, and Private Norman, 1928.

#### "INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

" Officers' Cup, for the best shot among the officers.—Capt. L. C. D. Doidge.

" Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup, for the best shot among the Warrant Officers and Sergeants.—1, Sergeant Clarke (headquarters); 2, C.S.M. Roberts (Enfield); 3, Lance-Sergeant Chapman (Tottenham).

" Marksmen's Cup, for the best shot among all ranks, corporals and under.—1, Corporal Thomas (Enfield) and Corporal Ede (Enfield); 3, Corporal Fitzpatrick (Tottenham).

" Lewis Gunners' Cup, for the best shot of all ranks with the Lewis Gun.—1, Corporal O'Flanagan (Tottenham); 2, Private Gibson (Enfield); 3, Private Starr (Enfield).

" Enfield Cup, for the best shot among those with under two years' service.—1, Private Chesson (Enfield); 2, Private Blundell (Hornsey); 3, Private Napper (Tottenham)."

Easter training is now over. A good number of Machine Gunners and Signallers were able to proceed for attachment to the 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment at Shorncliffe, from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive. Other personnel of the specialist sections who could not attend for the full period attended for extra training at Rainham. The Transport Section spent a couple of days getting their harness and limbers into condition preparatory to Annual Training.

The usual musketry camp was held at Rainham, and a record number of N.C.O.s. and men (167) attended to fire their annual obligatory musketry. It is very pleasant to be so far forward with the musketry so early in the year, and we are sufficiently optimistic to think that everyone will have fired by Whitsuntide, when it is hoped to hold a Battalion Rifle Meeting.

A new innovation was the firing of inter-company team shoots at the termination of each day's classification. These proved to be very popular indeed. Unfortunately, there was not sufficient time to fire one on Good Friday night, but each company entered a team for the competitions on Saturday and Sunday, the



winners being "A" and "C" Companies. All companies shot very well indeed, and only a few points separated them. The weather was ideal, and the shooting appears to have improved enormously since last year.

### 8th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE the last Battalion Notes, the various annual boxing competitions have taken place. The Battalion Boxing was held at Hounslow on January 30th, and the results were as follows:—

*Middle*.—Pte. Roberts ("H.Q.").

*Welter*.—Pte. Palmer ("D").

*Light*.—Pte. Fiddler ("H.Q.").

*Feather*.—Pte. Costello ("A").

*Bantam*.—Pte. Richardson ("A").

*Fly*.—Pte. Wilkinson ("D").

The Brigade Boxing was held on February 9th, when we were represented by:

*Middle*.—Pte. Davis ("A") and Pte. Harris ("H.Q.").

*Welter*.—Pte. Palmer ("D") and Pte. Skates ("D").

*Light*.—Pte. Fulker ("A"), Pte. Fiddler ("H.Q."), and Pte. White ("H.Q.").

*Feather*.—Pte. Costello ("A") and Pte. Vallis ("A").

*Bantam*.—Pte. Polesi ("A").

We congratulate 2/Lieut. Mayer—who has only recently joined the Battalion—on being runner-up in his weight at the Divisional Boxing held on February 23rd.

On March 10th, a tactical exercise was held for officers and N.C.Os. in the neighbourhood of Chonies. The ground was new to most of those who took part, and lent itself to some very interesting problems for an advanced guard, with which the exercise was concerned. A good number attended, and, as the weather was exceptionally fine, a very profitable day was spent. Other exercises for the companies are to be held over the same ground.

We wish to take the opportunity of congratulating our Adjutant, Capt. S. F. Hedgecoe, on his approaching marriage, which is fixed for April 11th, and to wish him and his bride all happiness and prosperity in the future.

### "H.Q." WING.

(HOUNSLOW)

We must apologize for having sent no notes for inclusion in the last issue of the Journal.

This was due to a change in Company Commanders which took place in January, Capt. Rees having left to take command of "D" Company, and Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker, from "A" Company, being his successor at Hounslow. We wish Capt. Rees all good luck at Uxbridge, where we feel certain that basketball will now become a feature!

Another departure from Hounslow is that of R.S.M. and Mrs. White, both of whom met with a motoring accident last Christmas. R.S.M. White's illness which followed has incapacitated him to such an extent that he has been obliged to leave us before his time is up. We wish them both prosperity and a speedy recovery from the effects of their accident.

We congratulate R.S.M. Pelly on his promotion and we wish him and Mrs. Pelly every success at Hounslow. We shall now look forward to becoming the champions at all sports. We made a good start in this direction by taking first place (equal with "A" Company) in the Battalion Boxing Competition last January. The following were the winners:—

*Light-weights*.—Pte. Fiddler; runner-up, Pte. White.

*Fly-weights*.—Runner-up, Boy Beecham.

*Middle-weights*.—Pte. Harris.

The Company Club is now in process of reorganization, and we shall hope to give a further report of this in the next issue of the Journal.

We regret to have to record the death of Pte. G. W. Wright last January, and we extend our sympathies to his family. A wreath was sent to the funeral on behalf of "H.Q." Wing.

### "A" COMPANY.

(HAMPTON)

We are glad to record that, with the exception of "H.Q." Wing, we are still the strongest company in the Battalion, our strength at the end of February being 3 officers and 82 other ranks. The drill attendances are good, and our hopes are high as regards the Weapon Training Competition.

We have lost the services of our Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Pelly, who has left us to become R.S.M. of the Battalion, and, although we do not like losing him and Mrs. Pelly, who have rendered such good services to the Company, we wish him every success in his new appointment. His successor is C.S.M. Peck, who comes to us from the Depot, and to him we extend a hearty welcome.

2/Lieut. H. L. V. Russell has been posted to the Company, and we are looking to him for some help with our athletic activities, and can assure him that any help given will be much appreciated.

We congratulate L./Cpls. W. Batten and J. Costello on their appointment, and hope they will work hard for further promotion.

We held our last Company Boxing Tournament on January 23rd last, and the evening was in every way a great success. A large number of visitors was present, including several N.C.Os. of the Royal Tank Corps. We offer our thanks to all the members of the Company whose efforts made the show possible, and especially to the competitors for the fine sportsmanlike display they gave.

As usual, we gave a very good account of ourselves at the Battalion Boxing Tournament held at Hounslow on January 30th, drawing with "H.Q." Wing for first place, with 6 points each. Well done, "H.Q." Wing. Look out next time! We have to thank L./Cpl. Costello and Ptes. Richardson, Vallis and Costello for getting the points for us.

Our next sporting event is the Battalion Cross-Country Run, which will take place at Uxbridge on Saturday, March 23rd, and we have great hopes of being in the "front" again here.

### "B" COMPANY.

(EALING)

Before our notes appear in print, the winter weapon training period will have passed, and we shall be on "General Excursions" to Bisley.

The attendances for musketry and Lewis-gun tests have been rather "frozen." With burst pipes and no central heating, the drill hall has been like an ice-well. The M.G. students have found a warm spot in the N.C.Os.' Room.

Sergt. Rowe, Cpl. Bird, Cpl. Hodges, Cpl. Rowe, L./Cpl. Woodman, L./Cpl. O'Doherty and L./Cpl. Huckstep have on three evenings a week for ten weeks attended a class of instruction under Cpl. Williams, 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment. The excellent attendance and progress made are a very great credit to both the instructor and the students. On a recent visit, the Commanding Officer congratulated the class on the work done, and said that he hoped that the N.C.Os. would be as successful as Cpl. Williams when instructing their men. Cpl. Rowe is now having additional instruction with the 1st Manchester Regiment. The Machine Gun Class are looking forward to meeting Cpl. Williams at Shorncliffe during the Easter holidays.

Pte. Tyler and Pte. Fry represented the Company at the Battalion Boxing, and, although not winners, they are to be congratulated on two good fights. It is hoped they will have more supporters from the Company next year.

The first tactical exercise for officers and Sergeants was held at Amersham on Sunday, March 10th. Great interest was taken in the problems set, which were for the first time based on the new organization of three rifle companies and one machine-gun company to the Battalion. We shall hear more about Machine Gunners when we visit Amersham on April 7th with the junior N.C.Os.

To all whom it may concern, for "P.S.I." read "C.Q.M.S." until further notice. We wish C.S.M. Horrex every success at Hythe.

"To B GUNNERS."

### "C" COMPANY.

(STAINES)

Since our last notes, nothing very much has been happening in the Company. We have been very busy with the winter weapon training. Our attendances have been good, but there are many faces we should have liked to have seen more often.

Our congratulations to Pte. Stevenson, who was first in for the Company in the Battalion Cross-Country Run, and eighth in Battalion order.

Our fortnightly spoon shoots have been going very well, and the first two spoons won with possibles, and, at the same time,



both were tied for. The winners have been:—

Sergt. Browning and L./Cpls. Allen and Gigg.

We have challenged the local police to a match. They are now busy practising on the range, and also seem to have quite a liking for the Staines beer.

A Dart Club has been formed in the Company recently. They have played many matches, and have had a very good share of the wins. We are hoping that our away matches will bring us some recruits. Up to the present, we have not had much luck in this direction, but there is still time before camp.

#### "D" COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

Since writing our last notes, we have distinguished ourselves twice: first by winning the welter and fly-weights in the Battalion Boxing. Pte. Palmer and Pte. Wilkinson were the successful competitors who added grist to our Company's mill. Then, secondly, we won the Battalion Cross-Country Run—we did not actually gain first place, for Sergt. Edwards, of "H.Q." Wing (whom we congratulate), beat us, but Pte. Hayward, being second, was the first of our team home.

We have to welcome C.S.M. Sparkes, an old friend whom we knew up till a year ago as our Permanent Staff Instructor, but who, on finding retired life as a pensioner not sufficiently martial, has returned to us as Territorial Company Sergeant-Major. We also welcome our new Permanent Staff Instructor, C.S.M. Wade, of the Buffs. (Note.—We have no further vacancies for C.S.M. in "D" Company.)

Up to the present, we have had three tactical schemes this year. The first one was near Coulson, and the second one, for officers and senior N.C.Os. only, was near Amersham. After the second, which was carried on beyond the time expected (owing to unforeseen opposition by the enemy), we only just got back before "they closed." Still, by ordering two or three at a time, we overcame a difficulty that the licensing regulations might have presented. The third exercise was even more fortunate in weather than the second one. Moreover, we were

able to order "them" singly this time, for the battle ended on the right side of half-past one.

Let us not close without welcoming the several recruits who have joined us this year. We had quite a stream of them one night.

Our new Club suggestion-book has proved a very popular turn. Perhaps we may be able to quote extracts therefrom in our next issue.

### 9th BATTALION NOTES.

THE last three winter months are probably the busiest in the year for everybody in the Battalion. Firstly, the winter weapon training has, as usual, been "raging" throughout the different Company drill halls. The results this year, taken as a whole, look better than ever before, which does great credit to all concerned, because the winter of 1929 will be remembered chiefly by the ravages of the "Great Frost." Those Company Commanders whose companies were full of plumbers very nearly gave up the unequal contest. Of all men in England the plumber has been in greatest demand, and, when it came to a question of the drill hall or Mrs. Smith's burst pipes, the drill hall naturally had to "go west."

Quite apart from the cold weather, however, our own heating apparatus played us a most scurvy trick. The boiler chose the coldest period of the year to drop its bottom out, with the result that the inside of the drill hall became even more like an ice house than usual. Still, we must take our hats off to some hardy men who never missed a parade during the whole period.

These notes are required by the Editor before the Winter Weapon Training Competition has finished, but at the moment it looks again as though those old rivals "D" and "B" Companies are going to fight out another desperate finish. We had hoped this year that one of the outsiders would come out a winner, but, unlike the Lincolnshire and National, the favourites appear to be right in the picture.

To turn, however, to the lighter things of life, boxing and football have been

very much in evidence. Both these sports are dealt with in detail elsewhere, so it is not proposed to go into them too deeply in these notes. The boxing proved a great disappointment to us all. In December we had a first-class team, much better than last year, and we had every hope of winning the Divisional Championship, but by the time the Brigade Championships arrived, influenza and injuries had taken their toll, with the result that we lost the Brigade Championship to the 7th Battalion by 2 points. Major, Lake, Dunn and Patterson were all laid up with one thing and another, and we were represented by a very reduced team. In actual winners, we produced more than anybody else, but we had no runners-up. In the Divisional Championships, our bad luck again held: our light heavy-weight was unable to turn out and Foster could not make the weight, so out of our original four entries only two actually fought, both of them winning, however. So we have now the Divisional welter-weight champion in Pte. L. H. Townes, and the feather-weight champion in Pte. A. J. Hitching.

The Territorial Army Boxing Championships were held at the Stadium Club on March 13th and 14th, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating our two competitors on the extraordinarily fine performances they put up. Firstly, Townes won the welter-weight championship—the first time in the history of the 9th Middlesex that we have had a Territorial Army champion in the Battalion. Secondly, Hitching was only beaten (by the referee's casting vote) in the semi-final of the feather-weights by Meacham, the eventual winner, who afterwards became Amateur feather-weight champion of Great Britain. So we can confidently say that in Townes and Hitching we have two boxers of the highest order.

Our football team, under the able secretaryship of Drum-Major Goodwin, have had a most successful season. For practically nine-tenths of the year we have been top of the league, and our goal average of 54 to 14 speaks for itself. We had great hopes of winning the league, but we met our Waterloo on Saturday, March 23rd, when we went down to the Ken Norland Reds by 2-5.

With the end of the winter weapon

training, our outdoor training season starts, and until the end of Annual Training there is hardly a week-end which is not filled up with some type of training. Once more we have been very lucky in our camp for Annual Training, as this year we are going to Dover.

It is a pity that more are not able to take advantage of the invigorating fortnight's holiday by the sea, and if only men would approach their employers early enough in the year there is no doubt that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they would get permission to attend.

#### ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place at Pound Lane Drill Hall on February 2nd. Unfortunately, illness and bad weather rather spoilt the proceedings. Quite apart from the prize distribution, Lord Radstock, whose father was the first Commanding Officer of the 9th Battalion, had promised to present a picture of his father to the Regiment. Lord Radstock, however, was stricken with the inevitable influenza, and this interesting ceremony had to be cut out.

In addition to this casualty, Col. Wortham, Col. Beach, Col. Passingham, Col. King, and Mr. De Salis were all laid up with one thing and another, and were unable to attend.

To turn, however, from the horrors of influenza to the lucky few who were still on their feet, Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Stevens, K.C.B., C.M.G., Director-General of the Territorial Army, gave away the prizes. We are extremely grateful to the Director-General, who on a miserable, wet, foggy evening came up from the country specially to be present at our prize giving.

Col. Tupper introduced the Director-General in a short speech, in which he dealt with the recent Battalion successes, and urged the necessity for recruiting, as the Battalion, although steadily mounting in numbers, was still sadly under strength. The Director-General received a great ovation from the large crowd present in the hall, and, after presenting the prizes, congratulated the Battalion on their achievements during the past year. He drew special attention to the success of our specialists, and Machine Gunners in particular.



The evening ended with a programme by an excellent concert party, "The Whimsicals," and all those who were present enjoyed their evening immensely and felt that it was not for nothing that they had braved the bad weather conditions.

List of prize-winners for 1928:—

*Crowborough Cup*.—"G" Company.  
*Best in the High Sheriff's Competition*.—"C" Company.

*Best in the High Sheriff's Competition (Battalion Rifle Meeting)*.—"C" Company.

*Best Company Average Attendance at Drills*.—"G" Company.

*Best Company in T.A.R.A. Competitions*.—"C" Company.

*Sherwood Shield Winter Weapon Training*.—"D" Company.

*Inter-Company N.C.Os' Cup*.—"D" Company.

*Individual N.C.Os' Cup*.—Sergts. Missen and Thompson.

*W.O. and N.C.O. making best score in T.A.R.A. Competitions*.—C.S.M. Todman ("C" Company).

*Private making best score in T.A.R.A. Competitions*.—L./Cpl. Windmill ("C" Company).

*Recruit making best score in T.A.R.A. Competitions*.—L./Cpl. Podger ("D" Company).

*Best Score in any rank in T.A.R.A. Competitions*.—C.S.M. Todman ("C" Company).

*Best Machine Gun Team*.—No. 1 Gun Team (Cpl. Croker).

*Drivers' Whip*.—Pte. Keen.

*Transport Grooms' Whip*.—Pte. Lee.

*Drill Competition*.—"D" Company.

*Silver Bugle*.—L./Cpl. Hurst ("H.Q." Wing).

*Section Leading Competition*.—"C" Company.

*Guard Mounting Competition*.—"B" Company.

*Lewis Gun Handling Cup*.—"B" Company.

*Sholl Cup for Winning Company at Battalion Rifle Meeting*.—"D" Company.

*Middlesex Justices' Shield, Lewis Gun*.—"D" Company.

*L.G.O.C. Cup (Signalling)*.—L./Cpl. Weeks.

*Boxing Cup*.—"C" Company and "H.Q." Wing, tie.

*Football Cup*.—"C" Company.

#### RECENT BATTALION SUCCESSES.

The strength of the 9th Battalion in February, 1927, was 413.

The strength of the 9th Battalion to-day is 473.

*Football*.—Winners of 44th H.C. Divisional Championship, 1927-28.

*Boxing*.—Winners of 132nd Infantry Brigade Championship, 1926-27-28; and runners-up, 1929. Runners-up (one point behind) 44th H.C. Divisional Championship, 1928. Pte. L. H. Townes, welter-weight champion of Territorial Army, 1929. Pte. A. J. Hitching, semi-finalist feather-weight of Territorial Army, 1929.

*Miniature Range*.—Winners of the shield for the best maintained miniature range in the 132nd Infantry Brigade.

*Cooking*.—Territorial Army Championship: 1st, 1926; 4th, 1927; 3rd, 1928.

*Weapon Training Efficiency*.—Winners of Lewis Gun and Rifle Shield, 1928. Winners of Machine Gun Shield, 1928.

*Machine Gun*.—Winners of Cup presented by Major-General A. G. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., for the best Machine Gun Platoon in the 44th H.C. Division.

*Winners of the following Shooting and Weapon Training Trophies*.—Ross Cup; Middlesex Justices' Shield (for Lewis gun); Young Soldiers' Cup (rifle); 1st and 2nd Machine Gun.

#### FOOTBALL TEAM.

By the time these notes appear, we shall know our position on the league chart at the end of the season, which, up to the time of penning these few lines, is a very good one.

We are top of the league, having played 9, won 8, and lost 1 (incidentally our first game). We have got to meet our rivals, Ken Norland Reds in the next two matches, at home and away, and, as they have only lost one and drawn one, they are a team to be respected.

We are a young team as far as football is concerned. Our goalkeeper, L./Cpl. Thompson, was playing half-back last year in the reserves, but has given a wonderfully consistent performance and has not missed much, as the "against" score shows. Of the backs, "The Rat" or Reynard, is a rare sticker, and never knows when he is beaten. He has been complimented by referees several times

this season on his clean and good game. The position of left back has been shared by Belton and Boston (Bill and Bob). Pte. Belton is a safe back and a trier all through. Backed up by a splendid trio of half-backs in Iredale, Herrod and Macdonald, the visiting forwards have been rather up against it when meeting the "Mids." Of the forwards, "Bunny," or Dvr. Barnett (outside left) is the baby of the team; though only 17 years of age, he makes the "old 'uns" run and blow, and his centres are a rare trouble to all goalkeepers. He is ably fed by Pte. Lake, a deadly shot and tricky player (note his nine goals against Hammersmith Distillery). At centre-forward we have L./Cpl. Boston, and a more deadly shot one cannot find in the league. Clever, hard-working and not a bit afraid of a hefty charge, his goal record shows that he has scored fifteen times this season, and it would have been more, but he has had to play back on several occasions. Our inside right and captain, Sergt. Carroll, is a tireless worker, and sets a good example to the rest of the team. He can play in any position. Sergt. Miller, the outside right, is an accurate centre and steady player, and when in trim is hard to beat as a winger.

Of our reserves, Sergt. Stenhouse is every bit as good as some of the regular players, and has done good service, especially in the last match, when, after being without a game for nine months, he took up centre-half with good results. Our other reserve, L./Cpl. Parker, is a fine tackler and a whole-hearted player. He has not had a regular place in the team, but even so he fills any position as if he had played there for years. Altogether a strong and rugged player with plenty of "guts."

Just a final word about our supporters. Unfortunately, in the middle of the season we had a spell of frosty weather, and, as a third of our supporters are plumbers, local support was therefore diminished.

About our trainer—not only trainer, but Supporter with a big "S." Without him we might as well be playing at Anson Road. His voice is known to all the bulls and cows around Kenton, and by the visiting teams, who, in order to stop his vocal support, go off the field for a drop of iodine and listen to the tale about a Jew and a Scotsman. Without

him the lorry would seem empty, as his iodine bottle mostly is, but, after all, as the General said, "He's a damn fine Provost Sergeant."

"BARNEY."

#### BOXING.

The Boxing Championships of the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment took place at Pound Lane, Willesden, on Thursday, January 17th, before a large and appreciative audience.

After a very exciting contest, with the final result hanging in the balance right up to the last fight, the Inter-Company Boxing Championship ended in a draw between "H.Q." Wing and "C" Company, who will therefore each hold the cup for six months.

The boxing may not have been of championship class, but what the competitors lacked in skill they certainly made up for in spirit.

The bantam-weight was won by Pte. Jackman, of the Signals, who proved too clever for Ramage, of "D" Company. We hope that Pte. Jackman is following in his father's footsteps, but if he is to prove as good a man as his father was in his youth he has got a long way to go.

In the feathers we saw a much-improved fighter in Foster score a decisive victory over Turland, who has not had much opportunity of training, and was clearly short of practice. The light-weight gave "D" Company their first victory, when Graham proved too strong for Feakins, of "C" Company.

The welter-weight final proved the best fight of the evening, and undoubtedly was a great surprise. Everybody had expected Dunn, of "C" Company, to come home an easy winner, as he is a boxer with years of experience behind him, but Jones, of "H.Q." Wing, a comparative novice, boxed magnificently and deservedly won a most exciting bout.

Cpl. Brittain, the middle-weight winner, has only taken up boxing this year, but he has taken his training very seriously, and was too good for Herbert, of "C" Company. Locke is boxing better every year, and if he continues to show the same steady improvement he should soon make a Divisional champion.

Some very good boxing was seen in the special contests, the best of which



undoubtedly was the Townes v. Garrett fight. L.A.C. Garrett has been the welter-weight champion of the Royal Air Force, and, as Pte. Townes is the T.A. champion this year, really first-class boxing was witnessed.

In the second six-round contest, Cpl. Stewart, the middle-weight champion of the Brigade of Guards, defeated his fellow-Guardsman Madden after a very

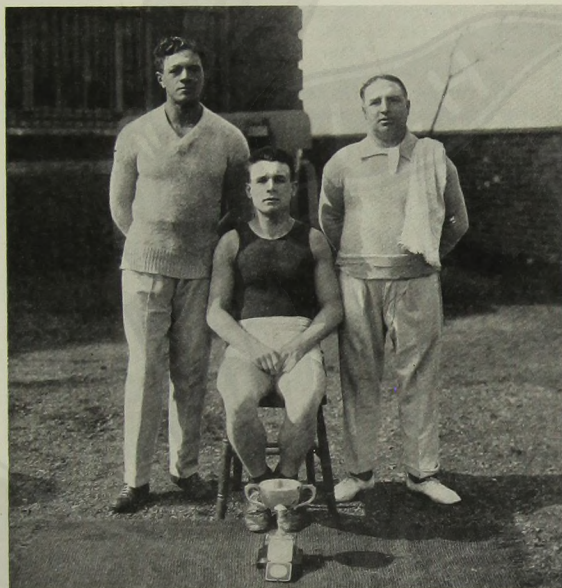
*Feather*.—Pte. Foster ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Turland ("B").

*Light*.—Pte. Graham ("D"); runner-up, Pte. Feakins ("C").

*Welter*.—Cpl. Jones ("H.Q."); runner-up, Pte. Dunn ("C").

*Middle*.—Cpl. Brittain ("H.Q."); runner-up, L./Cpl. Herbert ("C").

*Light Heavy*.—Pte. Lock ("C"); runner-up, Pte. Godge ("D").



R. Pervse (Second). J. Dunmow (Trainer).  
PTE. L. H. TOWNES, 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regt.  
Welter-Weight Champion, Territorial Army, 1929.

hard fight. The third special contest, of four rounds, was between Pte. Conisbee and Pte. Lake, both of the 9th Middlesex. It was a good fight, but Lake was giving away too much weight, and Conisbee just managed to secure the verdict.

#### Results:—

*Bantam*.—Pte. Jackman ("H.Q."); runner-up, Pte. Ramage ("D").

#### Special contests:—

*Welter*.—L.A.C. Garrett (R.A.F.) beat Pte. Townes (9th Middlesex Regt.).

*Middle*.—Cpl. Stewart (Scots Guards) beat Gdsn. Madden (Coldstream Guards).

*Light*.—Pte. Conisbee (9th Middlesex Regt.) beat Pte. Lake (9th Middlesex Regt.).

#### MIDDLESEX GROUP BOXING.

The Middlesex Group Boxing finals took place at Pound Lane Drill Hall on Saturday, February 2nd. Unfortunately, it was a very wet night, and the attendance was not nearly as good as last year. The 9th Middlesex had won the Inter-Battalion Boxing Championships for the last three years, and had confidently expected to win it again this year.

Injuries and influenza had, however, reduced our team to a shadow of its real self, and we lost the cup to the 7th Battalion.

The final placings were:—

1. 7th Middlesex ... 10 pts.
2. 9th Middlesex ... 8 pts.
3. 8th Middlesex ... 5 pts.
4. 44th Divisional Signals ... 1 pt.
5. 317th A.A., R.E. ... 0 pts.

In the fly-weights, Pte. Hatt, of the 9th, put up a very plucky fight against Dmr. Pelosi, of the 8th. In view of the fact that Hatt has practically no experience, he fought remarkably well, but was fairly easily beaten by a more experienced man.

The feather-weights provided us with our first winner, Pte. Hitching proving much too good for the opposition. Hitching went on to win the Divisional feather-weight championship and got into the semi-final of the Territorial Army Championships at the Stadium Club.

In the light-weights, both our competitors, Graham and Conisbee, were beaten in the first round. The defeat of Conisbee came as a great surprise to everyone, as he has won this weight for the last three years, but over-confidence and lack of training told their tale.

Pte. L. H. Townes accounted for the welter-weight without much trouble. Townes has put up a most remarkable performance this year by winning the Divisional and Territorial Army Championships in addition to the Business House Championship.

In the middle-weight, both Boston and Lock were beaten in the semi-final. Lock put up a very good show, and was only beaten by the winner after a stiff fight.

We provided the winner in the light heavy-weight with Pte. Garrett, and in the bantam with Pte. Foster. Foster had very bad luck in the Divisional Championships. He arrived three pounds over-

weight, and, in spite of most strenuous efforts, he could not quite get it off, and had to stand down.

Before concluding the boxing notes, we should like to thank Jimmy Dunmow, our invaluable trainer, for all he has done. His smile of joy when he saw Townes come out of the ring at the Stadium Club a Territorial Army champion was a sight never to be forgotten.

#### "STRAIGHT LEFT."

#### "B" COMPANY.

There is not much news for this quarter, but nevertheless we should like to record our doings.

We were very glad that Pte. Turland again represented the Battalion in the Brigade Boxing Championships. It is a pity that more members of the Company are not boxers. We would like to see more representatives of the Company help to enable their Battalion to regain the Brigade Championship next year.

We were very glad to receive from the Director-General of the Territorial Army the Lewis Gun Competition Cup which we won last year. It was a great consolation to us to get this cup after our gamest effort to win the Winter Weapon Training Competition. We also received the Guard Mounting Cup, of which we are very proud. We have tried for many years to win this cup, and it was a great joy to us to have won it at last. Our thanks are due to L./Sergt. Battey and his men for their hard work, and to all those in the Company who helped in training and in "cleaning up."

#### "BEERCOY."

#### "C" COMPANY.

Our notes this quarter must of necessity be brief, as the writer can think of little to say, apart from the relief gained at the thought of the termination of another year's W.W.T. Competition. I feel sure that our "skipper" would thoroughly relish the idea of handing over his command to the inventor of this competition during the lengthy period over which it extends.

However, there has been a marked improvement of both keenness and attendance over last year, and no one could have worked harder than Sergt. Hattley, while L./Cpl. Campkin and Pte. Kent



both put in over thirty drills, thus easily attaining the highest number of drills in the Company.

As usual, we have done quite well in boxing this season, and, at the Battalion finals, at Pound Lane on January 17th, came out equal first with "H.Q." Wing, each scoring 11 points. It was very plucky of L./Cpl. Carter to attempt to box with a badly poisoned arm. Feakins was runner-up in the light-weights, and L./Cpl. Herbert put up a good show in the final of the middle-weights, and, though beaten, will undoubtedly improve with more experience.

Both L./Cpl. Lock (light heavy-weight) and Foster (bantam-weight) maintained their reputations as experienced Company representatives, and, as on previous occasions, came smiling through the finals.

In the Brigade Competition on February 9th, also held at Pound Lane, Foster won his weight for the Battalion after a really hard fight, and it was jolly hard luck that he was not able to meet an opponent in the Divisional Competition, through being half a pound on the wrong side.

Before leaving this subject, a word of praise is most certainly due to our Company trainer, Mr. Webb. His methods are sound and he has given several of our younger enthusiasts a good grounding in the noble art which we hope he will be able to continue next autumn.

The Company last year did very well in the T.A.R.A. Competitions—both with rifle and Lewis gun—and we are now busy selecting and training our teams, in the hope of repeating and exceeding last year's efforts.

H. S.

#### "D" COMPANY.

Since the last issue of the Journal, we have been busy with the Winter Weapon Training Competition. The result of this competition is not yet known, but we are very much hoping to win it for the second year.

On January 5th, we held our Annual Distribution of Prizes and Carnival Dance. Among our guests were Col. Beach, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Tupper, and Mrs. Fox, wife of our Company Commander, who was, of course, present. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the

prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Tupper.

The winners of the trophies are as follows:—

*Best Recruit of the year.*—L./Cpl. Podger.

*Best Shot of the Year.*—L./Cpl. Lovell-Mansbridge and Pte. S. Turner.

*Best Section of the Year.*—Cpl. Fenner, L./Cpl. Podger, and Ptes. Perry and Edwards.

*Most Efficient in Drills and Musketry.*—Cpl. Devereaux.

In the Battalion Boxing Competition, held at Pound Lane on February 9th, our team did not enjoy the honour of pulling off the cup. We were unfortunate inasmuch that two of our men, L./Sergt. Paterson and Pte. Westlake, were unavoidably absent. Pte. Townes, our welter-weight champion, has now the distinction of being welter-weight champion of the Territorial Army, and we are all proud of him. Pte. Hitching, another of our Company boxers, was unfortunate in losing in the T.A. Championships to Pte. Meacham, the A.B.A. champion. It was a splendid fight, and our man will do his utmost to carry it through next year, and we wish him luck.  
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#### TRANSPORT NOTES.

At last the Transport have been supplied with their own shed, and can pursue their labours untroubled by having their harness room littered with band instruments, Quartermaster's stores, football gear, etc. Wagons and limbers have been drawn from Ordnance, where they have been lying since 1914, but, in spite of their great age, we hope to get them into some sort of order before next camp, though why we should have been issued equipment fifteen years old passes comprehension.

A very pleasant Easter was spent at Shorncliffe with the Manchester Regiment, where our new recruits were put through their paces; all ranks thoroughly enjoyed themselves, though most of them found it more convenient to stand up than sit down when they got home. Three hours exercising strange horses every morning when you are not used to it does not make for comfort; nevertheless, our best thanks are due to the Transport of

the Manchesters for the trouble they took to show us everything they knew, and for the excellent time they gave us.

Now that the summer is coming, we have a lot of work in front of us, but with our new recruits we shall arrive in camp as smart and clean, if not cleaner than we left camp last year.

"DOBBIN."

#### SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The activities of the Mess since the last notes appeared have been mainly social.

The Children's Tea Party, held on February 16th, was a huge success. About forty children arrived and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sergt. Barnett scored a great hit as the clown—naturally. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the ladies who assisted us to make the evening a success.

We have spent several most enjoyable evenings, but have been a bit short of musical talent and have usually had to depend on Mrs. Miller for services on the piano, but we did manage to discover Sergt. Why and his friends. We hope to see more of them.

As our journalist has been in hospital lately, we must apologize for not writing more, but hope to make a better effort next time.

S. M.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."*

19, NELLIE VIEW,  
RICHMOND HILL,  
LEEDS.  
January 12th, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose a cutting from the *Naval and Military Record*, which I think may be of interest to readers of THE DIE-HARDS Journal, since it refers to the unveiling of a memorial to a Portuguese soldier, from Hong-Kong, who gave his life for the cause of freedom in the Great War, in the ranks of the Middlesex Regiment, nearly twelve months before his own country declared war on Germany.

Yours faithfully,  
R. MAURICE HILL.

"The Officer Administering the Government of the Colony (the Hon. W. T. Southorn) performed a very impressive ceremony at the Club De Recreio Grounds at King's Park, Kowloon, on Armistice Day, when he unveiled a memorial sundial, dedicated to the memory of Private Francisco Maria Soares, of the Middlesex Regiment, a member of the local Portuguese community, and of the local club, who was killed in action at Ypres on April 5th, 1915.

"His Excellency was accompanied by his A.D.C., and was received by a guard of honour drawn from the Portuguese Company of the Hong-Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. The local Volunteer Band was also in attendance. The members of the Legislative and Executive Councils and Consular body were present in full dress, the proceedings being of a very impressive nature."

*To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."*

COLLATONS,  
BOW, DEVON.

March 19th 1929.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I am sending you an extract from the Journal of the "Society of Army Historical Research" on Army Inspection Returns, relating to the 57th Regiment, which I think will be of interest to your readers. It begins with a footnote: "57th Regiment of Foot. Raised in 1755 as the 59th Foot—became 57th in 1757. Page 111 of the Army List of 1766—Stationed in Minorca, 1768.

"Facings of the rank and file.—Yellow.

"Officers' Hat Lace.—Gold.

"Colour of the waistcoats, breeches, and lining of the Coats.—White.

"Colour of the Lace.—White with a black stripe.

#### "INSPECTION RETURNS.

"1768, 2 June.—Colours, 1756—officers, scarlet with yellow cape and lapelled to waist with yellow—White lining, waistcoat, and breeches—buttons numbered, gold epaulette and button holes—Just landed from Minorca.

"1771, 16 May.—Band of Music—Colours, 1770.



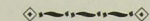
"1774, 25 July.—Officers, falling collar, cross pockets, gold-laced hats, gilt swords.

"1791, 6 October—(Halifax, Nova Scotia) arrived in 1783—Officers according to regulation, laced hats excepted—armed with sword, but not made according to regulation—N.C.Os. armed with fuzees—Accoutrements not according to new regulation.

"1804, 25 July—(1st Battalion) Grenadiers had no caps."

Yours faithfully,

G. W. W. SAVILE, Col.



## OBITUARY.

MRS. BERKELEY-HILL.

WE much regret to announce the death, on February 13th, 1929, after a short illness, of Mrs. Alice Campbell, widow of the late Mr. M. Berkeley-Hill, M.B., etc., and mother of the late Lieut. H. E. W. Berkeley-Hill. The deceased lady always took a real interest in the Regiment, and her family have subscribed most generously to the Regimental Association funds. The funeral took place at St. Marylebone Cemetery on February 16th, when a wreath was sent from the Officers' Club.

C.E. OFFICE,

JULLUNDUR,

PUNJAUB.

29/3/29.

DEAR SIR,

Would you kindly have the following obituary notice inserted in the next issue of THE DIE-HARDS doings. It may be of interest to many who served in the Regiment during my father's time. I was born in the Regiment and served from 1900 to 1905, leaving as a Sergeant in "C" and "D" Companies.

Yours faithfully,

H. H. DAW,

Major R.E. (I.A.).

DAW.—At the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, on March 21st, suddenly, from pneumonia, John Kearsey (Bill), the dearly loved and only son of Major H. H. Daw, D.S.O., R.E. (I.A.) and Mrs. Daw, Colhill Strat-

ton, Cornwall, grandson of the late Major T. Daw, Q.M. 1st Battalion, aged 19.

CHARLES JAMES SMART.

The death occurred on February 27th, 1929, of ex-Dmr. C. J. Smart, late 1st and 2nd Battalions. He was discharged in 1912 after nineteen years' service, and rejoined the Regiment on the outbreak of the Great War. The funeral was at Paddington Cemetery on March 8th, when a representative of the Regimental Association attended with wreath.

SIDNEY H. VIVIAN.

This Old Comrade died at Hounslow on February 28th, 1929, and was buried at Heston Churchyard on March 4th. A representative of the Regimental Association attended with wreath.

STEPHEN GROVES.

We regret to announce the death of ex-Clr.-Sergt. S. Groves, who passed away on March 12th, 1929, aged 72 years. Enlisting in the 77th Regiment in 1873, Mr. Groves saw thirty years' service in the Regiment, and was for the last ten years of his service Sergeant-Instructor in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, now the 8th Battalion. All of this Old Comrade's sons have seen military service; the eldest, Mr. Alfred Groves, was until recently a Bandmaster in the Royal Fusiliers, and is now acting in that capacity in our 8th Battalion. Mr. Groves was for some years a member of the Executive Committee of the Regimental Association, and rendered great assistance in the organization of the earlier Old Comrades' dinners. The funeral took place at Hampton Hill on March 18th, but, owing to a delay in the notification reaching the Association, it is regretted that no representatives attended. We tender our deepest sympathy to the widow and her sons and daughter.

THOMAS EDWARD RICE.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly, at Milton, Hants, on February 14th, 1929, of Mr. T. E. Rice, aged 78 years. He enlisted in the 54th

Regiment in February, 1871, and was at once claimed by his elder brother, then serving in the 77th Regiment. Mr. Rice served until 1887, when he became a Sergeant-Instructor in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, now the 8th Battalion, and was discharged to pension in November, 1898. He was in possession of the Long Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal. The funeral took place at Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth, on February 18th, but unfortunately the notification of this Old Comrade's death was not received in time to admit of the Regimental Association being represented. We tender our sincere sympathy to his son, ex-R.Q.M.S. V. E. Rice, and other relatives in their bereavement.

D. E. ROGERS.

The death, on March 6th, 1929, is announced of ex-C.S.M. Rogers (*alias* Goodwin), who served twenty-two years in the Regiment. He was in possession of the two medals for the South African War and the Long Service and Meritorious Service Medals. The funeral was at Hillingdon Cemetery on March 12th.

GEORGE WILLIAM CAPEL.

We also regret to announce the death of ex-C.S.M. G. W. Capel, aged 44 years, late 3rd Battalion, who passed away on March 12th, 1929, and was buried at Streatham Cemetery on March 19th, when a bearer party attended from the Depot, and a wreath was sent by the Regimental Association on behalf of the Old Comrades. Mr. Capel served for sixteen years in the Regiment, and on April 1st, 1918, was transferred to the R.A.F., with which he served until invalided in January, 1922. He was severely wounded at Ypres in May, 1915, and was in possession of the medals for the Great War and also the Long Service Medal. A brother,

Mr. T. A. Capel, served twenty-one years in the Regiment, and another brother is Sergt. G. Capel, of the 2nd Battalion. We extend our deepest sympathy to the widow and other relatives in their sad bereavement.



## NOTICES.

### BALANCES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

Arrowsmith, E. J. T., Pte. Middlesex Regiment.—£7 16s. 3d.

### 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.

We have received a copy of the Summer Sports Catalogue from the Navy, Army & Air Force Institutes. We understand copies have been distributed through all Regimental Institutes, and we commend our advertiser's comprehensive list to the notice of all concerned.



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Home Counties Area.

Colonel ... ..	Maxse, Gen. Sir F. Ivor, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. ... ..	38 Feb 04
Officer Commanding Depot ... ..	Pargiter, Maj. L. L., D.S.O., Midd'x R. ... ..	...

*Captains (14).*  
 1 Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. 6Feb.15  
 2 Appelbe, E. N. 17Feb.15  
   Newnham, L. A.,  
   M.C., p.s.c., s. 30April15  
       bt. maj. 3June19  
 c.o. Savile, H. B. W.,  
   M.C. 1Oct.15

Subalterns (34).  
Lieutenants.  
2Dix-Lewis, A., 2Sept.17  
d. 1Clowes, J. H. 1Nov.18

*Quarter-Masters* (3).  
English, J. 25 Aug. 14  
capt. 25 Aug. 17  
2 Douthet, R. T.,  
lt. 18 June 23  
1 Clark, A. W., lt. 28 Apr. 29

*Captains.*

Muir, W. E. H.,  
M.C. (s.c.) (Capt.) (Q)  
(Res. of Off.) 7 July 20

Murray H. A. (Q)  
6 Aug. 24

Doidge, L. C. D. 14 June 28

Cunliffe, E. N. 14 June 28

Pringle, W. E., M.C.  
7 Aug. 28

*Captains.*  
 Parmeter, W. H. 22 Apr. 11  
 Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D. 17 July 1901  
 Hughes, H. A. M. 5 May 1907  
 Rees, D. L. P. 20 June 1908  
 Hirst, R. B. 7 Nov. 1908

Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)  
 Sgt. W. Christ  
 Sgt. W. Sadler  
 Sgt. E. Walsh  
 Sgt. F. Steven  
 Sgt. H. Tisdal  
 Sgt. V. Osterh  
 Sgt. F. Shaw

H. Darby	1st
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7/1/21	Sgt.
5/20	Sgt.
0/2/21	Cpl. W.
5/8/21	Cpl. (L.
5/8/21	Cpl.
2/1/22	Cpl. (L.
8/10/23	Cpl. (L.
0/1/24	Cpl. (L.

A. Jones ...  
A. Stenning ...  
Overton ...  
Sgt.) J. West ...  
C. Egan ...  
Sgt.) W. Northcott, M. ...  
Sgt.) W. Tibble ...  
Sgt.) C. Soper ...

1st	18/2/29
1st	23/2/29
1st	11/5/20
1st	11/1/24
1st	16/2/24
I. Depot	18/3/24
1st	11/6/24
1st	16/7/24

## NOTICE

Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, Catterick Camp, Yorks., should they observe any omission or error in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

## 1st BATTALION (Home Establishment).

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	...	Depot 26/9/24	Sgt.	H. Campbell	...	1st 16/2/24
Bdmr.	J. W. Clark	...	1st 27/6/16	Sgt.	G. H. Anderson	...	1st 20/2/24
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	...	Depot 15/7/24	Sgt.	H. Farrow	...	1st 7/5/24
O.R.Q.M.S.	A. Finch	...	Depot 13/6/28	Sgt.	J. Griffin	...	7th 11/5/24
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	...	1st 30/1/15	Clr.-Sgt. (O.R.S.)	B. Baldwin	...	1st 2/7/24
C.S.M.	H. Seamark	24th Lond.	6/10/15	Sgt.	B. Brockman	...	1st 15/7/24
C.S.M.	J. Walker, M.M.	...	1st 3/7/16	Sgt.	L. Clarke	...	1st 1/9/24
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	7th Lond.	4/9/18	Sgt.	W. Clements	...	1st 10/11/24
C.S.M.	E. J. Crouch	...	1st 1/9/24	Sgt.	A. Russell	...	1st 18/2/25
C.S.M.	C. Denton	...	9th 20/3/25	Sgt.	E. Jones	...	1st 1/3/25
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	19th Lond.	20/5/25	Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Burt	...	Depot 26/3/25
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	...	9th 4/6/25	Sgt.	E. Fleming	...	1st 16/4/25
C.S.M.	J. Tungeat, D.C.M.	...	1st 7/6/25	Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	7th 26/5/25
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	...	8th 28/10/25	Sgt.	W. Raindle	...	1st 16/8/25
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	Depot	15/8/26	Sgt.	E. Hazeldine	...	Depot 5/4/26
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	...	1st 28/2/26	Sgt.	T. Page	...	19th Lond. 20/5/26
C.S.M.	F. Peck	...	8th 18/2/29	Sgt.	W. Bennett	...	7th 19/6/26
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	E.	...	...	Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	1st 30/1/27
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	Sheppard	22nd Lond.	14/9/14	Drm.-Maj.	J. Bray	...	1st 9/2/27
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	A. Goldstraw	1st	26/4/15	Sgt.	G. Clift	...	9th 9/2/27
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	S.	...	...	Sgt.	G. Horrex	...	8th 9/2/27
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	Steedman	Depot	20/9/17	Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Robbins	...	1st 15/2/27
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	C. E. Goodall	1st	5/7/18	Sgt.	R. Challis	...	1st 21/2/27
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	...	1st 20/10/18	Sgt.	F. Stacey	...	Depot 22/2/28
Clr.-Sgt. A. King	...	...	...	Sgt.	C. Misso	...	1st 28/2/28
...	...	Egyptian Army	18/1/19	Sgt.	H. Thomas	...	1st 5/3/28
...	...	...	19/9/19	Sgt.	J. Steward	...	1st 7/3/28
Sgt.	C. Mabb	...	...	Sgt.	S. Buckle	...	Depot 20/3/28
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	J. Wilcockson	1st	30/11/20	Sgt.	H. Warren	...	1st 29/3/28
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	H. Darby	1st	17/1/21	Sgt.	T. Tiller	...	Depot 29/5/28
Sgt.	W. Christie	...	1st 1/5/20	Sgt. (Cook Sgt.)	G. Knock	...	1st 18/11/28
Sgt.	W. Sadler	...	1st 10/2/21	Sgt.	A. Jones	...	1st 18/2/29
Sgt.	E. Walsh	...	1st 25/8/21	Sgt.	A. Stenning	...	1st 23/2/29
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	...	Depot 25/8/21	Cpl. W. Overton	...	...	1st 11/5/20
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	...	Depot 22/1/22	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	...	1st 11/1/24
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	...	1st 18/10/23	Cpl.	C. Egan	...	1st 16/2/24
Sgt.	E. Shaw	...	Depot 19/1/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Northcott, M.M.	Depot	18/3/24
Clr.-Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.)	P. Newman	1st	16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	...	1st 11/6/24
				Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Soper	...	1st 16/7/24
				Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	...	1st 1/9/24



Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake	Depot	13/12/24
Cpl.	R. King	Fire Stn., Bordon	30/12/24
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Kennett	1st	1/3/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	1st	26/3/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. O'Brien	1st	16/4/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honeybun	Depot	26/5/25
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. Hull, M.M.	Depot	18/2/26
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. L. Priddy	1st	13/3/26
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Glover	1st	9/2/27
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. Thompson	1st	13/12/27
Cpl.	R. Bayles	Depot	13/12/27
Cpl.	L. West	1st	1/1/28
Cpl.	R. Phillipson	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	W. Woodroff	1st	15/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. E. Painter	1st	15/1/28
Cpl.	E. Foulger	1st	28/1/28
Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. Fletcher	1st	8/2/28
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.	E. Paterson	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.	W. Webster	1st	12/4/28
Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	1st	26/4/28
Cpl.	W. Holt	Depot	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	8/8/28
Cpl.	P. Barley	Depot	16/8/28
Cpl.	A. Coulling	Depot	1/9/28
Cpl.	A. 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
Cpl.	A. Davis	1st	22/12/28
Cpl.	S. Boiling	1st	8/1/29
Cpl.	P. Andrews	1st	18/1/29
Cpl.	F. Brightman	Depot	1/2/29
Cpl.	T. Millar	1st	6/2/29
Cpl.	A. Tutte	Depot	18/2/29
Cpl.	R. Dyson	1st	20/2/29

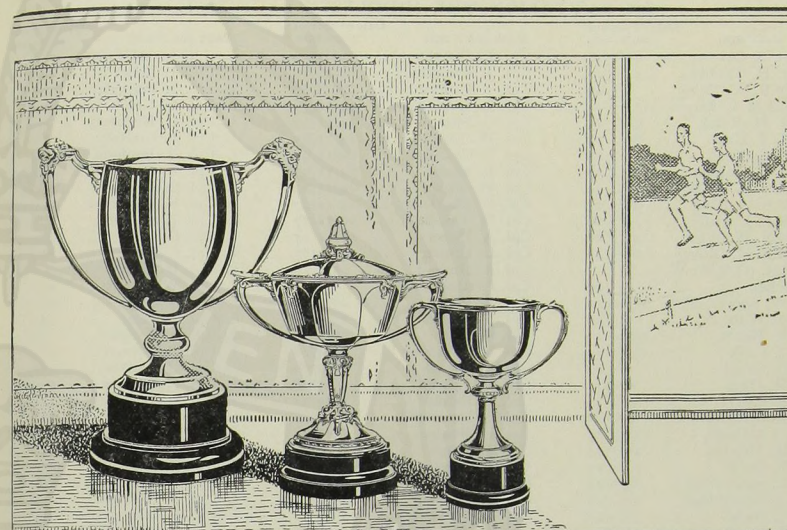
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L./Cpl.	P. Edwards	1st	15/2/24
L./Cpl.	G. O'Connor	1st	12/9/25
L./Cpl.	J. O'Neill	1st	28/1/26
L./Cpl.	F. Rumens	1st	6/8/26
L./Cpl.	E. Rochester	1st	26/8/27
L./Cpl.	S. Hutson	1st	13/12/27
L./Cpl.	S. Baker	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	A. Stone	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. Chaplin	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	C. Warren	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	R. George	1st	15/1/28
L./Cpl.	S. Green	1st	28/1/28
L./Cpl.	A. Turner	Depot	28/2/28
L./Cpl.	A. Vicary	1st	8/3/28
L./Cpl.	J. Harmer	1st	29/3/28
L./Cpl.	H. Tyler	1st	12/4/28
L./Cpl.	E. Edmonds	1st	20/4/28

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
L./Cpl.	E. Paterson	1st	1/5/28
L./Cpl.	F. Hammond	1st	18/5/28
L./Cpl.	W. Murcott	Depot	23/5/28
L./Cpl.	G. 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. Elliott	1st	24/6/28
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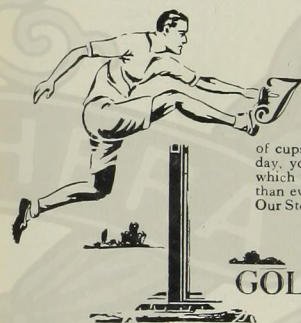
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