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EDITORIAL



A SIGNED engraving of Lady Butler's picture, "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," has been presented by the Regiment to the Royal Military College. The picture has been suitably framed and inscribed as follows:—

"Steady, the Drums and Fifes."

"The 57th Foot, now 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, held the Ridge at Albuhera, 16th May, 1811, and earned their name Die-Hards."

"Presented to the Royal Military College by the Middlesex Regiment."

The Regiment has had the pleasure of entertaining Capt. George Miller, of The Wentworth Regiment, for ten days, including the latter half of the Cricket Week. Capt. Miller was able to see the whole system of training at the Depot and also the work of the 7th, 8th and 9th Battalions, whom he visited on successive evenings. He made himself very popular by his keenness and interest in the Regiment, and we hope that his visit is the forerunner of many similar ones from officers and other ranks of our Allied Regiments in the Dominions.

On the opposite page will be found particulars of the Regimental Historical Library and the proposed Regimental Museum.

We deeply regret to hear of the death of Miss Marion Logan, who was a daughter of the late General R. A. Logan, who commanded the 57th Regiment.

The interesting extracts from the letters of Lieut.-General Sir William Staveley, K.C.B., published in this issue, recall the fact that Sir William's son, Sir Charles Staveley, was G.O.C. at Plymouth when the 57th Regiment was quartered there in the late sixties and early seventies of last century.

The reminiscences of Sergt.-Major White are unavoidably held over till next issue.

C.Q.M.S. C. H. Philpott, who was transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment on the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Battalions, tied with two others at Bisley for the Bronze Medal in the first stage of the King's Prize Competition, with a score of 101 points out of a possible 105. He won the Bronze Medal in the subsequent Tie Shoot. He has been four times in the King's Hundred.

The Officers' Club has obtained, at a cost of eight guineas each, a few signed copies of Lady Butler's picture, "Steady the Drums and Fifes." It is proposed to dispose of them at a minimum price of ten guineas each, and to devote the profit made to Regimental Charities.

It is extremely unlikely that another opportunity will occur of securing copies of this famous picture.

It is possible to obtain one or two unsigned copies at four guineas each, and these would be resold at five guineas.

Applications should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Officers' Club, The Barracks, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

REGIMENTAL FIXTURES FOR 1929.

October 5th.—Quarterly Concert, at the Masonic Rooms, "Goat and Compasses," 341 Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m.

November 2nd.—Annual General Meeting and Old Comrades' Dinner, at the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, N.W., at 7 p.m.

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

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY.

A LIBRARY for the collection and preservation of Regimental Historical Records has been started at the Depot. At present, the following books are in the Library:—

MILITARY HISTORY.

1. The History of the War in the Peninsula (Napier) (5 vols.).
2. Napier's Peninsular War (6 vols.).
3. A History of the Peninsular War (Oman) (3 vols.).
4. Annals of the Peninsular Campaigns (Vols. I and III).
5. The Diary of Sir John Moore (Maurice) (2 vols.).
6. Waterloo Letters (Siborne).
7. The Campaign in the Crimea (Brackenbury).
8. Sebastopol Trenches (Pack).
9. The Invasion of the Crimea (Kinglake) (9 vols.).
10. Great Boer War (Conan Doyle).

11. The Times History of the War in South Africa (Vol. VI).

12. The German Official Account of the War in South Africa (Waters) (2).

13. Sir D. Haig's Despatches and Maps (Boraston).

14. Complete Despatches of Lord French.

15. Sir John French's Despatches (Graphic Special No. 1).

16. The Marne Campaign (Whitton).

17. Army Lists, 1832, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41-1914.

18. Harts Army List, 1889.

19. Historical Record of Medals (Tancred).

20. Victories of the British Army (O'Byrne).

21. The British Army and Auxiliary Forces (Cooper King).

22. History of the British Army (Fortescue) (Vols. II to VII, and maps).

23. Military Life of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge (Verner).

24. Official Names of Battles, 1914-19.

25. English Battles and Sieges in the Peninsula (Napier).

REGIMENTAL HISTORY BOOKS.

1. The "Die-Hards' Doings," 1901-3.
2. Regimental News, January, 1913, to July, 1914.
3. THE DIE-HARDS, Vols. I and II.
4. History of the 57th (Woollwright).
5. Records of the 77th (Woollwright).
6. Records of the 3rd Middlesex Rifles (Vol. II) (Evans).
7. The History of the 7th Middlesex (King).
8. The Die-Hards in the Great War (Vol. I) (Wyrall).
9. British Military Prints (Nevill).
10. The Story of the D.C.O. (Middlesex Regiment) (Country Life Library).

GOVERNMENT BOOKS.

The Story of the Fourth Army, with maps (Montgomery).

Official History of the War, with maps (Vols. I, II and IV).

The First World War (Repington).

The Last Four Months (Maurice).

In addition, there are a few manuscripts bearing on the subject, such as inscriptions on memorials and graves of past campaigns; names and details of the men who posed for Lady Butler in her picture, "Steady, the Drums and Fifes," and so on.

It is felt that there is a large fund of information which is at present only in the personal memories of past members of the Regiment, and which will be lost in due course unless it can be obtained and recorded in a permanent form.

It is hoped, therefore, that all past and present members of the Regiment will supply all available material. If original letters, manuscripts, etc., are required back, copies will be taken for filing, and the originals will be returned to the owners.

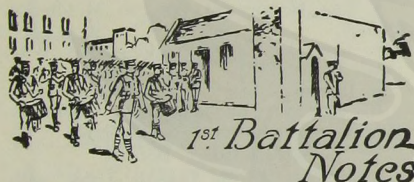
All battalions are asked to supply a copy of their battalion records and of any pertinent documents in their possession, whether kept officially or in Messes, etc.

All correspondence in connection with the Library should be addressed to the O.C. Depot.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM.

A suggestion has been made that a Regimental Museum should be started in a similar manner. The O.C. Depot would be glad to hear from past and present members of the Regiment as to whether suitable exhibits would be forthcoming. A certain amount of expense would be entailed for furnishing the Museum with show-cases, etc., and at present there are no funds available for this purpose.

Correspondence is invited on this subject.



THE Royal Tournament has eclipsed all other events of interest in the past quarter. The Battalion Display is described in detail elsewhere. Three weeks' sojourn at Olympia did not, however, mean three weeks' holiday in London, and it was only by hard work behind the scenes that the polished results were obtained. The fact that thirty performances passed off without one single hitch proves the old adage, "Practice makes perfect," and speaks volumes for

the loyal support and good behaviour of all ranks.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. and Qrmr. A. W. Clark on his promotion, and wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

Albuhara Day was celebrated this year in what the local Press described as a "Tourney of Sport." In the morning, in the final of the Inter-Platoon Six-a-Side Hockey Knock-out, the Drums beat No. 8 Platoon by 2 goals to 0. In the final of a similar football competition, No. 21 Platoon defeated the Drums by 1 point to 0. The final of the Passball, between Nos. 21 and 7 Platoons, resulted in favour of the former by 3 goals to 1. In the afternoon, a semi-dress rehearsal of the Historical Display was given for the benefit of those in the Garrison who could not visit Olympia. After tea, the Officers defeated the Sergeants in a fast and exciting hockey match by 6 goals to 4. Following customary dinners and ceremonies in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, the presentation of a sword was made to Lieut. and Qrmr. A. W. Clark by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. The evening concluded with an All-Ranks' Dance.

The Battalion has been selected to repeat the Royal Tournament Pageant at the York and Doncaster Tattoos. This should prove a pleasant break in the hectic summer-training programme provided by the Northern Command.

The Annual Range Course is at present claiming our very serious attention, and our daily toil comprises a three-mile march to and from Barden Moor Ranges. This has unfortunately prevented all but the smallest contingent attending the Regimental Dinner and Cricket Week.

Capt. A. N. Overell has joined us from the 2nd Battalion, and Major L. A. Newnham and Capts. R. L. Hill and W. L. Roberts are all expected to be with us shortly, from posts abroad.

NORTHERN COMMAND ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

The above meeting was held at York on June 26th and 27th. The Battalion went over with high hopes, but rather short of training, and we only obtained third place. There were ten teams entered, and, as the team got only about

ten days' training after the return from Olympia, it was not such a bad performance.

This year, extra field events, i.e., Javelin, Discus, Hammer, and Pole Jump, were included, and in these events our lack of practice told. Our old opponents of the Rhine, the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, who won the Championship, did very well in the new events, gaining three firsts and one second. Our pair in the Hammer—L./Cpl. Bullock and Pte. Evans—did very well to get second. 2/Lieut. Batten and Bdsn. Chillery got fourth in the Javelin. We hope by the time the Brigade Sports come on we shall improve in these events.

Our one and only first was a very good win in the 880 (four 220) Yards. This, the last race of the day, saved us from coming away empty-handed. Our High Jump team (Bdsn. Walker, 5 ft. 6 in., and 2/Lieut. Powell, 5 ft. 3 in.) are to be congratulated on a very fine performance. This total was one inch less than that of the winners, the Green Howards.

The final order was:—

1. Northumberland Fusiliers.
2. Training Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals.
3. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment.
4. The King's Regiment.
5. The Green Howards.
6. Depot Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals.
7. The East Surrey Regiment.
8. Depot The East Yorkshire Regiment.
9. The Cameronians.
10. 55th Field Company, R.E.

The teams were as follows:—

100 Yards.—2/Lieuts. Powell and Batten, L./Sergt. Painter and L./Cpl. McNamara.

220 Yards.—2/Lieuts. Powell and Batten, L./Sergt. Painter and Cpl. Williams.

440 Yards.—Lieuts. Worton and Crawford, and 2/Lieuts. Powell and Batten.

880 Yards.—Lieuts. Cubitt, Crawford and Worton, and L./Sergt. Donovan.

One Mile.—L./Sergt. Donovan, Dmr. Woodward, and Bdsn. Clark and Green.

Three Miles.—L./Sergt. Donovan, Dmr. Woodward, 2/Lieut. Chattey, and L./Cpl. Hammond.

Hurdles.—Lieut. Cubitt, Bdsn. Walker, L./Sergt. Painter and Bdsn. Chillery.

High Jump.—2/Lieut. Powell and Bdsn. Walker.

Long Jump.—Cpl. Williams and Bdsn. Chillery.

Putting the Weight.—L./Sergt. Woodroffe and L./Cpl. O'Connor.

Pole Jump.—Cpl. Green and Bdsn. Walker.

Javelin.—2/Lieut. Batten and Bdsn. Chillery.

Discus.—2/Lieut. Batten and L./Sergt. Paterson.

Hammer.—L./Cpl. Bullock and Pte. Evans.

THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT, 1929.

The following extract from the Official Programme describes the part played by the Battalion in this year's Royal Tournament:—

"HISTORICAL DISPLAY BY 1ST BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (D.C.O.).

"Phase No. 1. This scene is drawn from an episode of the Regimental History and depicts the crisis of the Battle of Albuhara. The 57th Regiment marches up to the centre of the line whilst the French columns are advancing to the attack. The Regiment suffers heavy casualties, and the Ensigns carrying the Colours are wounded. Colonel Inglis dresses his line and falls wounded. Encouraging and exhorting his men, he refuses to be carried to the rear.

"The drummers beat the rally and Colonel Inglis calls out 'Die hard, 57th.' The French are driven back and the battle won.

"Phase No. 2. The Band enters, followed by the present-day Colours and three historical squads.

"1st Squad, 1929. Representing the Regiment in its present-day dress.

"2nd Squad, 1785. Representing the Regiment whilst stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, after taking part in the American War of Independence.

"3rd Squad, 1755. Representing the Regiment when raised by Colonel John Arabin in December, 1755.

"The Drums and Fifes enter, followed by three more Historical Squads.

"1st Squad, 1929. Representing the Regiment on Foreign Service.

"2nd Squad, 1828. Representing the Regiment during its service in Australia.

"3rd Squad, 1854. Representing the Regiment during the Crimean War.

"The Squads form up on each side of the present-day Colours facing the 57th Regiment, which has in the meantime re-formed line.

"The detachments now present arms to the old 57th, who return the salute.

"Phase No. 3. The Band and Drums now enter, whilst the detachments re-form in line with the old 57th. The whole advances in slow time, and salutes."

The following personnel took part in the Display:—

Director and Officer in Charge.—Capt. N. H. B. Lyon, M.C.

Officers carrying the Colours.—Lieut. J. R. B. Worton and 2/Lieut. H. F. Mackenzie.

Modern Colour Party.—Clr.-Sergts. H. Darby, J. Wilcockson and P. Newman.

57th Regiment.—"Col. Inglis," Capt. H. Phillips, M.C.

Albuhera (1811) Party—

Colour Party.—Ensigns: Sergt. Pateron and L./Sergt. Kennett; Escort: C.S.M. Goodall, L./Sergt. Pratt and L./Cpl. Oliver.

No. 1 Company.—Officer: Sergt. Thomas; Clr.-Sergeant: Sergt. Warren; Sergeant: Sergt. Knock.

No. 2 Company.—Officer: Lieut. Gordon; Clr.-Sergeant: L./Sergt. Tibble; Sergeant: Cpl. Overton.

No. 3 Company.—Officer: Clr.-Sergt. Anderson; Clr.-Sergeant: L./Sergt. Thompson; Sergeant: L./Cpl. Rumens.

Historical Squads—

1756.—Officer: L./Sergt. Williams; Ensign: L./Sergt. Priddy; Sergeant: Cpl. Davis.

1785.—Officer: Sergt. Farrow; Ensign: L./Sergt. L. West; Sergeant: L./Sergt. Donovan.

1828.—Officer: L./Sergt. Fletcher; Ensign: Cpl. Horton; Sergeant: Cpl. Ayres.

1854.—Officer: Sergt. A. Jones; Ensign: Sergt. Challis; Sergeant: Cpl. Thompson.

1914.—Officer: Lieut. Crawford; Sergeant: Sergt. E. Jones.

1929.—Officer: Lieut. Hudson; Sergeant: Sergt. Trapp.

Enemy Leaders.—C.S.M. Walker, Sergt. Campbell and L./Sergt. J. West.

A few Press cuttings selected from many thousands illustrate the appreciation expressed by the audiences:—

The Times, May 24th, 1929.—"The final spectacle this year is entrusted to the Middlesex Regiment and shows how they won at the Battle of Albuhera in the Peninsula War their proud title of 'The Die-Hards'; here all the wealth of tradition of the British Army is called in play in a well-conceived and smoothly carried out reconstruction of a glorious episode in the story of the British Army."

Daily Mirror, May 23rd, 1929.—"One must give pride of place to the colourful historic spectacle provided by the Middlesex Regiment. The handsome old uniforms with scarlet and gold lace, their quaint accoutrements and the strange old-time drill carry one back to the very raising of the Regiment in 1755. They stage the Battle of Albuhera in the Peninsular War, when the Middlesex earned their nickname of 'The Die-Hards.' It is a realistic and thrilling engagement, with Colonel Inglis wounded and calling on his men to die hard. If you remember Lady Butler's famous picture, 'Steady, the Drums and Fifes,' Albuhera, 1811, you will respond to the proud thrill of that final tableau, with stricken men closing in on their tattered Colours."

Morning Post, May 23rd, 1929.—"The celebrated stand of the 57th Foot (now the Middlesex Regiment) in the battle was simulated by a closer approach to historical accuracy than is always possible in such episodes. It opens with the overthrow of the enemy after some severe fighting and many losses, and ends with a spectacular parade of the Regiment as it was. The Middlesex Regiment have done the display excellently. Practically the whole of the personnel of the 1st Battalion with the Band and Drums take part."

Daily Telegraph, May 24th, 1929.—"But many people will place first in the order of merit the very fine historical display of the 'Die-Hards' (The Middlesex Regiment). Not for years has the Tournament given us a more realistic battle-picture than this year's cameo of the fight at Albuhera in 1811. The uniforms of both the British and French are

historically accurate, and the final rally after the battle reproduces almost in detail the tableau of Lady Butler's famous picture. The fight is only part of this display and must be seen properly to be appreciated."

Dundee Courier and Advertiser.—"It is no boast that we manage these affairs better than any other country in the world. To see the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment re-enacting the Battle of Albuhera in the picturesque uniforms of 1811, with the advancing French columns withering under the British musketry, is to capture a new and vivid conception of Military History."

Sunday Times, May 26th, 1929.—"As a pageant the display of the Middlesex Regiment, repeating the famous stand which they made as the 57th Foot at Albuhera in 1811, is the chief feature of the day. In Wellington's day it was said 'Nothing could stop that astonishing infantry.' To-day the portrayal of the scene with close adherence to historical accuracy is a magnificent spectacle on which the 1st Battalion (with band and drums) are to be warmly congratulated."

East African Times, May 23rd, 1929.—"All the incidents in the Historical Display found graphic deliveration by present members of the Middlesex Regiment, and were followed by a splendid and colourful defile, in which nearly two hundred years of Regimental History were recalled by squads appropriately attired in the full dress of the periods. The scene at the end when the arena was filled with troops who marched and counter-marched to the strains of the Regimental Band was as fine a spectacle as ever the Tournament has staged."

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

The two chief items we have to report in this quarter's Journal are our Annual Machine Gun Course and our Company Sports. Apart from that, we have been deeply engrossed in company training and the Royal Tournament at Olympia.

Company training is fully understood by our brethren, so there is no need for us to go into unnecessary details, and no doubt the part the Battalion played in the Royal Tournament will be given in detail in another part of the Journal, and so we leave that in abler hands.

The result of our Annual Course was very creditable indeed, the Company average being 184.4, well over first class. The Company Shot Badge has changed hands, and will be worn this year by L./Cpl. "Jock" Urquhart, who managed to obtain the excellent score of 303.

And now about our Company Sports. These were held in the evening of June 27th, and proved to be very successful indeed. We have found plenty of new talent, and, in view of the coming Battalion Sports, it was necessary to do so.

The results were as under:—

100 Yards.—1, L./Sergt. Fletcher; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Darby; 3, Pte. Lyall.

220 Yards.—1, Pte. Lawrence; equal 2, Ptes. Gardiner and Wadsworth.

440 Yards.—1, Pte. Lyall; 2, L./Cpl. Keen; 3, Pte. Gardiner.

880 Yards.—1, Pte. Lovelock; 2, Lieut. W. C. Newton; 3, Pte. Le Dain.

One Mile.—1, Pte. Le Dain; 2, Pte. Lovelock; 3, Pte. Long.

Three Miles.—1, Pte. Thirkettle; equal 2, Ptes. Le Dain and Allum.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, L./Sergt. Fletcher; 2, Pte. Leonard; 3, Cpl. Ayres.

High Jump.—1, L./Sergt. Fletcher; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Darby; 3, Cpl. Andrews.

Long Jump.—1, L./Sergt. Fletcher; 2, Pte. Wadsworth; 3, L./Cpl. Urquhart.

Putting the Shot.—1, Clr.-Sergt. Darby; 2, Cpl. Ayres; 3, Cpl. Boiling.

Wheelbarrow Race.—1, Ptes. Le Dain and Allum; 2, Ptes. Bolton and Moore; 3, Ptes. Wadsworth and Lucas.

V.C. Race.—1, Cpl. Ayres and L./Cpl. Allen; 2, Ptes. Bolton and Moore; 3, L./Cpl. Down and A. N. Other.

Champion Platoon.—1, No. 1, 46 pts.; 2, No. 2, 29½ pts.; 3, No. 3, 24½ pts.

Prizes and the Company Clock for the Champions were awarded by Lieut. H. H. A. Howell, M.B.E., at the conclusion of the meeting.

Capt. A. N. Overell has joined our Company from the 2nd Battalion, and we all wish him a happy time with us.

EMMA GEE.

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

This quarter has seen two important events. The first was the Historical Pageant given by the Battalion at Olympia, and the second was the Annual

Musketry Course. Both events needed much preliminary rehearsing.

The former consisted of staging "The Battle of Albuhera," including the famous picture-tableau of "Steady, the Drums"; this was followed by an impressive parade of period dresses of the Regiment, while the whole was given a very solid foundation by an inspiring display of the Battalion's Band and Drums.

For recording the many incidents which helped on the rehearsals and, later, the actual show at Olympia, a small volume would be required; perhaps it is sufficient to state here that the *esprit de corps* of the "Die-Hards" was fully upheld. At the conclusion, all were unanimous that they had enjoyed what is to most soldiers the unique adventure of being placed in an arena on their mettle before a London—the world's most critical—audience. One wonders what would have been the feelings of the past "B" Companies towards this thing of which they were once part.

We returned to the business of Annual Musketry and, forgetting the wind and the road to Barden Moor Range, were among the happy warriors towards the top on the roll of honour in learning, marking and shooting.

The cricket nets have been taken much advantage of, and the Sports Committee showed great energy in arranging fixtures, the results being fair. And now to get trim for Sports Day.

"D" Company have gained, at our expense, C.S.M. Smith, who has left us and takes our sincere good wishes.

G. E. G.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Since our last notes, we have been kept very busy on training, except for a somewhat hectic three weeks at Olympia.

We have been doing section training, platoon training and company training, and by now the road to Waitworth Bank Plantation is as well known to us as the road to the N.A.A.F.I. In addition, the afternoons have been spent in practising for the Royal Tournament, and the order "Get on parade for Olympia" has become a Company catchword.

At Olympia we were split up into various companies of the 57th, and consequently Company life was at a standstill.

However, we all enjoyed the unaccustomed leisure and the splendid catering, and are now eagerly looking forward to the Tattoos at York and Doncaster.

At sport, the Company has been steadily improving (thanks to our enthusiastic Company Commander), and our hockey team—a good combination of youth and experience—easily won the



PTE. LITCHFIELD, "C" COMPANY,
1st BN. MIDDLESEX REGT.

Winner Catterick Garrison Championship,
1929.

Company Knock-out. In the Platoon Competition we were not so lucky, and none of our teams reached the final.

We have just finished our Annual Musketry Course and have again done very well. From the look of the scores, we shall again (touch wood!) be leading the Battalion on church parades. We are also hoping that No. 12 Platoon will

win the prize for the Best Platoon, as they have an awe-inspiring average.

We offer our congratulations to L./Cpl. Litchfield on being selected to box for the Army of the North against the Scottish Amateurs.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

Most of the Company went to Olympia, where we spent a very enjoyable three weeks. We are now looking forward to the York and Doncaster Tattoos, which take place in July.

Lieut. Gordon has left us for the Depot, where we wish him the best of luck. He left us a very fine clock for the Best Platoon in the Company. This will be contested for periodically.

C.S.M. Walker has been appointed Acting R.S.M., and we wish him luck in his new job.

We welcome C.S.M. Smith, who has taken over from him.

After reaching the final of the Garrison Subsidiary Football Competition, we were beaten, after a replay, by 2-1, after an excellent game, by the R.A.O.C.

All our platoons had good teams in the Six-a-Side Football and Hockey Competitions, but unfortunately none managed to reach the finals on Albuhera Day.

2/Lieut. Batten, L./Sergt. Paterson and Cpl. Lawrence represented the Battalion in the Northern Command Athletics at York. Pte. 79 Smith was in the team, but unfortunately damaged his foot and was unable to compete.

DRUMS' NOTES.

In our last notes, we mentioned our prospective journey to Olympia. Now we have been, and it leaves us with pleasant memories. There is no need to say how we fared, because there is only one way in which we do these things.

Apart from our performance in the Tournament, we had some very exciting times, and quite a few old "Die-Hards" were met. The Drums were thankful for the services of several of our old Drummers; these included our old friend Drum-Major Goodwin, of the 9th Battalion. Of course, we could fill pages and pages of our adventures whilst in London, but we are afraid it would not interest anyone but Drummers, so we will not say too much, but think heaps.

Again in Catterick, we are looking forward to the York and Doncaster Tattoos, which take place in July. No doubt we shall excel as we did in London.

Sport, owing to the busy time we have been having, has been somewhat neglected and we hope, now that our musketry course is finished, we shall be able to make up for lost time and keep up our usual position—that is, if we cannot improve on it, which no doubt we will do.

The Battalion Sports take place on August 7th; there we hope to shine like dear "dark horses."

We regret to state that we have lost Cpl. Dallimore from our Corps, owing to his going away into "Civvie Street," and we wish him every success in the future. Also, our congratulations to L./Sergt. Webster on his recent appointment.

SNAKE CHARMER.

BAND NOTES.

We have just returned from the Depot, where we have been playing during Cricket Week.

In the Soccer and Hockey League and Knock-out games we assisted "G" Company to obtain well-placed positions, inasmuch that we won the Eleven-a-Side Soccer Knock-out and were runners-up in the league. At hockey we were runners-up both in the league and the knock-out.

In the platoon matches we did not do well, and were considered very unlucky to be defeated in the second round of the basketball.

Five of the Band stayed behind from the Depot to assist the Battalion in the Northern Command Athletic Meeting at York. We congratulate them, particularly L./Sergt. Painter, who was a member of the team which won the 880 Yards Relay, and Bdsn. Walker, who obtained the best individual High Jump with 5 ft. 6 in.

Evidently our stay at Olympia did not agree with Cpl. Edwards—to whom, by the way, we tender our congratulations on his promotion—for he was admitted to hospital with gastric troubles as soon as he returned. More than one Bass a week does not suit everybody. By the time these notes appear, we hope he has gained a lot of the 2 st. 3 lb. he has lost during his stay in hospital.

To L./Cpl. Elliott we wish the best of good luck when he leaves us in July for civil life.

TREBLE CLEF.

SIGNALLERS' NOTES.

Our usual pen-scratcher having lost a vague aunt (there's a big bun-fight in Richmond!), it has hit upon one, a mere novice, to step into the breach and carry on the good work. So our fellow-readers must be kind if these notes are not up to the usual standard.

To start the ball rolling, we have just come back from the Royal Tournament at Olympia. On the whole, we had a pretty good time in London, and we upheld the good name of the Regiment.

On July 10th, we are proceeding to York and then to Doncaster, to take part in the Military Tattoos, where once again we will show them "our stuff."

The Annual Musketry has been in progress, and the Signals have done remarkably well, considering that the section are mostly all new recruits taken straight from the Depot. On an average, we are first-class shots.

We are eagerly looking forward to the Novices' Boxing Competition, where we are hoping to discover several coming "champs." Our Signal Sergeant was heard to say that his stately figure might be seen in the ring this year. Who said "Hopes"? We regret to say we have lost our "one-rounder," Cpl. Thompson, who has been transferred to "C" Company. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

We must congratulate Cpl. Williams on passing his examination as an "A1"; also on his marriage.

The old Signallers send an overseas "Good Luck" to the men transferred to the Signals in the 2nd Battalion.

Once again rumour said we were shifting from this place of buttercups and moors, but we know how likely that is, considering we have just sown a penny-worth of seeds in our garden.

Before closing, we must apologize for the shortness of these notes, yet the writer says "He who bloweth his own froth." But let us pass on and wish all fellow "flag-bashers" all the best.

BAG-SNATCHER.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

"Right Face" "Watch your front" and "How did you get on?"—these have been the sayings of the past months.

The majority of the Mess were in London during the latter part of May, taking part in the Royal Tournament. This departure from normal routine was welcomed and enjoyed by the majority of those concerned, the "single married" member being to the fore.

After Olympia came musketry, and after musketry comes York, and after—sufficient "offers," thank you! Naturally the Mess, having been closed for a month, nothing much has occurred. We had a night out with the Police and we were unfortunate enough to lose a shooting match against them on the miniature range. "Nuts and bolts" let us down then, but we should have won comfortably. After the shoot, we challenged the "Force" to a billiard tourney, and this we won easily. On the whole, a very enjoyable night, and now, of course, the members of the Mess can pass a policeman without wondering if he (the member) will be "nabbed."

A billiard match with the R.A.S.C. resulted in a good win for us. We lost one game, and that by only one point.

Since April last there have been a great many "ups" (I had nearly put "downs," but that would not fit in) in the Mess.

R.S.M. Beaman has left us for a cold and strange civilian life. He is still near us in his employment, and so keeps in touch with the Mess.

We all wish him success in his present sphere, and hope to have the pleasure of his company often. Dame Rumour has produced several successors, but so far no one has materialized, and we are all "wondering."

Our late R.Q.M.S.—who is now Lieutenant and Quartermaster—is a great loss to the Mess, but we are glad to have him still in the Battalion. There is not a member who does not wish him the very best, and the congratulations of the members are offered in great sincerity.

Congratulations are also due to:—

R.Q.M.S. Crouch on his promotion from C.S.M.

C.S.M. Goodall on promotion from C.Q.M.S.



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Sergt. Anderson on promotion to Colour-Sergeant and appointment to C.O.M.S.

Also to the following on appointment to Lance-Sergeant:—

L./Sergts. L. West, F. Donovan, N. Phillipson, H. Pratt, W. Woodroffe, E. Paterson and W. Webster.

We welcome these new members into our circle; they have already "drummed themselves in."

Albuhera Day was spent very pleasantly. In the evening, a dinner was held in the Mess, and later on the Commanding Officer and the officers came over and the toast was drunk amidst a very impressive silence.

After the officers had gone, the members marched *en bloc* to the Gymnasium and took part (or parts) in the All-Ranks' Dance. Altogether, a "full" evening.

One point has been missed in the above. Just before lunch, the members of the Sergeants' Mess were invited, as the guests of the officers, into the Officers' Mess. This was certainly a very bright interlude to lunch, and the kindness of the Commanding Officer in extending this invitation was greatly appreciated.

Just one question—which probably will never be answered—"Who *did* put that advertisement in the *Daily Express*, and who was he knocking at?"

G. A. P. S. A.

ARTHUR LOVELL.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

On May 4th, at Bromley Public Hall, a memorial portrait of the late Arthur Lovell was unveiled by Countess Haig. It will be remembered that, just after the Great Silence on Armistice Day, 1928, Arthur Lovell rescued a little girl from being run over by a motor-lorry, at the cost of his own life. Countess Haig warmly commented upon his act of heroic bravery, also of another of his heroic deeds during the Great War, when on one occasion during a gas attack he gave another man his gas-mask, saying, "Take this. I can run."

A large audience was present at the ceremony, which included his wife and family, who were also presented with a

framed portrait of him by Countess Haig. After the unveiling of the portrait, followed by the dedication, a silence of one minute was kept, after which the "Last Post" and "Réveillé" were sounded by a bugler of the Middlesex Regiment.

Memento.



This portrait of ARTHUR LOVELL, of Gale Street, Bromley-by-Bow, taken during the Great War, is intended to constitute a permanent record of his faithful likeness and the heroic action by which he met his death.

On Armistice Day, 1928, just after the Great Silence, obeying the instincts of his manhood and the last call of duty; at the moment when a little girl was about to be run over by a lorry in Burgess Street, he stepped in front of it and snatched her to safety; but slipping was immediately killed; a brave deed that won the admiration of his Countrymen throughout the World.

Mr. Lovell served with the 11th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment during the war. His deed of heroism will not be readily forgotten, for it was one that won the admiration of his countrymen throughout the world.

C. T. ESCUDIER, Dmr.

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EAST-END HERO.

LADY HAIG UNVEILS MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

BOUQUET FROM LITTLE GIRL HE SAVED.

(*News of the World* Special.)

High civic officials, Countess Haig, the widow of the late Commander-in-Chief, and hundreds of humble East-enders, united yesterday to pay tribute to the heroism of an ex-Service man.

Arthur Lovell, of Gale-street, Bromley-by-Bow, who lost his life during the Great Silence on Armistice Day last year in saving Rosie Wales, aged 4, from being run over by a lorry in Burgess-street.

Mr. Lovell served in the Middlesex Regiment, and it was particularly fitting that Countess Haig should be the lady to unveil a memorial portrait commemorating the bravery of one of her husband's old soldiers. The ceremony took place in the Bow and Bromley Public Hall, Poplar. On the portrait is the inscription:—

Love is indestructible.
Its holy flame for ever burneth
From Heaven it came—
To Heaven returneth.

Mr. Lovell left a widow and a family of three girls and four boys. The youngest child is now nine months, and the eldest nearly 21 years. Three of the boys are at school. Lady Haig was welcomed to the Hall by the Mayor, Mr. C. W. Keys, and on alighting shook hands and chatted with the guard of honour, composed of local Boy Scouts, who lined the footway. Then she was presented with a bouquet by little Rosie Wales, and was warmly greeted when she appeared on the platform. The Mayor, in his description of Lovell's deed and the fund which had been raised for his widow and family, mentioned that, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, every half-penny of the expenses had been defrayed, with the result that the £2,190 voluntarily subscribed by the public was secured intact for the benefit of the dependents.

The sum was made up by thousands of small subscribers, most of them unknown, in the East of London. Lady Haig, in her brief address, spoke as "one woman who had suffered a great loss to another

who was similarly circumstanced." She declared that Mrs. Lovell would, so long as life lasted, find pride in her husband's heroism, as also would her children, especially when they looked on the memorial portrait of their father in that public hall. Lady Haig made a moving appeal for work to be found for unemployed ex-Service men. "Please remember ex-Service men who are out of work," were her concluding words.

The memorial is placed in the public corridor, where Lady Haig unveiled it, and the speeches were relayed to those outside who were unable to get in. The "Last Post" and "Réveillé" were sounded by a bugler of the Middlesex Regiment, and the notes penetrated to the bareheaded listeners outside.

Ex-Provost James Norval, chairman of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, presented Mrs. Lovell with the memorial certificate awarded by the trustees, and remarked that, although the ready response of the public to the appeal on behalf of the widow and children had not called for assistance from the fund, the trustees would, all the same, always take good care that the future of the children would be made secure. With a cheery word, Lady Haig presented each of the Lovell family with framed copies of the portrait. The portrait is of Mr. Lovell in khaki, taken during the war, and a memento of his deed is inscribed on a panel, which is made to slide through the back of the frame.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE outstanding feature of the last quarter has been the Military Tournament with the Historical Display by the 1st Battalion.

The married families at the Depot attended the dress rehearsal on May 22nd, and the staff and recruits were present at the afternoon performance on May 23rd. The magnificent and perfect display filled us all with pride, and was an example of what can be done when enthusiasm, good management, and continuous practice combine together towards a common end.

We are very sorry that Lieut. H. W. Clayden's tour of duty finished on July

10th. He will be missed by all ranks, and the boxing and gardens will feel his loss particularly. The Depot owes him a large bill of gratitude for all he has done whilst here. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

In his place, we welcome Lieut. I. D. S. Gordon as Adjutant, and are sure that he will ably carry on the good work in this appointment, which is looked on by some as a somewhat grim and herculean task.

Another change in the staff has been the retirement of Capt. and Qrmr. V. E. Stock, M.C., after nearly six years at the Depot as Quartermaster. We miss our "Nunky," both at duty and on the cricket field, but are glad that he is living not far away and has been able to play for us occasionally. Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article about him.

Capt. J. English has come to us from the 1st Battalion to ably fill the vacancy both in barracks and in the sports field, and we wish him a long and prosperous career.

We are glad to have Capt. and Mrs. Manson back with us again after the former's time on the sick list. He is now looking his own self again after his operation.

There are now five squads training and one in the course of formation. The senior squad will be joining the 1st Battalion about the middle of August.

During the last quarter, the following numbers of recruits have come to us from our own and affiliated Territorial battalions:—

7th Battalion, 3; 8th Battalion, 1; 9th Battalion, 3; 7th London Regiment, 1; 19th London Regiment, 2.

The weekly Treasure Hunts and Essays for the Recruits have proved very popular. It is already very noticeable how much quicker off the mark all are becoming, and the standard of general knowledge and writing is improving rapidly.

The senior squads have now paid their visits to the Guildhall, under the able guidance of Sergt.-Instr. A. Osborne, A.E.C., who has personally acquainted them with matters of interest connected with the Regiment and the county. It is hoped that we shall soon be able to visit, in a similar manner, St. Paul's and the Tower of London.

The single members of the Depot staff have had their outing to the seaside. The married members and families will be having their day in the near future, and will probably select some place nearer than Margate, the journey to which place took six hours in the bus.

We have had the pleasure of several visits from the Rev. E. Stogdon, Vicar of Harrow, and formerly Major, Commanding 27th Middlesex (Harrow School) V.R.C. Mr. Stogdon has presented to the Historical Library a very handsome bound volume of Nevill's British Military Prints, a book difficult to obtain now, for which we again thank him.

Capt. R. I. Paiba was present at the Old Comrades' Gathering and Depot Sports on June 28th, and has very generously presented a silver cup, to be competed for annually by the recruits. It is to be a special prize for—in golf parlance—the eighteen-handicap class, and the winner each year will receive a miniature for himself.

On Sunday, July 7th, an open-air service was held in barracks, to commemorate the return to health of His Majesty the King. The Rev. F. R. Sheehan, Vicar of Mill Hill, conducted the service on the special form used everywhere on that day.

GAZETTE.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

6196642 L./Cpl. F. Brightman: Promoted Corporal, 1/2/29, *vice* Theobald, to A.R.

6197762 L./Cpl. A. Tutte: Promoted Corporal, 18/2/29, *vice* Jones, promoted.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

6192291 Sergt. F. Stacey: Re-engaged for the Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill on 22/4/29 for such a term as shall complete 21 years' service.

TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE, AND DISCHARGES.

6194930 Cpl. J. Simmonds: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 2/5/29.

6194285 Cpl. W. Schooledge and 6194949 Cpl. T. Robinson: Transferred to Section "B," Army Reserve, 7/5/29.

6188666 Sergt. W. Sperry: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxviii), 17/5/29.

6191909 Sergt. J. Cook: Discharged under K.R. 370 (xxii), 17/5/29.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

6194542 L./Sergt. W. Northcott: Attended No. 19 L.Q. Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe Wing, from 28/1/29 to 5/4/29, and obtained "Q.1."

MARRIAGE.

6196846 Cpl. W. Holt: Married to Eva Walker, at Darlington, on 18/5/29.

CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

Awarded 1st Class Certificates of Education at an examination held at Mill Hill on 20/3/29:—

6189800 Sergt. W. Raindle (7th Battalion), 6197916 L./Cpl. W. Pinkney, and 6198740 Pte. V. Cooper (1st Battalion).

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

6699872 Pte. E. Broughton, 6198745 Pte. A. Fay, 6198775 Pte. A. Flane, 6198774 Pte. P. Heffernan, 6723019 Pte. C. Islip, 6198743 Pte. F. Lock, 6198704 Pte. A. Millross, 6198722 Pte. A. Smith, 6198778 Pte. E. Curtis, 6198731 Pte. E. Caslake, 6198746 Pte. A. Finkleston, 6198777 Pte. W. Long, 6198792 Pte. L. Osborne, 6197148 Pte. F. Payne, 6198776 Pte. H. Ramsden, 6198703 Pte. F. Shaw, 6198734 Pte. J. Sheen, 6198784 Pte. L. Bevan, 6198910 Pte. A. Burnett, 6198706 Pte. G. Hansbury, 6198724 Pte. H. Hammond, 6198785 Pte. W. Innes, 6198916 Pte. T. Key, 6198956 Pte. W. King, 6198940 Pte. L. McDowell, 6198908 Pte. G. Mauger, 6197290 Pte. G. Philpot, 6198761 Pte. F. Thorne, 6198907 Pte. H. Williams.

SPORTS AND OLD COMRADES' GATHERING.

The Depot Sports and Old Comrades' Gathering took place at the Depot on Friday, June 28th. There was not such a large gathering of Old Comrades as usual, but, bearing in mind the bitterly cold wind that swept over the ground last year, some of them may have decided to postpone meeting old friends until the Old Comrades' Dinner.

It was, however, a very good day from the weather and all points of view. Much amusement was caused by the Pillow-Fighting and Tilting the Bucket competitions.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Pargiter presented the prizes.

The results of the Sports were as follows:—

100 Yards, *Recruits*.—1, Pte. Brown ("Y" Squad); 2, Pte. Flane ("M" Squad); 3, Pte. McDowell ("N" Squad). Time, 11 4-5 sec.

100 Yards, *Open*.—1, Sergt. Blake (D.S.); 2, Pte. Brown ("Y"); 3, Pte. McDowell ("N"). Time, 11 2-5 sec.



DEPOT SPORTS.

Tilting the Bucket.

Pillow-Fighting.—Draw, Pte. McGann and Sergt. Burt.

Sack Race.—1, Cpl. Holt; 2, Pte. Winmill; 3, Pte. 17 Smith.

High Jump, *Recruits*.—1, Pte. Innes ("M"); 2, Pte. Sims ("A"); 3, Pte. Seymour ("Y"). Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

Tug-of-War.—1st Round: Mons; 2nd Round, Mons; 3rd Round, Ladysmith; Final, Mons. Time, final pull, 53 2-5 sec.

220 Yards, *Recruits*.—1, Pte. Brown ("Y"); 2, Pte. Flane ("M"); 3, Pte. Sims ("A"). Time, 27 sec.



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440 Yards, Recruits.—1, Pte. Brown ("Y"); 2, Pte. Sullivan ("M"); 3, Pte. Clack ("M"). Time, 1 min. 0 4-5 sec.

Potato Race.—1, Cpl. Brightman; 2, Pte. 17 Smith; 3, Pte. Watson.

Corporals' Race.—1, Cpl. Little; 2, Cpl. Brightman; 3, Cpl. Turner. Time, 1 4-5 sec.

Long Jump, Depot Staff.—1, Cpl. Brightman; 2, Sergt. Tiller; 3, Cpl. Butfield. Distance, 17 ft. 3 in.

Long Jump, Recruits.—1, Pte. Innes ("M"); 2, Pte. Brown ("Y"); 3, Pte. Graney ("N"). Distance, 17 ft. 2 in.

Recruits' Heaving Shot.—1, Pte. Jermain ("A"); 2, Pte. McDowell ("N"); 3, Pte. Seymour ("Y"). Distance, 28 ft. 2 in.

880 Yards, Open.—1, Pte. Hall; 2, L./Cpl. Turner. Time, 2 min. 30 2-5 sec.

880 Yards, Recruits.—1, Pte. Mauger ("Y"); 2, Pte. Maskell ("A"); 3, Pte. Falk ("M"). Time, 2 min. 26 2-5 sec.

Putting the Shot.—1, Sergt.-Instr. Patterson; 2, Capt. Hayden; 3, Cpl. Butfield. Distance, 33 ft. 6 in.

Children's Race, Boys.—1, Master J. Clark; 2, Master Hull; 3, Master Osborne.

Children's Race, Girls.—1, Miss Elliott; 2, Miss Cook; 3, Miss Hull.

Inter-Mess Relay.—1, Privates; 2, Sergeants; 3, Corporals. Time, 4 min. 24 sec.

440 Yards, Open.—1, L./Cpl. Turner (D.S.); 2, Pte. Hall (D.S.); 3, Pte. Mauger ("Y"). Time, 1 min.

One Mile, Open.—1, Pte. Mellish; 2, Lieut. Wilcox; 3, Pte. Cross.

High Jump, Depot Staff.—1, Cpl. Brightman; 2, Sergt.-Instr. Patterson; 3, C.S.M. Cook. Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

Ladies' Egg-and-Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Holt; 2, Mrs. Patterson; 3, Mrs. Osborne.

Tilting the Bucket.—1, Cpl. Mason and Pte. Jones; 2, Ptes. Burnett and Wilson.

Four-Legged Race.—1, Cpls. Bayles, Barley and Butfield; 2, Ptes. Watkins, Jones and Cox.

Inter-Squad Relay.—1, Ypres; 2, Albuhera; 3, Ladysmith. Time, 4 min. 27 sec.

220 Yards, Open.—1, Sergt. Blake; 2, Pte. Hall; 3, Pte. McDowell ("N"). Time, 27 4-5 sec.

Band Race.—1, Bdsn. Walker; 2, L./Cpl. Stone; 3, Bdsn. Cousins.

Squad Championship.—1, Ypres (28 pts.); 2, Mons (19 pts.); 3, Albuhera (12

pts.); 4, Nivelle (7 pts.); 5, Ladysmith (3 pts.).

Sergeants' Race.—1, C.S.M. Cook; 2, Sergt. Blake; 3, Sergt.-Instr. Patterson. Time, 13 sec.

Veterans' Race.—1, Capt. English; 2, R.S.M. Mantell; 3, Mr. Thompson. Time, 12 sec.

Three Miles, Open.—1, Pte. Mauger ("Y"); 2, Pte. Mellish (D.S.); 3, Pte. Maskell ("A"). Time, 17 min. 55 sec.

Individual Champion.—Pte. Brown (Ypres Squad), 10 pts.

CRICKET NOTES.

The Depot cricket team has not been able to turn out at full strength so far this season, but we hope now to put stronger sides in the field. Pte. Bish is settling down to grass wickets. Pte. Williams, a recruit, is improving as a bat, and is a very useful left-hand bowler with a nice action, and should develop into a useful cricketer. Pte. Marshall, as wicket-keeper, has much improved.

The following have played:—
Major L. L. Pargiter, Capt. F. G. Parker and B. G. Horrocks, Lieuts. H. W. Clayden and J. H. Clowes, R.S.M. Mantell, C.Q.M.S. Steadman, Sergt. Northcott, Cpl. Brightman, and Ptes. Williams, White, Bish, Lyons, Brown and Marshall.

Officers and Privates, 145 (Major Pargier, 40; Lieut. Clowes, 46); Sergeants and Corporals, 45.

Major Money's XI, 63; The Depot, 79. Life Guards, 204 for 8 dec.; The Depot, 115 (Lieut. Clowes, 40; Capt. Parker, 21 not out).

Depot East Surrey Regiment, 207 for 8 dec.; The Depot, 44.

The Depot, 66 (Pte. White, 22); Mill Hill Village, 64.

The Depot, 91 (Lieut. Clayden, 24); R.A.F., Stanmore, 115.

The Depot, 53; Finchley, 129 for 6.

The Depot, 69; Old Elizabethans, 100.

The Depot, 133 (Capt. Parker, 20; Pte. Bish, 28); Depot Royal Fusiliers, 244 for 3.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We opened the social round of the quarter with a carnival dance on St. George's Day. This was well patronized

by both past and present members of the Regiment. We were also pleased to note that the officers, in full force, honoured us with their presence.

During May, a billiards handicap was run in the Mess, the winner being Sergt.-Instr. Patterson, A.P.T.S. (a "dark 'un"), and runner up L./Sergt. Northcott.

Albuhera Day was, as usual, observed as a holiday as far as possible. A cricket match—Officers and Privates *v.* Sergeants and Corporals—took place in the afternoon. Full details and scores appear in the sports notes of this Journal.

An All-Ranks' Dance was held in the Gymnasium in the evening, and was well patronized.

Owing to the severe winter, the tennis court was not playable until late in May, when a Mess handicap tournament was started. The doubles' and singles' semi-finals have yet to be played, so we leave details of this till our next issue.

The Depot Sports, as usual, were held on the Friday of the Regimental Cricket Week. This was also the day set apart for the Old Comrades' Gathering. Full results of the Sports appear elsewhere in this issue.

After the Sports, the Mess was open to Old Comrades and their wives until 8.30 p.m., when we all adjourned to the Gymnasium for the Sergeants' and Corporals' Dance, which turned out a great success. The Commanding Officer and officers honoured us with their presence, and dancing continued until 2 a.m.

NEWS SUMMARY.

"Aussie" is to be "Shanghaied" in December.

For information of those coming to the Depot on a tour, "money does not grow on trees." This is a Depot and not a modern Utopia.

We do not sell "John Collins" in the Mess, and it is considered *de trope* to ask for it.

Bo-sun.

CORPORALS' NOTES.

Since our last issue of notes, nothing much of great interest has passed.

Early in June, we entertained the Sergeants at a cricket match, followed by tea, and were very unlucky to lose by a

narrow margin of runs, but hope to have our revenge shortly.

We were very pleased to see the Corporals so well represented at the prize distribution on Sports Day, nearly every member participating. There had been hopes of taking the Relay Shield from the Depot Staff, but we were unlucky, so now we look forward to lifting the trophy next time.

The day was finished well with a dance, held jointly by the Sergeants and Corporals, and at which quite a number of our old members were found.

We are extremely sorry to lose our old friend, "Nuttie" Sparkes, on his return to "civvy" life, but wish him every success in his new sphere. Also we hope to see our piano-juggler about again soon, this time wearing "ammo's" and without the familiar limp.

Since deleting a certain N.C.O. from the Inventory, the B.B.B. has not died a natural death, as it was noted that his successor managed to bounce home for a "first" in the sack race.

We offer our congratulations to Cpl. Little on his latest addition, and wish him more to come.

Last but not least we sincerely regret the loss of our Adjutant, Mr. Clayden, and offer a warm welcome to the new Adjutant, Mr. I. D. S. Gordon, and hope that he will enjoy the period of his tour.

We also welcome Mr. Ayscough from the "good old Second" on his posting for a tour of duty with us.

CAPT. VIVIAN E. STOCK, M.C.

CAPTAIN STOCK, who had been Quartermaster at the Depot since June, 1923, was placed on retired pay on April 28th, having reached the age for retirement.

The son of Sergt. E. Stock, 57th Regiment, he enlisted in the 1st Battalion at Buttevant, Co. Cork, on October 28th, 1889, at the age of 15 years. During the forty years which followed, he saw service in many parts of the world: Gibraltar, three years; South Africa, two years; India, five years. His first step on the ladder of promotion was on Christmas

Day, 1895, when he became Lance-Corporal. His subsequent promotions were Corporal, 1896; Sergeant, 1898; Colour-Sergeant, 1903; Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, 1907; Regimental Sergeant-Major, 1909; Lieutenant and Quartermaster, August, 1914; and Captain and Quartermaster, 1917.

He went to France with the 1st Battalion in August, 1914, and returned home with the Cadre of that Battalion in May, 1919—this period being broken by two spells at home in 1916 and 1917. For his services he received the 1914 Star, the Great War and Victory Medals and the Military Cross. He was afterwards with the 1st Battalion in Cologne and Silesia.

A good all-round sportsman, he excelled in shooting, being best shot of the 1st Battalion in 1898, 1901 and 1902; best shot of the 4th Battalion in 1903 and 1905, and runner-up of All-Ireland Championships in 1904. He was best shot of the Sergeants and Corporals in 1902 and 1906 in the 1st and 4th Battalions respectively, and won the 4th Battalion Championship in 1906.

Among his decorations is the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

The best wishes of his many friends will follow Capt. Stock into his retirement.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF CAPT. WILLIAM STAVELEY, ROYAL STAFF CORPS, 1815.

BELOW will be found extracts from letters written to his mother by the then Capt. Staveley, Royal Staff Corps, extra A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington, describing the difficulties of the officers charged with the duty of Commissioners for carrying into effect the convention by which the French troops were to march out of and the Allied troops into Paris, after the Battle of Waterloo.

The letters from which the extracts are taken are in the possession of Mrs. Douglas, grand-daughter of the writer, Lieut.-General Sir William Staveley, K.C.B. Mrs. Douglas has very kindly consented to the publication of these extracts in the Regimental Magazine, and

its readers, whilst enjoying the remarkable incidents described, will no doubt greatly appreciate her kindness and courtesy in granting permission for this.

A. A. GARSTIN.

"NEUILLY, PARIS.

"7th July, 1815.

"Fifteen days after leaving Bruxelles we encamped on the Seine before the gates of Paris. The Prussians crossed that river at St. Germain and marching through Versailles drove in the troops of the enemy sent to oppose them on the South side. Deputies had been coming from all parties begging a suspension of hostilities, which terminated in a convention, by which the French Army were to march out and we into Paris. Our troops have entered to-day—the remains of the French Army having retired behind the Loire. On the 4th, the Duke of Wellington sent for me, and told me that he had appointed me, in conjunction with Colonel Torrens, Commissioners to see the Convention carried into effect, and that a French officer had been sent from Paris to conduct us there, to meet the Prussian and French Commissioners. We set off, Colonel Torrens, the Dragoon (Joaquim) and myself, the latter not a little proud of this honourable mission. Hostilities had ceased, but the usual guards were kept up on both sides. It was dark before we reached the Barrier, but after some little hesitation and grumbling they allowed us to pass.

"We had passed most of the advanced posts, the General Officer commanding them, and were half way through the Faubourg, when we were stopped by an officer of Polish Lancers and his men, the latter (some of them drunk and excessively unruly), seized the reins of our French conductor's horse and refused to allow us to proceed. Then collected a mob of soldiers, and the tumult increasing, they began to fire upon us from all sides, and cut at our Dragoons with their sabres.

"The French officer threw himself from his horse—Torrens, one of the Dragoons and Joaquim galloped up the street. I thought that so doing would only increase the confusion and bring all Paris about our ears. I therefore remained a few seconds longer in the thick of the mob

(now increased to 300 or 400) in hopes their officers would be able to pacify them, but it was in vain. Finding the firing increasing on all sides, and feeling myself wounded, I galloped on a little way clear of them and then alighting, entered the first house I found open. I passed through into the court and found other horses and a Lancer in the stable. The latter did not understand much French and appeared stupefied. I left him and seeing the entrance of a dark room open, went in and awaited quietly my fate. I continued here half an hour, the noise in the street continuing, mingled with firing and cries of 'Vivre l'Empereur.' They appeared to be searching for us in all directions. At length a light flashed into the room where I was, followed by three ruffians who, the moment they perceived me, rushed upon me, presenting their pistols at my head and breast. I put my hand in my pocket, on which one of them made a sign to the other to be quick. They then began to plunder me of my money, watch, etc., and whilst thus employed the officer who had first stopped us entered. I claimed his protection, but he did not prevent their rifling me of everything valuable except my dress.

"I went out with him and was instantly surrounded by a crowd of those villains, some holding up lights to me, others insisting upon shooting or 'massacreing' me with their sabres. This continued some time, although I shewed a letter from the French Commissioner by authority of the Prince Eckmuhl, requesting Lord Wellington to send an English officer 'to see the convention fulfilled.' The officer said I was duly authorised, but could not control his men, who said they were 'sold and betrayed' by their Generals, and would be revenged.

"At length a Bourgeois brought a carriage to the door and offered to drive me to the Minister's. I got in, but was instantly surrounded by the ruffians pointing their muskets into the carriage, swearing vengeance and not allowing me to proceed. I then begged the officer to take me into the house again until tranquility could be restored. He succeeded in withdrawing his Polish Lancers, but I was now followed into the room by a crowd of French Infantry, who renewed the same scene of threats and imprecations, menacing me with their

bayonets or muskets, which continued for between two and three hours. At length the officers, by talking to their men individually, restored them to some degree of order, and I again got into the carriage accompanied by two of them and half a dozen men. We proceeded into Paris, and alighting at the house of the chief of the Staff, he expressed great regret at what had happened, and an officer of the National Guard happening to be there, who was a surgeon, examined my wound and dressed me. When he perceived it was not mortal, he gave me two hearty kisses exclaiming: 'It will be merely an affair of days.'

"I was now enquiring my way to the Prince of Eckmuhl's when an officer came in from thence who said he was sent to look for me. He told me Colonel Torrens had got there, but one of the Dragoons and poor Joaquim were killed. He had already seen them buried. I then went to the Prince's and found Torrens, who had galloped through a volley of fire until he overtook an officer of the National Guard, who he begged to conduct him to the Princes. We got beds there and I remained that and the following night, but being uncertain when our troops would enter, I yesterday came here. One of the Commissioners, a French General, escorting me himself to the Barrier, and lending me his carriage to bring me here. My wound is of no consequence, and the Doctor says will be well in a week or ten days, being in the fleshy part of the side; it has not touched any bone or intestine and the ball has made its exit within half an inch of where it entered.

"You may conceive my regret for poor Joachim (his servant). The poor fellow seemed as pleased as myself at the idea of being the first to enter Paris. He rode my favourite little mare, which I had in London and which escaped by following Torrens. The one I rode (and which was a valuable one) I had bought from Colonel Dundas, I lost. I go into Paris to-morrow—the Duke of Wellington and part of the army have entered to-day. The Duke is very angry at our treatment and has formally demanded satisfaction. Their officers had no power over them, and said they were afraid of their own lives."

"PARIS, 9th July.

"The remains of the French Army have just sent in deputies to implore the mercy of the King who made his entree yesterday. All is perfectly tranquil, and I hope to remain here a good while, until everything is settled."

"HEADQUARTERS, 9th July.

"PARIS.

"Here I am once more in this gay capital, to which we have shown and continue to show so much mercy, notwithstanding all the trouble it has occasioned us. The King made his grand entree yesterday and is quietly seated in the Palais of the Tuileries, as if nothing had happened, greeted incessantly with cries of 'Vive le Roi' by the very people who the day before, seeing some of his bodyguard, cried: 'A bas la garde du Corps—à bas Louis dix-huit—Les Anglais à la bonheur—Qu'on nous donne Wellington, mais jamais Louis XVIII!' These identical people amongst whom were many of the National Guards and several hundreds of officers who had followed him into exile. The Allies took no part in the ceremony. The Duke of Wellington is said to have accompanied him in plain clothes, but I did not observe him. I could not resist mounting my horse to see his reception, and afterwards mixing with the mob in the garden of the Tuileries and Palais Royal that I might see with my own eyes the popular feeling. This was not being very discreet on my part, but the Doctor says I have not suffered from it and that by keeping quiet I shall be well in a week or ten days.

"Amongst the things the villains plundered me of was the watch you gave me thirteen years ago on my birthday. It was the only thing I parted with reluctantly. Whilst they were taking it I managed to pick off Callendar's seal, which I saved. We all live very near each other, near the Place Vendôme. It is rather noisy, but I have plenty of 'gape seed.'"

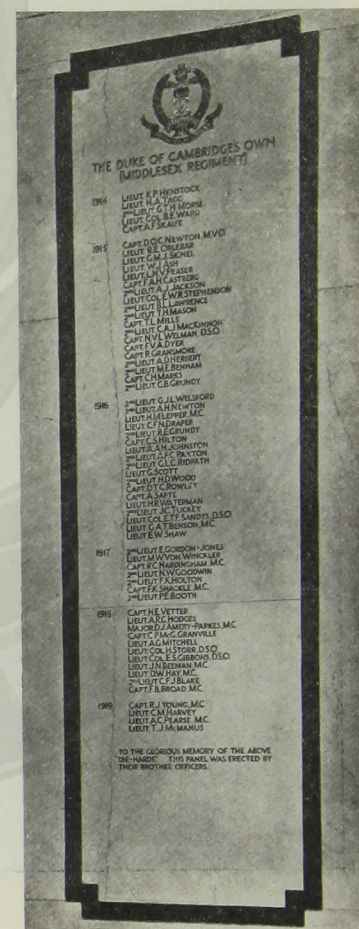
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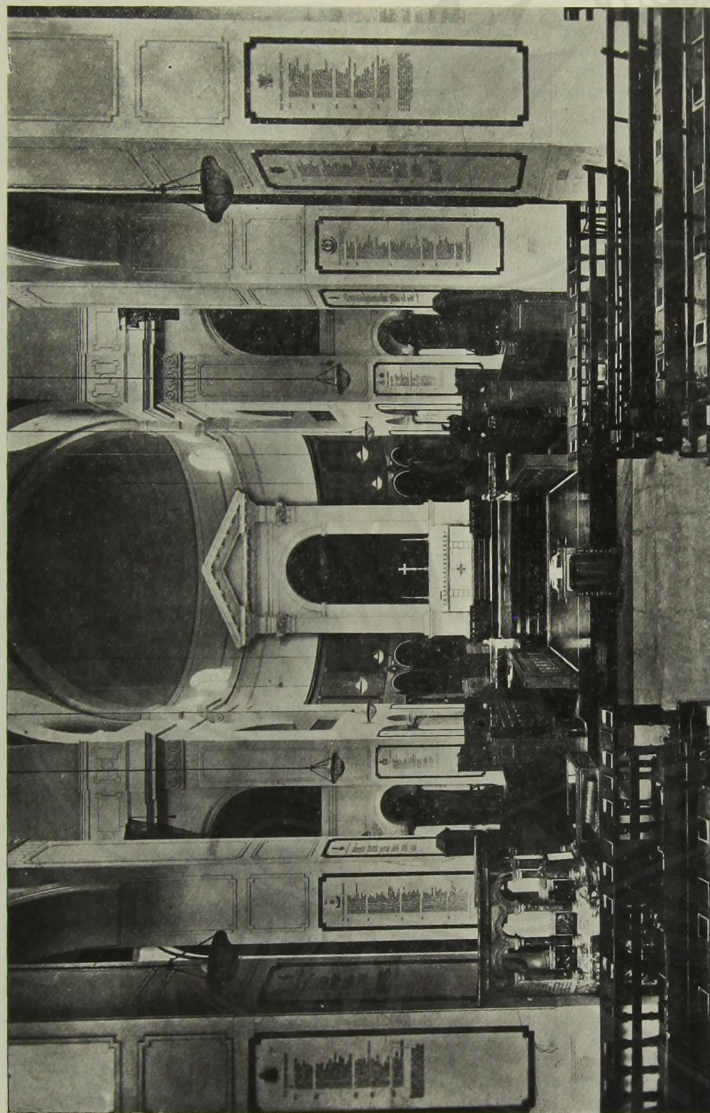
"We are all gaiety here. Reviews of Emperors, Kings, Princes and soldiers every day. All the dancing and fencing masters of Paris are employed in finishing our education and qualifying us for such august company. I dined yesterday with the Duke of Wellington, having called

upon him to thank him for my promotion, which has appeared in the Gazette. My wound is nearly healed and gives me no inconvenience."

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, SANDHURST.

WE publish three photographs of the Memorial to the Officers which is





R.M.C. CHAPEL.



MEMORIAL TO OTHER RANKS AT THE R.M.C.

in the R.M.C. Chapel. One shows the position of the Memorial in relation to the east end of the Chapel, and the other a close view of the Memorial, showing the names of the fallen. The Regiment were one of the first to respond to the appeal for the erection of a memorial to all cadets who entered its ranks.

The carving and crest are coloured: the title of the Regiment in gold, and the names in green, with initial letters in red.

The architect chose these colours after infinite consideration. He tried other colours, but he felt that this particular combination of red and green produced most nearly the effect that he desired, a sense of brightness and life, and not a sense of gloom. Only the names of those who have been cadets at the College are placed upon the panels.

The panel is of white marble, surrounded by a framework of bronze.

Arrangements have now been made to place a wreath on the Officers' Memorial every Armistice Day. The wreath will be of laurel leaves with the Regimental ribbon attached.

A similar wreath will be placed on the Other Ranks' Memorial, which stands outside the Chapel. A photograph of this memorial is also reproduced.

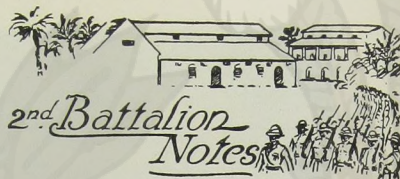


GLEANINGS.

A QUEER PRAYER.

The following prayer was written about 1804, at a time when Great Britain was threatened with a French invasion, Napoleon having assumed full authority:

"God bless this house and all within two miles ilka side of this house. O bless the cow and the meal and kailyard, and the muckle toum o' Dumbarton. O God! bless the Scotch Greys that are lien' in Hamilton Barracks. They are brave chieils—they are no like the English whalps that dash their foot against a stone—as if a stone had a soul to be saved. O put a strong dyke between us and the muckle French; but a far stronger ane between us and the Irish. O Lord! preserve us frae a' witches and warlock, and a lang nebbet beasties that gang through the heather. O Lord! put a pair o' branks about the King of France's neck—gie me the halter in my ain hand, that I may lead him about when I like, for Thy name's sake, Amen."



ALBUHERA DAY was celebrated on May 16th with a diversity of entertainments. We started at 4.30 in the morning, when Fort St. George roused itself and began to move to Minnamakkam Ranges in relays of motor-buses, in order not to be late for the Battalion Rifle Meeting, due to commence at 6.30. The Mount Detachment, who had only two miles to go, managed to secure an extra hour in bed. The meeting consisted of two company and two platoon competitions, and it lasted until nearly 10 o'clock. The last competition, an inter-company snapshooting match, was open to the 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Regiment (L.I.), who entered a team which won the first prize. The competition which caused the most amusement was an inter-platoon Lewis-gun match. All the groups of "H.Q." Wing entered for this, even the Machine Gunners sacrificing their dignity by forsaking the Vickers gun for the much-despised (by them) Lewis gun.

After the Rifle Meeting, most of us retired indoors until the sun should become less powerful. Not so, however, Capt. Procter and Sergt. Ingle, who, scorning the sun and prickly-heat, spent most of the morning and afternoon in making preparations for the Swimming Sports, which were held in the Adyar River at 5 p.m. These sports were a great success, and, even if the temperature of the river was akin to that of a rather hot bath, we think that the competitors and spectators had an enjoyable time.

In the evening there were Privates' Dances at the Mount and the Fort, and Corporals' and Sergeants' Dances at the Fort. An attraction at the Sergeants' Dance was a billiard match between the Officers and Sergeants. We are not quite certain of the result, but believe it was a draw.

Everyone was very sorry when Lieut.



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and Qrmr. and Mrs. Douthet left us at the end of March. Lieut. Douthet had been ill for some months and he is now taking six months' sick leave in England. Although the rest and the change of climate will do him a lot of good, we are afraid that we shall not see him out here again. Lieut. Douthet has been in the Regiment for nearly thirty years, and his departure and that of his popular wife is regretted by all ranks of the Battalion.

Another—one might almost say worthy—figure who has left the Battalion, but in less sad circumstances, is Capt. A. N. Overell, who has been posted to the 1st Battalion on promotion. Capt. Overell served with the 2nd Battalion ever since he was first commissioned in 1917, so, although he is still young in years, he has had more continuous service with this Battalion than any other officer now serving. He was Machine Gun Officer for some years, and will be greatly missed now that the Machine Gun Company is forming. We also recommend him confidently to the 1st Battalion if they are in need of a dame comedian for their concert party.

We congratulate Capt. E. N. Appelbe and 2/Lieut. Else on their success at the Machine Gun School.

Lieut. Ayscough has left us for a tour of duty at the Depot, and Lieut. Tuckey has gone to England for eight months' leave. We welcome Major R. D. Bennett (from the 1st Battalion), Lieut. H. P. Lambert (from the Depot), and 2/Lieut. W. M. Ferguson on first commission.

At present we are in the middle of the hot weather, and we are all finding it distinctly unpleasant. Prickly-heat is the order of the day, and large sums of money are being spent on "Kardyl Prickly-Heat Powder," and other nostrums, all of which seem to have very little effect. The Regimental bus is in great demand for taking bathing parties to Elliott's Beach, where a little temporary relief may be obtained in the surf of the Bay of Bengal.

Hearty congratulations are due to C.S.M.I.M. Davis, who, at the moment of writing, has just been promoted W.O. Class I, and has been appointed R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

We moved from the Fort to St. Thomas's Mount at the beginning of March, and everybody enjoys the change from the confines and smells of the town to the wide, open spaces of the Mount. Perhaps some hanker after the lights and delights of Madras, but for those who do not there are hockey and football grounds within three minutes of the Company bungalows, and the finest swimming pool in Southern India distant ten minutes, where swimmers and non-swimmers alike desport themselves in the dewy morn (holidays) and evenings.

Bathing indeed is so popular in the Company that we are now having bathing parties once a week to Elliott Beach for a dip in the sea. Judging from the loaded Regimental bus, which always makes a double journey, this innovation is exceedingly popular. The fact that the swimming is supposed to be dangerous does not deter anyone, but in any case we go fully equipped and organized with a buoy and swimming picquets, and so are prepared to meet any emergency. Nothing can be done for certain individuals who allow their boots to be washed away. The return to barracks in the bus is always a pleasant and often a musical journey, and if some people would shoot as well as they can sing our present standard of musketry would be even higher, for once again we are the Best Shooting Company, this time for 1928-29, and there is no reason why we should not continue to be. Anyway, we do our best to keep up to the standard, and with some success, as will be seen.

On May 13th, we won the Inter-Company Revolver Team Match, Pte. Boffee also compiling the highest score in the individual competition. On May 20th, No. 2 Platoon won the Inter-Platoon Fire and Movement Competition. An Albuhera Day Shoot saw the Company team first in the Inter-Company Tile Shoot, winning from "D" Company by 118 points. At the same meeting, our Lewis Gunners were runners-up in the Inter-Platoon Relay Match, and No. 4 Platoon third in the Inter-Platoon Rapid Fire Competition.

On Albuhera Day, we experienced some of the hottest weather we have had. We started off with a rifle meeting (see our

note above). In the afternoon Aquatic Sports were held at the Mount. Here "A" Company supplied the winners of the following:—

Diving (Pte. Saddington) and Life-Saving (Ptes. Searle and Tuffey).

Mrs. Bennett presented the prizes at the conclusion of a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

In the evening, we had a dance at the Mount, the Band of the Oriental Café discoursing soft music while dancers revolved slowly round the "spots," Ptes. Tuffey, Potter and Brailey, of the Company, performed this movement with such skill that they were acclaimed the winners.

There are a few changes of personnel to record. Our new Company Commander, Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., arrived from the 1st Battalion early in April and has taken over from Capt. F. A. L. Lawrence, who has left us for the hill station. Mr. Gilbert is doing a strenuous three months' P.T. course at Ambala, and when he returns from that muscle factory we hope to get something going in the rugger line when the weather will be a bit cooler and the ground a bit softer.

Capt. E. N. Appelbe will take over command of the new M.G. Company when formed.

We have lost two very good boxers in Ptes. Howlett and Evans, who have left us for civilian life, and we wish them and others who have left us for the United Kingdom the very best.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

If "Ginny" and "Lardy" manage to run "Housey, Housey" in the wilds of Catterick, and if the old soldiers who went home on the strength of the 1st Battalion are still moaning.

"E. E. H.," our Company poet, sends the following:—

INDIA.

When the west wind blows scorching and fierce o'er the plains,
When you sit 'neath the punkah and pray for the rains,
When your body is burning with prickly-heat,
And the insects devour both your ankles and feet,
What a glorious country is India!

When you think of your friends in a healthier land,

Far from the scorching heat, dust-storms and sand,

While you're sweating and cursing and shouting "Kinsho,"

And wondering whether it is hotter below,
What a glorious country is India!

You have read of the wonderful nights in the East,

Of the moonlight and peace when the day's work has ceased;

Well, this may be all right in its way,
But it's not my experience, I'm sorry to say,

Of a hot-weather night in India.

For you find when you lay yourself down on your bed

That the brain-fever bird sends you right off your head;

While the pie-dog and jackal persistently howl,

And the chowkidar coughs when he's doing his prowling;

Oh, the joys and the blessings of India!

When you rise in the morning at four-forty-five,

You're as weak as a rat, and more dead than alive;

And you're soaked to the skin ere your toilet is done,

While you dream of the rise of the glorious sun,

In this wonderful country called India.

Now, you people at home complain of the cold;

Don't get huffy and cross when you are told,

For you're far better off than the soldier-man bold

On the plains in the summer in India.
"Ackov."

"B" COMPANY NOTES.

"Journal notes required by —." Such is the announcement that makes us sit up and realize that once again the pen has to be put to paper, and news of the Company forthcoming.

I think we all enjoyed our three months at the Mount, where we were often—or

was it occasionally?—reminded of England, with views of a green field and cows (Indian ones). We apologize for the brackets, but fear they have to be. And now for the Fort, where there are no views of England, though the barracks overlook the sea where bathing, under escort, is permitted and is found to be very enjoyable. In fact, with the Band and Drums, not forgetting the attached Section, we now share the "whatever-one-likes-to-call-them" of our first hot weather in Madras.

We sympathize with No. 7 Platoon for having chosen to form part of the Wellington Detachment, only to be changed at the last moment, and a whole company ("D") sent up. Better luck next year, as, from all accounts, life at Wellington seems to form a pleasant change.

Now for our news.

We must first extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. Chapman, who unfortunately arrived too late to assist us in the Hockey League, and who has joined us from "C." Here we think it only fit to wish the very best of luck to Lieut. Kerin, attached to us for eighteen months from the 2nd King's Regiment, who has now left us to join the Burmah Rifles at Lansdowne. A mere word as to going is insufficient, as he and his wife have always been "B" and always had the Company's interests very much at heart whilst they were with us. We hope they carry away many happy reminiscences, and once again we wish them the very best of everything, and "Good luck."

The Company Championship—and we must congratulate "H.Q." on topping us—just wasn't ours. In fact, we think that, with a bit of luck, we might have got it, instead of finishing equal second with "D." We were at the top with Boxing and Hockey to be decided. In the Boxing, we did the best with the available personnel, but missed Cpl. Slate and Ptes. Elcome and Arney, who were sick, and Pte. Sayers, away on a course at Wellington. We finished level bottom with "A" and "H.Q." with 20 points. We wish to congratulate the team, however, on putting up a good show, both winners and losers alike. Our team was:—

Fly.—Pte. Pugh.

Bantam.—Pte. Barry.

Light.—L./Sergt. Donaldson.

Welters.—(1) Pte. Hayward; (2) Pte. Waddilove.

Middle.—L./Cpl. Cosgrove.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Wilder.

Heavy.—Cpl. Harper.

Reserve Light-weight.—L./Cpl. Tennant.

In the Hockey we started well by beating "A" Company 3—1 at the Mount, after a good game, but unfortunately could not keep it up, and lost to "H.Q.," "D" and "C." However, we think our team showed more promise than last year, as the forwards, though still a little uncertain in front of goal, had more than an idea of combination. The team generally consisted of:—

Pte. Mann; Major Wollocombe, L./Cpl. Oram; L./Cpl. Wilson, Pte. 29 Robinson, Pte. Freeman; L./Cpl. Tennant, Fountain or Pte. Soden, Pte. 55 Davis, L./Cpl. Searle, 2/Lieut. Stephenson, and C.Q.M.S. West.

We herewith congratulate L./Cpl. Searle on his being chosen to play centre-forward for the Battalion, where he has been showing very promising form. Pte. 29 Robinson is on the fringe of the Regimental XI, and we hope the Regimental team selectors will see eye to eye with us when the Madras Club Hockey Tournament comes off in June.

We offer further congratulations to L./Cpl. Cosgrove and Pte. Sayers, who represented the Regiment in the 5—3 win over the Lancashire Fusiliers in an Athletic Meeting at Wellington.

On Albuhera Day, our platoons put in teams for two shooting competitions. No. 5 were successful in winning one, and their Lewis Gun Section got into the semi-final round of the Lewis Gun Relay Match. We congratulate them.

Our Company team went in for two Company Competitions, but met with no success. No. 7 Platoon's L.G. Section were beaten in the first round by the eventual winners, and only after a count of the rounds left, after a tie in firing, so possibly they may consider they did better than No. 5's Section. Anyway, better luck to both next time.

And so, until the next notice for the Regimental Journal notes appears, we close. By then we shall have started rugger, we hope, with a lot of keen and

promising material, and hope to do well. Our rugger enthusiasts now sit up and take notice, and hope for more details. Unfortunately, they cannot be provided until our next notes.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Here begin what we expect to be the last notes of "C" (Rifle) Company, for, by the time the next notes are required, the process of reorganization will have swept us into oblivion, and "C" (M.G.) Company, or whatever letter it may be allotted, will have been erected on the vacant site.

It is useless to indulge in philosophical platitudes on the subject, as no such expressions will alter the fact that, to be uprooted and swept aside in the process of modernization or anything else, still remains intensely galling, and no empty record-boards or lack of trophies will make those who have done their best for the Company for any length of time any more willing to leave it, whilst the fact that the tide has at last begun to turn, even if too late, makes it all the more aggravating.

However, whatever our own disappointments and sorrows, the fact remains that the axe is about to fall on "C" Company, and so, following the example of the gentleman of long ago, we will say, "'C' Company Mori turus vos salutat," adding "'C' Company is dead. Long live the Machine Gun Company!"

To turn to the happenings of the past quarter, we welcome 2/Lieut. Ferguson and Lieut. Dix-Lewis to the Company, and regret very much indeed to report the desertion of Lieut. Chapman, who has left us for "B" Company, after many years in "C" Company.

Most of our N.C.Os. and twenty-five men are hard at work putting locks in and covers down, in the hopes of eventually joining the M.G. Company, and, with a batch training as signallers and many employed, parades are a miserable sight.

In the Hockey League, we tied with "D" Company for second place, but lost on goal average. It was a pity we met "H.Q." (the winners) in the first match, as the side improved considerably later.

We congratulate Ptes. Dean and Brooker on playing regularly for the

Battalion, and L./Cpl. Mileham on being tried in goal and giving a most promising display. Cpl. Cartwright was also tried at back, but has been away some time on a P.T. course, and will have hard work to oust the present player.

The Open Boxing Competition produced an excellent display by the Company team, and, although they lost the final to "D" Company—who were the best-balanced team in the Battalion—it was only by the narrowest of margins.

In the second round, on April 5th, we met "A" Company, and a magnificent struggle ensued. A four-all finish seemed likely from the outset, and so it panned out, the reserve light-weights being required to decide the issue. We have to thank the sticking-power and straight left of 53 Frost for the deciding point, his fight with Sergt. Beaveridge being literally fought to a standstill.

Mention must also be made of Pte. Whitford, who, ignoring his opponent's superior reach, went in to win, and won. L./Cpl. Livens did well to make such a close thing of his fight with Pte. Coker. Pte. Benham was a little unfortunate to lose his fight, and Pte. Earl put up a most plucky show against a much more powerful opponent.

In the finals, our hopes hung on the results of two fights—L./Cpl. Livens v. Pte. Burton, and Cpl. Goodall v. L./Cpl. Hamer. If these two could win, another draw seemed certain, and this proved a correct estimate.

L./Cpl. Brown ("D") was too experienced for Benham, and L./Cpl. Green boxed too well for Cpl. Ray, whilst "D" Company's heavy-weights each got the better of Ptes. Manning and Earls. Pte. 07 Smith and Pte. Whitford were again successful. 4-2. L./Cpl. Livens had lost previously to Pte. Burton, but was now boxing better and our hopes of a win in this fight were justified, as at the end of three rounds the judges were unable to agree. In the Goodall-Hamer fight, the same thing occurred, and in both an extra round had to be fought. In both cases, the eventual decision went against us. We must add that Cpl. Goodall, although boxing welter owing to our dearth in this weight, was actually down to feathers, and was up against the best welter in the Battalion.

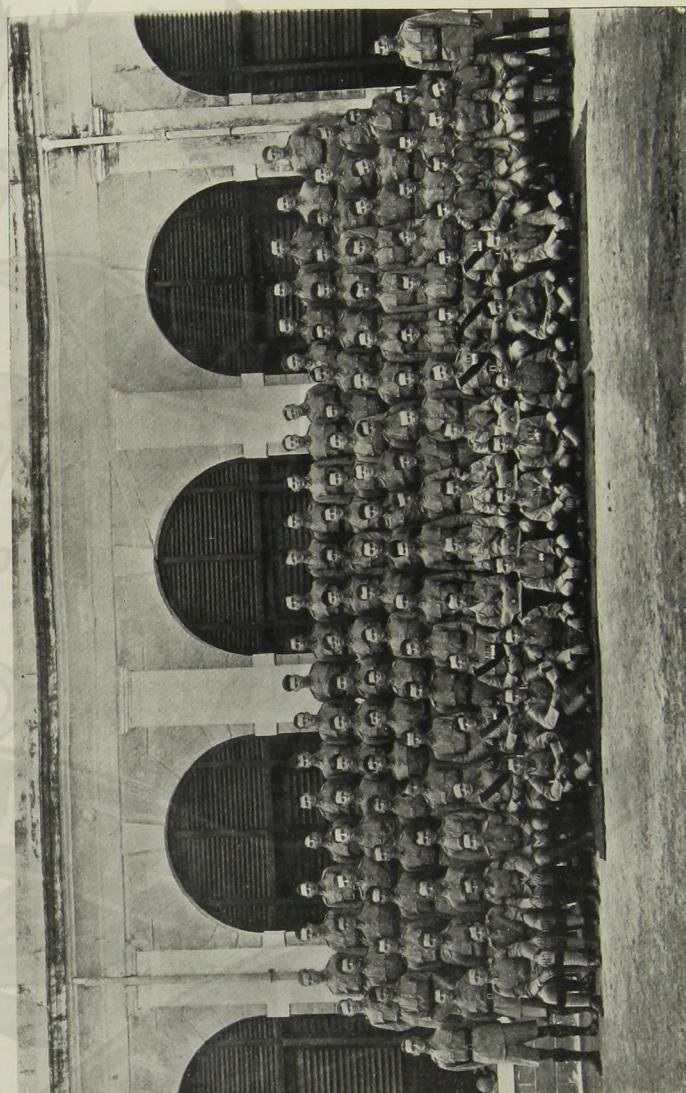


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"C" COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Altogether, the team are to be congratulated on putting up two very stout displays.

We congratulate Cpl. Goodall on winning the District Light-weights, and on being runner-up in the Command Light-weights.

The popularity of the waters of the Adyar prompted the holding of some Aquatic Sports during the Easter holidays, and the following were the results:

50 Yards Free Style.—1, L./Cpl. Chandler; 2, Sergt. Bishop; 3, Pte. Best.

50 Yards Breast-stroke.—1, L./Cpl. Chandler; 2, L./Cpl. Parrish; 3, Pte. Flude.

50 Yards Back-stroke.—1, L./Cpl. Parrish; 2, Pte. Best; 3, Pte. Barnes.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Pte. Marling; 2, Pte. Collett; 3, Pte. Murphy.

200 Yards Free Style.—1, Pte. Murphy; 2, Pte. Marling; 3, Pte. Bland.

Diving.—1, Pte. Livens; 2, Pte. Collett; 3, Pte. Barnes.

Life-Saving.—1, Young and Hewitt; 2, L./Cpl. Parrish and Sims.

Inter-Platoon Relay.—1, No. 9 Platoon; 2, No. 10 Platoon.

On Albuhera Day, we were second in the Inter-Company Relay, our team being Sergt. Bishop, L./Cpls. Chandler and Parrish, and Pte. Collett.

At water polo, in the first game of the league we defeated "A" Company 5—0.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to our comrades in the 1st on taking part in the Royal Tournament and reminding people of Middlesex of the history of their County Regiment and its soubriquet.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the untimely death of Pte. Manning of the Company following an operation. His death, which was tragically sudden and unexpected, occurred on May 5th, 1929. The funeral took place on the same evening, and was attended by as many of the Company as could be conveyed into the Fort. Unfortunately, circumstances necessitated the firing party and bearers being supplied by another company, and "B" Company kindly performed these tasks for us, whilst representatives from all other companies attended.

Pte. Manning had only joined the Company with the last draft, but was soon well known, firstly by reason of his

magnificent physique, which was the despair of the Quartermaster on clothing fitting; secondly, he had pluckily come forward to box for the Company in the Open Team Competition, although only just out of hospital; thirdly, we believe he was quite one of the best dancers in the Battalion.

We offer to his relatives our sincerest sympathy in their loss.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

It was with great rejoicing that we received the news to proceed to Wellington. The thought of leaving prickly heat behind and sitting in front of a blazing fire—a sight which some of us had not seen for over five years—cheered us immensely.

Leaving Mettupalaiyan Station at 8 a.m., hot and uncomfortable, we began to climb the hill in the mountain railway. It was not long before we saw several people using their greatcoats. On arrival at the hill sanatorium, we became known as No. 3 Company.

We entered the Cordite Football Competition, knocking out the Cordite team and the Wellington Club, which left us in the final with "H.Q." Wing of the Lancashire Fusiliers. Owing to our previous performances, we were heavily backed, but the day proved really wet and slippery, to which our team were unaccustomed. Pte. Harris, our goalkeeper, unfortunately was knocked out for twenty minutes, but on returning in the second half played a brilliant game. We congratulate him on the good show he put up.

In the Platoon Knock-out, for the Toc H Cup, held at Wellington, our teams were young and lacking in experience, with the result that they were all knocked out in the first two rounds. A lot of very useful lessons should have been learnt in the few games played.

Our hockey team was fairly strong this year, but lacked goal-scoring forwards. We lost our first match, against "H.Q." Wing, drew with "C" Company, and won the remaining matches. This put us second in the County Championship.

The team was:—

L./Cpl. Hawker; Lieut. Sugden, Capt. Whinney; Lieut. Baldwin, L./Cpl. Higgins, L./Cpl. Fricker; C.S.M. Hart.

Lloyd, Sergt. Addinall, Redwood and Sturmev.

BOXING.

Here again we met with success, beating "C" Company in the final of the Opens. Cpl. Russell volunteered to fight light heavy in the place of L./Cpl. Sweeting, who was away. The team was:—

Bantam.—L./Cpl. Brown.

Feather.—L./Cpl. Green.

Light.—Burton and L./Cpl. Smith.

Welter.—L./Cpls. Hamer and Fricker.

Light Heavy.—Cpl. Russell.

Middle.—Warnes.

Heavy.—Brown.

All fought with great spirit and dash throughout the meeting. The belt-winners were L./Cpl. Hamer (welter-weight) and L./Cpl. Green (feather-weight). We congratulate the latter on his splendid performance, considering the punishment he took on the previous occasion.

We now hold four belts in the Company, which we hope to retain. We expect to see some of the younger members of the Company take to boxing and help to uphold our reputation.

To celebrate our win, Lieut. Sugden's Jazz Band gave us a very pleasant concert after an excellent supper. This troupe gave several dances at the Mount, and hope to carry on their good work on return to the plains.

We are sorry to lose our Company Commander, Capt. Whinney, who has taken over S.S.O. We welcome Capt. Kempster in his place.

Sergt. Mewett took over C.S.M. from C.S.M. Hart, who is now on leave, and Sergt. Colbourne took over C.Q.M.S. from C.Q.M.S. Hills, who is now acting R.Q.M.S.

Congratulations to Ptes. Markham, Atkins and Brewer on gaining their 2nd Class Certificates of Education.

SIGNAL SECTION NOTES.

A great spirit of unrest seems to hold the Section in its grip. "Voca" in the United Kingdom, duty at the Fort, and Dover as our next station—these are the chief topics of conversation nowadays.

Again we regret to announce reductions in our ranks. Cpl. Brown has

left us on Home Establishment; L./Cpl. Horsman and Ptes. Hamlin, Taylor and Gower have returned to "civvy" life (all these we hope to see in the near future); and Ptes. Hobbs, Day, Faris and Le Surf have gone to do duty with their old companies. The last-named has already climbed a step higher up the ladder of fame, being "C" Company Clerk, and, though admitting that studying the "Stoppage Book" is much more exhausting than studying New Procedure, has visions of leaving the Army as an R.Q.M.S. at least.

Our new class seem to be settling down quite well, and we hope that when classification comes round they will help us to keep up our reputation. The day after we fired our Annual Musketry Course, smiling faces were met with everywhere, all last year's residents on "Dhurrie Avenue" regaining their pay, and, though there were a few new thirds, our percentage rose above last year's.

We congratulate Cpl. Ramsey on his promotion, and L./Cpls. Nicholls and Smith on getting their pay. Cpl. Ramsey was a member of the Battalion sports team which went to Wellington to compete against the Lancashire Fusiliers, and, having won a cup for the 220 Yards, is thinking of challenging the "Flying Finn" for his laurels.

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ATHLETICS.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS HELD AT WELLINGTON ON MAY 8TH.

Lieut. Else and nine men arrived from Madras on May 1st, giving them seven days to become acclimatized before the Individual Events, and fifteen days for the Team Competition. The remainder of the team was chosen from those already at Wellington.

The following were the results of the heats:—

120 Yards Hurdles.—Cpl. Kemp.

Shot.—Our competitors, not being used to this type of weight, failed to qualify for the finals.

220 Yards.—Lieut. Else; Bdsn. Gower; L./Cpl. Ramsey.

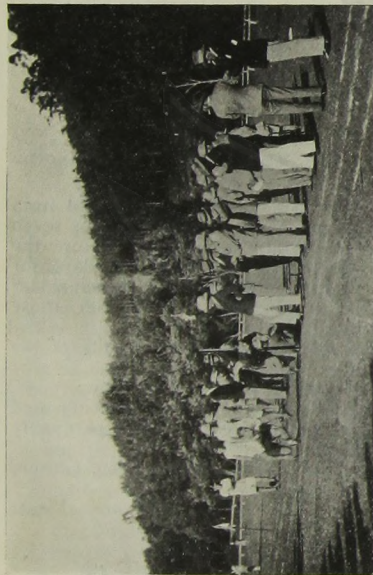
Long Jump and High Jump.—Lieut. Else.

The final results were:—

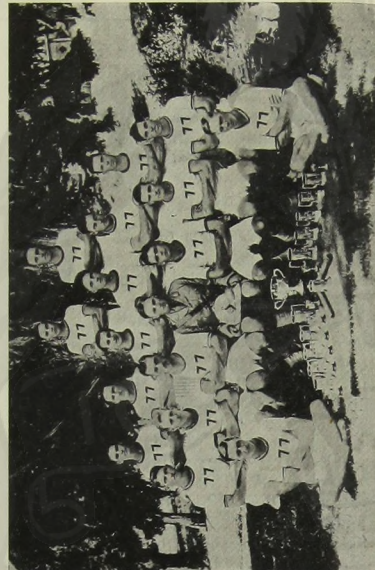
Three Miles.—Pte. Francis, 4th.



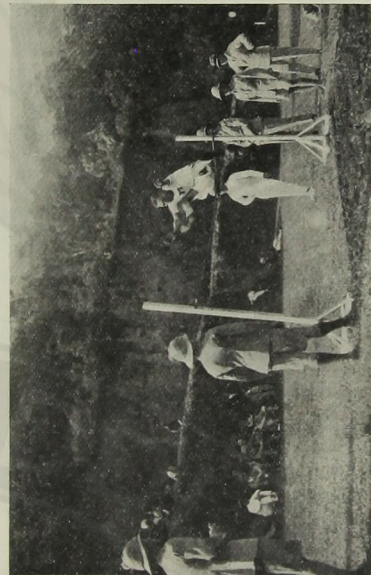
"C" COMPANY BOXING TEAM.
Runners-up Open Team Boxing.



START OF THE ONE MILE RELAY.



ATHLETIC TEAM—2ND BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.



LIEUT. ELSE WINNER OF THE HIGH JUMP.

One Mile.—Pte. Coker, 2nd; Pte. Brown, 4th.
880 Yards.—Pte. Coker, 1st (2 min. 9 sec.).
220 Yards.—Bdsn. Gower, 2nd.
100 Yards.—Bdsn. Gower, 3rd.
High Jump and Long Jump.—Winner, Lieut. Else (5 ft. 5 in., and 21 ft. 1 in.).

TEAM COMPETITION *v.* 2ND BN. THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.

By May 16th, our teams were fitter, although the long-distance runners were still very short of wind, resulting in a sudden alteration of our One Mile Relay and One Mile Race teams.

The teams were:—

400 Yards Relay.—Bdsn. Gower, and L./Cpls. Higgins, Hornett and Sayers. Won. 43 1-5 sec.

880 Yards Relay.—Bdsn. Gower, L./Cpls. Hornett and Ramsey, and Cpl. Kemp. Dead heat. 1 min. 39 1-2 sec.

One Mile Relay.—L./Cpls. Sayers and Woodley, Pte. Coker and Bdsn. Gower. Won. 3 min. 46 sec.

Two Miles Relay.—Ptes. Coker and Brown, and L./Cpls. Woodley and Ramsey. Lost. 9 min. 6 sec.

One Mile Team Race.—Ptes. Brown, Such and Stevens. Lost. 4 min. 59 sec.

Hurdles.—Cpl. Kemp, L./Cpls. Higgins and Livens, and Lieut. Stephenson. Won.

High Jump.—Lieut. Else and L./Cpl. Cosgrove. Won. 10 ft. 4 in.

Long Jump.—Lieut. Else and Cpl. Kemp. Lost.

Shot.—Pte. Such and L./Cpl. Hawker. Won. 65 ft. 6 1-2 in.

Result.—Won, 5; lost, 3; dead heat, 1.

The One Mile Relay, which was run last, was without doubt the most exciting race of the day, knowing our fourth runner to have a very weak finish. At the first hand-over, we were thirty yards behind, but Pte. Coker, taking the baton well, caught his man on the last bend, giving L./Cpl. Woodley a start of five yards, and gaining another seven on the take-over. Woodley ran well, holding his own against their best man. The passing of the baton was again excellent, Bdsn. Gower being at the bend before the Lancashire Fusilier man had started. At the 350 yards' mark, the lead rapidly diminished. With a splendid display of

endurance, Gower managed to breast the tape, winning by ten yards.

Lieut.-Col. Tallents, D.S.O., Commanding the 2nd Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers, presented the prizes, and congratulated the team on their win.

Lieut.-Col. Swainson, late 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, very kindly gave the team an excellent supper and free access to the beer barrel.

BOXING NOTES.

H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM" *v.* 2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

During the visit of H.M.S. *Effingham*, the Flag-ship of the East Indies Squadron, to Madras early in February, a team match was arranged which resulted in a victory for the Battalion by 11 events to 8. The results were as follows:—

Bantam-weights.—(1) Cpl. Slate beat Bugler Parker; (2) L./Cpl. Brown beat Stoker Allbrighton.

Feather-weights.—(1) Pte. Cook lost to A.B. Stone; (2) Pte. Evans beat O.D. Beets; (3) L./Cpl. Ray beat Stoker James; (4) L./Cpl. Mills lost to O.T. Hackford.

Light-weights.—(1) L./Cpl. Cole lost to Ldg.-Stoker Hunter; (2) Cpl. Goodall beat A.B. Stirk; (3) Pte. Rayment lost to A.B. Morgan; (4) Pte. Coker beat O.D. Moul; (5) Pte. Burton beat Marine Ince; (6) L./Cpl. Livens beat A.B. Lock.

Welter-weights.—(1) L./Cpl. Hamer beat O.D. Holloway; (2) Pte. Wells lost to Stoker Penfold; (3) Bdsn. Gordon beat Boy Manners.

Middle-weights.—(1) Pte. Smith beat A.B. Butler; (2) Pte. Warnes lost to Stoker Sheppard; (3) L./Cpl. Sweeting lost to A.B. Beattie.

Light Heavy-weights (Officers).—2/Lieut. Gilbert lost to Midshipman Judd.

The fighting was good and keen throughout, and an excellent spirit prevailed.

After the presentation of prizes by the Commanding Officer, the teams had supper together in the Supper Bar.

MADRAS PORT STAFF CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Following closely on the match against H.M.S. *Effingham*, the Battalion took part in the annual tournament promoted

by the above Club, and put up a fine performance by appearing in the final of every weight.

The following were the results of the finals, which took place on Saturday, February, 9th:—

Fly-weights.—L./Cpl. Brown beat A.B. Sharpe (H.M.S. *Effingham*).

Bantam-weights.—S. Mascurine (Madras) beat Cpl. Slate.

Feather-weights.—Pte. Evans beat Seaman Hamad Ali (H.M.S. *Effingham*).

Light-weights.—Cpl. Goodall beat Banks (Madras Port Trust).

Welter-weights.—Pte. Gammell (1st R.W.K. Regt.) beat L./Cpl. Hamer.

Middle-weights.—Pte. Smith beat A.B. Beattie (H.M.S. *Effingham*).

Special Six-Round Contest.—L./Cpl. Cole beat L./Cpl. Otty (1st R.W.K. Regt.).

MADRAS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

The District Team and Individual Championships this year took place at the end of February at Bangalore. The Battalion team, which appeared on paper to be a strong combination, even though it lacked the services of Ptes. Cook and Howlett, was a great disappointment, and, meeting the 2nd Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers in the first round, was beaten by 7 fights to 1—the worst defeat the team has suffered for a very long time. Perhaps some consolation may be derived from the fact that our opponents not only won the District Team Championship, but also the Command Championship. Our defeat came as a great blow, as it was confidently expected that the team would do well.

In the Individual events, Cpl. Goodall won the light-weight championship, and L./Cpl. Brown was runner-up in the fly-weight championship. Goodall was selected to represent the District in the Command Tournament at Bombay, where he reached the final, and was beaten by Cpl. McKnight (2nd Royal Ulster Rifles), after a plucky fight.

INTER-COMPANY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Open Team Championship took place in the first week in April, and, for the third year in succession, the Shabodeen Cup was won by "D" Company, who deserve every praise for this very fine achievement. The boxing in

this tournament was above the average, and lacked nothing in keenness throughout.

The results were as follows:—

Preliminary Round.—"D" Company beat "H.Q." Wing 14-10.

Semi-finals.—"C" Company beat "A" Company 14-13; "D" Company beat "B" Company 13-10.

Final.—"D" Company beat "C" Company 14-10.

A word of praise is due to Sergt. Beaveridge ("A" Company) and Pte. Frost ("C" Company). These were the reserve light-weights in the match between "A" and "C" Companies, and were called upon to box to decide which of the two companies should meet "D" Company in the final, as the result up to that point was a draw (12-12). A tremendous battle took place, and an extra round had to be given. Both fought to a standstill, and even after the extra round there was practically nothing between them. The fight was given to Pte. Frost, who almost literally won "on a punch." This was a real display of grit and determination, and both winner and loser deserved the applause given.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer, who, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated all the competitors.

This is the last tournament until the cool (?) weather comes again, and, before closing these notes, two who are keenly interested in the organization of boxing in the Battalion deserve to be mentioned for their tireless energy in preparing the ring, etc. These are Sergt. Walker and Pte. Cane. For those who do not know, Sergt. Walker is as good at preparing a boxing ring as he is at taking defaulters on punishment drill, and there may yet be some truth in the rumour that he is finding out now how boxing tournaments should be run, so that he can start an opposition show to the Ring Blackfriars, when he returns to civilian life!

SHOOTING NOTES.

During its stay at Madras, a shooting match with H.M.S. *Effingham* was arranged, and resulted in a win for the Battalion team by 51 points.

The scores were as follows:—

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.		Points.
C.S.M. Hart	...	92
Sergt. Hewett	...	83
Pte. Lloyd	...	81
Pte. Presland	...	77
Pte. Deacon	...	76
R.S.M. Cox	...	73
C.Q.M.S. O'Brien	...	70
Sergt. Colbourne	...	61
Total	...	613

H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM."

	Points.
A.B. Cooper	82
Sergt. Masters	79
Pay-Lieut. Bishop	77
Marine Parker	70
Cpl. Cornelius	68
A.B. Harris	65
Clr-Sergt. Vaughan	64
Ord.-Art. Restall	57
Total	562

On Albuhera Day, a rifle meeting was held on the range at St. Thomas's Mount. An early start had to be made in order to avoid the heat of the day, which meant that competitors at the Fort had to start leaving in buses at about 5 a.m. However, in spite of being dragged out of bed during the night, all seemed to enjoy themselves, and the meeting was a success.

The results were as follows:—

Inter-Company Rapid Fire Competition.—1, "A" Company (170 pts.); 2, "D" Company (52 pts.).

Inter-Company Snapshooting Match (Open).—1, "D" Company, 1st/9th Jat Regiment (69 pts.); equal 2, "C" and "D" Companies (42 pts., each).

Inter-Platoon Rapid Fire Competition.—1, No. 5 Platoon (94 pts.); 2, Drums (93 pts.); 3, No. 4 Platoon (81 pts.).

Inter-Platoon Lewis Gun Relay Match.—1, No. 12 Platoon; 2, No. 3 Platoon.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Hockey in Madras is taken far more seriously than it is in Ahmednagar and Poona. When we started—which was soon after we arrived—we had a number of bad reverses, but, after playing for six months, though we are still beaten, we are getting used to it, and when we do win it is generally against a bad team.

The two teams which we have played

against mostly are the 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Regiment and the Madras Cricket Club; the former started by beating us 8-0, and we have now got it down to 1-0; the latter team was not so successful against us, as they did not beat us by so much.

Early last February, H.M.S. *Effingham* called here and we played them, the result being a draw. The Services then played the Madras Cricket Club, and the latter won.

The Madras Cricket Club was given a shock by the combined Officers of the Jat Regiment and ourselves. We lost 0-1, but there is no doubt that if the Officers' team played more together we should be able to beat them.

In April, the Officers played the Sergeants on the St. Thomas's Mount ground. The Officers did not distinguish themselves, and lost.

During all this time, the Platoon Knock-out was going on. The best team from the Mount played the best team from the Fort, the result being a win for Machine Gun "1."

The Company Half League was then played, and "H.Q." Wing was first, "D" Company second, "C" Company third, "B" Company fourth, and "A" Company fifth.

The last match we have played so far was against the Bangalore Gymkhana, which we lost 2-3.

In the near future the Madras Hockey Tournament starts, and these games should open our eyes as to how to play hockey. The District Tournament is not till October.



WAR COINCIDENCE.

SOLDIERS WHO FIRED THE FIRST AND LAST SHOTS.

Volumes could be written around the coincidences noted during the war, but probably the most wonderful of them all is recorded by Lieut.-Col. J. H. Boraston and Capt. Cyril E. O. Bax in their story of "The Eighth Division in War, 1914-1918," published by the Medici Society, Ltd. When the Armistice came, the 2nd Middlesex, part of the 8th Division, was three and three-quarter miles north-north-east of Mons. The night before,

they established posts in the village of Ghlin. "To the north of the village," it is stated, "is situated the Chateau of La Verriere, and its owner informed the men of the 2nd Middlesex that in August, 1914, their colleagues of another battalion of the same regiment (the 4th Middlesex) had been billeted there. A remarkable coincidence, but there was one still more extraordinary. For there were a number of men then in the 2nd Middlesex to whom the information was already familiar; for the very good reason that they themselves had actually been serving with the 4th Middlesex in August, 1914. These men had, on the morning of August 23rd, 1914, fired the first shots of the war on the British front; on November 11th, 1918, having survived all, from the same spot they fired what may well have been the last."

General Heneker, who commanded the Division for two years, remarked, in his farewell message: "In offence, as well as in defence, I have watched with admiration the wonderful spirit which pervaded all ranks. Neither the winter wind of the Passchendaele Salient, nor the sleepless days and nights of the retreats on the Somme and the Aisne, appeared able to destroy the cheerfulness, or diminish the marvellous devotion to duty which was displayed by officers and men. I have come out of the war with one conviction, at all events, and this is that the finest man on God's earth is the British private soldier."

In his Foreword to the book, Earl Haig pays a great compliment to the exploits of the 8th Division. "High among them," he writes, "is surely the performance of the 8th Division in meeting the great German onslaught of March, 1918, and, peculiarly, the magnificent stand at Rosieres, when for thirty-six critical hours the Division held up the enemy's progress towards Amiens."



A lady, noticing a remarkably tall and good-looking man at a party, expressed her wish to be introduced to him.

"Oh, that is Captain B—," said her hostess; "I believe he was originally intended for the church."

"Rather, I should have thought, for the steeple," responded the lady.

THE "WELSFORD-PARKER" MONUMENT IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

(From the "Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research.")

189. THE "WELSFORD-PARKER" MONUMENT IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA. This monument, of which an illustration is given, is situated in St. Paul's Cemetery, Halifax, on the west side of Barrington Street, nearly opposite to Government House. It faces eastward, towards the street.

It is made of Nova Scotia free-stone. The lion and other ornamental features were carved by the late George Lang—a well-known stone-carver in Nova Scotia.

Beneath the lion is "SEBASTOPOL," and surrounding the arch "ALMA," "1855," and "REDAN" are engraved.

On the left pillar (as you face the monument) is a carved wreath, with "WELSFORD" above and "97TH REGT." below; on the right, above the wreath is "PARKER" and below "77TH REGT."

The two officers in whose memory the monument was erected were:—

Major Augustus Frederick Welsford, 97th (The Earl of Ulster's) Regiment, in which he had served for twenty-three years. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Captain William Buck Carthew Augustus Parker, 77th Regiment. He was born at Lawrencetown, Halifax County, in 1823. His services in the Army were:—

Ensign, 64th (2nd Staffordshire) Foot, October 11th, 1839.

Lieutenant, 64th (2nd Staffordshire) Foot, February 17th, 1843.

Lieutenant, 78th (Highland) Foot (or the Ross-shire Buffs), December 22nd, 1843.

Captain, 77th (The East Middlesex) Foot, January 26th, 1855.

In Army Lists, up to 1844 inclusive, his name appears as "William" Parker only.

Both officers were killed before Sebastopol at the final assault on the Redan on September 8th, 1855.

The monument, erected by public subscription, was unveiled on July 17th, 1860.

The detailed description of the monument has been very kindly supplied by Mr. Harry Piers, the Curator of the Halifax Provincial Museum.

J. H. L.



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THE "WELSFORD-PARKER" MONUMENT IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

THE 77th (D.C.O.) REGIMENT.

(From the "Newry Telegraph" of September 5th, 1878.)

WHEN this gallant corps left Newry for the Curragh Camp to take part in the summer drills, it was stated that

it would return to Newry, and the townspeople were prepared to give a hearty "welcome back" to Colonel Henry Kent and the officers and men of the Regiment. The wearers of the "pothooks" were immensely popular with all classes, and when it was announced that instead of returning to Newry the Regiment would

remove from the Curragh to Dublin, it was thought that a memorial should be presented to the Lord Lieutenant stating the desire of the Memorialists that the Regiment should be permitted, during its last year in Ireland, to occupy our barracks. In a few hours the following Memorial was influentially signed, and forwarded to Dublin Castle:—

To His Excellency John Winston Spencer-Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, Lord-Lieutenant and General Governor of Ireland.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the undersigned, beg to express to your Excellency the disappointment of the people of Newry as to rumours of the permanent removal of the 77th Regiment from their town.

The Regiment, may it please your Excellency, has by its conduct much endeared itself to the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, and it will greatly contribute to the welfare of the locality, and the satisfaction of the general public, should the Commander-in-Chief see fit to send the Regiment back to Newry.

Memorialists would therefore respectfully solicit your Excellency's favour in replacing this force for twelve months longer in the town of Newry.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow the signatures of a large number of the leading inhabitants, including Magistrates, Town Commissioners, Clergymen, Physicians, Merchants, and other business men.]

VICE REGAL LODGE, DUBLIN,
23rd August, 1878.

SIR,

The matter to which you allude, in yours of the 22nd, is not one in which the Lord-Lieutenant can interfere. I have, therefore, forwarded your communication and the Memorial you enclosed to the military authorities.

I am, your obedient servant,
W. Church, Esq. P. B. BERNARD.

*Quarter-Master General's Office,
Dublin Castle, 3rd Sept., 1878.*

SIR,

The Petition of the people of Newry has been referred to the Commander of the Forces, who directs me to explain

that, while appreciating the evidence of good-feeling existing between the townspeople of Newry and the troops, he is unable to alter his decision as to the destination of the 77th Regiment at the close of the Curragh season, as he is compelled to arrange the quartering of regiments on public grounds, taking into consideration the various circumstances which influence military movements. He regrets to say, therefore, that he cannot accede to the request embodied in the Petition.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

V. D. MURRAY,

Captain D.A., for Deputy Quarter-Master General.

William Church, Esq., TELEGRAPH Office,
Newry.

We regret to find that the influential Memorial has failed in its object, and that the town is not to be favoured with the gallant 77th, a model Regiment in every respect, for a few months longer. At the call of duty the Duke of Cambridge's Own must go elsewhere, but distance cannot sever the bond of affection that binds the Colonel, officers and men to many friends in Newry.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

CRICKET WEEK.

CONTRARY to usual precedence, the weather throughout the Cricket Week left very little to be desired, and in consequence every match was concluded, and from the Regiment's point of view every match was brought to a successful conclusion.

The results were as follows:—

The Regiment *v.* The Cryptics, won by 5 wickets.

The Regiment *v.* Free Foresters, won by 8 wickets.

The Regiment *v.* South Herts Beagles, won by 132 runs.

The Regiment *v.* Hounslow Garrison, won by 10 wickets.

Details of the play and the scores are attached.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* THE CRYPTICS.

Played at Mill Hill on June 24th.

THE CRYPTICS.

G. L. O. Jessop c Jamieson b Kennett	13
Capt. T. E. W. Brinckman b Kennett	8
R. G. V. Spurway b Hudson	0
A. A. G. Black b Hudson	11
W. F. Goolld lbw b Hudson	6
P. H. Whitcombe b Hudson	29
C. G. F. Bewsey b Kennett	8
C. G. F. Churchill b Hudson	1
Lord Ebbisham not out	0
Capt. F. G. Parker b Hudson	9
H. D. Read b Kennett	0
Extras	16

Total ... 101

Bowling.—Kennett, 4 for 47; Hudson, 6 for 27; Elliott, 0 for 11.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

J. H. Clowes b Goolld	21
R. D. Latham c Bewsey b Whitcombe	29
E. H. Hudson b Whitcombe	9
Capt. J. P. Jamieson c Whitcombe b Bewsey	30
Capt. N. H. B. Lyon b Whitcombe	0
Major L. L. Pargiter b Ebbisham	10
Major H. Phillips b Read	12
Capt. W. Flint c and b Bewsey	4
Cpl. C. Kennett not out	6
Sergt. C. Kennett c Ebbisham b Bewsey	6
L./Cpl. Elliott c Ebbisham b Bewsey	0
A. E. Green c Brinckman b Churchill	0
Extras	16

Total ... 149

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* FREE FORESTERS.

Played at Mill Hill on June 25th.

FREE FORESTERS.

F. H. Hollins b Hudson	5
A. E. Knight lbw b Hudson	6
C. L. Crawley c Latham b Hudson	27
Capt. W. H. Pike b Hudson	2
E. W. Haddingham b Hudson	0
F. H. Hancock b Hudson	0
Capt. R. H. Fox b Green	15
N. V. C. Turner b Hudson	5
A. E. G. Saunders c Green b Hudson	44
F. A. Ward lbw b Hudson	12
Major R. H. T. Turner not out	1
Extras	2

Total ... 110

Bowling.—Kennett, 0 for 35; Hudson, 9 for 67; Elliott, 1 for 7.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

R. D. Latham b Saunders	22
J. H. Clowes b Saunders	23
E. H. Hudson c Hollins b Ward	78
Capt. J. P. Jamieson c sub. b Ward	85
Cpl. Flint c and b Pike	51
Major L. L. Pargiter c Haddingham b Pike	0
Capt. H. Phillips b Hancock	12
Sergt. Kennett b Pike	0
L./Cpl. Elliott not out	8
Extras	6

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 285

A. E. Green and Capt. N. H. B. Lyon did not bat.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* SOUTH HERTS BEAGLES.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon c and b Spurway	23
J. H. Clowes c Beechener b Spurway	0
E. V. Hudson b Freeman Robinson	65
Cpl. Flint c Breeden b Marsh	4
C.S.M. Siddons b Breeden	70
Major L. L. Pargiter c Jordan b Breeden	45
Capt. H. Phillips b Breeden	4
L./Cpl. Elliott c Tooley b Breeden	8
Sergt. Kennett c Freeman Robinson b Marsh	17
Capt. F. G. Parker b Breeden	4
A. E. Green not out	14
Extras	17

Total ... 277

SOUTH HERTS BEAGLES.

H. Freeman Robinson c Hudson b Kennett	4
R. Jordan b Kennett	2
F. J. Breeden b Siddons	29
Cmdr. Spurway b Kennett	17
D. Parsons b Hudson	13
M. Tooley b Hudson	11
W. Marsh b Elliott	16
R. Woodbridge c Lyon b Hudson	7
Major W. B. N. Roderick b Green	21
G. Mynne Barker b Elliott	0
C. C. Beechener not out	0
Extras	25

Total ... 145

Bowling.—Kennett, 3 for 38; Hudson, 3 for 39; Siddons, 1 for 27; Elliott, 2 for 11; Green, 1 for 5.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT *v.* HOUNSLOW GARRISON.

Played at Mill Hill on June 27th.

HOUNSLOW GARRISON.

L./Cpl. Swan c sub. b Hudson	3
Lieut. McCall b Kennett	2
L./Cpl. Peterson b Hudson	16
Lieut.-Col. E. C. Maude c Hudson b Kennett	0
Lieut. Dereham b Green	13
Tpr. Osborne c Flint b Elliott	17
Major Sampson not out	4
Lieut. Rowe c Clowes b Green	2
Tpr. Davies b Hudson	3
Tpr. Giles b Kennett	4
Tpr. Day c and b Hudson	1
Extras	17

Total ... 82

Bowling.—Kennett, 3 for 23; Hudson, 4 for 31; Elliott, 1 for 4; Green, 2 for 7.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

R. D. Latham b Davies	60
J. H. Clowes b McCall	59
E. V. H. Hudson b Giles	33
Cpl. W. Flint c and b Giles	25
C.S.M. Siddons c Giles b Peterson	30
Capt. H. Phillips c Rowe b Maude	3
L./Cpl. Elliott b Maude	1
Sergt. Kennett not out	15
Capt. F. G. Parker not out	30
Extras	21

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 277

Capt. N. H. B. Lyon and A. E. Green did not bat.

"AT HOME."

The Officers' Club "At Home" was held at the Depot on Wednesday, June 26th. The weather was kind, and a warm morning turned into a glorious afternoon.

The 1st Battalion Band provided the programme of music.

The following accepted invitations to be present:—

Major-General H. R. Peck; Officers, Headquarters, Home Counties Area; Major Pain and officers, Depot The Queen's; Major Cripps and officers, Depot Royal Fusiliers; Major Congdon and officers, Depot East Surrey Regiment; Members, Officers' Club, Royal Fusiliers; Mr. and Mrs. Hay; Col. and Mrs. Kittoe; Mr. and Mrs. Cross; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Abraham; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Waters; Mrs. Thompson; Lieut.-Col. Vince; Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Figgis; Col. and Mrs. Wortham; Mrs. Abell; Mrs. Ward; The Misses Blackwell; Mrs. Large; Sir Henry Bowles; Mrs. and Miss Longe; Mr. G. Balfour; Capt. and Mrs. Ford; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Buttery; Major and Mrs. Bichan; Mrs. Neale; Mrs. and Miss Ash; Sir Herbert Nield; Mrs. and Miss Atherton; Mrs. Knowles; Capt. and Mrs. Heanly; Sir Charles Pinkham; Mrs. Savile; Col. and Mrs. Kimmitt; Mrs. Cochran; Col. and Mrs. Perring; Col. M. Goodfellow; Col. and Mrs. Scott-Miller; Lieut.-Col. M. Cuthbertson and officers, 19th London Regiment; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Cranfield; Miss Bower; O.C. and officers, 1st Cadet Bn. Royal Fusiliers; Lieut.-Col. A. C. Soutten; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Dams; Capt. and Mrs. Leatham; Mr. Fraser and Miss Elsie Fraser; Mr. and Mrs. Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Swayne; Mr. and Mrs. Woodbridge; Mrs. B. T. Rees.

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Regimental Dinner was held at the Trocadero on Thursday, June 27th.

General Sir Ivor Maxse presided, and the following were present:—

Generals: General Sir Ivor Maxse, Brig.-Generals J. Hamilton Hall and F. W. Ramsay.

Colonels: G. Beach, E. E. F. Baker, J. L. Blumfeld, G. B. Lampriere, J. K. Maitland, L. G. Oliver, A. M. O. Anwyl, Passingham, G. W. W. Savile, R. F. B. Glover.

Lieutenant-Colonels: H. P. F. Bicknell, F. J. Bull, W. D. Coles, H. W. E. Finch, W. A. Stewart, S. Cedric Smith, V. L. N. Pearson, G. W. H. Tupper, W. H. Samuel, C. P. Rooke, R. H. Hayes, W. H. H. Johnston, W. Y. Miller.

Majors: A. C. Arnold, E. H. Amor, J. L. Brown, J. M. Cossar, A. W. Lewey, H. Money, H. A. Murray, L. L. Pargiter, N. E. G. Willoughby, A. C. Dundas, L. A. Newnham, G. Bucknall.

Captains: E. L. O. Baddeley, C. S. Burdon, L. C. D. Doidge, J. English, G. L. Fox, H. E. Foster, B. G. Horrocks, S. F. Hedgecoe, H. K. Hardcastle, C. W. Haydon, R. L. Hill, H. A. M. Hughes, N. H. B. Lyon, S. Mirams, H. Phillips, J. N. Lamont, W. H. Parmeter, W. E. Pringle, J. P. Jamieson, F. G. Parker, D. L. P. Rees, H. Sherwood, W. L. Roberts, A. N. Overell, A. V. Weller, E. F. Lyons, H. W. M. Paul, R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker.

Lieutenants: E. S. M. Ayscough, L. J. Bedwell, H. R. F. Butterfield, J. H. Clowes, I. D. S. Gordon, A. E. Green, G. J. B. Furness, F. E. Molz, F. G. Hogg, P. C. Tuckey, H. L. V. Russell, R. E. Warlow, E. V. H. Hudson, F. E. Bostock, A. G. Petrie.

Guests: Col. Worthington, Lieut.-Col. L. Cuthbertson, Capt. Fetherstone, Capt. G. Miller (Wentworth Regiment).

After the healths of H.M. the King and of "The Colonel-in-Chief," H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had been drunk, General Maxse said that, before he proposed the toast of "The Regiment," he had one or two remarks to make.

He welcomed Col. Pearson as the new C.O. of the 1st Battalion; Col. Cedric Smith, who had just taken over the command of the 7th Battalion; Col. Tupper, who will succeed Col. Beach in command of the 9th Battalion in the near future; and Major Pargiter, as Depot Commander.

He spoke of Major Pargiter as his Staff Officer and of the commencement at the Depot of a Regimental Historical Library for the purpose of collecting and preserving all historical records of the Regiment.

He was pleased to see the C.O. of the 19th London Regiment, Col. Cuthbertson, present at the dinner, and regretted the absence of Col. Vince, Commanding the 7th London Regiment, both of which



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battalions are affiliated to the Middlesex Regiment.

He particularly welcomed Capt. Miller, of the Wentworth Regiment of Canada, who was present, and spoke of the affiliation existing between the Wentworth Regiment, the 77th and the Peterborough Rangers, the 57th Regiment of Canada, and the Taranaki Regiment of New Zealand.

He deeply regretted the sad death of Lord Revelstoke, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, who had always taken a keen interest in the Regiment, and was glad to know that Col. Lord Rochdale was succeeding him.

He congratulated Col. Lempriere on the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the Regiment, and Col. Pank on his appointment as A.D.C. to H.M. the King.

He concluded by calling on those present to drink to "The Regiment."

During the dinner, a telegram was received from Major-General Simpson, as follows: "Chairman, Middlesex Regiment, Trocadero,—Remembrances to all old friends.—SIMPSON."

TENNIS TOURNAMENT, 1929.

The Inter-Battalion Tennis Tournament was held at the Depot on July 6th and 7th, and resulted in both the Singles and Doubles Cups going to the 1st Battalion, Capt. and Bt. Major L. A. Newnham winning the former, and, with Lieut. E. V. H. Hudson as partner, the Doubles also.

Unfortunately, rain prevented the use of the grass courts, and all matches took place on the hard court. In spite of the weather, however, a representative gathering of officers and their wives from all battalions was present each day.

The results were as follows:—

SINGLES.

First Round.—Capt. Horrocks beat Capt. Fox 6—1; Capt. Lamont beat Capt. Hughes 6—2; Capt. Bartram beat Capt. Hedgecoe 6—4; Lieut. Clayden beat Capt. Sherwood 6—2. Byes: Col. Beach, 2/Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Wright, and Major Newnham.

Second Round.—Capt. Horrocks beat Capt. Lamont 6—3; Lieut. Clayden beat Capt. Bartram 6—0; Col. Beach beat 2/Lieut. Brown 6—0; Major Newnham beat Lieut. Wright 6—1.

Semi-finals.—Capt. Horrocks beat Lieut. Clayden 6—3; Major Newnham beat Col. Beach 6—1.

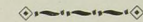
Final.—Major Newnham beat Capt. Horrocks 6—0, 6—1.

DOUBLES.

First Round.—Depot (Capt. Haydon and Lieut. Clayden) beat 8th Battalion (Cpts. Hedgecoe and Hughes) 6—4; 2nd/9th Battalion (Col. Beach and Lieut. Wright) beat 7th Battalion (Capt. Bartram and 2/Lieut. Brown) 6—2. Byes: 1st Battalion (Major Newnham and Lieut. Hudson) and 1st/9th Battalion (Cpts. Horrocks and Lamont).

Semi-finals.—1st/9th Battalion beat Depot 6—5; 1st Battalion beat 2nd/9th Battalion 6—2.

Final.—1st Battalion beat 1st/9th Battalion 6—2, 6—0.



REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1929.

Amounts of grants and loans made: £166 16s. 8d.

Number of cases dealt with: 144.

Number of cases assisted: 67.

Number of men registered for employment: 73.

Number of men found permanent employment: 21.

Number of men found temporary employment: 1.

Number of parcels sent out from Ladies' Guild: 12.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Library, Central London Recruiting Depot, Whitehall, on April 24th, 1929.

Present:—

Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, D.L., J.P. (in the chair); Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Cols. V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., W. Y. Miller, D.S.O., W. H. Samuel and F. S. Steed, D.C.M. (Hon. Treasurer); Majors A. C. Dundas, O.B.E., and L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O. (Hon. Secretary); Lieut. W. H. Clayden (representing 2nd Battalion); R.S.M. R. Mantell; R.Q.M.S.

A. Purcell; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., and Mr. F. E. Holmes.

The Chairman moved a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Lord Revelstoke, Vice-President of the Association, and the Committee showed their concurrence by standing in silence.

The accounts for 1928 were passed on production of the Hon. Auditors' certificate.

It was decided to approach the 5th, 6th and 2nd/10th Battalions with a view to representatives being elected members of the Executive Committee.

OLD COMRADES' GATHERING.

There was a good attendance at the Summer Gathering on the occasion of the Depot Sports.

Among those present, in addition to the officers and other ranks of the Depot, were:—

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Stewart, Lieut.-Cols. Rooke, Bethune and Samuel, Major and Mrs. Amor, Capt. Miller (Wentworth Regiment), Capts. Johnson, Paiba and Rosam, Lieut. Douthet, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Muggridge, Q.M.S. Pilley, Mrs. Stapley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Lowen, Mr. and Mrs. Ilott, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue, Mr. and Mrs. Dix, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Pelley, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Mrs. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Tabersham, Mr. and Miss Liddiart, and Messrs. Lowen, Storey, Cunningham, Sando, Warren, Pearce, Hall, Keith, Brazier, Peters, Brooks, Bailey, Barber, Caldicott, White, Sparks, Thompson, Denton, Goodwin and Haviland.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Major Pargiter made an interesting presentation on behalf of the 1st Battalion officers to ex-Sergt. W. Green, D.C.M., who had served twenty-one years in the 1st Battalion, the last six years having been spent as Officers' Mess Sergeant. The gift was an exceedingly handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed.

The following are extracts from two letters received from Old Comrades:—

"Many thanks to you and your Committee for the nice way you looked after us on the 28th June. I have never seen it done so well at the Depot before."

"Many thanks for the wonderful time spent at the Depot on Friday last."

"I am sure it must have been greatly appreciated by all old members, and when one considers the amount of trouble gone to and the time spent over the show, I can assure you it must be appreciated to the full."

QUARTERLY CONCERTS.

Old Comrades are reminded that the next quarterly concert will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 341, Euston Road, N.W., at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, October 5th. Ladies are cordially invited, if accompanied by Old Comrades.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Having now been Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Guild for a few months, it has struck me that two things are militating against its being as widely supported as it should be, and, although the Annual Report will appear in due course, it is possible that statistics are often passed over unread by the majority of members. So I am hoping that a few lines in the Journal may not be unproductive of a more general realization of the necessities of the Guild, and the work it does.

First of all, I find that many people do not even know that they are members of the Guild. The wives of all officers, past and present, of the Middlesex Regiment are members. The names are recorded in the Guild Register. We have been endeavouring to make this register complete, but even now I doubt whether some have not been omitted. It would be a great assistance if, in reading it through, any names not included could be sent to me.

The second point is, I believe that again many people have only a vague idea as to the work of the Guild and the extent of demands made upon it. The fact that it is an ever-increasing demand speaks for itself. Not only have we the cases of men disabled in the war, but each year

brings its quota of time-expired men who fall on bad times owing to trade conditions.

I should like to mention a case that came in recently. A man of excellent character lost a leg in the war, and also has a rigid left arm from a shot in the elbow-joint. For eight years he has been out of work owing to his health, and has had frequent operations. Added to this, he has seven children to feed, only one of whom is approaching the wage-earning age. He has no income besides his small pension. Clothes and boots for themselves and children are beyond his capabilities. I quote this case, because it is a bad one, and also a recent one, but unfortunately it is not unique. To send out a parcel from our stock-room for so large a family is a severe drain, and two or three families of more or less the same size appealing within a short time of each other rapidly depletes our supplies.

When the last appeal was circulated, the stock was almost exhausted. Eighty-five appeals were sent out. We have received thirty-four responses. The parcels received have been most generous, and articles have been sent out and gratefully acknowledged by the distressed folk they have helped.

The lack of response from other members is, I am sure, largely due to ignorance of the great work the Guild undertakes and the urgency of the appeal. Perhaps also people find they have so little to send it seems hardly worth sending. Far from it—we are glad of even one old garment if that is all that is available.

We have the winter ahead of us, and our stock is low. We want to build up a nest-egg so that help and warm clothes may not have to be refused.

Single officers have promised their assistance, and I am looking forward to the fulfilment before the winter comes. It is a great assistance if people sending boots and shoes would kindly write the size of each pair somewhere on them.

The Guild room has now been properly equipped with cupboards and shelves, so as to preserve the stock of clothing, and to facilitate issue.

M. B. PARGITER.

CHELSEA PENSIONERS.

There are now four Old Comrades Pensioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. All of these have been admitted in consequence of their having received special campaign pensions.

They are as follows:—

Hugh McCallum, aged 75, medal for South Africa, 1879.

George Howell, aged 71, medal for South Africa, 1879, and Egyptian Star, 1882.

Patrick Reilly, aged 74, medal for South Africa, 1879.

Thomas Hawkins, aged 76, medal for South Africa, 1879.

We regret to state that the last-named is blind.

All these veterans receive a weekly allowance of tobacco from the Regimental Association.

EXTRACT FROM "THE TIMES."

JUNE 15TH, 1929.

"THE BATTLE OF ALBUERA."

"Your correspondent, Mr. Rosseau, in his letter published in *The Times* last Wednesday, asked a question regarding the spelling of the name of the battle. In the authority signed by the King for the 57th Regiment to bear this battle honour, it is spelt 'Albuera' (see 'Submissions to the Sovereign' under date January 11, 1816, War Office Library), and in the Army Lists for 1817 and 1818 it is so reported, but from 1819 onwards the spelling has been changed to 'Albuhera.'—The Rev. Percy Sumner, St. Luke's Vicarage, Reading."

"Have you heard about Mr. Biggs?"
 "What about him?"
 "Yesterday morning he put his eyes out."
 "How ghastly!"
 "Ay, but there's more than that."
 "Good heavens! Worse?"
 "No, better; he put 'em in again."
 "Impossible."
 "Not at all. It happened like this. Hearing a noise in the street, he put his head out of the window, and when he saw there was nothing to see he put it in again. That's all."

7th BATTALION NOTES.

OUR notes in the last issue occupied a considerable space, but we are afraid this time we shall not occupy quite as much, as the last three months have been somewhat uneventful. A considerable amount of training has taken place. We held our usual Musketry Camp at Ramham over Whitsun, and quite a number of N.C.Os. and men arrived and fired their Annual Musketry Course. In addition, the Machine Gun Platoon fired their course, and stayed to undergo extra training. As an experiment, the personnel of the Drums and the Signalling Section also underwent extra training. The experiment proved quite successful, and those who attended enjoyed the camp very much.

On April 18th, the 132nd Infantry Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition (machine gun portion) was judged by Major Ramsden, M.C. (G.S.O. for Weapon Training, Eastern Command) at Headquarters. A team—drawn partly from the Machine Gun Platoon and "B" Company (Enfield)—represented the Battalion. This team, under the command of 2/Lieut. H. G. Arnold, put up an excellent performance by winning the competition, having a margin of 16 points over the 9th Battalion, who were second. The team is to be congratulated on its excellent performance, especially those members of the Enfield Company who, considering the short time they have done machine-gun training, worked extraordinarily well.

The second portion of this competition—namely, the rifle and Lewis-gun portion—was judged in May. "D" Company (Tottenham) represented the Battalion, and put up a very good show indeed. Their shooting was not quite as good as last year, but a considerable improvement was shown in the Lewis gun. Unfortunately, the team was not quite good enough to beat the 9th Battalion, who eventually won the competition by the very small margin of 5 points. "D" Company had worked very hard to try to pull this portion of the competition off, and were rather disappointed at not doing so. Unfortunately, nerves played havoc with one or two members of the team. However, if "D" Company represents

the Battalion next year in this competition, we feel sure they will put up an even better performance.

The Battalion held a rifle meeting at Rainham on Sunday, June 2nd. The shooting generally has made considerable advancement, and the Battalion looks forward to putting up a much better show at this year's Brigade Rifle Meeting than it did last year.

The full details of the competitions are given below:—

HIGH SHERIFF'S CUP.

1. "B" Company	...	328 pts.
2. "H.Q." Wing	...	293 "
3. "A" Company	...	275 "
4. "C" Company	...	220 "
5. "D" Company	...	198 "

YOUNG SOLDIERS' TEAM COMPETITION.

1. "B" Company	...	218 pts.
2. "A" Company	...	214 "
3. "H.Q." Wing	...	185 "
4. "C" Company	...	158 "
5. "D" Company	...	151 "

LEWIS GUN COMPETITION.

1. "B" Company	...	265 pts.
2. "A" Company	...	203 "
3. "C" Company	...	155 "
4. "D" Company	...	146 "
5. "H.Q." Wing	...	120 "

The highest score in the High Sheriff's Competition was made by Cpl. Thomas, of "B" Company, with 58.

Winner of the Lee Memorial Shield, for the best shooting company in the Battalion, "B" Company (total 811). The aggregate made by other companies was as under:—

"A" Company	...	692
"H.Q." Wing	...	598
"C" Company	...	533
"D" Company	...	495

The meeting proved an unqualified success, and appeared to be enjoyed by all those who attended (138 in number).

Hearty congratulations are extended to Major H. A. Murray on his promotion.

We welcome the return to the Battalion of Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., who has taken over command of the Highgate Company from Major Murray. Major Bower is, of course, well known to "old soldiers" of the Battalion, and quite a number of the younger generation know him, as he has attended camp with the Battalion regularly each year whilst on the T.A. Reserve of Officers.

It is regretted that we shall soon be losing the services of our Regimental Sergeant-Major. Sergt.-Major Sayer's engagement does not expire until December next, but he intends to leave us prior to this year's Annual Training. During the past few months, his health has not been of the best, and he feels that he would like to get settled in civilian life as soon as possible. Sergt.-Major Sayer has been with the Battalion for nearly five years, and his departure will be regretted by all those with whom he has come into contact. I am sure that all ranks of the Battalion wish him every possible success in civil life, and hope his health will improve.

The following officers and non-commissioned officers have attended courses at the London District School during the past three months:—

2/Lieuts. Amor, Hamp-Adams, Johnson, Scott Lowe, Gliksten, Pratt and Arnold; L./Cpl. Cox ("A" Company); Sergt. Gill ("H.Q." Wing); L./Sergt. Cutting ("B" Company); Cpl. Platten ("H.Q." Wing); and C.S.M. Roberts ("B" Company).

C.S.M. Stevens and L./Sergt. Ayres have been attached to the Depot, Mill Hill, the former for six weeks, and the latter for three weeks. The instruction given to them will be of infinite value at Annual Training this year.

It is pleasing to note that the strength of the Battalion is still making strides. When the last issue of the Journal went to press, we were 21 officers and 360 other ranks. We are, at the moment, 21 officers and 380 other ranks, and hope that by the time of Annual Training we shall have topped the 400 mark.

Very few applications have so far been received for leave of absence from Annual Training, and it is anticipated we shall be in the neighbourhood of 300 strong at camp.

On Friday, July 19th, Col. Maitland, M.C., T.D., and the officers of the Battalion are giving a ball at Headquarters. It is anticipated that 250 guests will be present, and, judging from the arrangements which have been made, the affair should be an unqualified success.

The Battalion sent a party to the service at Hornsey Parish Church on Sunday, July 7th, to commemorate the return to

health of His Majesty the King. Major H. A. Murray was in command of the detachment.

Buglers of the Battalion sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveille" at the opening ceremony of "The Garden of Remembrance," Palmers Green, opened by Earl Jellicoe on Sunday afternoon, July 7th.

We are now eagerly looking forward to camp, which takes place at Dover during the period July 27th to August 11th. The camp site is an excellent one, and, if favoured with good weather, should be enjoyed by all.

"A" COMPANY.

On Saturday, April 27th, we held our first dance of the season, and it was a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the dance was attended by all the officers and their wives, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Great credit is due to the Committee for making it a success.

On Sunday, June 2nd, twenty N.C.Os. and men proceeded to Rainham to take part in the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and, after an excellent day's shooting, we came second—and a very good second.

We were all very sorry to lose our Company Commander (Capt. H. A. Murray) on promotion to Major, and we all miss him for the untiring work he has performed since joining the Company. All ranks of the Company extend to him congratulations on his promotion, which is our loss, but the Battalion's gain.

A hearty welcome is extended by all ranks to our new Company Commander, Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., who is well known by the members of the Company, and they wish him every success.

"B" COMPANY.

As far as we are concerned, this year has brought in a great change, in that we have been selected to be the Machine Gun Company of the Battalion under the new establishment. We have not yet, of course, officially taken up our new duties, but a large amount of preliminary training has already been accomplished. In the recent Machine Gun Efficiency Competition—won by our Battalion from the rest of the Brigade—half the team was

provided by "B" Company, and we take this opportunity of congratulating the band of enthusiasts whose intensive training in a short period made this possible. Many of us have also taken advantage of our opportunities at Easter and Whitsun of firing the machine gun on the ranges.

We are very glad that the Battalion Rifle Meeting has been revived this year. For us it was especially satisfactory in that we not only won the shield for the highest aggregate score for all teams, but also won each individual event. All teams did extremely well, but the heartiest congratulations must be given to the young soldiers for their good shoot, in view of their very short service. We hope we shall be able to repeat the performance at the Brigade Rifle Meeting in camp.

Our Annual Company Dinner and Reunion, which took place recently, was an unqualified success. We were very glad to see so many Old Comrades, and hope they will continue to be present in the future. We append the report which appeared in the local paper:—

"FRIENDSHIP RENEWED."

"TERRITORIALS' ANNUAL DINNER."

"SUCCESS OF 'B' COMPANY, 7TH MIDDLESEX REGIMENT."

"Friendships made on the battlefields of France were renewed at the Drill Hall, Enfield, on Saturday evening, at the 'B' Company, 7th Middlesex Regiment, annual dinner. A spirit of good fellowship permeated the proceedings, and the guests spent much of their time in reminiscences.

"Brightly decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, the hall echoed with hearty laughter as bygone episodes were recalled.

"The serving members of the company, 41 of whom were present, also spent a happy time. With the enthusiasm of youth they were out to enjoy themselves. In addition to the 41 serving members, there were 34 old comrades, 14 officers and three permanent staff.

"In the chair was Capt. S. H. Gillett, M.C., who was one of the company commanders during the war. He was supported by Capt. E. N. Cunliffe (the Company Commander), Major J. Eales (Company Commander during the war),

Lt.-Col. S. C. Smith, T.D. (Col. of the Battalion), Brevet-Col. J. K. Maitland, M.C., T.D. (who recently resigned command of the Battalion), Capt. H. A. Murray (a former commander of 'B' Company), Capt. H. E. R. Ford, M.C., of the Worcester Regiment, Adjutant of the Battalion, Major G. A. H. Bower, M.C., Mr. F. Garioch (an ex-officer), Lt. H. G. Arnold, Lt. K. Johnson, Lt. N. E. T. Christodoulo (of the Hornsey Co.) and Company Q.M.S. S. T. Eeles (local secretary of the Old Comrades' Association).

"The first toast honoured was that of 'The King,' and then the Company drank to their Fallen Comrades.

"Speechmaking was limited.

"The whole idea of the reunion was to 'get together' once a year, said the Chairman. There was an old saying that old soldiers faded away, but, looking at the comrades present that evening, they seemed to be going the other way. (Laughter.) It was

"A MATTER FOR CONGRATULATION"

that, although it was a long time since the war, they had such a splendid gathering of old comrades that evening. He hoped that they would never allow that annual entertainment to die out. He was not speaking disrespectfully of the other companies in the battalion when he said that they also regarded 'B' Company as the company of the battalion. (A voice: 'We were, sir.')

"Continuing, the Chairman said they would be glad to know that the present company was not letting them down. The previous week the company won not only the Lewis gun competition, but also the trained men's competition for the recruits. (Applause.) The shield which they could see in that hall that night was the trophy won and all could feel sure that the honour of the company was in safe keeping. He was sure the young soldiers would endeavour to maintain the traditions established during the war. (Applause.) The officers would do their share in maintaining those traditions and would add to their lustre.

"Musical honours were accorded the Chairman.

"Ex-Q.M.S. Jeffery said he had the permission of the Chairman to thank the serving officers of the company for allow-

ing the old comrades to join with them that evening. As Capt. Gillett had remarked, it was a pleasure once again to meet together. As one of the old soldiers of the company, he wanted to say how much they appreciated the success of the present company. It was a great pleasure for them to know that the good work of the company was going on. That day was

"THE DAY OF THE YEAR"

for many of them. He would not miss it for worlds and as long as the rations were on the tables they could rest assured that the old soldiers would be there. (Laughter.)

"Col. Smith said since they met last year, Col. Maitland had given up command of the battalion, and it was only right that that evening they should say how much they appreciated all that he had done for them during the five years he had been in command. Col. Maitland took over the command of the battalion at a very difficult period, but so much work had he put in, that he had made it a very easy job to take over from him. This year they had won the machine gun competition of the Brigade, and they were a very close second in the winter weapon training competition, the rifle and Lewis gun, being beaten by one or two points only, by the 9th Battalion. All who had served under Col. Maitland appreciated him, and the old comrades knew that he was right when he said how much they had enjoyed serving under him. It was a very great blow to the battalion when he felt compelled to give up the command. They were fortunate in having several of the officers still serving and Major Bower was coming back to them. They could be trusted to keep the old battalion going. The speaker went on to say that the whole of the Army was being reorganised. In every infantry battalion there would be three ordinary companies and one machine gun company, and that company had been selected to be

"THE MACHINE GUN COMPANY"

of the battalion. It was largely on account of the work of that company that they were able to pull off the machine gun competition of the Brigade. The old comrades need have no fear of the company failing to uphold the traditions.

"Replying, Col. Maitland thanked Col. Smith for the kind things he had said and all present for the way they had responded to the toast of his health. He would never have given up command of the battalion voluntarily had he not felt that it was being handed over into better hands than his own. In Col. Smith and the other officers they could have every possible confidence of the future success of the battalion. Concluding, Col. Maitland expressed the hope that he would be able to attend their annual function for many years to come.

"An enjoyable entertainment was provided by a concert party under the direction of Mr. Leslie Brookes, the artistes being Miss Olive Dennis (soprano), Miss Winnie Dale (comédienne), Mr. Jackson West (humorist), Mr. Leslie Brookes (light comedian), and Mr. Leslie Handscombe (accompanist and provider of music upon a saw)."

Last Easter, Sergt. Cutting was married to Miss Bennett. We are sorry that this event took place while we were at Rainham, so that we could not attend, but we wish him and his wife every happiness. In connection with this event, we would ask why it was that C.S.M. Bennett got into the wrong train at Fenchurch Street Station the next day, on his way back to Rainham.

We extend a hearty welcome to our newly joined recruits, and hope that they, in their turn, will bring further recruits to the Company.

The following is the full list of the scores made by the Company at the Battalion Rifle Meeting:—

Total aggregate points which resulted in the Company winning the Lee Memorial Shield.—811.

High Sheriff and Lord-Lieutenant.—328 (Lieut. Arnold, 43; Sergt. Parker, 44; Cpl. Ede, 43; Cpl. Wrangles, 11; Cpl. Thomas, 58; Pte. Chesson, 37; Pte. Emery, 36; Pte. Heard, 56).

B.S.A. Guns (Young Soldiers).—218 (Pte. Dye, 43; Pte. Bagley, 30; Pte. Dear, 35; Pte. Chesson, 19; Pte. Rose, 22; Pte. Tuttle, 19; Pte. Oxley, 15; Pte. Butler, 35).

Lewis Gun.—265 (L./Sergt. Cutting, 52; Cpl. Povey, 35; Pte. Freeman, 41; Pte. Osborne, 27; Pte. Starr, 50; Pte. Ridley, 60).

"D" COMPANY.

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

The strength of the Company is still increasing week by week, and everybody is hoping that the hundred mark will be reached prior to Annual Training, so that the evenings off will be greatly increased for holiday amusements.

Since our last issue, there have been several trips to Rainham for firing, including a day's practice for the Brigade Rifle Meeting, which, fortunately, takes place in camp this year. At this meeting, our successes of previous years were not repeated, but we must congratulate our near neighbours, Enfield, who have taken our place, and may their success be repeated at camp.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Cowton on his promotion and transfer to the Company. The holders of the Warner Drill Cup must be prepared to hand it over to the recruits under his tuition at present; they are going great guns.

A hearty welcome is extended to the new officers transferred to us, and may they be happy in their new surroundings.

All the Company join in expressing sympathy for the enforced absence of Lieut. H. Adams and Sergt. ("Nobby") Clarke, through sickness. A speedy recovery is the wish of all ranks.

May the new members of the Battalion team succeed in winning their place and the decoration for 1929.

In conclusion, we wish the best of luck to all new members of the Company, and may they have a happy time at camp.

W. A. R.



8th BATTALION NOTES.

SINCE the last issue of the Magazine, the most prominent features of the training have been tactical exercises and musketry.

The companies have held various tactical schemes in pursuance of the plan adopted last year, by which companies follow up the Battalion exercises by

simpler schemes adapted to their own training.

The musketry was fired, as usual, at Bisley, and on June 2nd the Battalion paid its fourth and, for the time being, its last visit to the range. It has been decided this year to hold the Brigade Rifle Meeting in camp at Dover.

Two church parades have recently been held, one at Sunbury on June 16th and the other on June 30th at Staines. On the former occasion, the Battalion paraded at good strength at Kempton Park and marched to Sunbury Church. After the service, there was a march to the local park, where the Battalion, together with the Fire Brigade, Special Constables, Boy Scouts and other local bodies, was inspected by Sir Edward Nickall, a Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Middlesex. On returning to Kempton Park, the Honorary Colonel, Col. Garner, C.M.G., T.D., presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Mr. Coppard. Mr. Coppard was an old member of the Permanent Staff of the Battalion, and is the father of C.Q.M.S. Coppard, late of "B" Company.

On June 27th, the Middlesex Regiment Officers' Club held its Annual Dinner in London. The Battalion was well represented by the Commanding Officer and a number of officers.

The question of the hour now is Annual Training, which takes place this year at Swingate Camp, Dover. This is the first time that the Battalion has been to the Dover area since the war, and it is fortunate in having been given such a good district, in pleasant country, and near a town and the sea. It is to be hoped that all ranks will try to make the Battalion attendance a record. Annual Training is the most important part of the year's work, and no keen man should be absent if he can possibly help it. Good numbers are essential, not only to efficiency, but to the all-round enjoyment of camp. "The more the merrier" ought to be our motto for this 1929 camp.

On Monday, July 1st, we were very glad to have the opportunity of welcoming Capt. G. Miller, of the Wentworth Regiment, Ontario, one of our Allied Regiments in Canada. He attended a parade of "D" Company at Uxbridge, and showed great interest in their work.



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1914 Squad.

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"H.Q." WING. (HOUNSLOW)

The chief event since our last notes were written has been the reorganization of our Company Club, which is now on a firm basis once more.

The Committee is constituted as follows:—

President.—Col. E. E. F. Baker, D.S.O., M.C.

Chairman and Treasurer.—Capt. Sherbrooke-Walker.

Ex-officio Members.—2/Lieuts. Hall and Maddex, R.S.M. Pelly, C.S.M. Edwards, M.C., and C.Q.M.S. Martin.

Secretary.—Sergt. Hawsworth, Sergts. Power and Frost, Cpl. Henson, and Pte. Arthurs.

Co-opted Members.—Sergts. Mullaley and Reeve.

The Club bar was reopened in May, and is being run by Messrs. Letherby & Christopher, Ltd., the well-known caterers.

Owing to the reorganization of the Club, it was found necessary temporarily to suspend all honorary membership, but we are now open to receive applications for admission, and we hope soon to have a good number of honorary members once more.

Will former honorary members who wish to rejoin kindly apply for readmission, so that the register can be compiled and membership cards issued?

Saturday-night dances are in full swing once more, and our thanks are due to several members of the Committee who are putting in much useful work in this connection.

We are hoping from now onwards to work in conjunction with the local Cadet Company of the Royal Fusiliers, whose Company Headquarters are in Hounslow. It is proposed that the Cadets shall use our miniature range and attend the Drill Hall for various forms of instruction.

We have already made the acquaintance of Capt. Bisgood, M.M., who is commanding the Company, and we hope that he and his Cadets will be frequent visitors to the Drill Hall.

The winner of the Spoon Shoot for the period June 12th to 30th was C.S.M. J. H. Edwards, M.C.

"A" COMPANY. (HAMPTON)

The strength of the Company stands at 3 officers and 75 other ranks—still the strongest company in the Battalion, but more recruits are needed to retain the lead.

Spoon shoots are now being held fortnightly. The winners at present are Cpl. Seymour and L./Cpl. Batten for May, and Ptes. Mortimer and Light for June.

The Commanding Officer inspected and tested the Company in weapon training on May 14th, and expressed his satisfaction at the turn-out and efficiency of the Company.

At sports we have made satisfactory progress, but cricket does not seem to be our favourite pastime. The Company took second place in the Battalion Cross-Country Run, and we congratulate Cpl. Holden on being third man home.

On April 6th, Sergt. Tiller brought a football team from the Depot to play us. We lost, but we feel sure the visitors enjoyed the game and will come and give us our revenge at some not very distant date.

"B" COMPANY. (EALING)

Since the last issue of THE DIE-HARDS, the Drill Hall has been a continual buzz of activity, with machine guns, Lewis guns, rifles and recruits. We have now three machine-gun classes receiving instruction; the senior under Sergt. Edwards ("H.Q." Wing); N.C.Os. under Cpl. Hodges; and a junior class under Cpl. Bird.

Two squads of recruits are working hard to complete training before we go to Dover, and Cpl. Gowers has a class of trained men using harmonized sights on the miniature range.

On Sunday, April 21st, we attended a church parade service at St. John's, Ealing. Seven officers and 129 other ranks were on parade.

On Sunday, June 16th, a detachment of twenty-one other ranks attended Battalion church parade at Sunbury, and on June 30th twenty-one other ranks attended at Staines.

"C" COMPANY. (STAINES)

Camp is now at hand, and by the time these notes are published we shall all be enjoying the Dover air. Although we have not increased much in numbers, the power of our voices has increased, and the Staines "Choir and Band" will no doubt perform as lustily as ever on our marches.

On Sunday, June 16th, we attended a church parade at Sunbury with the rest of the Battalion, in connection with Sunbury Civic Week.

The Battalion held a church parade at Staines on Sunday, June 30th, at St. Mary's Church. There were 6 officers and 144 other ranks on parade. After the service, the Commanding Officer inspected the Battalion on the Lamas Recreation Ground.

The Company have played two cricket matches so far this season. On Saturday, June 15th, we played the Lamas Cricket Club, and were beaten by 22 runs. The Lamas scored 57 runs to our 35. We played the Lamas Cricket Club again on Saturday, June 29th, and our opponents scored 82 runs to our 22.

Sergt. Merrin has been chosen to take part in the T.A.R.A. Meeting at Bisley, and we wish him our congratulations and the very best of luck. We also congratulate L./Cpl. Wright on his promotion to Corporal, and Pte. Jones on his appointment to Lance-Corporal.

In the recent Spoon Shoot Competition spoons were won by L./Cpls. Gigg and Allen.

"D" COMPANY. (UXBRIDGE)

We have been disporting ourselves with great vigour on the cricket field since last we penned notes for the Journal. Every Thursday evening we have played a match against the Royal Air Force, and on several Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons we have tried our skill against other Uxbridge clubs. The R.A.F., with their large numbers to pick from, have turned out an entirely different team for each match, so we get plenty of variety. In most cases we have been up against a better team than our own, but in those games that we have lost we have given a very good account of

ourselves. Moreover, our fielding has improved wonderfully.

We have lost one of our regular cricketers in Pte. Skates, who has left us to join the 17th/21st Lancers. Not only shall we miss his bowling (no joke intended here), but we shall miss him when the time for the boxing tournament comes round. We wish him the best of luck with the "Death or Glory Boys," and hope that he will come to see us occasionally.

Before closing our remarks on the subject of cricket, we want to congratulate L./Cpl. Taylor on his bowling in our matches.

Three more members to whom we wish luck are Ptes. Smith, Langley and Harrison, all of whom have left us to join the Regular Army.

Our Drill Attendance Competition was tied for by Sergts. Woodhouse and Pryce, both having attended every single drill during March, April and May. There are a few runners-up who have missed only one drill each.

Our Miniature Range Spoon Shoot is going strong. Up to the time of writing these notes, Cpl. Day was leading, closely followed by Pte. McGuire, one of our latest-joined recruits, who had gained one point less.

We congratulate the following on their promotions and appointments shown against their names:—

Cpls. Austin and Pryce, to be Sergeants (Provisional).

L./Cpls. Wilkie, Jones, Bishop and Bennett, to be Corporals (Provisional).

Ptes. Taylor, Church, Bunn and Fairweather, to be Lance-Corporals.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

TWO OLD SOLDIERS' EXCELLENT RECORDS OF SERVICE.

AN interesting ceremony took place at the Depot of the East Surrey Regiment at Kingston on Sunday morning, May 19th, when Major-General H. R. Peck, C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the Home Counties Area, attended to present two Meritorious Service Medals. The ceremony

took place in the presence of the troops at the Depot, who were formed up in a hollow square, facing inwards, on the parade ground.

The recipients were Mr. T. Shier, ex-Squadron Sergeant-Major, 2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys), who is a resident of Kingston, and Mr. J. Hilton, ex-Colour-Sergeant of the Middlesex Regiment, and a resident of Staines. Several relatives of both recipients and also Q.M.S. Mortimer (8th Middlesex Regiment), ex-Sergt.-Major Dorey and Sergt. Newport, were present to witness the ceremony.



EX-COLOUR SERGT. J. HILTON,
who, with the rank of Captain, commanded
a Labour Company during the Great War.
His Army service covered 37 years.

In pinning the medals on the breast of each, the General referred in complimentary terms to their service in the Army, and congratulated them upon the honour they had received, and wished them long life to enjoy the award. Unfortunately, heavy rain descended during the ceremony and also while the General was inspecting the troops.

Mr. Shier served in the Scots Greys for twenty-six years, for twenty-four of which he was a non-commissioned officer. He enlisted in November, 1875, and served at home for a number of years. He was

with his regiment in the South African War from 1899 to 1901, serving in the Transvaal under the command of Lord French, and he took part in the Battle of Driefontein.

Mr. J. Hilton has an interesting and exceptional record of service. Enlisting in the Middlesex Regiment in 1881, he was appointed Lance-Corporal in 1882, promoted Corporal in 1883, Sergeant in 1885, and Colour-Sergeant in 1890. During his Regular military service, he was several times chosen for positions as drill instructor, and was specially selected for duty as Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Mounted Infantry during the manoeuvres of 1890. He was also appointed to the Permanent Staff of the 2nd V.B. Middlesex Regiment (now the 8th Battalion), and ultimately retired to pension after twenty-seven years' service. In 1909, he joined the Territorial Force Reserve of the 8th Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and rejoined for active service in that unit in 1914, and served under the command of Lieut.-Col. L. C. Dams during the operations in Egypt against the Senussi. He left Egypt for France with that battalion in 1916, and served on the French and Belgian fronts. His keenness and devotion to duty were brought to the notice of the G.O.C. 3rd Echelon, and he was granted a commission in a Labour Corps. Having been mentioned in despatches for service in the forward area while with the Canadian Railway Troops, he was subsequently promoted Captain and selected to command the 31st Labour Company. He was also selected to command the 108th Labour Company at Mons, and also the Labour contingent of the Rhine Army in the Victory March in July, 1919. Altogether, Mr. Hilton's Army service has extended to over thirty-seven years, which is a fine record. Unfortunately, he lost three sons in the war: Arthur Frederick, killed in action in April, 1915; Harold George (who had been recommended for a commission) was killed in action in April, 1917; and Bert Oswald, died of wounds in June, 1917. One son (Edward) is still serving. Mr. Hilton was twice wounded whilst working in the forward area.

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9th BATTALION NOTES.

WHEN the last Battalion notes were written, the Winter Weapon Training Competition had not been decided, so we can take this opportunity of congratulating "D" Company on their splendid achievement in winning the Lewis Gun and Rifle Competition for the second year in succession. The Machine Gunners, after a long period of unbroken successes, have at last been defeated, and came out second to the 7th Battalion, although, naturally, it would have been better to have won. There is no doubt that the unexpected reverse will have a beneficial effect on their future keenness, and we expect great things from them next year.

The year 1929 has been an eventful period for the 9th Middlesex in many ways, and considerable changes have taken place, the most important being the change in command. By the time these notes appear, the present Commanding Officer will have finished his tour of command and gone to the Reserve.

It is difficult to imagine the 9th without Col. Beach, and it is merely a question whether we shall miss him more than he will miss us. It is impossible in the space available here to give all the details of Col. Beach's long career with the Battalion, which he joined on April 4th, 1900, but there is no question that, from the moment of his first joining, all his interests have been bound up, not only in the 9th Battalion, but also in the Middlesex Regiment as a whole. For the past seven years, he has been in command, and during this period the whole of his spare time has been given to this Battalion. No trouble has been too great for him, and his departure will be regretted throughout the Battalion from top to bottom.

We only hope that, although on the Reserve, he will continue his interest in us and be a constant visitor at Pound Lane.

Luckily, there is no question of searching around for his successor, as Lieut.-Col. G. W. H. Tupper, T.D., who has been Second-in-Command for the past seven years, is available to take over. Very few Territorial battalions are as lucky as we are in this respect, as Lieut.-Col. Tupper has also had many years'

service in the Battalion. If he is as effective a Commanding Officer as he was a P.R.I., the efficiency of the Battalion will not suffer from the change, and we can only wish him a very pleasant period of command.

Another familiar figure who is departing to the Reserve is Lieut. I. E. Furlong. "Pa" will undoubtedly be very much missed by all his many friends in the Battalion, and guest nights will not be quite the same thing without his inspired fooling. Again we hope that if he can ever spare a minute from his "gigantic schemes" he will nip up to Pound Lane for a "very quick and very short one."

To replace these casualties, we have 2/Lieuts. J. T. Dear and A. G. Petrie, whom we take this opportunity of welcoming into the Battalion.

Another new departure for 1929 is the formation of the Machine Gun Company. "B" Company have been induced to lay aside their old friend the Lewis gun and are now enthusiastically solving the mysteries of the machine gun. In April, 1930, the change-over takes place, and when the present Machine Gun Platoon and "B" Company join hands in one company, a very live unit will be evolved.

Up to date, this summer has been chiefly occupied by tactical exercises. The officers, followed by companies and the Machine Gunners, visited the country round Letchworth. During the officers' scheme, the night, April 13th/14th, was spent at the Letchworth Hall Hotel. Most of us were under the impression that the staple diet at Letchworth was nuts, and that most of the inhabitants wore sandals. So we went north with a certain amount of misgiving, wondering what we were in for. Mine host and hostess, however, not to mention their daughter (who has not yet quite recovered from the excitement of that furious game of "Vingt-et-un"), made us very welcome indeed, and a cheery evening ensued. Nothing seemed to upset them, not even the soda-water syphon in the hands of our "Master Dead-Eye." The success of the evening, however, was the appearance of one young officer (who should have known better) in his pyjamas. We understand, however, that in the future he is not going to be allowed to do this sort of thing any more, so all is well.



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The same ground was visited by all companies, the Machine Gunners and Signallers in turn, so the local inhabitants became quite accustomed to the sight of khaki on Sunday mornings. A certain amount of alarm and despondency was caused, however, on the first visit.

The Signallers have been very active of late. They are now well over strength and have had no fewer than six exercises in the past three months. We only hope that their present optimism will be justified on their great classification day, and that we shall continue our progress towards the Dartmouth Cup.

In spite of somewhat hectic training, the social side of the Battalion has not been lost sight of. Firstly, the officers held a very successful dance in the Suffolk Galleries, at which 150 guests were present. The two brothers Davies, dressed in drummers' uniform of the Albuhera period, distributed the programmes.

Albuhera Day was celebrated at Pound Lane in the usual manner. A Band programme, marching display by the Corps of Drums, and finally a *feu-de-joie* party, under the command of Capt. H. K. Hardcastle. This performance was followed by an All-Ranks' Dance inside the hall, at which at least 600 people were present. Dancing was, of course, out of question, but as a football scrum the evening was a distinct success.

In view of the recovery of His Majesty the King, the King's birthday assumed an added importance this year, and in consequence a special gathering of Old Comrades and members of the Battalion was held at Pound Lane. The Personalities Concert Party gave an excellent entertainment, and the Band rendered selections during the evening.

Before closing these notes (long overdue) we should like to congratulate Capt. Findlay and 2/Lieut. Petrie each on the birth of a son.

"B" COMPANY.

Once more as runners-up in the Battalion Competition we congratulate "D" Company on winning the Battalion and Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competitions. Next year they will not have the doings of "B" Company to worry

about, as we expect to be otherwise engaged. In fact, we have already started to be so engaged—learning the intricacies of the machine gun.

A most amusing weapon (so long as one is at the right end of it). The parts have weird and wonderful names; one example will suffice—fancy one small pin being called "a pin split keeper bush axis side levers." Why can't it be called "the — pin"? Every other pin has its name more reasonable than this. We are sad to hear that the P.S.K.B.A.S.L. is not likely to break—most disappointing. A worried and profane No. 1 telling his No. 2, in the heat of a competition, that this dear little pin was *hors de combat* would be a joy to hear and behold.

We have had two outgoings in our new capacity: one near Letchworth, where we learnt, among other things, about "rendezvous," and "position of readiness"; and the other at the Depot, where we all had an opportunity of firing our new weapon. Two very enjoyable days.

The numbers on parade have been good these past few months, an eloquent tribute to the excellence of our instructors. Their patience is admirable, and their willingness to help is best shown by the fact that one instructor (whose squad shall be nameless) spent two and a half hours one evening driving the elements of gun drill into the heads of his squad.

We all most heartily congratulate Mr. Gray on his promotion, and we welcome him and Mr. Petrie on their posting to the Company.

BEER COY.

SIGNAL NOTES.

There is now great activity in the Signal Section. Never before have our prospects looked so rosy. We have now greater numbers, efficiency and keenness and greater hopes for our performance at classification this year.

We have had several very good schemes at the Depot, from which all ranks have benefited enormously, and, in consequence of the hard work that has been put in during the past few months, we have now about thirty men up to classification standard.

By the time these notes are in print, we shall have made acquaintance with the

Signallers of other battalions, and can therefore compare our chance of winning the Dartmouth Cup, etc.

We are sorry to lose one of our pals, L./Cpl. "Tommy" Tweed, and wish him every success in his new venture, and hope that he will pay us visits when possible.

We take this opportunity of welcoming new faces, and sincerely hope many more will follow and so swell the numbers.

We do not seem to have any more notes to inflict, and will close by wishing all Signallers of the Regiment the best of good luck.

"WIND TICKLER."

"D" COMPANY.

Since our notes in the last issue of this Journal, we have been very busy with training in preparation for Annual Camp, and we hope a large proportion of the Company will be present for the full period at Dover.

We are also pleased to say that we pulled off the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition for the second year in succession, and our teams are to be congratulated on their splendid achievement. The Lewis-gun team (captained by Sergt. Devereaux) was as follows:—

Cpl. (née L./Sergt.) Devereaux, Cpls. Laver and Edwards, L./Cpls. Willison, Read and White, and Ptes. Johnson, F. McCarthy, Kent, Mudge, Redman and Graham.

The rifle team (captained by Sergt. Bell) was made up of:—

Cpls. Laver and Edwards, L./Cpls. Read and White, and Ptes. McCarthy, Townsend, Townes, Paine, Gunston, Westlake, Davie and Graham.

The standard of both rifle and Lewis gun was extremely high, and it is hoped that we may win the competition again next year.

A sand-table exercise was held between "C" and "D" Companies, and a most instructional evening was spent by the N.C.Os. and men.

We congratulate Cpl. Devereaux on his promotion to Lance-Sergeant, L./Cpl. Edwards to Corporal, and Ptes. Gunston and Rice to Lance-Corporal.

Don.

OVERHEARD DURING A MUSKETRY LECTURE.

A recruit's definition of a ricochet:—
"One of those things a Chinese coolie pulls about."

TRANSPORT.

The past three months have been a time of solid work for the Transport Section. Parades have taken place on three nights a week and Sunday mornings, while some enthusiasts have spent their Saturday afternoons polishing hooks, much to the annoyance of sweethearts and wives.

Whitsun was spent at Shorncliffe with the Manchester Regiment, under very pleasant conditions, thanks to the kindness of our hosts, coupled with the keenness of our men.

Sunday mornings have been times of great activity, for the Transport Rodeo take place at eleven. Some of the "hairies" have not been remarkable for good looks, one in particular being so fat that the saddle had to be tied on with string, whilst some of the new drivers looked distinctly awkward on a nag, being more used to driving a bus. However, the horses are getting fitter and the drivers better, and neither would disgrace either Aintree nor Olympia, and we are not looking forward to camp with such misgivings, though one bus driver, after his Sunday-morning ride, is rumoured to have asked his boss to let him be a conductor on Monday.

We are now in possession of a fully fledged Saddler, Dvr. Trendell having just returned from a course with the R.A.O.C. We are now looking forward to cheap boot repairs. We also hope that we can get our saddlery repairs done quicker than in the past. Dvr. Trendell will not have to be very quick to be faster than Ordnance.

Our hopes for camp are running high, and we are all looking forward to a very smooth-running fortnight. Inspections and checks on our stores have been frequent recently by Generals, Colonels, Adjutants and Quartermasters; now we fear no one. We have come out with flying colours each time, while the remarks of the Director-General of the Territorial Army were almost embarrassing.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Since our last notes, many strange happenings have been noticed; for example, our table, on which we have been wont to gather round and sup our nectar, has been replaced with a miniature billiard table. Quite a nice little thing, but it seems to be the cause of strange murmurings. One night, a player, plus cue, Mark III, uttered strange cries and requested one and all to help look for the table, but, happily, someone noticed that the other player was leaning just a little too far over, and unconsciously hiding up the snooker balls, etc. With the aid of a Watney, order was restored, and the game went on.

Well, now, to impart some really serious news. On May 11th, members of the Mess held a highly successful dinner and dance at the Cavendish Rooms, Willesden Green. This was, I think, the first time that we have ventured to dine outside our businesslike Drill Hall, and the happy inauguration was changed from an experiment into a really delightful evening for all. We were pleased to see, as guests, Col. G. Beach, O.B.E., T.D., Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Tupper, Capt. and Mrs. Horrocks, Capt. and Mrs. Fox, Capt. and Mrs. Lloyd-Williams, Capt. and Mrs. Hardcastle, and Capt. and Mrs. Lamont. To the strains of the Battalion Band, ably conducted by Mr. Rouse, a most excellent dinner was served (West End cuisine without the trouble of going West), and during coffee and wine breezy speeches were listened to.

The chair was occupied by R.S.M. C. Denton, who proposed the toast of "The Regiment." This was responded to by Col. Beach, who said how grateful both he and all the guests were to be there that evening, and how, by meeting each other on these occasions, the officers and members of the Mess helped to maintain the traditions of the Regiment. Also, he was sorry to inform us that it would be his last appearance at a Sergeants' dinner as Commanding Officer, and he wished to commend us to the care of Lieut.-Col. W. Tupper, who would, he felt sure, ably carry on the good traditions of the Regiment as he had endeavoured to do. Col. Beach also said how fortunate we were in having Mrs. Tupper to take an interest in the Battalion.

The Mess President, C.S.M. W. Sewell, then proposed, in his inimitable manner, a toast to "The Ladies." Mentioning how pleasing it was to see and meet Sergeants' wives and lady friends, he pointed out how even more pleasing it would be to see them oftener at the Drill Hall. He ventured to say, perhaps many were breaking the ice that evening, and, having met Mrs. So-and-So, would endeavour to meet her again at the Mess.

Mrs. Denton, in a few charming words, responded.

C.S.M. Fitzgerald, in the unavoidable absence of R.Q.M.S. Hine, proposed the health of "The Officers," and Lieut.-Col. Tupper suitably responded.

Then came a pleasing diversion, by way of a presentation to our late C.S.M. Tisdale. In presenting a silver cigarette case, suitably engraved with the Regimental badge, etc., to him, R.S.M. Denton said how pleased he was, on behalf of the members, to show their appreciation of the work done by C.S.M. Tisdale at Wealdstone. "C" Company owed much of its good qualities to the ardent work done by C.S.M. Tisdale, while the Mess has lost a cheerful comrade. But, he added, they had not really lost him, as he is now at the Depot, and therefore will be expected to come, with Mrs. Tisdale, to all the Mess functions.

C.S.M. Tisdale, in his reply, thanked everyone for the gift and words of appreciation.

The rest of the evening was then spent dancing to the delightful and untiring playing of the Castilian Dance Band.

Everyone left for home, inwardly hoping that an excuse can be framed for an early repetition.

The Mess President and his band of Committeemen are to be heartily congratulated on arranging such a delightful evening, and many thanks are due to Mr. Fowler and his staff for the reception and comfort given us.

Our little band has been reduced by three, Sergts. Sewell and Peters having terminated their engagements, and "Scotty" Martin is now busy administering to the insides of the men in the Canteen.

We sincerely hope that we shall often see our friends at all our future functions.

We are all looking forward to our camp at Dover, and by the time these notes are in print we shall be reading the Mag. at camp.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

1. In the letter which is published on page 213 of your May number, a mistake has been made in transcribing, or in printing, the extracts from the "Inspection Returns" of the 57th Foot, which appeared in Vol. V of *The Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*, page 71.

2. The last line of the first paragraph should read: "Stationed in Minorca," referring, of course, to the Army List of 1766.

3. "1768" should come at the commencement of the next line.

4. In 1768, the regiment was stationed in Ireland.

5. "Inspection Returns." The first line should read:—

"1768. 2 June. Colours, 1756. Officers, scarlet with yellow cape," etc.

Colours means "flags," and 1756 is the year of their issue.

6. Should you care to make use of the note and illustration on pages 129-130 of our last number of our Journal, you are most welcome to do so, and I will lend you the block.

And so, believe me to be,
Yours very truly,

J. H. LESLIE, *Lieut.-Col.*

Hon. Editor of *The Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*.



LIEUT. G. R. HOME'S GRAVE.



MILITARY PRISON AND DETENTION BARRACKS,

LUCKNOW, INDIA.

June 10th, 1929.

SIR,

Whilst tending my baby's grave in the Cantonment Cemetery, I came across the grave of a 3rd Battalion officer who died in 1913. It was very weather-stained, so I thought that the only thing I could do was to try to restore it. So I had it thoroughly cleaned and new marble chips placed down. I have taken two snapshots, which I have enclosed, as I know you will be interested. The stone is in excellent condition, and I thought that the photograph might be welcomed by the Regimental Magazine, as there are many 3rd Battalion officers and men still serving who knew Lieut. Home. I have not sent to the Editor, although I always look for my copy, as I am seconded from the Regiment and have it sent to me.

I am, etc.,

G. T. LAMBERT, O.R.S.,
Military Detention Corps (India).

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

SIR,

Reading in the obituary notice of Lieut.-Col. H. D. Wade-Dalton: "Thus passed 'Kitty' Wade, as he was in early days always and by old friends to the end affectionately termed," I am reminded of an incident that took place in the North Camp, Aldershot, in the spring of 1887.

One day in the barrack room, Major Wade-Dalton's groom objected very strongly to his master being referred to as "Old Kitty." There was first an animated discussion, then a fight, and a very good scrap it was. Unfortunately, I do not remember who won, or the name of the groom.

At this time, there slept in the same barrack room as I did the Colonel's servant; his name was Wiseman, but he was always referred to as "Oldwalterwise-man," just like that, all in one word, never as "Old Walter" or "Old Wiseman." He was an old soldier, with about twenty years' service, and to me a Patriarch. He had lost the sight of one eye and was sometimes a little quarrel-

some. He seemed to me to get up in the middle of the night very often, for his bed was "made up," and he had disappeared before "Réveillé." He discouraged any reference to the Commanding Officer, and did not permit any criticism, but he had to submit to the very obvious abbreviation "Old Huskie."

There also slept in this room our Captain's servant, whose name was Stradling, a comparatively young soldier, with perhaps four years' service. He was not so autocratic as "Oldwalterwise-man," but in his way quite as discreet, though he could give and sometimes did give an excellent imitation of our Captain summoning him on Sunday morning rather late, by shouting out of his hut, "Tradlin', come and call me." This used to amuse the younger soldiers, who could see no point in a "bloke" being called who was obviously awake.

Our Captain had been carefully christened by his god-parents "Charles Wallace," but to us he was affectionately known as "Johnny."

I am, sir, etc.,

"1976."

OBITUARY.

MRS. T. J. SMITH.

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred on June 14th, 1929, of Florence Mary, wife of Capt. T. J. Smith, M.B.E., to whom we tender our sincere sympathy.

SERGT. WILLIAM EDWARD CUTLER.

This Old Comrade passed away on June 27th, 1929. He joined the Royal Navy in February, 1871, and served until April, 1874, enlisting in the 77th Regiment the following month. His naval service included the Ashanti War, for which he received the medal. At one time he was sick-bay attendant, and his devotion to duty during an epidemic of dysentery was brought to the notice of the naval authorities, who sent a letter to Col. Kent, then commanding the 77th Regiment, expressing their thanks to Cutler, and the letter was read on three C.O.'s parades.

Cutler served with the Colours until 1880, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve.

The funeral took place at Plumstead Cemetery on July 2nd, a gun-carriage being supplied by the Royal Field Artillery, Woolwich. Among many relatives and friends at the graveside were Messrs. Taylor, Warren and Whiteside (late 77th Regiment).

We tender our sympathy to Mr. W. E. Cutler (son), late Sergeant, 1st Battalion, and other relatives.

LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT WALTER HARMAN BRENCHELEY.

The following appeared in *The Times* of July 5th:—

"BRENCHELEY.—On July 4, 1929, at Glaneirw, Cardigan, Lt.-Col. Herbert Walter Harman Brenchley, late 6th Middlesex Regt. Funeral from Glaneirw, 2 o'clock Monday."

The deceased officer served with the 6th Battalion during the South African War, 1900-02.

LIEUT.-COL. H. M. MEYLER.

The following appeared in *The Times* of May 1st:—

"Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Mowbray Meyler, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., head of the firm of Messrs. H. M. Meyler and Co., solicitors, and formerly Liberal M.P. for Blackpool, was found shot dead in his office in Churton-street, S.W., yesterday. He was 54.

"The son of Mr. Thomas Meyler, Town Clerk of Taunton, he was educated at King's College, Taunton, and Honiton, and was admitted a solicitor in 1898. In the South African War, which broke out in 1899, he served with the Middlesex Regiment, and after peace was restored qualified as an attorney in Natal. He was elected a member of the first Parliament of the Union of South Africa in 1910. When the Great War broke out,

he rejoined the Middlesex Regiment, and served later with the R.F.C. and R.A.F. as a wing commander from 1916 to 1919. He was awarded the D.S.O., the M.C., and the 1914 Star, was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the Belgian Order of Leopold and the Belgian Croix de Guerre with palm. After the War, he was legal officer in Ireland, and was created C.B.E. in 1922. In 1924 he retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Army and the R.A.F. After unsuccessfully contesting the S.W. Division of Bethnal Green in December, 1918, and Blackpool in November, 1922, he was returned for Blackpool in 1923, and sat until the following year. Colonel Meyler was twice married, and leaves a son and a daughter."

The late Col. Meyler served with the 2nd Battalion in the South African War, 1899-1901, and was with the 4th Battalion in France in 1914-15.

NOTICES.

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.

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

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1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).	1st and 2nd Battalions— contd.	7th Battalion (Territorial).	8th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.	9th Battalion (Territorial)— contd.
Lt.-Colonels (2).	Lieutenants.	Drill Hall, Priory Road, Hornsey, N.	Lt.-Colonel.	Captains.
Pearson, V. L. N., D.S.O. (1)	Dix-Lewis, A. (2)	Hon. Colonel.	×Baker, E. E. F., D.S.O., M.C., i.a. 20/2/23	×Lamont, J. N., M.C. 1/6/16
Stanley-Murray, H. E., M.C. (2)	Clowes, J. H. (1) d. 1/11/18	×King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D. (Col. Terr. Army) i.a. 13/8/25	bt. col. 20/2/27	×Findlay, L. F. 25/10/21
Majors (8).	Wray, E. M. G., D.S.O. i.			×Fox, G. L. 17/8/22
Brown, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)	Clayden, H. W. (1)		Major.	×Sherwood, H. 26/10/22
Browne, G. L., D.S.O. (s.c.) (2)	Howell, H. A. A., M.B.E. (1)		×Lewey, A. W., i.a. 28/7/23	Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/27
Jefford, W. W. (1)	Clark, S. J. (2)			Lieutenants.
Bennett, R. D., M.C. (1) (2)	Walden, F. (2) Adj. 21/2/20	×Smith, S. C. M., T.D., i.a. 18/3/29		Hogg, F. G. 31/3/23
Shane-Stanley, L. F. (1)	Heywood, E. L. (2)	31/12/24		Furlong, I. E. 11/5/23
	Ayscough, E. S. M. (2)		Captains.	Hewson, A. S. 9/6/23
	Reid, J. G. E., c.o. 18/7/21		×Parmeter, W. H. 22/4/22	Wright, L. C. 24/12/23
	Hudson, E. V. H. (1)		×Sherbrooke-Walker, R. D. 17/7/26	Wright, E. W. 24/12/23
	Musselwhite, C. C., c.o. 17/12/21		×Hughes, H. A. M. 5/5/27	Heffer, H. 17/3/26
	Cabitt, D. Y. (1)		×Rees, D. L. P. 28/6/28	Furness, G. J. B. 30/7/26
	Tuckey, P. E. C. (2)		×Hirst, R. B. 16/12/22	Coultro, T. P. 23/6/27
	Worton, J. B. (1)			Gray, H. W. W. 24/3/29
	Lambert, H. P. (2) d.			2nd Lieutenants.
	Gordon, I. D. S. (1)		Lieutenant.	Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/26
	Crawford, M., o. (1)		Hay, E. J. W. 29/4/26	×Bedwell, L. J. 18/1/28
	Newton, W. C. (1)			Mordue, L. H. 5/12/28
	Jacob, M. A. (2)			×Petrie, A. G. 1/2/29
	Goulden, G. A., c.o. 29/1/27			Dear, J. T. 2/2/29
	Gilbert, N. G. (2)			Adjutant.
	Baldwin, C. M. (2)			×Horrocks, B. G., M.C., Capt. Midd'x R. [U] 26/1/27
Captains (14).	2nd Lieutenants.			Quartermaster.
Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. (1)	Else, F. H. (2)			Uniform—Scarlet.
Appelbe, E. N. (2)	Hera-path, L. H. J. de la M. (1)			Facings—Lemon Yellow.]
Nearham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. (1)	Stephenson, J. W. A. (2)			Cadet Unit affiliated.
bt. maj. 3/6/19	Powell, P. D. ff. (1)			3 C. Bn. Midd'x R.
Savile, H. B. W., M.C., c.o. 1/10/15	Mackenzie H. F. (1)			Supplementary Reserve.
Arnold, A. C., O.B.E., M.C., p.s.c. 7/12/15	Chattey, W. H. P. (1)			Category B.
bt. maj. 3/6/19	Foreman, A. C. (2)			Subalterns (9)
Thorpe, J. R. (1) i.e. 23/1/16	Batten, R. H. (1)			Lieutenants.
Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 26/8/16	Green, A. E. (1)			×Kitching, E. 6/7/25
Buchan, G. C., M.C. (s.c.) 26/8/16	Ferguson, W. M. (2)			×Fitch, W. R., D.C.M. 30/8/25
bt. maj. 3/6/19				×Harrison, A. E. 3/12/26
Paul, H. W. M., O.B.E., M.C. 26/8/16				2nd Lieutenants.
Horrocks, B. G., M.C. [U] i. 1/1/17				Coleman, W. B. O'R. 17/11/26
Haydon, C. W., M.C. (1) d. 25/4/17				Jupp, C. F. 27/7/27
Lawrence, F. A. L. (2) 7/5/17				Morley, J. F. 24/10/28
del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. [U] (1) 28/9/20				Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/28
Whitney, C. T., M.C. (2)				Cowley, L. D. 9/2/29
Procter, N. P., M.C. (2)				Territorial Battalions
Lyons, E. F., M.C. (Small Arms Sch.) 18/2/22				affiliated to the Regiment.
Garrow, V. J. (2)				7th City of London Regt.
Manson, E. F., M.C. (2) d. 29/6/26				(Post Office Rifles).
Roberts, W. L., M.C. 9/5/27				24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.
Hill, R. L., c.o. 9/5/27				Adjutant.
Mirams, S., M.C., i. 9/5/27				Mirams, S., M.C., capt. Midd'x R.
Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 9/5/27				18th London Regt.
Waller, A. V., c.o. 9/5/27				(St. Pancras).
Pain, E. T. (2)				The figure of St. Pancras.
Nunn, F. J., M.C. (1)				76, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.1.
Kempster, G. W. (2)				Adjutant.
Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1)				Parker, F. G., capt. Midd'x R.
Royffe, H. S. (1)				
Jones, W. H. V., s. 10/12/28				
Hedgecoe, S. F., i. 10/12/28				
Parker, F. G., i. 10/12/28				
Overell, A. N. (1)				

Subalterns (34).

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O'S.

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).

		Date of present				Date of present			
Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	promotion.		
R.S.M.	R. Mantell	...	Depot	26/9/24	Drmn.-Maj.	J. Bray	...	1st	9/2/27
Bd.Mr.	J. W. Clark	...	1st	26/7/16	G. Clift	...	9th	9/2/27	
R.Q.M.S.	A. Purcell	...	Depot	15/7/24	Sgt.	G. Horrex	...	8th	9/2/27
O.R.Q.M.S.	A. Finch	...	Depot	13/6/28	Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Robbins	...	1st	15/2/27
C.S.M.	W. Beasley	...	1st	30/1/15	Sgt.	R. Challis	...	1st	21/2/27
C.S.M.	H. Seamark	...	24th Lond.	6/10/15	Sgt.	F. Stacey	...	Depot	22/2/28
C.S.M.	J. Walker, M.M.	...	1st	3/7/16	Sgt.	C. Misso	...	1st	28/2/28
C.S.M.	H. Gray, D.C.M.	...	7th	4/9/18	Sgt.	H. Thomas	...	1st	5/3/28
C.S.M.	E. J. Crouch	...	1st	1/9/24	Sgt.	J. Steward	...	1st	7/3/28
C.S.M.	C. Denton	...	9th	26/3/25	Sgt.	S. Buckle	...	Depot	20/3/28
C.S.M.	E. Green, M.M.	...	19th Lond.	26/5/25	Sgt.	H. Warren	...	1st	29/3/28
C.S.M.	G. F. Goodall	...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt.	T. Tiller	...	Depot	29/5/28
C.S.M.	J. Tungate, D.C.M.	...	1st	7/6/25	Sgt. (Cook Sgt.)	G. Knock	...	1st	18/11/28
C.S.M.	F. Pelly	...	8th	28/10/25	Sgt.	A. Jones	...	1st	18/2/29
C.S.M.	C. W. Cook, D.C.M.	...	Depot	15/8/26	Sgt.	A. Stenning	...	1st	23/2/29
C.S.M.	T. E. Smith	...	1st	28/2/28	Cpl. W.	O. Overton	...	1st	11/5/20
C.S.M.	F. Peck	...	8th	18/2/29	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. West	...	1st	11/1/24
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) E.	...			Cpl.	C. Egan	...	1st	16/2/24
	Sheppard	22nd Lond.	14/9/14		Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Northcott, M.M.	...	Depot	18/3/24
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) A.	...			Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	W. Tibble	...	1st	11/6/24
	Goldstraw	1st	26/4/15		Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Soper	...	1st	16/7/24
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) S.	...			Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. E. Goss	...	1st	1/9/24
	Stedman	Depot	20/9/17		Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	G. Blake	...	Depot	13/12/24
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) C. E.	...			Cpl.	R. King	...	Fire Stn., Bordon	30/12/24
	Goodall	1st	5/7/18		Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. Kennett	...	1st	1/3/25
Sgt.	E. D. Pain	...	1st	26/10/18	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	E. Williams	...	1st	20/3/25
Clr.-Sgt.	A. King	...	Egyptian Army	18/1/19	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. O'Brien	...	1st	19/4/25
Sgt.	C. Mabb	...	1st	19/9/19	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	L. Honebyun	...	Depot	26/5/25
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) J.	...			Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	H. Hull, M.M.	...	Depot	18/2/26
	Wilcockson	1st	30/11/20		Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	(O.R.C.) L. I.	...		
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) H. Darby	...	1st	17/1/21		Priddy	...	1st	13/3/26
Sgt.	W. Christie	...	1st	1/5/20	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	R. Glover	...	1st	9/2/27
Sgt.	W. Sadler	...	1st	10/2/21	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	S. Thompson	...	1st	13/12/27
Sgt.	E. Walsh	...	1st	25/8/21	Cpl.	R. Bayles	...	Depot	13/12/27
Sgt.	F. Stevenson	...	Depot	25/8/21	Cpl.	L. West	...	1st	1/1/28
Sgt.	H. Tisdale	...	Depot	22/1/22	Cpl.	R. Phillipson	...	1st	15/1/28
Sgt.	V. Osterholm	...	1st	18/10/23	Cpl.	W. Woodroff	...	1st	15/1/28
Sgt.	E. Shaw	...	Depot	19/1/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	C. E. Painter	...	1st	15/1/28
Clr.-Sgt.	(C.Q.M.S.) P. Newman	...	1st	16/2/24	Cpl.	E. Foulger	...	1st	28/1/28
Sgt.	H. Campbell	...	1st	16/2/24	Cpl. (L./Sgt.)	J. Fletcher	...	1st	8/2/28
Sgt.	G. H. Anderson	...	1st	20/2/24	Cpl.	H. Pratt	...	1st	22/2/28
Sgt.	H. Farrow	...	1st	7/5/24	Cpl.	A. Mason	...	Depot	28/2/28
Sgt.	J. Griffin	...	7th	11/5/24	Cpl.	F. Donovan	...	1st	5/3/28
Clr.-Sgt.	(O.R.S.) B. Baldwin	...	1st	2/7/24	Cpl.	M. Horton	...	1st	7/3/28
Sgt.	B. Brockman	...	1st	15/7/24	Cpl.	E. Paterson	...	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	L. Clarke	...	1st	1/9/24	Cpl.	H. Dallimore	...	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	W. Clements	...	1st	10/11/24	Cpl.	P. Hale	...	1st	8/3/28
Sgt.	A. Russell	...	1st	18/2/25	Cpl.	J. Little	...	Depot	14/3/28
Sgt.	E. Jones	...	1st	1/3/25	Cpl.	W. Webster	...	1st	12/4/28
Sgt. (I.M.)	E. Burt	...	Depot	26/3/25	Cpl.	R. Ginnaw	...	1st	26/4/28
Sgt.	E. Fleming	...	1st	16/4/25	Cpl.	W. Holt	...	Depot	1/5/28
Sgt.	W. Rogers	...	7th	26/5/25	Cpl.	J. Thompson	...	1st	4/6/28
Sgt.	W. Raindle	...	7th	16/8/25	Cpl.	F. Chasney	...	1st	22/6/28
Sgt.	E. Hazeldine	...	Depot	5/4/26	Cpl.	H. Meakins	...	1st	24/6/28
Sgt.	T. Page	...	19th Lond.	20/5/26	Cpl.	C. Brown	...	1st	21/7/28
Sgt.	W. Bennett	...	7th	19/6/26	Cpl.	L. Williams	...	1st	8/8/28
Sgt.	J. Trapp	...	1st	30/1/27	Cpl.	P. Barley	...	Depot	16/8/28

Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.	Rank.	Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion.
Cpl.	A. Coulling	... Depot	1/9/28	L./Cpl.	J. Barnett	... 1st	16/8/28
Cpl.	A. Butfield	... Depot	8/9/28	L./Cpl.	J. Donegar	... 1st	17/8/28
Cpl.	W. Bean	... Depot	14/9/28	L./Cpl.	P. Oliver	... 1st	8/9/28
Cpl.	A. Lawrence	... 1st	26/9/28	L./Cpl.	W. Wright	... 1st	14/9/28
Cpl.	J. Ayres	... 1st	11/11/28	L./Cpl.	A. Allison	... 1st	14/9/28
Cpl.	F. Davis	... 1st	7/11/28	L./Cpl.	J. Chillery	... 1st	26/9/28
Cpl.	H. Kruck	... 1st	18/11/28	L./Cpl.	T. Murphy	... 1st	9/10/28
Cpl.	A. Davis	... 1st	22/12/28	L./Cpl.	C. Sneesby	... Depot	9/10/28
Cpl.	S. Boiling	... 1st	8/1/29	L./Cpl.	R. Welsh	... 1st	12/10/28
Cpl.	P. Andrews	... 1st	18/1/29	L./Cpl.	A. Sparkes	... Depot	
Cpl.	F. Brightman	... Depot	1/2/29	L./Cpl.	H. Alger	... 1st	17/10/28
Cpl.	T. Millar	... 1st	6/2/29	L./Cpl.	W. Pinkney	... Depot	29/10/28
Cpl.	A. Tutte	... Depot	18/2/29	L./Cpl.	T. Macnamara	... 1st	1/11/28
Cpl.	R. Dyson	... 1st	20/2/29	L./Cpl.	H. Hill	... 1st	7/11/28
				L./Cpl.	W. Harcourt	... 1st	18/1/29

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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
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
L./Cpl.	E. Zetter ...	... 1st	20/7/28
L./Cpl.	J. Ringe ...	... 1st	21/7/28
L./Cpl.	J. Hood	... 1st	21/7/28
L./Cpl.	A. Horne ...	... Depot	8/8/28
L./Cpl.	P. Birmingham	... 1st	8/1/29
L./Cpl.	R. Simmons	... 1st	15/1/29
L./Cpl.	H. Keen ...	... 1st	15/1/29
L./Cpl.	W. Allen ...	... 1st	15/1/29
L./Cpl.	S. Bullock	... 1st	15/1/29
L./Cpl.	L. Beck ...	... 1st	18/1/29
L./Cpl.	J. Jefferson	... 1st	1/2/29
L./Cpl.	F. Brooks	... 1st	6/2/29
L./Cpl.	W. Lambert	... 1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	F. Surrey ...	... 1st	23/2/29
L./Cpl.	F. Dillely ...	... 1st	15/3/29
Unpaid—			
L./Cpl.	H. Hinsby	... 1st	5/9/28
L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	... 1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	R. Pakeman	... 1st	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	G. Mead ...	... 1st	24/11/28
L./Cpl.	F. Green ...	... 1st	22/1/29
L./Cpl.	F. Payne ...	... 1st	13/2/29
L./Cpl.	W. Tarrant	... 1st	13/2/29
L./Cpl.	G. Scott ...	... 1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	W. Goddard	... 1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	E. Dobson	... 1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	A. Bond 1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	G. Newstead	... 1st	25/2/29
L./Cpl.	J. Packard	... 1st	9/3/29

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L./Cpl.	H. Hinsby	...	1st	5/9/28
L./Cpl.	S. Fletcher	...	1st	13/10/28
L./Cpl.	R. Pakeman	...	1st	29/10/28
L./Cpl.	G. Mead	...	1st	24/11/28
L./Cpl.	F. Green	...	1st	22/1/29
L./Cpl.	F. Payne	...	1st	13/2/29
L./Cpl.	W. Tarrant	...	1st	13/2/29
L./Cpl.	G. Scott	...	1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	W. Goddard	...	1st	20/2/29
L./Cpl.	E. Dobson	...	1st	20/2/29
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L./Cpl.	G. Newstead	...	1st	25/2/29
L./Cpl.	J. Packard	...	1st	9/3/29

2nd BATTALION THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion.
R.S.M. S. Cox ...	20/1/26	Cpl. E. Wright ...	26/4/26	L./Cpl. A. Statham ...	4/3/26
Bdmr. H. Clibbens ...	22/2/24	Cpl. J. Simmonds ...	2/11/26	L./Cpl. J. Baker ...	22/6/26
R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	7/3/26	Cpl. J. Painter ...	23/5/26	L./Cpl. J. Bennett ...	29/7/27
C.S.M.I.M. C. Davis ...	13/10/24	Cpl. Schooledge ...	21/12/26	L./Cpl. D. Green ...	8/8/27
C.S.M. H. Rand ...	28/1/25	Cpl. G. Sherriff ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. G. Herbert ...	4/1/28
C.S.M. J. Hart ...	20/1/26	Cpl. W. Kemp ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. P. Godfrey ...	8/2/28
C.S.M. C. Kent ...	15/5/28	Cpl. F. Gribble ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. E. Bennett ...	14/2/28
C.S.M. E. Palmer ...	13/12/28	Cpl. F. Nash ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. E. Oram ...	30/3/28
C.Q.M.S. W. O'Brien ...	27/2/25	Cpl. W. Green ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. G. Hornett ...	11/4/28
C.Q.M.S. C. King ...	26/5/25	Cpl. G. Blackman ...	24/11/27	L./Cpl. H. Dujardin ...	11/4/28
C.Q.M.S. L. Hills ...	2/11/26	Cpl. W. Goodall ...	10/12/27	L./Cpl. J. Nicholls ...	18/4/28
C.Q.M.S. W. West ...	22/2/28	Cpl. A. Hows ...	11/12/27	L./Cpl. G. Cole ...	22/5/28
C.Q.M.S. H. Glover ...	15/5/28	Cpl. L. Brown ...	24/12/27	L./Cpl. C. May ...	26/5/28
Clr.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) W. Fletcher ...	7/3/29	Cpl. A. Russell ...	15/1/28	L./Cpl. D. Drew ...	11/6/28
Sgt. W. Sperry, M.C. ...	23/12/14	Cpl. H. Ison ...	9/2/28	L./Cpl. W. Brown ...	23/6/28
Sgt. A. Walker ...	1/5/20	Cpl. W. Skull ...	20/3/28	L./Cpl. S. Mills ...	23/6/28
Sgt. E. Heath ...	20/11/20	Cpl. J. Merry ...	20/3/28	L./Cpl. C. Ives ...	23/6/28
Sgt. J. Cook ...	30/11/20	Cpl. G. Slate ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. F. Knight ...	3/7/28
Sgt. G. Capel ...	9/1/22	Cpl. W. Chalkley ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Hamer ...	18/7/28
†Sgt. H. Hart ...	9/1/22	Cpl. E. Ormes ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. P. Carter ...	23/7/28
†Sgt. F. Hill ...	22/8/23	Cpl. H. Lowry ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. H. Frewin ...	18/8/28
Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	6/10/23	Cpl. P. Palmer ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. L. Woodley ...	18/8/28
Sgt. G. Mewett ...	12/12/23	Cpl. L. Newstead ...	26/4/28	L./Cpl. E. Miller ...	18/8/28
Sgt. H. Hewett ...	10/1/24	Cpl. E. Noakes ...	15/5/28	L./Cpl. S. Baker ...	18/8/28
†Sgt. F. Peck ...	12/1/24	Cpl. J. Harper ...	10/7/28	L./Cpl. T. Fisher ...	20/8/28
†Sgt. L. Simmonds ...	24/8/24	Cpl. J. Chester ...	13/12/28	L./Cpl. S. Lilley ...	20/8/28
Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	28/1/25	Cpl. H. Sandle ...	13/12/28	L./Cpl. H. Padgett ...	25/8/28
Sgt. S. Ingle ...	27/2/25	Cpl. J. Jackson ...	13/12/28	L./Cpl. W. Fricker ...	27/8/28
†Sgt. G. Lambert ...	26/5/25	Cpl. H. Cartwright ...	13/12/28	L./Cpl. H. Tompkins ...	27/8/28
Sgt. S. Mason ...	2/2/26	Cpl. W. Knighton ...	25/12/28	L./Cpl. W. Fountain ...	27/8/28
Sgt. C. Banfield ...	13/2/26	Cpl. E. Hillier ...	25/12/28	L./Cpl. A. Fletcher ...	28/8/28
Sgt. G. Bone ...	19/3/26	Cpl. T. Robinson ...	28/12/28	L./Cpl. H. Taylor ...	28/8/28
†Sgt. E. Hazeldene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. W. Ray ...	22/1/29	L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	12/9/28
Sgt. A. Wright ...	10/2/27	*L./Cpl. A. Rowell ...	22/12/22	L./Cpl. W. Johnson ...	14/9/28
Sgt. W. Harwood ...	17/8/27	*L./Cpl. R. Wilson ...	10/1/25	L./Cpl. E. Ringham ...	9/10/28
Sgt. S. Bishop ...	24/11/27	*L./Cpl. E. Jennings ...	20/5/26	L./Cpl. S. Smith ...	6/11/28
Sgt. J. Brown ...	15/12/27	*L./Cpl. F. Grainger ...	12/4/27	L./Cpl. F. Livens ...	12/11/28
Sgt. L. Johnson ...	24/12/27	*L./Cpl. C. Trestrain ...	16/4/27	L./Cpl. W. Biggin ...	15/12/28
Sgt. E. Aird ...	9/2/28	*L./Cpl. W. Pike ...	14/12/26	L./Cpl. J. Rainbow ...	15/12/28
Sgt. (O.R.C.) W. Baker ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. E. Wilby ...	11/4/27	L./Cpl. E. Moir ...	15/12/28
†Sgt. S. Buckle ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. R. Hannam ...	7/5/27	L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	15/12/28
Sgt. F. Denchfield ...	20/3/28	*L./Cpl. R. Parsler ...	10/5/27	L./Cpl. A. Munden ...	15/12/28
Sgt. A. Webb ...	15/5/28	*L./Cpl. J. Ramsey ...	12/7/27	L./Cpl. A. Whitcombe ...	21/12/28
†Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	*L./Cpl. S. Cudmore ...	28/9/27	L./Cpl. W. Sweeting ...	31/12/28
Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	13/10/28	*L./Cpl. F. Orton ...	8/10/27	L./Cpl. G. GSmith ...	16/1/29
Sgt. S. Burgess ...	13/12/28	*L./Cpl. R. Smith ...	24/10/27	L./Cpl. A. Hawker ...	21/1/29
Sgt. C. Champion ...	1/1/29	*L./Cpl. W. Boothby ...	25/10/27	L./Cpl. W. Mounce ...	6/2/29
*L./Sgt. S. Copelin ...	1/1/27	*L./Cpl. H. Holland ...	12/11/27	L./Cpl. H. Smith ...	6/2/29
*L./Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	3/7/28	*L./Cpl. G. Maund ...	19/4/28	L./Cpl. A. Etheridge ...	6/2/29
*L./Sgt. H. Short, M.M. ...	3/7/28	*L./Cpl. C. Cooper ...	28/9/27	L./Cpl. T. Holland ...	13/2/29
*L./Sgt. A. Jones ...	13/10/28	*L./Cpl. C. Watson ...	31/10/27	L./Cpl. S. Copelin ...	16/2/29
*L./Sgt. C. Turner ...	13/12/28	*L./Cpl. G. Chandler ...	10/12/27	L./Cpl. R. Osborne ...	16/2/29
*L./Sgt. E. Addinall ...	13/12/28	*L./Cpl. J. Scott ...	31/12/27	L./Cpl. J. Oatway ...	19/2/29
*L./Sgt. A. Boen ...	25/12/28	*L./Cpl. F. Higgins ...	7/11/27	L./Cpl. A. Woolford ...	22/2/29
*L./Sgt. W. Makewell ...	12/1/29	*L./Cpl. A. Brett ...	20/12/27	L./Cpl. L. Image ...	25/2/29
Cpl. W. Patterson ...	28/7/24	*L./Cpl. G. Balls ...	27/2/28	L./Cpl. P. Gibbons ...	25/2/29
Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	26/5/25	*L./Cpl. R. Jackson ...	23/12/27	L./Cpl. W. Poulter ...	25/2/29
		*L./Cpl. H. Hamblin ...	4/1/28	L./Cpl. C. Parker ...	25/2/29
		*L./Cpl. W. Searle ...	6/1/28	L./Cpl. W. Bowers ...	4/3/29
		*L./Cpl. J. Smith ...	22/5/28		
		*L./Cpl. H. Marshall ...	29/6/28		

* Denotes paid appointments.

† Tour of duty at Depot.

‡ Supernumerary (Instructor at Small Arms School, Pachmarhi).